Area/State

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 89. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the morning. Sunday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 63. Monday: Sunny, with a high

near 94. Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 69. Tuesday: Sunny and hot.

with a high near 97. Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 69. Wednesday: Sunny, with a

high near 91. Wednesday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 65. Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Thursday: High, 76; Low 49 Precip: Thursday None Month: 0.65 inches Year: 4.04 inches 9.84 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** Saturday 6:17 a.m. 9:10 p.m.

New moon at 10:57 a.m. Sunday 6:17 a.m. 9:10 p.m. Moon: waxing, 1 percent Monday 6:17 a.m. 9:11 p.m. Moon: waxing, 4 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory) Colby Water Use 1,866,000 gal.

(Colby Public Works)

Board learns state aid stable

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the school needs officials and would be willing to train anyone who wants to sign up.

• Jeff Wallingford, the high school principal, said the staff are finishing up their work now; the last of the students checked out on May 21, allowing all the staff to wind down.

There was an end-of-year potluck for the teachers, an eighth grade transition meeting and a meeting for teaching standards May 17 and 20 and a common core standards meeting on May 22 and 23. There will be an in-service training for teachers to learn to co-teach, he said, and maintenance projects throughout the summer.

There will be a test run training and various projects around the school this summer.

• Curriculum Director Diana Wieland also mentioned a co-teaching conference that will involve most of the staff. She reported that over three quarters of the staff have signed up for the "iConnect iLearn" conference on technology education that was be Thursday and today, and another conference to cover English language arts and math on Tuesday. Wieland pointed out the standards are

being backed up by businesses and not just the

She said staff will participate in training to teach English as a second language, sponsored by the Southwest Plains Service Center. She also spent a day last week working with the tech committee learning about teaching kids to work with

• The board approved resignations for Richard Britton as transportation director, Brenda Rose as a second grade teacher and Thresia Weber as a fifth grade teacher. It approved employment recommendations for Alicia Albers as a grade school teacher, Travis Betz as a high school language arts teacher, Kevin Brown as a high school social studies teacher and Wade Weaver as a custodian.

Finally, it approved supplemental contracts for Ryan Becker as the head coach of the high school girls' basketball team, Brown as the head coach of the boys' basketball team, Betz as the assistant coach for the football and boys' basketball teams, Jon McKee as the assistant coach for the girls' basketball team, Paige Gawith as the debate coach and Nancy Rundel as the scholars' bowl coach.

Is Big Data now 'Big Brother?'

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doesn't mean the information can't be tied to other data coming in through the PRISM program to look into people's lives, according to experts.

Like pieces of a puzzle, the bits and bytes left from people's electronic interactions can be cobbled together to draw conclusions about their friendships and preferences using data-mining formulas and increasingly powerful computers.

It's all part of a phenomenon known as "Big Data," a catchphrase increasingly used to describe the science of analyzing the vast amount of information collected through mobile devices, Web browsers and check-out stands. Analysts use powerful computers to detect trends and create digital dossiers about

The Obama administration and lawmakers privy to the NSA's surveillance say the data being collected is only dissected when there is credible evidence of a terrorist plot or other reasons to believe that national se-

cording to *The Guardian*.

It's likely the Verizon phone records are being matched with an even broader set of data, said Forrester Research analyst Fatemeh Khatibloo.

"My sense is they are looking for network patterns," she said. "They are looking for who is connected to whom and whether they can put any timelines together. They are also probably trying to identify locations where people are calling from."

The Verizon data includes the duration of every call. Although the court order doesn't require it, experts suspect the NSA may also be getting some kind of data that helps determine the vicinity of the calls.

The location information is particularly valuable for cloakand-dagger operations like the one the NSA is running, said Cindy Cohn, a legal director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group that has been fighting the government's collection of personal phone records since 2006. The curity is being threatened. The foundation is currently suing sweeping court order covers the over the government's collec-Verizon records of every mobile tion of U.S. citizens' communi-

and landline phone call from cations in a case that dates back April 25 through July 19, ac- to the administration of President George W. Bush.

"It's incredibly invasive," Cohn said. "This is a consequence of the fact that we have so many third parties that have accumulated significant information about our everyday lives."

It's such a rich vein of information that U.S. companies and other organizations now spend more than \$2 billion each year to obtain third-party data about individuals, according to Forrester Research. The data helps businesses target potential customers. Much of this information is sold by so-called data brokers such as Acxiom Corp., a Little Rock, Ark., company that maintains extensive files about the online and offline activities of more than 500 million consumers worldwide.

The digital floodgates have opened during the past decade as the convenience and allure of the Internet – and smartphones - have made it easier and more enjoyable for people to stay connected wherever they go.

"I don't think there has been a sea change in analytical methods as much as there has been a change in the volume, velocity and variety of information and the computing power to process it all," said Gartner analyst Douglas Laney.

In a sign of the NSA's determination to vacuum up as much data as possible, the agency has built a data center in Bluffdale, Utah that is five times larger than the U.S. Capitol – all to sift through Big Data. The massive center has fed perceptions that some factions of the U.S. government are determined to build a database of all phone calls, Internet searches and emails under the guise of national security.

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.

Cemetery decorations need to be removed

All Memorial Day/non-permanent grave decorations at Beulah Cemetery need to be picked up by 5 p.m. Monday in order resume the regular mowing schedule. If you have questions contact Deb Henry, caretaker,

Volunteers needed to deliver meals

The Senior Progress Center needs a volunteer to deliver home delivery meals from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and another volunteer for Thursdays. For information call Director Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901.

Pets ready for adoption at Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a 1-year-old male blackand-white husky mix and a big gray male cat about 2 years old available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Colby Fly-In set for Saturday

All are welcome at the Colby RC Flyers 2013 Fly-In, all day Saturday and Sunday. The field is seven miles north of U.S. 24 (Fourth St.) on K-25; look for the sign and turn off on the east side at the top of the hill. There will be open flying and contests both days, and you can try your hand at radio-controlled flying with an instructor. Meals available for purchase. Campsites are available. For information call Ken Crampton at 443-1892.

'Agora' fair planned at Methodist Church

The Colby United Methodist Church's second annual Agora craft and home business fair will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m Saturday at 950 S. Franklin. There will be vendors and activities outside, with a bake sale and Missions Mercantile used merchandise inside. Proceeds will go to local missions such as Puddle Duck Preschool. Donations of merchandise are also being accepted. For information, call Donna Bennett at 443-3025.

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. Sat-

urday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

Brewster council wants opinions on housing

The Brewster City Council will hold a "town hall" meeting to discuss housing issues at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall to answer questions and receive public comments about creating and financing a housing authority to increase available housing in town. For information, call Councilwoman Heather Alwin at 269-7603.

SPicnic in the Park will be Wednesday

Picnic in the Park begins at noon Wednesdays at Fike Park. The entertainment for this week will be Perry and Terry Baird. The series is sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Colby Free Press. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX/KRDQ Radio. For information, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Vacation Bible School at Wesleyan church Colby Wesleyan Church will offer Vacation Bible School Monday

through Friday, June 17 to 21, for children age 4 through fifth grade. "Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth," gives kids a chance to explore some of the adventures the Apostle Paul faced. A Bible-times marketplace, songs, games and snacks will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily. For information call Mysti Rothfuss at 462-8391.

Wheat-plot tour will be Tuesday, June 18

Farmers, agribusiness people and anyone else who's interested are invited to the Thomas County wheat-plot tour at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, at the Solomon Creek farm, five miles south of the Levant interchange on Interstate 70. Meet at the shop on the east side of the road. Speakers will be Jim Shroyer and Dan O'Brien, Kansas State University Extension specialists. Guests may bring wheat samples to be examined. For information, call Jody McCain at 460-4582.

St. Francis to celebrate 125th St. Francis is planning a 125th Anniversary Cheyenne County Courthouse; activities from Celebration Friday through Sunday, June 14 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the museum and emergency

through 16. The three-day event includes:

Friday

Sidewalk sales, vendors, games on Main Street and at the park starting at 8 a.m.; theater open house from noon to 4 p.m.; cake decorating contest from 1 to 3 p.m. at Western State Bank, with judging at 3 p.m.; Draggin' Main from 3 to 6 p.m. on Main Street; music at 4 p.m. in the park; Flag Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.; beer garden and barbecue at 5 p.m.; in the park; beard competition at 7 p.m. in the park; street dance from 7 to 11 p.m. by the park; and softball tournament at 8 p.m. at the ball diamond.

Saturday

Walk-run registration at 6:30 a.m. at high school with the run starting at 7 a.m.; golf tournament at 7 a.m. at Riverside Golf Course; farmers market, coffee and breakfast at 7 a.m. next to theater; sidewalk sales, vendors, games at 8 a.m. on Main Street and at the park; Bike Rodeo at 8 a.m. at the

building: volleyball tournament from 10 to 11 a.m. at sand volleyball court; brat feed 10 to 11:30 a.m. at museum; theater open house, noon to 4 p.m.; alumni activities 5 to 7 p.m. at high school; and a street dance from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday

Church service at 8 a.m. at Old Country Church, U.S. 36; and a matinee at 1 p.m. at the theater.

Part of Friday's "Draggin' Main" event will be Glenn Zweygardt sculpture dedication at 6:30 p.m. an art walk sponsored by the Cheyenne Center for Creativity. The Art Walk is open to the public and will include original art work, live music and snacks at several venues within a three-block stretch of Washington Street plus the Quincy Gallery and Public Library.





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