

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 32. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 49. Breezy, with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 44.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 40.

Friday: High, 46; Low 17
 Saturday: High, 50; Low 19
 Sunday: High, 63; Low 19
 Monday: High, 52; Low 2
 Tuesday: High, 31; Low 2
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday None
 Sunday None
 Monday Trace
 Tuesday None
 Month: None
 Year: None
 Normal: 0.42 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 8:01 a.m. 5:49 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

A touch of color



Plastic flowers placed on a relative's grave add a touch of color to a dreary, gray day at Colby's Sacred Heart Cemetery in northeast part of town. The flowers hold their color through winter weather, adding a note of cheer.

EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press

College coach brags on men's grades

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down to 25 percent when there should be 50 percent left.

Waites said some of those costs came early due to getting ready for the school year, but he and Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, had talked about ways to save money in other areas so they could reallocate money to transportation. He also said the college is expecting some utility savings due to the mild winter so far, along with some other savings that were not planned in the budget.

"But you're right," Waites said to Leiker. "There were some unexpected expenses in those areas."

Leiker said it would be good if Waites could let board members know about such issues so they'd know that Waites is on top of them.

• Heard from Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, who reported that about this time last year, the college was sitting at 10,936 credit hours and this year, they are up to 12,709. The members applauded the announcement. That could mean about \$70,000 to \$80,000 more for the college, Waites estimated.

• Heard from Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, that the college received approval from the Higher Learning Commission in December for its online programs and that she is looking at formats that other schools use for program review.

Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president,

mentioned that the college received a letter of approval Monday from Dr. Duane Dunn, president of Seward County Community College, for its medical coding program.

• Heard from Vacik on behalf of Kaaz, who said they are trying to get all the last-minute things done at the pool and that the wind turbine should be turning by the end of the week.

"The transformer that was ordered was not the right one," Vacik said, "and somehow that wasn't caught, so we had to send that one back and order another one."

Trustee Dale Herschberger said that the college needs to try and meet the deadline to get the turbine up and running because people are asking about it.

"It's gonna start being a sore subject pretty soon," he said.

Vacik said that Kaaz met with the project lead for Honeywell and told them the college is holding back some of the payments to the contractor until they get some more things finished up.

• Heard changes to the proposed scholarship guidelines presented at the December board meeting. Nichols said the committee made two changes: for students to receive the full, free tuition from a Thomas County Tuition Grant, they need to have a 3.25 grade point average rather than a 3.5, or they have to be in the top 15 percent of their class rather than in the top 10 percent.

Kenton Krehbiel said that he thinks the committee should change the wording that explains this requirement because it can be

confusing. He clarified it by saying a student who has a 3.25 GPA but isn't in the top 15 percent of his class is still eligible for the grant. Committee member Brittany Squire said she agreed.

Trustee Cindy Black asked if a student meets the requirements for a Thomas County Tuition Grant and the ACT Scale Scholarship, would he or she be entitled to both? Squire said it is possible for someone to receive both.

Leiker asked if the college should require students to take college prep classes in order to be eligible for the Thomas County Tuition Grant. Vacik replied that he didn't want to limit students who had taken a career program in high school but didn't take any college prep classes.

Leiker said he didn't think that was fair to students who take the tougher classes. Vacik paused for a long time, then said his personal opinion was to leave the guidelines as simple as they can, which he thought can be achieved with the change discussed.

"I think what you'll find is it will probably work itself out," he said. "Don't think you'll have too many that will fall through the cracks that took the advanced placement classes and didn't have a 3.25. I just don't think you'll have a whole lot of that, because if they're in those classes, more than likely they're probably going have a higher grade point average anyway."

The board approved the scholarship policy for fall and the Thomas County Tuition Grant for the 2013-14 school year.

Briefly

College pool opens after renovation work

The Colby Community College pool was to reopen today. All water exercise classes will be held as scheduled. Lap swim hours are from 5 to 7 a.m. Monday to Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Open swim hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The pool was closed for renovations. For information, contact manager Kipp Nelson at 460-5476.

Kids-a-Cookin' starts Thursday

The spring session of Kids-a-Cookin' will start Thursday after school at the Community Building. This free program is for third through fifth graders. Sessions will be Thursdays, Feb. 16, March 15, and April 19. Sign up with Stacy Lee at the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.

'Food for Thought' to cover area railroads

Larry Dilts, author of "Colby's Railroads: A Local History," will present a luncheon talk on area railroads at noon Thursday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin Ave. A light lunch will be served during the free program. The talk is part of the museum's ongoing "Food for Thought" series the third Thursday each month. For questions, call Ann Miner at 460-4590.

Health Dept. offering cut-rate blood tests

In conjunction with the Thomas County Meltdown fitness program and the New Year, the Thomas County Health Department is offering lab screening for \$15. Tests include a comprehensive metabolic panel and a lipid panel. Blood will be drawn from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday. For questions, call Director Kasiah Rothchild at 460-4596.

Teams may register for 'Melt Down' program

Teams of up to six people may register for the Thomas County Melt Down fitness program until Friday. Contact county Health Director Kasiah Rothchild at (785) 460-4596 or findir@thomascohealth.com or Extension agent Diann Gerstner at (785) 460-4582 or diann@ksu.edu.

Hays church planning worship night in Colby

The Celebration Community Church in Hays will have a night of worship featuring music by the band Ignite at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Colby High School Auditorium. For information, call Debbie McNinch at (785) 824-8038.

Pro-Life prayer rally Sunday on Range Ave.

Everyone is invited to an interdenominational Pro-Life Prayer Rally at 3 p.m. Sunday at the northwest corner of Fourth and Range. For information, call Megan Augustine at 443-2599.

Convict's suit is thrown out

TOPEKA (AP) - A Shawnee County judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a Colorado man who held a Kansas couple hostage, then sued them for breach of contract for turning him in.

Jesse Dimmick of Denver contended he had a legally binding oral contract with Jared and Lindsay Rowley that they'd hide him from police in return for money. Later, he fell asleep and they escaped. Of course, they called police.

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Thursday Evening January 19, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rob	Person of Interest		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	30 Rock	Parks	Office	All Night	The Firm		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		The Finder		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48	
AMC	The Fugitive				The Fugitive					
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man		American Stuffers		Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Tabatha Takes Over		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Housewives/Atl.		Happens
CMT	Footloose				Romy & Mich.					Fried
CNN	SC Rep Pres Debate				Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		Anderson Cooper 360		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Dual Survival		Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild	
DISN	Austin	Phineas	Wizards-Place		Jessie	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards
EI	The Soup	Kourtney	EI Investigates		EI Special		Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				Australian Open			
FAM	Stepmom	Steel Magnolias			The 700 Club		Prince		Prince	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Cupcake Wars		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer	Archer
HGTV	Price Thi	First	Selling L		House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling L	Selling
HIST	American Pickers		Swamp People		Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Ancient Aliens		American Pickers	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		24 Hour Catwalk		Dance Moms		Project Runway	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		True Life	
NICK	George	George	George	George	George	George	Friends		Friends	Friends
SCI	My Bloody Valentine		Constantine				Joshua			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling				MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Under Capricorn				The Master of Ballantrae				Prince-Showgirl	
TLC	NY Ink		NY Ink		Cellblock 6		NY Ink		Cellblock 6	
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Childrens
TRAV	When Vacations		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		The Layover		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Burn Notice		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	40 Funniest Fails 2		The Women of SNL				Mob Wives		Behind the Music	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Life as We Know It		Arthur				Cathouse	Real Sex	Angry	Angry
MAX	Inception				League-Gentle.					
SHOW	Kings Spc	Freakonomics			Shameless		Lies	Beach	Lies	Californ.

Friday Evening January 20, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live
KBSL/CBS	A Gifted Man		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		Grimm		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Jurassic Park						Jurassic Park III			
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Confessions		Infested!		Confessions	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Friday				Friday			
CMT	Son-in-Law		Sweet Home Alabama		Swanderos	Swanderos	Sweet Home Alabama		Swanderos	Swanderos
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	JB Smoove				Chappelle		Chappelle	
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Flying Wild Alaska		Gold Rush		Flying Wild Alaska	
DISN	Phineas	ANT Farm	Jessie	Random	Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie	ANT Farm	Jessie
EI	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City		Fashion Police		Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	NFL Kickoff		Australian Open							
FAM	Princess	Princess Diaries 2					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners
FX	2012		UFC on FX				UFC on FX	Justified		UFC on FX
HGTV	Spelling Manor		Spelling Manor		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Spelling Manor	

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HIST	American Pickers	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	American	American	Modern Marvels	American Pickers
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted		The First 48	Amer. Most Wanted
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jackass 3.5			Caged
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	George	George	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!		Merlin		Being Human	Merlin
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed	Ink Master
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Ghosts-Girlfrnd	Uptown Girls
TCM	Al Capone				The Anderson Tapes	Taking of Pelham
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	Say Yes
TNT	Law Abiding Citizen				Law Abiding Citizen	Franklin & Bash
TOON	Star Wars	Generator	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	White Collar
VH1	100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists		100 Greatest Artists	100 Greatest Artists
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock

Premium Channels

HBO	Paradise Lost 3	Life	F. Roach	Real Time/Bill Maher	Real Time/Bill Maher	Life
MAX	Sucker Punch		Beatdown		Sex Games	Sex Games
SHOW	Green MI	Red		Lies	Boxing	

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