

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain showers before midnight, then a chance of snow. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Sunday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33. Windy. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Blustery.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 45.

Wednesday: High, 63; Low 28. Precip: Wednesday None. Month: None. Year: 0.16 inches. Normal: 0.51 inches. (K-State Experiment Station). Sunrise and Sunset: Friday 7:44 a.m. 6:13 p.m. Moon: waning, 3 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory).

Hangin' in the back yard



RANDY JONES

Police Chief Randy Jones spotted this rabbit in his back yard on Jan. 5. He determined that the animal probably had rabbit papilloma virus, but the virus isn't harmful to humans.

County OKs pay raises for two department heads

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Taylor's proposal was accepted.

Taylor explained that in addition to the 2 percent cost-of-living raise, he plans to increase pay for all three of his road deputies: Craig Cersovsky, \$1.63 an hour to \$16.50; Lance Goodman, \$1.41 per hour to \$16; and Kory Ferguson, 72 cents an hour to \$15.

Four detention officers will receive raises also. Jon Schroeder and Mark Walker will each get 45 cents an hour, raising them to \$14.25; Ryan Luckert, 68 cents to \$14.17; and Christopher Bailey 90 cents to \$14. New hire Lexi David, who gets \$13.26 per hour, will get the 2 percent.

Office deputy Sheri Staab was approved for 29 cents an hour, bringing her up to \$17.25. She is the office manager and civil process officer, the sheriff said. Deputy Teri Cloe, a recent hire who performs the same tasks, will not get an increase. She

makes \$14.50 per hour.

Taylor said he put Undersheriff Marc Finley on an annual salary. Beyond the 2 percent, he added, neither Finley nor the sheriff got a raise. Finley makes \$51,500 a year and Taylor \$54,411.

"I based these figures on a base 5 percent increase and then adjusted accordingly after considering their years of service and work ethics," the sheriff said, "and I took into account a news story ... which lines out what the officers at the (Colby) police department make. Now, I think we are in competition with the exception of insurance."

Taylor said he needs to hire two jailers and another deputy this year to cut down on overtime. He gave commissioners a letter explaining how he plans to adjust his budget to allow for the increases. However, some clarification was needed to ensure the sheriff remains within his allotted amount.

He reminded commissioners that his budget includes \$60,000

for the three new positions. However, he said, he would supplement that with \$64,000 in salary money left unspent in 2012.

"With the salary projections I have presented to you today," he said in the letter, "What I didn't spend in 2012, plus the additional \$60,000 added to my 2013 budget for salaries, I will be able to add personnel to our present staff."

Commissioners told the sheriff, however, that he cannot roll over unspent money from a previous year. The amount of the new budget still can't be overspent.

"We did not reduce your 2013 proposed budget," said Commissioner Paul Steele, "and we allocated the amount you requested. We need confirmation that you will not violate your budget at the end of the year."

Taylor agreed.

The proposal to increase wages for all sheriff and jail staff (less the new hires, sheriff and undersheriff) was approved.

Brewster scholars headed to state

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The team defeated Wheatland-Grinnell 30-20; won over Cheylin 60-10; shut out Tri-plains 50-0; won over Tipton 40-10; and defeated Northern Valley 40-30.

The final placing from the regional meet went to all Northwest Kansas Liberty League schools: Brewster first, Wheatland-Grinnell second and Cheylin third. These teams will advance to state at Natoma on Saturday.

"I think the kids I have on this year's team are very knowledgeable and very competitive,"

said Coach Banister, who's in her fourth year of coaching, "so I'm not surprised to get this far."

Brewster will play against the following teams in Pool B: Ashland, Cheylin, Central Christian (Hutchinson), St. Xavier (Junction City) and Western Plains (Ransom).

Pool A includes Frankfort, Kiowa-South Barber, Pawnee Heights (Rozel), Rolla, Wheatland-Grinnell and White City.

The top three teams advance to the championship round.

Plaques are awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four teams.

Briefly

Kiwanis to serve spaghetti during games

All-you-can-eat spaghetti, along with garlic toast, green beans and ice cream, are on the menu for the Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Little Theater of the Colby Community Building during the Colby High basketball games with Holcomb. Donations will go for community projects such as toys for children at Christmas and Fourth of July fireworks. For information, call Kassie Carney at 462-6692.

Evangelist will lead meetings on marriage

Evangelist Matt Pringle will lead a series of meetings on marriage and the family at 7 p.m. each night through Friday and at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Independent Baptist Church, 730 E. Second St. Everyone is invited. For information, call Pastor Bernard Heinz at 460-0313.

Sacred Heart Church commission holds walk

The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby invites everyone to take part in the annual Walk for a Grieving Heart at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart School gym. Walk inside or out. Everyone who totals \$50 in donations will receive a T-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. All money goes to help Rachel's Vineyard put on retreats for women, men and families affected by abortion. To register, contact Laura Krejci at 443-3354.

Once-a-Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal the second Saturday of each month is for everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

College will hold tryouts for musical

Tryouts for the Colby Community College musical of "Paint Your Wagon" will be held Monday through Friday, Feb. 15. Auditions are open to community members and students. Contact Vocal Music Director Randy Berls at his office in the Cultural Arts Center Addition, at Randy.berls@colbycc.edu or call him at 460-5520 for a time to audition or information. The musical will be held Thursday, April 18, and Saturday, April 20.

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.

Program needs volunteer to provide tax help

The American Association of Retired Persons program to provide free tax help in Colby needs a volunteer who understands basic taxes and is willing to commit about four hours a week to help senior citizens. Regional Director Cathy Eddleman said she would provide a day of training in Colby. The service is for people with limited income. Volunteers work in the Pioneer Memorial Library meeting room on scheduled days. For information or to volunteer, call Eddleman at (785) 821-1827.

Massage clinics offered by college program

Physical Therapist Assistant students at Colby Community College are offering a massage clinics in February, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Allied Health Building on campus. Choose a 30-minute massage for \$15 or a one-hour massage for \$25. Walk-ins are accepted for the 30-minute massage as available. For information, call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797.

Extension offers class on calibrating sprayer

Registration deadline is Friday for a sprayer calibration workshop from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Robert Klein, University of Nebraska cropping systems specialist, will lead the session, designed to help farmers do a professional job of pesticide application. The \$10 registration fee is payable at the door. To register, call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582.

Equestrian team sponsors safety course

The Colby Community College Equestrian team will offer a free Women's Safety Course at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union, Room 106. The class will be taught by Trooper Tod Hileman of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided by the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association. For information, contact Shanda Mattix at 460-5464 or e-mail shanda.mattix@colbycc.edu.



Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.) listing Saturday evening programming for February 9, 2013.

LOCAL TV Listings logo with 'Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS' text.

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.) listing Sunday evening programming for February 10, 2013.

American Profile advertisement with text 'We Celebrate Hometown Life' and a grid of small images.