

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 9 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Breeze, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Breeze.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 87.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Wednesday: High, 83; Low 54
Precip: Wednesday None
Month: 0.62 inches
Year: 9.11 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:58 a.m. 8:38 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 75 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,443,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)



Farm Bureau recognizes leaders

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bureau's board who was recognized that night for six years of service, won the award.

"I was very humbled to have won that," he said, adding that at first he had not wanted to be nominated since he is single.

Kistler said he appreciated working for the bureau, getting to do things such as visit Washington and learn about the country's history. He said that over the years, he became very passionate about agribusiness issues, and encouraged anyone with the right interest to take the seat he left.

Galli said Kistler started working towards a farm operation as an FFA project, buying 11 bred heifers. His grandfather helped him tend the farm when he was in college, and after graduating, he decided to come back and keep the family's farm going. He bought a quarter of land and rented machinery from his father until he could buy his own. His operation started during a six-year-drought, but he made it through, and now lives and works on the original Kistler homestead in southern Thomas County.

Barnett then accepted the Century Farm Award, along with her daughter-in-law, Alberta. Alberta Barnett



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Alberta Barnett (above left) supported her mother-in-law Velma Barnett as she explained the family's long history in Thomas County at the annual Thomas County Farm Bureau Association meeting Tuesday night. Cory Kistler (left) held up the sign he was given at the meeting.

told the crowd her mother-in-law will be 95 next month. She is descended from two brothers who came here from Switzerland and homesteaded north of Gem in the 1890s.

The guest speaker was Terry Holdren, legal counsel for the state bureau, who talked about how the group looks after its members. Although he lives in eastern Kansas, he said, he grew up in Syracuse.

"I love coming back to this part of the state, where people are more gregarious and realistic," he said.

He started his talk by pointing out that Congress is about two years overdue passing another five-year farm bill. The current bill expires Sept. 30, when the most immediate effect could be milk prices jumping to as much as \$8 a gallon.

The bureau helped get farmers exempted from certain federal rules when they drive trucks for their work, he said. They no longer have to get a commercial driver's license or be subject to drug and alcohol tests, and will be exempt from rules governing

operating hours in some cases. The exemptions apply anywhere in Kansas and in nearby states, within 150 miles of the driver's farm.

Holdren also mentioned the current attempt by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the lesser prairie chicken as either threatened or endangered. Such a listing would create "habitat areas" in the chicken's historic range in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, where there would be what he called severe restrictions on farming and ranching operations. But the bureau has helped push the deadline for listing the chicken back to March.

"We have good information from the service and other folks that they'll be willing to listen," Holdren said.

He added that the bureau is expanding and re-working its leadership development programs. It is also trying to become more visible to members who live in urban areas and do not appreciate where their food comes from.

Injuries result of accidents

Two people were treated at the hospital after accidents this week.

An Oakley man's seat belt may have saved him from serious injury Sunday when the sport-utility he was in rolled into a ditch on Country Club Road just south of Colby.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Tyler Martin Janzen, 20, Oakley, was driving south on Country Club Road about 1:50 a.m. Just past Horton Avenue, where the pavement ends the patrol said, the 1993 Chevrolet S10 Blazer went into the east ditch. Janzen steered back on the road, going into the ditch on the west.

The Blazer rolled onto the passenger side, sending passenger Joshua Wayne Durant, 20, to Citizens Medical Center, where he was treated and released. Both men were wearing seat belts.

The second accident involved an informal driving lesson of sorts that went awry Tuesday, sending a father and his teenage son to the hospital.

The Patrol said it responded to an accident at 7:28 p.m. Tuesday north of U.S. 24 and three miles west of Colby. The patrol reported that Terry Lynn Overton, 42, Colby, was showing his son, Brennon Eugene Overton, how to do a "doughnut." But the 2002 Ford Ranger fishtailed and went off the side of County Road 16.

The truck, headed north, flipped over off the right side of the road, landing on its top. Father and son, who both had their seat belts on, went to Citizens Medical Center.

Terry Overton was treated and released from the hospital, while Brennon Overton was simply released, said hospital officials.

Briefly

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

Reception to be farewell to doctor

Citizens Medical Center and the Family Center for Health Care invite everyone to a farewell reception for Dr. Brewster Kellogg from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday in the hospital cafeteria at 100 E College Drive. For information, call Tama Unger at 462-6184.

Car wash to help raise money

Wings Upon the Prairie will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Dillons to raise money for their programs. For information, call 460-7477.

Prayers to lift up schools, teachers

The Colby Church of Christ invites all churches to join in prayer for God to oversee our schools and teachers at 4 p.m. Sunday at Colby Grade School. Teachers and administrators are invited to attend so your school year may be blessed. For information, call Anthony Conner at (970) 778-7608.

Outdoors Skills Day coming for kids

Youth Outdoor Skills Day for kids 6 and older, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Hunting Heritage Group, will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The free event, including an elk-burger lunch, will be on the Pat Jones property six miles north and two miles east of Colby. Activities will include shotgunning and muzzleloading, archery and compass and map reading. For information, call the department's office at 462-3367.

Vendors raise money for foundation

Vendors for Nana's Comfort Foods, Norwex and Clever Containers will sell their products from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the conference room of Citizens Medical Center, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of the Prairie Senior Living Complex. A percentage of sales will go to the Citizens Foundation Employee Giving Fund to buy equipment and services for the hospital. For information, call Bev Vaughn at 443-1467.

Commodities to be given out here

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include carrots, orange juice, peaches, potato flakes, apricots, beef stew, vegetable soup, fruit-and-nut mix and tomatoes. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Donations needed for county's map

The Kansas Association of Counties is seeking donations for Thomas County's share of a marble map to be placed on the floor of the new visitors' center at the Kansas statehouse. To donate, contact County Commissioner Mike Baughn at (785) 694-2278, (785) 460-9061 or prairielawman@yahoo.com or send donations to Box 159, Brewster, Kan., 67732. Checks should be made payable to the Thomas County Community Foundation with a memo for the Kansas Statehouse Thomas County Map Fund.

English, diploma classes enrolling

The Thomas County Learning Center has English as a Second Language classes for anyone needing to improve their English-speaking skills. For anyone missing their high school diploma, the center is open for enrollment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this week. Stop by 485 N. Chickamauga or call Melinda Fikan at 465-7900 for information.

After-school program now enrolling

The After-School Program is enrolling students for the coming year. The program begins Tuesday, Sept. 3, after Labor Day, and runs through mid-May. To enroll, contact the Colby Grade School office at 460-5100, or stop by 210 N. Grant.

County passes budget

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Steele said he had been concerned about relying on income from mineral values, since other nearby counties have lost as much as \$11 million in expected revenue when mineral values plunged.

But, after working with County Clerk Shelly Harms to analyze county income, Steele said he is satisfied that the county does not risk losing a significant part of

income if mineral production or values decrease.

The commissioners estimated the county's 2014 property tax levy at 36.468 mills, an increase from the 2013 mill levy rate of 34.162.

The final levy will not be available until October, when the state sends out its property assessments. Harms will set the actual mill levy based on the adopted budget and those assessments.



Saturday Evening August 17, 2013

Table listing TV programs for Saturday Evening (August 17, 2013) across various channels from 7:00 to 11:30 PM.

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Table titled 'We Celebrate Hometown Life' showing stories from hometowns just like yours, listed by date (Pawn, Abducted Story, 8 Mile, etc.).

LOCAL TV Listings

Sunday Evening August 18, 2013

Table listing TV programs for Sunday Evening (August 18, 2013) across various channels from 7:00 to 11:30 PM.