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National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Sunday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 49. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 81. Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 55. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 81.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy. with a low around 56.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

Wednesday: High, 91; Low 39 Precip: Wednesday None

0.61 inches Month: Year: 10.78 inches Normal: 17.78 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** 7:31 a.m. 7:42 p.m.

children playing" street signs at the north

and south end of Mentlick Drive. Resi-

Moon: waxing, 37 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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Weather County asked to lower office rent

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doesn't pay rent, in that it is an enterprise. It brings in money to the county and provides health services to women and children,

The county pays for the department's custodial services, utilities and lawn care, so the rent helps cover those expenses.

Steele said he thought the county pays for the health department's maintenance, including pricey "mini-splits" for the air conditioning units. Rothchild corrected him, saying that in addition to high rent, she also pays to have maintenance done from the department's budget.

"I have people in every month tests and found nothing. because they (the mini-splits) break down," she said. "Three don't even work right now."

item was tabled for the meeting sometimes there's a methane

which begins at 9 a.m. Friday. Christiansen wants to see how much the department spends on maintenance before making a

In other business, commis-

 Heard from County Clerk Shelly Harms that employees who work on the south end of the third floor and in the basement of the courthouse have been experiencing severe headaches. Women in the basement have commented on headaches for several months, she said, and symptoms have now jumped to the third floor, too.

She said Midwest Energy, the Drive. gas utility serving Colby, ran

"Judge Ress says a frequent sewer smell has been around since the elevators were in-No decision was made and the stalled," said Harms, "and, state.

smell downstairs."

Steele said "P-traps" on an una problem, since fumes can surface if water evaporates from the traps. He said he'd check out a floor drain downstairs.

the county, the city of Colby and the state Department of Transportation to share costs on a study of intersections in Colby to determine if stoplights are needed, among other things. Primarily, the study will look at the intersection near McDonalds on Range Avenue and the one at Fourth Street and Country Club Expenses on the \$145,000

parties. The county will pay \$2,500, the city \$5,000 and the balance will be paid by the

proval from the City Council.

• Heard from Emergency Medused toilet or drain could cause ical Services Director Joe Hickert that the ambulance known as Thomas 4, which serves Brewster, has been repaired and is now back in service. It wasn't · Approved a contract among properly grounded and would not maintain 100 percent electrical power.

He said it was a manufacturing defect; no ground strap had been installed.

The county's sixth ambulance, Thomas 6, arrived in Colby on Thursday, he said, purchased using money set aside in an equipment reserve. Hickert said he plans to get it on the road within

• Learned that the Fair Board project will be split among the is creating a contract for people to sign if they store personal items at the fair grounds. It will ensure the county is not liable

The contract also needs ap- for damages. Commission looks for more architects

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to name a few. Since it's made of concrete, they noted, the building has a strong structural foundation.

The primary deciding factor for adding on or building new, Steele said, will be money.

ing, or four or five mills for a new site."

"I think you need more opinions," said

'We ought to bid it out," agreed Baughn. "I agree with Mike," said Finley. "And, what's it going to hurt to go to Valentine, Neb., and see their new facility and talk to them?"

Christiansen asked Finley to give his thoughts on the blueprints they have been using to develop ideas and plans, to give the group a better idea of the direction they

has, saying the plans don't solve a lot of the tronic doors.

problems law enforcement officials are currently dealing with, and said the new plans also add some more problems.

"These don't address security concerns and the west doors are not bullet proof," he said, pointing to the floor plans. "Who's to say someone couldn't just drive their car through the front door and straight through der to get them to court.

"There would still be multiple people working out of every office," he said, "and, if we get rid of the Lester Building, where are we going to store supplies, equipment, the mower and skidsteer, seized vehicles and process crime scenes? We use that space all the time, and so does the KBI, for everything from processing cars to hanging bloody clothes to dry."

Finley pointed out many concerns he including radios, camera systems and elec- the commission needs to consider.

He said they'd still have to deal with sewer and plumbing problems in the existing

"Every time you fix something, something else breaks," he said. "Not all sewer problems are fixable, and even though some of them work now, a lot of the drains are slow, so we are just waiting for them to fail. Everything can be butchered up and moved, but will it be the best and most beneficial

He added that the plans separate the holding cells from the booking area from the general-population jail area, which would require more jailers on duty since both areas need constant supervision.

At prior meetings, the members discussed the difficulty the sheriff's department has keeping a full staff already because of its budget and low wages.

Finley said he'd take the floor plans back Finley also asked how compatible new and go over them with Sheriff Rod Taylor to electronics would be with existing systems, come up with other problems and solutions

"I think in this society, the public will not go for 4 mills to build new," he said. "It dispatch? These halls are a maze. They need comes down to one or two mills for expandto be streamlined, and we still have to move prisoners through the entire building in or-

City Attorney John Gatz said he be- Ave. to escape demolition after Jim and lieves the city would only need an ordi- Tami Brown said they had bought it ear- should not be condemned and possibly

during a brief discussion about whether motorists drive 40 to 50 mph down that signs.

• Allowed an old house at 245 N. School apart and put it together."

nance to change the actual speed limit lier that day. They promised to repair it.

"We'll definitely get started today," dent Byron Davis told the council some the council has the authority to put up the Jim Brown said at the meeting. "It's final been on the agenda. and it will be like our house, we'll take it

A hearing to show why the structure demolished, and the findings from the city staff on why it should be, had both

The second item was skipped after the

Recent rainfall easing drought in several Corn Belt states

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street in the central part of Colby.

tions of it while forcing shippers to cut the number of barges their year. towboats push and the amount of

freight in each. That means Jenkins may have to get in line to ship the Ursa

A Thousand Word

Twilight: New Moon

Man on Fire

routinely move some 60 percent easing. of the nation's grain exports each

Mitigating matters a bit is that there's less of a corn crop expected, no thanks to the drought ing too late to help already dam-Farmers Cooperative's goods on in decades but increasingly is the Mississippi, which is among showing signs of leveling off the fields.

New city manager will take over position Monday

The weekly U.S. Drought showed that recent rainfall benefited parts of the Corn Belt, comthat has been the nation's worst aged corn crops but still likely to plump up maturing soybeans in

fifth of the contiguous U.S. remains in the two worst cat-Monitor update released today egories of drought - extreme dealing with exceptional drop percentage point as of Tuesday, to 5.96 percent.

While virtually all of the key week earlier.

the major inland U.S. rivers that and, in some key farm states, The report shows about one-farming states remain gripped by some form of drought, the amount of Kansas still in the worst drought classification fell and exceptional. The swath still by 9 percentage points to 51.04 percent. About one-quarter of dropped by less than half of a Missouri remains in extreme or exceptional drought, down more than 8 percentage points from a

State officials to explain health plans here

State officials will be in Colby for a meeting to explain KanCare on Monday, one of eight to be held across the state to provide details about the transition from the old Medicaid program and HealthWave. The session for clients will begin at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. For information, call Miranda Steele at (785) 296-5795.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center in 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.

Flu clinic will be offered at 4-H Building Flu shots will be given for anyone who

wants one from 2 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesday in the Thomas County 4-H Building on Olive Street. Cost is \$25; bring cash, a check or a copy of your insurance card. Everyone will need to complete and print an online consent form, found at thomascountyks.com. Help on that will be available during the clinic. For information, call the flu line at 460-4599 or Angie Gaede at 460-4596.

City to hold reception for new manager

The City of Colby will hold a welcome reception for the new city manager, Tyson McGreer, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Law Enforcement Training Center, 360 N. Franklin. For information, call the city at 460-4410.

Dove Award winner coming to Oakley Dove Award winner Matthew West

and his Into the Light Tour will appear at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Oakley High School Auditorium. Joining him will be Mikeschair, Lindsay McCaul and Everfound. For details, go to www. kgcr.org or call David Kumer or James Claassen at KGCR Radio, (785) 694-

Separate pickup of grass clippings ends

The Colby Sanitation Department will stop the separate pickup of grass clippings on Friday, Sept. 28. You may put clippings in with regular trash until spring. For information, call the Public Works Department at 460-4420.

Baptist church plans free lunch here Sept. 29

Everyone is invited to come share a free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Bring a friend. For information, call Norma Higerd at 462-

Saturday Evening September 22, 2012

10:30 11:00 11:30 KBSL/CBS SI: Crime Scene KSNK/NBC College Football Local Saturday Night Live KSAS/FOX College Football Fringe 30S Local Cable Channels A & E Storage Storage Storage Parking Storage Shanghai Noon Tanked Tanked The Wedding Planne Housewives/NYC The Wedding Planne Bayou Bayou Redneck Rehab Bayou Bayou Piers Morgan Tonight ONN Newsroom Piers Morgan Tonight Cruise to Disaste Cruise to Disaste Kevin Hart: Laugh Katt Williams hris Rock: Bigge Bering Sea G Good Luck ANT Farm Gravity Code 9 Austin ANT Farm Vampire Gravity Austin She's Out Kardashian The Soup Chelsea Fashion Police College Footbal ootball SportsCenter SportsCenter College Football Ratatouille Ratatouille The Mask UFC 152 Prelims wo Mer Two Men Wilfred Louie Love It or List It

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SPIKE	Walking Tall				From Paris With Love					Crank		
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