

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 9 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southeast wind around 10 mph.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 93. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Breezy.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 90.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Friday: High, 82; Low 55
Saturday: High, 86; Low 56
Sunday: High, 81; Low 46
Precip: Friday 0.06 inches
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.57 inches
Year: 9.57 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:03 a.m. 8:31 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 19 percent
Wednesday 7:04 a.m. 8:29 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 29 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Friday to Sunday 2,489,000 gal.
(average)
(Colby Public Works)

County increases budget total

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enterprise."
"The commissioners are showing faith in the department's direction," said Hickert. "We are in good stead with the state and the commissioners have seen great turnaround in EMS staff morale."
On Thursday, Hickert added that even though he didn't get as much as he'd hoped for, "EMS must continue."
"Our business depends on bad things happening to good people...," he said. "We've already drastically increased interfacility transfers, and the budget increase doesn't cost anybody money because we are bringing money back into the county. We are paying for it ourselves, within the department."
Hickert said transfers are four times higher than what they were last year.
"Take this into consideration," he said. "We just did a ground transfer for a patient, who in the past would have had to pay \$28,000 for air flight. His condition didn't warrant the flight, so we saved him a lot of money by transporting him in our am-

bulance. It cost about \$600 for the ambulance and \$12 per mile travel, which was about \$1,200 in mileage.
"And, the community sees our ambulance service en route when we do ground transport. They see us in action, and that's good. It's good for the county and for the people when we do this."
Hickert went on to explain other expenses and insurance increases his department is expecting for next year, in addition to the higher level of care patients can expect. His budget increase, he said, will be worth it.
With no other major changes, the other directors left without much discussion after hearing that Steele had figured a 2 percent salary increase into the budget across the board.
County Clerk Shelly Harms was given what she'd requested, as were Register of Deeds Lora Volk and the county appraiser.
Although emergency management will be getting an increase from actual 2011 expenses of \$54,000, Director Susan McMahan will get less than what she asked for. Her proposed 2013 budget is set at \$72,000.

He said he was unsure if this expense should come from his budget or the court system's. After some research, he decided the expense belongs to his office, and will look into adding the line item.
Berens said he spends about \$50 a week to pay translators for defendants who don't speak English so they understand their rights and can receive proper legal representation.
Proposed 2013 budget increases will also be given to the sheriff's department, from \$439,000 spent in 2011 to \$602,000; the courts, \$144,000 to \$180,000; the general courthouse fund, \$365,000 to \$475,000; custodial services, \$29,000 to \$31,500; the jail, \$219,500 to \$276,000; and the Thomas County Office Complex, \$48,000 to \$59,000.
There was no discussion about these increases.
The Local Environmental Protection Group's budget is being cut from \$3,000 to \$2,700. Economic development will receive \$56,500, the same amount as in the past.
There were no representatives from any of these departments at the budget hearing.

County cuts big chunk of landfill budget

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plained that he reduced the landfill's budget to what he thought the department would spend next year and that he wanted to give what he thought was "adequate."
"It's high and tight," he said, "but I don't think Larry will have any problems next year."
"Larry's in really good financial shape," Christiansen agreed.
Steele pointed to the amount the landfill has in reserve for specific special needs, but Jumper said the money might be needed if a scale or a truck goes bad and for the cost of closing a cell down when it's full.

"These reserves are earmarked for specific use," Jumper said on Thursday. "I can't use this money for everyday operational needs."
"Most of my bills come at the end of the year, and they approved my budget based on what I've spent so far this year. I'm worried about not being able to pay my bills at the end of next year."
"Thomas County is only continuing to expand, which means more debris for the landfill. Also, there are more rulings and regulations we have to work under, but now we have to do work under those rules with the amount of money that I spent by August this year."
Jumper said his staff, along with the en-

gineers and the county's road and bridge department, worked together to close three cells this year that should have been done years ago.
"Now, we have three certifiably closed cells and we saved the county \$1.2 million by not having to pay another company to do it for us," he said, "and now I'm faced with a budget cut."
"I think you'll survive," said Christiansen.
"I guess it doesn't matter," Jumper replied.
"If all else fails, there's always amending the budget," said County Clerk Shelly Harms.

Kansas rep apologizes for nude swim in sea

By John Hanna
Associated Press

TOPEKA — A Republican congressman representing Kansas has apologized for embarrassing his supporters by swimming naked at the holy site of the Sea of Galilee while on a fact-finding mission to Israel.
Freshman U.S. Rep. Kevin Yoder, 36, has not been charged in the Aug. 18, 2011, incident when he and about 20 other lawmakers and staff members jumped into the water. Politico reported Sunday that he was the only one among them who wore no clothes.
"I feel incredibly remorseful that I have caused embarrass-

ment to my constituents and I have caused folks who believe in me to be disappointed," Yoder told the *Kansas City Star* Sunday night (bit.ly/Se9dm7).
Yoder had been scheduled to participate today in a discussion of energy policy at an oil and natural gas industry convention in Wichita but he did not attend. Yoder's spokesman did not respond to telephone and e-mail messages from the Associated Press seeking comment today.
Some Christians consider the Sea of Galilee a holy site because they believe Jesus walked on water there.
Swimming in the lake is permitted but public nudity is not allowed, according to Israeli po-

lice spokesman Micky Rosenfeld.
"If someone walks around the beach naked, that's an offense," Rosenfeld said in Jerusalem. He said no official complaint had been made against Yoder but that it was possible he could still be charged even a year after the offense was committed.
"If that kind of incident takes place and someone makes an official complaint, we'll investigate," Rosenfeld said today.
Kansas Democratic Party Chairwoman Joan Wagnon called Yoder's behavior "inexcusable" and said if the incident had occurred in Kansas, he would be forced to resign. She stopped short of calling for him

to step down.
"I'm astonished these people think they can go on these junkets like this and no one will know what they do," Wagnon said.
The Aug. 13-21 trip was sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation, a charity whose mission is to provide grants for educational programs and conferences, and to educate politicians and influential people about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship.
"The gravity of the situation and the actions I've taken are not lost on me, and I feel certainly regret at what has occurred," Yoder told the *Kansas City Star*.

Briefly

Colby schools need volunteers for activities

Colby High School and Middle School are looking for anyone who would like to help with activities. Needed are volunteer timers, scorers, judges, linesmen, announcers, supervisors and ticket takers. Call Brandi Wark at the high school, 460-5302, or stop by the school office.

Baptist Church offers free lunch on Saturday

The First Baptist Church invites everyone to a free lunch and fellowship from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Feel free to bring a friend to the church at 615 W. Webster. For questions, call Norma Higerd at 462-7806.

Firemen will be collecting for kids

The Colby Fire Department plans a Boot Block to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, with fire trucks set up at Dillons, Walmart and Fourth and Franklin downtown. Your support is appreciated. For information, call Ross Carney at 460-4454.

Fair checks available at office complex

Premium checks from the 2012 Thomas County Free Fair are in and ready to pick up anytime from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. at the Extension Office in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 16. For questions, call Jody McCain at 460-4583.

Grade school offering parents a 'sneak peak'

The Colby Grade School "sneak peek" for families of kids in kindergarten to fifth grades will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Parents will have a chance to visit their children's classrooms and meet the teachers. Feel free to bring students and school supplies to put in your child's desk. For questions, call 460-5100.

Hospital plans welcome for new doctor

Citizens Medical Center will hold a welcome reception for Dr. John Dygert and his family from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Meadow Lake Golf Course. Everyone is invited. For information, call Citizens Foundation Director Tama Unger at 460-1214.

Gem Lions plan annual hog roast

The Gem Lions Club will hold its annual hog roast from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Come enjoy bluegrass, folk and country music, a horseshoe contest and all you can eat for a donation. Drawings will be held for 16 half hogs. Remember to bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids to help those in need. Proceeds will be used for community projects. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS



Wednesday Evening August 22, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Suburg.	NY Med		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage
AMC	Groundhog Day							Groundhog Day		
ANIM	Tanked		Wildman	Wildman	Off Hook	Off Hook		Tanked	Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters			Top Chef Masters	Housewives/NJ	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Son-in-Law						Whiskey Business	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360			E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk		Daily	Colbert	Futurama
DISC	American Guns		American Guns		Dirty Jobs			American Guns	Dirty Jobs	
DISN	G-Force			Shake It Up!				Shake It	Good Luck	ANT Farm
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		The Soup	Jonas		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	Little League				SportsCenter			SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	MLB Baseball							Baseball Tonight		NFL Kickoff
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	The Pacifier					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Wedding: Impossible			Chopped		Restaurant: Im.
FX	Forget Sarah					Forget Sarah				
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl		Property Brothers		Property Brothers

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HIST	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	American	American	American	American	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap	
MTV	Awkward.	Awkward.	Teen Mom		The Real World		Snooki	Snooki	Awkward.	Awkward.
NICK	Victoriou	Victoriou	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Paranormal Witness		Haunted Collector		Paranormal Witness	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang		Conan		Sullivan	Office
TCM	The Fortune Cookie					My Sister Eileen				Cowboy
TLC	Honey	Honey	Toddlers & Tiaras		Honey	Honey	Toddlers & Tiaras		Honey	Honey
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		CSI: NY		The Great Escape	
TOON	NinjaGo	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Man, Food	Man, Food	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	Retired a King		King	King
USA	NCIS		Royal Pains		Necessary Roughness		Suits		Royal Pains	
VH1	Hollywood Exes		Hollywood Exes		Mama Drama		Hollywood Exes		Mama Drama	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Chris	Chris
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Change-Up				True Blood		Hard Knocks		Real Time/Bill Maher	
MAX	Harry Potter				Harry Potter				Lingerie	Lingerie
SHOW	The Core				Franchise	Weeds	Franchise	Episodes	The Rock	