

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 96.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Friday: High, 103; Low 67
Saturday: High, 103; Low 64
Sunday: High, 88; Low 53
Monday: High, 91; Low 62
Tuesday: High, 96; Low 64
Precip: Friday 0.03 inches
Saturday 0.01 inches
Sunday None
Monday None
Tuesday None
August: 0.90 inches
September: 0.01 inches
Year: 9.04 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:17 a.m. 8:08 p.m.
New moon at 6:37 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Friday to Saturday 2,637,000 gal. (average)
Sunday to Monday 2,853,000 gal. (average)
Tuesday 3,039,000t gal. (Colby Public Works)

Chow line



HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press

The line stretched long for picnickers at the Brewster Hog Dog and Watermelon Feed Thursday, as school and community marked the beginning of a new season.

Developer seeks easement

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spaces to accommodate clients who are less able to walk around the building from spaces farther away.

McGreer pressed the commissioners to agree to the company's request for exclusive use of the area to construct 19 new parking spaces for the apartment complex. The city requires 1.5 parking spaces for each apartment.

"I would hope that a little bit of parking doesn't kill this (deal)," he said.

Baughn said he would rather sell the land to the apartment complex than simply give the company exclusive right to use the land without paying taxes on it as an owner.

Commissioner Paul Steele said "all we can give them is non-exclusive rights."

Craig Lowe, attending the meeting on his last day as the Assistant County Attorney, warned the

commissioners they may have to comply with some detailed state regulations if the deal they make with the company exceeds \$50,000 in value. State law could require an election on the issue if a petition was filed, he said.

Lowe also pointed out that the proposals from the developer do not contain a legal description for the requested land, so the commissioners would not know what land they were giving away.

After Steele and Baughn hesitated to agree to the easement, McGreer suggested a conference call, arranged by the city, between the county and the developer.

McGreer also offered city-owned road millings to improve and expand the existing parking area near the health department entrance as an incentive to the commissioners to approve the developer's parking request.

The commissioners tabled the issue until their Sept. 9 meeting.

Book festival to showcase authors

Twelve Kansas authors will visit the Pioneer Memorial Library to greet the public at the library's Book Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The festival gives attendees a chance to meet local authors and buy their books, which can be autographed. The library also encourages aspiring authors or those with stories to tell to visit with the local authors about getting material published.

These local authors are scheduled to attend: Millie Horlacher, Keith Coplin, Ray Imhof, Nancy Larson Sanders and Jim Oliver, all of Colby; Roy Bird, Auburn; Robert Collins, Ando-

ver; Deb Jackson, Lenora; Helene Landenberger, St. Francis; Joanne Emerick, Hoxie; Doris Johnson, Abilene; and Terry Branick, Russell.

Six of the authors will make presentations in the library's meeting room at the top of each hour.

At 10 a.m., Roy Bird will talk about his newest books.

At 11 a.m., Nancy Larson Sanders will offer highlights of "All Stubborned Up" and her new Earth's Memories series, a collection of five books.

At noon, Jim Oliver will tell the story of "Lucille and the XXX Road," a world motorcycle tour including a ride across

Russia.

Millie Horlacher will share meditations from her book "Seasons of Salt" at 1 p.m.

Robert Collins will review his newest book "Kansas County Seat Conflicts" during his 2 p.m. presentation.

At 3 p.m., Joanne Emerick will do a presentation with excerpts from "Courage Before Every Danger, Honor Before All Men" about the 31st Bombardment Squadron's adventures in World War II.

All events are free and open to the public. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4770.

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.

Orchestra to start new season's rehearsals

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will begin rehearsals Monday at the band room in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. There will be a "Meet and Greet" at 7 p.m., with a rehearsal at 7:30. New musicians are welcome. For information, go to the website at www.prairieorchestra.com, or the Facebook page "Pride of the Prairie Orchestra." For questions, call Mary Shoaff at 462-2159 or Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

Business social to celebrate anniversary

Fotogirl Photography, 230 E. Fourth St., is celebrating its 10-year anniversary with a Chamber Business After Five social and networking event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday. This is open to everyone in the business community.

Pets ready for adoption at Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a male chocolate lab mix, 4 to 5 years old, a 2 year-old black lab female, and a chihuahua or pekinese-pomeranian mix, 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.

Ex-gun lobbyist to give 'Max' lecture

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

Extension center plans horticulture field day

Bring plant specimens to the extension center for identification or diagnosis at the Northwest Research-Extension Horticulture Field Day next Wednesday. Registration is 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., and the program starts at 5:45. Specialists from across the state will be here to present information. No preregistration is necessary. For information call Rodney Zimmerman at 462-6281.

Largest Convoy helps Special Olympics

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

Floats needed for Homecoming parade

The Colby High School Student Council is organizing the annual homecoming parade at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. Local businesses are asked to show their school spirit by entering a float in this year's parade. If you would like to enter a float in the parade, e-mail k.munk@colbyeagles.org or call Michael Schiferl at 443-3741. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Donations needed to pay for county's map

The Kansas Association of Counties needs 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, 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.

County to offer classes on life saving

Thomas County Emergency Medical Services will offer heartsaver first aid and CPR with automated external defibrillator training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday Sept. 18. Online classes are available for the healthcare provider and first-aid classes. Sign up for these courses at www.health.org or by calling Candy Bryant at 460-4585.

Senior center needs drivers for meals

The Senior Progress Center needs a volunteer to deliver meals from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For information, call Director Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901.

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Table of TV listings for Thursday Evening, September 5, 2013. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) with program titles.

AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT // Table of TV listings for Friday Evening, September 6, 2013. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) with program titles.