

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 62. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west after midnight.
Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 75. North wind 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. North wind around 5 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 51.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Monday: High, 63; Low 54
Tuesday: High, 87; Low 61
Precip: Monday 0.01 inches
Tuesday None
Month: 3.39 inches
Year: 12.42 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:29 a.m. 7:46 p.m.
Full moon at 6:13 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

New trustee picked Monday

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she feels she has learned what she needs to know about being a trustee.

In other business, the board:

- Went into closed session to discuss nonelected personnel near the end of the meeting for a total of 15 minutes. The trustees did not make any decisions afterward.
- Approved an engagement letter with Adams, Brown Beran and Ball, a Colby accounting firm, to do the college audit, as it has in the past.
- Approved a resolution to put a limit of the college’s credit cards with Sunflower Bank at \$180,000. Dr. Glenda Overstreet, vice presi-

dent of business affairs, said this is the first such resolution in several years. It is needed because the college is going over the old \$130,000 limit she said. The college’s credit stands at close to \$176,000 right now, she added, drawn on 26 credit cards with various limits.

- Approved agreements with Hays Area Children’s Center, Tarleton State University and a student agreement that students cannot repay their debts out of money they owe the school. The trustees also renewed an agreement with Decatur Health Systems.
- Paid bills for \$1,229,097.
- Approved Overstreet’s plan to sell off old office equipment.

County budget shows cuts

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partment. It is this budget that is published in the newspaper and voted on after a public hearing.

This year, at some point after the commissioners’ last work session but before the budget was formally approved, money was removed from several department budgets.

The budget was never brought back before the commissioners as a group at any announced meeting between their working session in July and their approval of a final proposed budget for publication, though Steele and the accountants were discussing the budget during this time.

The alterations cost the sheriff’s department at least \$30,000 and the Road and Bridge Department about \$300,000, with smaller discrepancies throughout the budget.

Baughn, a former sheriff, said he thought the commissioners were giving both departments everything they asked for.

“I give (the accountants) what this board has worked up,” Steele insisted, admitting that he had told the accountants to make the levy amount for the road and bridge department the same as last year. That reduced the department’s budget from the requested amount of about \$1.8 million to about \$1.5 million.

“I don’t have any notations that we had changed anything (in our working session),” Baughn said about the road and bridge budget.

In the sheriff’s budget, the capital outlay account was changed from \$73,125 to

\$43,125, a \$30,000 cut. This account can be used for equipment purchases such as vehicles and furniture.

Baughn said he has no record of commissioners changing this amount in their working session, which means it was changed after the commissioners agreed on a tentative budget to take to the accountants but before the budget was passed.

Baughn said he did not compare the working-session numbers to the final budget before voting to pass it after the public hearing Aug. 12.

There was also some confusion over the salary budget for the sheriff’s department. Sheriff Rod Taylor had given salary estimates to the commissioners, but when they asked for clarification, Taylor was unavailable and Undersheriff Marc Finley adjusted the salary estimates for the department.

“We asked Rod to resubmit it on the proper form, but it wasn’t done, so Marc was operating under a handicap,” said Baughn.

When Finley gave those numbers to Steele over the phone, Steele said, he thought the estimate was for all salary expenses, including overtime, even though overtime is a separate line item in the budget.

The commissioners did not approve any money for overtime for the sheriff’s office in 2014. In previous years, the overtime budget amount was around \$14,000.

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Commissioner Paul Steele

a fourth road deputy, but that apparently didn’t include any overtime,” Baughn said. “In other words, to get the overtime, they’re not going to be able to have a fourth road deputy.”

“I don’t have a lot of sympathy (for the sheriff’s department),” Steele said.

Steele has repeatedly insisted the sheriff’s department got everything it asked for in its budgets, and he has used that justification to resist buying a new server and computers for the department.

Steele would not directly answer questions about how the numbers were changed, instead saying the commissioners had no unannounced meetings to discuss any changes.

Steele was asked whether he changed the numbers without authorization from the other commissioners, but he refused to answer.

“Everybody had an opportunity to weigh in when we had a budget hearing,” he said.

Representatives from Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball declined to comment on the issue, citing “client confidentiality obligations.”

Flying weather boosts kites

From “FLYING,” Page 1

air, but was kept at ground level because kids love to run underneath it. The turbine and a 35-foot flying dragon that was also flying that day were both lifted into the air by smaller kites called sleds.

Giebler said the kites he sold cost from \$5 to \$200, while the highest-priced kites he sells at many festivals are only about \$40. He said people were expecting to see kites made only for kids, but started buying more expensive kites when

they got there. These included stunt kites, which have to be flown with two cords, one in each hand.

“The stunt kites, you can’t just go out and fly them without a lesson,” Giebler said, so he and his staff had to give lessons to festival-goers, who in turn taught their friends. “Before we knew it, we had all kinds of stunt kite flyers out there.”

Giebler said he is going to have another festival in Hays this Saturday at Celebration Community Church. And he plans to come back here in about a year.

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.

Library to be closed today, Thursday

The Pioneer Memorial Library will be closed all day today and until 1:30 p.m. Thursday due to bereavement. For information call 460-4470.

Schools need volunteers for events

Colby High School and Middle School need volunteers to work at home games. Call Suzi Duncan at the high school for information, 460-5300.

Activity calendars ready to pick up

The Colby Public Schools district calendars are available for patrons to pick up in each building office.

Open house to say ‘hello’ and ‘goodbye’

In order to say farewell to Stacy Jasper, departing Colby recreation director, and welcome the new director, Dane Olofson, there will be an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. next Wednesday in the Thomas County Office Complex Meeting Room. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. For information, call Holly Whitaker at 460-3401.

School to hold barbecue next Sunday

Heartland Christian School plans a barbecue fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, at the school. For a donation, diners can enjoy barbecue sausage, chicken or pork, corn, salad, baked beans, baked potatoes and dessert. Contact Kim Schriener at 460-6419 for information.

Financial course to begin at church

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University is coming to Colby Wesleyan Church beginning with an introductory session at 7 p.m. Monday. This nine-week course teaches couples and individuals how to get out of debt, save money and spend wisely. The course costs \$100, which can be refunded by a scholarship from the church if attendees complete the course, but there is no cost and no commitment to attend the introductory session. Contact Marc Alwin at (785) 269-7803 to pre-register. Child care is available for those who pre-register.

Foundation has money for fall grants

The Thomas County Community Foundation has over \$7,000 available for grants for its third quarter competitive cycle. The application deadline is Monday, Sept. 30; forms can be found at www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com. For questions, contact Executive Director Melinda Olsen via Facebook, by e-mail at tcfcf@st-tel.net or by phone at 460-9152.

Groundwater office moves to new digs

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District will have an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at its new location, 1290 West Fourth St., to celebrate the move and to honor the retirement of Wayne Bossert. The public is invited to come tour the new office building and congratulate Bossert as he retires after 36 years as the manager of the Groundwater Management District. For information call 460-3915.

Party for the Pottys tickets available

Tickets are on sale now for the Prairie Museum of Art and History’s Party for the Pottys barn dance and barbecue fund raiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin. Admission is \$20 and includes a meal. Tickets can be bought at the door or in advance at the museum. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Director Sue Taylor at prairiem@st-tel.net or 460-4590 or visit www.prairiemuseum.org for information.

Flu clinics coming

The Thomas County Preparedness Trailer will be out for flu clinics from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Brewster School and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday at Golden Plains High School in Rexford. The last session will be from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Wednesday, at the Thomas County Health Department, 350 S. Range in Colby. Cost is \$30 per shot or mist. Call the flu information line at 460-4599 or the health department at 460-4596.

Pets ready for adoption at Colby Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a male red shepherd mix, 1 year old, available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

LOCAL TV Listings									
Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS									
Thursday Evening September 19, 2013									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00 11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy	Scandal			Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	Million Second			Valerie's Stry			Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Dads	Brooklyn	Local				
Cable Channels									
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		
AMC	National Treasure			Owner	Owner			Owner	Owner
ANIM	Gator Boys		North Woods		North Woods		Gator Boys		North Woods
BRAVO	Actor's Studio		2 Fast 2 Furious				Happens	NeNe--Wedding	Happens
CMT	Happy Gilmore				Fat Cops	Fat Cops		Happy Gilmore	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0 Tosh.0
DISC	Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo				Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo
DISN	Lemonade Mouth				Good Luck	Jessie	Shake It	Austin	Good Luck
E!	The Soup	Hello	Kardashian				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	College Football					SportsCenter			SportsCenter
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		WNBA Basketball				Olbermann		Olbermann
FAM	Burlesque	Pretty Woman					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince
FOOD	Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped		Anne Burrell		Food Truck Race	Chopped	
FX	Anger	Anger	Anger	Anger	The Green Hornet				Green Hrn
HGTV	House Hunters Reno		Flip or F	Flip or F	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip or F
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	White Lightning	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway			Supermarket		Double	Project Runway
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Strangers	Ridic.	Ridic.
NICK	iCarly		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Revolution		Revolution		Revolution		Revolution	Haven	
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	IMPACT Wrestling				Bellator MMA Live	Ink Master	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Conan
TCM	Bell Book Cndi				Kim Novak: Live		Kiss Me, Stupid		
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings
TNT	Castle		Castle		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		CSI: NY
TOON	NinjaGo	Teen	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	The King of Queens
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Covert Affairs		Law & Order: SVU
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Tony Tonight! ATL		Behind the Music
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		How I Met
Premium Channels									
HBO	The Newsroom		Argo				Real Sex		
MAX	Deep Impact		Strike Back		Wanderlust			Zane's Sex Chronicles	
SHOW	Gangs of New York						Polyamory	Web Ther.	Polyamory

Friday Evening September 20, 2013									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00 11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Neighbors	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods		Local		
KSNK/NBC	Betty	Betty	Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Sleepy Hollow		Local				
Cable Channels									
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Green Mile							Hannibal	
ANIM	To Be Announced				Tanked: Unfiltered		To Be Announced		Tanked: Unfiltered
BRAVO	Bad Boys		Bad Boys II					Bad Boys II	
CMT	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cowboys Cheerleaders		Coyote Ugly				Cheerlead
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper		Strombouloupoulos		Anderson Cooper 360
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Community	Community	Community	Community	The Comedy Central Roast		A. Ansari
DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced
DISN	ANT Farm	Dog	Wander	Fish Hook	Liv-Mad.	Austin	Jessie	ANT Farm	Jessie
E!	Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Hello	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	Coll. Football Live		College Football						SportsCenter
ESPN2	CFL Football							SportsCenter	Olbermann
FAM	Pretty Woman		Sixteen Candles				The 700 Club	Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Thieves	Diners
FX	X-Men: First Class				X-Men: First Class				
HGTV	Hawaii	Hawaii	Island	Island	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Island
AmericanProfile									
// CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //									
HIST	American	American	American	American	American	American	Fugawis	Fugawis	American
LIFE	Escape From Polygamy				Sins of the Preacher				Escape From Polygamy
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NICK	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Haven		Being Human		Haven
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Bellator MMA Live				Bellator MMA Live		
TBS	Monster-in-Law				My Big Fat			Are We Th	Are We Th
TCM	La Jetée		Rollerball				A.I.: Artificial		
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear		Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear
TNT	A Time to Kill						Practical Magic		
TOON	Regular	Dragons	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Dead Files Revisited		Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The King of Queens
USA	Bridesmaids				Paul				Knocked
VH1	Pretty in Pink				Best Week	Miami Monkey		Best Week	P.C.U.
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels									
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		Boardwalk Empire		Real Time, Bill		Real Time, Bill		Les Misérables
MAX	Con Air				Strike Back		Strike Back		
SHOW	LT: The Life and Times				LT: The Life and Times		Ray Donovan		Dexter