

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly after 8 p.m. Areas of freezing fog after 7 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 4. East wind between 10 and 15 mph. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Areas of freezing fog before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 17. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Saturday Night: A chance of freezing drizzle after midnight. Areas of freezing fog after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A chance of freezing drizzle before 9 a.m. Areas of freezing fog before 9 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

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

Wednesday: A chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

Thursday:	High, 49; Low 18
Precip:	Thursday None
Month:	0.38 inches
Year:	0.38 inches
Normal:	0.93 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	
Sunrise and Sunset	
Saturday	7:41 a.m. 6:16 p.m.
Moon:	waning, 81 percent
Sunday	7:40 a.m. 6:17 p.m.
Moon:	waning, 72 percent
Monday	7:39 a.m. 6:18 p.m.
Moon:	waning, 61 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)	

Committee rejects funding

TOPEKA (AP) – A Kansas House committee has rejected a request from public broadcasters to restore \$800,000 in funding.

Gov. Sam Brownback’s budget proposal included \$600,000 for public broadcasting, a cut from the current \$2 million state appropriation.

A House budget subcommittee restored \$800,000. But Thursday, the full House Appropriations Committee removed that \$800,000 and returned the state appropriation to \$600,000 for the next fiscal year.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports State Rep. Pete DeGraaf, a Mulvane Republican, said government needs to get out of public radio.

But several western Kansas legislators said their constituents depend on public radio and public television. Others said public television’s emphasis on early learning and children’s programming was a service to the state.

Fire district wants out of agreement with county

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“Instead of giving them \$5,000 a year, we ought to be giving them more like \$15,000.”

Commissioner Ken Christiansen asked if a different approach would solve the problem.

“We need to ensure people are protected on the west side,” he said, “and it seems like it has been a good fit of collaboration. So, what if we proposed to leave the agreement exactly as it is but up the lease rate to \$15,000 a year. Do you think they’d go for that?”

Jamison said he and Crumrine would propose the idea to the

their board to see how the members feel about it before reporting back to the commissioners.

“I applaud you guys for providing service and for finding a creative way to cooperate with other agencies to get the job done in the best and most affordable way possible,” said Commissioner Paul Steele. “And it’s up to you to negotiate and do your best to get a fair deal.”

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved an increase in wages for new hires. People who work indoors will start at \$10 per hour and those who work primarily outdoors will start at \$11 per hour. They speci-

fied that existing employees will not make less than that, once out of their probationary period.

- Suggested possible members for a committee to help determine needs of a jail expansion. County Clerk Shelly Harms was asked to send letters to the individuals inviting them to participate and attend next week’s meeting.

Architects for the proposed expansion will present information at the meeting Monday. Commissioners agreed that since the project is for the people of Thomas County, they would encourage anyone who’s interested to get involved in the planning.

City council approves lease for oil, gas drilling in Colby

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- Approved a resolution establishing city limits as of Dec. 31.

- Approved a contract with Wilson & Co. for engineering services on the replacement of high-pressure sodium street light fixtures with light-emitting-diode fixtures, as recommended by Armstrong.

- Beringer suggested using 3.6 percent for the cost-of-living adjustment for raises for city employees for the 2013 budget. Armstrong is using this figure to prepare the budget, but it won’t be

voted on until the end of year.

- Approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to seal joints and cracks on the runway and taxiway at Colby Shalz Field. The department gave the city a grant for \$16,300 to do this work, but no contractor has been chosen.

Beringer asked if they were going to be able to move forward on the airport expansion now that they have money, and Armstrong said she thinks it will be a minimum of five years before they start work.

Pink Zone cause begins next week

From “PINK,” Page 1

more than 1,200 teams and organizations participated, reaching more than 830,000 fans and raising more than \$930,000.

After Yow lost her battle with cancer Jan. 24, 2009, the campaign raised more than \$1.3 million and reached more than 912,000 fans through more than 1,600 participating teams and organizations. Many schools broke attendance records.

Since its beginning, the Pink Zone has raised nearly \$4 million and attracted more than 6,000 participating teams.

“The mission is simple,” Lee said. “As coaches, players and as a community, we help raise breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

“With our efforts in Colby, all of the proceeds go to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE, our local agency that Helps Offset Patient Expenses

for cancer patients. Although this is a global campaign, every cent we raise stays local.”

Last year, with a dessert raffle and a silent auction, the college women’s team was able to present a \$1,500 check to the foundation, which ultimately helped three patients with their expenses. This year, Lee said, the group hopes to double the money.

“We will again be holding a raffle and silent auction this year,” Lee said, “with the raffle being held during the Colby Community College game with Garden City on Wednesday and the silent auction next Friday during the Colby High-Ulysses game.

“In addition to these events, shirts, tattoos and other miscellaneous items will be sold to help raise money....”

This year, she said, the Pink Zone initiative is being rebranded as Play 4Kay for February 2012.

“Play 4Kay will tell Coach

Yow’s story,” said Nora Lynn Finch, a Kay Yow Cancer Fund board member, “and will impact everyone’s efforts to support the fight against cancer.”

For more information, go to www.wbca.org.

“Many of us have had someone in our lives battle breast cancer,” Lee said. “Whether they have conquered or lost the battle, or still continue to fight, those people should be recognized for their strength, courage and hope.

“The fighters, the survivors and the taken, we hope to honor those people during the Colby Pink Zone events and continue to raise breast cancer awareness. You can donate to these events by contacting me at 460-4440 or simply by wearing pink to the games.”

She said all the money raised during the events will be presented to the foundation during the college games against Garden City Community College on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Briefly

Colby Middle School holding a book fair

A Scholastic Book Fair at Colby Middle School is open during school hours and parent-teacher conferences through Monday. For information, call Kelly Draper at 460-5200.

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 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.

Baptist church plans marriage, family week

The Colby Independent Baptist Church will celebrate a Marriage and Family Week next week with Stephen Perkins of Ocean Springs, Miss., preaching a series of Bible messages at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Call Pastor Bernard Heinz at 460-0313 for information.

Red Cross blood drive planned in Colby

The Red Cross plans a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the National Guard Armory. Chicken-salad sandwiches will be served. Please help end the blood shortage. Go to www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767 to make an appointment.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes on Tuesday and Tuesday, March 13, at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverages will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Genesis meeting set for next Thursday

The annual meeting for Genesis-Thomas County Inc. will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex conference room. The public is invited. For information, call Wynn Duffey at (785) 462-6342.

Economic Development board to meet

The Thomas County Economic Development Alliance board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For information, call Christy Rocca at 462-4511.

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

Donations needed for Pink Zone auction

The Colby Recreation Department needs items for a Pink Silent Auction for the Colby Pink Zone next Friday during Colby High basketball games at the Community Building. All proceeds will help patients through the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE. Cosmetics, jewelry, clothing, candles, toys, gift certificates, sports equipment, home décor and the like are welcome, said Director Stacy Lee. Pink items would be nice, but that’s not required. There will be a bake raffle during Colby Community College games Wednesday. For information, contact Lee at 460-4440. She needs auction items by Thursday.

Kids can learn to cook at free classes

Kids-a-Cookin’, a free, fun, hands-on cooking and nutrition class for third through fifth graders will be Thursdays next week, March 15 and April 19. Sign-up by calling the Colby City Recreation Department at 460-4440 so organizers will know how much food and materials to have. Sessions will be cancelled if the enrollment is less than 10.

Foundation to promote Kindness Week

The Thomas County Community Foundation is promoting “Random Acts of Kindness Week” from Monday to Sunday, Feb. 19, to challenge residents, businesses and organizations to perform small charitable deeds. If you catch someone doing good, report them to Melinda Olson at the foundation at 460-9152. Photos may be e-mailed to tcCF2@st-tel.net.

The foundation invites everyone to a meal of pulled-pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, chips and dessert at 5:30 p.m. next Friday during the Colby High School basketball Senior Night and Pink Zone night at the Community Building. Donations will be accepted, and you can become a Friend of the Foundation for \$20.

For information, call Olson or Shelly Myers at the foundation office.

Public Notice

Annual Report of East Hale Township

Thomas County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of East Hale Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2011	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2011	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2011
General	3,620.00	12,723.00	8,308.00	8,035.00	0.00
Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	3,620.00	12,723.00	8,308.00	8,035.00	0.00

Total Cash Balance for all Funds 8,035.00

Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31? Yes

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2011.

Date: 2/3/12

Signature: [Signature]

Township Treasurer

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Monday Evening										February 13, 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	The Voice				Smash		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	House		Alcatraz		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		
AMC	Hard to Kill				Under Siege					CSI Miami	
ANIM	Handfishin'		Handfishin'		Handfishin'		Handfishin'		Handfishin'		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Brad World		Happens	Real Housewives	Real		
CMT	Stricest Parents		Stricest Parents		Parenthood						
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	American Chopper		American Chopper		Toughest Truck		American Chopper		Toughest Truck		
DISN	Austin	16 Wishes			Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Kourtney and Kim		True Hollywood Story		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		Wm. Basketball				SportsNation		NFL Films	College B	
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		The Lying Game		Jane by Design		The 700 Club		Pretty Little Liars		
FOOD	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Hellboy-Army						Hellboy-Army				
HGTV	Love It or List It		House	House	House	Hunters	My House	Price Thi	House	House	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Pawn	Pawn	Full Metal Jousting		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Bringing Ashley Home				Cries in the Dark				Bringing Ashley Home		
MTV	Jersey Shore		MTV Special		Caged		Caged		Pants	Pants	
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	Jurassic Park						Jurassic Park				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	Z						The Guns of Navarone				
TLC	Black Friday		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Black Friday		Hoard-Buried		
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles		The Closer		
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	King	King	King	King	
USA	Dog Show		WWE Monday Night RAW				White Collar		NCIS		
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Women in Music		Pop Up	T.I.-Tiny	Women in Music		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Hall Pass				Get Him to the Greek		F. Roach		
MAX	Man on Fire				House of the Rising Sun		Bikini Time Machine				
SHOW	Homeland		Californ.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Californ.	Shameless		

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