Weather

National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph.

Independence Day: Sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

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

Monday: High, 82; Low 46
Tuesday: High, 84; Low 51
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: None
Year: 6.02 inches
Normal: 13.61 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 6:23 a.m. 9:14 p.m.
Moon: waning, 11 percent
Friday 6:23 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
Moon: waning, 6 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Monday 3,205,000 gal.
Tuesday 3,098,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Emergency crews busy

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• Put off deciding on a proposal from Walter P. Moore and Associates Inc., a Kansas City engineering firm that specializes in structural assessments and restoration of historic buildings. The company's proposed cost for a structural assessment of the Thomas County courthouse is $6,800 and a review of exploratory openings at the courthouse will cost $2,400. The commissioners delayed a decision until architect Glen Strait, who was unavailable to be at the meeting because of a family illness, could discuss it with them.

• Set dates for their July and August meetings. The commissioners plan regular meetings at 9 a.m. on Monday and Monday, July 15, followed by a special budget meeting that afternoon; a regular meeting Wednesday, July 31; a budget hearing on Monday, Aug. 12; and regular meetings on Monday, Aug. 19 and Friday, Aug. 30.

• Discussed building safety issues recently discovered by the county's insurance carrier in the road and bridge department, emergency medical services and the courthouse. Most issues were minor, like old batteries in an emergency light fixture, and have already been fixed or are being fixed.

• Approved accounts payable of $294,673 for general county funds, $87,604 for the Road and Bridge Department and $33,943 for the Noxious Weed Department, and a payroll register of $204,430.

• Received budget requests from the Northwest Kansas Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and the Thomas County treasurer. The treasurer's office did not increase its budget request for 2014, but Treasurer Donita Applebury asked the commissioners to give Layn Bruggeman, Applebury's replacement, authority to allocate any payroll increases as she sees fit.

• Approved a tax abatement of $342 for Larry McDonald for property sold in 2006.

Striping the streets

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Romulo Perez (left) and Jose Diaz finished a crosswalk across Fourth Street just east of Range Ave. on the morning of June 27. The employees of the company RoadSafe Traffic Systems were working on a project for the Kansas Department of Transportation, putting the finishing touches on the new asphalt laid down on Fourth and South Range last month.

War letters show sacrifice

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) – U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Horace Evers was setting up a command post in Munich with other Allied soldiers in the final days of World War II when he stumbled across sheets of Adolf Hitler's personal stationery in the dictator's abandoned apartment.

Evers, just barely 26, crossed out Hitler's name below an embossed swastika, scrawled his own name – "S/Sgt. Evers" – and then sat down to write home about the stacks of hollow-eyed corpses he had seen the day before at Dachau.

"The first box car I came to had about 30 what were once humans in it. All were just bone with a layer of skin over them. Most of the eyes were open and had an indescribable look about them," he wrote in the May 2, 1945 letter.

"How can people do things like that? I never believed they could until now."

The pages, now browned and creased, are part of a stunning collection of 90,000 wartime letters stretching from the Revolutionary War to modern-day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan that will be housed in a new Center for American War Letters opening this fall at Chapman University in California.

Private collector and author Andrew Carroll, who began gathering war correspondence 15 years ago, began a nationwide speaking tour this week to unearth more historical gems gathering dust in the closets and attics of veterans and their descendants. A play based on the letters, "If All the Sky Were Paper," will also tour this summer.

The war letters, some flecked with blood or coated with a fine layer of sand, bring history to life in a way little else can. One from World War II is pierced by a bullet hole that hit the soldier's backpack but didn't kill him. Another is enhanced by an elaborate cartoon done by an airman who was supposed to work for Disney upon his return, but was killed in action.

"It's about real people and what they go through, whether it's frontline combat, whether it's on the home front: combat letters, love letters, last letters," Carroll said. "The thing about war letters is, because they're written in these life and death circumstances, almost by their nature they tend to be more vivid and vibrant.

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.

Fireworks will help Heartland School

Heartland Christian School will be selling fireworks from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day through the Fourth of July at the Colby Livestock Auction parking lot on Country Club Drive. All proceeds will go to the school. For questions, call Ronda Myers at 462-7727 or 443-1384.

High school dance team to wash cars

The Colby High School dance team will have a car wash from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Dillons parking lot. For information call Coach Denita Rodgers at 269-7908.

Lions, Rotary offer hot dogs, watermelon

The Colby High Plains Lions Club and the Colby Rotary Club will put on a free Fourth of July hot dog and watermelon feed at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the the Thomas County Fairgrounds. The event will feature a coin toss game sponsored by the Farmers and Merchants Bank, drawings for jewelry and other prizes, bingo and music. For information, call Roger Hale at 462-1172.

No trash pickup on Fourth of July

The Colby Sanitation Department will not pick up trash on Thursday. Thursday's residential route will be picked up on Friday. Have your tipper cans to the curb by 8 a.m. For questions, contact Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Free admission for military members

For military appreciation night, all active, inactive or retired military will receive free admission Saturday at the Thomas County Speedway. Races start at 7 p.m. Must show identification, proof of service, or current American Legion membership card. For information, call Nick Quenzer at 443-0240.

Group plans dance at American Legion

A public dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion. Ray Gerver will provide music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Pets ready for adoption at animal clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has five lab-mix puppies, 6 to 7 weeks 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.

Pirate Club to meet in Mingo

Children are invited to join the Patch the Pirate Music and Drama Club from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning tonight through Aug. 7 at the Mingo Bible Church. Based on music by Ron and Shelly Hamilton, there will be songs, Bible lessons, stories, skits, music lessons, devotions and performances. For information, call Daniel and Lois O'Brien at (785) 460-7530.

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 next week. Call Kim Barnett at the church office, 460-2761, to register or for information.

Poultry tests to be given at fairgrounds

Free poultry blood tests will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at the livestock arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Owners of all poultry except waterfowl, both open class and 4-H, must show proof that birds are pullorum-typhoid clean to exhibit at any fair in Kansas. For information, call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582.

Seminar to teach basics of open government

The Kansas attorney general's office will conduct a free seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records acts from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23, at the Student Union, Room 108, at Colby Community College. The seminar is designed for elected officials, reporters and the public, providing information on the basics of Kansas' open-government laws. It is open to the public, but space is limited and registration is first come, first served. Go to www.ag.ks.gov or call (785) 296-2215.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Thursday Evening — July 4, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Motive		Rookie Blue		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	July Fireworks				July Fireworks		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Independence Day						Storage	Storage	Independence Day	
AMC	The Walking Dead			The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead				
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Tabatha Takes Over		Tabatha Takes Over		Tabatha Takes Over	
CMT	Pure Ctry	Dog and Beth		Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Ron White	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	I Love You, Man				Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISN	Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Austin	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		Kardashian		Chelsea	Paul Blart: Mall Cop		
ESPN	College Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	CFL Football				NFL Live		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	National Treasure						The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Network Star		Chopped	
FX	Avatar							Avatar		
HGTV	Rehab	Rehab	Renovation Raiders		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Renovation Raiders	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Jodi Arias: Lit				Killer Among Us				Jodi Arias: Lit	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NICK	Big Time	Wendell	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	iMPACT Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Police Videos	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sullivan	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	The Music Man						Ah, Wilderness!			
TLC	Here Comes Honey		Here Comes Honey		Here Comes Honey		Here Comes Honey		Here Comes Honey	
TNT	Fast & Furious				The Hero		The Hero		The Hero	
TOON	Incredibl	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	NTSF	Face
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Monumental Mysteries		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Monumental Mysteries	
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
VH1	Philly 4th of July						Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	WGN News	Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Dark Knight						Atlantic City		Family	Blood
MAX	Kiss Kiss	Beasts of the Southern Wild			The Sessions			Shame		
SHOW	Dexter		Gangs of New York						Ray Donovan	

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Friday Evening — July 5, 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		What Would You Do?		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	Siberia		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	Bones		The Following		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Walk:Dead	The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Walk:Dead
ANIM	Tanked: Unfiltered		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters	
BRAVO	The Scorpion King		Unbreakable				Unbreakable			
CMT	Hell's Kitchen		Hell's Kitchen		Hell's Kitchen		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper		Stroumboulopoulos		Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy Central Roast			A. Jesel.
DISC	Street Outlaws		Warlocks Rising		Philly Throttle		Warlocks Rising		Philly Throttle	
DISN	Jessie	Jessie	Phineas	Fish Hook	Dog	Good Luck	Good Luck	Jessie	Austin	Jessie
E!	Brooke Burke-Charvet		Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	NASCAR Racing				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Boxing		Boxing				Boxing		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Cheaper by the Dozen		Cheaper Dozen				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners
FX	Chronicles-Dawn Treader			Dawn Treader					The Animal	
HGTV	You Live in What?		Amazing Water Homes		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Amazing Water Homes	

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HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	A Walk to Remember				My Sister's Keeper				A Walk to Remember	
MTV	Buckwild	Buckwild	Buckwild	Buckwild	Bad News Bears					Ridic.
NICK	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Continuum		Defiance		Continuum	
SPIKE	Men Black	Star Wars VI: Return								
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Married Too?					Are We Th	Are We Th	Are We Th
TCM	The 400 Blows				Ant & Col	Stolen Kisses				Bed Board
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy to the Rescue		Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy to the Rescue	
TNT	Unknown					72 Hours		King & Maxwell		Perceptio
TOON	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	China, IL
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	National Lamp.		National-European				Vegas Vacation			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Fight	The Watch			Life's Too		Life's Too		I, Robot	
MAX	Die Hard-Veng.				Banshee		Strike Back			
SHOW	Lawless				Ray Donovan		Dexter		Trevor Noah: African	

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