

# Weather



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Breezy, with a northwest wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 77. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73.

**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Breezy.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

**Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; a high near 86.

Friday: High, 86; Low 61  
 Saturday: High, 88; Low 55  
 Sunday: High, 75; Low 48

Precip: Friday None  
 Saturday None  
 Sunday None  
 Month: 0.78 inches  
 Year: 2.53 inches  
 Normal: 7.21 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Tuesday 6:25 a.m. 8:57 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 84 percent  
 Wednesday 6:25 a.m. 8:58 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 91 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
 Thursday 2,344,000 gal.  
 Friday to Sunday 2,069,000 gal.  
 (average)  
 (Colby Public Works)

# Soldier drowns in combat

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school and high school in Oakley. After graduation, he attended Colby Community College for a while before moving to Missouri. He met his wife while going to college in Warrensburg, Mo.

"He got straight A's all the way through school," she said. "He got one B - I don't remember what class it was - but it was devastating to him."

"We all knew it was possible when he went over there," Rhea said of her son's death, "but I still can't believe he's gone. I know he's in a better place now."

"I'm so proud of him. I'm proud of everyone who does that."

Wingo said Sergeant Rhea was in his third tour overseas, with previous assignments at the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in Iraq, plus stateside active duty at Fort Riley.

As a military policeman in Afghanistan, his mission was to train the Afghan Police Force, which he considered vital to the Afghan people. He had earned military honors including a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. His civilian job was with the Human Terrain System at Fort Leavenworth, just across the Missouri River from the Platte City area.

He was described as a great leader, one who led by example and considered his soldiers as family.



Sgt. Rhea and his family

Officials in Washington and Topeka expressed sorrow on hearing of the death.

"America will forever be indebted to Sergeant Rhea for his service and sacrifice," said U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kansas). "My deepest sympathies go out to his family, and I ask all Kansans to join me in keeping his family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

"On behalf of the citizens of Kansas, Lt. Governor Colyer and I offer our condolences to Sgt. 1st Class Rhea's family and friends for their loss," said Gov. Sam Brownback. "Sgt. 1st Class Rhea will always be remembered for his service by the American people."

Other survivors include a twin brother, Travis (Nah) Rhea, Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Samantha Repshire; his step-mother, Julie Rhea, Oakley; a step-brother, Jody Kruse, Oakley; a step-sister, Jade Kruse; his

paternal grandmother, Eileen Rhea, Oakley; maternal grandfather, Kenny Breeden, Stockton; and his in-laws, Harlan and Lynn Reid.

His family described Sergeant Rhea as an "amazing" father, husband, brother and son who loved his family and God, Wingo said. The family said he was a caring, sincere man who put others first.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and was "the nicest guy you would ever meet," his wife said, adding that her husband was a devout man who wanted to raise a strong Christian family. His hobbies were spending time with his family and history.

Funeral services will be in Sedalia, Mo., and burial in LaMonte, Mo., the Army said, but no date had been set. Wingo said the family asked that the news media respect the family's privacy and not cover his arrival, funeral or burial.

# Brewster graduates 12

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know that purpose. Some may be struggling to find it. Some may be casting about looking for it."

Hoyt concluded by challenging the students to be a better version of themselves.

"If we become the best version of ourselves, then we can turn the world around," she said.

Salutatorian Daniel Brown spoke next, reminiscing about how much he and his classmates had changed since they started school. Brown thanked his classmates, parents and friends.

Valedictorian William Allen began his speech by noting that he was the third valedictorian in his family.

"I think we can all agree, we saved the best for last," he joked.

Allen shared memories of each of his classmates and thanked the families, friends and teachers who helped them get to where they are.

"It's time to start a new chapter," he concluded.

After a slide show featuring photos of the graduates, school counselor Mac Thompson talked about each graduate's plans. Allen and Brown both plan to attend Benedictine College in Atchison. Allen plans to major in psychology and criminology, while Brown remains undecided. Baird plans to study history at Fort Hays State University. Schmidt plans to study agriculture at either Colby or Seward County community college.

Amber Barrie plans to study cosmetology; Dylan Burkholder plans to work for a year, then study auto mechanics; Courtney Doxon plans to study respiratory therapy; Bryce Gray plans to study diesel technology; and Daymond Hanley plans to study carpentry, all at Northwest Kansas Technical College. Shane Rice plans to work. Christian Kraemer will return to Germany, but hopes to come back to study in the United States. Bailey Lillard has already completed a program at Northwest Tech and plans to move to Colorado.

The ceremony concluded with a presentation of diplomas and a reception.

# Singer booked

MULVANE (AP) - The Kansas Star casino has booked country singer Tim McGraw for the grand opening concert for its arena in Mulvane.

The concert July 7 marks the latest phase of the development at the casino.

McGraw is best known for hits like "Live Like You Were Dying," "Where the Green Grass Grows" and his latest hit, "Highway Don't Care."

The Kansas Star used the arena floor for its first year of operation, then moved into its permanent facility in December.

# Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

## Dog may be up for adoption at animal clinic

The Colby Animal Clinic has a little female chihuahua-min pin about 3 or 4 years old, available for adoption. Call 460-8621 or stop by 810 E. Fourth St.

## Aquatic Park selling season passes early

The Colby Aquatic Park office will be open to sell season passes from 2 to 7 p.m. today, Tuesday and Wednesday. Cost is \$160 for a family, \$65 single or \$25 for a 10-day pass. Swimmers are encouraged to bring old passes for reactivation if available, as this will save time and paperwork. For information, call city Recreation Director Stacy Jasper at 460-4440.

## No trash pickup on Memorial Day

The City of Colby Public Works Department will be closed for Memorial Day next Monday. The Monday residential sanitation route will be picked up Tuesday, May 28. Residents are asked to have their grass and trash at the curb by 8 a.m. Call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420 for information.

## Red Cross plans blood drives here

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Colby Community Building. The Colby drive is sponsored by the Kansas Pork Association, which will provide pork sandwiches. Walk-in donors are welcome, but appointments are available by calling (800) RED CROSS.

## Conservation district has cost-share money

The Thomas County Conservation District will be taking applications for cost-share assistance from Tuesday, May 28, through Friday, June 28. Eligible projects include septic system replacement, terracing or terrace restoration, diversions, livestock water tanks and wells and new windbreaks. For the complete list, call the office at 462-7482 or stop by 915 E. Walnut in Colby. Contracts approved will expire on June 1, 2014.

## College equestrian team to teach riders

Let the Colby Community College equestrian team teach you how to ride. The team plans a horsemanship camp for riders 12 to 17 from Sunday to Wednesday, May 29; a beginner horsemanship camp on Thursday, May 30; and a young showman camp on Friday, May 31. All camps will be taught by team members. For information, call equestrian coach Shanda Mattix at 460-5464.

## Scholarship open to women in county

The Colby Branch of the American Association of University Women is accepting applications for a two-year scholarship for Thomas County women who will be juniors or seniors in college this fall. Application deadline is Saturday, June 1. Pick up a form at the Pioneer Memorial Library or by contacting Patricia Erickson at perickson@st-tel.net or 462-3890.

## Berean Church plans Vacation Bible School

Colossal Coaster World will be the theme for a Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, June 2 to 6, at the Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin Ave. Children from age 4 through seventh grade are invited. For information, call Tammy Higerd at the church, 460-2763, or go to www.colbyberean.com.

## Community garden needs volunteers

Anyone interested in working on this year's community garden should contact Denise Singer at 465-9103 or ssnwks@st-tel.net. Group gardening days are scheduled Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings throughout the season.

## Firemen will be flushing, testing hydrants

The Colby Fire Department will be testing hydrants this month to clean out any debris and make sure they are working. For information, call Ross Carney at 460-4454.

## City now separating grass clippings

The City of Colby asks people to start separating grass from household trash this week. Leave clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass" and have all cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

**LOCAL TV Listings** Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening May 21, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor		Dancing With Stars				Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS		NCIS		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		The Voice		Grimm		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage
AMC	300								300	
ANIM	Monster Squid		Super Squid		River Monsters		Super Squid		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Married to Medicine		Housewives/OC		Tardy		Tardy		Married to Medicine	
CMT	Ron White: They Call Me Tater		Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.		Ron White: They Call	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Amy Sch.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Tosh.0		Amy Sch.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Backyard		Backyard		Oil	
DISN	Austin	Twitches			Austin		Austin		ANT Farm	Shake It
E!	Jonas	Jonas	Kourtney-Kim		Holly Has a Baby		Chelsea		E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	NBA	Lottery	NBA Basketball						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Gymnastics		Cheerleading		Baseball Tonight		SportCtr		SportCtr	Baseball Tonight
FAM	Mulan		Pocahontas		The 700 Club		Prince		Prince	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Taken				Taken				Takers	
HGTV	Property	Property	Flip or F	Flip or F	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Betty		Betty		Extreme Moms		Betty		Betty	
MTV	Girl Code	Girl Code	Girl Code	Girl Code	Awkward.	Girl Code	Ke\$ha	Your Mind	Awkward.	Girl Code
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Face Off		Weird or What?		Weird or What?		Weird or What?		Weird or What?	
SPIKE	Independence Day		Independence Day				Conan		Laugh	Conan
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Laugh		Big Bang		Laugh	Conan
TCM	Little Caesar				The Petrified Forest		Le Jour Se Leve			
TLC	Couple	Couple	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: NY	
TOON	Looney	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Extreme Factories		Airport 2	Airport 2	Monumental Mysteries		Mysteries-Museum		Airport 2	Airport 2
TV LAND	Cleveland	The Exes	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop		I'm Married to A...		Behind the Music		Love, Hip Hop	
WGN	Swordfish				WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Moonrise Kingdom		Family	Family	REAL Sports Gumbel		Game of Thrones		VICE	Veep
MAX	Dark Shadows				What's Love				Jump Off	Sexy
SHOW	The Woman in Black		Twilight-Dawn				The Big C: Hereafter		Nurse	Borgias

**Wednesday Evening May 22, 2013**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Family	Mod Fam	How-Live	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Two Men	Mike	Criminal Minds				Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	MasterChef				Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	As Good as It Gets						Man on Fire			
ANIM	Swamp Wars		Snake Returns		River Monsters		Snake Returns		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Million Dollar		Million Dollar		Happens	Million Dollar	OC	
CMT	Ace Ventura				Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Ace Ventura	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Work.	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	Deadliest Catch		MythBusters		The Big Brain Theory		MythBusters		The Big Brain Theory	
DISN	Beverly Hills Chihuahua				Dog		Jessie		Good Luck Austin	Under Wraps
E!	She's Out				The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Gymnastics		Cheerleading		Cheerleading		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Overboard	Burlesque					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		Mystery D	Mystery D	Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Unstoppable				Unstoppable				Next	
HGTV	Cousins	Cousins	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	

**American Profile** We Celebrate Hometown Life  
 Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HIST	Pawn		Larry the Cable Guy		101 Objects		Pawn		Pawn	
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Jodi Arias: Beyond		Jodi Arias: Beyond		Unsolved Mysteries	
MTV	Girl Code	Girl Code	The Real World		The Real World		True Life		The Real World	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness	
SPIKE	Tokyo Drift				Halloween					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	The Natural				The Outfit					TrueConf
TLC	Breaking Amish: Brav		900 Pound Man: Race		The Town That Caught		900 Pound Man: Race		The Town That Caught	
TNT	Tip-Off		NBA Basketball				Inside the NBA		Falling Skies	