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## The forecast

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with a low around 56. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Friday** — Sunny with a high near 87. South wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Friday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 58. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 87. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday night** — Clear with a low around 62. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 94. **Sunday night** — Clear with a low around 65. **Monday** — Sunny and hot with a high near 97.

## Temperatures

Wednesday's high, 82  
Low this morning, 59  
Records for this date, 105 in 1933, 41 in 1985

Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00

June's precipitation, 1.61

## Water Use Report

**June 27**  
• 2,039,000 gallons per day  
3.5 million = Water Watch.  
4 million = Water Warning  
4.5 million = Water Emergency

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Temperatures available by calling 460-8367.

## Briefly

## Senior trip deadline Friday

Colby Community College and the Thomas County Council on Aging are sponsoring a one-day trip for Thomas County senior citizens, Sunday, July 15. Colby College instructor Larry Koon will accompany the group to Golden, Colo., where they will attend a performance of "Too Old To Be Loud" at the Music Hall located at Heritage Square. "Too Old To Be Loud" is another episode in the extremely popular "Loud" series. The show includes rock and roll, oldies, fun and fantastic sing-along, toe-tapping good times, Koon said. There is a fee which includes meal, transportation, snacks and tickets to the dinner theatre. Availability is limited to 35. For costs or to sign up for this one-day trip, call Deb Koon at 462-6617 by Friday.

## Street project delayed until July 9

The City of Colby's street sealing project scheduled to begin this week on Thielen Avenue, Terrace Drive, Walker Avenue, Harvey Court, Harvey Avenue and Austin Avenue from Fifth to Sixth Streets has been delayed. Chris Bieker, public utilities director, said the contractor, Sporor Land Development, Inc. in Oakley, could not start until Monday.

day, July 9. When the process begins, it will involve putting a layer of oil on the streets and then covering the oil with sand and gravel. The city will ask that no vehicles be parked on those streets July 9-10 or it could delay the project. For questions, call 460-4410.

## Brewster School Board meets Friday

The Brewster School Board will meet at 7 a.m. Friday. Items on the agenda include approval of the consent agenda; revised 2007-2008 class schedule; otu of district transportation request; roof bids; and executive sessions on personnel and student concerns. The meeting is open to the public.

## Colby School Board to meet Friday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 a.m. Friday at the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include approval of the agenda; approval of year-end transfers; 2007-2008 handbooks; out-of-district attendance and transportation requests; appointment of board attorney; and if necessary, personnel. The meeting is open to the public.

## Gaither video Sunday

The Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, will sponsor another Gaither video at 6 p.m., Sunday. The event is open and free to the public with refreshments served.

## County offices close for holiday

Thomas County's courthouse, landfill, health department and the complex at 350 S. Range Ave. will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m., July 5th, said Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harms. For questions, call appropriate offices or (785) 460-4500.

## Fireworks display Wednesday

The annual Kiwanis Club fireworks display will start at approximately 10:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. The display will be visible from a large area. No private fireworks are allowed. In case of inclement weather, the display will be held Thursday, July 5. The club is also still accepting donations to help pay for the fireworks show. If anyone wants to contribute, they may send donations to the Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 501, Colby, Kan., 67701.

## New cattle health test available from K-State lab

MANHATTAN — The Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, a part of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, will be the first laboratory in the nation to use a newly developed, highly sensitive test to accurately detect bovine viral diarrhoea virus, also called BVDV.

For cattle producers, the virus causes economic losses through decreased weight gains, decreased milk production, reproductive losses and death. It is estimated that

80 percent of cattle in the U.S. have been exposed to the virus, and that 70 percent to 90 percent of infections go undetected, without visible symptoms.

The K-State lab recently completed training in the administration of the new test.

"We're very pleased to provide the BVDV test to veterinarians and producers of Kansas and surrounding states," said Dr. Gary Anderson, lab director. "Prior technology was viewed as too difficult, unreliable or

too costly to run in a high throughput environment. This program truly complements the wide range of diagnostic services we provide for all species."

The testing protocol was developed and evaluated in Europe by AnDiaTec, a German company, whose owner, Dr. Johannes Kehle, believes K-State offers several strategic advantages in serving the needs of American cattle producers.

"I have toured K-State's new lab facilities that are designed to handle

the high volume of testing the lab handles, and I'm very impressed," he said. "They will have no problem in receiving, processing and turning out the highest quality results in the United States."

The testing procedure identifies and differentiates the two types of BVDV infections in cattle: persistent and transient. Results indicate the test can detect all 68 reference strains of BVDV, including atypical European and American strains like the HOBI and H138 strains.

"The polymerase-chain reaction test utilizes a proprietary process — a lysis buffer — that eliminates the need for the costly, labor-intensive and time-consuming step of extracting RNA from the sample," said Dr. Dick Oberst, director of molecular diagnostics for the K-State lab. "When this lysis buffer is coupled with the new reagents, we have the confidence to detect a single positive ear notch in a pool of samples within a few short hours."

A full-service laboratory, the K-State Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory offers a complete range of animal health diagnostic and consultative services in an accurate and timely manner to the veterinary and animal health community in Kansas and the nation. The lab, accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, is a teaching and research component of the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, the College of Veterinary Medicine and K-State. More information on the lab and services it provides is available by calling 866-512-5650 or on the Web at: <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/dmp/service/index.htm>

## Business owners get new information resource

Small business owners have a new resource for information regarding their operations, including their insurance needs, said Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner.

She said she was recently tapped by the Internet channel Small Business Television (SBTV at <http://sbtv.com>) for insight regarding a number of insurance topics that are crucial to the small business owner.

Praeger said the following insurance topics with anchor Alex Fees included your key person; your commercial vehicles; business property and liability coverage tips; bogus insurance; group health insurance; insurance for home-based business; claim filing process; and on the job worker's compensation.

The segments can be found via the Kansas Insurance Department Web site, [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org), by

clicking on the sbtv.com logo under the heading "Featured Items."

"I was delighted to be invited for these segments geared to the hard working small business owner. At the Kansas Insurance Department we are making every effort to assist small business in any way we can. Small businesses are the backbone of the Kansas economy and we need to help them remain competitive," Praeger said.

Consumers who want to check on an insurance company before purchasing a policy or who have other questions about insurance should call the the insurance department at (800) 432-2484.

*Editor's note: Praeger is president-elect of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. The association is a voluntary organization of the chief insurance regulatory officials of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories.*

## Police chief joins committee to find jail needs

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the current jail because it would cost less than building a new facility.

Colby Police Chief Randy

Jones received a letter from Baughn this week, stating if he would join the committee. Jones will join the group.

He said the department uses the jail, and averages 50 percent of

the inmates there.

"It seems pretty full all the time," he said.

If it was up to him, he would recommend a regional jail for Thomas County because the jail houses inmates from other counties.

"We need to look forward," he said. "We should have that in Thomas County."

Jones said Colby is a central lo-

cation for the region, based on the county's relationship with other counties that use the jail.

Thomas County's proximity to Interstate 70, coupled with the law enforcement issues the interstate causes, and helping other communities house their prisoners keeps law enforcement here busy.

"We have to have a place to put them," he said.

## Liens planned for disasters

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He will then have another 10 more days to have City Superintendent Fred Washburn have property owners start the clean up process.

Eland will work with Reitcheck and Washburn to determine each home or business owner's compliance. Should an owner not comply

and the city is required to spend more than the money set back to clean up a property, the city can put a second lien against the property for excess expense incurred. If no action is necessary toward a property owner, the city must return the insurance money, along with interest, within 30 days of the receipt of the money by the city.

## Criminal case is 'flawed'

TOPEKA (AP) — A criminal case against a high-profile abortion provider was seriously flawed, and the state's former attorney general acted unethically while trying to prosecute him, a top aide to the current attorney general said.

Abortion opponents saw the statements from Ashley Anstaett, spokeswoman for Attorney General Paul Morrison, as a sign that Morrison won't prosecute Dr. George Tiller, of Wichita. Morrison planned to announce the results of a six-month investigation Thursday or Friday.

Anstaett disclosed Wednesday that Morrison is not pursuing 15 of the 30 charges filed against Tiller, one of the few U.S. doctors performing late-term abortions. She wouldn't discuss the other 15 charges.

All the charges were filed by Morrison's predecessor, Phill Kline.

For four charges, Kline cited the wrong records, Anstaett said. For another 11, Kline obtained but omitted evidence favoring Tiller under circumstances she described as "unethical."

## NOW SHOWING

June 22nd - June 28th

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