

Weather



National Weather Service WINTER STORM WARNING Tonight: Rain and snow, becoming all snow after midnight. Low around 29. North wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Tuesday: Snow. High near 32. North wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 24. North wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 36. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Veterans Day: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.

Friday: High, 58; Low 28

Saturday: High, 62; Low 28

Sunday: High, 56; Low 22

Precip: Friday None

Saturday None

Sunday None

Month: 0.18 inches

Year: 19.56 inches

Normal: 20.03 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. 5:36 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 96 percent

Wednesday 7:21 a.m. 5:35 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 99 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

College promotes K-state program

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tween each institution.

Sinn said the 2+2 program is geared toward adults who have some college credits already.

"I go to a lot of education fairs," Sinn said, "and I meet a lot of people who have nine or 12 credit hours."

Sinn said younger students can take advantage of the program, but the university doesn't want to discourage them from getting the full, on-campus experience.

There are 79 programs in different subjects at community colleges and eight at technical schools. The programs often combine several disciplines.

Programs offered at Colby Community College include general business; arts and general business; veterinary technology and technology management; history/political science and interdisciplinary social science; psychology and interdisciplinary social science; criminal justice and technology management; radio and technology management; physical therapy assistant and technology management; sociology and

interdisciplinary social science; dental hygiene and technology management; and farm and ranch management and technology management.

Four programs are being offered at Northwest Tech: computer graphics technology and technology management; telecommunications network analyst and technology management; engineering technology and technology management; and respiratory therapy and technology management.

Sinn said the technology management program matches well with technical college students, since they can learn technical skills in person at the tech college and then learn management skills in online courses, skills that will help them obtain higher paying jobs.

Most of the programs follow the regular spring and fall semester schedule, but there are some offered in the summer or around the holidays.

To apply for a 2+2 program, Sinn said, a student should first contact their community or technical college of choice. Students should also visit www.k-state.edu/2plus2. Once the student has completed the local

part of the program – or if a student is coming into it with other college credits – K-State will help the student make what Sinn called a "degree map," which lays out exactly what courses the student needs to take to complete their education.

K-State also has an affiliate site manager, Jennifer Pfortmiller, who works out of Great Bend but makes regular trips to Colby Community College. Sinn said Pfortmiller is a good person to contact for anyone interested in the program. She can be reached at (620) 786-1188.

Sinn said these cooperative programs have been around in some form since the 1970s. Back then, students used to take classes at the community college in person and then do correspondence courses with K-State. The university has been transitioning these to online classes over the past 10 years.

The 2+2 program has also helped K-State's enrollment stay steady while other universities are declining. Sinn said that the number of students in 2+2 programs has increased by 200 in the last three years.

Rising costs mean higher poverty rate

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is due to an increase in the poverty rate for Hispanics under the new measure because of lower participation of immigrants and non-English speakers in government aid programs such as housing and food stamps.

Due to new adjustments for geographical variations in costs of living, people residing in the suburbs, the Northeast and West were the regions most likely to have poor people – nearly 1 in 5 in the West.

Economists have long criticized the official poverty rate as inadequate. Based on a half-century-old government formula, the official rate continues to assume the average family spends one-third of its income on food. Those costs have actually shrunk to a much smaller share – more like one-seventh – failing to ac-

count for other expenses such as out-of-pocket medical care, child care and commuting.

The official formula also does not consider non-cash government aid when calculating income, such as food stamps and tax credits, which have increased in the last few years.

Kathleen Short, a research economist at the Census Bureau, said many of the shifts in poverty reflect the large numbers of older people who hover near the poverty line after receiving Social Security cash payments. The poverty line is defined under the official measure as \$11,139 for an individual, or \$22,314 for a family of four.

Because of Social Security benefits, only 9 percent of seniors, or roughly 3.5 million, live in poverty according to the official formula. But that number increases by roughly 2.7 million

when taking into account the additional health care costs. If it weren't for those health care costs, the poverty rate for seniors would have dropped to 8.6 percent.

"The medical expenses are very large," Short said.

Not all groups saw increases in poverty under the new measure. For instance, children and African-Americans saw small declines in their poverty rates, mostly due to the positive effects of government aid programs including food stamps. Residents living in more rural areas as well as the Midwest and South also fared better, due to lower costs of living.

Among the findings:
 • Poverty for Asians increased, from 12.1 percent under the official measure to 16.7 percent; among whites, it rose from about 10 percent to 11.1 percent.

• The poverty rate for children declined, from 22 percent to 18.2 percent.

• Without the earned income tax credit, the poverty rate under the revised formula would jump from 16 percent to 18 percent. Without food stamps the poverty rate would rise to 17.7 percent.

• Under the revised formula, the West had the most people in poverty at 19.4 percent. It was followed by the South (16.3 percent), the Northeast (14.5 percent) and the Midwest (13.1 percent).

Economists and anti-poverty experts continue to differ widely on how best to calculate poverty. On Monday, the Census Bureau acknowledged that its new measure remains a "work in progress," with additional refinements needed to better determine commuting and housing costs.

Midwest drought causing shortage of native grass seeds

By Roxana Hegeman

The Associated Press

WICHITA – Drought across much of the Midwest has battered this fall's harvest of native grass seeds, creating some shortages and higher prices for many varieties commonly used in Conservation Reserve Program acres or for roadside reseeded projects, growers said.

The extent of the seed shortages for the native grasses depends on the severity of the drought itself. Growers in Oklahoma, Texas and southern Kansas were harder hit than those producers in more northerly parts of Kansas.

Native grass seeds are typically harvested in September and October. They are then dried, cleaned and processed in November and December for spring planting.

"Certain varieties will be in short supply, but the overall basic species of grass should be available," said Dennis Lutgen, one of the owners of Star Seed, Inc., an Osborne-based supplier that has 2,700 acres of native grass production contracted with growers in north-central Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

Lutgen expected native grass seed prices to be anywhere from 20 to 40 percent higher due to fewer pounds harvested per acre because of limited rainfall and competition for seed production acres from competing farm crops.

At Sharp Bros. Seed Supply in Healy, salesman Mark Jensen said this year's native grass harvest is down 30 to 40 percent from normal. Some native grasses such as buffalograss are already in short supply. Prices have increased somewhat, but he said the market is not yet settled at

this point and they could be up quite a bit before the main planting time comes in the spring.

He acknowledged many producers opted to bale their grass as hay rather than harvest for seed because of record high hay prices.

"When talking native grass, that can be true one out of every three years," Jensen said. "It is not like this is some apocalyptic thing we haven't seen before."

Prices at the Feyh Farm Seed Co. have already gone up 25 percent in the past couple of months and owner Richard Feyh said he may have to raise them more if he has to go out in the market and buy seed to replace some of the grasses he grows. He said production of most varieties of grasses were significantly lower.

His harvest of some native grasses like the big bluestem, indiagrass, blue grama

were half of normal.

"At this point some things will run out and get substituted with something else, if it is available," Feyh said. "Nobody knows for sure what the demand will be exactly."

In extreme drought areas like Oklahoma and Texas, growers were even more concerned about native grass seed supplies.

"Nothing hardly native wise was harvested, everybody has a little bit of carry-over from last year," said Freddie Lorenz, a native grass seed supplier in O'Keene, Okla.

Lorenz said he anticipated average prices on native grasses to double, but says there is a limit to how high they can go because farmers can't afford to pay that much.

Briefly

Group selling nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh crop pecans and various nuts such as cashews, pralines and walnuts. For information, call Mary Molstad at the Ascension on the Prairie Church, 462-7198.

Seniors plan potluck

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

High school library to hold book fair

The Colby High School library will hold a book fair from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the library. Refreshments and hot apple cider will be available. The fair will include books for all ages. For information, call 460-5300.

Celebrate Veterans Day with parade, ceremony

The Veterans Day Parade will begin at 4 p.m. Friday at Fike Park with a ceremony at the courthouse to follow. Entries should be at the park by 3:45. A bus for veterans who wish to ride in the parade will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post at 3:30 p.m. In case of bad weather the ceremony will be moved to the post at 5 p.m.

College gym to close for floor remodeling

The Colby Community College gym will be closed next Monday through Friday, Nov. 18, while the floor is resurfaced and painted. For information call 460-5411.

Fourth grade class to sing about elephants

Fourth graders from Colby Grade School will perform the musical "The Elephant's Child" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the school auditorium. Admission is free. For information, call music teacher Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Sign up is now open for Genesis food basket

Genesis-Thomas County is again planning to help Thomas County families during the holidays. Families in need who are interested in receiving a food basket should pick up a form at the food bank office, 350 S. Range, Suite 13, on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. or call 460-7930 and leave a message. Applications are due by Thursday, Nov. 10.

Kids' cooking class continues next week

The last Kids-a-Cookin' fall class with the Colby Recreation Program for kids in third through fifth grades will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Colby Community Building. Sign up by calling 460-4440.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening November 8, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Man Up!	Dancing With Stars	In the Spotlight	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser		Parenthood	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	Glee	New Girl	Raising	Local						
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Rocky IV			Rocky V						Sandlot
ANIM	Wild	Wild	Alaska Wildlife	Country Justice	Wild	Wild	Alaska Wildlife			
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Matchmaker	Mad Fash.	Fashion	Real Housewives	Housewives/Atl.				
CMT	Tombstone				Tombstone					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.	
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction Kings	Auction	Auction	Auction Kings				
DISN	Shake It	My Babysitter's a Vampire	Shake It	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Kardashian	Dirty Soap	Kardashian		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	Roll Tide/War Eagle	World, Poker			SportsCenter	SportsCenter				
ESPN2	College Football				Roll Tide/War Eagle	NFL Live				
FAM	Van Hells	Gone in 60 Seconds			The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Cupcake Wars	Chopped			Chopped	Chopped				
FX	Step Brothers				Sons of Anarchy	Horror Story	Sons of Anarchy			
HGTV	First	My House	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	Property	Property
HIST	American	Pawn	Vietnam in HD		Brad Meltzer's Dec.	American	Pawn			
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries	Killing Game			Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries				
MTV	True Life	True Life			Chelsea	I Used to Be Fat	Chelsea	True Life		
NICK	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Troy						Odysseus: Voyage			
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Auction	Auction
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	
TCM	Rio Lobo				McLintock!					Searchers
TLC	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids and Counting		Quints	Quints	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids and Counting	
TRN	Bones		Bones			Southland			CSI: NY	
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Heart
TRAV	America	America	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Extreme Boats		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Married	Married	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Covert Affairs	Psych			Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Michael Jackson	Basketball Wives LA			Tough Love: Miami	Still Single?			Basketball Wives LA	
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Due Date				24/7	Enlighten	Bored	Boardwalk Empire	Harry P	
MAX	Edge of Darkness					Pulp Fiction			Skin-Max	
SHOW	Extra Man	Humpday			Dexter	Homeland		Gigolos	Old Porn	

Wednesday Evening November 9, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	CMA Awards						Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor-Pacific		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	All Night	Harry's Law		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor						Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Mission: Impossible					Mission: Impossible				
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Animal Phobia		I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive				
BRAVO	Top Chef: Texas	Work of Art	Top Chef: Texas		Top Secret Recipe	Top Secret Recipe				
CMT	Trick My What?	Trick My What?								
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Swardson	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Swardson
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters				MythBusters		Penn & Teller	
DISN	Phineas	16 Wishes	MythBusters		Shake It	Good Luck	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards
E!	The Girl Next Door						Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball					Charismatic		NFL Live	
FAM	Harry Potter						The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Next Iron Chef		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Taken				Horror Story		Horror Story		Sons of Anarchy	
HGTV	House	Hunters	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Income	Kitchen

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HIST	Vietnam in HD									