

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 96. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Monday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Barbecue and hot dogs to boost convoy's benefit

Modern Woodmen of Colby plans to help raise funds for the seventh annual Northwest Kansas World's Largest Truck Convoy. The convoy is coming through Colby this weekend to raise money for Special Olympics Kansas. Employees for Modern Woodman will cook two meals at the convoy. The first will be pulled pork dinner from 5 p.m. to 9 during the cruise night Friday in the east parking lot of Oasis Travel Center. They will also cook for a hotdog and hamburger feed at noon on Saturday in the same place. Anyone can come and eat for a donation. The organization will match the donations at both meals, up to \$1,000 for the weekend. Area donors provided the meat for both meals.

Modern Woodmen is a tax-exempt fraternal benefit society that sells life insurance, annuity and investment products that do not benefit stockholders. The group does this through social, charitable and volunteer activities. For information, call Shawn Carney at 443-2442.

New computers needed, not yet approved for sheriff

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Commissioner Paul Steele resisted the idea of hiring a new county employee. He said he thought it would be difficult to keep an employee in an information technology position. Steele also balked at the idea of awarding a contract to Ntronic without giving other companies the opportunity to bid. Finley said he did not know enough about computers to describe the office's needs to bidders. "I don't have any understanding of what our needs are," he said. Steele asked if Finley wanted the commissioners to issue a sole source contract in violation of county policy. "I'm just telling you we have a problem and we're going to lose all our records over there if we don't fix it," Finley replied. "When we prepared the budget, we gave the sheriff everything he asked for," said Steele, suggesting the sheriff should have included the new computers and server in his budget proposal. "These are unexpected costs," argued Finley. "I'm not an IT guy." "I would like to hear from someone other than Ntronic," Steele said. "Sole source contracts bother me because we don't know that we're getting the best deal." Steele also suggested the sheriff's department is wasting money on equipment it doesn't need. He said he sometimes sees department vehicles sitting unused at the law enforcement center. "I wonder if you've spent capital funds on cars that you're not using," he said. "If we could get employees, we'd probably be

using them," said Finley. The department has had trouble hiring enough deputies to fill its open positions. After lengthy discussion, Steele agreed to do more research on the computer system, and the issue was tabled until the commissioners' Sept. 9 meeting. In other business, the commissioners: • Appointed County Clerk Shelly Harms as the liaison for Dr. Allen Beck of Justice Concepts Incorporated, the company recently hired by the county to analyze the county's need for a new jail. • Signed the previously approved contract with Walter P. Moore, a structural engineering firm hired to "indicate to the public the condition of this building," according to Baughn. • Rearranged office space allocations in the courthouse, moving the community corrections office to the basement-floor county attorney's office to add an additional court services employee in the community corrections office on the third floor. The county attorney's office will be relocated to the County Attorney Kevin Berens' private office downtown at a cost of \$1,000 per month. • Approved tax roll collections: \$1,879 abatement for Raymond Oil Co Inc. and \$3,667 for L.D. Drilling Inc. because of tax court rulings; charged \$12 to Meadow Lake Inc. for taxes on a golf cart space the course took over; and \$107 abatement for Mrs. Kenneth Langley because minerals were purchased at a sheriff's sale. Approved the August payroll of \$213,919. Approved the August accounts payable of \$902,846.

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.

Sacred Heart to have open house Sunday

Sacred Heart School is having an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The Home and School organization provides hot dogs, drinks and tableware; everyone else brings a side item or dessert to share for a potluck. Everyone is welcome! For information call the school at 460-2813.

Orchestra to start new season's rehearsals

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will begin rehearsals on 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 to follow 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.

Chronic disease workshop offered

A chronic disease self-management workshop will be offered at Citizens Medical Center from 3 to 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday for six weeks in the hospital's conference room. The classes are free. To register, contact Jeaneene Brown in the education department at 460-4850.

Corrections board meeting open to public

The governing board of Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services and Northwest Kansas Community Corrections will meet at 4 p.m. next Thursday at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, 703 West Second in Oakley. This meeting is open to the public. For information call Brenda Ulery at (785) 475-8113.

Library book festival to showcase authors

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have a book festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. Meet local Kansas authors and buy their books. There will be author presentations every hour. For information call Melanie Wilks at 460-4770 or go to www.colbylibrary.com.

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 will 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 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.

NASA to aim at moon from Virginia Friday

By Marcia Dunn AP Aerospace Writer CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - NASA is headed back to the moon, this time to explore its thin atmosphere and rough dust. The robotic spacecraft LADEE (pronounced LA'-dee), will fly to the moon by way of Virginia's Eastern Shore. Liftoff is set for late Friday night from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility. Weather permitting, the soaring Minotaur rocket should be visible along much of the East

Coast - as far south as South Carolina, as far north as Maine and as far west as Pittsburgh. LADEE - short for Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer - will be the first spacecraft launched into outer space from Wallops. And it will be the first moonshot ever from Virginia in 54 years of lunar missions. The unmanned Minotaur rocket consists of converted intercontinental ballistic missile motors. A peace treaty between the U.S. and Russia specifies the acceptable launch sites for those missile parts; Wallops is on that short list. All but one of NASA's approximately 40 moon missions - most memorably the manned Apollo flights of the late 1960s and early 1970s - originated from Cape Canaveral. The most recent were the twin Grail spacecraft launched two years ago this weekend. The lone exception, Clementine, a military-NASA venture, rocketed away from Southern California in 1994. Scientists involved in the \$280 million, moon-orbiting mission want to examine the lunar atmosphere - yes, that's right, the

moon's atmosphere. "Sometimes, people are a little taken aback when we start talking about the lunar atmosphere because, right, we were told in school that the moon doesn't have an atmosphere," said Sarah Noble, NASA program scientist. "It does. It's just really, really thin." The atmosphere is so thin and delicate, in fact, that spacecraft landings can disturb it. So now is the time to go, Noble said, before other countries and even private companies start fouling up the atmosphere.



LOCAL TV Listings 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 channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, KSAS/FOX, Cable Channels, etc.) for Saturday Evening, September 7, 2013.

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AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT // Table listing various TV shows like Pawn Stars, Top Gear, and others.