

Weather



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 50. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of rain before 9 p.m., then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Blustery, with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 28. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 25 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 8.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 36.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 48.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 24.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 40.

Thursday: High, 48; Low 19  
Precip: Thursday None  
Month: None  
Year: 11.74 inches  
Normal: 20.65 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Saturday 7:52 a.m. 5:21 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 28 percent  
Sunday 7:53 a.m. 5:21 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 18 percent  
Monday 7:54 a.m. 5:21 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 10 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



ORVELLA ROMINE/Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County  
Serenity Handy (left), Courtney Kinnett, Sabrina Foster and Adriana Handy decorated the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County's Angel Tree on Sunday at Orscheln's Farm and Home Supply in Colby. The Handy sisters and Foster are Littles in the program and Kinnett, a Colby Community College student, is a Mentor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters puts up angel tree here

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County has placed an Angel Tree at Orscheln's Farm and Home Supply for those looking to share in the spirit of Christmas.

Each angel on the tree each shows the age and size of a child being served by the organization.

Anyone who wants to buy a gift should have it to the organization's office at the Colby United

Methodist Church by Saturday, Dec. 15. The annual Christmas party for Bigs and Littles will be on Sunday, Dec. 16.

The organization is serving 13 families, said Executive Director Orvella Romine, but it's always looking for children who could use the program, as well as volunteer mentors.

City Council talks about changing water use billing

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week. Ress will be paid \$2,740 a month and Bolyard \$1,080. Gatz will be paid \$165 an hour, with \$775 a month set aside for his staff. The new agreements replace ordinances from Dec. 6 of last year.

• Approved an annual 3 percent increase in airport hangar lease fees that had been discussed at two other meetings, and which the airport board first recommended Nov. 6. After the initial discussion, airport Manager Mark Ostmeyer said the fees are currently \$1,273 for the two city owned hangars and range from \$132 to \$335 a year for the 21 privately owned hangars.

• Tabled a decision about a cost-of-living increase in pay for city employees so that City Manager Tyson McGreer, who was out of town, could be present.

• Awarded a bid for crack-fill material and machine rental to Paving Maintenance Supply Inc., a nationwide company that operates out of Wichita, at \$21,780 for the material and \$500 to rent the machine, after some discussion.

Hutflies asked Public Works Director Omar Weber if it would not be better to mill away parts of several streets rather than just fill the cracks.

• Discussed goals for McGreer's review as city manager. Council Member Dave Voss

said that he had copies of the goals for the review left to the council from a consultant from the Austin Peters Group, the human resources firm the council hired look for a new manager. McGreer was hired on Aug. 21.

• Approved an amended version of an agreement for a corridor management study of Interstate 70 among the city, the county and the Kansas Department of Transportation. The only thing that changed from an earlier version of the agreement was that the range of the study was extended.

Briefly

Once-a-Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

The Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

Genesis will fill food baskets tonight

Genesis-Thomas County food bank needs volunteers to help fill containers for its annual Christmas Basket project at 7 p.m. tonight at the Thomas County 4-H Building on West Olive Street. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Baskets will be distributed from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Santa City soon to be open weeknights

Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. every weekend. Starting Monday, the winter wonderland also will be open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. On Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, it will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

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 462-6342.

Gem Lions to offer pancakes, eggs, sausage

The Gem Lions Club plans to hold its annual pancake feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Come and enjoy lots of pancakes, sausage, eggs, pie and Lions Candy Day mints — and some visiting. Donations will be used for community projects, sight programs and education. Bring eyeglasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Big Brothers cookin' up soup, chili, gumbo

For a \$5 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at their second annual soup supper, you can enjoy chili; chicken noodle, ham and bean or cream-can soup; or gumbo, with a cinnamon roll for dessert. Come to the Colby High School basketball game from 4 to 9 p.m. next Friday at the Community Building. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Church women are selling holiday nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh-crop pecans, walnuts and cashews for the holiday season. Almonds, pralines, chocolate covered pecans and mixed nuts are also available. Call Martha Hullett at 462-2505 for delivery or you can make a purchase at Colby Canvas, 285 E. Third St.

Free adult classes to begin in January

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College is offering free classes beginning Monday, Jan. 7, in the lower level of the H.F. Davis Library located on the Colby campus. Participants will receive assistance to prepare for the General Education Development (GED) Kansas High School Diploma. The department will also provide an academic bridge for those enrolling in health care programs. Other services offered include preparation for college or program entrance exams, post-secondary transitioning assistance, technology basics, financial literacy, employability, work skills and general life skills. For information or to enroll, call Nance Munderloh at 460-4663.

Golden Plains to hold annual soup supper

Golden Plains Elementary School invites everyone to celebrate the holiday season with its seventh annual soup supper and Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 17, in Selden. Teachers and staff will serve homemade chili and chicken noodle soup along with desserts from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Selden Community Building. The program will follow at 7 p.m. at the grade school. Proceeds from donations will benefit the school's playground fund and the Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site Project. For information, call Traci Bruggeman at the school at (785) 386-4560.

Program offers massages on campus

The Colby Community College massage therapy program is offering massages in Thomas Hall on the Colby campus from 5 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. Cost is \$20 for a one-hour session. Online scheduling is available at www.colbymassagetherapy.genbook.com. For information, contact Director Ceena Owens at 460-5427 or ceena.owens@colbycc.edu.

Thief steals Colby police truck

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thefts are common in rural parts of the county.

About Nov. 19, for instance, 14 spans of copper were stolen from the top of an irrigation pivot about four miles north of town. Finley said the spans will cost about \$20,000 to replace. Three shotguns have been reported stolen since that time.

If people see out-of-place vehicles or people anywhere in the county, they could call the sheriff at 460-4570, he said, adding, "We'd be more than happy to identify them."

Officers do make arrests at times after thefts in rural areas. Tyler Williams was arrested Nov. 28 after an investigation into a burglary at the Frontier Ag elevator in Brewster last January, said Finley. Charges were filed for burglary, felony theft, criminal use of a financial card, criminal damage to property and theft of motor fuel.

The investigation resulted in charges being filed against Williams in Rawlins County. Rawlins County Undersheriff Jim Schroeder said he was suspected of a theft at the McDonald co-op in March.

Black boxes raise privacy issues

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since the early 1990s, a federal requirement that automakers disclose their existence in owner's manuals didn't go into effect until three months ago. Automakers who voluntarily put recorders in vehicles are also now required to gather a minimum of 15 types of data.

Besides the upcoming proposal to put recorders in all new vehicles, the traffic safety administration is also considering expanding the data requirement to include as many as 30 additional types of data such as whether the vehicle's electronic stability control was engaged, the driver's seat position or whether the front-seat passenger was belted in. Some manufacturers already are collecting the information.

Engineers have identified more than 80 data points that might be useful.

Despite privacy complaints, the traffic safety administration so far hasn't put any limits on how the information can be used. About a dozen states have some law regarding data recorders, but the rest do not.

"Right now we're in an environment where there are no rules, there are no limits, there are no consequences and there is no transparency," said Lillie Coney, associate director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a privacy advocacy group.

Part of the concern is that the increasing computerization of cars and the growing transmission of data to and from vehicles could lead to unintended uses of

recorder data.

"Basically your car is a computer now, so it can record all kinds of information," said Gloria Bergquist, vice president of the Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers.

The alliance opposes the government requiring recorders in all vehicles.

Data recorders "help our engineers understand how cars perform in the real world, and we already have put them on over 90 percent of (new) vehicles without any mandate being necessary," Bergquist said.

Safety advocates, however, say requiring data recorders in all cars is the best way to gather a large enough body of reliable information to enable vehicle designers to make safer automobiles.

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Monday Evening										December 10, 2012			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Castle				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Big Bang	2 Broke G	2 Broke G	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		Take It All		Michael Bubl		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon				
KSAS/FOX	Country Awards				Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders				
AMC	Miracle-34 St.				Miracle-34 St.				Miracle				
ANIM	Rattlesnake Republic		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Rattlesnake Republic		Finding Bigfoot				
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		To Be Announced		Happens		Real Housewives		TBA		
CMT	Reba	Reba			The 46th Annual CMA				CMT Artists				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama		South Pk	Brickle	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk			
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper				
DISN	Star New Year		Phineas	Dog	Jessie	Phineas	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	Wizards			
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	E! Special		Scouted			E! News	Chelsea				
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter					
ESPN2	Nation	Football Bowl Mania					SportCtr	Football	NBA	NFL Films			
FAM	Year Without a Santa		Home Alone				The 700 Club		Home Alone				
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Health	Diners	Diners			
FX	Forget Sarah						Forget Sarah						
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	1880's	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	March Sisters				Christmas Angel				March Sisters				
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Catfish: The TV Show		Teen Mom 2				
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
SCI	Indiana Jones		Syfy Anniversary				Syfy Anniversary						
SPIKE	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office				
TCM	Grand Hotel				My Fair Lady								
TLC	Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss	Cake Boss			
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		CSI: NY		CSI: NY				
TOON	Adventure Time		King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	The Layover		The Layover		Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		The Layover				
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens				
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene				
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		Basketball Wives LA		T.I.-Tiny	Marry	Basketball Wives LA		Basketball Wives LA				
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules			
Premium Channels													
HBO	In Time		Mel Brooks		Die Hard					24/7			
MAX	Adjustmnt	Hop			The Birdcage				Sin City	Zane			
SHOW	Untold History		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter				

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