

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 90.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 92.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 90.
Thursday: High, 87; Low 57
Precip: Thursday 0.25 inches
Month: 0.87 inches
Year: 9.36 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:59 a.m. 8:37 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 84 percent
Sunday 7:00 a.m. 8:35 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 92 percent
Monday 7:01 a.m. 8:34 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 97 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 2,069,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Dirt flies as museum digs in



A worker helped dig out a pit Wednesday to connect the Cooper Barn to the city sewer system. The Prairie Museum of Art and History is working on a kitchen and rest rooms in the barn, located on the museum grounds.

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Jail needs weighed, tabled

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the architect the county hired for the project. Justice Concepts proposed a three-part analysis: a forecast jail growth (\$13,770), a functional analysis of the jail's operations (\$6,126) and an analysis of the current jail (\$10,571). Commissioner Mike Baughn recommended forgoing an analysis of the current jail, since the commissioners already have plenty of information that it is inadequate, along with a study done in the 1990s that indicated problems. "I think we have a pretty clear picture of the inadequacies of

that facility," said Baughn.

Strait offered to ask the company for another proposal including only a forecast for jail growth and a functional analysis.

Another architectural firm, Prochaska and Associates, had offered similar analytical services as part of an initial \$5,000 planning phase for the entire project. Baughn said he had been unable to reach representatives from that firm in time for the commissioners' meeting.

The commissioners accepted Strait's offer to obtain another proposal from Justice Concepts, tabling decisions on both topics until their Aug. 19 meeting.

Strait and Commissioner Paul Steele are still searching for a place to build the proposed \$11.3-million complex, planned to replace the existing law enforcement center and county courthouse.

Rob Stithem, owner of Earth Works, decided not to sell land to the county for the complex after he was approached by Strait "and some others."

Steele said he was shown other property near Stithem's home, but Steele said he prefers to pursue other locations that are not so entwined with commercial property.

Barbershoppers young, excited

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For Freeman, who graduated from Lansing High School in 2013, barbershop is a family legacy - his grandfather was one of the founders of the Cody Choraliers in 1970 and his father also sang with the chorus and immersed his son in the style. "Growing up, I've always heard barbershop music, my dad always had barbershop music playing in the car or he would try to show me DVDs of quartets," Freeman said. "My first international convention I went to was when I was in kindergarten, so my first barbershop memory is that." None of which is to say that he always wanted to pursue that same path - just the opposite, actually, for a long time, Freeman said. Hearing his father rehearsing the song "Friends," about a friend leaving, got him to reconsider. Freeman said he assembled three friends with the intention of learning only that song to sing for a friend going away. "We got hooked as soon as we

came to the first rehearsal," he said. Freeman said he joined the Cody Choraliers in 2008, but was more recently lured to join also Central Standard, a Kansas City-based acappella chorus. It was from there that he was also recruited to join the Brovertones. "When I joined that chorus, Andrew and I formed a big-boy quartet," he said. "After the fall concert, that quartet broke up and these two guys approached us to join their quartet." The new quartet's first practice was in January 2013, with the district preliminary competition in April - by which time they knew two songs together, Pherigo said. Their success surprised even them. "I think we were excited about it and expected to do well, but not as well as we did," Rembecki said. Though they came up short of another championship at the international convention, the quartet still have concerts booked through the next year across the country. However, because of rules limiting the age of quartet

competitors in collegiate competitions to 25 years old - a ceiling that Rembecki is near - The Brovertones are at a crossroads. "That's the position that we're in now, now that internationals is over, it's do we stay together and then go on to the big-boy level or do we find new members?" Freeman said. It's one of the challenges in a landscape that is transforming somewhat in other ways. Rembecki recognized that the membership of barbershop choruses has in the past tended to be older, but that is changing, thanks in part to a growing interest from youth because of videos on YouTube and, partly, TV shows like "Glee." As a result, Rembecki said the competition is growing in number and getting tougher, but the culture of barbershop is also enjoying more popularity among younger audiences. Explaining the appeal to the 20-year-old crowd, Freeman said it owes to some extent to its timelessness - the music and the chords used in barbershop are based on the progression and production of overtones - tones

above or below the notes being sung when two or more voices are perfectly matched. It's "the purest music you can sing," he said, making it easy as an audience member to listen to. "And as soon as you create one of those suckers," Batchelder said, "It's the best feeling in the world. You are hooked for life."

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Car wash to help raise money

Wings Upon the Prairie will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Dillons to raise money for their educational programs. For information, call 460-7477.

Prayers to lift up schools, teachers

The Colby Church of Christ invites all churches to join in prayer for God to oversee our schools and teachers at 4 p.m. Sunday at Colby Grade School. Teachers and administrators are invited to attend so your school year may be blessed. For information, call Anthony Conner at (970) 778-7608.

Outdoors Skills Day coming for kids

Youth Outdoor Skills Day for kids 6 and older, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Hunting Heritage Group, will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The free event includes an elk-burger lunch. It will be held on the Pat Jones property six miles north and two miles east of Colby. Activities will include shotgunning and muzzleloading, archery, fur harvesting and compass and map reading. For information, call the department's office at 462-3367.

Vendors to raise money for foundation

Vendors for Nana's Comfort Foods, Norwex and Clever Containers will sell their products from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of the Prairie Senior Living Complex. A percentage of sales will go to the Citizens Foundation Employee Giving Fund to buy equipment and services for the hospital. For information, call Bev Vaughn at 443-1467.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include carrots, orange juice, peaches, potato flakes, apricots, beef stew, vegetable soup, fruit-and-nut mix and tomatoes. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

After-school program now enrolling kids

The After-School Program is enrolling students for the coming year. The program begins Tuesday, Sept. 3, after Labor Day, and runs through mid-May. To enroll, contact the Colby Grade School office at 460-5100, or stop by 210 N. Grant.

Donations needed to pay for county's map

The Kansas Association of Counties is seeking donations for Thomas County's share of a marble map to be placed on the floor of the new visitors' center at the Kansas statehouse. To donate, contact County Commissioner Mike Baughn at (785) 694-2278, (785) 460-9061 or prairielawman@yahoo.com or send donations to Box 159, Brewster, Kan., 67732. Checks should be made payable to the Thomas County Community Foundation with a memo for the Kansas Statehouse Thomas County Map Fund.

English, diploma classes enrolling this week

The Thomas County Learning Center has English as a Second Language classes for anyone needing to improve their English-speaking skills. For anyone missing their high school diploma, the center is open for enrollment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this week. Stop by 485 N. Chickamauga or call Melinda Fikan at 465-7900 for information.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

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 a potluck. For a schedule or to sign up, go to leanabc.wix.com/brewster125-2 or call LeAnne Carney at (785) 694-2542.

Senior center needs drivers for meals

The Senior Progress Center needs a volunteer to deliver meals from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Call Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901.

LOCAL TV Listings August 19, 2013. Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing programs like Shark Tank, Castle, and The Mindy Project.

Don't forget the Firemen's Fun Day Saturday, August 24 in Jennings

Events include a Health Fair 8 to 10; Bingo, Wobble Trap shoot at the Bill Heilman farm; hundreds of Kolaches; American Legion bake sale, cake walk; garage sale, sno-cones; and funnel cakes. Firemen's Barrel Competition The Parade is at 1:30 with sign-up from 12:30-1 on S. Penn (a.k.a. School St.) - no preregistration necessary. All entries - horses, machinery, cars, bikes, children - welcome. Queen candidates must register prior to parade. All ages may compete for queen. Reigning queen is Malilah Green. FREE CHILDREN'S EVENTS include Train rides with Greg Otter, Pony Rides with Peggy Westmoreland, Inflatable 32-ft slide

and 4-in-1 with Jumparama, Children's Tractor Pull sponsored by Great Northwest Insurance, Giant Slide co-sponsored by Decatur Farm Bureau and the Jennings Lions, Free Bike Give Away (1 girl's, 1 Boy's) with helmet - must be present to win. Other events include Czech Museum open, lunch counter, Firemen's event for TV, Surround Sound and Portable DVD; Hog roast Crowning of the 2013 Fun Day queen, and auction of donated items. A special auction item will be the hand-quilted patriotic quilt donated in honor of John Keenan. The evening concludes with a Street Dance with Mobile Music Express DJs.