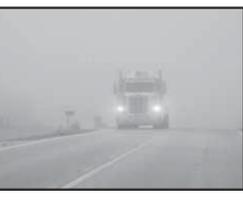


Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Patchy fog after 5 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Patchy fog before 7 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 5 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Breezy.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Monday: High, 73; Low 47
 Tuesday: High, 72; Low 40
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday None
 Month: 0.78 inches
 Year: 2.53 inches
 Normal: 7.21 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:24 a.m. 8:58 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 97 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Monday 2,146,000 gal.
 Tuesday 2,140,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Community responds to tornado

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to 6 p.m. Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Colby Community Building. Donors can walk in or go online to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. With the emergency, the Red Cross call center will not be calling past donors to schedule appointments, Vaughn said, so don't wait for a phone call.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management is urging anyone who

wants to contribute to disaster relief efforts to give money to disaster relief organizations. Maj. Gen Lee Tafaneli, state adjutant general and director of the division, urged people to volunteer their time and services through official channels rather than trying to help by traveling to the affected areas.

"We understand everyone wants to help," he said, "and we also realize volunteers who self-deploy mean well, but they sometimes forget their presence will put a strain on food and

shelter resources needed to help storm victims. It's better to let relief organizations know that you are available and what skills and other resources you can bring. Then they can contact you if and when your help is needed."

To donate money to the Red Cross, go to redcross.org, call (800) RED CROSS or text "redcross" to 90999 to give \$10 from your cell phone or prepaid phone.

To donate to the Salvation Army, go to salvationarmyusa.org.

County leases three new graders

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The Thomas County commissioners signed contracts for three new Caterpillar 12M motor graders at their meeting, committing the county to pay \$168,921 over five years.

The graders, provided by Foley Equipment of Colby, will replace three of the five Caterpillar 12M graders the county now leases from Foley.

The commissioners also received sealed bids from Murphy Tractor Co. and the G.W. Van Keppel Co., but both bids were higher than Foley's at \$201,820 and \$418,368,

respectively.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock said he plans to trade in the remaining two graders next year for two new graders. The three graders turned in this year averaged 423 hours of use per year.

"We always turn in almost-new equipment," said Commissioner Paul Steele.

Schrock said the graders would likely cost more per year if the county kept them longer, since the value would be lower when it came time to trade them in.

The graders are used year-around on county roads, said Schrock, as well as to help townships maintain their roads.

McConnell selected as new tanker base

Roxana Hegeman

Associated Press

WICHITA – McConnell Air Force Base was selected today as the main operating site for the Air Force's new KC-46A air refueling tanker, making Wichita home to the U.S. military's largest tanker base in the world.

Members of Kansas' congressional

delegation issued a joint statement announcing the Air Force decision. The aircraft will replace the aging KC-135 fleet flown by crews for nearly 60 years.

The Air Force will base 36 of the new aircraft at McConnell starting in 2016. It also will be investing \$192 million in upgrades to the base, the delegation said.

McConnell was chosen over bases in North Dakota, Oklahoma and Washington.

"Wichita is the air tanker capital of the world now and it will be in the future," Republican Sen. Jerry Moran said. "Today's decision further establishes Kansas as the home of the nation's soldiers and airmen."

Oklahoma tornado estimates rise

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Wednesday he would propose an ordinance in the next couple of days to modify building codes to require that every new home in the town would have a reinforced tornado shelter.

Lewis said he was confident he would get the four votes he needs on the six-member council to pass the ordinance. The measure could be in force within months.

Underground safe rooms are typically built below garages and can cost around \$4,000.

Besides rebuilding or repairing, homeowners are likely to suffer other expenses, including a rise in home insurance premiums, Ramsey said.

"Three years of hail bombardments of apocalyptic proportions and then this? It has to result in some give someplace," he said.

Residents clearing massive piles of debris were also trying to get hold of essentials like mobile phones and prescription drugs lost in the destruction. Cellular service providers set up mobile retail outlets and charging stations. At least one was offering free phone calls and loaner phones.

Insurance companies have also set

up emergency operation centers to take calls from people trying to get prescriptions filled and handle other health care needs.

The emotional trauma of the destruction compounded the tornado's cost.

With her son holding her elbow, 83-year-old Colleen Arvin walked up her driveway Tuesday to see what was left of her home of 40 years.

Part of the roof was sitting in the front yard, and the siding from the front of her home for the past 40 years was gone. As her son and grandsons picked through what was left of her belongings, Arvin found some dark humor in the situation.

"Oh thank God," she said, laughing, when a grandson brought over

her keys. "We can get in the house."

Rescue workers have been searching tirelessly for survivors and victims, despite the difficulty of navigating devastated neighborhoods because all the street signs were gone. Some rescuers used smartphones or GPS devices to guide them through areas with no recognizable landmarks.

Moore Fire Chief Gary Bird said Tuesday he was confident there are no more bodies or survivors in the rubble. Every damaged home had been searched at least once, Bird said, but his goal was to conduct three searches of each building just to be certain there were no more bodies or survivors.

Members vote self-regulation

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ship has placed in our board," said John Blackwell, board chairman. "While this ultimately makes our board more accountable, it positions us better for future opportunities while eliminating significant overhead costs for our members."

With the vote, Midwest becomes the 28th of 29 electric cooperatives in Kansas to become self-regulated since the Legislature authorized the system in 1992. The commission still has final oversight over board decisions, the co-op says, but the change will eliminate much of the paperwork and cost of regular rate filings.

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 up for adoption at 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.

No trash pickup on Memorial Day

The Colby Public Works Department will be closed for Memorial Day. The Monday residential route will be picked up Tuesday; have grass and trash at the curb by 8 a.m. Call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420 for information.

The Thomas County landfill will close at noon Saturday and remain closed until 9 a.m. Tuesday. For information, call supervisor Jumper at 462-8139.

Red Cross plans blood drives

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 offering cost-share

The Thomas County Conservation District will be taking applications for cost-share assistance from Tuesday 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.

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 next Wednesday; 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

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.

Selden Tractor Show coming up

The 20th Annual Selden Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show will be Sunday, June 2, on Main Street in Selden, including tractors, cars, classic motorcycles and small engines. Bring your own lawn chairs. There are no admission or entry fees. The event is sponsored by the Selden Community Foundation. For information, call Judy Rogers at (785) 386-8033.

Church plans 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.

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.

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Friday Evening May 24, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC				Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Brain Games		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Last Samurai								League of Extra. Gentlemen	
ANIM	Invasion		Top 10 Beasts		River Monsters		Top 10 Beasts		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker	
CMT	Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Manhunt		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Manhunt		Manhunt	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.	Work.	Tosh.0	The Comedy	Central Roast		Half Hour	Half Hour
DISC	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Wild West Alaska		Sons of Guns		Wild West Alaska	
DISN	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Dog	Good Luck	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	ANT Farm
EI	What-Ryan	What-Ryan	The Soup	A-List	Fashion Police		Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Softball		College Softball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Softball		Best KOs	Boxing	Boxing				Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Pirates-Worlds						The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Ice Age: Dawn		Ice Age: Dawn		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Flea Mark
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