

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind around 5 mph.
Tuesday: A chance of rain and snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 17. North wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 55.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.
Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.

Friday: High, 54; Low 12
Saturday: High, 50; Low 18
Sunday: High, 45; Low 19
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: None
Year: None
Normal: 0.42 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:58 a.m. 5:55 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 3 percent
Wednesday 7:57 a.m. 5:56 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 7 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Safe walk routes sought

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our chances to get funded.” Carmichael said the amount of the grant will be determined by the needs and concerns of the community, but past grants have ranged from \$14,000 to \$250,000.
“The Kansas communities that have gotten \$250,000 are Baldwin, Minneapolis and Sterling,” she said. “Atwood received \$15,000, and there is a pretty good chance that Colby could receive substantial funding, too.
“Improving children’s safety while walking and bicycling is a central mission of Safe Routes to School. However, the program’s benefits stretch way beyond the school day and into the lives of everyone in Colby, not just students.”
Carmichael said that at the meeting, she’ll explain what the Safe Routes program is and how it will help the town. She said “pedestrian-friendly” infrastructure could improve sidewalks and bicycle paths, and the group needs people’s feedback about the many possibilities.
“Education and enforcement are also two key components of our goal. For instance, by educating students and others about pedestrian and bicycle safety, we can also help to identify and resolve major concerns, from reducing driving speeds in school zones and residential neighborhoods to addressing distracted driving among drivers of all ages.”
Since September, Carmichael said, she has been collecting data and surveys from around the city that she plans to present at the meetings. Following an open discussion to gain suggestions and ideas, she and her team will develop a plan to meet the needs of the community and help increase healthy lifestyle decisions, especially where walking and biking options are concerned.

Which one gets in first?



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press

A student picked out of the bleachers played Knockout on Wednesday during halftime of the Colby Community College men’s basketball game. Crystal Pounds used the game to promote the student section. All seven contestants received a 2-liter bottle of pop and the best shooter got a coupon for him and five friends to play two games and get medium drinks at Colby Bowl. Second place received a \$15 iTunes gift card.

School board gets good audit

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a federal program or activity funded from other revenue sources should complete the time and efforts form provided by the Kansas Department of Education service team; ... semi-annual certifications should be completed by employees working solely on a single federal cost objective.”
He also said some objectives that were mentioned last year still need attention, including the need to investigate days when free and reduced-price meals served exceed the number of students who actually qualify for the program.
In regards to the actual budget, Staats noted, “We found that the board was frugal and showed strong fiscal responsibility. All funds were spent at or less than what was budgeted.”
The report showed that the district began the year with \$3

million in unencumbered cash and ended with \$3.5 million. To compare, he said, 2008 ended with \$1.8 million and 2009 with \$2.5 million, so the district’s cushion is building up.
The report also showed that the district began the year with \$2.1 million in debt and ended with \$1.5 million. Staats said the district’s bonds will be paid off in three years.
Since the district spent over \$500,000 in federal money, it was required to do a “single audit,” said accountant Kalyn Ritter. She said the district spent \$820,211 in federal dollars.
Three major projects were audited under this area, she said, and a qualified opinion was given, which is not considered to be a good opinion. She said, however, that the issues can be resolved.
Board member Brice Barton asked if there would be any ramifications from the viola-

tions that Ritter noted.
“Potentially, yes,” she said, adding that the accountants are following up with the state (Department of Education) to soften the findings.”
One of the projects reviewed, Ritter said, was the Title I cluster, which covers remedial programs.
After the meeting, district business manager Jo DeYoung said teachers in the program had not recorded their time correctly, according to federal standards.
“That’s the program that works with students who are lacking in math and reading skills,” she said, “although we thought we were recording time the right way.”
“We understand that we need to comply and will work to ensure the opinion is lifted. We pay \$17,000 a year to have the audit done, so it’s likely the accountants will find something. That’s what they are paid to do.”

Briefly

Massage students to have clinic Tuesday

Students in the therapeutic massage program at Colby Community College will hold a massage clinic Tuesday. Cost is \$10 for 30 minutes, \$20 for an hour and \$30 for a 90-minute massage. To make an appointment, call program director Ceena Owens at 460-5427. Money earned will be used for program supplies and equipment.

Openings remain for emergency course

Thomas County Emergency Medical Services plans an emergency medical technician initial course next month. Some positions are open. For information, contact education coordinator Candy Bryant or Director Joe Hickert at (785) 460-4585 before next Monday to reserve a spot, make an appointment for an interview and pick up materials.

College pool opens after renovation work

The Colby Community College swimming pool reopened Wednesday. All water exercise classes will be held as scheduled. Lap swimming hours are from 5 to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Open swimming 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, including a new heating and ventilation system. For information, call manager Kipp Nelson at 460-5476.

Farmers and Merchants host for business event

Farmers and Merchants Bank, celebrating its 125th anniversary, will be the host for “Business After 5” on Thursday, with drinks and hors d’oeuvres. The party begins at 5 p.m. at 240 W. Fourth St. For questions, call the bank at 460-3321 or the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401.

Therapist assistants offering massages

The Colby Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Club will offer massages by appointment from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday; Monday, Feb. 6; and Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Room 804 of the Health Science Building. Cost is \$12 for 30 minutes and \$22 for 60 minutes; college staff and students get a \$2 discount. For information or an appointment call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797. Money raised will help pay for the club to attend the conference.

Commodities to arrive on Monday next week

Government commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. next Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Office in the Senior Progress Center. Distribution is first come, first served; bring a sack or box. For questions, contact Laura Withington at 462-6744.

Drug runner to learn his fate

WICHITA (AP) — A runner who scoured homeless shelters for people willing to sell their food stamps for cash will learn his punishment for taking part in a conspiracy that snared two Wichita grocery stores.
Wally Mikhael Gaggio is due in federal court Monday for sentencing in two related cases.
Gaggio has admitted scheming with the owners of two small groceries who gave food-stamp recipients about 50 to 60 cents

on the dollar for the stamps and pocketed the difference. Gaggio has pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
Prosecutors have said the scams cost the government more than \$580,000. Of 13 people charged, one was acquitted.

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Tuesday Evening							January 24, 2012			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Last Man	State of the Union			Family	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		State of the Union			Big Bang	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser		State of the Union				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Glee		State of the Union			Local				
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Mummy						The Mummy			
ANIM	Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Housewives/Atl.		Tabatha Takes Over		Happens	Tabatha Takes Over	Atlanta	
CMT	Blue Collar					Blue Collar		Bayou		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Union Address & Rep Response			To Be Announced			Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.
DISC	Dealers	Dealers	Dirty Jobs		Ragin' Cajuns		Dirty Jobs		Ragin' Cajuns	
DISN	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie
E!	E! Special		Fatal Beauty				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Pardon	Science	Australian Open							
FAM	Switched at Birth		Jane by Design		Switched at Birth		The 700 Club		Jane by Design	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Taken				Justified		Justified		Justified	
HGTV	First	First	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Love It or List It		Property	Property
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men		Larry the Cable Guy		Modern Marvels		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Project Runway		Dance Moms	
MTV	Caged		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom	Teen Mom 2	Teen Mom	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show '70s Show		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Lost Girl		Lost Girl		See No Evil	
SPIKE	Kill Bill: Vol. 2		Ink Master		Ink Master		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		The Office	
TCM	In Like Flint		Where the Spies Are				Agent 8 3/4		Agent 8 3/4	
TLC	Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss		Couponing All-Stars		Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss	
TNT	Shawshank R.		Southland				CSI: NY		Southland	
TOON	Level Up	Looney	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Hidden City		Off Limits		The Dead Files		Hidden City	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes	Cleveland	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Royal Pains		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny		T.I.-Tiny		Mob Wives		Love & Hip Hop		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	Sanctum				REAL Sports Gumbel		Angry	Angry	It's Complicated	
MAX	Knight		Stag Night		28 Days Later		Terminator 3			
SHOW	Red				Lies		Califom.	Shameless	I'm Still Here	

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HIST	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap	Dance Moms		Dance Moms	Wife Swap	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Teen Mom 2	The Challenge		The Challenge	Caged	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	Face Off		Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Face Off
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office
TCM	Angela Lansbury		Sweeney Todd: Barber				Death on the Nile	
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras			Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order	Law & Order			Southland	CSI: NY
TOON	NinjaGo	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Srft Foods Int.		Amazing	Amazing	Go Bust	Travel Ch	Bacon Paradise	Amazing
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes		King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Royal Pains		Covert Affairs	NCIS
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Behind the Music	Behind the Music
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs
							Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels								
HBO	Life as We Know It			Angry	Angry	Real Time/Bill Maher	Life	Arthur
MAX	Sucker Punch			Titanic				
SHOW	Shameless		Inside the NFL		Californ.	Lies	Inside the NFL	
							Faster	