

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. East wind around 5 mph becoming west.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 95. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Friday: High, 102; Low 64
 Saturday: High, 95; Low 63
 Sunday: High, 86; Low 64
 Precip: Friday none
 Saturday trace
 Sunday none
 Month: 2.88 inches
 Year: 20.38 inches
 Normal: 16.36 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:04 a.m. 8:29 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:05 a.m. 8:27 p.m.
 Thursday 7:06 a.m. 8:26 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
 Friday-Sunday 2,190,000 gal.
 Weekend Average
 (Colby Public Works)

Walking trail on menu at event

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ideas started, but that is not the case here," joked Brown. "For us, it's easy to start a fire of ideas, now we are trying to control it. The blueprints help to keep everyone on the same page and to make sure that all of the envisions being brought to the table can work together in the grand scheme."

Brown and Evans explained that a grand opening for Phase 1 of Part A of the trail is expected for this fall. Portions of the phase includes the first quarter mile of trail and laying down underground piping, electrical cables and other underground networks in the area south of the aquatic center.

Ideally, this area will also be home to a new 25x20 foot stage and amphitheater to seat about 120 people. However, the committee hasn't secured money for that part of the project yet.

Evans said the committee has received

grant money and donations to pay for much of the initial project, are in the process of applying for more grant money but are still in need of local support, too.

"We are in need of donations to fund some light poles, the amphitheater and the entrance to the walking trail," explained Evans. "There will also be benches placed along the trail for people to buy. There are ten benches total and nine are available for \$1,000 each."

The 10th concrete bench was purchased by Evans and her family.

Also in the works is a playground that will be constructed next spring. The City of Colby has already set aside money in the budget to pay for this addition.

Evans said the groups' current goal is to be ready for a public meeting by Oct. 1. Mike Woofert, with the tree board, is putting together a plan with trees and a layout of the entire project.

The informational meeting will help community members better understand how far the plan has come with the money available and how much they need to make future plans a reality.

Brown explained that the overall idea is to have an entire network of trails to make Colby the most walkable city in Kansas.

At the Business After 5, Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Director Holly Whitaker announced the winner of a drawing for residents in Thomas County who signed up to have an energy audit done on their home. Participants in an audit could enter to win a \$500 gift certificate redeemable at the City of Colby.

Markus Griffith, who works for Culligan in Colby, won the gift certificate to purchase a new energy efficient appliance as part of the Take Charge Challenge.

Unemployment rate lower in July

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economist Tyler Tenbrink.

Mining and logging employment grew nearly 6 percent from July 2010 to July 2011, according to the department, but that represented a net gain of only 500 jobs, to 9,000.

Education and health services companies saw their employment grow 4.2 percent, as the firms added 7,400 jobs over the year, bringing the total to 185,400.

Construction employment grew over the year by 1.9 percent, up 1,100 jobs to 59,000. And the state's key manufac-

turing sector also saw employment growth of 0.6 percent over the year, adding 1,000 jobs, for a total of 161,600.

Yet information services companies shed 2,400 jobs, or almost 8 percent of their total, over the year, dropping employment to 28,400. And financial firms lost 3.5 percent of their jobs, or about 2,500, declining to 69,000.

The Department of Labor report also showed a decrease in government employment over the year. Government employed 1,700 fewer people in July 2011 than in July 2010, a decline of 0.7 percent, dropping it to 238,600.

Re-striping project underway in region

A fast-moving project to place permanent striping along routes in Sherman, Norton, Logan, Decatur and Rawlins is underway.

Workers with Interstate Road Management Corporation, Peculiar, Mo., are tentatively scheduled to be in Goodland on Tuesday, to place permanent striping along US-24 Business, the new concrete pavement and US-24 Business and K-27 Junction in Goodland.

The contractor will be placing (or have placed) permanent striping along the following routes: the concrete pavement at the junction of US-36 and US-283 in Norton; the new concrete pavement of US-36 Highway in Oberlin and the intersection of US-36/US-83; the US-36 con-

crete pavement in Atwood; US-40 in Oakley from the west US-83 Junction to I-70.

They then plan to be in Oakley on Monday, Aug. 29.

The operation could require a lane closure, causing minimal traffic disturbance.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road work zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".

The estimated cost of the project is \$686,798 - funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May.

Weather permitting construction work should be complete by early September.

Oil producers riding high while gas suffers

WICHITA (AP) - Sustained high prices have been a boon to Kansas oil producers, but high natural gas demand and the resulting slide in prices have sent the gas industry in the opposite direction.

The Wichita Eagle (http://bit.ly/nhXFu6) reports natural gas production in Kansas has fallen every year since the early 1990s, while the state's oil production has been rising ever since bottoming out in 2004.

"Oil is good; natural gas is not good at all," said Dick Schremmer, chairman of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association.

Prices for oil are driving increased exploration, especially now with new hydraulic fracturing techniques in shale formations that are unlocking deposits

previously out of reach.

Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing are just now moving to the state. The high costs of production had kept those techniques out of Kansas, but high oil prices have sent producers flooding into the state looking for opportunities.

Several Kansas producers told The Eagle that a major oil company has even returned to the state for the first time in decades.

For gas producers, the picture isn't as bright. Increased natural gas production nationally, thanks to the new drilling techniques, has outstripped demand.

Unlike oil, which feeds a global market, natural gas is largely a domestic product. When trillions of cubic feet of new natural gas deposits are

found - which has been the case in the last five years - domestic prices tumble.

Nationally, oil rig counts are up 66 percent and gas rigs are down 10 percent, according to WTRG Economics, an energy consulting firm.

Schremmer said efforts by President Obama to change federal tax rules for oil and gas drilling would reduce the ability of producers and investors to write off expenses involved in drilling and in the depletion of production.

"We are just mom-and-pop operations," Schremmer said. "The result will be less oil and less gas produced in this country, and then we'll be more dependent on foreign oil."

Many of the state's oil and gas producers and vendors are meet-

ing in Wichita through Tuesday for KIOGA's annual meeting, where they'll talk about regulation, drilling technology and many other topics.

Lynn Watney, a geologist with the Kansas Geological Survey, said it's too early to know for sure how new production techniques will affect Kansas production, but he said things look promising.

KIOGA vice chairman Dwight Keen, of Keen Oil Co. in Winfield, said he is seeing tremendous interest in horizontal drilling and fracturing in southern counties in the state.

"Leasing activity has been frantic in recent months," he said.

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Tuesday Evening August 23, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Take the Money and		Combat Hospital		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles				Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	It's Worth What?		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Raising		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy
AMC	Jurassic Park III				Jurassic Park III				The Perfect Storm	
ANIM	Drug Kingpin Hippos		Rattlesnake Republic		Rattlesnake Republic				Super Snake	
BRAVO	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out				Matchmaker	
CMT	Fried Green Tomatoes				Texas Women				Smarter	Smarter
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Iglesias: Fluffy		Tosh.0		Tosh.0		Work		Daily	Colbert
DISC	Auction		Auction		Auction		Auction		Auction	D. Money
DISN	Good Luck		Shake It		Vampire		Vampire		Good Luck	Vampire
E!	Sex-City		Sex-City		Kardash		Kardash		Chelsea	E! News
ESPN	World, Poker		World, Poker				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	My Wife
ESPN2	Little League				WNBA Basketball				World, Poker	NFL Live
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		The Lying Game		The Lying Game		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	Chopped
FX	Blow				Blow					
HGTV	First		Million Dollar		House		Hunters		Hunters	Million Dollar
HIST	Swamp People		Pawn		Pawn		Top Shot		Top Gear	Swamp People
LIFE	American Pickers		American Pickers		Picker Sisters		How I Met		How I Met	Chris
MTV	Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Awkward.		Teen Mom	Awkward.
NICK	My Wife		My Wife		Lopez		Lopez		'70s Show	'70s Show
SCI	Star Trek VII		Blade Runner				Highlander: The Source			
SPIKE	Auction		Auction		Auction		Auction		Repo	Auction
TBS	Office		Office		Office		Office		Conan	Lopez Tonight
TCM	The Hands of Orlac				The Thief of Bagdad				Casablanca	
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Looney		Gumball		King-Hill		King-Hill		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Dining With Death		Dining With Death		Steak Paradise		Dining With Death	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Necessary Roughness		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	La La		T.O. Show		Celebrity Rehab		Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives	T.O. Show
WGN	Chris		Chris		How I Met		How I Met		MLB Baseball	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Harry P		Unstoppable				Curb		Entourage	True Blood
MAX	Scott Plg		Never Let Me Go				Avatar			
SHOW	In Her Skin		Weeds		The Big C		Weeds		The Big C	Web Ther.

Wednesday Evening August 24, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Family	Family	Happy	Primetime Nightline		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		America's Got Talent		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Buried Treasure		House		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Jurassic Park								Jurassic Park	
ANIM	Confessions		Confessions		Confessions				Confessions	Confessions
BRAVO	Top Chef Dsr		Top Chef Dsr		Top Chef Dsr				Top Chef Dsr	Housewives/NJ
CMT	Steel Magnolias								Sweet Home Alabama	Smarter
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle		Chappelle		South Pk		South Pk		Daily	Colbert
DISC	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		One Man Army		Sons of Guns	One Man Army
DISN	Good Luck		Shake It		Wizards		Random		Fish Hook	Good Luck
E!	Sex-City		Sex-City		Jaycee Dugard		Fatal Triangle		Chelsea	E! News
ESPN	Little League				Baseball Tonight				SportsCenter	Baseball
ESPN2	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball					NFL Live
FAM	Melissa		Melissa		The Wedding Date				The 700 Club	Whose?
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.				Food Truck Race	Restaurant: Im.
FX	Benjamin Button				Rescue Me				Rescue Me	Rescue Me
HGTV	Property		Income		Income		Property Brothers		Hunters	House

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HIST	American Pickers		101 Gadgets						Larry the Cable Guy	American Pickers
LIFE	Dance Moms		Roseanne		Roseanne		Dance Moms		How I Met	How I Met
MTV	True Life		Teen Mom		The Challenge		The Challenge		Jersey Shore	
NICK	My Wife		My Wife		Lopez		Lopez		'70s Show	'70s Show
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters Inter.
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		History		History		Deadliest Warrior	Deadliest Warrior
TBS	Browns		Browns		Payne		Payne		Conan	Lopez Tonight
TCM	Sinner's Holiday				Dames				Stand-In	
TLC	Hoard-Buried		Pregnant		Pregnant		Outrageou		Outrageou	Outrageou
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Bourne Supremacy				Leverage	
TOON	Dude		Destroy		King-Hill		King-Hill		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Man, Food		Man, Food		Man v Fd		Man v Fd		Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond		Raymond		Cleveland	Divorced
USA	NCIS				Royal Pains		Necessary Roughness		Burn Notice	Royal Pains
VH1	Famous Food				Ton of Cash		Rock of Love		Ton of Cash	Back-Future III
WGN	Chris		Chris		How I Met		How I Met		WGN News at Nine	Scrubs

Premium Channels

HBO	Date Night		REAL Sports Gumbel		True Blood		Ring Life		Life as We Know It	
MAX	Sex and the City 2				Big Stan					
SHOW	Green		Weeds		NASCAR		Penn		Franchise	Green

Briefly

Church has free school supplies

The Colby Wesleyan Church has free pocket school supplies available. For information, call the church office at 462-8391.

Music boosters selling school calendars

The Colby Music Booster Club has pocket school calendars available for sale. The calendars can be obtained by contacting any public school music teacher. Cost is \$5, with proceeds benefiting the school music programs. For information, call Jill Nickols at 466-5200 or Joey Nickols at 460-5300.