

Weather



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39. East wind around 5 mph becoming west.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 76. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 44.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 82.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48.  
**Sunday:** Sunny and breezy, with a high near 78.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 50.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 71.  
**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 47.  
**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62.

Monday: High, 52; Low 35  
Tuesday: High, 77; Low 33  
Precip: Monday None  
Tuesday None  
Month: 0.07 inches  
Year: 0.96 inches  
Normal: 2.11 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Thursday 7:55 a.m. 7:52 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 43 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Deputy learns safe ways

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in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing.

Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child facing the rear longer.

Toddlers 1 to 3 should be kept in a rear-facing seat as long as possible, the patrol says. A child should remain in a rear-facing seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your seat’s manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing seat, he or she is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

All children under age 8 need to be in a booster seat unless the child weighs more than 80 pounds, is taller than 4 feet, 9 inches or only a lap belt

is available. Children who meet the above height and weight criteria must be protected by a seat belt, as should everyone in the car.

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat’s manufacturer. Once your child outgrows that, it’s time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

Children ages 8 to 13 must wear a seat belt. Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly, the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Your child should still ride in the back seat, because it’s safer there.

No budget, no paychecks?

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tion like the annual appropriations bills. If there isn’t a budget resolution in place, such legislation – or bills like last month’s extension of payroll tax cuts – can still go forward.

Since Congress’ budget often doesn’t have much of an impact, congressional leaders sometimes cancel the debate altogether – especially in election years, when votes on it can expose rank and file lawmakers to political risk.

But the failure of Congress to pass a budget is symptomatic of the broader failure of the institution to accomplish feats that not long ago were considered relatively routine. And there’s a simple, powerful political appeal to the idea that if members of Congress don’t do their most basic job, they shouldn’t get paid.

Other lawmakers, however, aren’t so keen on the idea, starting with the chairman and top Republican of the panel holding today’s hearing, Sens. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn, and Susan Collins, R-Maine. The panel has jurisdiction over Cooper and Heller’s legislation, but the hearing will focus on other ideas as well, such as requiring senators who filibuster bills to actually stay on the floor and talk the legislation to death, banning filibusters of presidential nominees and requiring monthly bipartisan get-to-know-you sessions.

“This proposal is like a legislative scream,” Lieberman said. “As everybody knows, the public’s estimation of Congress is at

historic lows. And there’s ample reason why that is so. Congress is just not fulfilling some of the basic responsibilities that the Constitution gives us.”

Heller acknowledged that some of his colleagues think the idea is just a “talking point.” Collins is among those opposed to the “no budget, no pay” measure. She points out that there are many rich people in the Senate who might not care whether they get paid or not.

A related idea by Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., to prevent the House and Senate from taking up any legislation – of any kind – if it hasn’t passed a budget by the April 15 deadline has support from Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the chairman of the budget panel. And both Democrats and Republicans have rallied behind the idea of doing a budget every two years instead of annually.

House panel rejects ‘Toto’

TOPEKA (AP) – There may be no place like home, but don’t tell Toto.

A Kansas House committee squashed a bid Monday to make the cairn terrier, a breed perhaps best known as that of Dorothy’s canine sidekick in “The Wizard of Oz,” the state’s official dog.

Democratic state Rep. Ed Trimmer told the *Wichita Eagle* (bit.ly/yt9yEb) he plans to reintroduce the bill next year. And

Brenda Moore, a South Central Kansas Kennel Club official who first proposed the idea, says she plans to drum up public support for it this summer.

The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals opposed the measure, saying it believes it would cause Kansas puppy mills to “churn out litter after litter of the breed” and lead to fewer adoptions from animal shelters.

Firm gives \$2,500 to food bank

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of food that goes out the door each week to the 95 families they now serve.

Colleen Bixenman, Genesis treasurer and a volunteer, said 90 percent of all the food is purchased by Genesis.

“We purchase everything locally,” she said, “mostly from Dillon’s and Dollar General, and right now the Dillon’s store is

donating all the meat products.”

Duffey added that the organization is getting ready for the Colby Walmart Store to “come on board.”

The food bank has three freezers and a refrigerator. Although the fridge was fairly empty on Friday, volunteers said it will fill up with fresh vegetables once the community garden starts producing this summer. The agency welcomes donations of

eggs, fresh produce and fruit year around.

“Shelves are stocked weekly,” Bixenman said, “and volunteers donate 10 to 12 hours a week ordering, picking up the grocery items and stocking them.”

“It’s actually pretty cool to know that everything that’s done here is through donations, including the \$40,000 budget,” Duffey added.

Briefly

Dresses on rack at Presbyterian Church

It is time again for the annual sale of gently-used prom dresses, from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby. All dresses are \$20 and all proceeds go to Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Sue Draper at 460-6332.

Clerk’s office to close Thursday afternoon

The Thomas County clerk’s office will be closed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday so employees may attend funeral services for a co-worker’s family member. For information, call Shelly Harms at (785) 460-4500.

Kids can learn to cook at free, fun classes

Kids-a-Cookin’, a free, fun, hands-on cooking and nutrition class for third through fifth graders will be Thursdays this week and April 19. Sign-up by calling the 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.

Walk Kansas registration closes on Friday

Friday is the registration deadline for Walk Kansas 2012, which runs from Sunday to May 12 for teams of six. Pick up a team-captain packet at the Thomas County Extension office, 350 S. Range, Suite 16, or download materials at [www.thomas.ksu.edu](http://www.thomas.ksu.edu). Registration, \$7 a person, includes program packets and weekly newsletters. T-shirts are available for \$7, more for larger sizes.

College offers class on drawing figure

A class in drawing a clothed figure will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Thursday, March 22, in room 502 of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College. Cost is \$5 per session. Students must bring their own materials and be on time. For information, call instructor David Ketchum at (785) 687-2575.

Aging board, advisors to meet Tuesday

The board and advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley. For information, call Glenna Clingsmith at the agency at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Commodities to be given out here March 26

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include pasta, corn, cereal, apricots, chicken, figs and juice. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

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.

Class will teach people to manage diseases

A workshop to help people learn to self-management chronic diseases will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays from April 2 to May 7 in the Citizens Medical Center conference room. A light meal will be served, and preregistration is required. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Kindergarten enrollment April 3 at school

Kindergarten pre-enrollment and visitation for the 2012-13 school year will be held at the Colby Grade School Activity Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. Bring your child’s birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. For information, call the grade school office at (785) 460-5100.

College pool sets hours for winter season

Colby Community College pool lap swimming hours are 5 to 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Open swim hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call manager Kipp Nelson at 460-5476.

Get a Colby Eagles flag and support the team

The Colby High School boys basketball team is selling Colby Eagles flags to raise money. The 3-by-5-foot flags are \$55 each. To order, call 443-2763.

Area band sets event

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the McLemores, High Plains Tradition, Larry Booth and Friends and the Sappa Strings.

“We get national-quality bands anymore,” she said. “They draw people to town. They get hotel rooms and buy gas. It’s all good for the economy.”

Seating for the tasting is limited to the first 100 people, she added, so people might want to get those tickets early.

For information, the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (785) 460-7643.

LOCAL TV Listings										
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Thursday Evening March 15, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Missing		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	2012 NCAA Tournament			2012 NCAA Tournament			Local	Letterman		
KSNK/NBC	Community/30 Rock		Office	All Night	Awake		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Touch		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		First 48: Missing		First 48: Missing		The First 48	
AMC	Under Siege					Under Siege				
ANIM	The Haunted		Infested!		Infested!		The Haunted		Infested!	
BRAVO	Interior	Million Dollar		Housewives/OC	OC		Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Shahs	
CMT	League-Own						Groundhog Day			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Doomsday Bunkers		Auction	Auction	Doomsday Bunkers	
DISN	Random	Adventures of Sharkboy			Phineas	Finn on the Fly			Wizards	
EI	The Soup	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	E! News		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	SpoCenter	Dewey Bozella		Baseball Tonight			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	The Announcement			Johnson	SportsCenter Special		E:60	MMA Live	GameDay	
FAM	Harry Potter-Chamber						The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer	Unsuper.	Unsuper.	Archer
HGTV	Property	Property	Sell LA	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Sell LA	Selling
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Mudcats		Top Gear		Swamp People	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Runway	24 Hour Catwalk	Runway	Project Runway		
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Pants	Jersey Shore		Challenge
NICK	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Saw		Dawn of the Dead				See No Evil			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling				MMA	Jail	Jail	Jail
TBS	2012 NCAA Tournament			2012 NCAA Tournament					Conan	
TCM	Drums-Mohawk				Whole Town's					
TLC	First Week In		First Week In		First Week In		First Week In		First Week In	
TNT	2012 NCAA Tournament				2012 NCAA Tournament				CSI: NY	
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Childrens
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		The Layover		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Suits		CSI	
VH1	Behind the Music		Behind the Music		Behind the Music		Behind the Music		Dangerous Minds	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels										
HBO	Cedar Rapids			Too Short	Game of Thrones		Real Sex	Cathouse	Big Mommas	
MAX	Platoon				Knight and Day					
SHOW	Hollywood			Bad Girls of Comedy	Shameless		Comedy	Sunset	Lies	Californ.

Friday Evening March 16, 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	2012 NCAA Tournament			2012 NCAA Tournament			Local	Letterman		
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You		Grimm		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage Wars		Storage	Storage
AMC	Thinner				The Walking Dead		Comic Book Men		Christine	
ANIM	Alaska Wildlife		North Woods Law		Rattlesnake Republic		North Woods Law		Rattlesnake Republic	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/Atl.		Scary Movie				Scary Movie	
CMT	Groundhog Day		Sweet Home Alabama				Sweet Home Alabama			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Ugly Amer	National-Van Wilder			
DISC	Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold	
DISN	The Luck	Lab Rats	Phineas	Jessie	Austin	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
EI	Khloe	Fashion Star			Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Dewey Bozella		Boxing				ATP Tennis			
FAM	Harry Potter-Azkaban						The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners
FX	Hancock				Ultimate Fight		Archer	Archer	Archer	Archer
HGTV	House	Hunters	You Live in What?		House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	You Live in What?	
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HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		I Love You to Death		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Lords of Dogtown		Lords of Dogtown		Lords of Dogtown	
NICK	Fred	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Merlin		Being Human		Merlin	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		A Bronx Tale	
TBS	2012 NCAA Tournament			2012 NCAA Tournament					The Mummy Returns	
TCM	Jason-Argon.				Clash of the Titans				Helen	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	2012 NCAA Tournament				2012 NCAA Tournament				Friday Night Lights	
TOON	Star Wars	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	Lab & Order: SVU		Fairly Legal		In Plain Sight		Suits		Fairly Legal	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jeepers Creepers	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels										
HBO	Game Change				Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Eastbound	Ring Life
MAX	Last Man	Pulp Fiction					Depravity	Sin City	Busty Coeds	
SHOW	Exit Throu		Push				Boxing			