

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the evening.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 76.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 79.

Friday: High, 79; Low 42
Saturday: High, 82; Low 39
Sunday: High, 88; Low 43
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.61 inches
Year: 10.78 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:29 a.m. 7:47 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 9 percent
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. 7:45 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 17 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

State official visits Colby college

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lege presidents attend monthly Board of Regents’ meetings in Topeka to represent the interests of their schools and to provide input on proposals the board is considering. Vacik also serves on the statewide Transfer and Articulation Task Force, which works to ensure courses can be tranferred among all Kansas colleges. Dr. Tompkins talked with the college administrative team at a luncheon. He told the group that he hopes state money for community colleges will remain the same for the coming year despite calls to make significant cuts. Colby College receives about 16 percent of its budget from the state. “Andy is great leader for our state, and due to his experience working in K-12 and postsecondary education, he appreciates the role of the two-year college and the need for seamless transfer across Kansas,” Dr. Vacik said. “It is also noteworthy that he makes regular visits to all the college campuses and that he truly listens to the concerns of others.”



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College
Dr. Steve Vacik and Dr. Andy Tompkins at a noon luncheon with the administrative team.

Police crack down at Royals’ stadium

by Christine Vendel
The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) – This summer, Kauffman Stadium gained a reputation as a party spot for underage drinkers. Stadium security officers saw increasing groups of minors clutching alcohol in the parking lots. And inside the stadium, several underage kids – mostly girls – passed out and ended up at the First Aid booth. “When we saw that, we knew we had to take some action,” said Carrie Bligh, the Royals’ director of event operations. Kansas City police launched an undercover effort in early July to reduce the illegal drinking. In six operations, police arrested more than 100 minors – and a few parents too, for providing alcohol to their children. “We had more arrests than the Royals had runs,” joked Sgt. Brad Dumit, who supervises the police vice unit. Police even arrested several hard-headed youths twice, he said. And – fair warning – police plan more operations before the Royals’ season ends. Bligh thinks some youths were drinking to excess in the parking lot so they could keep the party going when they got into the stadium.

“They knew they weren’t going to get served (alcohol) inside,” she said. The Royals organization couldn’t turn a blind eye, Bligh said. “We are a tailgate society here in Kansas City and we don’t want to take that away,” she said. “But we want people to do it responsibly. We didn’t want to become the place where underage people think they can party and get away with it.” But that was exactly what was happening, Dumit said. He said minors were flocking the stadium and paying \$10 parking fees – many with no intention of attending the game. “For \$10, they could sit all day, barbecue and drink and think no one was going to bother them,” he said. “With the thousands of people there, they figured they’d just blend in.” Police officers wearing plainclothes, sometimes accented with Royals gear, walked parking lot aisles, zeroing in on youthful-looking drinkers. The officers asked for identification, dumped or confiscated illegal booze and handed out about 20 warnings during their first outing, just before the Major League Baseball All-Star game. When police returned for a second effort,

they found more underage drinkers than ever. They made 40 arrests. Because the officers looked like any other fan, the minors didn’t hide the booze when the officers approached, police said. “We could be two feet from them and they’d still be drinking,” Dumit said. “Some of them went so far as to do beer bong in front of us.” Parents didn’t notice the undercover officers, either, Dumit said. “We would see them grab a beer and hand it to their kid,” he said. After finding an offender, the undercover officers presented their badges and called for uniformed officers as backup. Police asked the underage drinkers to blow into a breathalyzer to determine whether they had consumed alcohol. Even the tiniest presence amounted to a city charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol. Dumit said the blood-alcohol contents he saw varied from “barely on the charts to off-the-charts.” Most offenders were 19 years old, although police arrested several as young as 15, Dumit said. Police wrote tickets with court dates to those 17 and older. Police called parents to come get younger teens.

Briefly

Berean men’s group to start up Tuesday

The Colby Berean Church Men’s Fraternity will meet this year from 6 to 7 a.m. Tuesdays beginning this week at the church. The group, open to men 18 and older, will focus this year on “making life a great adventure.” Cost of the workbook is \$15. For information, call Todd Murdock at 462-7997.

State officials to explain new health plans here

State officials will be in Colby for a meeting to explain KanCare next Monday, one of eight to be held across the state to provide details about the transition from the old Medicaid program and HealthWave. The session for clients will begin at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. For information, call Miranda Steele at (785) 296-5795.

Commodities to be given out here Sept. 24

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. next Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center in 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 cereal, potatoes, pears, carrots, peaches, vegetable soup and noodles. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Flu clinic will be offered at 4-H Building

Flu shots will be given for anyone who wants one from 2 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Thomas County 4-H Building. Cost is \$25; bring cash, a check or a copy of your insurance card. Everyone will need to complete and print an online consent form, found at thomascountyks.com. Help on that will be available during the clinic. For information, call the flu line at 460-4599 or Angie Gaede at 460-4596.

Grammy nominated singer coming to Oakley

Dove Award winner Matthew West and his Into the Light Tour will appear at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Oakley High School Auditorium. Joining him will be Mikeschair, Lindsay McCaul and Everfound. For details, go to www.kger.org or call David Kumer or James Claassen at KGCR Radio, (785) 694-2877.

‘Kids a Cookin’ classes continues next month

Fall sessions of Kids-a-Cookin’, a hands-on food preparation and nutrition class for third through fifth graders, continue Thursdays Oct. 11 and Nov. 15. Sessions will start right after school, about 3:45 p.m., at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by Thomas County Extension. Sign up by calling the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.

MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) – Cancer is now the leading killer of Hispanics in the U.S. – the latest sign it’s beginning to displace heart disease as the nation’s top cause of death. The rest of the country may not be far behind, “probably in the next 10 years,” said Rebecca Siegel of the American Cancer Society. She is the lead author of a study reporting the new findings. That may be a conservative estimate. Government health statisticians think cancer could overtake heart disease as the

top U.S. killer as early as this year, or at least in the next two or three. The change is not exactly cause for alarm. Both cancer and heart disease death rates have been dropping for Hispanics and everyone else. It’s just that heart disease deaths have fallen faster. For decades, heart disease has been the nation’s leading cause of death. But cancer has been closing in on it. That’s largely because of better heart disease treatments, including statin drugs that lower cholesterol. The reason cancer is already the biggest cause of death for Hispanics is likely because that population as a whole in the

U.S. is younger than non-Hispanic whites and blacks. Many Hispanics are young immigrants, most of them from Mexico. Cancer tends to kill people at younger ages than heart disease. The report is being published in the September/October issue of a cancer society publication, CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians. Cancer society researchers looked at federal death data for 2009 and found 29,935 U.S. Hispanics died of cancer, slightly more than the 29,611 who died of heart disease. It was the first year in which cancer deaths surpassed heart disease in that ethnic group.

Hispanics are the largest and fastest growing major ethnic group, and include a large number of recent immigrants healthy enough to start a new life in another country. Most heart disease deaths occur in people 65 and older. The vast majority of Hispanics in the United States are under age 55, so cancer poses a more immediate risk. The story is different in Mexico, which has an older population. There, diabetes is the biggest killer with cancer No. 2, according to 2009 statistics from the Pan American Health Organization.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening September 18, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Last Man	20/20				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles				Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		Go On	Normal	Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage
AMC	Tombstone						Big Jake			
ANIM	Tanked		Tanked		Tanked: Unfiltered		Tanked		Tanked	
BRAVO	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Happens	Flipping Out		NYC
CMT	Reba	Reba	Any Given Sunday						Under Siege	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	The Burn	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Burn	Daily	Colbert	The Burn	Daily	
DISC	Yukon Men	Yukon Men		Yukon Men	Bering Sea G.	Yukon Men		Bering Sea G.		
DISN	Good Luck	Gravity	Vampire	Austin	ANT Farm	Phineas	Jessie	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Carly Rae	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	Kardashian	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	World/Poker		World/Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball				CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Richie Rich		The Sandlot			The 700 Club	Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Transformers				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy	
HGTV	Love It or List It		Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Million	Million	Property	Property
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Top Gear		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms	
MTV	Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Teen Mom		The Baby Wait		Teen Mom	
NICK	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	The Nanny	The Nanny	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Hot Set		Face Off		Hot Set	
SPIKE	The Crazies				Last House on Left				Crazies	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		The Office	
TCM	Gabriel Over				Smart Woman		The Half-Naked Truth		Age Cnsnt	
TLC	Abby	Abby	19 Kids	19 Kids	Abby	Abby	Abby	Abby	19 Kids	19 Kids
TNT	Bones		Bones		Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Bizarre Foods		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Covert Affairs		Royal Pains		White Collar	
VH1	Hip Hop Mmts		Hip Hop Mmts		Rehab With Dr. Drew		T.I.-Tiny	Basketball	Wives LA	Key
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Rise of Apes				REAL Sports Gumbel		Boardwalk Empire		The Dilemma	
MAX	Man Fire	The Hangover Part II			Marked for Death		Skin-Max		Strike Back	
SHOW	Weeds		Mother's Day				Freddy's Dead-Final Nightmre		Weeds	

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HIST	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	American	American	American	American	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn
LIFE	My Sister's Keeper				Memory Keeper				My Sister's Keeper	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	The Challenge: Battle				The Challenge: Battle	
NICK	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	The Nanny	The Nanny	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Sullivan	Office
TCM	How to Marry				The Cobweb				Blood Alley	
TLC	Breaking Amish		Honey	Honey	Honey	Honey	Honey	Honey	Honey	Honey
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	NinjaGo	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr	Bacon Paradise		Man, Food	Man, Food	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Soul Man	Soul Man	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		Royal Pains		NCIS		NCIS		Royal Pains	
VH1	Rehab With Dr. Drew		Old School				Saturday Night Live		SNL	
WGN	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Extremely Loud				Boardwalk Empire		Real Time/Bill Maher		Dream House	
MAX	Strike Back		Knight and Day				The A-Team			
SHOW	Barbershop		Inside the NFL		NASCAR	Weeds		Inside the NFL		NASCAR