

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Thursday: High, 101; Low 71
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 0.09 inches
 Year: 6.16 inches
 Normal: 13.61 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:25 a.m. 9:14 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 81 percent
 Sunday 6:25 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 73 percent
 Monday 6:26 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 63 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Thursday 3,339,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Power outages affect Colby in past two weeks

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kick back on after the third try, Midwest will go out and check on it.

Since Colby only lost power for about 10 to 15 minutes, he said, it was just a blip that didn't show up on their system and if it was the breaker, it was probably able to reboot.

Helm said it's also possible that something could have happened on their end of the line and could have kicked the city off its line without anything happening on the city's end.

On Thursday morning, the area of north Franklin Avenue lost power at about 9 a.m. for about 15 to 20 minutes. The Colby Free Press was part of the outage, which was only a "brown out," meaning some of the power was still on.

"One of the city's circuits was loaded so heavy that it just kicked itself out," Weber said. "They kick themselves out to keep from overloading."

He said this has been an on-

going problem here for the last month because of the extreme heat.

"We've been having more problems in the month that I've been here than they ever have," he said.

Weber said the city lost one of the primary fuses on one of the phases that serves the same part of town, but the voltage was just low, not out, therefore creating a "brown out."

He said the city was able to fix the problem in less than an hour, but another problem sprung up about the same time.

Court Avenue lost power due to an underground wire that had too much strain on it Thursday morning. Weber said it was partially repaired yesterday to keep it running and repairs were completed this morning.

He said in the last 10 days, the city had a transformer explode in a residential area and a different transformer burned up - shorted out internally.

"All the trouble that we're experiencing, and the majority of

it happens in the evenings," Weber said, "is because everyone is getting home and the power demand goes up. And all this heat, it's finding all the older links in our system and they're just giving up."

He said the power line pole project that is in the process of being completed right now will help alleviate some of these problems, but not until it's completed.

"This is just the ongoing battle that you're going to get with this much heat and this much demand," he said.

Weber said the city is advising everyone to conserve electricity when they can.

"Anything that can be conserved would sure help," he said. "The electric is a direct, immediate result of less load on our system, so anything you can do to shove stuff off that isn't necessary, that just lessens the demand on our system. Anything that can lessen our load."

Five spots still available for museum's afternoon camp

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"Under the able guidance of Joyce Thierer and Ann Birney of the historical performance troupe 'Ride Into History,' camp participants will learn the fine art of creating historically accurate and entertaining performances based on museum artifacts and the people who used them," said Miner.

"The idea is to bring the usually quiescent objects to life, leading both performers and audience to wonder about the stories connected to other artifacts in the museum."

Miner said that during the camp, participants will choose an artifact about which they would like to learn more, spend the first half of the week getting the facts down and then begin to create a short narrative performance based on what they have learned.

"They will have the opportunity to share what they have discovered in a series of public performances on Friday evening," she added. "The campers will be scattered throughout the museum and grounds; members of the public will have to reserve a time slot so that they can tour through

the museum where they will encounter the historical performers."

"Pretty much anything can happen," said Miner. "Maybe a World War I soldier will jump out ready to 'go over the top' or possibly Ida Eller will be having a 'party line' conversation about the last dust storm in the Eller House."

"The possibilities are really endless, and it should be a lot of fun," she said.

The museum is one of three camp locations included in a Kansas Humanities Council grant that was received late last year, said Miner. The Republic County Historical Museum in Belleville and Alma's Wabaunsee County Historical Museum held their camps in June.

Interested participants should call (785) 460-4590 or fill out a registration form at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave.

Members of the public who would like to sign up for a time to view the free public performance tours are encouraged to call and make a reservation. Performances will be held every half hour from 3 to 6:30 p.m. next Friday at the museum.

Tepid jobs data sets tone for presidential contest

By Ben Feller
 AP White House Correspondent

POLAND, Ohio — A sobering economic snapshot intensified the presidential campaign today, with President Barack Obama and rival Mitt Romney offering distinctly different views of the nation's economic trajectory. Obama said private sector job growth "is a step in the right direction." Romney declared the continued high unemployment a "kick in the gut."

A stand-pat jobs report that showed a net of only 80,000 jobs created in June and an unemployment rate unchanged at 8.2 percent set a new standard from which to judge the president and for Romney to attempt to exploit just four months from Election Day. Yet even as the economy dominated, the fallout over the Supreme Court's decision on health care and Romney's shifting response to it also continued to reverberate.

"It's still tough out there,"

Obama conceded to a campaign crowd in this small village outside of Youngstown, Ohio. He noted that the private sector jobs created in June contributed to 4.4 million new jobs over the past 28 months, including 500,000 new manufacturing jobs.

"That's a step in the right direction," he said. But he added: "We've got to grow the economy even faster, and we have to put even more people back to work."

Obama criticized Romney for pushing economic ideas that, the president said, have been tried without success before.

Romney, speaking ahead of the president in New Hampshire, used virtually the same argument, saying Obama represented liberal policies that had been discredited.

"This kick in the gut has got to end," Romney told reporters, and issued a biting indictment of the president.

"American families are struggling; there's a lot of misery in

America today," he said, interrupting his vacation in New Hampshire to react to the jobs numbers. "The president's policies have not gotten America working again. And the president is going to have to stand up and take responsibility for it."

Obama was on the second day of a bus tour of Ohio and Pennsylvania, hotly contested battlegrounds whose modest economic gains he hoped to leverage into a case for his re-election.

Romney was at his lake-side vacation home amid growing anxiety among conservatives that he was not being aggressive enough and was squandering his opportunity to win in November. Republicans worry that Obama's attacks against Romney are taking their toll on the challenger and right-leaning leaders in business and the media say he is presenting a muddled case for his presidency despite a weak economy.

"I don't say much to critics," Romney told reporters, noting

that he has issued a 59-point economic plan to counter the president.

On his tour, Obama was promoting policies that he says have helped states such as Pennsylvania and Ohio, particularly the government bailout of Chrysler and General Motors.

Briefly

Group plans dance at Meadow Lake

A singles and couples dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Clubhouse. Craig Stevens will provide music. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey, (785) 269-7057.

Methodist Church plans Bible school

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a Bible School from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. next week, from Monday to next Friday. Call Kim Chain at the church office, 460-2761, for information or to register.

Keyboard player to play concert on Sunday

Jerry Bennett, an award-winning keyboard player from Nashville who brings his music to audiences nationwide, will play a 7 p.m. concert on Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church, after two concerts at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. at the McCook Methodist Church. For information, call Colby United Methodist Church at 460-2761.

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 at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call the church at 462-6342.

Coalition to meet about walking trails

The Thomas County Coalition will be meeting at noon Thursday at El Dos de Oros. They are currently working on details associated with the walking trails and community garden. If you want to be involved in making a healthy, positive difference in Thomas County, consider joining their efforts by coming to a few meetings and seeing what the Thomas County Coalition is all about. For information, contact Paige Campbell at 460-8177 or tccl1@st-tel.net.

Colby Wesleyan plans Vacation Bible School

Colby Wesleyan Church will have Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 16 to 20, at the church, 320 W. Pine. The theme is SKY - "Everything is possible with God" based on Mark 10:27. Children age 4 through fifth grade will have Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and music as they learn about trusting God. The church will provide a free ride to anyone in town who calls. For information, contact Joy Rothfuss at the church office at 462-8391.

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.

All veterans invited to be grand marshals

All Thomas County veterans are invited to serve as Grand Marshals for the fair parade on Tuesday, July 31, riding on a float leading the lineup. Veterans will meet at the Senior Progress Center at 4:45 p.m., hopefully wearing military uniforms or hats. Call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401, for information or to get on the list.

Chamber, college plan student block party

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber, Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and Colby Community College will be holding a Community Campus Block Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21, on the lawn on the north side of the student union. Businesses, churches and organizations are encouraged to set up a display booth or table, and the college will serve a barbecue lunch. For information, call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401.

Fair books now available at Extension office

Fair books for this year are available at the Thomas County Extension office in the county office complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 16, during business hours, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call Jody McCain at the office, 460-4582. Note the number; it had been incorrect in previous issues.

Junior Golf practice Thursdays at course

Practice for Colby Junior Golf, for kids 7 to 17, is being held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays through July 26 at the Meadow Lake Golf Course. Cost is \$15 for Meadow Lake members and \$65 for nonmembers, but scholarships are available. Coaches are Kevan Taylor, Sara Betz and Ed Schmitt. For information, call Betz at (785) 269-7394 or (785) 460-9855.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Monday Evening		July 9, 2012									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				The Glass House	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	How I Met U	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0	Local	Late Show	Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Fear Factor	Ninja Warrior	Grimm			Local	Tonight Show	w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen	MasterChef			Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Barter	Barter	Barter	Duck D.	Duck D.	
AMC	First Blood				First Blood				Collateral Damage		
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		River Monsters		Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NYC		Miss Advised		Happens	Housewives/NYC	Advised		
CMT	CMT Music Awards 201				Legally Blonde 2						
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	South Pk	Futurama	Balls of Fury		
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Mobster	Mobster	After the Catch		Mobster	Mobster	After the Catch		
DISN	Camp Rock		Gravity		ANT Farm	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		Opening Act		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	2012 Home Run Derby				Softball		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	X Games		X Games		X Games		X Games		Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Secret-Teen		Bunheads		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners		Diners		Diners		Diners		Mystery D	Diners	
FX	X-Men Origins						X-Men Origins				
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		
HIST	Pawn		Pawn		American Pickers		Pawn		Pawn		
LIFE	Reba		Reba		Orphan		Reba		Reba		
MTV	Awkward.	Awkward.	Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Awkward.	Awkward.	
NICK	All That	Kenan	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Eureka		Eureka		Lost Girl		Eureka		Lost Girl		
SPIKE	Police Videos		Stings		Police Videos		Police Videos		Stings	Stings	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	Adventure-Robin				The Three Musketeers				Knights		
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Four Houses		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	
TNT	The Mentalist		The Closer		Perception		The Closer		Perception		
TOON	Regular	Annoying	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible				Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Common Law		CSI: Crime Scene		
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies		Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies		Love, Hip Hop		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Chris	Chris	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Megamind		Hard Times: Lost		Crazy, Stupid, Love.				Gervais	Boxing	
MAX	Die Hard	The Thing			Kalifornia				Sexy Wives Syndrome		
SHOW	Fright Night				Weeds	Episodes	Web Ther.	Weeds	Episodes	Web Ther.	

Bookkeeping Position

We are looking for an individual who meets challenges head on!

The responsibilities include bookkeeping, billing, circulation, and helping front counter customers.

This position comes under the category of 'multitasking' - an ability to fit in where necessary as the need might arise. This position is full time. Computer knowledge necessary (accounting background a plus).

INTERESTED?

Send a letter and resume to Sharon Friedlander, Publisher, at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701, sfriedlander@nwkans.com or apply in person at the address above. No calls please.

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