

Weather



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 69. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 110. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-east.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102.

**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Friday:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Friday: High, 92; Low 66  
 Saturday: High, 107; Low 64  
 Sunday: High, 113; Low 56  
 Precip: Friday None  
 Saturday None  
 Sunday None  
 Month: 0.61 inches  
 Year: 5.88 inches  
 Normal: 9.84 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Tuesday 6:19 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
 First quarter Moon at 10:31 p.m.  
 Wednesday 6:20 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 56 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
 Friday to Sunday 3,140,000 gal.  
 (average)  
 (Colby Public Works)

# Museum displays new oil painting

From "PAINTING," Page 1

and then followed the arts as the program was moved into a greenhouse a block east of the school on Third Street.

"Eventually, I again reclaimed it when I discovered the painting resting against a wall," he said, "and, in the '90s, I rushed to the school after hearing the art room had been burglarized."

"I was comforted when we found that the robbers were only interested in the toilet paper and coffee."

In more recent years, however, school officials have recognized how much the painting is worth.

"Luckily," he said, "Terrel has

guarded it with her life."

Superintendent Terrell Harrison said the painting had been displayed at the administration building, but she felt many more people would be able to see it at the museum. She and the school board agreed it should stay in Colby.

Colby Grade School art teacher Trish Starbuck told the group that she and her colleagues agree that art should be shared.

"We are thrilled it's here (at the museum)," said Starbuck. "We are so pleased to see so many people here and hope you are here because you believe in the value of art in schools."

"We feel your support in the community, and when you fol-

low students in the newspaper... We are very fortunate to be in a school district that supports art from the kindergarten level to the senior class, which unfortunately doesn't happen everywhere."

Melinda Olson, executive director of the Thomas County Community Foundation, said her organization hopes to secure a permanent future for the school arts program through donations to the Colby Public Schools Education Fund.

She said people who would like to support the fund could make a donation at the event or send a check.

She said donations could be mailed to the foundation at 350

S. Range Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701. Write "CPS, Art Subcategory" in the memo line.

Olson said the immediate goal is raising \$60,000 to "replace" the value of the painting. The money will become part of an endowment, with the income used to support art classes at the schools.

According to a class list from the Colby High Alumni Association that was passed around Thursday, a few people still may be living in Colby were apart of the 1946 class that bought the painting. These include Cordelia Bedore, Duane Leak, Mary Pence, Mary Reed, Donald Thieler and Norman Weed.

# City approves replacement of engine

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• Approved a proposal from Chad Lawson of Lochner Engineering Services of Salina to rebid the spill containment project for a fee of \$1,336. Jones said the project is for four large diesel tanks that are used for storage and need to be put in a specific containment area according to Environment Protection Agency standards. Jones said the previous bid was higher than the engineer-estimated cost, so the bid was rejected.

• Tabled a plan to buy playground equipment for South Franklin Park because the final design was not ready for approval as Jones thought it would be.

• Approved the specifications and authorization to accept bids for a project to fix

joints and fill cracks at Shalz Field, the municipal airport.

• Appointed an Airport Airspace Protection Committee to study and recommend an ordinance for public review and for council consideration. Jones said the Airport Board recommended the members of that group, plus city building official Rick Dickman, Airport Manager Mark Ostmeyer and County Appraiser Mary Cech.

• Approved an ordinance prohibiting skateboards on the new walking trail near the pool. Jones said former City Manager Carolyn Armstrong checked with Colby Public Schools and they already prohibit bikes and skateboards on sidewalks on school property. She visited with Dr. Stephen Vacik, president of Colby Community College, and he

said he planned to propose the same rules at the next college board meeting.

• Approved a request from John Redeker Excavating to purchase water for a pipeline project. Jones said the firm will buy about 325,000 gallons of water over the next month. Councilman Mark Beringer asked if the firm was planning to take it all within a few days, saying he was worried because that would be too much water in a short amount of time. Public Works Director Omar Weber said he wasn't sure, but assumed the water will be used for a construction project east of Colby.

• Approved a special-use permit for a secure storage in the rear of 165 and 175 E. Fourth St., while maintaining commercial frontage, for Butch Cox.

# Wildfires spread to tourist centers in Colorado

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blaze near Colorado Springs, grew to more than 6 square miles Sunday after erupting just a day earlier and prompting evacuation orders for 11,000 residents and an unknown number of tourists.

The fire sent plumes of gray and white smoke over the area that obscured at times Pikes Peak, the most-summitted high-elevation mountain in the nation and inspiration for the song "America The Beautiful."

Winds had started to push smoke away from Colorado Springs and evacuations orders were lifted for the 5,000 residents of nearby Manitou Springs, but area residents and

tourists still watched nervously as haze wrapped around the peak.

"We're used to flooding and tornadoes, nothing like this," said Amanda Rice, who recently moved to the area from Rock Falls, Ill. Rice, her husband, four children and dog left a Manitou Springs hotel late Saturday.

Rice, scared when she saw flames, took her family to the evacuation center before she was told to go.

"It was just this God-awful orange glow. It was surreal. It honestly looked like hell was opening up," Rice said Sunday.

Even while other large fires burn across the West, Colorado's blazes have demanded half the nation's firefighting fleet, ac-

cording to Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper. He said C-130 military transport planes from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs would begin assisting today.

A statewide ban on open campfires and private fireworks has been in place for more than a week.

While no homes were reported damaged in the Colorado Springs-area fire, a forest fire near Rocky Mountain National Park destroyed structures near the mountain community of Estes Park. The Larimer County Sheriff's Office said Sunday that 22 homes and two outbuildings had been burned.

The Estes Park fire destroyed vacation cabins and closed the

most commonly used entrance to the park. Clouds of smoke blew toward the 102-year-old Stanley Hotel that inspired Stephen King to write "The Shining."

Also over the weekend, residents of a subdivision near the northern Colorado city of Fort Collins learned that 57 more homes in their neighborhood had been lost to the High Park Fire, which already had claimed 191 homes, authorities said.

The High Park Fire is the second-largest wildfire and among the most expensive in Colorado's history. It has scorched more than 130 square miles and was just 45 percent contained on Sunday, *The Denver Post* reported.

# College decides to write off more than \$420K in old bills

From "COLLEGE," Page 1

was the first time in the past four years that the college did not have to ask for an early payout.

He said they are watching the cash flow and conserving cash, but said the cash situation will be challenging in July and most likely in November and December. He said the first draft of a detailed line-item budget

work for the coming 2012-13 school year is complete and under review.

He said they were close to done with the revenue budget but still waiting on some information from the county. He said the college received this information on June 13 last year. County Clerk Shelly Harms said she was hoping to have everything to them by the end of last week, but she was waiting on other people as well.

"We expect to have all that pulled together and should be ready to send out... I would think end of next week," Waites said, "as long as Shelly gets everything to us."

He said he thinks the board may need to have one or two special meetings in July to talk about all of the details. He proposed a special meeting for 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, if everything is ready, and the board agreed.

# Briefly

## College pool closed for painting, renovation

The Colby Community College swimming pool will remain closed through Monday, July 9, to allow for repainting, renovating and painting the deck, repainting the locker rooms and installing a new ventilation system. It will reopen on Tuesday, July 10. The water exercise class originally scheduled to begin next Monday will start on Wednesday, July 11. For information about the class, contact Penny Cline at 460-5404, and for information about the pool, contact manager Kipp Nelson at 460-5473.

## Commodities to be given out next week

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. next Monday 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. Commodities could include corn, chicken, beef stew, fruit mix and macaroni. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

## Sanitation Department will not work on holiday

The Colby Sanitation Department will take the day off on Wednesday, July 4. Wednesday's residential route will be picked up on Thursday, July 5. Have your tipper cans to the curb by 8 a.m. For information, call Anita Powell at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

## 'Flying Debris Show' coming to library July 5

The Pioneer Memorial Library plans have author Richard Holmgren do his "Flying Debris Show" at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 5, on the east lawn. Bring chairs, blankets and sunglasses. This is for individuals, couples or the whole family. Come experience comedy, zany stunts and lots of audience participation. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4470; she says she's not sure what to expect except zany.

## Picnic in the Park will be Wednesday

Picnic in the Park begins at noon Wednesdays at Fike Park. The entertainment for this week will be Shannon Myers. The series is sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and the *Colby Free Press*. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX/KRDQ Radio. For information, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

## Museum displays student art work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit of art by students from kindergarten to high school from area schools through Sunday, July 29. The museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 for information.

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## Wednesday Evening June 27, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Final Witness		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Dogs in the City	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene				Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	U.S. Olympic Trials	America's Got Talent					Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think						Local			
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Storage	Storage
AMC	Open Range									
ANIM	Handfishin'		Tanked		Wildman	Wildman		Handfishin'		Tanked
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Million Dollar LA		Around the World		Happens	Around the World		Million D
CMT	Ace Ventura				In the Army Now					Redneck
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama		Futurama	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	South Pk
DISC	Fast N' Loud		American Guns		Fast N' Loud		American Guns		Fast N' Loud	
DISN	Good Luck Charlie		Austin	Jessie	Shake It	Shake It	Vampire	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Softball				NFL Live		ESPN's Nomination		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Austin Powers				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Food Network Star		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Forget Sarah						Anger Management			Sarah M
HGTV	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		Hunters		Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers

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HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	American	American	American	American	Pawn	Pawn						
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Coming Home				Dance Moms	American	Pawn	Wife Swap				
MTV	Teen Mom		Teen Mom		The Real World				The Real World		True Life					
NICK	Friends	Friends	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Hollywood Heights							
SCI	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		School Spirits		Haunted Collector		School Spirits							
SPIKE	Auction		Auction		Diamond Divers		Diamond Divers		Auction		Auction					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Men-Work		Office					
TCM	Delicious				Immigrant	Anything Can Happen			Come Live							
TLC	Sister Wives		The Man: 200lb Tumor		Twintervention		The Man: 200lb Tumor		Twintervention							
TNT	Law & Order		Dallas		The Mentalist				The Great Escape							
TOON	Star Wars	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid						
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Bizarre Foods		Mysteries-Museum		Sandwich	Sandwich						
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Soul Man	The Exes	King	King	King	King						
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		Royal Pains		Royal Pains					
VAH	Mob Wives Chicago		Mob Wives Chicago		Tough Love		Single Ladies		Love, Hip Hop							
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