

# Weather



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 34. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 60.

**Wednesday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy and breezy, with a low around 44.

**Thursday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 62.

Thursday: High, 62; Low 44	Precip: Thursday 0.Trace
Month: 1.84 inches	Year: 3.51 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches	(K-State Experiment Station)
<b>Sunrise and Sunset</b>	
Saturday 7:18 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Moon: waning, 99 percent
Sunday 7:17 a.m. 8:16 p.m.	Moon: waning, 95 percent
Monday 7:15 a.m. 8:17 p.m.	Moon: waning, 88 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)	

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# Counties decide to share fire costs

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said the city has been very good about buying anything the fire department has asked for.

However, Jamison said District 5 wouldn't be able to raise \$18,000 a year. The district is a stand-alone entity and only gets what money it can raise, he said. The current fire protection tax levy is 1.418 mills, and with a valuation of \$3.9 million, one mill would bring in \$3,900. Bringing that up to 4.5 mills - which Cloyd had suggested - would bring in about \$17,500, but the district would

have to factor in expenses on the building such as utilities.

Cloyd said it was the feeling of the Sherman County Rural board and the Sherman County commissioners that whatever District 5 could contribute, Sherman County Rural would match. If the total is not enough, he said, they would just have to cut down on the carryover for vehicle replacement.

Jamison said raising taxes isn't an issue. He talked to many farmers in the district, all of whom said they would pay whatever it took to keep fire protection in Brewster.

"It's been too good of a deal for too long not to keep it going," said Thomas County Commissioner Ken Christiansen.

Jamison said the Brewster Department is in good shape, with good vehicles and more volunteers than it can take.

As a next step, Jamison asked Cloyd to draw up an agreement that can be presented to the District 5 board. The mill levy for District 5 can't be changed until next year, he noted. Christiansen said the Thomas County budget is made up in June and published in August. The Brewster City Council will also have to approve paying for all the personal equipment.

# City council to choose firm for search

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said, the league will start reviewing resumes that come in. All resumes will be sent to the league so that the council doesn't have to deal with them. If someone does send a resume to the city, he said, the council can just send it over to the league.

Koss said they will create a database of the resumes for the council and give a summary, the pros and cons, of all the applicants.

"One of the good things about our organization," he said, "is that we see what we call 'serial applicants,' people that apply for every position that comes up and jump from town to town, and we'll be able to point that out to you and make sure you don't get hit with somebody that's gonna be here for eight months and go somewhere a little bit bigger."

Once the league has candidates, Koss said, it will rank them on a number scale chosen by the council.

The next step will be for the league to set up interviews. He said it would provide a list of questions the council can ask and cannot ask, due to legal restrictions. The city will set up interviews with the candidates the council wants, he said, and after it chooses one, the league will help the city with contract negotiations or anything else it asks for.

Then, once the city makes an offer, Koss said, the league will make all the phone calls to the candidates that were not selected.

To end his presentation, Koss gave the council some advice, saying that even if the council doesn't select the league, it should stick to a process and it

shouldn't let the pool of candidates go stale.

Huffles asked if other cities around the size of Colby have used the league's services, and Koss said the average city size they see is about 3,000 to 4,000 and they don't usually see cities below 2,000. City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, a member of the league's board, said Goodland used the league and a councilman said he believed it had been used by Oakley as well.

Mayor Gary Adrian asked what the time frame is for the whole process. Koss said he thinks they would have a pool of candidates within the month and the city could have a new manager by July.

Councilman Pat Mallory asked how the council would tell the league where it wants to put ads, and Koss said the league will give them a list of about 15

to 20 places and then give advice about where they think the city should run ads. He said the council will need to have a meeting to make that decision as well as to approve the job description the league creates.

Councilman Omar Weber asked if there would be a specific "case worker" for the process, and Koss said he would be the contact, but that the whole league staff would be at the city's disposal.

Adrian mentioned that Armstrong asked if the council was interested in appointing an interim manager or a "range rider," and Councilman Mark Beringer said he thought they were getting a little ahead of themselves. He said they should just focus on picking a search firm and wait to decide that until it gets closer to Armstrong's last day, possibly the first of June.

# Workout facility plans two walking programs

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moving off on a longer and more rigorous trail through downtown.

The class will start at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and continue every Tuesday and Thursday evening for six weeks. Registration is \$35, and she said she'd like to hear from anyone who's interested before the class starts.

Mazanec said she got permission to use the title "Anklin' Down Franklin" from the family of Bill James, former owner and editor of the *Prairie Drummer*, a newspaper that was absorbed by the *Colby Free Press* in 1979.

She said the inspiration for his "Anklin' Down Franklin" columns came from twice-daily walks around downtown Colby which

started at the building where Mabel's now is, went around Fike Park and back down Franklin.

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# Painkiller sales soar around United States, fuel addiction

By Chris Hawley

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Sales of the nation's two most popular prescription painkillers have exploded in new parts of the country, an Associated Press analysis shows, worrying experts who say the push to relieve patients' suffering is spawning an addiction epidemic.

From New York's Staten Island to Santa Fe, N.M., Drug Enforcement Administration figures show dramatic rises between 2000 and 2010 in the distribution of oxycodone, the key ingredient in OxyContin, Percocet and Percodan. Some places saw sales increase sixteenfold.

Meanwhile, the distribution of

hydrocodone, the key ingredient in Vicodin, Norco and Lortab, is rising in Appalachia, the original epicenter of the painkiller epidemic, as well as in the Midwest.

The increases have coincided with a wave of overdose deaths, pharmacy robberies and other problems in New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Florida and other states. Opioid pain relievers, the category that includes oxycodone and hydrocodone, caused 14,800 overdose deaths in 2008 alone, and the death toll is rising, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

Nationwide, pharmacies received and ultimately dispensed the equivalent of 69 tons of pure oxycodone and 42 tons of

pure hydrocodone in 2010, the last year for which statistics are available. That's enough to give 40 5-mg Percocets and 24 5-mg Vicodins to every person in the United States. The agency's data records shipments from distributors to pharmacies, hospitals, practitioners and teaching institutions. The drugs are eventually dispensed and sold to patients, but the agency does not keep track of how much individual patients receive.

The increase is partly due to the aging U.S. population with pain issues and a greater willingness by doctors to treat pain, said Gregory Bunt, medical di-

rector at New York's Daytop Village chain of drug treatment clinics.

Sales are also being driven by addiction, as users become physically dependent on painkillers and begin "doctor shopping" to keep the prescriptions coming, he said.

"Prescription medications can provide enormous health and quality-of-life benefits to patients," Gil Kerlikowske, the U.S. drug czar, told Congress in March. "However, we all now recognize that these drugs can be just as dangerous and deadly as illicit substances when misused or abused."

# Briefly

## Reservations due Monday for dance

The annual Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Banquet and Dance will be Wednesday, April 18, at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. For reservations, call Laura Withington at the office, 462-6744, by Monday.

## Clinic has young mixed-breed female

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a tan-and-white, medium-large female mixed-breed dog around 1 to 1/2 years old available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

## Singles dance Saturday at Meadow Lake lounge

A singles and couples dance will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Clubhouse. Craig Stevens will provide music. For information, call Lue Duffey in Rexford, (785) 269-7057.

## Thomas County landfill will be closed on Easter

The Thomas County landfill will close Sunday for Easter. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and reopen at 9 a.m. Monday. For information, call Larry Jumper at the landfill, 460-8139.

## Class will teach about diabetes, healthy eating

Citizens Medical Center will continue a monthly series of free classes on diabetes, "Journey for Control." The next session will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the hospital conference room, on "Diabetes and Healthy Eating." Register by calling the Jeanene Brown at the hospital's education department, (785) 460-4850.

## Senior center offers potato bar, bake sale

The Senior Progress Center will have a potato bar, bake sale and coin raffle fund raiser from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the center in Fike Park. Come for dinner and check out the goodies. For information, contact Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901.

## Kindergartners to put on show for town

Colby Grade School kindergartners invite everyone to a free show, "A Day in the Country," at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Grade School Auditorium. For information, call music teacher Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

## Heartland students to put on play for Easter

Three performances of an Easter production, "Three Days," will be given at the Heartland Christian School gym, 1995 W. Fourth St. The play will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday and next Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Donations will be accepted to help cover production costs. For information, Deena Bandy at 460-6419.

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Monday Evening											April 9, 2012	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				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	Bones		House		Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48			
AMC	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		The Killing		Mad Men		The Killing			
ANIM	Gator Boys		River Monsters		River Monsters		Gator Boys		River Monsters			
BRAVO	Actor's Studio		Housewives/Atl.		Bethenny Ever After		Happens	Bethenny Ever After	Atlanta			
CMT	Kitchen Nightmares		Texas Women		Southern Nights		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Semi-Pro		Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk		
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Jesse James		American Chopper		Jesse James			
DISN	Austin	Frenemies			Austin		ANT Farm	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	True Hollywood Story		Giuliana & Bill		Khloe	Khloe	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea		
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	SportsCenter Special		NBA Basketball				NBA		Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Unwrapped		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Meat Men	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FX	Armageddon				Armageddon							
HGTV	Love It or List It		House	House	House	Hunters	Love It or List It		House	House		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Drew Peterson				Too Late-Say				Drew Peterson			
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Pauly D	Punk'd		
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	Walking Tall				Walking Tall				Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office		
TCM	Charley's Aunt				Son of Frankenstein				Together Again			
TLC	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Mama's	Mama's	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss			
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: NY			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks		
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		Hotel Impossible		No Reservation		No Reservation			
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		King	King	King	King		
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Psych		NCIS			
VH1	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death		
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Bridesmaids						Life's Too Short			
MAX	Sex and t	Macchete			50 First Dates				Sexual Witchcraft			
SHOW	Meskada		The Borgias		Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias		Nurse	The Big C		