

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 14. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph after midnight.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15. Northwest wind around 15 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 51.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 53.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 48.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 49.

Wednesday: High, 34; Low 9
 Precip: Wednesday None
 Month: 0.02 inches
 Year: 14.46 inches
 Normal: 20.86 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Friday 7:56 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 88 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Students lend a helping hand



Eric Schuette (left) Abby Friesen and Alex Vap loaded a pickup with 1,530 pounds of food on Tuesday, along with Walter Vacik and Shane Weis (not pictured). The food was collected by the Colby High School Student Council for Genesis-Thomas County.

ROBERT HANZLICK

Recycling helps keep landfill

From "RECYCLING," Page

but huge quantities of recyclable trash come in, especially cardboard from businesses along Interstate 70 and lots of lawn waste, like grass trimmings, that would make good compost.

The only way to get people to recycle more would be to make it more expensive not to, he said. They discussed making people pay more for their trash collection, and McCreer asked if the recycling center saw a spike in items going there in the last year, when the city raised its trash pickup rates. Jumper said yes, especially when the landfill raised its rates.

McCreer asked if curbside

recycle would be a good option, and Jumper said single stream — people putting all recyclable trash into one container to be sorted out later — would be the most popular. It would have to be sorted out at the recycling center, which McCreer pointed out the city is already paying for.

The manager asked if the county would get less money with less trash going to the landfill, and Jumper said if they get too much trash, they might have to pay to ship it somewhere else.

At last year's landfill meeting, Jumper said, he learned the landfill would need to expand in the next five years, something he is doing by digging a new pit that should hold five to seven

years' worth of trash.

Using figures gathered for each year through November, he showed how much trash the landfill has been taking in from 2013 back to 2009.

The landfill has been taking in about 15 tons of trash, or "municipal solid waste," each day, he said, well below the 20-tons-per-day limit to stay open. Construction and demolition waste ranged from just under six to over 10 tons per day. The number of customers at the landfill dropped from just over 19,000 in 2009 to about 15,300 this year, and revenue went up from about \$200,000 in 2009 to \$300,000 last year, then dropped to just under \$270,000.

Housing shortage remains critical in region

From "HOUSING," Page 1

finding space for its employees to live now, but he expects they will if they try to expand. A little more than a year ago, the dairy farm sponsored five duplexes in Rexford, donating the land where they were built. Rexford got \$400,000 from the Kansas Housing Resource Corp. to help pay for the \$1,669,203 project. The rest of the money came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program.

Christy Rocca, director of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance,

who wrote the grant applications for the federal money, said that the farm could double in size in two years, but McCarty said there are no concrete plans for expansion right now.

The corporation helped invite people to attend the meeting, McCarty said, and the dairy's dealing with the group resulted in his trip to Topeka. He said he thinks the housing problems faced by people in this part of the state are better understood by government officials after the meeting.

"We just know that the rural housing situation was an impediment to growth in rural

Kansas," Aherlich said.

It's hard to get the money to put a building in western Kansas, he said, because properties are not always appraised at a high enough value. The Department of Agriculture helps out with projects here, but its resources are limited.

"We're looking for a way to get around that gap," he said.

The council talks about a variety of subjects at its quarterly meetings, he said, everything from the state's regent universities to water resources.

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.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Items given will be surplus canned goods from the previous distribution. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Help fill Christmas baskets for Genesis

Anyone interested in helping fill Genesis-Thomas County Christmas baskets is welcome to come at 7 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. Baskets will be distributed from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the 4-H Building. For information call Leisa Hansen at 443-0243.

Tree of Hope supports area animal shelter

A Tree of Hope supporting the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter is at the Farmers and Merchants Bank. For a donation of \$10 toward providing homeless animals with food and shelter this winter, your pet or loved one's name can be on a keepsake magnet displayed on the tree. Call Angie Harris at 460-1078 for information.

Hear choir ring bells at Trinity on Saturday

"Ring Christmas" will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fifth Street and Country Club Drive. Come for an evening of Christmas music featuring Trinity's JuBellation handbell choir and friends from the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra. An offering will be taken for the Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank. For information, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497.

Once a Month Lunch coming up this week

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is served to all who come the second Saturday of each month. No reservations. Call the church office with questions at 462-6342.

Orchestra plans holiday concert Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "Many Merry Melodies," conducted by Andrew Salvador, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. The program includes a sing-a-long and gift drawing. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students or patrons. For questions, call Mary Shoaff, 462-2159, or Janet Hopson, 462-5102.

Economic Development plans meeting

The Thomas County Economic Development Alliance board will meet at 9 a.m. next Thursday at the county office complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For questions, contact Kayla Faus at 460-4511.

Food for Thought to feature Kansas writer

December's Food for Thought program will feature Kansas writer Joyce Thierer on "Our Land, Our Food" at noon next Thursday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin. Call the museum at 460-4590 for information.

Living Nativity scheduled for next weekend

A Living Nativity Scene in memory of Theron Johnson will be staged from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, at the Jane Johnson Ranch, 2626 K-25 (intersection with County Road Z). Hot cider and cookies will be provided and donations will be accepted for the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Cade Carter at 462-7525.

Big Brothers needs clothing for 'littles'

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County's "Christmas for Kids" project runs through Saturday, Dec. 21. Get your name on a stocking at area businesses, including Dillons, F&M Bank, The Bank, Western State Bank, BankWest, Peoples State Bank and Farmer's Bank and Trust of Brewster. The group's angel tree at Orscheln's has angels with the names of "littles" who need clothes. Bring gifts to the Colby United Methodist Church by Wednesday. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Library will take food to pay your fines

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have its annual Christmas "Foods for Fines" campaign through Monday, Dec. 23. Bring canned or packaged food to pay your fines. For information, call the library at 460-4470.



Saturday Evening											December 14, 2013											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Light Fight		CMA-Christmas				Local															
KBSL/CBS	Rudolph, Red-Nosed		Frosty	Frosty	48 Hours		Local															
KSNK/NBC	It's Wonderful						Local	Saturday Night Live														
KSAS/FOX	UFC: Johnson				Local			Animation Domination	Local													
Cable Channels																						
A & E	Storage	Storage	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas	Storage	Storage															
AMC	White Christmas				White Christmas																	
ANIM	Pit Bulls & Parolees		Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole																
BRAVO	2 Fast 2 Furious				2 Fast 2 Furious			Fast & Furious														
CMT	The Guardian		OC Choppers		Swamp Pawn		Larry, Cable Guy's, Christmas		Cops Rel.													
CNN	CNN Special		Anthony Bourd.				CNN Special		Anthony Bourd.													
COMEDY	40-Year-Old Vir						The Longest Yard															
DISC	Naked and Afraid: Un				Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Un															
DISN	Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause		Austin		Lab Rats	Mighty	Dog	Dog	Dog	Good Luck												
EI	There's Something				Party On		Fashion Police		John Tucker Must Die													
ESPN	Trophy Presentation		30 for 30					SportsCenter		SportsCenter												
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball					30 for 30														
FAM	The Little Mermaid				The Little Mermaid			The Muppet Christmas Carol														
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Iron Chef America		Restaurant: Im.		Chopped													
FX	Iron Man						Sons of Anarchy															
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It													

AmericanProfile											// CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //											
HIST	Bonnie & Clyde				Bonnie & Clyde					Bonnie & Clyde												
LIFE	Christmas Bay				Snow Globe					Christmas Bay												
MTV	You Got Served		Step Up							Step Up 2 the Streets												
NICK	Jinxed			Sam & Cat	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends													
SCI	Underworld: Ev		Resident Evil							Terminator 3												
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Law Abiding Citizen							The Green Mile												
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ground	Trust Me	Norbit													
TCM	The Palm Beach Story									Tomorrow Is Forever												
TLC	Holiday ER		Untold Stories of ER		Outrageous 911		Holiday ER		Untold Stories of ER													
TNT	I Am Legend				Watchmen																	
TOON	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Regular	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Summer Wars														
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures													
TV LAND	Kirstie	Kirstie	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The King of Queens												
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Law & Order: SVU												
VH1	Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Top 40 of 2013		Top 40 of 2013		Point Break													
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks												
Premium Channels																						
HBO	Jack-Giant Slay				24/7 Red Wings/Maple		State of Play		Jack-Giant Slay													
MAX	Mission: Impossible				This Is 40				Depravity													
SHOW	Boxing								Another													

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LOCAL TV Listings

Sunday Evening											December 15, 2013											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Revenge		Betrayal		Local															
KBSL/CBS	Survivor				Survivor		Local															
KSNK/NBC	Football		NFL Football																			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local																	
Cable Channels																						
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48													
AMC	Jack Frost				Jack Frost																	
ANIM	Lone Star	Lone Star	Wildman	Wildman	Finding Bigfoot		Uncovering Aliens		Finding Bigfoot													
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Thicker Than Water		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Fashion	Housewives/Atl.													
CMT	Swamp Pawn		Swamp Pawn		OC Choppers		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.													
CNN	Wine to Water		Anthony Bourd.		CNN Special		Wine to Water		Anthony Bourd.													
COMEDY	The Longest Yard				South Pk	South Park		Tosh.0		Brody Stevens												
DISC	Treehouse Masters		Last Frontier		Dude, You're Screwed		Last Frontier		Dude, You're Screwed													
DISN	New Year	Good Luck	Charlie																			