

Weather



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 96.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71. Breezy.

**Tuesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

**Wednesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

**Thursday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Thursday: High, 98; Low 67  
 Precip: Thursday None  
 Month: 2.33 inches  
 Year: 5.72 inches  
 Normal: 9.84 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 6:18 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 99 percent  
 Sunday 6:18 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
 Full moon at 6:33 a.m.  
 Monday 6:18 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
 Moon: waning, 98 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
 Thursday 2,423,000 gal.  
 (Colby Public Works)

City works on raises

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increase last year, but only paid 2 percent. Going off those numbers, McGreer said, an employee who makes under \$30,000 a year could get an increase of 6 percent, including a 4 percent merit increase and 2 percent of cost of living. But employees will still be getting a larger merit increase.

When Councilman Mike Hake asked what the pay increase will be based on, McGreer said he had thought employees should be rated on a 1-5 scale, and the number they are given will add up to a predetermined pay increase. That means supervisors can't turn in bad evaluations along with suggestions for big pay raises.

Councilman Pat Mallory said

his only concern with that system is that each city department head might rate their employees differently.

Council President Fred Taylor said that he wanted to see a more detailed description of how much each job is worth. McGreer agreed, although he said that would probably not be ready by the next meeting.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a budget request for the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance which will come to \$56,556 for next year's budget.

- Approved a change in the City Connecting Links paving project now underway on South Range Avenue. For its share, the city will pay about an extra \$23,000, or about \$157,000 instead of \$134,000, to add 3 1/2

instead of just three inches of asphalt onto the road, and to mill off the old asphalt all the way down to the concrete gutter pans it overlaps. McGreer said it will come out of the city's special street fund, which has \$212,000 this year, and had \$180,000 in expenditures before the change.

The state is picking up most of the cost for the project to replace asphalt on South Range and Fourth Street, which started last week. The Kansas Department of Transportation organizes these projects to repair state highways that pass through cities. The project is due to be completed this week.

- Heard a report from Taylor that he is preparing a new city manager evaluation form.

Commissioners get updates

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consider it an incentive, Foster said, while those who do not say it is just a bonus for those who would be here anyway. However, some individuals who qualify for the program appear to have no Kansas ties, so the program may provide encouragement for people to move to rural areas like Thomas County.

In other business, the commissioners

- Heard a funding request from Options, a domestic and sexual violence service with offices in Colby and Hays. The organization provides shelter and counseling to help help victims safe and out of crises.

Options served 16 new domestic violence victims and nine sexual assault victims in Thomas County last year, said Charlotte Linsner. For the past three years, Thomas County has given the organization \$1,000 per year. Options receives its money mainly from grants and contributions from the other 17 counties it serves, Linsner said.

- Set the list of county holidays for 2014. County offices will be closed on New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,

Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28 (the day after Thanksgiving), Christmas Day and Dec. 26.

- Approved the purchase of a new four-wheeler for the landfill. The 2003 machine currently used by the landfill for spraying and picking up trash that blows into fields needs extensive work, so Jumper asked to purchase a new model for \$7,200 from Colby Ag Center. Since this is under the \$10,000 bid level, the commissioners approved Jumper's proposal without seeking bids from other companies, though Jumper said Colby Ag Center is the only company in Colby that sells four-wheelers.

- Reviewed certificates from a defensive driving course given on May 20 to county employees. Most of the 16 trainees were ambulance drivers.

- Went into closed-door session to discuss legal matters, including possible litigation against the county. At the conclusion of the closed session, they voted to spend \$1,956 to settle a Department of Labor claim made on behalf of a former employee.

- Approved accounts payable of \$72,595.

Grant sought for Amtrak

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there – maybe \$500 million or so – but the good news is that there are only 10 or 11 other applications that relate to passenger rail."

If the grant is received, it would fund the final engineering design phase of the project, which would determine how much additional right of way, sidings – low-speed track sections for loading, unloading and storing of train cars – and rail repair would be needed.

The Kansas Legislature also supports the grant application if Oklahoma officials can provide the matching funds while dealing with damage from two rounds of destructive storms this spring, said Jerry Younger, the deputy secretary of the transportation department.

Younger said competition for the funding is fierce.

"Strictly on that, our chances aren't great," he said. "Now, whether this project gets more traction because it's passenger rail, because it's a multi-state

project, because of its location, because there's something in the application that creates more weighting, that's strictly up to the feds."

In Oklahoma, officials are considering two possible routes: north through Wichita or northeast through Tulsa. A private study group in Tulsa is examining the possibility of private passenger trains on the northeast route through their city, operating along with a northbound Heartland Flyer line through Wichita.

Could Kansas caves really preserve human race?

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preparing for the end of the world with elaborate shelters and plenty of freeze-dried rations.

Paul Seyfried, who belongs to a group that promotes preparing for manmade or natural disasters, said Americans have become complacent ever since the death of John F. Kennedy, the last president who urged people to build fallout shelters.

"There has been no war on our soil in over 100 years, so the horror of war is not stamped indelibly in Americans' minds," said Seyfried, a member of The American Civil Defense Association's advisory board.

Ken Rose, a history professor at California State University-Chico, is an outspoken critic of underground shelters. Though he acknowledged that interest in underground shelters is growing, he called projects like the Kansas facility a "colossal waste of time and money."

"Some people are just obsessed by this idea," Rose said. "... Without minimizing the terror threat here today, the threats were much greater at the height of the Cold War. At least then anxiety was based on a realistic scenario."

The Kansas caverns are 100 feet to 150 feet below the surface and have a constant natural temperature in the low 70s. They are supported by thick limestone pillars six times stronger than concrete and will have blast doors built to withstand a one-megaton nuclear explosion as close as 10 miles away, Vicino said.

Other than being surrounded by more than a mile and a half of 6-foot-high chain-link fence topped with sharp rows of barbed wire, the land above ground isn't distinguishable from expanses of

hills and trees that surround it. The proposed shelter's entrances – nondescript concrete loading docks tucked discretely into the wooded hillside – are easily defensible against any potential intruders provided there's not a full-scale military attack, Vicino said.

The Army used the caverns – created by limestone mining operations that started in the late 1880s – for decades as a storage facility before putting them up for auction last year. The winning bid in December was \$1.7 million, but financing fell through and the site was put up for sale again.

Springfield, Mo., investor Coby Cullins submitted his winning \$510,000 bid for the property in early April, and he immediately started looking for ways to use it. One of his ideas was to lease the land to a company that builds survival bunkers.

Vicino, whose company is based in Del Mar, Calif., said he received an email from Cullins and flew to Kansas two days later to check out the property. Vicino agreed to purchase 75 percent of the complex, rather than lease it, while Cullins retained the rest and is marketing it to local businesses.

The complex consists of two fully lighted, temperature-controlled mines with concrete floors. The east cave, which Cullins owns, encompasses about 15 acres and contains offices, vaults, restrooms and other developed work spaces. The much larger west cave, which covers about 45 acres, is mostly undeveloped and will be converted into the Vivos facility.

The shelter will have enough space for more than 1,000 RVs and up to about 5,000 people. Members will be charged \$1,000

for every lineal foot of their RV to purchase their space, plus \$1,500 per person for food. That means a person who plans to park a 30-foot vehicle in the shelter with four people inside will pay \$30,000 for the space and \$6,000 for food.

Actual sales won't begin until a "critical mass" of reservations are received and processed, Vicino said, which hasn't happened yet at the Kansas shelter.

Vivos also owns a shelter in Indiana with room for 80 people to live comfortably for up to a year. There, members pay \$50,000 per adult and \$35,000 per child, so a family with two adults and two children would have to come up with \$170,000 to be part of the post-apocalyptic generation.

Purchasers will be required to pay for the full balance before taking possession of their shelter space, though the company has offered limited financing in the past with a sizable down payment.

Vicino says he won't say specifically where the Indiana shelter or any of his smaller facilities are located because he fears there would be anarchy in the event of a world-changing catastrophe.

And it doesn't matter who comes knocking at the "moment of truth," Vicino said, they're probably not getting in.

"I've heard people say, 'I will just show up at the door,'" he said. "Our response is, 'great, where is the door?'" At our secret



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.

Legion Riders plan Drag Main Night

The Colby American Legion Riders will hold a Drag Main Night tonight. Come and go from 6 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. All cars, pickups, horses and bikes are welcome. Burgers, hotdogs and fries will be served, and LJ the DeeJay will be spinning the vinyl. For information call Doug Ketchum at 460-2470.

Relay for Life ready for tonight

Thomas County Relay for Life will be held from 7 p.m. tonight to 7 a.m. Saturday at Dennen Field to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For information, contact Christy Gugelman at (308) 362-7122.

Baptist Church invites everyone to lunch

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend to a "Joyful Blessings" free meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Memorial to be Sunday for fallen soldier

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday for Sgt. 1st Class Trenton L. Rhea, an Army reservist and former Oakley resident who died May 17 in Afghanistan, at the Colby American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St., with a gathering afterwards. Rhea's mother, Rebecca Rhea, lives in Colby. Let Jim Vap at 462-3493 or 443-2365 know if you plan to attend.

Childbirth classes scheduled for July

Citizens Medical Center will hold a four-week series of childbirth education classes at 7 p.m. Thursdays from July 11 through Aug. 1 in the hospital's Conference Room. This class is for expectant mother who are due to deliver before November. The labor support partner is also encouraged to attend. The next series of classes is scheduled to begin in October. For information or to register, contact Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Middle school offers free football camp

A free Colby Middle School Football Camp will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at the practice field behind the old St. Thomas hospital. Call Todd Murdock at 462-7797 for information.

College offers class for concealed carry

Colby Community College will offer a concealed-carry handgun class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 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.

Conservation district offering cost share

The Thomas County Conservation District will be taking applications for cost-share assistance through Friday. 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 June 1, 2014.

Vacation Bible School at Methodist church

The Colby United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School, "Colossal Coastal World," will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 8 to 12. Call Kim Barnett at the church office, 460-2761, to register or for information.

Senior center needs drivers for 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.

Box fans available at Health Department

The Salvation Army has box fans available at the Thomas County Health Department. Call 460-4596 with questions.

Community garden needs more 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.



Monday Evening										June 24, 2013		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Mistresses		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
KBSL/CBS	How I Met Mike	Big Bang	Big Bang		Under the Dome		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson			
KSNK/NBC	Stanley Cup						Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon			
KSAS/FOX	Raising Goodwin	New Girl	Anger		Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Criminal Minds	The Glades		Longmire		Longmire		Criminal Minds				
AMC	El Dorado			Cahill-Marshal					Mad Men			
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Off Hook	Off Hook	Top Hooker		Wildman	Wildman	Off Hook	Off Hook		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC			Newlyweds		Happens	Housewives/OC					
CMT	Dog and Beth		Dog and Beth		CMT Crossroads		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live			
COMEDY	Key	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Work.	South Pk		
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws			
DISN	Gravity	Good Luck	Sharpay's Fabulous				Jessie	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck		
EI	EI News	Wanted	Kardashian		Kardashian		Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea			
ESPN	College Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Switched at Birth		The Fosters		Switched at Birth		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FX	Star Trek						Star Trek					
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It			
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Jodi Arias: Lit				Devious Maids		Drop Dead Diva		Jodi Arias: Lit			
MTV	MTV Special		MTV Special		Teen Wolf		MTV Special		MTV Special			
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Defiance		Defiance		Warehouse 13		Defiance		Warehouse 13			
SPIKE	Indiana Jones						Underworld					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Deon	Fam. Guy	Conan		Deon	Conan		
TCM	Detective Story				A Millionaire							
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Four Houses		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Four Houses			
TNT	Major Crimes		Major Crimes		King & Maxwell		Major Crimes		King & Maxwell			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	China, IL		
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Burger	Men vs. F	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Burger	Men vs. F		
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King		
USA	WWF Monday Night RAW						Graceland		Royal Pains			
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules		
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Trouble-Curve		Miss You Can Do It		Transit							
MAX	Sherlock Holmes-Game				Primal Fear							Banshee
SHOW	People Like Us				About Cherry							