

**Weather**

**County hears options for jail plan**

**Briefly**



National Weather Service Heat Advisory

**Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Friday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Friday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 104. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 75.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

**Independence Day:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Wednesday: High, 113; Low 64  
Precip: Wednesday None

Month: 0.61 inches  
Year: 5.88 inches

Normal: 9.84 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**

Friday 6:20 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 78 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

**Colby Water Use**

Wednesday 4,185,000 gal.  
(Colby Public Works)

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pal corporation, Cowan said. The members would sign contracts, but they would not have the authority to take action on anything without the county's approval. And, in most cases, the commission would appoint the county to perform daily functions such as taking bids for contracts.

"There is some measure of control with this option," Cowan said. "Commissioners can appoint and remove members, set member requirements, establish terms and create resolutions to ensure the county's will is acted upon and that no actions are made without approval and consent from the county."

Cowan explained that public building commissions are "general obligation equivalent," in that they do not trigger debt limit concerns and annual appropriations.

Such a commission is not subject to annual appropriation and can be financed from any available source, including taxes, he said.

"This is viewed as a backhanded general obligation type of funding," he explained. "You must budget every year to make payments. It is debt-limit neutral and is a good, secure financing option with low borrowing costs."

Cowan said the commission would operate under specific statutory limits and the lease, by

statute, is binding on the county, rather than a year-to-year lease.

He said there are no election requirement unless there is a protest. He said a resolution of intent must be published for public notification, followed by a 30-day protest period. In order to push for an election, the opponents must get at least 5 percent of the population to sign a petition.

A charter resolution to create the commission would also be subject to protest, said Cowan, if the lesser of 2 percent of the county qualified voters or 100 voters petition for protest.

"The PBC is probably the most viable and cheapest option for this county for this project," said Steele.

"We've seen this sort of project many times, and there are lots of good reasons to choose the PBC approach," Cowan said.

Steele said commissioners expect to ask for \$2 million for the project, saying about \$700,000 is already available between the county and the sheriff's drug forfeiture fund.

Based on a table provided by Haas, the annual payment for a bond issue of \$2 million paid over 15 years, with a 3.5 percent interest rate, would be about \$174,000.

The discussion is to resume Friday morning. Decisions on possible members and other details are expected.

**City decides process for job interviews**

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credentials of the candidates, which she said she would be happy to do for them.

Mallory asked what would happen if a candidate didn't want to be named, and Flentje said that has never happened to her.

"It's pretty much the standard now," she said. "...but that's your discretion. You do not have to make the names public."

The council members gave Flentje to go-ahead for the three factors of the interviews, plus the 10-minute presentation and they will make the names public.

She said she would send the council a menu of questions before any interviews are scheduled and each member will choose the ones they prefer and send those choices back to her to serve as standard questions.

The day of the interviews, Flentje said, she and the council will meet early for a briefing so they have a game plan.

She confirmed tentative dates for the interviews, which are Tuesday and Wednesday, July 10 and 11.

She said ideally, they can start the interviews at 5 or 5:30 p.m. those days, which could allow the council to conduct three interviews each evening.

"Then we would schedule the tours and hospitality and meetings with the management team in the afternoon both of those days," Flentje said.

She also said it is standard for the city to pay for reasonable travel expenses for the candidates, but for candidates that have to fly here, she thinks it would be reasonable to ask those individuals to pay for their flight to Denver and then the city would pay for a rental car. For others driving here, she said the city would pay IRS mileage, reasonable meals with receipts and overnight lodging.

She finished her presentation by suggesting, as part of the screening process, that the council ask the candidates invited for interviews to complete a writing assignment that would ask the candidates to talk about themselves and why they were leaving their current position, among other things.

Flentje suggested that the assignment be limited to 800 words and to give the candidates a week to complete it. She would then forward their responses to each council member.

She said she would provide them with a draft, but not until they were in closed session because that information is confidential.

The council went into closed session after that to discuss the candidates in more detail.

In other business, the council tabled a proposal to hire former City Manager Carolyn Armstrong as a consultant because of legal ramifications. The council decided to explore other options, but members said they want to talk with her more about it. All the members said they wanted to hire her to specifically deal with airport land acquisition, but if it goes into litigation, Armstrong would not be covered by the city's insurance.

**High court upholds part of Obama health law**

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paign-season victory in rejecting arguments that Congress went too far in approving the plan. However, Republicans quickly indicated they will try to use the decision to rally their supporters against what they call "Obamacare."

Stocks of hospital companies rose sharply, and insurance companies fell immediately after the decision was announced that Americans must carry health insurance or pay a penalty.

Breaking with the court's other conservative justices, Chief Justice John Roberts announced the judgment that allows the law to go forward with its aim of covering more than 30 million uninsured Americans.

The justices rejected two of the administration's three arguments in support of the insurance requirement. But the court said the mandate can be construed as

a tax. "Because the Constitution permits such a tax, it is not our role to forbid it, or to pass upon its wisdom or fairness," Roberts said.

The court found problems with the law's expansion of Medicaid, but even there said the expansion could proceed as long as the federal government does not threaten to withhold states' entire Medicaid allotment if they don't take part in the law's extension.

The court's four liberal justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, joined Roberts in the outcome.

Justices Samuel Alito, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"The act before us here exceeds federal power both in mandating the purchase of health insurance and in denying non-consenting states all Medicaid funding," the dissenters said

in a joint statement.

Kennedy summarized the dissent in court. "In our view, the act before us is invalid in its entirety," he said.

The legislation passed Congress in early 2010 after a monumental struggle in which all Republicans voted against it. House Republicans announced in advance of the ruling they would vote to wipe out whatever was left standing by the justices, and GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney has joined in calls for its complete repeal.

After the ruling, Republican campaign strategists said Romney will use it to continue campaigning against "Obamacare" and attacking the president's signature health care program as a tax increase.

"Obama might have his law, but the GOP has a cause," said veteran campaign adviser Terry Holt. "This promises to galvanize Republican support around

a repeal of what could well be called the largest tax increase in American history."

Democrats said Romney, who backed an individual health insurance mandate when he was Massachusetts governor, will have a hard time exploiting the ruling.

"Mitt Romney is the intellectual godfather of Obamacare," said Democratic consultant Jim Manley. "The bigger issue is the rising cost of health care, and this bill is designed to deal with it."

Justice Ginsburg said the court should have upheld the entire law as written without forcing any changes in the Medicaid provision. She said Congress' constitutional authority to regulate interstate commerce supports the individual mandate. She warned that the legal reasoning, even though the law was upheld, could cause trouble in future cases.

**Trinity Lutheran to hold car wash on Saturday**

The Trinity Lutheran Church youth group plans a car wash and lunch stand from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Kansas Quick Lube. Donations will be accepted. For information, call Rudy Neiermeier at 460-3034.

**Church to relocate services downtown**

Celebration Community Church will relocate services to the Colby Community Building beginning Sunday. The time will remain the same at 10:45 a.m. For information, call Debbie McNinch at (785) 824-8038.

**Commodities to be given out next week**

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

**Methodist Church to hold Bible school**

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a Bible School from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 9 to 13. Call Kim Chain at the church office, 460-2761, for information or to register.

**All veterans invited to be grand marshals**

All Thomas County veterans are invited to serve as Grand Marshals for the fair parade on Tuesday, July 31, riding on a float leading the lineup. Veterans will meet at the Senior Progress Center at 4:45 p.m., hopefully wearing military uniforms or hats. Call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401, for information or to get on the list.

**Chamber, college plan block party for students**

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber, Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and Colby Community College will be holding a Community Campus Block Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21, on the lawn on the north side of the student union. Businesses, churches and organizations are encouraged to set up a display booth or table, and the college will serve a barbecue lunch. For information, call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401.

**College pool remains closed for renovation**

The Colby Community College swimming pool will remain closed through Monday, July 9, to allow for repainting, renovating and painting the deck, repainting the locker rooms and installing a new ventilation system. It will reopen on Tuesday, July 10. The water exercise class originally scheduled to begin Monday will start on Wednesday, July 11. For information about the class, contact Penny Cline at 460-5404, and for information about the pool, call manager Kipp Nelson at 460-5473.

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**LOCAL TV Listings**

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Saturday Evening June 30, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Castle	Local							
KBSL/CBS	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	48 Hours Mystery	Local							
KSNK/NBC	U.S. Olympic Trials	U.S. Olympic Trials	The Firm	Local	Saturday Night Live						
KSAS/FOX	MLB Baseball	Local	The Finder	30S	Local						

Sunday Evening July 1, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Secret Millionaire	Extreme Makeover	Local								
KBSL/CBS	Hawaii Five-0	The Good Wife	The Mentalist	Local							
KSNK/NBC	U.S. Olympic Trials	U.S. Olympic Trials	Local	Dateline NBC							
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local						