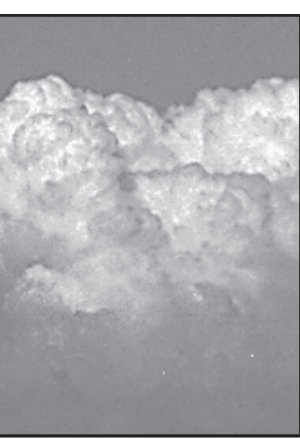


Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Monday: High, 100; Low 71
Tuesday: High, 91; Low 67
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday 0.15 inches
Month: 0.15 inches
Year: 17.95 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches

State may move jobs to Colby

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In other business, the council:
• Heard a presentation by Pioneer Memorial Library Director Melany Wilks on the library budget.

and memorials.
The council was also presented with the Recreation Department budget by Rec Director Stacy Lee.

• Approved the 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Plan. The plan is a guide for purchases and repairs the city plans to make over the next five years such as buying vehicles or making additions to the Community Building.

proved.
• Tabled a proposal from SAIC Energy, Environment and Infrastructure to draw up specifications for a line replacement project on West Eighth Street from Franklin to Copeland and Garfield to Country Club along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Enrollment Dates

Brewster School District: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the school. The Thomas County health nurse will be at the school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Wednesday to update immunizations.

Sacred Heart Catholic School: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the school. New students will need to bring a physical forms, social security card, birth certificate and immunization records.

Heartland Christian School: Open enrollment, kindergarten through 12th grade. Preschool will be 8:10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds and 8:10 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday Friday for 4-year-olds.

Colby Public Schools: New student enrollment from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in each building; returning student enrollment from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday in the high school commons area.

Golden Plains Schools: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and next Wednesday at the Rexford and Selden buildings. First day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 24.

The council also discussed a different shape for the table, one that would allow the council to see the audience better, or allow more room for the audience. Councilman Mike Hake said the round table makes it easy to see the other councilmen, but difficult to see anyone presenting information from the audience.

• Held a public hearing for the 2012 budget. The budget had been published in the Colby Free Press prior to the meeting, and no one from the public came to comment.

• Approved the 2012 Classified Job Positions and Pay Scale. Armstrong said the pay scale is the same as last year, since no cost of living increase was ap-

Record temperatures recorded in July

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taken its toll in some areas," according to a Kansas Agricultural Statistics report issued Aug. 1. Twenty-eight percent of the crop was rated fair, and 34 percent rated good to excellent.

ture condition declined to 57 percent poor to very poor, 25 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, the report stated. Feed grain supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 17 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Kansas soybeans were rated 15 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, the report said.

The drought has taken a toll on stock water supplies, which declined to 45 percent short to very short, 54 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies were 44 percent very short, 29 percent short and 27 percent adequate.

"Cattle herds continue to be liquidated as feed availability becomes scarce despite

relief from emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program ground," the report said.

The Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service is a program designed to generate and distribute useful knowledge for the well-being of Kansans. Supported by county, state, federal and private funds, the program has county Extension offices, experiment fields, area Extension offices and regional research centers statewide.

July revenues up; debate renews over spending

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"The state is just piling more money into its bank account," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat. "We could have avoided some of these painful cuts."

Also, the state has reduced its base aid to public schools by \$232 per student, or 5.6 percent, dropping the figure from \$4,012 to \$3,780.

Davis is particularly upset because the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is closing nine of its local offices, including one in his hometown, to trim its administrative spend-

Meanwhile, the state ended its last fiscal year on June 30 with \$183 million in cash reserves. The \$23 million surplus from July collections adds to the cushion.

But Brownback spokeswoman Sherriene Jones-Sontag noted that guidelines in Kansas

law - routinely circumvented in bad financial times - say the state should have ended the fiscal year with more than \$425 million in cash reserves.

She said the ongoing uncertainty over what would happen if Congress doesn't raise the federal government's debt ceiling has shown the need to build the state's cash reserves.

"We have a long way to go," she said. "Whether it's a natural disaster or the possibility of los-

ing federal funds, Kansas must be prepared."

But Brownback's administration also is having internal discussions about rewriting tax laws next year, and the governor has said reducing individual income taxes is a goal because it's a way to spur economic activity. Many Democrats believe his willingness to cut spending is tied to his desire to lower taxes.

Briefly

Learn about better care at meetings this week

Kansas Advocates for Better Care will hold informational meetings about long-term care and tools for advocacy on Thursday. 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.

Congressman to send representatives

A representative from Rep. Tim Huelskamp's office will have office hours in Colby from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the county commissioners' room in the courthouse. The constituent services representative will be available to hear opinions, ideas, and concerns about issues being debated in Washington.

Get free pool admission at Saturday city event

The City of Colby will hold its Big Splash Event at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building. The event will begin with Learning Tree activities and a 10-minute Energy Bandit skit. The first 400 people to complete the activities get in free to a barbecue at 12:30 p.m. at the Colby Aquatic Center.

Country group to perform at dance

There will be a singles and couples dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Course clubhouse. Music will be provided by Swing 'N' Country. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Get your yearbook at enrollment Monday

Colby High School will distribute 2010 yearbooks during enrollment Monday at the school. There are a limited number of extra copies for those students who forgot to order one, which will be available for \$50. For information, call 460-5300.

Wesleyan church plans back-to-school night

The Colby Wesleyan Church is sponsoring a free back-to-school fun night at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the church, 320 W Pine. Children in preschool through fifth grade and their parents are welcome. There will be free food, a free T-shirt, Bible stories, music and puppets to introduce children and parents to the Wednesday Kid's Klubhouse ministry.



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