

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Breezy, with a north wind to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Tuesday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 72.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 44.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 64.

Thursday: High, 70; Low 41

Precip: Thursday None

Month: 1.89 inches

Year: 2.88 inches

Normal: 3.98 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 6:47 a.m. 8:37 p.m.

Sunday 6:46 a.m. 8:38 p.m.

Monday 6:44 a.m. 8:39 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Congressman meets public at town hall

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he said, but it is paying out far more than it is taking in. Spending on Medicare and Medicaid are both rising. One proposal being talked about is to, he said, is to change entitlement benefits for people under 55.

Huelskamp is a supporter of the "Roadmap to America's Future," a budget proposal nicknamed the "Ryan Plan," for its originator, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.). The plan calls for many budget reforms, such as eliminating corporate income and estate taxes and changes to entitlements for those under 55.

One citizen asked if Huelskamp would consider raising taxes to pay for Medicare. Huelskamp said he would not support raising taxes on the wealthy, and under the Ryan Plan, tax credits and deductions are reduced so that many corporations would pay more.

Huelskamp said there are some parts of the Ryan Plan he doesn't like. The plan

calls for a balanced budget by 2020, which Huelskamp said would take too long.

Huelskamp said the Legislature is working on a new farm bill, which is renewed every five years. He said he was hearing at nearly every town hall that farmers know they will have to give up some subsidies, but they want to keep multi-peril crop insurance. Huelskamp said there will likely be reductions in conservation programs.

"I think everything should be on the table," he said. "All things go away."

There is good news for Kansas agriculture, he said. The U.S. is close to trade agreements with Panama, Columbia and South Korea that will allow Kansas farmers to market their products in those countries with reduced tariffs.

"I appreciate the president's efforts," he said.

Thomas County Attorney Kevin Berens said he has seen regulations on businesses grow to the point where it is difficult for small businesses to get started. He asked

Huelskamp if Congress could help ease burdensome regulations.

Huelskamp said the federal agencies that make a lot of regulations can be controlled, because Congress controls their budgets. However, he said, recent amendments that would prevent new regulations have been dropped. The House has had some success getting the Agriculture Department to ease off regulations of coal plants, but has not had success with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The U.S. has a tremendous capacity for energy production, he said, but several previous administrations, not just President Obama, have restricted drilling and construction of new nuclear and coal plants.

Huelskamp lamented the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture is joining the Environmental Protection Agency in slowing down the Sunflower Coal Plant project in Holcomb. He said the project would create about 2,000 jobs, 300 of them permanent.

Several audience members asked about health care reform. The current reform, which is inching toward full implementation, has a lot of regulations in it that are a burden to rural providers, Huelskamp said.

Huelskamp said the process for health-care reform should be done in public, and citizens should expect a lengthy debate, with a bill being introduced sometime in the summer.

"If we get it wrong, it will be very difficult to solve the debt crisis," he said.

Former senator and Lt. Gov. Sheila Frahm said she was worried that as the House debates, the state is obligated to move ahead with the new regulations. Huelskamp said the Legislature had the chance to defund a lot of the reform laws, but didn't. However, he said, there is a fifty-fifty chance the Supreme Court will strike down the reform laws.

"We're going to bicker back and forth, that's nothing new. That's the American system," he said.

Endeavor's last launch delayed by malfunction

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA abruptly called off space shuttle Endeavour's final launch Friday because of a puzzling heater failure in a critical power unit, disappointing huge crowds converging on the area for the afternoon liftoff.

President Barack Obama and his family were planning to watch Endeavour blast off. It would have been the first time in NASA history that a sitting president and his family witnessed a launch. Already there for the liftoff was wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, wife of the shuttle's commander.

Launch commentator George Diller said the next try likely would be Monday at the earliest. Officials huddled in launch control, discussing a path forward.

"They are trying to assess what all is going to be required and how much time we're going to need," Diller said.

Commander Mark Kelly and his crew were already on their way to the launch pad. The as-

tronauts' van did a U-turn at the launch control center, and returned the astronauts to crew quarters.

The first family had not yet arrived in Florida when launch was canceled.

Around noon, NASA reported that two heaters on an auxiliary power unit had failed. Engineers could not understand the problem and were uncomfortable about proceeding with the 3:47 p.m. launch. An electrical short was suspected.

The news took guests by surprise as well as journalists who were outside watching the astrovan drive by. There was confusion when the van pulled into the driveway in front of launch control, rather than head straight for the pad three miles away. Then the official announcement came over the speakers.

Endeavour's mission to the International Space Station is the last in its 19-year history. The shuttle was built to replace Challenger, destroyed during liftoff in 1986.

Colby High forensics team to send 24 to state tournament

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"I hope to at least get half way through the rankings at state," said Hannah Matchell, a junior qualifier in humorous solo.

Matchell is a three-year qualifier in forensics. She qualified in prose her freshmen year and prose and poetry her sophomore year. Matchell said she is excited to perform and watch her friends preform at state, but she is also nervous to compete against 50 or more people. Even with the stiff competition, she expects the team to do really well this year.

Shelby and Bailey Terrell, the forensics team's other improvised duet acting state qualifiers, also have high hopes for this year's state competition.

"My goal for state forensics is to create fun, new skits that will blow people away," Bailey Terrell said.

With state only a few short weeks away, the forensics team has been working on putting finishing touches on their pieces.

"I don't like to over-practice," McLaughlin said. "I practice mostly at the beginning of the season. Now, I just work on perfecting my piece."

"I think our team is going to do well. The team puts a lot of hard work into their pieces and we all have a great time together."

Other state qualifiers are:

- Seniors Amanda Barnum, prose; Shelby Terrell, humorous solo, duet and IDA; Chace McNinch, original oration and informative; Kate Ostmeyer, original oration; and Bailey Koerperich, original oration, extemporaneous speaking and informative.

- Juniors Jennifer Schwanke, improvised duet acting; Christina Ostmeyer, poetry, improvised duet acting and duet; Lacy O'Neal,

improvised duet acting; Madison Gawith, duet and informative; Jared Nally, extemporaneous speaking; and Paige Roopchan, serious solo.

- Sophomores Brady Rose, original oration; and Tomi Miller, humorous solo and Lincoln Douglas Debate.

- Freshmen Sarah Lamm, extemporaneous speaking; Madison Tubbs, duet; and Colton Rundel, humorous solo and Lincoln Douglas Debate.

New publisher joins staff at newspaper

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husband Mel Fry wanted to move closer to family in Colorado. They like the area, she said, and she has a good impression of Colby so far.

"What impresses me most is the number of businesses and the friendly nature," she said. "There's a neighborly feel. Sweetwater was the same way."

West Texas and northwest Kansas are far different from Colorado, Friedlander said. There is more of a sense of community in those areas, where people in large cities become insulated from their neighbors.

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KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Mad Love	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		The Event		Law & Order: LA		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	House		The Chicago Code		Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Intervention		Relapse		Paranorma	Paranorma	Paranorma	Paranorma	Intervention				
AMC	Scarface								Scarface				
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		River Monsters		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive				
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/OC		Bethenny Ever After		Pregnant in Heels		Housewives/OC				
CMT	Extreme Makeover		Driving Miss Daisy				Cribs		Smarter	Smarter			
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Joe Dirt		Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Work.	Macdonald			
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Sons	Sons	American Chopper		American Chopper				
DISN	Good Luck	Phineas	Fish Hook	Deck	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah			
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Khloe	Khloe	Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea				
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live			
ESPN2	Sport Science		SportsNation		All-Star Foot.				SportsNation				
FAM	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Unwrapped	Candy	Diners	Diners	Meat		The Best	Good Eats	Good Eats	Diners	Diners		
FX	Fantastic Four								Fantastic Four				
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	First	First	House	Hunters			
HIST	American	American	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Hardcore History		American	American			
LIFE	Baby for Sale		And Baby Will Fall				How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris			
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	RJ Berger	Fantasy	RJ Berger	Fantasy	Son, Gun	RJ Berger			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Stargate Universe		Stargate Universe		Sanctuary		Stargate Universe		Sanctuary				
SPIKE	A Bronx Tale		Rambo III				Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Major Payne				
TCM	Gates of Heaven				Trouble the Water				Playtime				
TLC	Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8				
TNT	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA				
TOON	Adventure	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation				
TV LAND	Made in America				The Nanny		The Nanny	The Nanny	Roseanne	Roseanne			
USA	WWE Tough Enough		WWE Monday Night RAW				WWE Tough Enough		Law Order: CI				
VH1	Hip Hop	Fabulous	Mob Wives		Hip Hop	Fabulous	Wedding Wars		Hip Hop	Fabulous			
WGN	Chris	Chris	Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk			
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