

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 22. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 54. West wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 25. West wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 48. Northwest wind around 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 43.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16.
Martin Luther King Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 50.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Wednesday: High, 52; Low 21
Precip: Wednesday None
Month: 0.10 inches
Year: 0.10 inches
Normal: 0.42 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 8:01 a.m. 5:49 p.m.
First quarter moon at 5:45 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Hospital here receives Hansen Foundation grant

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financially help with the campaign," Evans said. "We have received gifts of grain and cash. The tax credits from the Department of Commerce were very important. Keep in mind there is another giving incentive that may be attractive to area donors...."

On Jan. 2, she said, Congress renewed the IRA (individual retirement account) charitable distribution option, allowing donors to give up to \$100,000 from their retirement accounts directly to charitable nonprofits without having to treat the withdrawals as taxable income.

According to the tax provision, "individuals age 70 1/2 or older can distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to certain charitable organizations without including the distribution in gross income. To qualify, the distribution must be made directly by the trustee to a 50-percent organization, but not to a supporting organization or a donor advised

fund, and the entire distribution must otherwise be deductible as a charitable donation, disregarding the percentage limitations, even though the individual cannot claim a charitable deduction for the donation."

Kathy Arensdorf, a certified public accountant at Arensdorf & Co., said anyone who is thinking about donating this way has to be charitably inclined and is someone that does not need this money to live on.

Usually, these distributions are taxable as income, she said, but the provision allows you to take that money, donate it to a charity and exclude it from taxable income.

The provision has only been extended for 2012 and 2013 after it lapsed in 2011, she said.

The provision allows for a distribution in January of this year to be applied to a donor's 2012 tax filing. Anyone interested in this type of giving should visit with their professional tax and/or financial advisor, Arensdorf said.

Militants say 35 hostages died in Algerian raid today

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mation from the militants came from the Nouakchott Information Agency, which has often carried reports from al-Qaida-linked extremist groups in North Africa.

Ireland said an Irish hostage had made contact with his family and was safe and free.

Algeria's national news service, however, said four hostages were freed during the military operation today, citing a local law enforcement source. An Algerian security official had said earlier that 20 foreign hostages had escaped before the raid.

There was no way to verify the information independently and the Algerian government did not immediately comment on the hostages or the military operation.

The Norwegian energy company Statoil said 12 of its employees had been captured by the militants - nine Norwegians and three locals - while Japanese media reported at least three Japanese among the hostages and Malaysia confirmed two. Japanese and British authori-

ties, as well as BP - which jointly operates the complex with other energy companies - said they had been told by the Algerians there was an ongoing operation today to free the hostages.

Algerian state radio reported earlier today that 30 local workers managed to escape from the plant, but hundreds of Algerian workers had already been released today.

The kidnapping is one of the largest ever attempted by a militant group in North Africa, and the militants phoned a Mauritanian news outlet to demand that France end its intervention in neighboring Mali to ensure the safety of the hostages.

After the initial militant attack, Algerian troops surrounded the isolated gas plant, located 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) south of the capital of Algiers.

Algerian Interior Minister Daho Ould dismissed theories that the militants had come from Libya, 60 miles (100 kilometers) away, or from Mali, more than 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) away. He said the roughly 20 gunmen were from Algeria itself, operating under orders

from Moktar Belmoktar, al-Qaida's strongman in the Sahara.

Yves Bonnet, the former head of France's spy service, also dismissed the idea that the operation was specifically linked to the French action in Mali due to the amount of organization it involved.

"It was an operation conceived well in advance - spectacular and needing a lot of preparation ... It was not at all an improvised operation," he told the Europe 1 radio.

It is certainly the largest haul of hostages since 2003, when the radical group that later evolved into al-Qaida in North Africa snatched 32 Western tourists in Algeria. This is also the first time Americans have been involved.

BP, the Norwegian company Statoil and the Algerian state oil company Sonatrach, operate the gas field. A Japanese company, JGC Corp, provides services for the facility as well.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague told BBC radio he had dispatched a team to Algeria to help at the British embassy there.

City OKs fee increase for trash pick up

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cial trash income from about \$202,410 last year to \$454,848. While the residential trash pickup has been holding its own, he said, the commercial trash pickup has been losing money, costing the city about \$409,390 last year.

Zerr said the residential side of the city's

trash pickup has been subsidizing the commercial side for several years.

The council discussed possible measures to save money on trash pickup, such as using a one-man truck to gather trash, or certain recycling programs.

McGreer said it was not the best time to discuss buying a one-man truck when cash flow is so bad.

"There are some recycling programs that we would like to roll out eventually and discuss," he said, "but we need to plug the holes."

McGreer said the city has about 300 commercial customers, and Zerr said those businesses will soon receive flyers to advise them of the new fees.



Saturday Evening January 19, 2013

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Briefly

Alaskan archaeology topic of presentation

Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens will give a presentation on Alaskan archaeology for the High Plains Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby. Updates on upcoming association events will be announced and a short business meeting will follow. The program is free and open to the public. For information, contact Ann Miner at 462-6399.

Legion Auxiliary making bierocks for Sunday

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary is taking orders through Friday for hamburger, cheese and jalapeno bierocks. They will be made Sunday at the post and can be picked up then. Cost is \$28 a dozen. Proceeds go to help veterans and their families. For information or to place an order, call Terina Schmidt at 443-3766.

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. Monday and Tuesday 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 Tuesday

The Colby Rotary Club plans a soup supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday 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.

Extension offers free class on fungicide use

Thomas County Extension plans a free fungicide school at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the 4-H Building in Colby. K-State disease pathologists Doug Jardine and Erick DeWolf will discuss fungicide use on corn and wheat: When to spray, what to spray and will it pay? A minimum of 10 people must register by Monday. For information or to register, call Jody McCain at the Extension office, 460-4582.

Pets ready for adoption at 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.

Community Foundation to serve pulled pork

The Thomas County Community Foundation will be having a pulled-pork meal starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Colby Community Building in conjunction with the Colby High-Ulysses basketball games. Donations will go to the foundation. For information, contact Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Fifth graders to give musical at school

The Colby Grade School fifth graders will present a free musical, "Destiny 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.

Red Cross plans blood drive here this month

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the National Guard Armory, 470 S. Range Ave. Call (800) RED CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome. All blood types are needed. Bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification. Anyone who is 17, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in generally good health may be eligible to donate.

Kiwanis to serve spaghetti at supper

All-you-can-eat spaghetti, along with garlic toast, green beans and ice cream, will be on the menu for the Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in the Little Theater of the Colby Community Building during Colby High basketball games against Holcomb. Donations will go for community projects such as toys for children at Christmas and Fourth of July fireworks. For information, call Kassie Carney at 462-6692

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Sunday Evening January 20, 2013

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