

Weather



**National Weather Service Winter Storm Watch**  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Breezy, with a southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Rain likely before midnight, then rain and snow. Low around 32. East wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.  
**Friday:** Snow and widespread blowing snow. High near 36. Windy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent.  
**Friday Night:** Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy and windy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.  
**Saturday:** Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Cloudy and breezy, with a high near 34. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.  
**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 37.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 17.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 35.

Monday: High, 71; Low 24  
Tuesday: High, 55; Low 24  
Precip: Monday None  
Tuesday None  
Month: None  
Year: None  
Normal: 0.93 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Thursday 7:51 a.m. 6:05 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 74 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Former publisher dies in his home in Colorado

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ment.  
In 1995, he moved to Sheridan, Wyo., to become the editor of the *Sheridan Press*. He returned to Kansas in 1998 as the publisher of the *Colby Free Press*. He retired from that position in 2005, but didn’t stay that way for long, taking a publishing position with the *Norton Telegram* later that year.  
He retired for good in August, 2009, moving back to Goodland before relocating to Colorado to be closer to his grandchildren. He continued writing, however, penning a column that ran in papers from Goodland to Hays. He continued his popular tradition of eliciting “Snippets,” one sentence comments from the public that he would include in all his columns.  
Last year he was recognized for his lifetime in Kansas media

with the Clyde M. Reed Jr. Master Editor Award, given by the Kansas Press Association.  
Dreiling’s death leaves friends and colleagues “deeply saddened.”  
“Tom filled our office with humor,” said Dana Paxton, who succeeded him as publisher in Norton. “He made me laugh every single day. On our trips to meetings our conversations centered around family more so than work. His family meant the world to him.”  
Dreiling hired Paxton to work for him as a sales representative before he retired. Paxton said she wished he had lived closer in retirement so she could have gone to him for help.  
“I would often get e-mails from him sending us here best wishes during holidays,” she said, “as well as personal notes

from time to time to just see how things were going and to put his two cents worth in on things he heard were happening back here in Norton.”  
Steve Haynes, owner of the *Goodland Star-News*, *Colby Free Press* and *Norton Telegram*, said Dreiling was a fine publisher.  
“He was a gentleman and a friend,” he said. “Many people will miss him.”  
Jim Bowker, who worked with Dreiling at the old *Goodland Daily News* as press foreman, said the two of them weathered several changes in ownership over the years. Bowker said Dreiling was a wonderful man.  
“I was pleased to call him my friend,” he said.  
Condolences for the family can be left at [www.horancares.com](http://www.horancares.com).

Nurse returns to Colby to practice at hospital, clinic

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an interdisciplinary team approach. That time also provided her with insights into illnesses and ways to better manage care and provide patient education, she said.  
“I am excited and ready to be able to care for the whole family in an advanced practice setting,” she said, “collaboratively providing care to these families will provide continuity of care.”  
“I believe in listening to each patient and providing care that reflects compassion, empathy and respect to each individual and family’s needs. I have suffered from personal loss of family members, and through this I feel I can be a better provider to the emotional aspect of loss for patients and families.”  
Focke said he and his staff are pleased to have Jennings join the team.  
“As Jenny Niblock has transitioned away from some of her clinical duties to more of an administrative role, we wanted to find a replacement

that would have similar values and commitment to patients,” he said. “With Julia, we really feel that she is exactly the type of individual we were looking for.”  
Jennings said she chose to pursue a role as a family nurse practitioner is because she enjoys the entire cycle of care.  
“I enjoy end-of-life care, women’s health, pediatrics, comprehensive physicals and much more,” she said. “I enjoy working with families and seeing the changes that occur throughout life. Because I am a new ... practitioner, I feel that I will continue to grow and learn so many more things in this profession. I am eager to start this process.”  
She said she was born in Topeka and moved to Colby during middle school. She and her husband, Josh, have two sons, Abram and Eli.  
The family attends Sacred Heart Catholic Church; they enjoy spending time with their many family members in the Colby area.

Economic index jumped in January

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) – The economy in nine Midwest and Plains states rebounded from a weak December and is poised to continue growing in the months ahead, according to a monthly survey of business leaders released Wednesday.  
Creighton University economist Ernie Goss said December’s dip appears to have been related to seasonal patterns and one-time issues like the flooding in Thailand – not ongoing concerns about Europe’s debt problems.  
The region’s overall index

rose to 55.9 in January, compared with 50 in December. The survey uses a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100 – any score above 50 suggests growth while a score below 50 suggests decline for that factor, Goss said.  
The survey of business leaders and supply managers covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.  
Businesses leaders who responded to the survey said they’re concerned about rising

energy costs and the effects of any new regulations. Goss said those are some of the risk factors that could derail the economic expansion.  
The region’s employment index rose above neutral for the first time since July, reaching 54.5 in January. That’s up from December’s 49.5.  
“January’s reading is clearly good news on the employment front. However, I will have to see several months of similar readings to be assured that the labor market is back on a solid growth path,” Goss said.

Briefly

Dance planned Saturday at Meadow Lake

A dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake clubhouse will feature music by Ray Gerver. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Health department plans to close on Friday

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

American Legion baseball will hold meeting

An information meeting for American Legion baseball is set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Colby American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St.. For information, call Jeff Krzycki at 443-2542.

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 at the Community Building during the Colby-Hugoton basketball games. Chili, chicken-noodle and vegetable-beef soups will be served, along with desserts, with donations accepted for the preschool. For information, call teacher Amy Jennings at 460-2603.

Comments sought on school walk routes

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

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 today through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Brewster schools offer free screenings

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

Colby schools plan book fairs this month

A Scholastic Book Fair is planned at Colby Grade School from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. A fair at Colby Middle School will be open during school hours and parent-teacher conferences Tuesday through Monday, Feb. 13. For information, call Kelly Draper at 460-5200.

Therapist assistants offering massages

The Colby Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Club will offer massages by appointment from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday 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.

Youth league signing players for games

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

Enjoy pasta and music at Legion dinner

Bring your date for an evening of light music at a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the American Legion Hall, 1859 W. Fourth St. Tickets are \$15 for couples and \$8 for singles for a dinner of spaghetti, salad, green beans, garlic bread and dessert. Proceeds will go to finance the auxiliary’s projects. For information, call Tina Hansen at 462-0662.

LOCAL

TV Listings

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Thursday Evening February 2, 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		The First 48		The First 48		
AMC	The Natural				The Natural				
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man		American Stuffers		Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Matchmkr
CMT	Groundhog Day				Groundhog Day				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Katt Williams		Russell	Key	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0 Tosh.0
DISC	Texas Drug Wars		Cops & Coyotes		First Week In		Cops & Coyotes		First Week In
DISN	Jessie	Phineas and Ferb: The Movie			Wizards	ANT Farm	Shake It	Jessie	Wizards
E!	The Soup	After Lat	Fashion Police:		Kourtney and Kim		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball		
FAM	The Mask		Son of the Mask				The 700 Club	Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Fat Chef		Cupcake Wars	Chopped	
FX	How I Met	How I Met	Two Men	Two Men	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer
HGTV	First	First	Selling L	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling L
HIST	American Pickers		Swamp People		Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Modern Marvels		American Pickers
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		24 Hour Catwalk		Dance Moms		Project Runway
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		I Want Pants		Jersey Shore
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Hills-Eyes 2		Wrong Turn 3				P2		
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling				Jail	Jail	Jail
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Conan		The Office
TCM	The Professionals						Treasure-Sierra		Wild Bnch
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	Delocated
TRAV	When Vacations		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		The Layover		Bizarre Foods
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond			King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS				Burn Notice		CSI: Crime Scene
VH1	Greatest TRL Moments		Super Bowl Fan Jam		Greatest TRL Moments			Super Bowl Fan Jam	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels									
HBO	S.W.A.T.	F. Roach	The Union		Game of Thrones		Katie		REAL Sports Gumbel
MAX	Predators				Big Stan				
SHOW	Casino Ja	Brooklyn Boheme			Shameless		Comedy	Beach	Lies
									Californ.

Friday Evening

February 3, 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	Who Do You		Grimm		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe		Local					

Cable Channels

A & E	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping
AMC	Unforgiven							Unforgiven		
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Confessions		Infested!		Confessions	
BRAVO	Honey		Honey					Fighting Tempt		
CMT	Redneck Vacation		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	Key	South Pk	Tosh.0	Russell	John Mulaney		Chappelle	Chappelle
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold	
DISN	Bedtime Stories				Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Austin
E!	Kourtney and Kim		Kourtney and Kim		Fashion Police:		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	NFL Kickoff		SportsCenter Special		Boxing				SportsCenter	
FAM	Ace Ventura		Dodgeball: Underdog				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners
FX	Mr. & Mrs. Smith						UFC	UFC	UFC	UFC
HGTV	Million Dollar Rooms		Million Dollar Rooms		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Million Dollar Rooms	

American Profile

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Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted	
MTV	I Want Pants		Jersey Shore		Blue Crush				I Want Pants	
NICK	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Merlin		Being Human		Merlin	
SPIKE	Pirates-Dead						Fist of the Warrior			
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	The House Bunny				Just Friends	
TCM	Gandhi								A Passage to India	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	Wedding Crashers						Franklin & Bash		Franklin & Bash	Murder 16
TOON	Star Wars	Generator	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	The Exes	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Mob Wives	Mob Wives			Mob Wives	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny		The TRL Decade	Greatest TRL Moments
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	Adjustment Bureau	Life	F. Roach	Real Time/Bill Maher	Real Time/Bill Maher	Life		Sanctum		
MAX	Termintr2	Man on Fire				Lingerie	Emmanuelle	Through Time		
SHOW	Next Day Air		Paul Mooney: Godfather			Fight	Paul Mooney		Inside the NFL	