

Weather



National Weather Service Winter Weather Advisory

Tonight: Snow with areas of blowing snow before 1 a.m., then snow likely with areas of blowing snow between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., then a chance of snow after 4 a.m. Steady temperature around 32. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. North wind around 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Breezy, with a north wind 10 to 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 59.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Monday: High, 84; Low 44
 Tuesday: High, 72; Low 36
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday 0.02 inches
 April: 0.37 inches
 May: 0.02 inches
 Year: 1.91 inches
 Normal: 3.98 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:44 a.m. 8:39 p.m.
 Last quarter moon at 6:16 a.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)



EVAN BARNUM / Colby Free Press

A fire destroyed a garage and contents belonging to Steve and Jari Skiles early Saturday morning. The exact cause was still unknown.

Trustees wrestle budget

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He added that the Higher Learning Commission has put Colby on financial probation, and he needs to write a report on the college's finances to remedy the situation.

"But that almost makes us commit today, so that you can finish your report," Trustee Kenton Krehbiel said.

John Gatz, the attorney for the college, suggested setting up a

special board meeting to discuss the budget, and Vacik said he would try to schedule a meeting for noon next Wednesday.

In other business, the board:

- Approved hiring Antowin Edwards as the head women's basketball coach, replacing Brady Jasper. Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy said that Edwards took over the Women's Basketball team at Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colo., four years ago. The team

had a record of 0-57 for two years when he took over, but last year had the most wins in a single season in 10 years.

• Voted not to renew the contract of Ray Nolan, a physical education instructor and retention specialist.

The trustees entered executive session for another half hour at the end of the meeting, but adjourned without taking action after they came out.

Wheat crop better to east

WICHITA (AP) — Participants in the Kansas winter wheat tour are finding less freeze damage than had been expected during the first leg of this year's event.

Some 20 cars left Manhattan on Tuesday morning before fanning out along six routes that will take them across the heart of wheat country before ending Thursday at the Kansas City Board of Trade where the group will announce their forecast for the 2013 winter wheat crop in Kansas.

Aaron Harries, director of marketing at Kansas Wheat, took a route from Manhattan to Colby along U.S. 36 across the northern counties where the wheat looked "very nice" in the central part of the state. But Smith County was a dividing line, with little moisture further west as the group worked its way to Colby, where they planned to regroup Tuesday night and compare notes.

"The condition of the crop is going downhill," Harries said in a phone call from Oberlin. "It is

very dry out here and the stands are pretty thin."

The wheat is so far behind in development in Kansas that the freeze burned just the tips of the leaves since the heads had not emerged yet above ground.

Last year, the crop was three weeks ahead of schedule during the tour and participants then were counting wheat heads to estimate the size of the crop. This year the wheat is running five to six weeks behind when compared to last year so it is "pretty dramatically different," Harries said.

"This crop is going to be late to harvest unless we have a lot of hot weather," he said.

A bit further south, his colleague Dalton Henry, the director of governmental affairs for Kansas Wheat, took the route from Manhattan to Salina and along U.S. 40 before ending up in Colby. He reported Tuesday that he saw a lot of pretty good wheat the first part of the trip. He could take his soil moisture probe and insert it 20-30 inches into the ground to check out

subsoil moisture. But once his group crossed U.S. 281 east of Hays things changed so much that the ground was so dry that it was tough to get the probe into the ground at all.

"That crop is living hand to mouth from one rain to another," Henry said.

Forecast yields varied from the low 20s bushels per acre to as high as 72 bushels an acre, he said.

"It really varied from one field to another, it varied from fields on opposite sides of the road from one another depending on when that crop was planted and what growth stage the crop was in," Henry said.

Extension wheat specialist Jim Shroyer said the crop is "kind of on the razor's edge" where if it gets some rain, people could still be pleased with the results come harvest.

"I wouldn't count everything out just yet," Shroyer said.

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Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Clinic collecting pet food for animal shelter

Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby, is accepting pet food donations to help the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in Goodland mark National Pet Week, May 7 to May 10. Help them feed a friend. For information, call Doris Helin at 460-1078.

Master Gardeners reschedule their classes

Because of the snow earlier this month, the Thomas County Master Gardeners have rescheduled several sessions on gardening. At 6 p.m. Thursday at the meeting room of the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 South Range, Jim Strine, northwest area extension forester, will demonstrate tree pruning and planting and talk about tree care. A reception following his presentation will honor Strine, who will retire in July, for his years of service to northwest Kansas. Everyone is invited to come help wish him well.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Extension Office in the Office Complex (enter from the south door), John Beckman, Scott County Extension agent, will be giving tips and tricks for growing great tomatoes, then Julie Niehage, Golden Prairie District Extension agent, will talk about the Top 40 Annuals for Kansas. For information, call the Extension Office at 460-4582.

Reception to honor six retirees at college

The public is invited to a retirement reception honoring Colby Community College employees Connie Davis, Sandy Hill, Tom Moorhous, Bob Selby, Joyce Washburn and Diane Williams, along with other departing employees, at 3 p.m. Thursday in Room 108 of the Student Union. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Dogs may be up for adoption at animal clinic

The Colby Animal Clinic has a dog, a friendly male chihuahua under 2 years old, available for adoption. Call 460-8621 or stop by 810 E. Fourth St.

Colby Grade School plans concert Thursday

Fourth and fifth graders will give a free recorder and band concert at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. Everyone is invited. For information, call band teacher Jennifer Otten at the grade school, 460-5100.

Ministers plan prayer in front of courthouse

The Thomas County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual "See You at the Flag Pole" event at noon Thursday in front of the Thomas County courthouse to pray for our nation's government officials, troops, local authorities and God's continued hand of protection for our national safety. The event is Colby's observance of the National Day of Prayer. For information, call Pastor W.G. Romine III at 462-6294.

Church women plan May Friendship Day

May Friendship Day, continuing the long history of Church Women United in inviting women of diverse races and traditions to draw together into a Christian fellowship, will be Friday at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a gathering at 10 a.m., followed by a worship service at 10:30. For information, call Joyce Gatlin at 460-3656.

Dance planned for Saturday at Legion Hall

There will be a public dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion. Swing 'N' Country will provide music. For information, call Lue Duffey at 269-7057.

Spring concert will be Tuesday at college

Colby Community College' free spring music concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center, featuring the concert and stage bands, concert choir and Sunflower Singers. For information, contact vocal instructor Randy Berls at 460-5520 or instrumental music director Tony Schroer at 460-5519.

City plans spring cleanup for next week

Colby's 2013 Spring Cleanup will be Monday to Friday next week, May 6 to 10, offering homeowners a chance to spruce up their yards and have the city remove items that are boxed and bagged, weigh less than 50 pounds and placed at the curb. Call the city manager's office at 460-4410 to schedule a pickup by noon on Friday, May 10. This is for residential customers only.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Thursday Evening May 2, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wife Swap		Grey's Anatomy	Scandal			Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	Elementary			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Community	The Office		Parks	Hannibal		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Glee		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The Killer Speaks				The Killer Speaks	The First 48	
AMC	Sixteen Candles	Freakshow	Freakshow	Freakshow	Liar Liar					
ANIM	Wild Russia	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	Swamp Wars	North Woods Law	Swamp Wars				
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Married to Medicine	Tabatha Takes Over	Happens	Tabatha Takes Over	Tardy				
CMT	Ghost			Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live				
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Amy Sch.	Tosh.0			
DISC	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Buying Al	Buying Al	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Buying Al	Buying Al	
DISN	Enchanted			Gravity	Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	The Soup	What-Ryan	Kardashians	Blinging Up Baby		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Softball			Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	E:60	Boxing		Boxing				Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Walk	The Last Song				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped		Giving You the Busin		Chopped		Chopped		
FX	X-Men Origins: Wolverine		Anger	Two Men	Two Men	BrandX With		BrandX With		
HGTV	Income Property	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Live Here	Live Here	Rehab	Rehab	
HIST	Swamp People	Swamp People		Chasing	Chasing	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Swamp People		
LIFE	Project Runway			Dance Moms				Project Runway		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	The Show	Zach	The Show	Zach	Ridic.	Ridic.	
NICK	Big Time	Wendell	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Saw V		Saw VI			Saw IV				
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling			The Stranger				Jail	Jail	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan			Men-Work	Conan	
TCM	Duel in the Sun			Ruby Gentry				Light. Strikes		
TLC	Tattoos	Tattoos	Tattoos	Tattoos	NY Ink			Tattoos	Tattoos	NY Ink
TNT	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
TOON	Incredibl	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Face	Childrens
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum				
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		The Moment		Psych		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop		Master of the Mix		Pulp Fiction	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos	Rules	Rules		
Premium Channels										
HBO	New Year's Eve		Game of Thrones	Veep	Katie	Katie	VICE	Green Lnt		
MAX	I, Robot			The Watch						
SHOW	The Game		Mayweather	Access	Gigolos	The Borgias	Gigolos			

Friday Evening May 3, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Happy	Happy	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Vegas		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Fashion Star		Dateline NBC		Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Touch		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Galaxy Quest						Blazing Saddles			Young Frk
ANIM	Swamp'd!	Swamp'd!	Tanked		Clipped!		Tanked		Clipped!	Tanked
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Queen-Versa.				Queen-Versa.			
CMT	Dog and Beth		Guntucky	Guntucky	Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Days of Thunder	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper		Anthony Bourd.		Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.	Work.	Tosh.0	The Comedy	Central Roast		Half Hour	Half Hour
DISC	Sons of Guns: Locked		Sons of Guns		Wild West Alaska		Sons of Guns		Wild West Alaska	
DISN	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Dog	Good Luck	Jessie	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It
E!	Blinging Up Baby		Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
FAM	Big	The Goonies					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Iron Man				Unstoppable				Unstoppable	
HGTV	You Live in What?		Flea Mark	Flea Mark	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Flea Mark

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MTV	Buckwild	Buckwild	Buckwild	The Show	Happy Gilmore
NICK	Turtles	Monsters	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny
SCI	WWF SmackDown!		Merlin		Defiance
SPIKE	Remember the Titans			Coach Carter	
TBS	Family Guy	Old School		Are We Th	Are We Th
TCM	Alice in Wonderland		No Greater Glory		The Bride Wore Red
TLC	Four Weddings: Unvei	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gown	Say Yes
TNT	War of the Worlds			War of the Worlds	
TOON	Cartoon Planet	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	The Dead Files		The Dead Files
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		The Moment
VH1	Pulp Fiction			Best Week	Jenny
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine
Premium Channels					
HBO	Wrath of the Titans		Real Time/Bill Maher	VICE	Real Time/Bill Maher
MAX	Life	Mr. & Mrs. Smith		Jump Off	Hidden Treasures
SHOW	30 Days in May	Access	Access	Access	Access