

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 52. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind around 10 mph becoming west.
Friday: A slight chance of rain before noon, then a slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Windy, with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 43.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 48.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 54.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Monday: High, 53; Low 19
Tuesday: High, 44; Low 16
Precip: None
Year: None
Normal: 0.42 inches
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:57 a.m. 5:57 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 13 percent

Take me home?



KATHRYN BALLARD/Colby Free Press
If you need a dog, this white-and-tan male pug mix was lively and looking for a home Tuesday at the Colby Animal Clinic. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Stop by 810 E. Fourth St. or call 460-8621.

Council ups salary for tech assistant job

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position, but Armstrong countered that it is a highly-technical position that requires a lot more knowledge than what the average person on the street has. “All I’m asking is that we pursue all the avenues before we start throwing money at this thing,” Hutfles said. “I’d like to see it advertised in a farther area....” “I have an individual scheduled to interview on Friday, and you don’t want me to take him if I can get him?” Armstrong asked. “No,” Hutfles said. “Yes we do,” Beringer said. “This is too hard to fill.” Hutfles asked if they had looked at any private support, explaining that he meant hiring a contract technician. He said it seemed logical because they are only looking for “a back-up guy.” Armstrong said the city’s information system is much more complex than many others because they have an areawide network that links all city buildings, and the police department systems are run through it.

Councilman Dave Voss asked Councilman Pat Mallory, manager of S&T Communications here, how much he pays a tech. Mallory said \$45,000 a year. He said his firm doesn’t look for people right out of college. Armstrong said she wants someone who can do and back-up what Albers knows and keep everything up and running. “Everything there is in the city is controlled by this computer system,” she said, “and it’s all tied together. And we have no one if Mike Albers gets smacked by a Mack truck tonight on the way home. There is no one.” Voss then asked Albers if he thought the salary was the sole reason others have left the position and Albers said it’s been a part of it, but not the main reason. Voss said that as long as they get someone that has the skills, he doesn’t have a big problem paying them. Albers said they he actually has a performance test with several tasks that tests candidates’ “real-life skills.” Councilman Fred Taylor said he hoped they can find someone who will stay.

Navy drops in on camp

From “NAVY,” Page 1

foot to the target. The raid happened near the Somali town of Adado. New intelligence emerged last week that Buchanan’s health was “deteriorating rapidly,” so Obama directed his security team to develop a rescue plan, according to a senior administration official who was not authorized to speak publicly. A Danish Refugee Council official, Mary Ann Olsen, said that Buchanan was “not that ill” but needed medicine. “As Commander-in-Chief, I could not be prouder of the troops who carried out this mission, and the dedicated professionals who supported their efforts,” Obama said in a statement released by the White House. “The United States will not tolerate the abduction of our people, and will spare no effort to secure the safety of our citizens and to bring their captors to justice.”

A Western official said the rescuers and the freed hostages flew by helicopter to a U.S. military base called Camp Lemonnier in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information had not been released publicly. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta visited Camp Lemonnier just over a month ago. A key U.S. ally in this region, Djibouti has the only U.S. base in sub-Saharan Africa. It hosts the military’s Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

Buchanan lived in neighboring Kenya before Somalia, and worked at a school in Nairobi called the Rosslyn Academy from 2007-09, said Rob Beyer, the dean of students. He described the American as easy to laugh and adventurous. “There have been tears on and around the campus today,” Beyer said. “She was well-loved by all her students.” The timing of the raid may have been made more urgent by Buchanan’s medical condition. The Danish Refugee Council had been trying to work with Somali elders to win the hostages’ freedom but had found little success. “One of the hostages has a disease that was very serious and that had to be solved,” Danish Foreign Minister Villy Soevndal told Denmark’s TV2 channel. Soevndal did not provide any more details. Soevndal congratulated the Americans for the raid.

Briefly

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 a conference.

Sons of Legion here plan feed Saturday

The Sons of the American Legion will have a breakfast feed from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Biscuits and gravy, hash browns and scrambled eggs are on the menu. Donations will be accepted for post improvements. For information, call Tracey Galli at 462-0450.

Heartland cooking up barbecue for Sunday

Heartland Christian School will hold its annual barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the school, 1995 W. Fourth St. The menu includes barbecue pork, corn, baked beans, salad potatoes, salad and dessert – a great meal for a donation to help the school. For information. call the school at 460-6419.

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 co-ordinator Candy Bryant or Director Joe Hickert at (785) 460-4585 before Monday to reserve a spot, make an appointment for an interview and pick up materials.

Commodities to arrive in Colby on Monday

Government commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. 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. Commodities may include mixed fruit, raisins, green beans, refried beans, dried plums, beef stew, pistachios and orange juice. For questions, contact Laura Withington at 462-6744.

Rotary soup supper Tuesday during games

The Colby Rotary Club’s annual soup supper will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Colby Community Building during Colby High basketball games with Scott City. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3 to 7. For information, call Gary Adrian at 460-2931.

‘24/7 Dad’ class starts downtown on Tuesday

The “24/7 Dad” Fatherhood Program will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Redeeming Love Ministries, 345 N. Franklin Ave. Facilitators W.G. Romine and Jarrod Spencer will give men tools to build on their strengths so they can be great dads. To register, call Paige Campbell at Northwest Kansas Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, (785) 460-8177.

Free help with taxes offered by senior group

Free tax preparation will be available from experts trained by the American Association of Retired Persons’ Tax-Aide program, by appointment only, on Wednesdays from Wednesday through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Youth league signing players for spring

The Colby Area Youth Basketball League is registering players in first through sixth grades. Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Feb. 18 and ending March 10. Registration forms are available at Colby Grade School. Call Principal Lance Krannawitter at 460-5864 for information.

Comments sought on school walk routes

Everyone is invited to attend one of two Safe Routes to School community meetings to the program and review the data it’s collected. Sponsors hope an open discussion will produce suggestions and opinions. Meetings will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, and at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at the Pioneer Memorial Library. For information, call Megan Carmichael at 465-9103.

Women’s group to sell soup for preschool

Kappa Upsilon, a women’s service group, will hold its annual soup supper to benefit Puddle Duck Preschool from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Community Building during the Colby/Hugoton basketball game. Chili, chicken-noodle and vegetable-beef soups and desserts will be served, with donations accepted. For information, call Amy Jennings at 460-2603.

Brewster schools offer kids free screening

The Brewster schools plan a free early childhood screening for children up to age 5 on Monday, Feb. 6, at the Brewster Community Church. Screenings include vision, hearing and motor, thinking and speech/language skills. Call Susan Schmidt at (785) 694-2236 Tuesday through Thursday to schedule an appointment.

LOCAL

TV Listings

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Thursday Evening							January 26, 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		30 Rock	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		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Eraser						Eraser					
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman			Snake Man		American Stuffers		Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man	
BRAVO	Real Housewives				Real Housewives		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Housewives/Atl.		Tabatha
CMT	Grease						Footloose					
CNN	FI Rep-Debate						Anderson Cooper 360		FI Rep-Debate			
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle			JB Smoove		Russell	Russell	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Extreme Drug				Cops & Coyotes		First Week In		Cops & Coyotes		First Week In	
DISN	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie
E!	The Soup	After Lat	Kourtney		Kourtney	Kourtney and Kim		Chelsea	E! News			Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball				Winter X Games				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball				College Basketball			
FAM	The Flintstones				Flintstones-Rck				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped				Chopped		Fat Chef		Cupcake Wars		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		Two Men	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer	Unsuper.	Unsuper.	Archer	
HGTV	Price Thi	First	Selling L		Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling L	Selling	
HIST	American Pickers				Swamp People		Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	America's Book		American Pickers	
LIFE	Project Runway				Project Runway		24 Hour Catwalk		Dance Moms		Project Runway	
MTV	Jersey Shore				Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey	Jersey Shore	Jersey	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George		George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	House of Bones				Amity Horror				Carry			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail			iMPACT Wrestling				MANswers		MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan			Office	Office
TCM	Intent to Kill						The Lion		Young Cassidy			
TLC	NY Ink				NY Ink		David Blaine-Magic?		NY Ink		David Blaine-Magic?	
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball					
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	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	King	
USA	NCIS				NCIS				Burn Notice		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	40 Greatest Pranks 3						Saturday Night Live				Mob Wives	
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	Paradise Lost 3: Purgatory			F. Roach	Game of Thrones			Real Sex		Angry	Angry	
MAX	Born-4th July						Underworld			Sexy Assassins		
SHOW	Blue Valentine						Shameless		Comedy	Beach	Lies	Californ.

Friday Evening January 27, 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		Chuck		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter	
AMC	The Fugitive				The Specialist					
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Confessions		Infested!		Confessions	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Next Friday				Next Friday			
CMT	Sweet Home Alabama		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		The John Mul.				Chappelle	Chappelle
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold	
DISN	Wizards		ANT Farm	Jessie	Fish Hook	Austin	Good Luck	Shake It	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	(500) Days of Summer				The Soup		Fashion	Chelse	E! News	Chelse
ESPN	NBA Basketball						Winter X Games			
ESPN2	NFL Live		Boxing				SportsCenter		NBA	
FAM	DirtyDan		Pretty Woman				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners		Diners		Diners		Diners		Crave	Diners
FX	Kung Fu Panda		Kung Fu Panda				UFC on FX		The Marine	
HGTV	Hollywood at Home		Selling L	Selling L	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Selling L	Selling L

American Profile

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HIST	American Pickers	American	American	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear	American Pickers
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	The First 48	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Scary Movie 2		Scary Movie 2	Scary Movie 2
NICK	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!		Merlin		Being Human		Merlin
SPIKE	Walking Tall				Walking Tall		Ink Master
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	The Longest Yard		Sahara
TCM	The Great Garrick		One More River		The Invisible Man		Franknstn
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes
TNT	Lord of the Rings						