

Weather

Dogs and kids on parade

Briefly



National Weather Service Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 84.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 86.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Monday: High, 96; Low 65
Tuesday: High, 90; Low 63
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: 1.85 inches
Year: 7.87 inches
Normal: 13.61 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 6:38 a.m. 9:03 p.m.
Moon: waning, 88 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Monday 2,776,000 gal.
Tuesday 2,711,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)



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Melissa Zimmerman (left) stood with Scruffy, her Yorkshire terrier mix in the obedience section of the 4-H dog show Saturday morning at Heartland Christian School. Logan Haggard (above), 8, ran with his terrier mix Jewel Sunday at the ballfields, where the 4-H and open class dog agility competitions were held as part of the Thomas County Fair.

County budget task goes on

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\$3,088 to the reserve account for election equipment, \$5,088 to the landfill's capital outlay fund, \$6,000 to the landfill's closing fund and \$2,555 to the capital outlay fund for Rural Fire District No. 3.

They then discussed the amount of money they plan to appropriate to each department or organization the county funds, beginning with the bottom of the published budget and working backward.

One of the first topics discussed was maintenance for the current courthouse. As of the end of June, the courthouse maintenance fund had a cash balance of \$261,792. Steele said the county typically levies one

mill for maintenance, and the commissioners agreed to continue that tradition.

When they reached the topic of funding for the county's health department, Steele said health department revenues have decreased over the last few years as pharmacies and other providers made immunizations more available to the public. The department also cannot currently charge for some Medicaid services. But, the county cannot decrease funding for the department without risking their state funding, Steele said.

"What it amounts to is that we'll be levying a tax (for the Health Department) that is a little bit higher than last year," he said.

The commissioners increased

or maintained many of the expense allocations, though they did reduce a few items, such as the amount extended to the Thomas County Coalition, reduced from \$17,250 to \$15,000.

Commissioners Baughn and Sowers had voiced concerns that the Thomas County Coalition had, in effect, become the Colby Coalition by spending their efforts on projects in Colby. They cautioned the coalition to get out to the other towns in Thomas County or this year might be the last year the county gives money to the coalition.

"When you pay your taxes, it's not just the county tax," said Steele. "It's the city tax and the county and the cemetery district and the college. We can only control our part of it."

Sperm donor asks for judgment

TOPEKA (AP) – A Topeka man being pursued for child support by the state after he donated sperm to a lesbian couple is asking a judge to rule in his favor before a trial.

An attorney for William Marotta filed a motion Monday in Shawnee County District Court asking for the summary judgment for his client, contending that the Kansas Department for Children and Families is asking the court to do "what no court has ever done" in concluding that a sperm donor is a father when neither the donor nor the biological mother is seeking that result.

The state contends that Marotta must pay child support because he is the father of a girl born to a lesbian couple in 2009. Marotta argues that he and the couple signed a contract waiving his parental rights and responsibilities.

The state filed a motion in May seeking a summary judgment in its favor. Timothy Keck, a co-

counsel for the state, contended in that motion that the contract between Marotta and the couple was invalid because they didn't follow a Kansas law that requires a licensed physician to perform the artificial insemination in cases involving sperm donors.

Keck's motion also asked the court to order genetic testing on the child but District Judge Mary Mattivi put that request on hold while she considered other issues.

Marotta's attorney, Benoit Swinnen, argued in his motion that the court should apply well-settled law to conclude that the sperm donor contract in Marotta's case is valid and enforceable. He also asked that the court find Marotta is not the girl's father and that he has no responsibility to pay any child support or other expenses related to the child.

An Aug. 13 status hearing is the next court action scheduled in the case.

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 for carnival rides

Volunteers are needed for the carnival at the Thomas County Fair, Tuesday through Saturday, July 30 to Aug. 3. Shifts can be two or four hours. For information or to volunteer, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Diplomas ready to pick up

Colby High School 2013 graduates may pick up their diplomas between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Administration Building, 600 West Third St. For information call Janel Andrews at 460-5002

Sacred Heart School schedules enrollment

Sacred Heart School will hold its preschool through fifth grade enrollment from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Aug. 5, in the gym. Preschool and new students will need copies of their immunization records, social security card, birth certificate, and a physical. Tuition, registration fees and lunch money information may be found on our website. For information call the school at 460-2813.

Free sports physicals to be given

Free student sports physicals will be given from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at Colby Medical Services, 1005 S. Range Ave., and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at the New Frontiers Health Services, 212 Maple Ave. in Oakley. Signed parental consent is required at the time of physical. For questions call Clinic Director Lee Woolfer at 462-3332.

Pets ready for adoption at animal clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has siamese kitten and a gray and white shih tzu. 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.

Baptist Church invites all to free lunch

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

Veterans invited to ride bus in parade

All veterans are invited to ride the bus in the fair parade. The bus will be at the American Legion at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for loading. At 5 p.m. it will leave to line up for the parade. For information, call Dale Deaver at 443-1113.

Veterans float to load at American Legion

Any veteran or family member that wants to ride on the American Legion flatbed and trailer in the parade should meet at 4:30 Tuesday at the American Legion. For information call Monty Lewis at (785) 953-1061.

Reception to honor retiring chief

Everyone is invited for cake from 3 to 5 p.m. next Wednesday at the Law Enforcement Training Center to help Police Chief Randy Jones celebrate his retirement from the Colby Police Department after 37 years. You're welcome to write down your memories and well wishes to put in the memory box made for him. For information call Amy Marks, 460-4465.

College to offer concealed carry class

Colby Community College is offering a Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union. The class enables students to obtain the Kansas Concealed Carry Certification. Cost is \$125. For information or to register, contact Kathy Britton at 460-5550 or Barry Kaaz at 460-5429.

Brewster planning party for 125th birthday

Brewster will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, with "From Horses to Horse Power." Events include a 5K run and a one-mile color run and walk for all ages, an antique car, tractor and motorcycle show, a parade and street dance, a community church service and potluck. For a schedule or to sign up, go to leanabc.wix.com/brewster125-2 or call LeAnne Carney at (785) 694-2542.

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 26, 2013

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