

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 9 p.m., then scattered showers and thunderstorms after 9 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 73. Light and variable wind becoming east 10 to 15 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Thursday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. East wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 69. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 77.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 77.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Monday: High, 97; Low 57
 Tuesday: High, 92; Low 59
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
 Tuesday 0.03 inches
 Month: 0.04 inches
 Year: 9.07 inches
 Normal: 17.78 inches
 (K-Station Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:23 a.m. 7:57 p.m.
 First quarter moon at 12:09 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Monday 3,176,000 gal.
 Tuesday 2,789,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

County jail study underway

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"What we didn't think of was exactly what came up this morning - people being concerned about their safety," Steele said.

In particular, Steele cited concerns about the safety of female officers working alone and locating isolated offices in the basement of the proposed building.

"We employ female officers," Steele said. "We need to be sure we have males around (for security)."

Former commissioner John Bremkamp, who attended the meeting, asked the commissioners if they were planning to build a combination jail and court sys-

tem to increase security.

Steele said that is his plan, but Beck's expertise will help the county determine the feasibility of the current designs.

"There is an awful lot of the community that does not want this courthouse abandoned," said Bremkamp. "I see no other use for it than a county office building.... If you took the court out of here, you would have plenty of room for your county offices."

Commissioner Mike Baughn agreed with Bremkamp's observation, noting the historic building would still "have problems."

Beck is not studying the current courthouse, but the county

has hired a structural engineering firm, Walter P. Moore, to assess the building's repair needs.

Referring to Beck's jail study, Bremkamp told the commissioners, "You're headed in the right direction. This is the right thing you need to do. This is the very first thing you need to do."

Baughn agreed, saying "I feel more comfortable that we're getting the horse before the cart, finally, because we started out wrong."

Baughn previously said the county should have started with analysis of the current jail, future jail needs and the structure of the current courthouse rather than starting with a preliminary design.

Gun issue starts with questions

From "GUN ISSUE," Page 1

said, the answer would be the same.

"We don't deal with the problem, we discuss ad nauseum the secondary and tertiary issues around the problem," he said.

For instance, relatives of the Newton, Conn., shooting victims last year wanted to ban assault weapons after 20 students and six staff were killed by a mentally disturbed man with an assault weapon Dec. 14. Feldman said he went on several talk shows with the relatives and eventually asked them if they would feel better if their loved ones had been killed with a different kind of gun. He pointed out that Adam Lanza, the shooter in Newton, killed his mother after he got into a gun safe that was not locked.

He also heard talk of limiting the size of the magazines used with some guns. That might slow a shooter down, he said, but it could do the same thing to someone defending their house.

"We focus on the gun, but we never focus on whose hands are on the guns," he said.

As for solutions, Feldman pointed to the deranged shooters who kill large numbers of people and said after his lecture that he thinks the mental health system in this country is a mess. He said Jared Lee Loughner, who killed six people in Arizona in 2011, was kicked out of a community college, but not sent to an institution.

His requests to several politicians to set up gun-safety classes were also ignored, Feldman said. Rural communities such as his in New Hampshire could set those classes up on their own, while urban ones would wait for a federal program to help. If there's one thing rural America can teach the urban side, Feldman said, it's not to wait to leaders themselves to lead.

Feldman said he cannot stand politicians saying they have a "simple common-sense solution" to a problem.

"Let's admit it," he said, "life's complicated, all the issues are complicated."

The Supreme Court has backed the idea that the Second Amendment means people have a right to own a gun in their house for self defense, he said. It would be impossible to disarm 100 million people in this country with firearms.

Some people think guns should be regulated after seeing them used in violent crimes, he said. But gun owners see the government trying to regulate the guns they have never misused, and

don't trust the government.

Urban Democrats have the strongest feelings against guns, Feldman said. He added that as many kids were killed in Chicago within a week of the Newton shootings as had died in the shootings themselves, in crime-related shootings.

Feldman said he lives in the small college town of Rindge, N.H., and owns 160 guns.

"If I owned 1,000 guns the crime rate in my town wouldn't go up one iota," he said, but he could cause a spike in violent crime within a day if he took the short trip to Boston and sold his guns there.

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Richard Feldman

we be doing it?"

After the lecture, Feldman said he has spoken to a group called Law Enforcement Officers Against Prohibition. He added that the founder of the group, Jack Cole, once told him that the more dangerous the drug, the more important it is to legalize and regulate it. He said much of the money that goes into the war on drugs could be used for other things, like mental health. American society is broke, Feldman said, and "being broke does force you to grow up sometimes."

In this case, he said, growing up involves choosing which issues to tackle with limited resources.

As a lobbyist, Feldman said, he could often get money and membership for an organization with a political fight. But the key to solving problems is finding common ground where most people agree on an issue and not bickering with those who do not.

Jan Barnum asked Feldman for his solution on gun control during a question and answer session after the lecture. She and her husband Scott did not agree with his take on not banning assault weapons

"When you have a big issue that comes up like Newton, Conn., you've got to do something," Scott Barnum said.

But they both appreciated Feldman's look at who uses guns, and not the guns themselves.

"I hadn't thought of it in terms of the demand for guns related to black market drugs," he said.

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.

'Kids a Cookin' classes start this month

Fall sessions of Kids-a-Cookin', a hands-on food preparation and nutrition class for third through sixth graders, starts Thursday. Sessions will start right after school, about 3:45 p.m., at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by Thomas County Extension. Sign up by calling the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.

Once a Month Lunch coming up Saturday

Everyone is invited for the free Once a Month Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed. The free meal is held the second Saturday of each month. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

First Baptist to celebrate 125 years

Colby First Baptist Church is celebrating its 125th anniversary with a special service on Sunday. There will be a social time at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and rolls, worship at 10:30 a.m. with a guest speaker, and a carry-in dinner at noon. After dinner there will be a time of sharing church memories and a reception. For information call the church at 462-2867.

Foundation has money for fall grants

The Thomas County Community Foundation has over \$7,000 available for grants to county nonprofits and charities for its third quarter competitive grant cycle. The application deadline is Monday, Sept. 30; forms can be found at www.thomascountycityfoundation.com. For questions, contact Executive Director Melinda Olsen via Facebook, by email at tccf@st-tel.net or by phone at 460-9152.

Red Cross planning two blood drives in area

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives this month from 1 to 6 p.m. next Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Atwood. Donors must have a driver's license, blood-donor card or two other forms of identification. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

Library book festival to showcase authors

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

Flu clinics to be in Colby, Brewster, Rexford

The Thomas County Preparedness Trailer will hit the road for flu clinics from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Brewster School and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Golden Plains High School in Rexford. The last session will be from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Thomas County Health Department, 350 S. Range in Colby. Cost is \$30 per shot or mist. Call the flu information line at 460-4599 or the health department at 460-4596.

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. E-mail k.munk@colbyeagles.org or call Michael Schiferl at 443-3741. Deadline for entries is next Wednesday.

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.

Reception will mark retirement of treasurer

Everyone is invited to celebrate Donita Applebury's retirement as Thomas County treasurer after 33 years and six days of service, from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the commissioner's room of the Thomas County Courthouse. For information, call the county clerk's office at 460-4500.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Thursday Evening September 12, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank	Wipeout			Rookie Blue		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	CBS Fall	Big Brother		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Million Second		Hollywood Game Night		Hollywood Game Night		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48			Panic 9-1-1		Panic 9-1-1		The First 48	
AMC	The Mummy Returns				Owner	Owner	The Pitch		Owner	Owner
ANIM	Gator Boys	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman		Gator Boys	Wildman	Wildman	
BRavo	Tamra's O.C. Wedding	Million Dollar LA			Eat, Drink, Love		Happens	Housewives/NJ	Happens	
CMT	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover			Extreme Makeover		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Most Amazing Videos	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live			AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Key	Tosh.0
DISC	The Presidents' Gate				The Presidents' Gate					
DISN	Teen Beach Movie				Austin	Austin	Shake It	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck
EI	Hello	The Soup	Total Divas		Total Divas		Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter			SportsCenter
ESPN2	Basketball				Baseball Tonight		Olbermann			Olbermann
FAM	Richie Rich		17 Again				The 700 Club	Prince		Prince
FOOD	Cutthroat Kitchen	Chopped			Anne Burrell		Food Truck Race			Chopped
FX	Anger	Anger	Anger		Anger		Machete			30 Days of Night
HGTV	House Hunters Reno	Flip or F	Flip or F		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip or F	Flip or F
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn		Pawn	Pawn	Hatfields	Hatfields	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway				Supermarket	Double		Project Runway
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Strangers	Strangers	Ridic.	Ridic.
NICK	SpongeBob		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Friday 13th, VI		Friday 13th, 7				Friday 13th-8			
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	IMPACT Wrestling				Frank Shamrock		Tattoo	Tattoo
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	Picnic				Pal Joey				Eddy Duchin	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings: Unvei		Four Weddings	
TNT	Castle		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	NinjaGo	Teen	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Heart
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	The King of Queens	
USA	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Graceland		Covert Affairs		Burn Notice	
VH1	Two Can Play		Malibu's Most Wanted				Miami Monkey		100 Sexiest Artists	
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Newsroom		Safe House				Katie Doe	Cathouse	Spy Game	
MAX	Abraham Lincoln		Strike Back		Outbreak				Sex Program	
SHOW	Fame High		Step Up Revolution		Access	Polymory	Web Ther.	Polymory	Access	

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Friday Evening September 13, 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	Undercover Boss		Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Million Second		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		The Following		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Smoko and the Bandit				O Brother, Where Art					
ANIM	To Be Announced		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked	
BRavo	50 First Dates		How to Lose						How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days	
CMT	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cowboys Cheerleaders		CMT Crossroads		Cowboys Cheerleaders		CMT Crossroads	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper		Stroumbouloupoulos		Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Hot Tub Time Machine			Tosh.0		J. Oliver	Dumb & Dumber		
DISC	Alaskan Steel Men		Alaskan Steel Men		Alaskan Steel Men		Alaskan Steel Men		Alaskan Steel Men	
DISN	Jessie		Wander	Phineas	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Good Luck	Shake It	Good Luck
EI	Kardashian		Fashion Police		Hello Ross		Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	High School Football						Olbermann		Olbermann	
FAM	17 Again		Billy Madison				The 700 Club	Prince		Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Thieves	Diners	Diners
FX	Hancock		Hancock				Earth Stood			
HGTV	Extreme Homes		Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii
Premium Channels										
HBO	Contagion		Boardwalk Empire		Real Time, Bill		Real Time, Bill		The Newsroom	
MAX	Battleship		Strike Back		Strike Back		Strike Back			
SHOW	Access	Access	Access	Access	Access				Ray Donovan	