

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms between 10 p.m. and midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Friday: High, 83; Low 58

Saturday: High, 77; Low 50

Sunday: High, 88; Low 58

Precip: Friday 0.57 inches

Saturday 0.02 inches

Sunday None

Month: 1.24 inches

Year: 4.63 inches

Normal: 9.84 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Tuesday 6:17 a.m. 9:11 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 8 percent

Wednesday 6:17 a.m. 9:12 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 14 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use Friday to Sunday 1,772,000 gal.

(average)

(Colby Public Works)

Plan unveiled to public

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room, if needed, eliminating the need to build on to the complex.

Rosalee Seemann, former Thomas County clerk, said people were discussing county consolidation when she was in office, but it has not happened.

Steele said there is currently no bill to realign judicial districts. There is no guarantee that Thomas County would be the center of a new judicial district if one is created, he added.

"We don't make those kinds of decisions," he said. "Those decisions will be made by the 'eastern seaboard' legislators."

He admitted Thomas County could be left with an underutilized courthouse to pay for if judicial functions are relocated to another county, but Steele said he hopes the consolidated court would be here.

One member of the audience noted that a large, new courthouse could work in the county's favor

if the state does decide to realign districts since the legislators might be more likely to place a judicial district's headquarters in a county that already has needed facilities.

"You can think if we build it, they'll come, but there are no guarantees," said Commissioner Mike Baughn.

The county has not decided on a location for the proposed complex, though Steele says sites in town are available along Country Club Drive and Range Avenue. At their May 20 meeting, Colby Community College trustees generally agreed they did not want to sell some of their land to the county saying they didn't want a jail between the college and high school campuses.

Baughn said a constituent asked him if the county already owned enough land to build the proposed building. Strait said the current jail, courthouse and impound lot only occupy about 2.3 acres of land, not enough for the proposed project.

Fly-in buzzes this weekend

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radios they used to control them.

Several people stopped by to watch, including a woman whose grandson had hoped to fly one of the planes. The club cooked up lunch for people to buy, and there was a drawing for merchandise donated by businesses and for two planes to raise money for the club.

Most of the aircraft had a wingspan of about four feet, and some pilots had trailers full of them.

"You can enjoy a \$200 set-

up," member Marvin Farmer said, "and then the sky's the limit for what you can do."

Larry Stoughton of Northglenn, Colo., brought eight planes, two of which were made from kits. He said that it costs about \$100 to buy a kit for a plane, and \$250 to \$300 to put one together otherwise.

His friend Max McCartney of Pueblo, Colo., brought his "Lazy Ace," a blue-and-yellow replica of a World War II training plane.

"You get to know all the people regardless of where they're

from," he said in between flying his planes.

Despite the distance, McCartney said, he has been coming here for six or seven years since he learned of the fly-in through word of mouth, usually bringing his wife - who could not make it this year. He says he goes to meets in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma, and that he and his wife always enjoy their time in Colby.

"We just have a great time," he said, "and then the people here, the hospitality is great."

State holds vehicle system payment

TOPEKA (AP) - Kansas will be holding back its final payment to a Minnesota company handling the state's new motor vehicle system until it is fully active and its problems are resolved.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reported (bit.ly/11uokp) today that the state previously said it was withholding the final 10 percent of its payment on the \$25 million contract until all the known problems with the system were rectified.

Department of Revenue spokeswoman Jeanine Koranda says the final \$2 million payment still is being held until the system is free of issues.

Kansas was supposed to launch the new system for residents to register their vehicles in October 2012 but a series of issues caused delays. The delays led to long lines and sharply increased overtime in many license offices.

Haiti's hunger woes still mount

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Much of the crisis stems from too little rain, and then too much. A drought last year destroyed key crops, followed by flooding caused by the outer bands of Tropical Storm Isaac and Hurricane Sandy.

Haiti has had similarly destructive storms over the past decade, and scientists say they expect to see more as global climate change provokes severe weather systems.

Klaus Eberwein, general director of the government's Economic and Social Assistance Fund, said: "We are really trying our best. It's not like we're sitting here and not working on

it. We have limited resources."

He attributed Haiti's current hunger woes to "decades of bad political decisions" and, more recently, to last year's storms and drought. "Hunger is not new in Haiti," Eberwein said. "You can't address the hunger situation in one year, two years."

In the village of Mabriole, Marie Jean, a 33-year-old mother of six, looked helpless as her naked son Dieufort sat cross-legged in the dirt, a metal spoon in hand that was more toy than tool. The 5-year-old boy barely looked 3, his gaze unfocused and glassy eyes lifeless. His stomach was distended.

Jean said she lost 10 goats and several chickens to Isaac. The

goats could have sold for about \$17 apiece, the poultry for about \$2.80. She could have used the animals for food or the money to hold her over until the new harvest season.

"You depend on this, because it's all you have," Jean said.

Many people have been forced to buy on credit, or look for the cheapest food available while eating smaller and fewer portions. Some families have asked relatives to take care of their children, or handed them over to orphanages so they have one less mouth to feed, humanitarian workers say.

Political decisions already had hurt the ability of Haitian farmers to feed the country.

Briefly

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

Volunteers needed to deliver meals

The Senior Progress Center needs one volunteer to deliver meals from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and another 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 black-and-white husky mix and a neutered male gray cat about 2 years old. 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.

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 build new housing. For information, call Councilwoman Heather Alwin at 269-7603.

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.

Picnic 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.

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 at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include orange juice, peanut butter, peaches, cereal, mixed fruit, cranberry sauce and kidney and northern beans. Income guidelines have increased. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Vacation Bible School planned at church

Colby Wesleyan Church will offer Vacation Bible School from next Monday to Friday, June 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.

Relay for Life to be Friday, June 21

Thomas County Relay for Life will be held from 7 p.m. Friday, June 21, to 7 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at Dennen Field in Colby to raise money for the American Cancer Society. There is still time for teams to register, and individuals can register for the survivor lap and caregivers lap. The organization is selling luminaries to honor loved ones. For information, contact Christy Gugelman at (308) 362-7122.

College offers concealed carry license class

Colby Community College will offer a concealed-carry handgun class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 29, in the Student Union. Graduates may apply for Kansas concealed-carry certification. Cost is \$125, and class size is limited. For information or to register, call Barry Kaaz at (785) 460-5429 or Kathy Britton at 460-5550.

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Table for Tuesday Evening June 11, 2013. Columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing programs like NBA Finals, The Voice, and America's Got Talent.

Table for Wednesday Evening June 12, 2013. Columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing programs like The American Baking, Criminal Minds, and CSI: Crime Scene.

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