

Weather



**National Weather Service Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

**Friday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Monday: High, 83; Low 63  
 Tuesday: High, 80; Low 57  
 Precip: Monday None  
 Tuesday Trace  
 Month: 1.27 inches  
 Year: 7.29 inches  
 Normal: 13.61 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Friday 6:31 a.m. 9:08 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 77 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
 Monday 2,790,000 gal.  
 Tuesday 2,493,000 gal.  
 (Colby Public Works)

# Mud racing tops Saturday night

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used to time each truck as it raced through the mud.

"It was good to have one in our home town," Armbruster said.

The contest lasted several hours, with four different classes, divided by tire size.

Layla Schlageck of Colby took first place in Class A, the biggest class, which consisted of cars with sizes 34 and under. She won \$850. Carl Anderson, Kit Carson, Colo., took second and Austin Plumisto, Gem, third.

The winners of the other classes each took home \$500. Sid Berquist of Cheyenne Wells took first in Class B, tire sizes 35 to 38, Josh Eisenbart of Colby took second and Armbruster third.

Armbruster won in Class C, sizes 39 and up, John Morgan, Colby, second and Jacob Dipert, Goodland, third.

Randy Monks, Hugo, Colo., won the open class, Dipert came in second and Cole Thompson, Hugo, third.

There was an intermission during which a backhoe scooped up the loose mud that had been thrown around and poured it back into the ditches, and they were filled with more water.

Fire fighters were standing by at the end of the ditches to hose down the windshields of the contestants'



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A tractor was put to work during intermission at the Mud Bog, refilling ditches with mud and water and raking them out for the next group of racers.

vehicles, but many could be seen scraping mud off afterwards from the truck beds, wheels and wheel wells.

One of them was Shawn Adams, of Trenton, Neb., who was knocking mud off his car with a broom and inspecting the car with his dad, Bob, and friend Jason Peterson.

"It didn't run quite as good as I thought," he said.

He bought the yellow race car, which now has huge smoke stacks

sticking out of it, from a neighbor, then added a four-wheel drive chassis.

"My dad said, we're going to take one of these cars and make a mud racer out of it," he said.

The vehicle is now only used for mud racing.

"We make a few events every now and then," he said.

# Jail project, jail study both to wait

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ment study for the jail portion of the proposed \$11.4 million complex.

At a previous meeting, Commissioner Mike Baughn raised questions about whether the jail proposed by architect Glen Strait would be sufficient to meet the needs of the county going forward. Since that meeting, Baughn has discussed a needs assessment or feasibility study with other architectural firms who can provide such an assessment.

Some architectural firms provide demographic studies and operational cost estimates as part of their planning services, but Strait's firm does not. He said he can help the county obtain these services, but it would be at an additional cost to the county. At the commissioners' meeting, he suggested individuals and firms he has worked with in the past for growth

estimates for schools.

Prochaska and Associates, an architectural firm based in Omaha, provides demographic studies that can help the county determine how large the new jail should be to accommodate likely future growth in the area.

The company can also provide cost estimates to help the commissioners and voters compare the options of continuing to operate the current jail, closing the current jail or building a new one, and they can provide architectural services to help the county design a new facility.

According to Prochaska, which has previous experience designing jails, this type of analysis should be a first step in planning a jail facility.

Baughn will continue to work with the Prochaska firm to negotiate terms and scope of a needs assessment, as well as discussing an assessment with the firms suggested by Strait.

"We need to know for sure if we're big enough on what we already have designed," said Steele.

Under the current plans, the new jail, if constructed, would contain 18 jail cells. Prisoners could be double-bunked in these cells for a maximum capacity of 36 inmates. The county averages just over 20 inmates per day in its custody, but occasionally houses inmates from other counties.

Baughn would also like to better explore the possibility of establishing a regional jail so each county does not have to duplicate expenses by running its own jail.

Strait previously said his "jail design is pretty much cut and dried," but said he has not performed any studies of growth rates, historic population data or other indicators of future jail needs.

# Emergency haying, grazing approved

Thomas County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage beginning Tuesday. There will be a 25 percent payment reduction on land that is hayed or grazed.

"Due to multiple years of drought and concerns for long-term negative impacts to the sustainability of CRP grass," Ross Sloan, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency, said, "all 2013 emergency activity shall be limited to specific acreage that was not utilized for emergency

or managed CRP haying or grazing in 2011 and 2012."

Land planted for the CP25 "Rare and Declining Habitat" program has not been released, though the state has requested a release from the deputy administrator of farm programs.

Before beginning emergency haying or grazing:

- All participants of the contract must sign a "Terms and Conditions" form at the local office, 915 E. Walnut in Colby.
- Get a modified conservation plan

from the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office, at the same address.

- Get a forage management plan from the Natural Resources Conservation office.

Emergency haying is restricted to 50 percent of each field and must be completed by Thursday, Aug. 15, with bales removed by Sept. 15.

Emergency grazing is to end Monday, Sept. 30, or when the minimum average height of the grass reaches five inches, whichever is earlier.

# 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.

## Economic Development board to meet Friday

The board meeting for the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance will be at 8 a.m. Friday at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For information call Christy Rocca at 460-4511.

## Catholic mass to be offered Saturday at festival

Catholic mass will be held at Pickin' on the Plains 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the 4-H building as a convenience to those who attend the festival. Sunday morning will feature the annual Bluegrass Gospel Homecoming beginning at 10 a.m. Local resident and pastor Larry Booth will give a brief message of faith during the Sunday gospel event, and Rhonda Vincent will close the three-day festival with a gospel set from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. For more information, call the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau at 460-7643.

## Church to hold special service

Persons from congregations in Colby, Goodland, Russell Springs and Scott City will be presented for confirmation during a regional worship service at the Ascension-on-the-Prairie Episcopal Church in Colby at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Mike Milliken, bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas, will preach, confirm and celebrate Holy Communion. Everyone is cordially invited. A potluck dinner follows the service. For information, call the Rev. Don Martin at 462-7198.

## 'Lemon Aid' to help animal shelter

April Swartz will have her Fifth Annual "Lemon Aid" stand benefit for the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at the Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby. Pets available for adoption will be on site. For information, call 460-1078.

## Class to look at open government

The Kansas attorney general's office will hold a free seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records acts from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23, at Room 108 of the Student Union at Colby Community College. The seminar is for elected officials, reporters and the public, covering the basics of state open-government laws. Registration is first come, first served. Go to www.ag.ks.gov or call (785) 296-2215.

## Volunteers needed for carnival

Volunteers are needed for the carnival at the Thomas County Fair, Tuesday through Saturday, July 30 to Aug. 3. Shifts can be two or four hours. For information or to volunteer, call Kerry Wark, 443-6174; Damon Glover, 443-3254; or Tina Harris, 462-8008.

## Concealed carry class coming

Colby Community College is offering a Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, in the Student Union. The class enables students to obtain the Kansas Concealed Carry Certification. Cost is \$125. To register, contact Kathy Britton at 460-5550 or Barry Kaaz at 460-5429.

## Brewster planning for birthday

Brewster will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, with "From Horses to Horse Power." Events include a 5K run and a one-mile color run and walk for all ages and an antique car, tractor and motorcycle show, a parade and street dance. Sunday morning will feature a community church service and potluck. For a schedule, call LeAnne Carney at (785) 694-2542.

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### Friday Evening July 19, 2013

|                       | 7:00                | 7:30            | 8:00               | 8:30     | 9:00              | 9:30      | 10:00              | 10:30               | 11:00               | 11:30        |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| KAKE/ABC              | Shark Tank          |                 | What Would You Do? |          | 20/20             |           | Local              | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | Nightline           |              |
| KBSL/CBS              | Undercover Boss     |                 | Hawaii Five-0      |          | Blue Bloods       |           | Local              | Late Show Letterman | Ferguson            |              |
| KSNK/NBC              | Camp                |                 | Dateline NBC       |          |                   |           | Local              | Tonight Show w/Leno | J. Fallon           |              |
| KSAS/FOX              | Bones               |                 | The Following      |          | Local             |           |                    |                     |                     |              |
| <b>Cable Channels</b> |                     |                 |                    |          |                   |           |                    |                     |                     |              |
| A & E                 | Storage             | Storage         | Storage            | Storage  | Storage           | Storage   | Storage            | Storage             | Storage             | Storage      |
| AMC                   | McLintock!          |                 |                    |          | 16 Blocks         |           |                    |                     |                     | Breaking Bad |
| ANIM                  | Tanked: Unfiltered  |                 | Treehouse Masters  |          | Treehouse Masters |           | Treehouse Masters  |                     | Treehouse Masters   |              |
| BRAVO                 | Housewives/NJ       |                 | Housewives/NJ      |          | Housewives/NJ     |           | Happens            | Property            | TBA                 | TBA          |
| CMT                   | Footloose           |                 |                    |          |                   |           | Cops Rel.          | Cops Rel.           | Most Amazing Videos |              |
| CNN                   | Anderson Cooper 360 |                 | Piers Morgan Live  |          | Anderson Cooper   |           | Stroumbouloupoulos |                     | Anderson Cooper 360 |              |
| COMEDY                | Tosh.0              | Tosh.0          | Drunk              | South Pk | South Pk          | Tosh.0    | 50 First Dates     |                     |                     |              |
| DISC                  | Warlocks Rising     |                 | Warlocks Rising    |          |                   |           | Warlocks Rising    |                     | Philly Throttle     |              |
| DISN                  | Teen Beach Movie    |                 |                    |          | Liv-Mad.          | Dog       | Jessie             | Austin & Ally       |                     |              |
| EI                    | Kardashian          |                 | Fashion Police     |          | Fashion Police    |           | Chelsea            | EI News             | Chelsea             |              |
| ESPN                  | Open Champ.         |                 |                    |          | Baseball Tonight  |           | SportsCenter       |                     | SportsCenter        |              |
| ESPN2                 | ProFILE             | Fútbol Mexicano |                    |          |                   |           | Boxing             |                     |                     | Baseball     |
| FAM                   | Twister             | Twister         |                    |          |                   |           | The 700 Club       |                     | Prince              | Prince       |
| FOOD                  | Diners              | Diners          | Diners             | Diners   | Diners            | Diners    | Mystery D          | Mystery D           | Diners              | Diners       |
| FX                    | Kung Fu Panda       |                 |                    |          | Kung Fu Panda     |           |                    |                     |                     |              |
| HGTV                  | Extreme Homes       |                 | Cool Pools         |          | Hunters           | Hunt Intl | Hunt Intl          | Hunt Intl           | Cool Pools          |              |

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| LIFE                    | Hoarders          | Hoarders         | Hoarders         | Psychic Challenge    | Hoarders             |
| MTV                     | Ridic.            | Ridic.           | Ridic.           | Ridic.               | Jackass 3D           |
| NICK                    | Sam & Cat         | Sam & Cat        | Full H'se        | Full H'se            | The Nanny            |
| SCI                     | WWE SmackDown!    |                  |                  |                      | Continuum            |
| SPIKE                   | Batman            | Tokyo Drift      |                  |                      | Ink Master           |
| TBS                     | Fam. Guy          | Fam. Guy         | Wedding Crashers |                      | Are We Th            |
| TCM                     | The Soft Skin     |                  |                  | Jules and Jim        | Two English Girls    |
| TLC                     | Say Yes           | Say Yes          | Say Yes          | Say Yes              | Randy to the Rescue  |
| TNT                     | Red               |                  |                  | 72 Hours             | King & Maxwell       |
| TOON                    | Cartoon Planet    | King/Hill        | King/Hill        | Amer. Dad            | Amer. Dad            |
| TRAV                    | Ghost Adventures  | Ghost Adventures | Ghost Adventures | Dead Files           | Revisited            |
| TV LAND                 | Friends           | Friends          | Friends          | Friends              | Friends              |
| USA                     | Law & Order: SVU  | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: SVU | Necessary Roughness  | CSI: Crime Scene     |
| VH1                     | Arthur            |                  |                  | Miss U               | Couples Therapy      |
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| <b>Premium Channels</b> |                   |                  |                  |                      |                      |
| HBO                     | Wrath             | The Sitter       |                  | Real Time/Bill Maher | Real Time/Bill Maher |
| MAX                     | The Island        |                  |                  | Banshee              | Strike Back          |
| SHOW                    | Gangs of New York |                  |                  | Boxing               |                      |