

Weather



**National Weather Service Tonight:** Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 9. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-west after midnight.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. West wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 47.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 50.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 23.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 47.

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

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 43.

Friday: High, 56; Low 11

Saturday: High, 22; Low 2

Sunday: High, 23; Low 0

Precip: Friday None

Saturday None

Sunday None

Month: 0.10 inches

Year: 0.10 inches

Normal: 0.42 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**

Tuesday 8:02 a.m. 5:45 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 19 percent

Wednesday 8:02 a.m. 5:47 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 28 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Colby native writes new book

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in the 1890s, and a story about him won Larsen-Sanders second place this year at the Beech Kansas Factual Story Essay Contest, her husband John said.

She was born on a Rawlins County farm at the end of that era, the last of James and Pearl Larsen's nine children, and the only one to go to a four-year college.

"It struck me what my forebears went through and what they had to tolerate and struggle with," she said.

Despite the difficulties, she said, her parents made sure all of the kids at least got through high school, and several went to technical colleges.

"If they were poor, they didn't know it because everybody else was poor," she said.

The author said she appreciated the chance for a better education that none of her siblings got.

"I had gotten a good education in Colby High School," she said, "but that was just the beginning."

She earned a bachelor's degree in literature and creative writing in 1961 from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, where she met her husband John.

The two married before she went to Kansas State and then Fort Hays State University to earn a master's degree in learning disabilities.

She said she taught literature and creative writing at Kansas State University, and English from 1966 to 1969 at Pittsburg State University, then started teaching at the junior high school in Colby in 1970. She

shifted to special education in Colby.

Larsen-Sanders said she worked a lot on literature while in college.

"I like to see if I can express on paper what I think and what I see and hear," she said. "I like to share with other people and I like to create the lives of people that I imagine in my head."

"The Mourning Dove's Message" is on sale at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, she said, and will soon be available at the Colby Community College bookstore. The second book in the series, "Women With Backbone," will be available in about two weeks, she said.

She has written one other book, "All Stubborned Up," about a woman whose brother has Alzheimer's disease who fears she will get it.

# Emergency director: ambulances busy

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She told commissioners she is doing well in her new job, but since she does not have an assistant, Finley agreed to be her alternate as volunteer to fill in at emergency management as needed. Commissioner approved the appointment.

- Named seven banks in Colby and Brewster as official depositories for 2013.

- Appointed Clerk Shelly Harms as the county freedom of information officer.

- Appointed Commissioner Mike Baughn as a county of-

ficial to the Local Emergency Planning Commission and as a member to the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission board.

- Appointed Commissioner Byron Sowers to the Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Group.

- Approved 2013 Appointees: Health Director Kasiah Rothchild; emergency management director and local emergency planning commission coordinator, AraSmith; Coroner Dr. Darren Matchell; noxious weed, prairie dog and road supervisor, Clair Schrock; household haz-

ardous waste and landfill supervisor, Larry Jumper; emergency medical services and 911 director, Hickert; emergency medical services medical advisor, Dr. Brewster Kellogg; county health officer, Dr. John Dygert; and radiological officer, Scott Hilbrink.

- Named the *Colby Free Press* as the official county newspaper.
- Approved 2013 Fair Board members: President Austen Moser, Vice President Schrock, Secretary Audrey Hines, Mark Bredemeier, Tom Chain, Darrell Dible, Nancy Rundel, Bill

Shields, Brad Skolout, Stan Strange, Kathi Wright, Karla Haggard, Janet Hopson, Sam Bienhoff, Brett Mariman, Bryce Mariman and Leland Jones.

- Reviewed the county landfill totals for 2012. The average intake was 14.12 tons per day for the first quarter; 17.05 for the second quarter; 16.63 tons the third quarter; and 15.03 the fourth. Low averages were in January and December, 13.6 and 12.66 tons per day respectively. Highs were recorded for May and August, 17.47 and 17.89 tons. The average for the year was 15.65 tons per day.

# Man here pleads guilty to motel theft

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in his press release that he graduated from Colby High School in 1995 and from the college, where he studied radio and television communications, in 1999.

"We met when I was 24, and I'm 42," Goodwin said. "I was a teacher and he was a college kid, and he came over and judged a forensics tourney for me."

He added that Robert has both performed in plays he wrote and written plays that he directed.

"We quickly found out we both liked to

write and we've been writing buddies ever since," Goodwin said.

He said Robert wrote the one-act "Becky Thatcher" play over a period of 12 hours on his back porch while Goodwin grilled burgers for his friend.

"He wrote it and it went on stage within a 30-hour period," Goodwin said.

Robert said in his press release that he has written and performed plays in Hill City, Colby, Hoxie, Cincinnati and Davao City in the Philippines, where he did street theater.

Goodwin said he did not know the full story of the thefts until Robert was arrested.

When the police came to his door, Goodwin said, Robert "was as surprised at least as everybody."

At first, he said, he just knew that his friend had been fired by the motel and did not ask for details until later. He said he understood that Robert had wanted to pay Quality Inn restitution to make up for the thefts.

"He thought he was done," Goodwin said. "He thought that was the end of it."

An employee at the Quality Inn could not find anyone who worked there at the same time as Robert did.

# Fiscal issues dominate Kansas Legislature's agenda in session

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fiscal year beginning in July, a shortfall tied to aggressive income tax cuts approved last year.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, called it a "self-inflicted crisis."

The state's sales tax also is set to drop in July, and GOP leaders expected to consider canceling the decrease and tightening spending to allow for additional income tax reductions.

But last week, a three-judge

panel hearing a school funding lawsuit in Shawnee County District Court ruled that the state's per-pupil aid didn't meet requirements under the state constitution because it has dropped since 2008. If legislators complied with the court order, they'd increase annual spending on schools at least \$440 million. The state is already planning an appeal, and Republican leaders denounced the decision, suggesting they'll defy it.

Republicans hold majorities of 32-8 in the Senate and 92-33 in the House. Those are the same

as the margins before last year's elections, but with Wagle and other conservatives running the Senate after their allies ousted GOP moderates in primaries.

Political redistricting last year also helped raise a crop of new faces. The 125-member House has 49 members who have never served in the Legislature.

Sixteen of the 40 senators are new to the chamber, though a dozen previously served in the House.

The turnover has many conservatives eager to try again to pass proposals that previously

stalled in the Senate. That's true for proposals to change the selection process for appellate court members, in which a commission with an attorney majority screens applications and nominates three finalists for the governor, with no role for legislators. The Senate Judiciary Committee plans hearings on the issue Wednesday and Thursday.

But GOP leaders aren't sure how the new members will feel about keeping the state's sales tax at its current 6.3 percent rate rather than letting it drop to 5.7 percent as planned in July. Leg-

islators and Brownback's predecessor as governor raised the tax in 2010 to help close a previous budget shortfall but promised most of the increase would be temporary.

Brownback pushed unsuccessfully last year to keep the sales tax rate in place to offset aggressive income tax cuts designed to stimulate economic activity. While there's support among Republicans for canceling the sales tax decrease, it's been mostly in the context of linking that change to further income tax reductions.

# Briefly

## Wesleyan Church to hold Bible study

The Colby Wesleyan Church will begin a women's Bible study Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, 320 W. Pine St., and from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Both groups will read "The Girl's Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs, a study of the book of Ruth. For information, or to register, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391, or e-mail wesleyan@st-tel.net.

## Hospital offering childbirth classes

Citizens Medical Center will have the second of four weeks of childbirth classes from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays this week. Women due to deliver before May should attend with their labor support partner, since the next classes won't begin until April. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital's Education Department, 460-4850.

## College auditioning acts for talent show

The Student Government Association at Colby Community College plans a community talent show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Cultural Arts Center on campus as part of Homecoming Week. Auditions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the center. Entry forms are available at the college bookstore, the admissions office and the student affairs office. Prizes will be awarded to the winners; there is no charge to participate. For information or to schedule an audition, call Brittney Squire at 460-5495 or Gunnar Hays at (785) 202-1218.

## Rotary cooking soup at ball games next week

The Colby Rotary Club plans a soup supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, during the Colby-Goodland basketball games at the Community Building. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3 to 7, with children under 3 free. Come support the club and its many civic projects. For information, call Gary Adrian at 460-2931.

## Pets ready for adoption at Colby Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has two dogs available for adoption: a 7-month-old female purebred red heeler and a 4-year-old female blue heeler. 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.

## Fifth graders to give musical at school

The Colby Grade School fifth graders will present a free musical, "Destination America," featuring songs from different American genres and "Give Us a Home," commissioned for the Colby Public Schools, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the grade school auditorium. For information, call music teacher Jennifer Koel at 460-5100, ext. 1104.

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Tuesday Evening January 15, 2013												
A & E	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Happy	Apt. 23	Private Practice		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles	Vegas			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson			
KSNK/NBC	Betty	Betty	Go On	Normal	Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon			
KSAS/FOX	Raising	Ben-Kate	New Girl	Mindy	Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
AMC	Braveheart											
ANIM	Great Barrier Reef				River Monsters				Great Barrier Reef			
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Housewives/Atl.		Matchmaker		Happens		Vanderpump Rules		Real	
CMT	Reba	Reba	American Gladiators				American Gladiators		American Gladiators			
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	Tosh.0	The Burn	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	The Burn		
DISC	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Africa		Africa		Dual Survival		Africa			
DISN	Good Luck	Jessie	ANT Farm	Shake It	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Fashion Police	E! Special	E! Special		Total		Chelsea		E! News			
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball		'13 Australian Open									
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		The Lying Game		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Prince		Prince	
FOX	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped			
FX	The A-Team		Chopped		Justified		Justified		Justified			
HGTV	Love It or List It		Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Scoring	Scoring	Property	Property		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Ultimate Guide				Pawn		Pawn			
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		America's Supernanny		Teen Trouble		Dance Moms			
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		Snooki & JWOWW		Snooki & JWOWW		Snooki & JWOWW		Catfish: The TV Show			
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Face Off	Face Off	Face Off		Total		Face Off		Total			
SPIKE	The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show		The Joe Schmo Show			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Big Bang	Conan	Cougar	Office			
TCM	League-Gentle				Dead Heat				\$ (Dollars)			
TLC	Totally T-Boz		The Sisterhood		Extreme Cougar Wives		The Sisterhood		Extreme Cougar Wives			
TNT	Castle		Castle		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs		Dangerous Grounds		Extreme RVs			
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens			
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	Black Ink Crew		Love & Hip Hop		Mob Wives		Black Ink Crew		Behind the Music			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules			
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	American Reunion				Girls	Kids Are All			Cathouse			
MAX	The Matrix Reloaded				Matrix Revol.				Banshee			
SHOW	Lara Croft-Life				Lies	Californ.	Shameless			The Crying Game		

**Wednesday Evening January 16, 2013**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Neighbors	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Whitney	Guys-Kids	Law & Order: SVU		Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local						
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Shipping	Shipping	Barter Kings		Barter Kings	Duck D.	Duck D.		
AMC	The Karate Kid										
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef		
CMT	Reba	Reba	Extreme Makeover		Big Food		Extreme Makeover		Kitchen Nightmares		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Work.	Work.	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Kroll	Daily	Colbert	Work.	Kroll	
DISC	Amish Mafia	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners				Amish Mafia		Moonshiners		
DISN	Good Luck	Lemonade Mouth			Good Luck		Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Kardashian	Kardashian	The Soup		Love You	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	NBA Basketball										
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				'13 Australian Open				
FAM	Remember		Remember the Titans				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Bobby's Dinner Battl		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		
FX	The A-Team		American- Story		American- Story		American- Story		American- Story		
HGTV	Cousins	Cousins	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	House Hunters Reno	Property Brothers			

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HIST	Ultimate Guide				Ultimate Guide	
LIFE	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Double	Double	Project Runway	Wife Swap
MTV	Snooki & JWOWW	Washington Heights	Washington Heights	Washington Heights	Snooki & JWOWW	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Mine	