

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Breezy, with an east wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Thursday: High, 89; Low 63
Precip: Thursday 1.51 inches
Month: 4.70 inches
Year: 13.74 inches
Normal: 13.61 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:36 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
(Last quarter moon)
Sunday 6:37 a.m. 9:04 p.m.
Monday 6:38 a.m. 9:03 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 1,762,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

College to raise property taxes

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lenders and takes bids from each lender interested.

"The process takes a while, and it's not anything we can decide to do today," he said. "It just takes a bit to get ready. I'm not suggesting we pull the trigger on that ... we just need to make sure our ducks are in a row here so that if some of these other options don't pan out, we're ready. We don't have a cushion anymore, folks, we really don't."

The next step Waites wanted to take was to get concurrence and support, rather than a formal approval, on the six-mill increase from the board. Then, he asked to have a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 1, for the final internal approval of the state operating budget.

"We really need everyone working toward strong enrollment and some fund raising efforts to help toward the cash balance reserve," Waites said in closing.

In the end, Waites received a consensus from the board to move forward on the millage

increase and to have a special meeting on Aug. 1.

In other business, the board:
• Heard a report from Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs, who said that her department is getting ready for new students and orientation, and has hired Doug Johnson as a retention and advising specialist and Ray Nolan as a physical education instructor/student life coordinator.

Nichols was recognized by College President Dr. Stephen Vacik during her report because she has been selected to serve on the board of directors of a national organization representing student affairs administrators. Nichols was chosen to be the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Region IV West board representative.

• Heard a report from Joyce Washburn of academic affairs. She reported that the department has hired two new massage therapy instructors, Ceena Owens of Hays and Tenley Determan of Colby.

• Heard a report from Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs.

He reported that the college and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism are holding the Youth Outdoor Day on campus on Aug. 20.

• Heard a report from Nick Wells, the director of the College Foundation. He said the foundation just completed its audit last Friday, which he thought went smoothly and he was pleased with the process.

• Elected the 2011-2012 officers. Kenton Krehbiel and Cindy Black were nominated for the office of chairperson. Krehbiel was elected to the position by majority vote. He will take over at the next meeting. Arlen Leiker was elected as vice chair, Cindy Black was elected as treasurer and Vacik was elected as secretary.

The board also re-elected Leiker to be the Kansas Association Community College Trustees representative and Wells ex officio member to the Colby Community College Foundation.

• Approved depositories and authorized signatures, and approved the lease agreement with

Norton County Hospital.

• Approved John Gatz to continue as legal counsel for 2011-2012.

• Presented Nikol Nolan, director of admissions, with the "Military Friendly School" plaque. The college received the plaque because it is in the top 20 percent of all colleges surveyed in the United States for supporting military students.

• Heard about the bids on wind test site foundations from Kaaz, who said he is acting as a liaison as of now, but things are progressing.

• Approved the proposal of a new Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies by the Kansas Board of Regents. Students in this major must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours in at least two technical disciplines, and the total degree is between 62 credit hours. The two disciplines have to be related, Washburn said.

• Welcomed Wells to the board. Krehbiel and Black said they appreciated him being on the board.

Kansans speak on aquifer's future

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Colby. He encouraged the state to develop a way to help cities finance clean-up efforts. Brownback suggested having a smaller, locally run intensive groundwater use control area, even on a township basis, for micro-level management of water. Larry Penning of Barton county stated later that he believes that measure will work as long as everyone agrees and cooperates.

A question came from Jim Sipes, who asked how important the Arkansas River is in the recharge of the aquifer. Wilson and

Brownback said that it could help with the recharge because it lower to the water table and has a better chance of rising and can be used for a recharge.

Another question came from Lincoln Wilson of Goodland who wondered if maybe a conference of governors from all the states that use the aquifer could talk with each other and come up with solutions.

"That could be, I've been around water litigation long enough that it doesn't seem that usually works," Gov. Brownback replied. "But I appreciate the thought and the spirit it's put forward in."

After the question and answer session, the stakeholders broke up into small groups to voice their ideas about the aquifer.

Gov. Brownback said he hopes to present the ideas offered at the summit at next year's Legislature.

"We don't have a future without water; water is a critical component to all of this," Gov. Brownback said. "People are a critical component, water is the essential ingredient for us to make this continue to flower, and people in this region have done an enormously high quality job in making the agriculture bloom in this state."

County commissioners end janitor contract

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the Thomas County Fair were also discussed.
"In the past, the sheriff's department has provided exclusive security for the fair, but with budget cuts it is no longer a practical option," said Under-sheriff Marc Finley following the meeting, referring to a letter that was sent by Sheriff Rod Taylor to the fair committee following last year's event.

Finley said that, at the very least, a deputy will be on duty until midnight and there will always be someone available to report to the fair grounds if necessary.

This year there will be independent security on staff to ensure property is not vandalized and nothing is stolen.

In other business:

• Deb Zerr and Chris Bieker from the City of Colby were present to discuss a \$1,410 bill that was received by Thomas County. Zerr said it is half the cost of equipment that was purchased to make safety signs: equipment that has now been duplicated by the City of Colby and Thomas County.

Thomas County Emergency Management director Susan McMahan said the duplication of equipment might be a good thing, in case backup is needed if one machine becomes damaged. The expense was approved, to be paid out of the Landline 911 Fund.

• An invoice from Bickner Electric was approved for payment. It included expenses from an error in work done in the office complex. Last month when

the old cooling system was discontinued (replaced or turned off), the Thomas County Community Foundation office lost their cooling system all together. The error was fixed and the system has been extended again to the Foundation office.

• A nomination form was received for the 2011 Kansas County Official of the Year Award. The commissioners chose to nominate Thomas County Health Department administrator Kasiah Rothchild.

• Rothchild and landfill supervisor Larry Jumper were both given permission to purchase new equipment for their offices. Rothchild was approved for a new server and scheduling software from Ntronics for \$5,400 using grant money. Jumper received permission to purchase two new computers for \$1,700 from Office Works using available funds in his department budget.

County Attorney Kevin Berens was given approval to erect a sound barrier in the hallway leading to his office in the courthouse. The barrier to ensure complete confidentiality of business conducted within will be wheelchair accessible and will not obstruct emergency exits. The Diversion Fund will underwrite the \$2,400 project.

• Berens was present on behalf of the sheriff's department asking for approval to spend almost \$25,000 on five vehicle surveillance systems. The estimate includes installation by a company in Imperial, Neb. Commissioner Paul Steele suggested the department seek three competitive bids and return with sufficient staff representation to make the request. The commissioners also questioned who would service the new equipment and why the old systems don't work.

Briefly

Legion groups hold poker run Saturday

The American Legion cruise-in and drag main is today, with the cruise-in from 6 to 8 p.m. Burgers, hot dogs, french fries, and drinks will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. The drag main is from 8 p.m. to midnight on Fourth Street (U.S. 24) between Heartland Christian School and State Farm Insurance. All highway legal vehicles and bikes welcome.

On Saturday, the Legion's poker run will begin with registration at 9 a.m. The run will begin at 10:15 a.m. For more information call L.J. O'Neal at 443-1356.

Register early for youth soccer league

Early registration for the American Youth Soccer Organization will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Pioneer Memorial Library. Early registration fee is \$45 through Saturday and \$50 after that. Volunteer applications will also be available. For information, call Emily Griffin 460-0647.

Carnival association looking for volunteers

The Thomas County Amusement Association is looking for volunteers for the Thomas County Free Fair, which runs from Tuesday to Saturday, July 30. Volunteers are needed to help work the ball of chance, ring toss and the prize booth. Shifts are available from 7 to 9 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. To volunteer, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 460-3401.

Learn about better care at August public meeting

Kansas Advocates for Better Care will hold informational meetings about long-term care and tools for advocacy on Thursday, Aug. 4. Meetings will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Prairie Senior Living Complex, 11:15 to 11:50 a.m. at the Senior Progress Center and 3 to 4 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The meetings are open to the public. For information, call (785) 842-3088.

Congressman to send representatives here

A representative from Rep. Tim Huel-skamp's office will have office hours in Colby from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in the county commissioners' room in the courthouse. The representative will be available to hear opinions, ideas, and concerns about issues being debated in Washington. For information, call Huel-skamp's Dodge City office at (620) 225-0172.

Walk the river at the aquatic center

The Colby Aquatic Center is offering a River Walk Class, which uses water resistance to help sore joints and muscles, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No registration is required, just the entry fee of \$5 for the pool. For information, call the Colby Recreation Department at 460-4440.

Enrollment Dates

Triplains School District: 8 a.m. the noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, in the district office at the school, 503 Wilson Ave in Winona. Triplains will operate on a four-day school week this year with Monday being the usual off day. The first day of school is Friday, Aug. 19. Kindergarten will attend three full days a week. For information, call the district office at (785) 846-7869.

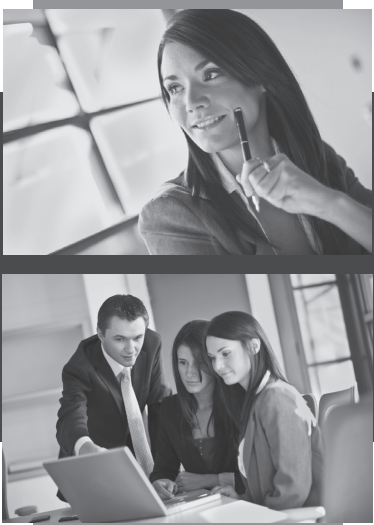
Brewster School District: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 3 and 4, at the school. The Thomas County health nurse will be at the school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 3 to update immunizations. Call the school at (785) 694-2236 to schedule an alternative appointment.

Sacred Heart Catholic School: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the school. New students will need to bring a physical forms, social security card, birth certificate and immunization records. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

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Monday Evening											July 25, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Extreme Makeover	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	How I Met Mike	Two Men	Mike		Hawaii Five-0	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/CBS	America's Got Talent	Law Order: CI			Harry's Law	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen	MasterChef				Local						
Cable Channels												
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders			
AMC	Collateral Damage						Collateral Damage					
ANIM	Wild	Wild	Swamp Wars		River Monsters		Wild	Wild	Swamp Wars			
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ			Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NYC			
CMT	Blazing Saddles				Three Amigos!							
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		To Be Announced		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Blue Collar		Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk		
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Surviving the Cut		Man vs. Wild		Surviving the Cut			
DISN	Random	Shake It			Ella Enchanted		Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t			Ice-Coco		Chelse	E! News		Chelse		
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	30 for 30		Softball				SportsNation		E:60			
FAM	Secret-Teen		Switched at Birth		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Unwrapped	Candy	Diners	Diners	Tough Coo		Challenge		Diners	Diners		
FX	Step Brothers						Step Brothers					
HGTV	House	Hunters	Design Star		Novogratz		House H.		Hunters	Design Star		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn		Top Gear		Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Abandoned				Vanished, Beth		How I Met		How I Met	Chris	How I Met	
MTV	True Life		MTV Special		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		True Life			
NICK	Family	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	70s Show	70s Show	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez		
SCI	Eureka		Warehouse 13		Alphas		Eureka		Warehouse 13			
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight			
TCM	I Accuse!				The Ox-Bow Incident				They Won't Forget			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Surprise Homecoming		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss		
TNT	The Closer				Rizzoli & Isles		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles			
TOON	Adventure	MAD	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Unit		
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation			
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody	Raymond		The Nanny			
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Suits		Royal Pains			
VH1	Basketball Wives		Single Ladies		Basketball Wives		Single Ladies		Basketball Wives			
WGN	Chris	Chris	Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
Premium Channels												
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Something Wrong				Wall Street: Money					
MAX	HappyGil	Night-Smithsonian			The American							
SHOW	Push				Weeds	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	The Real L Word			