

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 3 a.m. Storms could produce heavy rainfall. Areas of fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy; low around 63. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light after midnight.

Tuesday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Areas of fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, partly sunny; high near 92. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 63. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high 81.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 84.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low 65.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high 85.

Friday: High, 93; Low 63
 Saturday: High, 72; Low 65
 Sunday: High, 86; Low 65
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday 0.02 inches
 Sunday None
 Month: 0.03 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 6:49 a.m. 8:51 p.m.
 New moon at 4:52 p.m.
 Wednesday 6:50 a.m. 8:49 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 1 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Friday to Sunday 2,198,000 gal.
 (average)
 (Colby Public Works)

Do you think it's time to stop digging now?



KEITH ANGLEMEYER
 This sinkhole (left) – approximately 200 feet in diameter and 80 to 90 feet deep – opened last week in rural Wallace County, about eight miles north of the city of Wallace. The sinkhole opened on pasture land, about a mile from the nearest house and one mile from a previous sinkhole that had opened in 1926 (above). The land has been closed off to visitors.

Commissioners hear auditor's report

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requiring an estimated mill levy of 36.468 mills, an increase of 2.306 mills from 2013.

The proposed budget increases county spending in nearly every category.

The most significant increase in tax expenditures is for the county health department, increasing the mill levy for this department about 7.5 percent over last year's levy.

The department provides fewer income-generating services, said Commissioner

Paul Steele. In the past, the department provided vaccines they could charge for, but local pharmacies and clinics now provide a greater portion of those services, cutting into the department's revenue. Now, the county must provide more tax dollars to subsidize services at the department.

In contrast, the county landfill is self-sufficient, requiring no tax dollars to support it, so the commissioners chose not to include it in the proposed tax levy.

Property taxes are determined by multiplying each property's taxable value by

each year's mill levy. The county's mill levy does not include taxes from other government entities such as the college and city.

The commissioners approved the proposed budget, but the budget does not become final until after the county's budget hearing at 10 a.m. next Monday in the commissioners' meeting room on the main floor of the courthouse. The hearing is open to the public, so county residents are able to ask questions and speak their minds about issues, including the proposed budget.

County weighs value of capital expenditures

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ter fountains for all three floors of the courthouse. According to their insurance carrier, they must either remove current, non-accessible water fountains or replace them with handicap-

accessible fountains.

County Clerk Shelly Harms obtained bids from Culligan for water service as a replacement for the fountains, along with a bid from Griffin Plumbing to install new fountains.

The commissioners were re-

luctant to spend \$4,500 to replace the three fountains, which was the bid from Griffin Plumbing, but also did not want to spend \$120 per month on water service.

There was some question about whether the fountains

could be replaced on one floor and taken out on other floors, so they postponed a decision on the fountains until their next meeting, allowing them to research the legal requirements further.

Former lawman gets life term for wife's death

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man County District Judge Larry Solomon of seeking publicity and assuring his wife's family even before the hearing that he would receive a harsh sentence.

"This is the kind of sentence you believe you will need for a Kansas Supreme Court nomination," Seacatt told the judge.

Solomon imposed a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years for premeditated, first-degree murder. He also gave Seacatt a total of more than six years in prison for one count of aggravated arson and two counts of child endangerment. Since the four counts will run consecutively, Seacatt will not be eligible for parole for more than 31 years.

"You are going to hell for what you have done in this case," Seacatt told the judge.

Seacatt vowed that the evidence the court suppressed will one day be presented and "I will be free."

When the defendant had finished, the judge calmly told the courtroom some of the comments were so bizarre they don't deserve a response. But he said it affirmed to him that the jury made the right decision.

Solomon said Vashti Seacatt was not depressed or suicidal but was looking forward to a future with her two sons after the divorce was finalized. He said her family "hit it on the head" in their victim impact statements when they described Seacatt as being controlling, self-centered and narcissistic.

"Your statement this morning confirms to me you live in some sort of bizarre alternate reality," Solomon told him.

The judge also said he considered the fact Seacatt hadn't admitted guilt, hadn't admit-

ted responsibility and didn't express any remorse.

"I don't intend to show any mercy; you didn't show Vashti any mercy," Solomon said.

Earlier in the hearing, Vashti Seacatt's family recounted her fears about what her husband was capable of doing, the concerns for their own safety and the emotional havoc on the lives of the couple's two young children.

Rich Forrest, Vashti Seacatt's brother, told the court that Brett Seacatt destroyed his children's innocence and deprived them of knowing both their parents growing up.

"When the children are older," he said, "What exactly are we supposed to tell them when they ask about their daddy?"

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Wednesday Evening August 7, 2013

Channel	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Neighbors	ABC's The Lookout	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS				CSI: Crime Scene	Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		Camp	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	MasterChef		MasterChef		Local					

Tuesday Evening August 6, 2013

Channel	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Weight Loss				Body of Proof		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Hollywood Game Night		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Local							
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barter Kings		Barter Kings		Storage	Storage
AMC	O Brother, Where Art				Mercury Rising					16 Blocks
ANIM	Wild Arabia			River Monsters				Wild Arabia		
BRAVO	Interior Therapy	Interior Therapy		Million Dollar		Happens	Property	Interior Therapy		
CMT	Mrs. Doubtfire					Shark LIVE	Double	Cops Reloaded		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Drunk	The Jesel	Daily	Colbert	Drunk	The Jesel	
DISC	Return of Jaws: Shar	I Escaped Jaws		Spawn of Jaws		Shark LIVE		I Escaped Jaws		
DISN	Ratatouille			Dog	Dog	Good Luck	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck	
E!	Kardashian			Total Divas		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	Nine for IX	World Series		World Series		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Little League			WNBA Basketball				Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Pretty Little Liars	Twisted		The Vineyard		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		
FX	Something Borrowed			Something Borrowed						
HGTV	Property	Property	Power Broker	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Renovate		Power Broker		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Shelby's Hits	Shelby	Shelby	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Dance Moms	Dance Moms		Double	Double	Double		Dance Moms		
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Sara	Catfish: The TV Show	True Life		
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se		Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Face Off	Face Off: Vets		Face Off: Vets		Face Off: Vets				
SPIKE	Ink Master	Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Conan	
TCM	Rebecca				Letter From	Unknown			This Above	
TLC	Who Do You	Who Do You		Sex, Lies and Zumba		Who Do You		Sex, Lies and Zumba		
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles		Perception		Rizzoli & Isles		Perception		
TOON	Looney	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Airport 2	Airport 2	Mega RV Countdown		Bizarre Foods	Airport 2	Airport 2	
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		King	King	The King of Queens		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Covert Affairs		Suits		Graceland		Covert Affairs		
VH1	Marry	T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop		Couples Therapy		Menace II Society		Couples Therapy	
WGN	MLB Baseball				News/Nine	Videos	Rules	Rules		
Premium Channels										
HBO	Rise-Guardians			Hard Knocks		The Newsroom		True Blood		
MAX	Entrapment			Strike Back		Strike Back				
SHOW	Dick Cheney	People Like Us				Web Ther.	Dexter	Donovan		

American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life
 Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

Channel	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Larry the Cable Guy		Top Shot All-Stars		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Morning Glory		Someone Like You		Morning Glory					
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		The Challenge		The Challenge: Rivals II					Catfish
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends
SCI	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Joe Rogan Questions		Paranormal Witness		Joe Rogan Questions	
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Fight Master					Stealth
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Deal With	Conan		Deal With	Conan
TCM	Murder, He Says				Double Indemnity				There's Always	
TLC	Honey	Honey	Honey	Raising Fame		Honey	Raising Fame		Honey	Honey
TNT	Castle		Franklin & Bash		Castle		Franklin & Bash		Falling Skies	
TOON	Legends	Teen	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	BBQ Crawl	BBQ Crawl	Adam Rich	Adam Rich	Best Daym	Best Daym	Food Paradise		Adam Rich	Adam Rich
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Cleveland	The Exes	Soul Man	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		Royal Pains		Necessary Roughness		Suits		Royal Pains	
VH1	Menace II Society		Couples Therapy		Couples Therapy		Love, Hip Hop		Couples Therapy	
WGN	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Apparition		The Newsroom		True Blood		Hard Knocks		Real Time/Bill Maher	
MAX	American	Banshee	Banshee		Strike Back		Strike Ba	Safe House		
SHOW	Ray Donovan		60 Minutes Sports		Dexter		60 Minutes Sports		Jim Rome on Showtime	

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.

Colby Schools hold enrollment

Enrollment for students returning to the Colby Public Schools will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Colby High School Commons. New students will enroll from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday in their respective buildings. For information call the district office at 460-5000.

Badges battle for next blood drive

There will be a "Battle of the Badges" blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Community Building. Each donor can vote for his favorite badge: law enforcement, emergency medical services or the fire department, and enter a drawing for a prizes including gift cards from Walmart, a gift certificate for a photo shoot and a gift certificate for a massage. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS.

Health care center offers sports physicals

Family Center for Health Care in Colby is offering free sports physicals to all Thomas County Schools from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at 310 E. College Drive. In-town students will be seen from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and out of town students from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For information contact the clinic at 462-6184.

Reception to be farewell to doctor

Citizens Medical Center and Family Center for Health Care invite the public to a farewell reception for Dr. Brewster Kellogg from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, in the Citizens Medical Center Cafeteria at 100 E. College Drive. For information call Tama Unger at 462-6184.

Pets ready for adoption at animal clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a boxer mix and a black and white kitten. 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.

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.