

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Sunday Night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83.

Monday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Thursday: High, 93; Low 57
Precip: Thursday Trace
Month: 1.24 inches
Year: 4.63 inches
Normal: 9.84 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 40 percent
Sunday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
First quarter moon at 12:24 p.m.
Monday 6:17 a.m. 9:14 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 60 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 2,696,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Cellar to tower, courthouse shows age

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walls. He said the existing exterior walls probably have Portland cement.

Strait said a wood beam that appeared twisted is “probably structural,” but had no estimates of what it would take to fix it. The roof catches a lot of wind, he said, adding to the pressure on the beams.

Some walls were patched during extensive restoration during the 1970s, he said. The masonry walls on top of the courtroom walls, which extend into the attic, are loose.

Judge Glenn Schiffrer said stacks of buckets have been used to catch rainwater when the roof leaks during storms. He said his staff used to cover the court computers with umbrellas during storms.

A wood plate whose anchors extend through the masonry wall is supposed to be flat against the masonry, said Strait, but has now dropped down about 3 1/2 inches. Strait said he noticed even more of a gap on Wednesday’s tour than in 2007, when a structural engineer toured the property with

him.

“The longer you look at it, the more you find,” he added.

Strait said he thinks the floors are shifting, shown by diagonal cracks along some walls and a sloping floor in the county clerk’s office. Once the foundation starts to shift, he said, the building will continue to deteriorate at an accelerated rate.

Strait was not sure what the foundation was made of, but guessed it is limestone rubble with concrete footings. He said he was told foundation problems could be caused by the lubricating properties of wind-deposited loess, the type of soil found in Thomas County. This soil is comprised of similarly sized particles surrounded by clay and can be slippery when it gets wet, he said, allowing the foundation to shift. Modern construction methods use engineered backfill to reduce the likelihood of soil-caused foundation problems.

“When I built the housing authority,” said Steele, “the feds required soil samples.”

He said he was told at that time that the

soil all over Thomas County is basically the same type.

At this time, said Steele, there are no contracts for a structural report on the courthouse or a cost estimate to fix its problems.

“The issue has not been brought to the board to vote on a contract,” he said.

When questioned about what the commissioners are waiting for, Steele said he wanted a recommendation from the “steering committee” about who to hire for such a report and estimate. There is no official steering committee, he added, just a group of people who are interested in the topic.

Then, he asked Strait to bring a proposal for a contract with an engineering firm to figure out how much it would cost to fix the courthouse. Strait suggested using Terracon, an engineering firm he has worked with in the past.

“I hope we don’t have to break the bank (to get a report and cost estimate),” Steele said.

Briefly

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

Box fans available at Health Department

The Salvation Army has box fans available at the Thomas County Health Department. Call 460-4596 with questions.

Wheat tour Tuesday

Farmers, agribusiness people and anyone who’s interested are invited to the Thomas County wheat-plot tour at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Solomon Creek Farm, five miles south of the Le-vant interchange on Interstate 70. Meet at the shop on the east side of the road. Speakers will be Kansas State University Extension specialists. Guests may bring samples to be examined. For information, call Jody McCain at 460-4582.

Legion Riders hold Drag Main Night

The Colby American Legion Riders will hold a Drag Main Night next Friday. Come and go from 6 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. All cars, pickups, horses and bikes are welcome. Burgers, hotdogs and fries will be served, and LJ the deejay will be spinning the vinyl. For information call Doug Ketchum at 460-2470.

Vacation Bible School at Wesleyan church

The Colby Wesleyan Church will offer a Vacation Bible School from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily from Monday to next Friday for children age 4 through fifth grade. For information, call Mysti Rothfuss at 462-8391.

Rolling Hills animals coming to Colby library

Animal visitors from the Rolling Hills Zoo near Brookville will be in the basement of the Pioneer Memorial Library at 1:30 p.m. Monday. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

County to offer classes on life saving

Thomas County Emergency Medical Services will offer heartsaver first aid and CPR with automated external defibrillator training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Sign up at www.heart.org or by calling Candy Bryant at 460-4585.

Relay for Life to be Friday, June 21

Thomas County Relay for Life will be held from 7 p.m. next Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at Dennen Field in Colby to raise money for the American Cancer Society. There is still time for teams to register, and individuals can register for the survivor lap and caregivers lap. The organization is selling luminaries to honor loved ones. For information, contact Christy Gugelman at (308) 362-7122.

Agora draws shoppers



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
Beth Fenton, who used some creative headgear, sold “city-specific buttons” at the market.

K-25 to be resurfaced

A project to resurface K-25 north of Atwood to the Nebraska line in Rawlins County is set to begin Wednesday.

Workers will mill off 1 1/2 inches of old payment and overlay new asphalt on about 13 miles of the road, said Kristen Brands, district public affairs manager for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane and flaggers and a pilot car will lead divers past the work during daylight hours. Delays should not exceed 15 minutes.

Brands asked the everyone leave extra time for trips through the work zone and pay attention to signs and to workers on the roadway. Weather permitting, the project should be complete by mid-July, she said.

For questions, contact Area 2 Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or erico@ksdot.org in Atwood, Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org.

Leaker not welcome

By Gregory Katz
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) – The British government has warned airlines around the world not to allow Edward Snowden, who leaked information on top-secret U.S. government surveillance programs, to fly to the United Kingdom.

A travel alert, dated Monday on a Home Office letterhead, said carriers should deny Snowden boarding because “the individual is highly likely to be refused entry to the U.K.”

The Associated Press saw a photograph of the document taken Friday at a Thai airport. A British diplomat confirmed that the document was genuine and was sent out to airlines around the world. Airlines in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore also confirmed the alert had been issued.

In London, Home Office officials refused Friday to discuss the travel alert.

The diplomat said such alerts are issued to carriers that fly into the U.K., and if any airline brings Snowden into the country, it will be liable to be fined 2,000 British pounds (\$3,100). He said Snowden would likely have been deemed by the Home Office to be detrimental to the “public good.”

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to discuss the matter publicly. The U.K. Border Agency, which operates under the Home Office, has wide leeway to deny entry to people trying to enter the United Kingdom. It has been used to keep radical preachers and extreme right-wing politicians out of Britain.

Snowden, 29, revealed him-


self Sunday as the source of top-secret documents about U.S. National Security Agency surveillance programs that were reported earlier by the Guardian and Washington Post newspapers. He is believed to be in Hong Kong. Snowden, an American citizen, has yet to be publicly charged with any crime and no known warrants have been issued for his arrest.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters in Dublin on Friday that the case was still being investigated, but said he is “confident that the person who is responsible will be held accountable.”

Experts believe Snowden’s travel options are narrow because of the intense publicity generated by the case and the wide circulation of his photo, which is also contained on the carrier alert.

“He’s cornered,” said Magnus Ranstorp, a research director at the Swedish National Defense College. “Even without the U.K. alert, his name is now part of the intelligence matrix and his name would be flagged if he tried to travel anywhere in the world. He can’t get into mainland China, they have a very sophisticated database and sneaking in is not easy, and if he tries to fly he won’t even get out of Hong Kong airport.”

He said Snowden might try to use a false passport for travel, and also try to alter his facial appearance by shaving his head and his beard and wearing contact lenses, but would likely be caught. The best option, Ranstorp said, may be for Snowden to follow WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange’s example and seek refuge in the consulate of a sympathetic country with a diplomatic presence in Hong Kong.



RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Father's Day <i>June 16, 2013</i>						1
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Monday Evening										June 17, 2013			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Mistresses		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Mike	2 Broke G	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				The Winner Is...		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon				
KSAS/FOX	Raising	Goodwin	New Girl	Anger	Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Criminal Minds		The Glades		Longmire		Longmire		Criminal Minds				
AMC	King Kong								The Killing				
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Off Hook	Off Hook	Top Hooker		Wildman	Wildman	Off Hook	Off Hook			
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC	Newlyweds				Happens	Housewives/OC	Newlyweds				
CMT	Dog and Beth		Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Guntucky			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live			Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live				
COMEDY	Key	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Amy Sch.			
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws				
DISN	Shake It	Austin	Hannah Montana				Dog	Austin	Good Luck	Good Luck			
EI	EI News	Sex-City	EI Special		Burning L	After Lat	Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea				
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter				
ESPN2	College Baseball						SportsNation		Baseball Tonight				
FAM	Switched at Birth		The Fosters		Twisted		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners			
FX	X-Men Origins						X-Men Origins						
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl			Love It or List It				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	Something's						Pretty Wicked Moms		Something's				
MTV	MTV Special		MTV Special		Teen Wolf		MTV Special		MTV Special				
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
SCI	Defiance				Warehouse 13		Defiance		Warehouse 13				
SPIKE	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Deon	Fam. Guy	Conan		Deon	Conan			
TCM	Scaramouche				Interrupted Melody				Home From the Hill				
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Honey Do	Honey Do	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Honey Do	Honey Do			
TNT	Major Crimes		Major Crimes		King & Maxwell		Major Crimes		King & Maxwell				
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	China, IL			
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Burger	Sandwich	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Burger	Sandwich			
TV LAND	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						Graceland		Royal Pains				
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop				
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules			
Premium Channels													
HBO	Magic Mike		Love, Marilyn				True Blood		Boxing				
MAX	Ray				Red Eye			Banshee		Hangover			
SHOW	Lebowski	Gone			Nurse	The Borgias		360					

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