5 to 15 mph.

to 15 mph.

wind 10 to 15 mph.

with a low around 74.

with a low around 75.

with a low around 74.

with a low around 73.

with a high near 98.

a high near 102.

a high near 103.

a high near 103.

10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a

Friday Night: Mostly clear,

Saturday: Sunny and hot,

Saturday Night: Mostly clear,

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with

Sunday Night: Mostly clear,

Monday: Sunny and hot, with

Monday Night: Mostly clear,

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear,

Wednesday: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunder-

storms. Mostly sunny and hot,

Wednesday: High, 99; Low 69

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Moon: waxing, 3 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

(Colby Public Works)

From "FORUM," Page 1

said that because the various

Norton County agencies have

communicated well, the county

some sacrifices in the Legisla-

Ostmeyer spoke next. He has

served two terms in the Sen-

ate, and before that, two in the

House. Before that, he was a

school board member, a county

commissioner and an official for

has been steadily improving.

ture," he added.

Normal: 13.61 inches

6:34 a.m. 9:07 p.m.

3,122,000 gal.

2.43 inches

8.50 inches

Precip: Wednesday None

Month:

Year:

Wednesday

with a high near 102. South wind

with a low around 69. Southeast

high near 103. Southeast wind 5

Area/State

Colby Wesleyan has

Vacation Bible School Colby Wesleyan Church is having Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to noon through Friday at the church, 320 W. Pine. Children age 4 through fifth grade will have Bible stories, crafts,

games, snacks and music as they learn

about trusting God. For a free ride, call

Joy Rothfuss at the church office, 462-

Bluegrass festival to accept donations

aged to bring items to the ticket booth at the Thomas County Fairgrounds throughout the weekend. For information, call Jo Wolf at (785) 460-2892. Meeting set about becoming foster parent St. Francis Community Services will

Library plans book sale

have its annual Book Sale Blowout from Monday, July 30, to Sunday, Aug. 5. With lots of children's books, fiction and nonfiction items to choose from prices go down as the week progresses. Sunday, all remaining books are free. Hours are 9 a.m. to a half hour before closing time each day and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call Deb-

Registration next month

Registration for American Youth Soccer Organization players will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. Cost is \$45 until Aug. 11, \$50 after. Deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 17. Players must be at least 4 1/2 by Aug. 1. The season runs from Saturday, Sept. 8, to Saturday,

Organization ordering fruit for August delivery

The Catholic Youth Organization at Sacred Heart Church is selling fruit for delivery in late August. Reserve your order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday, Aug. 15. Contact any member or Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart rectory, 462-2179. Pickup is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at

Weather County appraiser dies at age 60

From "APPRAISER," Page 1

National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a tion to be an appraiser," Cunningham said. low around 68. Southeast wind "You have to have a lot of licenses."

Cech also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Although she started to have health problems last year, friends said, she hated taking sick days. She worked up until a doctor's appointment in late June, after which she was admitted to the Logan County Hospital in Oakley. Even then, Cunningham said, "She would call every day to make sure we were doing all right, like if we had any ques-

tions or anything." She was flown to Hays on July 1 as her condition got worse.

"She's going to be greatly missed," Cunningham said. "She was always a happygo-lucky person; she was always concerned more about everyone else before herself."

All Thomas County offices will close Monday morning for Cech's funeral and reopen at 1 p.m.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers, John and David Cech.

Survivors include her significant other, Dennis Hayes, of the home; a sister, Bar-

seph (Jean) Cech, Goodland, and Jim (Lisa) Cech: two stepchildren, Dawn Nesheim, Denver, and Matt (Wendy) Hayes, Tennessee; and five step-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2012, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with inurnment in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Cremation.

The doors will open at 2 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Baalmann Mortuary, 190 S. Franklin

The family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior project, in care of the bara Cech, Lincoln, Neb.; two brothers, Jomortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

County receives best opinion on audit

From "COUNTY," Page 1

"The statute says that if they request money, you have to pay it," Staats said. "In the past, we didn't have to cite this as a budget violation, but things changed. Going forward, we'll just have to increase their budgets so it isn't overspent again."

Secondly, he said tax distributions need to be done in a timely manner; one was found to be delinguent.

Lastly, he said the sheriff's department had two outstanding checks over two years old.

"In my defense, one of those was for \$1," said Sheriff Rod Taylor, "and the other was there even before I started."

Staats told Taylor he didn't need to waste money on stop They can simply be voided, he

efficiencies and for improving internal control." Supervising personnel of most of the county's departments were present to hear suggestions, make comments and ask questions.

"Due to the limited size of the county, it is not practical to hire fully qualified staff ... in order to apply generally accepted accounting principles when preparing financial statements," Ritter said. "... personnel of the this kind of knowledge."

The accountants had several surer. She said it is evident that

recommendations "to improve the county has been working on the Sheriff's office were made operational or administrative this. In particular, she said the and discussed. sheriff's office should consider closing as many as possible.

> • The sheriff should show proof that he has reviewed bank statements before they are distributed to bookkeeping staff, by signing his initials for example. · Measures for control over

federal accounting and reporting at the sheriff's office should be increased. Ritter said the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form required for ing, the county can ensure fedcounty are not expected to have the Federal Forfeiture Funds was delinquent.

office, which takes care of ac-• The county should reduce counts receivable. This will ensure compliance with state law, County Attorney Kevin Berens

 A new process for recording interfund transfers was offered.

• All federal and state grants should be reported to the county clerk to allow better reporting for federal money received and spent by the county.

"The county is subject to an individual audit if \$500,000 in federal money is received," said Ritter. "By allowing one person to monitor the total federal funderal compliance is met." • The Health Department

should record all money received either in a manual receipt book or in a computer program that does not allow changes. Amounts received could be tampered with using the current reporting method. • Standardizing the county's

bid policy to ensure consistency Several other suggestions for among all of the departments.

Schields asked the House

"What is the proper role of state

government and what should its

Cassidy said his priority is

western Kansas. He said he likes

to get involved in issues that af-

fect people out here. For instance

he has been talking to the Board

of time it takes to get a state li-

cense. Currently it can take up to

six months, he said, which can

hurt people's chances of getting

The Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass

Festival will be accepting donations of nonperishable food and money for Genesis-Thomas County food pantry from Friday to Sunday. As the need for food continues to rise, everyone is encour-

hold an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent at 6 p.m. Monday at the Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine St. in Colby. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Marla Baumann at (785) 476-8501 or go to www.st-francis.org.

for end of month The Pioneer Memorial Library will

bie Tittel at 460-4470.

for Youth Soccer league

Oct. 27. Call Emily Griffin at 460-0647 for questions or paperwork.

the 4-H Building.

• The sheriff should submit Therefore, she said many of his bills to the clerk's office, the recommendations are to help ease accounting processes for which handles accounts paystaff and minimize extra bookable, rather than the treasurer's

payment fees on those checks. the number of accounts held at banks to only a few deemed necessary by the county trea- said after the meeting.

Candidate forum in Goodland draws four Republicans

Billinger said he did not vote candidates the same question, in favor of the governor's tax plan, because it was projected to result in a deficit down the road. top priority be."

relief over income tax cuts. With many new legislators, St. Francis have served one term Billinger said, there will be a lot opportunity for representaives with one term under their belts of Cosmetology about the length

Cassidy, a former principal Billinger, originally from and current school counselor in "With the governor's tax plan, Park, said he moved to Goodland St. Francis, defeated a 14-year jobs. mittee during this year's ses- I feel that we're on the right di- in the 1970s. He was elected by incumbent for the old 120th Dis-

> He said his first priority was to get on the Appropriations Committee, which at the time and other than that, legislators had no members from west of Salina. He was able to get on the panel during this year's session, and before long, he had people listening to his western Kansas

"That's what I like to do," he said, "get involved." Billinger agreed that the pri-

ority should be western Kansas. should focus on the budget. "You can't spend what you

don't have," he said, "and with 60 or more new legislators, we'll have a lot more say."

After the forum, the candi-With many incumbents run- dates stuck around to speak to

high school sports. Ostmeyer said he chaired the Senate Natural Resources Comsion, a committee which had rection," he said, some prominence because of Gov. Sam Brownback's focus on education, Ostmeyer added. rison's post after his death in Dewater legislation. He said he is Many of the counties in the 40th cember 2010. proud of the eight or nine water District are down to one school Ostmeyer was also on the re-

policy initiatives developed by district per county, he said, and needs to stick behind schools, his committee. districting committee. He said he is willing to take some of the make the state succeed. blame for the Senate's failure to

Saturday Evening

KSNK/NBC Olympic Moments

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Open Range

My Cat From Hel

Housewives/OC

Smokey-Bndt. 2

CNN Presents

Grandma's Boy

River Monsters

She's Out

British Open

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Chopped All-Star

UFC 149: Fab

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Contagion

Bruce Almighty

KBSL/CBS NYC 22

KSAS/FOX Cops

FOOD

7:00 7:30

Cops

Storage

ANT Farm Good Luck Gravity

8:00

48 Hours Myster

Mobbed

Bad Dog

Law & Order: SVL

Storage Storage

Housewives/OC

River Monsters

Redneck Vacation

Piers Morgan Tonight

2012 Home Run Derby

Grt Rooms High Low

Chopped All-Stars

Strike Back

"We weren't able to pull it said that the state could have as said the state can't afford to keep said, he might be the only one off," he said. "I wasn't able to much as a \$2 million budget def-spending money and expect fu-next year who has any backcommunicate than blame. He convince my colleagues."

home-owned carnivals, which budget. had been facing stricter safety "We are going to have to make requirements." Schields' question for the Senate candidates was "What is the House candidates. Both Billinger

> proper role of state government and what should its top priority Ostmeyer said the budget

they can't get cut any further. Miller said the first priority of the Legislature should be to budget, he said.

48 Hours Mystery

Law & Order: SVU

Storage Storage

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The Break-Up

CNN Newsroom

River Monster

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Chopped All-Stars

Anger

Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity

Anger

Remember the Titans

Redneck Island

icit after the Legislature slashed ture generations to pick up the ground in school finance. Ostmeyer said he also helped the income tax. Miller said the debt. work out a compromise on Legislature's role is to fix that That may take either serious

cuts or raising taxes, he added. Schields then introduced the He said he favors property tax

of Goodland and Cassidy from in the House. They were thrown into one

should be the first priority. The district by a federal court deci- to get choice committee assign-Legislature was able to put a sursion where judges redrew the plus in the budget this year, he state's boundary lines.

the 121st District's Republican trict in 2010. The other priority should be Committee to fill Rep. Jim Mor-

Billinger said the Legislature agriculture and hospitals. It has been doing a good job with the

There was a deficit in 2010, perspective. Miller cited the Kansas Legis- and the Legislature was able

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Saturday Night Live

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lative Research Council, which to get to a surplus this year. He ning against each other, Cassidy voters one on one.

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Contagion

Mob Wives Chicago

NCIS

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VH1

Falling Skies

Coaster

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True Blood

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Sunday Evening

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Necessary Roughness Royal Pains

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FAM	The Blind Side					Hill Nannies		J. Osteen	Ed Young		
FOOD	Chopped		Food Network Star		Chopped		Anne Burrell		Food Network Star		
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HGTV	Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		
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