

Briefly

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Picnic in the Park

Join us in Fike Park every Wednesday from June 4 through July 16 at noon for live, local entertainment! Check out the schedule for performers and sponsoring organizations on the Colby Convention & Visitors Bureau Facebook page and website or at select locations around town. Be sure to bring your lunch, drink, and lawn chair!

KSN3 Summer Road Trip

KSN3 and Good Day Kansas will broadcast live from Fike Park on Wednesday, June 18, at 11:15 a.m. as part of their Summer Road Trip across Kansas. The community is encouraged to attend and show support. Enjoy live music from Jan Barnum & Friends, giveaways from local partners, and sloppy joes served by Rotary and Hi-Plains Coop at Picnic in the Park following.

Firework sales and discharge allowed

June 27 through July 5, discharge allowed until 11 p.m. each day.

Senior Progress Center

Senior Progress Center has coffee everyday and coffee and

donuts every Friday at 8:30 AM. 165 Fike Park, 785-460-2901

Prairie Museum Camp

Day at the Museum Camp this week features ‘Volt Vision STEM Camp’ on Thursday, June 19th, from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. At this camp session, kids will be learning about electricity, batteries, and the devices that power the things around us! We’re super excited to see everyone there!

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2024 City of Colby Consumer Confidence Report is now available at <https://cityofcolbyks.gov/>

Joyful Blessing Meal

Everyone is invited to a Free Joyful Blessings Dinner on Saturday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 615 W. Webster. All are invited, and please bring a friend.

Please Come!  
**Moos - Duffey REUNION**  
Saturday, June 21, 2025  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
K of C Hall  
1100 West 4th St., Colby  
Food, etc. provided



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Don F. McMillan

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Goodland

The day after that event I began to receive calls and text messages from people in my former congregation in Arizona. First it was Robin, a woman I mentored through seminary. And since that church is also the one where I grew up, people I know began to reach out; some people I have known since I was a teen. There were many expressions of love, and prayer for all of us in our community, Sherman County, and all over Kansas.

And then notes began to arrive in the mail. Those notes; their messages spoke volumes about loving one another through prayer. Here are a few excerpts:

“Please know that our thoughts are with you all and we pray that the Lord, the Great and Mighty Physi-

cian will touch and heal you body, mind and spirit from the trauma you all experienced.” – Maike

“Dear Pastor McMillan, We are all very concerned about you, your church, and your communities as you all work through such a huge and tragic accident. We are grateful that you made it home safely. [We] are remembering all concerned in our prayers for recovery for the injured and comfort for the families who lost loved ones. We are also keeping your first responders in our prayers” – Leisa, from the Faith in Action Team

“To the community of Goodland... Our prayer team of over 80 people have uplifted you in prayer during, and now after the horrific traffic pile-up. There certainly must be much work to do in the aftermath and hearts to heal, especially for the first responders and medical personnel. Please remember that in our Lord’s arms there is strength to hold you and sustain you.

In Christ’s Abiding Love,” -- Kris, and the prayer team

One additional note that came after Easter, in late April. It again expressed the sustaining love of God and ongoing prayers for us here in Sherman County and beyond.

What about prayer? Does it matter? From my own experience of a family tragedy, I have seen prayer work. And I see prayer work all the time. When we pray, God listens, and God responds immediately in ways we cannot imagine. And God will potentially use all of us as vessels of his love to care for one another. And for us here in Goodland, and Sherman County, I suspect some of those 80 people who were praying, are still praying for us. We are prayed for.

To all of us, the Word reminds us: “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4: 2 (ESV)

## Last Weekend’s Showers Deliver Modest Rainfall Across Colby Region

by Derek White  
Free Press Contributor

Scattered rain showers delivered light to moderate precipitation across the Colby area over the weekend, with totals varying slightly depending on location. According to data collected from volunteer observers with the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), rain to-

tals from Friday night into Saturday morning, June 7, show that while not a soaking rain, the system provided a welcomed refresh for local fields and gardens.

The highest recorded amount in Thomas County came from the Levant 2.9 NNE station—located northwest of Colby at County Road T and County Road 13, which logged 0.29 inches.

Not far behind was the Levant 6.9 SSW station, southwest of Colby at County Roads 8 and M, with a 0.28-inch total. Interestingly, this same station had only 0.06 inches recorded the previous morning (June 6), indicating that most of the weekend precipitation fell Friday night into early Saturday.

Other areas in and around Colby experienced comparable totals. On the northwest side of the city, near Austin Avenue and West 6th Street, the Colby 1.3 NW gauge recorded 0.21 inches, while the central part of town, at North Garfield and West 2nd Street (Colby 0.6 NNW), came in slightly lower with 0.19 inches.

Further south, the Colby 2.8 SSW station, located just a mile south of the Oasis Travel Center, picked up 0.20 inches. Meanwhile, the Colby 11.0 NW station—situated near County Road 13 and County Road AA—registered

a respectable 0.25 inches, despite being one of the farthest reporting points from town.

While the rainfall won’t make a large dent in long-term moisture deficits or soil profiles, the measured totals indicate consistent coverage throughout the region. Farmers, gardeners, and local residents alike welcomed the precipitation, especially with summer heat beginning to settle in across Northwest Kansas.

This round of precipitation follows a drier pattern earlier in the week, and while thunderstorms were forecast, no severe weather or high winds were reported in association with the showers.

With storm activity expected to remain spotty in the coming days, local observers continue to keep an eye on the skies, and their rain gauges as the region moves further into the critical early weeks of the summer growing season.

  
**CRITICAL BUT STABLE**  
*A tragic comedy performed by the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, Colby*  
**June 22, 2025**  
**at 3 p.m.**  
**\$10 includes dessert**  
**Call to reserve tickets!**  
**785-460-2901, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

## Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



**ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL**, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-443-0894, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. every Wednesday. **Now Handicap Accessible.**

**BEREAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyborean.com](http://www.colbyborean.com); Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Jim Meyers. High School Youth Group Sunday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the church. AWANA (including Middle School) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Heartland Christian School.

**BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**, JW Glidewell, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2813, Sunday School (adults) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Children’s Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Children’s Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:30 p.m. - Women’s Bible Study.

**BREWSTER METHODIST CHURCH**, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

**CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 1923 S. Range, Suite 2 (Old Beringer’s Hardware Store). Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. [www.celebratejesus.org](http://www.celebratejesus.org)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 510 E. 4th, Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**, 1145 S. Franklin, President Ryan Willis, 971-678-1755. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 11:00 a.m.; Family History Center open by appointment.

**COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee’s building), 785-465-7020, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rodgers Chishiba, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 10:00 worship. [www.colbyumc.org](http://www.colbyumc.org)

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:30 a.m. Kid’s Church for Kindergarten- 5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September- May 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. 785-462-8234. [collegedriveag@gmail.com](mailto:collegedriveag@gmail.com).

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday’s. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**, Pastor Dan Keel. 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Pastor Matt Price, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 515 W. 4th, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Worship is available online. For access, please call Reverend Shelly Holle, 785-462-6342.

**GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP**, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor Kyle Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children’s Church 10:15 a.m.

**GRACE ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP** meets in the Ascension-on-the-Prairie Episcopal Church on College Drive & Wheatridge Rd. on Saturday morning. 10 a.m. Bible study group & 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Dale Rossette: For more information call 785-462-7963.

**LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 205 1st St., Levant. Ron Alexander, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main, Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church. Adult class and Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. 1st, 3rd, 4th Sunday of the month worship 9:00 a.m., and 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month worship 10:00 a.m.

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, 785-694-2807, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

**REDEEMING LOVE, RLM Regional Church**, 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. Romine II - Apostle. 785-657-1611. Saturday is Sabbath Worship: 9 a.m. Equipping class, 10 a.m. is Praise and Worship with 11 a.m. is Scripture Teachings. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is Bible Study. Youtube. [com,search.rlmkansas](http://com,search.rlmkansas).

**REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 785-462-2179, Father Brian J. Lager, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and from Wednesday & Friday 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

**THE SHEPHERD’S STAFF, REXFORD**, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Rev. Philip Hoppe. 855 E. 5th St., Colby, KS. Church number: 785-462-3497. Services, Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Visit us at [trinitycolby.org](http://trinitycolby.org) and see us on Facebook.

**WESLEYAN CHURCH**, Pastor Jordan Grimms, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

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