

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 15 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind around 15 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 93. Breezy.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 95.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 96.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 95.
 Monday: High, 91; Low 59
 Tuesday: High, 95; Low 63
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday None
 Month: 0.87 inches
 Year: 9.36 inches
 Normal: 16.36 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:04 a.m. 8:30 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 96 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Monday 2,378,000 gal.
 Tuesday 2,380,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Century award recognizes native

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When she was in 10th grade, they said, it was consolidated with the Gem school district.

A church the family used to attend now sits in a museum. And Velma's youngest son, Bill Barnett, who went into the ministry, used to help out at a girl's home called the Lighthouse. The residents of the home sometimes helped the family slaughter chickens.

"If you ever get hold of an old county map," Velma said, "take a look at all the towns and boroughs that were around here."

The family had a garden with green beans, potatoes and tomatoes. Along with hogs, they also kept cattle and chickens, which meant eggs, milk and cream they used to sell in Colby.

"Marvin use to say that's where he got his 50 cents so he could take me out on a date," Alberta said.

"We raised most of our food, so we always had something to eat," Velma said, adding that she got tired of eating green beans and tomatoes when they could not afford anything else.

"I sure would not want to go back to that," she added.

She was talked about the Dust Bowl era of the 1930s, when she put wet cloth in the windows to keep out the dust. The family had to be careful to lift the lids on pots only for a second when serving themselves so dust did not cover the food. And poorly sealed houses let in various kinds of weather, depending on the time of year.

"Snow used to drift across the bed," Velma recalled.

She added that the machinery has also changed over the years. She remembers when farmers used horse-drawn plows and harrows. Kids made modles out of boards with nails driven through them.

"Kids made their own toys," she said.

Now Velma has a cell phone and e-mail. She works on a small garden right outside her house, knits caps that are sent abroad to people who need them, makes pickles and lots of kettle corn.

Marvin keeps himself busy with the cattle, and he and his mother both tend gardens. Alberta has fruit trees: apples, pears, cherries and plums. She does miscellaneous chores and keeps the place clean, along with helping her mother-in-law get around.

Alberta said her maiden name is Schielke, and she married Velma's second son. They lived in Oklahoma until 1982, when they moved back to take over after Bill Barnett died.

The family finally leased all their farmland several years ago, but still keep about 100 cattle. Brandon Standage has helped the



Velma Barnett inspected a three-bottom plow on her family's farm north of Gem last week. Her daughter-in-law, Alberta Barnett, said she likes to gather up tools and miscellaneous items she finds in the fields nearby.

family with the herd. Steve Bremenkamp helped with the farming and later leased some of that land.

"We were never part of a big family," Alberta said of her time living on the farm, adding that many relatives had moved away by the time she moved there.

She pointed out different parts of the family homestead. The basement of the original two-story house is still visible. In a 1930s-era picture, it can be seen with hardly any buildings next to it at all, just a couple of cherry trees growing nearby and a corn field in the foreground.

Much of the farm is crisscrossed by wide tracks because, Alberta said, the family used to run a trucking company there.

"Those 18-wheelers, you can't just turn them on a dime," she said, adding that she always got mad when the truckers tried to make a right turn right next to her house.

"You can't do it with an 18-wheeler," she said.

The family hired South Africans and Englishmen and a lot of locals, including two girls who worked in the office.

"It was enjoyable," she said. "I always

had fun with the Labor Department."

She pointed out buildings that have been added or used for different uses over the years, like the chicken house now used for a tack shed.

Once she was told she should not have planted the pine trees by the road side right right beneath the power line there, Velma said.

"I said, 'Do you know that power line wasn't there when I planted those trees?'"

Alberta has helped her mother-in-law keep track of their ancestors. She added the number of people in their family up, and concluded that Velma has nine grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Other members of the family include her cousin, Edna Hoyt and their family. Achile's daughter, Libby Zeigelmeier was the mother of Carl Zeigelmeier and Margaret Flanagan. Sharlene Sarandrea, her half-sister, lives in Florida. Bill's widow, Sondra Barnett, lives in Rexford.

Velma thinks the Bourquin family included five sons - of whom the other three went on to Colorado - and a daughter, who she thinks married and went to Nebraska.

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.

Pets ready for adoption at Colby Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a female blue and cream 4-year-old Himalayan cat and a female seal-point, available for adoption. 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.

Economic Development meeting to be Friday

The board meeting for the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance will be at 8 a.m. Friday at 350 S. Range, Suite 12 in Colby. For questions, contact Christy Rocca at 460-4511.

Firefighters' 'Boot Block' to collect for muscular dystrophy

The Colby Fire Department will be out from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday collecting money for muscular dystrophy as part of the National Firefighters Boot Block. Look for them at Fourth and Franklin, Walmart and the Oasis. For information, call Sean Hankin at 460-4454.

Largest Convoy helps Special Olympics

The World's Largest Truck Convoy, open to the public, will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 and 7, in Colby. At 5 p.m. Friday, events kick off with a tailgate barbecue party at Oasis-Petro, a car and motorcycle cruise-in and fireworks. Saturday, convoys from Oakley and Goodland will merge at 11 a.m. on Horton Avenue for a parade down Range to Fourth and back south on Franklin. All events, including a truck and bike show and lunch are open to the public. Donations go to Special Olympics. For information call Joe Mentlick at 443-1682.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 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.

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.

County questions smoking in employee's cars

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12 meeting. The resolution is required by a new state law for increases over 2 percent from the previous year.

• Postponed a decision on whether to give a probationary part-time employee a 50-cent raise after six months of employment.

Though neither Baughn nor Commissioner Byron Sowers

would propose a motion to allow the increase, Baughn said he would not object to the raise. However, he previously stated he would not approve any additional raises for county employees this year, and he is sticking to his word.

Sowers said he wanted to think about giving the raise, so the board tabled the discussion until their Aug. 30 meeting.

• Heard a report from the

Thomas County Extension Office that the number of 4-H entries for this year's fair was about the same as last year's fair. The total entries this year was 1272, including 607 livestock entries and 665 other entries.

• Approved a property tax abatement of \$229 for Rue Sowers, who was overcharged on his 2012 real estate taxes for mineral rights that he did not own.

• Discussed Baughn's letter to

the editor addressing fund raising for the Kansas Statehouse floor map project. Baughn, through a fund set up with the Thomas County Community Foundation, is collecting money to install Thomas County's portion of a marble map decorating the floor of the Kansas Statehouse visitors center.

"That is a laudable project, and I appreciate Commissioner Baughn taking it on," said

Steele.

• Signed a grant agreement with the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services.

• Approved payment of \$38,070 in bills.

Commissioners' meetings are open to the public. Their next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 30, in the commission chambers on the main floor of the courthouse.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Thursday Evening August 22, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Motive		Rookie Blue		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Brother		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		Hollywood Game Night	Hollywood Game Night	Local		Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	Glee		New Girl	Mindy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		After the First 48		Panic 9-1-1		Panic 9-1-1		The First 48	
AMC	Stargate	Hutch			Owner	Owner		The Pitch	Owner	Owner
ANIM	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman		Gator Boys	Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	Top Chef		Million Dollar LA		Housewives/OC		Housewives/NJ		Real Housewives	
CMT	Kid Rock: Live		Biker Battles		Tunnel of Fire		Kid Rock: Live		Monster Garage	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo	
DISN	Up		Gravity	Gravity	Jessie	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Total Divas		I Survived a Serial		Co-Ed Nightmares		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	NFL Football				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Little League				ATP Tennis				NFL Live	
FAM	Alice	Twilight					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped		Anne Burrell		Food Truck Race		Chopped	
FX	Knigh and Day				Wilfred	Wilfred	Wilfred		Anger Management	
HGTV	Rehab	Rehab	Renovation Raiders		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Renovation Raiders	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn			Hatfields	Hatfields	Shelby	Shelby	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Supermarket		Double		Project Runway	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Strangers	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NICK	iCarly		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Sharknado		Ghost Shark				Shark Week			
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	IMPACT Wrestling				Fight Master		The Guardian	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sullivan	Big Bang	Conan		Sullivan	Conan
TCM	Nowhere to Go				Prime-Brodie				Love & Pain	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings	
TNT	Castle		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Perception		CSI: NY	
TOON	Incredible	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Newsread
TRAV	Monumental	Mysteries	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	The King of Queens	
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Graceland		Covert Affairs		Burn Notice	
VH1	Basketball	Wives	The Women of SNL				There's Something			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Newsroom		Clear History				Cathouse	Cathouse	True Blood	
MAX	Freeloaders		Strike Back		Safe House				Lingerie	Lingerie
SHOW	Our Idiot Brother				Compliance		Polyamory	Web Ther.	Polyamory	Belly



Friday Evening August 23, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Neighbors	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NFL Football						Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Betty	Betty			Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones				The Following		Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dads	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Departed							Scarface		
ANIM	Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked	
ANIM	Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		How to Lose					How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days		
CMT	Wild Hogs							Wild Hogs		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		We Were There: March		Stroumbouloupoulos		Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	J. Oliver	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective		
DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt		Gold Rush		Saint Hoods		Gold Rush		Saint Hoods	
DISN	ANT Farm	Jessie	Fish Hook	Gravity	Dog	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie
E!	Kardashian		Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	NASCAR Racing				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	WTA Tennis		Friday Ni	Boxing				Boxing	Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Hunchback		Hercules				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	The Shed	Bubba-Q	Diners	Diners
FX	Hereafter				American- Story		American- Story		American- Story	
HGTV	Cool Pools		Cool Pools		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Cool Pools

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HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	MTV Special			MTV Special
NICK	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Continuum	Continuum
SPIKE	Rambo	The Expendables				A Bronx Tale
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Yes Man			Big Daddy
TCM	Cat on Hot Tin				Suddenly, Last	Who's Afraid
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear	Say Yes
TNT	Independence Day					Terminator 2: Judgment Day
TOON	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files	The Dead Files
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Necessary Roughness
VH1	How Stella Got		Miss U	Couples Therapy		Basketball Wives
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos
Premium Channels						
HBO	Snow White		Boardwalk Empire		Boardwalk Empire	The Newsroom
MAX	Dragon	Snake Eyes			Strike Back	Co-Ed
SHOW	Step Up Revolution		Venus and Serena		Venus and Serena	Baby Doll