

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming light in the evening.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 48. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 90. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 56.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 78.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 75.

Thursday: High, 98; Low 55 Precip: Thursday None

Month: 0.31 inches Year: 10.48 inches Normal: 17.78 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Saturday 7:19 a.m. 8:03 p.m. Last quarter Moon at 8:16 a.m.

Sunday 7:20 a.m. 8:01 p.m. Moon: waning, 39 percent

Monday 7:21 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Moon: waning, 30 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use Thursday 2,338,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

City Council advised to wait on wind towers

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doesn't agree with itself."

He said that one department, the Obstruction Evaluation Airport Airspace Analysis Group, handles applications for structures such as the turbines and decides whether to issue a determination of no hazard.

However, the Airports Division evaluates these determinations, deciding whether a city has done enough to protect its airport, or whether it should be denied future grants.

"I ended up figuring out," Gatz said to the council, "that the determination of no hazard doesn't mean that we're in compliance."

In a phone interview later, Ed Young, state director of aviation and Romo's boss, said when the federal agency issues a no-hazard determination for a structure, it might still say later that the structure will force pilots to change or abandon a certain approach to an airport.

That, he said, could potentially prompt the Airports Division to pull the airport's grant eligibility for failing to protect the approach.

The results probably would be a letter warning the city first, not outright denial of a grant.

Acciona has filled out what is called a 7460-1 application for each of 36 518-foot towers that the company wants to build four to five miles south of town.

The pending applications replace an older set of plans for the towers to be 584 feet high, which had been approved by the agency.

Young said he believes that the older applications would have forced a change in one approach to the airport, which prompted Acciona to file again with the shorter towers.

"Acciona, by lowering it, is actually being a really good citizen," Young said. "You wish everybody would be like that."

In other business, the council:

Made no decision to change the way the city gets rid of snow from its streets. Snow will still be dumped on city land by trucks driving up South Court Avenue north of Cedar Street. Public Works director Omar Weber had proposed extending Court 130 feet to the north of this intersection to make it safer for trucks hauling snow.

Councilman Tim Hutfles argued that taking snow to the old sewer plant would be better, but in the end the council closed the discussion without a vote.

Heard from Finance Director

Debbie Zerr, who had been asked to study salaries for employees in comparable cities. The city is trying to decide whether to offer a 3.6 percent cost of living pay increase to new city employees starting 2013. Zerr had information about salaries in Goodland, Russell and Wellington. The mayor said that Colby seemed to be in the middle of the other cities in terms of pay. The council made no decision.

Heard from Gatz that he is working on a title opinion for land acquisitions at the airport.

Heard a request from the Colby Tree Board for dates when city work crews can chip dead tree limbs placed on the curb. Mike Woofter said that the drought will likely kill a lot of trees. He requested a committee, made up of some people from the city tree board, to come up with a policy concerning when dead trees and tree limbs can be removed from people's property.

Awarded a bid for a new fuel storage containment system at the power plant to Woofter Construction and Irrigation for \$188,657. The total cost, along with an alternate, will be \$197,930. The other bidder was Walters-Morgan Construction, for \$299,000.

County commissioners OK purchase of new ambulance

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Wheeled Coach, or \$152,000 for new demo and a used 1999 truck with 72,000 miles for \$15,000 from Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles.

Before making a decision, Hickert presented a slide show and discussed positive and negative aspects of each.

Deciding factors included space within the truck and making sure it would fit in the ambulance garage.

If after inspecting the truck and deciding if it is a good buy, Hickert is authorized to buy it. The county has budgeted \$92,000 in an ambulance capital outlay fund for the purchase.

In other business, commissioners:

Accepted the resignation of interim City Manager Randy Jones as a member of the Public Building Commission board and County Clerk Shelly Harms' request to resign as the board's secretary. Although she is not a member, Harms said she doesn't have time to commit to the board's secretarial duties, which she had agreed to do.

Appointed Commissioner-elect Mike Baughn to take Jones' position. Baughn told commission-

ers he has been hearing positive feedback on the need for a new jail. He said others have asked if commissioners are being too conservative and are not taking into account the jail's future needs.

He told commissioners that law enforcement officials should be given a chance to share their concerns and ideas with the commission.

"We need to learn of the deficiencies," he said, "before we move too far along."

Treasurer Donita Applebury said she received a letter from The Bank, announcing their purchase of the First National Bank branch in Colby. She and the commissioners decided to close a checking account there, which will be consolidated at the county's main bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank.

The change had been recommended by the county's auditor, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball. The firm suggested the county should simplify its accounts to make transfers cleaner.

Approved a \$1,000 grant to the Pioneer Memorial Library from the county attorney's diversion Fund and \$3,378 for cleaning kits, knives, scopes and other supplies for the law enforcement center.

Three injured in Selden wreck, flown to hospital

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driving north on K-23 in a 2002 Pontiac Firebird about 9:45 p.m. As he approached the end of the pavement at the intersection with K-123, he apparently realized he was about to run the stop sign.

The car skidded sideways through the intersection, went into a ditch to the north, rolling until it came to rest on its wheels. At that point, the paved highways run east and west from the intersection, but a gravel county road continues to the north.

All three victims were taken to the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie, then airlifted to Wesley:

Wachendorfer, 17, Selden, the driver. Wesley officials said he was listed in fair condition Thursday, but had been downgraded to critical this morning.

Jesse Mumm, 18, Vian, Okla. He has been in serious condition Thursday, but was upgraded to fair by today.

Jaime Labrado, 17, Selden, perhaps the most badly injured, was still in critical condition today.

Wachendorfer was responsive when the trooper and ambulance arrived, both about 10:12 p.m.

He admitted he had been driving too fast. Trooper Gizzarelli said. He added that some substance abuse may have been involved.

Golden Plains school Superintendent Mary Ellen Welshon said that Wachendorfer and Labrado both are students at the high school, which has 61 students enrolled.

Welshon said students were "concerned and sad."

"Anyone anyone in our school is in a crisis, it affects our community," Welshon said. "Our students and staff are holding the families and the students in our prayers and thoughts."

Weslhhon said three counselors were on hand to help students. She said she did not know any details of the crash itself.

Suspect guilty of first-degree murder

By Don Babwin and Michael Tarm

The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — She loomed over Drew Peterson's murder trial, though her disappearance and the suspicion that the former Illinois police officer killed her was never mentioned in front of the jury.

But since jurors found Peterson guilty Thursday of first-degree murder in the 2004 death of his third wife, Kathleen Savio, his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, could now take center stage.

"We are going to aggressively review that case with an eye towards potentially charging it," Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow told reporters outside the Joliet courthouse shortly after jurors convicted Drew Peterson of killing Savio.

While Peterson faces up to 60 years in prison, the legal issues surrounding the accusations against him may be far

from resolved. In addition to the separate Stacy Peterson case, his attorneys have vowed to appeal Thursday's conviction based on the unprecedented amount of secondhand hearsay evidence entered at trial. One of them vowed to take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Peterson, 58, was only charged in Savio's death after his fourth wife vanished in 2007. Stacy Peterson is presumed dead, though her body has never been found. Her husband is a suspect in her disappearance but has never been charged in the case.

Stacy Peterson's sister, in court to hear the guilty verdict Thursday, sounded optimistic that charges in her sister's case would soon follow.

"He'll be charged. It'll come," Cassandra Cales said. Savio family was as relieved and excited Thursday as Stacy Peterson's family was hopeful. As she stepped out of the crowd-

ed courtroom minutes after the verdict, Savio's sister, Susan Doman, threw herself into the arms of her husband.

"Finally, finally, finally," Mitch Doman, Savio's brother-in-law, said as he and his wife cried. Seconds later, he looked up at a reporter and said with a smile, "We finally got that murdering bastard!"

Glasgow drew cheers from the crowd gathered outside the courthouse.

"He was a thug," Glasgow said of Peterson, his voice rising in indignation. As Glasgow prepares for a Nov. 26 sentencing hearing for Peterson — during which he is certain to ask the judge to impose a sentence close to the maximum 60-year prison term — he strongly hinted that many of the things he was forbidden from saying in front of the jury about Stacy Peterson's 2007 disappearance will be part of his presentation.

Briefly

Once a Month Lunch will be served Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 this Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. in Colby. This free meal is served the second Saturday of each month. For questions, contact the church office at 462-6342.

'World's Largest Convoy' coming Saturday

There's still time to sign up for the Worlds Largest Truck Convoy on Saturday, supporting the Kansas Special Olympics. Saturday, convoys from Oakley and Goodland will meet in Colby for a parade at noon. Show up after 8:30 a.m. (Central Time) at either starting place to join the effort, raising money for the Kansas Special Olympics. Call Joe Mentlick at (785) 443-1682 for information.

Alzheimer's walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday

Join the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday at Fike Park. The one-mile walk begins at 9:30 a.m., with registration at 9 a.m. Sign up as a team, join another team or donate to a team member by going to alz.org/walk. To support the cause without walking, call Outreach Coordinator Jan Evans at (316) 267-7333.

Legion groups plan day of fund raisers

Colby American Legion groups will have a day of fund raisers Saturday, beginning with registration from 10 a.m. to noon and a bike show until 3 p.m. at the Oasis Travel Center in Colby, in conjunction with the Northwest Kansas World's Largest Truck Convoy. From 4 to 6 p.m., riders and drivers can join the Riders' annual Fun Run, starting and ending at the Legion, 1850 W. Fourth St. Dinner will be served by the Legion Auxiliary from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and a dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Call C.W. Hamilton II at (785) 462-0964 or Darren Kannady at (785) 728-7676 for information.

Lutheran church to hold Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday will be this weekend at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth St. with the ice cream machine running and a fish feed to benefit the Orphan Grain Train from noon to 1:30 p.m. Trinity has returned to its regular schedule, with Sunday school meeting at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. For information, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497. Visitors are always welcome.

Church invites everyone to national program

Colby Wesleyan Church invites the public to join its members and congregations across the country for a special service, iPledge Sunday, focusing on issues facing our nation, at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church, 320 W. Pine. A live simulcast will include speakers such as Fernando Cabrera, Kirk Cameron, Jim Garlow, Dr. Mark Harris, Bishop Harry Jackson, Tony Perkins, Star Parker, James Robison and Sen. Rick Santorum. For information, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391.

Hospital sets ground breaking for expansion

Citizens Medical Center will hold a ground breaking for expansion of the Family Center for Health Care at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the clinic, 310 E. College Dr. For information, call Tama Unger at 460-1214.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

New players sought for first rehearsal

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra would welcome new players at a session Monday at the Colby Community College band room in the Cultural Arts Center on campus. A "meet and greet" at 7 p.m. with light refreshments will precede a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. If someone doesn't have an instrument, some may be available. For information, call Mary Shoaff at (785) 462-2159 or Janet Hopsan at (785) 462-5102.

Citizens plans series on living with disease

Citizens Medical Center will offer a chronic disease self-management workshop from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays for six weeks starting Monday in the conference room A light meal will accompany each interactive, motivational session. The workshop is limited to the first 20 people who sign up. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown in the education department at 460-4850.



Monday Evening September 10, 2012. Table listing TV channels and programs from 7:00 to 11:30 PM.