

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 10 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 5 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Light south wind increasing to 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 96.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

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

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Thursday: High, 90; Low 64
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 1.27 inches
 Year: 7.29 inches
 Normal: 13.61 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:34 a.m. 9:07 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 94 percent
 Sunday 6:35 a.m. 9:06 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 98 percent
 Monday 6:36 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
 Full moon at 1:16 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Thursday 3,172,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Concealed carry law confounds county

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Administrative rule allowing him to restrict concealed carry on a case-by-case basis. Schiffner's authority extends to floors of the building where court services are located, which currently includes the second and third floor of the courthouse. Thus, county employees must comply with signs that could be posted if Schiffner decides to restrict concealed carry in a particular case.

Berens said he has crafted a reminder letter for county employees, though he has a few things to tweak before sending it.

Berens also mentioned the county health department does not have a special rule exempting it from concealed carry statutes, so concealed carry is allowed there. The Law Enforcement Center is generally not open for concealed carry because it does qualify for an exception.

In other business, the commissioners:
 • Received a report of compliance for the hazardous waste facility and landfill documenting an inspection from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and showing no violations for either permitted facility.

• Signed the county's new Family and Medical Leave Act policy. Berens emphasized the policy requires employees to receive paid sick leave and vacation pay while on Family and Medical Leave, but that this paid time does not extend the federally mandated 12-week maximum leave period. Berens offered to draft a new uniform leave request form and other checklists and forms to help county department heads comply with this policy.

• Authorized expenses for replacing a condenser fan motor for the courthouse's chiller. When repairs were at the courthouse recently to service the chiller, they discovered the condenser fan motor has a bearing going out and needs a new blade. The repair company, based in Garden City, estimated the repairs at \$2,075.

• Opened bidding for a new mini-split heating and air conditioning unit for the extension council's office in the Thomas County Office Complex. According to Steele, CB Heating and Air Conditioning determined the unit is not serviceable because the compressor is locked up. Though the company submitted a proposal for a new unit, Steele did not open the proposal. The

county will accept bids from other companies before purchasing a new unit.

• Approved payment for a 2005 invoice from Colby Community College for \$804 for a class one of the emergency medical technicians took. The bill was previously overlooked by the county, but is now preventing the employee from taking other classes at the college to obtain an advanced certification.

• Adopted a drug and alcohol prevention policy for the county's transportation van driver, who is already subject to random drug tests.

• Directed the county's road and bridge department to relocate the county appraiser's current vehicle, a Ford Ranger, and sell it. The vehicle is not in running condition, but must be removed to provide a parking space for the office's new pickup.

• Approved accounts payable of \$15,686. The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Commissioners is planned for 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, in the commissioners' chambers on the main floor of the Thomas County Courthouse.

Kansas Court remands case of liability

By John Milburn
 Associated Press

TOPEKA — Firearm dealers must use the highest degree of care in preventing the sale of guns to a felon, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled today.

The decision comes in the appeal of a mother who filed a negligence lawsuit against the owners of a southeast Kansas gun shop for selling a shotgun later used by her husband, a convicted felon, to kill their son. The case goes back to district court for further proceedings.

The lawsuit involves the 2003 murder-suicide of Russell Graham of Baxter Springs. Graham used a shotgun bought by his grandmother to shoot himself and his son, Zeus Graham.

Elizabeth Shirley, wife of Russell Graham, filed the liability lawsuit against Joe and Patsy George, the owners of Baxter Springs Gun and Pawn Shop. Shirley claims the Georges were negligent in preventing the sale of the gun to the grandmother when Graham was present at the sale and unable to buy it himself because of laws preventing felons from possessing firearms.

Messages left for Jonathan Lowy, an attorney from the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence representing Shirley, and attorneys for the Georges weren't immediately returned.

The ruling, written by Justice Eric Rosen, reversed a 2010 Kansas Court of Appeals ruling that the Georges could not be held to the "highest standard

of reasonable care in exercising control over firearms."

According to court documents, Graham went to the gun shop with his grandmother, Imogene Glass, on Sept. 5, 2003. The lawsuit alleges that she bought the gun through an alleged "straw sale," in which one person fills out the legal forms and buys the gun for someone else.

Glass testified during a deposition that she didn't spend any of her own money on the gun.

Lowy argued during the January hearing before the Kansas Supreme Court that state and federal governments enacted laws regarding sales to felons and background checks precisely to prevent such things from happening. He said the Georges

should have known Glass was purchasing the gun for Graham, who had asked her to buy the shotgun so his son could go dove hunting.

Lowy said in January the Kansas Supreme Court has held in previous rulings that gun shops and gun owners are held to a high standard of care for the guns in their possession.

The couple maintains they never knew Graham was a convicted felon and assumed Glass was paying for the gun legally.

Lowy has said Shirley had a protective order against Graham at the time of the shooting. Shirley filed for divorce in August 2003 but he maintained contact with their son.

Shirley is seeking undisclosed damages from the Georges.

Sergeant who shared photos faces hearing

BOSTON (AP) — A state police sergeant who released striking photos of the capture of the surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings faces a hearing to determine if he will be suspended until an internal investigation is complete.

Massachusetts State Police spokesman David Procopio said the agency didn't authorize Sgt. Sean Murphy to release the photos to *Boston Magazine* and won't release them to other media.

Murphy told *Boston Magazine* he released the photos because he was furious over a Rolling Stone cover photo he believes glamorizes suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. He said his photos show "the real Boston bomber, not someone fluffed and buffed for the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine." The music magazine hits the shelves this week, and some retailers have said they won't sell it.

Procopio said Friday that Murphy has been relieved of

duty for one day and there will be a hearing to decide if he will be suspended until the internal investigation is complete. He did not say when the hearing will be.

Murphy has not returned calls from The Associated Press. No one answered the door Friday at the blue cottage along the coast in Biddeford, Maine, where neighbors said he spends weekends. Someone started a "Save Sgt. Sean Murphy" Facebook page that had hundreds of "likes" in just a few hours.

"The release of these photos was completely unacceptable," said Christina DiIorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz, who is prosecuting the case. "We have spoken with the Massachusetts

State Police, who have assured us that the release of the photos was unauthorized and that they are taking action internally in response."

Gov. Deval Patrick appeared reticent on the issue today as he walked quickly back to his office after an event in the Statehouse.

"Talk to the state police, they violated the rules when they did it," he said in response to a question from a reporter.

Asked if he was concerned the release of the photos would compromise the investigation of Tsarnaev, Patrick again referred questions to the state police.

An aide to the governor later said Patrick was only referring to the individual officer who released the photos.

Manatee celebrates 65th

By Tamara Lush
 Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. — Snooty the manatee was born when Harry S. Truman was president, Columbia records had just released its 33 1/3 LP format, and people were still talking about how the NBC television network had broadcast Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in its entirety. Life in America, of course, has changed.

But Snooty is still around, en-

tertaining visitors, munching on lettuce and swimming silently in his tank at the South Florida Museum in Bradenton.

Sunday is his 65th birthday, and to mark the occasion the museum will hold a free party.

He's the oldest manatee in captivity and possibly one of the oldest ever, experts say.

Snooty, in good health, eats about 80 pounds of lettuce and vegetables every day to sustain his 1,000 pound body. He shares a tank with two manatees.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Menlo Township
Thomas County

will meet on August 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Loren Guill Residence, 1631 County Road 32, Menlo KS 67753 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Loren Guill Residence, 1631 County Road 32, Menlo KS 67753 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2012		Current Year Estimate 2013		Proposed Budget 2014		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	10,390	3.340	5,457	2.404	10,000	6,640	2.851
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	38,915	24.184	42,063	22.452	56,814	53,941	26.327
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Employee Benefit	2,106	2.744	4,900	2.721	5,200	2,629	1.129
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Special Machinery							
Totals	51,411	30.268	52,420	27.577	72,014	63,210	30.307
Less: Transfers	7,893		0		0		
Net Expenditure	43,518		52,420		72,014		
Total Tax Levied	48,915		49,237		XXXXXXX	2,329,042	
Total Assessed Valuation	1,902,713		2,048,070			2,048,833	
Township Assessed Valuation Only							

	2011	2012	2013
Outstanding Indebtedness,			
Jan 1			
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	165,210	150,344	145,373
Total	165,210	150,344	145,373

Susan Guill
 Treasurer

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Monday Evening	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 U	2 Broke G	2 Broke G	Mike	Under the Dome		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Ninja Warrior		Get Out Alive		Siberia		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Raising	Raising	New Girl	Mindy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		The Glades		Longmire		Longmire	Criminal Minds		
AMC	The Mummy						The Mummy Returns			
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Below Deck		Happens	Housewives/OC	Jersey	
CMT	Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Hillbilly	Hillbilly
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Key	Futurama	Gabriel Iglesias		Aziz Ansari		Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Brickle.
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws	
DISN	Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	ANT Farm	Jessie	Shake It	Good Luck	Dog	Good Luck	Good Luck
EI	EI News	Kardashian		Kardashian		Ryan Seac	Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	World/Poker				2013 ESPYs		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	Spider-Man 3						Spider-Man 2			
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	American Pickers		American Pickers		God, Guns	God, Guns	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	
LIFE	Betty		Betty		Dance Moms		Supermarket		Betty	Betty
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Girl Code	Girl Code
NICK	Awesome	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Fear Factor		Fear Factor		Fear Factor		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked	
SPIKE	Men in Black					Tattoo	Comic-Con		Men in Black	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	Carson	Carson		The Gay Divorcee			Top Hat			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Honey	Honey	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Honey	Honey
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	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	WWE 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
Premium Channels										
HBO	Mr. & Mrs. Smith		The Cheshire Murders				True Blood		Red 2	Battleshi
MAX	National	Journey 2-Mysterious Isl.			Stigmata					
SHOW	Dexter		Ray Donovan		Dexter		Ray Donovan		Trevor Noah: African	