

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Windy, with a northwest wind 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light west in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 50. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 86. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 59. Breezy.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 72.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Friday: High, 76; Low 47
Saturday: High, 84; Low 51
Sunday: High, 89; Low 58

Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 3.39 inches
Year: 12.42 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:34 a.m. 7:38 p.m.
Moon: waning, 73 percent
Wednesday 7:35 a.m. 7:36 p.m.
Moon: waning, 64 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Royal hug crowns evening



Colby High School Homecoming Queen Cheyenne Miller (right) shared a hug with King Austin Boehme after the Eagles' football game against Ulysses Friday evening at Dennen Field.

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Purple Heart carrier passes

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American Legion Riders' Patriot Guard – some from out of town, and Doug Ketchum, who is connected to the American Legion here – talking about what has happened since. The guard members have been riding with Gregory on her way to meet Peggy for the first time at her home in Carson City, Nev.

After seeing what was in the box, Gregory said, she took an interest in who Peggy's father was. She spent years researching everything about the man and his relatives, not any easy task in the days before "social media" websites. Originally from the town Leadwood, near St. Louis, she said, John Eddington is buried at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, less than 15 minutes from Gregory's home.

He enlisted in the Army in 1941, joining the 168th Infantry Regiment, Company K, and married Helen Cash in April 1942. Gregory said that a woman who worked at the Leadwood City Hall helped her find the Eddingtons' marriage certificate and wedding announcement. His name is on a stone monument in Leadwood dedicated to soldiers killed in both world wars.

Peggy was born in Missouri while John was stationed in Texas, ready to go to war. John Eddington never met his daughter, but he wrote her a letter on Feb. 27, 1944, three weeks and one day after she was born and four months before he was killed on June 27, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart after his death.

Over the years, Gregory said, she cold-called everyone she could find with the last names Eddington and Cash. Later, she discovered that Peggy moved to Nevada when she was an adult. She married several times before marrying Kevin Smith, so her children have different last names. Her current surname, however, did nothing to narrow down the search.

Since she had learned about Peggy, Gregory knew she turned 69 this year. She never found a death certificate, but became desperate as she realized she might die of old age before ever seeing her father's things.

In what she described as a sacrifice of privacy, Gregory put pictures of the documents on Face-

book. That turned up plenty of leads, and Gregory eventually found one of Peggy's kids and one of her grandkids at the same time on the website and sent them messages.

"As soon as Peggy got home," she said, "they had her call me."

That was late May or early June, she said. She got the call at a restaurant where she was having dinner with some old high school friends. Peggy's husband called and turned the phone over to his wife.

"She said, 'Hi, this is Peggy, you're looking for me,' and I started bawling like a baby," Gregory recalled.

In fact, she was so overcome with emotion she had to step outside. She asked Smith if she knew about the letters or if she knew her grandparents. Smith wanted to know how she found the papers, and Gregory soon learned that she had never known about them.

"She asked me questions, I asked her, questions," Gregory said, "and then it turned to, 'I will get this stuff to you.'"

But she needed some more help to do that, this time money. Gregory and her friends got themselves on a local television program sponsored by American Equity Mortgage called "Pay it Forward," which loans \$500 to someone in need.

She learned about the Patriot Guard when she found another story about someone trying to return a Purple Heart, and got in touch with the organization. Guard members offered to ride with her from St. Louis to Carson City. Ed Hemmenway and Emery Barg, who she met the morning she left St. Louis, were with her when she passed through Colby.

She got on a three-wheeler motorcycle Wednesday morning as she set out for Wyoming by way of Colorado, with just over half a dozen riders. Her sister, Brenda Allen, and friend Monica Lightfoot rode along with the group in a car.

They planned to be in Windover, Nev., by Thursday. On Saturday, Gregory gave Peggy the items, which she had put into a scrap book. In Colby, she offered to let the group see what she found in the box all those years ago, except the letter, which she said she wanted to show Peggy in person.

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.

Recreation director to say her goodbyes

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. 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.

Economic development board to meet

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

Illusionist to perform at Wesleyan Church

Illusionist Mel LaMar will give a free show at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Wesleyan Church, displaying his juggling, ventriloquism, illusions and voice while sharing a message of God's love and salvation. For questions, contact Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391.

School to hold barbecue Sunday

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

Flu clinic coming in Colby

The Thomas County Health Department will offer a flu clinic from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County Health Department, 350 S. Range in Colby. Cost is \$30. For questions, call the flu information line at 460-4599 or the health department at 460-4596.

Red Cross planning blood drive in Brewster

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Wednesday at Brewster High School. Donors must have a driver's license, blood-donor card or two other forms of identification. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Groundwater office moves to new digs

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will have an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at its new location, 1290 W. Fourth St., to celebrate the move and to honor the retirement of manager Wayne Bossert. The public is invited to come tour the new building and congratulate Bossert as he retires after 36 years.

Party for the Pottys dance 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 on Saturday at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby. Admission for the dance and dinner is \$20 per person, at the door or in advance from the museum. The meal starts at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact Director Sue Taylor at prairiem@st-tel.net or 460-4590 or go to www.prairiemuseum.org for information.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Massage clinics to be held at college

Students enrolled in the therapeutic massage program at Colby Community College will hold massage clinics for the public on Monday evenings in Thomas Hall on the Colby campus. The first clinic will be Monday, Oct. 7. Cost is \$25 for a one-hour massage. Online scheduling is available at www.colbymassagetherapy.genbook.com. For information, contact Ceena Owens, director, at 460-5427 or e-mail ceena.owens@colbycc.edu.

Reception will mark retirement of treasurer

Everyone is invited to celebrate Donita Applebury's retirement as Thomas County treasurer after 33 years and six days of service, from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the commissioner's room of the Thomas County Courthouse. For information, call the county clerk's office at 460-4500.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening September 24, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	S.H.I.E.L.D.		Goldbergs	Trophy	Lucky 7		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Dads	Brooklyn	New Girl	Mindy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barter Kings		Barter Kings		Storage	Storage
AMC	Pulp Fiction							The Departed		
ANIM	Frozen Planet		Frozen Planet		Frozen Planet		Frozen Planet		Frozen Planet	
BRAVO	NeNe--Wedding		NeNe--Wedding		The New Atlanta		Happens	NeNe--Wedding	NeNe	
CMT	League-Own				Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Garage	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Brickie.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Brickie.
DISC	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Tickle	Tickle	Amish Mafia		Tickle	Tickle
DISN	Liv-Mad.	Dog	ANT Farm	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Austin	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Fashion Police		E! Special		True Hollywood Story		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	SEC Storied				2013 World Series of Poker		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		NFL Live		Baseball Tonight		Olbermann		Olbermann	
FAM	When in Rome		You Again				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped	
FX	Colombiana				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Anarchy	
HGTV	Property	Property	Income Property		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Income Property		Income Property	
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Top Gear		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Top Gear		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Abby's Dance		Abby's Dance		Double	Double	Double	Double	Abby's Dance	
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Sara	Catfish: The TV Show	True Life	
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Fangasm		Face Off		Fangasm	
SPIKE	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	Zero for Conduct		L'Atalante				Grand Illusion			
TLC	19 Kids and Counting		19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple	19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Cold Justice		The Mentalist		Cold Justice	
TOON	Uncle Gra	Adventure	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Heart
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs		Extreme RVs	
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Black Ink Crew		Malibu's Most Wanted				Miami Monkey		T.I.-Tiny	PoeticJst
WGN	Insomnia				How I Met		Rules		Rules	Parks
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time, Bill		Hitchcock				Boardwalk Empire		Killer Joe	
MAX	Pitch Perfect				Taken 2					
SHOW	LT: The Life and Times				Richard Pryor: Omit the Logic		Web Ther.	Dexter		Donovan

Wednesday Evening September 25, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Back in	Modern Family		Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Revolution		Law & Order: SVU				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor						Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad	Break-Bad
ANIM	Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me	
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		Happens	Million Dollar LA	Top Chef	
CMT	Shanghai Knights						Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Unforgiven	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Key	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Key
DISC	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISN	Bolt				Good Luck	Shake It	Dog	Austin	Sonny	Sonny
E!	Little Fockers				The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball					
ESPN2	SEC Storied				Pardon	X Games	SportsCenter		Olbermann	
FAM	Liar Liar		Liar Liar				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Save My Bakery		Restaurant Stakeout		Mystery D	Thieves	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout	
FX	Transformers				The Bridge		The Bridge		The Bridge	
HGTV	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	

AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		Mountain Men		Modern Marvels		American Pickers	
LIFE	Taken: Search				Ticket Out				Taken: Search	
MTV	The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends
SCI	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Mine		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Mine	
SPIKE	The Expendables				Rambo					First Bld
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	The Big Parade						Street Scene			
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection		Dance Kids ATL		Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection	
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		The Mentalist		The Mentalist	
TOON	Annoying	Total	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Heart
TRAV	DigFellas	Dig Wars	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr	Food Paradise		Food Paradise		Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Cleveland	Friends	Friends	King	King
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	
VH1	Old School		Tough Love: Co-Ed		Tough Love: Co-Ed		Tough Love: Co-Ed		Old School	
WGN	Rules	Rules	Rules		TWN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks
Premium Channels										
HBO	Argo				Boardwalk Empire		Real Time, Bill		REAL Sports Gumbel	
MAX	Strike Back		Dark Knight							
SHOW	Ray Donovan		Inside the NFL		Access	Dexter	Inside the NFL		Lawless	