

# Weather



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Thursday:** Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.  
**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.  
**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 87.  
**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 64.  
**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.  
**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.  
**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Monday: High, 88; Low 53  
 Tuesday: High, 88; Low 57  
 Precip: Monday 0.78 inches  
 Tuesday 0.06 inches  
 Month: 2.84 inches  
 Year: 20.64 inches  
 Normal: 16.36 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Thursday 6:52 a.m. 8:46 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 90% illuminated  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
 Monday 1,664,000 gal.  
 Tuesday 1,321,000 gal.  
 (Colby Public Works)

# Commissioners hire new janitors

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agreed to take over cleaning for the courthouse as a full-time employee rather than a contractor.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Discussed ways to enforce county rights of way. Berens recommended they publish a notice that property owners violating right of way statutes would be prosecuted. He said it could be considered a Class C misdemeanor and would allow the county to seek restitution as well. With confusion about the need to set standards by a county engineer, the discussion was tabled.
- Approved allowing the sheriff's of-

office to apply for a fourth credit card with a \$3,000 limit. Financial flexibility is especially needed when transporting persons to mental facilities and other jails, Finley said, and the need to transport has increased dramatically.

- Heard Finley report on conditions at the county jail. The sheriff's office is looking for a new plumber, saying it is "awfully ripe" at the jail. Finley described how bad day-to-day conditions are and the commissioner's agreed it is a major project that needs attention. An architect from Omaha, Neb., will tentatively attend the next regular meeting Monday to discuss possible building options.
- Approved the appointment of Brett Mariman to the Thomas County Fair Board.
- Read a letter from Sparky's Fireworks inquiring about fireworks sales and use policies. The business is located in Hoxie and is looking to expand into Thomas County.
- Appointed Christiansen as a delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties. Steele will serve as alternate.
- Read a letter of thanks from the city of Menlo who are appreciative of the county's cooperation in providing sirens.
- Heard that Citizens Medical Center declined a request to sell land.

## What a mess



This tree branch was one of several ripped off at Fike Park by hail and wind on Monday. Many other trees around town were also damaged, at least one blowing over onto a vehicle.

KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press

# Three Kansas soldiers among dead in crash

By Heather Hollingsworth  
 The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Three Army reservists based in northeast Kansas are among the victims of a helicopter crash in Afghanistan that killed 30 American troops, seven Afghan soldiers and an Afghan interpreter.

Lt. Col. Richard Sherman, the former commander of Bravo Company, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment based at the New Century AirCenter in Gardner, Kan., said he received confirmation of the deaths late

Saturday of 23-year-old Spc. Alexander Bennett, a flight engineer/ door gunner from Overland Park, Kan., and 31-year-old Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bryan Nichols, a pilot from Kansas City, Mo.

A third soldier from the unit, 21-year-old Spc. Spencer Duncan of Olathe, Kan., also died in the crash. Chief Warrant Officer Michael Walsh said Sunday that Duncan, who graduated from Olathe South High School, was serving as a door gunner on the CH-47 helicopter that was hit by rocket fire Saturday.

Sherman said he had a bad

feeling when he heard about the crash because of the number of the victims and the area where it happened. He said Nichols was a close friend who was eager to get back to flying after a stint handling paperwork as the unit administrator. Nichols volunteered when word went out that people were needed to train for a mobilization.

Sherman was commanding the unit when Nichols joined it as a brand new pilot.

Nichols left behind a wife and a son from a previous marriage. Sherman said Nichols' wife isn't ready to talk to the media.

Sherman said Bennett couldn't wait to deploy again after returning from spending a year in Iraq in 2009. So the reservist moved on his own from the Tacoma, Wash., area to Overland Park, Kan., to join the unit based at New Century AirCenter.

"He wanted to be part of our unit when it deployed," Sherman said.

Walsh said Duncan joined the military in 2008 and had been in Afghanistan since late May.

Duncan wrote to his friends about how much he loved working as a door gunner on a Chinook helicopter. But The Kansas City Star reported that he also wrote that the war was becoming worse.

"We're so proud of Spencer and all of them over there," Mikayla Dreyer, 20, told The Star. "When Spencer gets to heaven, he'll say: 'Let me in. I've been to hell already.'"

Duncan has two younger brothers, including 18-year-old Tanner who is in Marine boot camp.

"Spencer was going to surprise Tanner by showing up at his graduation," Brian Bartels said.

# College teachers speak at event

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create a powerful opportunity for the most experimental educators to step forward and lead the field in designing truly original and motivational learning experiences for the next generation of college students."

"I Have a Story to Tell: Connecting the Process and Product of Education with Digital Storytelling," was the topic of the second presentation.

"The social element of stories allows students to step out of their own lives and see things from new perspectives," said Carter. "This technique has been long recognized as a powerful learning

tool. Digital storytelling is a vehicle we use to increase information literacy, writing and computer technology skills so our students are actively engaged in the learning process through face-to-face and online collaboration."

Thompson is the department chair of the criminal justice program. Carter is an instructor in the social sciences division.

The college is expanding distance learning classes this fall with the addition of several new courses. For information about the online and blended classes, contact the Admissions Department at 460-4690.

# Briefly

## Pets available at clinic for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has two kittens, a 6- to 7-week-old black and white female and a 10- to 11-week-old gray and white tiger 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.

## Premium checks for fair entries available

Premium checks from the Thomas County Free Fair are available now at the county extension office, 350 S. Range Ave. For information, call 460-4582.

## Radio raising money for school activities

Rocking M Radio is having a Radiothon to raise money for area high school activity funds including cheerleading, music and the arts. Thursday the Radiothon will be conducted out of the Colby office and pledges will be taken for: Colby, Oakley, Rawlins County, Brewster, Triplains, Hoxie, Golden Plains and Wheatland/Grinnell. To pledge money for the Rocking M Radiothon, call (785) 269-7522 or (785) 269-7752. Cash, check, debit and credit cards are all accepted.

## Get sports physicals at clinic on Thursday

Colby Medical and Surgical Center will have free physicals for students on Thursday. Colby High School students can stop by the clinic for a physical at 5:30 p.m.; Colby Middle School students at 6 p.m.; and all other Thomas County students at 6:30 p.m. For information, call the center at 462-3332.

## Have lunch with the coalition Thursday

The Thomas County Coalition will have a meeting at noon on Thursday at El Dos de Oros. The meeting will cover the Community Garden, Walking Trail and other topics. For information, call Jarrod Spencer at 443-2403 or e-mail tcel@st-tel.net.

## Back-to-school night planned at Colby church

The Colby Wesleyan Church is sponsoring a free back-to-school fun night at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church, 320 W. Pine. Children in preschool through fifth grade and their parents are welcome. Free school supplies will be available at the end of the evening. For information, call (785) 462-8391.

## Meet museum's quilt exhibitor on Sunday

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will hold a meet and greet reception for quilter Thesia Aschenbrenner from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the museum. Her quilts have been on display since July, and will continue to be exhibited through Labor Day. Refreshments will be served, and there is no cost to attend. For information, call 460-4590.

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Thursday Evening August 11, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Expedition Imp.		Rookie Blue		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	Big Brother		Local		Late Show Letterman		2011 PGA	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	30 Rock	Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48			
AMC	Donnie Brasco				Donnie Brasco					
ANIM	Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker	
CMT	Sweet Home Alabama		Sweet Home Alabama		Texas Women		Sweet Home Alabama		Texas Women	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Ugly Amer
DISC	Sons of Guns		Auction	Auction	D. Money	D. Money	Auction	Auction	D. Money	D. Money
DISN	Good Luck	Shake It	Home Alone 2		ANT Farm	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
EI	Sex-City	Sex and the City	Ice-Coco		Kardash		Chelsea		EI News	Chelsea
ESPN	NFL Football				SportsCenter		NFL Live		Baseball	
ESPN2	Little League		Little League				NASCAR		MMA Live	
FAM	Bicentennial Man				The 700 Club		Whose?		Whose?	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Extreme Chef		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Wilfred	Louie	Louie	Wilfred	Louie	Louie
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling
HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		UFO Hunters		Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Russian		How I Met		How I Met	
MTV	The Challenge		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Teen Wolf			
NICK	Family	My Wife	Lopez	George	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show
SCI	Underworld: Ev		Underworld		Thor: Hammer					
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling		Deadliest Warrior		MANswers		MANswers	
TBS	Get Smart				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan			
TCM	Mighty Joe Young				Wagon Master		She Wore a		Yellow Ribbon	
TLC	NY Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink		LA Ink	
TNT	Bones		The Green Mile				CSI: NY			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody	Everybody	Loves Raymond	
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Suits		Covert Affairs		Burn Notice	
VH1	Single Ladies		Single Ladies		Behind the Music		Behind the Music		50 Cent: Origin	
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		Scrubs	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Cirque	Derek Jeter 3K			Curb		Entourage		Entourage	Sex Quiz
MAX	Liar Liar	Clash of the Titans			Lost World-Jurassic				Machete	
SHOW	Freebie	The Big C	Web Ther.	The Big C	Weeds	Franchise	Green	Franchise	Green	Basterds

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Friday Evening August 12, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Karaoke Battle USA				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Flashpoint		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	2011 PGA	
KSNK/NBC	Friends	Friends	Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	NFL Football						Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Top Gun						The Peacemaker			
ANIM	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars:		Whale Wars		Whale Wars:	
BRAVO	Die Another Day		Die Another Day							
CMT	Crocodile Dundee		Crocodile Dundee II				Smarter		Smarter	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Comedy	Katt Williams		Lavell Crawford		Chappelle	Chappelle
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Surviving the Cut		Man vs. Wild		Surviving the Cut	
DISN	PrankStar	ANT Farm	Phineas	Phineas	Vampire	Random	Good Luck	Wizards	PrankStar	ANT Farm
EI	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea		EI News	Chelsea
ESPN	Little League				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		NFL Live	Baseball
ESPN2	WTA Tennis		Boxing				Little League			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Heat See.	Sugar Hig	Good Eats: Rig.		Diners	Diners
FX	Double Jeopardy				Changeling					
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters