

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 94. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 92.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 92.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 92.

Friday: High, 84; Low 59
 Saturday: High, 77; Low 63
 Sunday: High, 84; Low 59
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday None
 Sunday None
 Month: 0.87 inches
 Year: 9.36 inches
 Normal: 16.36 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:02 a.m. 8:32 p.m.
 Full moon at 8:45 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:03 a.m. 8:31 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 99 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Friday to Sunday 1,745,000 gal.
 (average)
 (Colby Public Works)

Memorial oak tree planted at new park

Sharon Steele's tree-planting legacy will live on with an oak tree planted in her memory at the Colby Aquatic Park. Mrs. Steele, a Colby native with a long-time interest in planting trees, died Jan. 30. Her husband Paul said the couple traveled to Oklahoma several times decades ago to pick up trees in pots, using them to start the tree farm at the Colby airport.

"At one time, that was the only way you could get trees affordably," said Steele.

He remembers watering them all summer long, though the trees now have a drip irrigation system.

Sharon's collection of trees included many not found at a typical nursery, such as the Osage orange trees now planted around Colby at places like Fike Park and the ball diamonds.

The city tree board, started around 20 years ago with the help of the Steeles, is "all about volunteerism," said Steele, adding that the Poolside Park area "will be to the Colby of the future what Fike Park is today."

The board advises the city on issues involving city-owned trees and adds trees to the city's inventory. It has planted around 65 trees along the Poolside Park walking trail, plus 42 trees on the walking trail's extension. It also recently planted 95 trees along Range Ave.

The board's current members are Jerry Arendorf, Jeremy Bridgeman, Matt Carmichael, Keith Downing, Mitch Kane, Steve Ostmeier and Mike Woofter.



HEATHER ALWIN
 Colby Free Press
 Paul Steele took in a tree planted in memory of his late wife, Sharon Steele, a long-time supporter of the Colby Tree Board.

Irish student notes differences

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and it goes up and down." She said. "You can see the beach and then you can go see the hills."

From where she lived, McCollum said, she could look across an estuary and see the Republic of Ireland, another country. Road signs in Ireland list kilometers per hours while Northern Ireland, which is part of the British kingdom, uses miles. The two countries use different currency. By driving about 20 miles, she said, she can find people with a different accent. But the border did not make a lot of difference to her, as she regularly crossed it.

"It never really occurred to us that that was a different coun-

try," she said.

She said she worked part time on the farm and graduated from Queen's University in Belfast this spring.

"I thought that the time between my graduation from university and the beginning of my career, hopefully, would be a good time to come here," she said.

McCollum said applied for a job with Foyle Food Group, a meat processing company based in the United Kingdom. Her job would be to go to farms and acquire the cattle.

After she leaves Kansas, she said, she plans to cross the U.S., starting in Los Angeles, going through Las Vegas and Texas and ending up in New York.

Child-support system changes questioned

TOPEKA (AP) - Private contractors are preparing to take over operations of the Kansas child support system in the coming weeks even as questions remain about how the contracts were awarded.

Three private companies were given contracts to cover 30 of the state's 31 judicial districts, with the remaining district retaining control of Sedgwick County judicial district with a 5-year, \$14.8 million contract.

Department for Children and Family Services employees who were stationed in court trustee offices statewide will either be laid off or try to get a job with the new private contractors, the *Topeka Capital-Journal* reported (bit.ly/lcWjqhh).

The contractors will help residents apply for public assistance, establish paternity, locate parents and obtain court orders to collect child support. Private contractors already were often being hired to collect on child support orders.

Contracts were awarded in June on a competitive bid process, though Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, said one contractor seemed to have an inside connection to land the contracts.

Mississippi-based YoungWilliams Child Support Services will control 23 judicial districts covering 70 counties, a bid

worth \$48.2 million over five years. Veritas HHS of Colorado will operate the Wyandotte County office for \$8.7 million, and attorney Lee Fisher will cover six districts spanning 33 rural counties for \$3.2 million.

Hensley questions the legitimacy of the YoungWilliams' contract, noting that CEO Robert Wells and his wife donated to Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's campaign in 2010. And former employee Trisha Thomas is in a leadership position with the DCF's child support division.

"I'm still convinced this was an insider's deal," Hensley said.

DCF spokeswoman Theresa Freed, however, said the concerns were unfounded, and Thomas had no role in awarding the contract to YoungWilliams.

Freed said YoungWilliams has had Kansas contracts dating to Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' administration. Sebelius is now secretary of Health and Human Services under President Barack Obama.

She also says those who provide child support services are part of a small industry that has close ties to government.

"The child support community nationwide is small," Freed said in an e-mail to the *Capital-Journal*. "Every bidder, with the exception of one, had worked in Kansas during the past year."

Norcatour man hurt in Decatur County

A Norcatour man was hurt badly when his pickup went out of control and rolled on a bridge Sunday morning in the Lyle area of northeast Decatur County, landing on its top on the guard-rail and ejecting the driver.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Brian Scott Kelley, 55, was eastbound in the 2600 block of BB Lane, 10.5 miles west of Norcatour, about 9:03

a.m. The 1991 Toyota pickup went out of control as it started across the bridge, rolling one and a half times.

Kelley was taken to the Oberlin Municipal Airport, then flown to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., where he was listed in critical condition this morning. The patrol reported he was not wearing a seatbelt.

Large ranch sold in south-central Kansas

EUREKA (AP) - Auctioneers say a 9,100-acre ranch in south-central Kansas has been sold to seven buyers for a total of \$13.5 million.

The ranch in Greenwood County was owned by the Frank N. Bills Living Trust. The trust decided to sell the ranch after he died in January at the age of 70.

The *Wichita Eagle* reports (bit.ly/14u3BWO) the ranch was broken into 16 tracts and sold to seven buyers from Texas, Nebraska and Kansas. The aver-

age price was \$1,475 per acre. Auctioneer Jeremy Sundgren of El Dorado says it was one of the largest ranches ever auctioned in south-central Kansas.

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.

Ex-gun lobbyist to give 'Max' lecture

Former gun lobbyist Richard Feldman will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center of Colby Community College. The free lecture is part of the Dr. Max Pickerill series. For information, contact Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at 460-5528.

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.

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 prairie.lawman@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 now

The Thomas County Learning Center has English as a Second Language classes for anyone who needs 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 at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Randa Buford at 462-2804.

Brewster planning party for 125th birthday

Brewster will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday 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 on Saturday, with a community church service and a potluck Sunday. For a schedule or to sign up, go to leanabc.wix.com/brewster125-2 or call LeAnne Carney at (785) 694-2542.

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Tuesday Evening August 20, 2013											
	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	Demolition Man		Erin Brockovich						League-Own		
ANIM	Wild Amazon		Eating Giants		Eating Giants: Hippo		Wild Amazon		Eating Giants		
BRAVO	Interior Therapy		Interior Therapy		Bidding	Million Dollar LA	Property	Interior Therapy			
CMT	Tunnel of Fire		Fat Cops	Hillbilly	Tickle	Porter Ri	Amish Mafia	Tickle	Porter Ri		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Drunk	The Jesel	Daily	Colbert	Drunk	The Jesel	
DISC	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Tickle	Porter Ri	Amish Mafia	Tickle	Porter Ri		
DISN	Phineas and Ferb		ANT Farm	Austin	Shake It	Good Luck	Jessie	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck	
E!	The Craft				Kardashian		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 Vineyard		
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped		
FX	Battle: Los Angeles				Battle: Los Angeles						
HGTV	Property	Property	Power Broker		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Renovate	Renovate	Power Broker		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby	Hatfields	Hatfields	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Double	Double	Double	Double	Dance Moms		
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Sara	Catfish: The TV Show	Maci		
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Heroes of Cosplay		Face Off				
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	Gone With the Wind								Show Boat		
TLC	The Little Couple		Who Do You		Couple	Couple	Who Do You		Couple	Couple	
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	F'ing Fast		Sturgis: Biker Madne		Airport 2	Airport 2	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	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	Basketball Wives		Couples Therapy		Soul Plane		Couples Therapy		
WGN	Dumb and Dumberer				WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules	
Premium Channels											
HBO	The Hangover Part II		REAL Sports Gumbel		Hard Knocks		The Newsroom		True Blood		
MAX	Assault	Taken 2			Hide and Seek						
SHOW	9th Gate	Born-4th July			Web Ther.	Dexter			Donovan		



Wednesday Evening August 21, 2013											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Last Man	Mod Fam	Neighbors	ABC's The Lookout		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Criminal Minds		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						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Dads	Dads	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	
AMC	16 Blocks		O Brother, Where Art						Bad Boys		
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		Super Squid		River Monsters		River Monsters		
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		
CMT	Biker Battles		Tunnel of Fire		Fat Cops	Hillbilly	Biker Battles		Tunnel of Fire		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	South Pk	
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		
DISN	Dog	Dog	Lemonade Mouth				Jessie	ANT Farm	Jonas	Jonas	
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	Little League				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	MLB Baseball				Herbie Awards		ESPN All-Access		Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Spell-Mageddon		Melissa	Daddy	The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Mystery D	Mystery D	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		
FX	Transformers		The Bridge		The Bridge		The Bridge		The Bridge		
HGTV	Love It or List It		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Brother vs. Brother		Property Brothers		

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	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		Larry the Cable Guy		Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	Miss Congeniality 2		Because I Said So		Because I Said So		Miss Congeniality 2		Miss Congeniality 2		
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		8 Mile		
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	Cops	Cops	Batman Begins				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Deal With	Conan	Deal With	Conan	
TCM	Bridge on Kwai				Born Yesterday						
TLC	Honey	Honey	Honey	Extreme Cougar Wives	Honey		Extreme Cougar Wives	Honey	Honey		
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		
TOON	Legends	Teen	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	BBQ Crawl	BBQ Crawl	RIDE.	RIDE.	Bikinis	Bikinis	Food Paradise		RIDE.	RIDE.	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	The Exes	Soul Man	King	King	King	