

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 10 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Thursday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Breezy, with a southeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a southeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73. Breezy.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

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

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday:	High, 102; Low 67
Tuesday:	High, 102; Low 68
Precip:	Monday None
	Tuesday 0.02 inches
	Month: 0.05 inches
	Year: 6.07 inches
	Normal: 13.61 inches
	(K-State Experiment Station)
	Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday	6:27 a.m. 9:12 p.m.
	Moon: waxing, 11 percent
	(U.S. Naval Observatory)
	Colby Water Use
Monday	3,464,000 gal.
Tuesday	3,499,000 gal.
	(Colby Public Works)

Illusionist to perform here

A widely known illusionist plans a show here to help a Christian charity group gain recognition and gather donations.

Reza, an illusionist who has performed across the U.S. and in dozens of countries, will put on a show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College during a tour that will span three states.

Mark Presson of Great Bend, director of Star of Hope in the U.S., said the group is helping organize the tour. The group, the U.S. branch of which is based in Ellinwood, helps about 32,000 children in seven countries, he said, adding, "We just want to introduce ourselves to people."

He said the group has been having financial problems, and that he hopes the shows will attract people willing to give money or time.

In advance, tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. They will be \$5 higher at the door. Kids 5 and younger will be admitted free. The tour includes 14 shows in 13 towns across Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado beginning Saturday in Omaha,



A snake is part of Reza's act.

and ending Saturday, July 27, in Loveland, Colo.

Presson said Reza called the group and offered to help out about six months ago. He said he was impressed by a show the illusionist put on for about 750 people in his home town and the fact that he frequently does shows for charity.

"He'll read something in the

newspaper about some people who lost their home," Presson said, "and he'll call them up and say, 'Let's do a show.'"

Presson said he is looking for volunteers from churches, youth groups and volunteer organizations to help set up the show. If you want to help, call Star of Hope at (866) 653-0321.

Courthouse study approved

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Strait stands to make 6.5 percent of the project's construction cost, or about \$738,000, if the project is built as designed.

Commissioner Mike Baughn put it simply: "We need to tell the public in an independent manner whether this (courthouse) building is adequate or whether it isn't."

During the commission's discussion on the structural assessment, County Clerk Shelly Harms asked whether the commissioners had considered doing an assessment of what the county needs in a jail.

The proposed Thomas County law enforcement and administration center includes sections for a new jail, courtrooms and other court services along with new spaces for the non-judicial offices located in the existing courthouse.

Harms' question prompted Steele to list items he thought should be included in a feasibility study if one were done, focusing on potential problems he sees with the current jail such as the lack of a sally port and insufficient space for booking, interviews, kitchen and laundry facilities.

Steele said he suspects an inspection of the existing Thomas County jail might shut it down, but Strait said he feels the issues Steele was questioning were already addressed in his building design.

Baughn said he was in favor of a jail feasibility study that would address whether the planned jail includes enough capacity for future growth and whether the region's demographics support a regional jail concept rather than individual jails in each county.

He emphasized that the courthouse's structural condition is a separate issue from a jail feasibility study, and Commissioner Byron Sowers said he agreed these are separate issues.

"I think we need to look at our most urgent need and right now our most urgent need is a jail," said

Baughn. But when Strait said he was concerned about the safety of the workers inside the current courthouse, Baughn agreed the structural assessment was also important.

The commissioners discussed hiring a separate consulting firm to perform a jail feasibility study while the structural assessment is in the works.

Steele resisted the idea of a jail feasibility study, saying "I'm not sure we could afford to build what an engineer says is adequate."

He said the maximum the county could afford to build, according to his analysis of land values and tax revenue, could be as low as \$10 million.

The planned new building is estimated to cost nearly \$12 million, not including a building site, furnishings, moving costs and demolition of the existing courthouse, if necessary.

Baughn asked Undersheriff Marc Finley, who was at the meeting on other business, to check with consulting firms to determine the cost of a thorough feasibility study for the jail's portion of the project.

Finley agreed to research consulting firms for the commissioners, including those that previously made presentations to the commissioners about their services. He said he knows there are design problems with the current jail that make it more dangerous for his coworkers and the inmates.

"As a taxpayer," he said, "I want someone who does these feasibility studies for a living." He said he wants to know that the proposed jail will meet the county's needs.

Steele mentioned he was having trouble finding a site for the proposed new law enforcement and administration center, but Strait said he had several appropriate places in mind.

The commissioners approved the Walter P. Moore contract pending review from the county attorney. They plan to sign it and further discuss options for a jail feasibility study at their meeting Monday.

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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.

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. Saturday 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.

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 from this week to Aug. 7 at the Mingo Bible Church. The program, based on music by Ron and Shelly Hamilton, includes songs, Bible lessons, stories, skits, music lessons, devotions and performances. For information, call Daniel and Lois O'Brien at (785) 460-7530.

Legion plans spaghetti dinner

Have supper with the Colby American Legion as they prepare for a national convention. The legion will have a spaghetti supper at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the legion hall. Donations will help send Vice Commander David Becker to the national convention in Houston. The menu includes spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread and dessert. For information, call Terina Schmidt at 443-3766.

Pets ready for adoption at animal clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has three lab-mix puppies 6 to 7 weeks old, an older white female poodle, five kittens and two cats. 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.

Vacation Bible School at Methodist church

The Colby United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School, "Colossal Coastal World," will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. through Friday this 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 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 free of pullorum-typhoid to exhibit at any fair in Kansas. For information, call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582.

Childbirth classes to begin in July

Citizens Medical Center will offer a four-week series of childbirth education classes at 7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 1 in the hospital conference room for women who are due to deliver before November. The labor support partner, who will be with the mother in labor, should attend also. The next series of classes is scheduled for October. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

"Lemon Aid" to help animal shelter

Hostess April Swartz will hold her Fifth Annual "Lemon Aid" Stand benefit for the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at the Swartz Vet Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby. Pets available for adoption will be on site. For information, call 460-1078.

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. Space is limited and registration is first come, first served. Go to www.ag.ks.gov or call (785) 296-2215.

Volunteers needed for carnival rides

Volunteers are again needed for the carnival at the Thomas County Fair on Tuesday through Saturday, July 30 to Aug. 3. Shifts can be two or four hours. For information or to volunteer, call Kerry Wark, 443-6174; Damon Glover, 443-3254; or Tina Harris, 462-8008.

Box fans available at Health Department

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

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Friday Evening July 12, 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		Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Camp		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	Hondo		Shawshank							Breaking Bad
ANIM	Tanked: Unfiltered		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters			Treehouse Masters
BRAVO	Honey				Scary Movie					Scary Movie
CMT	Redneck Island		Redneck Island		Redneck Island		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		Beverly Hills Cop
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper		Stromboulpoulos			Anderson Cooper 360
COMEDY	D. Tosh	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Drunk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		The Ringer
DISC	Warlocks Rising		Warlocks Rising		Philly Throttle		Warlocks Rising			Philly Throttle
DISN	ANT Farm	Jessie	Gravity	Phineas	Dog	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie
E!	Summer Camp		Baby Boom	The Soup	Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	Softball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter			SportsCenter
ESPN2	MLS Soccer				Boxing					Baseball Tonight
FAM	The Mask		Liar Liar				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners
FX	True Grit				Battle: Los Angeles					Earth
HGTV	Extreme Homes		Cool Pools		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl		Cool Pools

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