

Weather



National Weather Service
Wind Advisory
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 13. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a west wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 60.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 52.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 52.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 52.

Thursday: High, 53; Low 24
Precip: Thursday None
Month: None
Year: None
Normal: 0.42 inches (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:55 a.m. 5:59 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 28 percent
Sunday 7:54 a.m. 6:01 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 37 percent
Monday 7:54 a.m. 6:02 p.m.
First quarter Moon at 10:10 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Boeing boosts Kan. spending

WICHITA (AP) – Boeing is planning to boost its spending with Kansas suppliers as it pulls out of it’s defense plant here. Company spokesman Forrest Gossett says that while the aircraft manufacturer is closing its Wichita facility, it’s not leaving the state. The Wichita Eagle reported that plans announced last week call for the aircraft manufacturer to increase its spending with Kansas suppliers from \$3.2 billion to \$4.8 billion by 2014 or 2015. Boeing announced earlier this month that it was moving work at its Wichita plant to Oklahoma City and San Antonio. Tanker work that was to have come to Wichita will now go to the Puget Sound area in Washington state.

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City manager gives speech at Chamber Luncheon

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aquatic park. Civic groups and citizens will be asked to help erect the equipment.

- Responsibility for the emergency 911 funding will be assumed in addition to maintaining system operations.
- \$82,800 of the \$100,000 received in the Take Charge Challenge grant will be used to install LED street lights on a portion of Range Avenue and Franklin Avenue from I-70 north. The remainder will be used for LED Christmas lights and LED stop lights and crossing lights.
- South Range Avenue from I-70 to the south city limits will be milled and overlaid. Fourth Street from east of Franklin Avenue to the east city limits is planned for 2013.
- Ground for the future extension of the Shalz Field runway will finish getting purchased.

Agreements still need finalized with two property owners.

- A grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation will be used to complete crack and joint repair on the runway at the airport.
- Improvement work will continue within the community.
- Lobbying will continue for a moratorium on the Environment Protection Agency regulations requiring catalytic converters on the engines at the power plant. The converters will cost more than \$630,000 for engines that averaged 88 hours of use each year for the last seven years.
- The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems will be replaced, which control all of the city wells, lift stations, alarm system and wastewater treatment plant.
- Development of the area east of the ball fields, which were acquired in a trade of land with the

catholic church, will begin.

- Rates will be reviewed for electric, sewer and sanitation.
- “And last, but not least, we are waiting with much anticipation for the state to announce that they are moving one branch of state government to Colby,” announced Armstrong. “That will be the biggest thing to happen in Colby in the last decade.”

She also said about 31,000 admissions were purchased at the aquatic park last summer and that number will hopefully continue to increase. It will open on Tuesday, May 29.

“We also work closely with the county, economic development, the chamber of commerce, tourism and convention and our citizens that get involved with all of the projects, too,” remarked Armstrong. “I am proud to work for the city and think Colby is the best community in the world.”

Library looks for artists to create artwork for display

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The Pioneer Memorial Library is calling all artists to attend a meeting on Monday to learn about an opportunity to earn \$2,500 and create a work of art for display.

Melany Wilks, director of the library, will present information regarding her creative requests at 7 p.m. on Monday at the library, 375 W. Fourth St., in Colby.

The brainchild of Wilks and a collaboration between she and children of the late Jean Hutton of Brewster, the project will honor Hutton, who was a dedicated volunteer of the library.

“The \$2,500 memorial donation will fund all of the supplies needed for the large piece of art, plus remuneration for the artist,” explained Wilks. “It needs to be about 60 inches high and 96 inches wide to fill the space behind the circulation desk.”

She said the piece can be compiled into several panels, or one large piece, and needs to embody the theme “Bringing Words to Life.” She wants the title included in the work or displayed with it somehow.

“There are some requirements that we are asking artists to adhere to. We certainly want to avoid dating the art so no people as stilted figures since clothing on the person could become outdated with time. And we don’t want it to be necessarily historical,” she said. “It could be iconic of our area with landscaping and scenery and it needs to be beautiful.”

Wilks noted that bright colors will suit the piece better than dark, “while dark is often striking, it does not communicate a positive life expression. We don’t want it garish.”

She explained the piece could showcase the natural beauty of Kansas, the prairie or agricultural elements; it could express the generations or life-cycle through space and could also include books or words hidden in the art.

“Books or words can begin and expand into a space or reveal a scape. They could be written in a picture,” she added. “There are so many ways artists can express the theme without being dated or too modernized.”

She explained that the artists will be asked to create a smaller version of the piece, to be judged and used for decision-making. The winning artist and their work will be chosen by the library’s board of trustees and then after the work is completed, it will be unveiled along with the other, smaller entries.

“During the meeting, we’ll also discuss how this artwork should complement the new renovations that will be completed this spring. I’ll address questions and realistic deadlines,” she said. “I am hoping for concepts to be submitted by the end of February or middle of March and ideally, the painting will be done by May 6; but, that will be negotiated at the meeting.”

Wilks is encouraging any interested persons to attend Monday’s meeting, both residents of Colby and nonresidents. However, if anyone is unable to be there, she welcomes the opportunity for the artists to meet with her at another time to see the space and learn more information.

Wilks can be contacted at (785) 460-4470 or director@colbylibrary.com.

Republican trying to sell redistricting plan

TOPEKA (AP) – The Kansas Senate’s top Democrat says Republican congresswoman Lynn Jenkins is trying to sell legislators on a redistricting plan that would split up the Kansas City area.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, of Topeka, said

Friday that Jenkins’ proposal would extend the 1st District of western and central Kansas through counties adjacent to the Nebraska border, then down the state’s northeast corner, so that it includes Wyandotte County.

Jenkins didn’t respond directly to Hensley’s statements,

saying that she won’t have a vote in the process and will trust legislators.

Briefly

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, baked 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 coordinator 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.

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 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. next Friday 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.

Health department to close Friday

The Thomas County Health Department will be closed next Friday for staff meetings. Regular hours will resume Monday, Feb. 6. For information call Kasiah Rothchild at 460-4596.

Therapist assistants offering massages

The Colby Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Club will offer massages by appointment from 5 to 8 p.m. 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 \$20 discount. For information or an appointment call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797. Money raised will help pay for the club to attend the conference.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Monday Evening January 30, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Still Standing		Fear Factor		Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	House		Alcatraz		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders	
AMC	Commando				Commando				CSI: Miami	
ANIM	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Brad World		Happens	Real Housewives	Happens	
CMT	CMA Awards 2011				The Music		CMA Awards 2011			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Work.	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	First Week In		First Week In		Gang Wars: Oakland I		First Week In		Gang Wars: Oakland I	
DISN	Austin	Jessie	Austin	Shake It	Wizards	ANT Farm	Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kourtney and Kim		Kourtney and Kim		Fashion Police:		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		NBA Coast to Coast				Welcome/NFL		College B	NFL Films
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		The Lying Game		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		The Lying Game	
FOOD	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Death Race						Death Race			
HGTV	Love It or List It		House	House	House	House	My House	First	House	House
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn		Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Unfaithful					Amer. Most Wanted	Cold		Unfaithful	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Caged		Caged		Caged		True Life	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Being Human		Being Human		Lost Girl		Being Human		Lost Girl	
SPIKE	Crank: High Voltage				Scarface					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Jane Eyre				The Constant Nymph				Born to Be Bad	
TLC	Finale Pre-Show		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	The Mentalist		The Closer				Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: NY	
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		The Layover		No Reservation		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				White Collar		NCIS	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Behind the Music		T.I.-Tiny	Romeo Must Die			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Luck		Black Swan					
MAX	Underwrl'd	Get Carter			Stag Night			Co-Ed Confidential 3		
SHOW	Homeland		Californ.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Californ.	Shameless	

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