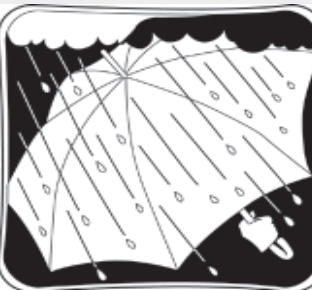


Weather  
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Chance of  
storms

The forecast  
Tonight

— A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 64. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Independence Day

— A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 89. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday night

— A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 61. East wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Thursday

— Mostly sunny with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday night

— Mostly clear with a low around 61.

Friday

— Mostly sunny with a high near 92.

Temperatures

Monday's high, 87  
Low this morning, 63  
Records for this date, 107 in 1934, 44 in 1924  
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
July's precipitation, 0.00

Water Use Report  
July 2

• 2,888,000 gallons per day, average  
3.5 million = Water Watch.  
4 million = Water Warning  
4.5 million = Water Emergency

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Support Relay for Life with Pizza Hut fundraiser

Order pizza today to support the Thomas County Relay for Life. Buy pizza dine in, carry out and delivery between 5 and 8 p.m. and the local relay will get 20 percent of the proceeds. The Relay for Life will be held at Fike Park Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. until Saturday, July 28, 7 a.m. Other activities will include dodgeball, horseshoes, water balloon volleyball, tennis, basketball, water balloon toss contest and various other games throughout the night. Pieces of Eight Band will be playing in the early evening and will continue on with a D.J. throughout the rest of the night. For more information, contact Carla Sharp to form a team, be a sponsor or buy a luminary at (785) 460-4881.

Farewell to Undersheriff Jason Moses

The public is invited to the Commissioners' Room at the Thomas County Courthouse Tuesday, July 10, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. to attend a farewell for Undersheriff Jason Moses. Undersheriff Moses has accepted a position with the State of Kansas and will be leaving the Thomas County Sheriff's Office.

No Picnic in the Park Wednesday

There will be no performance for Picnic in the Park this Wednesday. It will resume next Wednesday, July 11, with Shannon Myers. For any questions, contact Holly Stevens at (785) 460-3401.

Academy to sponsor KidzKamp

The Saint Francis Academy is announcing their third annual KidzKamp to be held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City. The free summer camp is for 70 children ages 8-11 who are in foster care. Children coming from 53 countries in Kansas will come together to enjoy campfire songs, horseback riding, swimming and creating friendships, said the Saint Francis Academy. KidzKamp is scheduled from Aug. 8-10. For more information, contact Aimee Copp, Director of Marketing/PR at Saint Francis Academy, (866) 999-1599.

Change in sanitation schedule

The City of Colby Sanitation Department will not be operating Wednesday, said Chris Bieker, director of public utilities. In order to accommodate the holiday schedule, Wednesday and Thursday trash pickup will be collected on Thursday. For questions, call 460-4420.

No newspaper Wednesday

The Colby Free Press office will not be open Wednesday and no newspaper will be published so that employees may celebrate the Fourth of July with family and friends. The office will reopen at 8 a.m., Thursday. For questions about advertising deadlines, call 462-3963.

County offices close for holiday

Thomas County's courthouse, landfill, health department and the complex at 350 S. Range Ave. will be closed Wednesday in observance of Independence Day. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m., Thursday. For questions, (785) 460-4500.

Water resource advisors plan July meeting at Colby

The Kansas Water Office is announcing that newly appointed water resource advisors will learn their responsibilities when they attend the July meetings of their Local Basin Advisory Committees (BAC). They'll also hear about state water source issues and local water source projects.

"The new advisors bring a wealth of experience to their new positions," said Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office. "Water, however, is a complicated issue, and the more committee members know up front, the easier it will be later. We'll also help enhance BAC members' skill level in using meetings effectively, setting objectives and building consensus."

The committees advise the Kansas Water Authority on local and state water issues, serve as a sounding board for state-initiated policy and share water resource information within their communities, said Kansas Water Office officials.

The Upper Republican Basin Advisory Committee will meet 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the office of Groundwater Management District No. 4, 1175 S. Range, Colby.

A meeting agenda is available on the Kansas Water Office Web site at [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org) or may be obtained by calling Diane Coe, water resource planner with the Kansas Water Office at (785) 296-3185 or (888) 526-9983 (Kansas Water). Contact the Kansas Water Office if special accommodations are needed at the meeting site.

Club members help promote memory of veterans, wars

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toward that goal.

Fromholtz said the club's members hale from Quinter, Hoxie, Oakley, Atwood, Colby and Brewster. Members try to meet in a different town, and have a presentation that deals with something historic.

This spring, they met at Cottonwood Ranch east of Hoxie. This fall, they plan to meet at the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley.

The group also has different areas it works in. This year, the John Athey Chapter is working on veterans' projects, making aprons and ditty bags for them.

They also do a flag-burning ceremony to dispose of damaged or old American flags.

Judy Watkins of Hoxie, club regent, has been a member since 1998. She explained they raise awareness for veterans of all wars, not just the Revolutionary War. Watkins said her genealogy work was simple.

"My situation turned out to be pretty easy," she said.

A family member had written five volumes on the family's history. Before that, she thought her family was all immigrants.

"I didn't realize I could trace it back," Watkins said.

Her father, Robert Nelson, was from Colby. His ancestor, Thomas E. Munson, was a captain in the Continental Army. He was from New Haven, Conn.

Watkins was a history major, and loves history.

"I was very excited to be able to join," she said.

Some of her family were immigrants from Ireland, and some were Volga Germans.

Another member is Eva Lee Wheeler, 90, of Oakley, who joined in 1982.

She explained the John Athey Chapter was started by Aidah Mitchem and her twin sister, both of Oakley, Aug. 4, 1949, with 16 members.

"Four of my sisters were members," she said.

She has enjoyed being a member, and being involved in its activities.

Some of those have been scholarships, promoting Constitution Week and American History Month. As a club, she said they concentrate on history, patriotism and education.

"We meet four times a year," she said.

Besides the daughters, there is also a Sons of the American Revolution. They must do the same genealogy work to become members.

Information on joining the group is available at <http://www.dar.org>.

Historian remembers Gem man

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information he collected, Landau compiled articles written by Tail Gunner Richard Marlowe about Lynn and the crew.

"In my opinion," he wrote, "Lynn was the finest flight engineer I have ever known. As a Kansas farm boy, he was always working on machinery and things mechanical were second nature to him."

Marlowe added Barnett was not only knowledgeable about functioning the airplane, but he studied the system, guns and every aspect of the bomber.

"Other flight engineers and crew chiefs sought his counsel to solve problems and remedy conditions," he wrote.

It was after the seventh mission that most of the crew died after being hit by Japanese artillery shell.

Marlowe said he was alone in the tail section, knocked out, but when he regained conscious, the tail of the bomber was beginning to sink. As it submerged, the tail rotated forcing the escape hatch up.

It was on that mission that Barnett, the pilot, and navigator lost their lives.

"I hope that some of this information will have meaning to many in the Colby area who knew Lynn Barnett and his family," Landau said.

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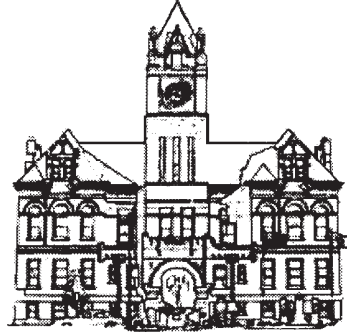


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