



Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 41. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. South wind around 10 mph becoming west.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. North wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 85.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 54.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.  
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.  
  
Wednesday: High, 74; Low 35  
Precip: Wed. None  
Month: None  
Year: 2.88 inches  
Normal: 7.21 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Friday 6:40 a.m. 8:42 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Budget talks continue in Topeka

TOPEKA (AP) – Legislators continue to trade offers in effort to find a solution for the 2012 Kansas budget.  
Negotiators met briefly Thursday to hear the latest offer from the House. More meetings are expected throughout the day as senators consider the latest package.  
The House approved a bill allowing school districts to offset some of the proposed cuts to public education. The bill, sent to the Senate on an 84-33 vote, gives districts the authority to use unencumbered funds in various funds for classroom expenses.  
One provision would allow districts to use a portion of the local tax dollars raised for capital improvements to pay insurance and utility bills, freeing money from district general fund balances that could go to classroom expenses.

Recreation events planned

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Team captain meetings will be held on Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m. for men’s captains and 6:30 p.m. for coed.  
**Concessions:** Anyone interested in leasing the concession stand at the Colby Recreation Fields this summer should contact the department by Friday, May 20.  
**Teen Activities:** Teen Time, an afternoon of tie dyeing, jewelry making and more for teens and “tweens” from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the community building. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to register is Tuesday, May 31.  
**Swim Lessons:** The American Red Cross will hold swim lessons for kids ages 4 and older in June and July. There will be three sessions with three times available each day: 10 to 10:45 a.m., 11 to 11:45 a.m., or 5 to 5:45 p.m. The first sessions will be June 6 to 16; the second June 20 to 30 and the third July 5 to 15. Cost is \$30 and the deadline to register is Wednesday, June 1.

Governor tours drought-stricken area

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lands to allow their cattle to graze and to cut hay.  
Brownback’s state plane from Topeka was greeted by a basketball-sized tumbleweed moments after landing in Garden City, where he talked with local farmers and ranchers at the 3i Show.  
He rode a golf cart through several acres of farm products and implement displays at the agriculture trade show that has been held for the last 57 years in southwest Kansas.  
Cliff Mayo, who has been farming since 1952, said the conditions were the worst he had seen since the early 1960s.  
“We did have an inch of rain 10 days ago. We’re not as bad as some,” Mayo said. “We’ll bounce back once we get some rain. We’re ready when it wants to come.”  
Brownback toured a dusty field owned by Dick Strandmark near the Finney-Haskell county line, where green, irrigated fields stood in stark contrast to fields that had sparse, thin stalks of wheat struggling through the parched soil.  
Efforts to leave land fallow and bank moisture from rains have proved futile for the last year, Strandmark said. The little rain that did fall came before the crop was planted and didn’t help it sprout.  
“We had 4 1/2 inches of rain in 2010,” Strandmark said. “The inch we got was the first over a tenth of an inch since May 20, 2010.”  
He farms 1,500 acres of wheat on a mix of dryland and irrigated. His irrigated land looks better, but without rains to supplement, the crop still needs help, Strandmark said.  
“It’s insured and that will help,” he said. “We’re trying to leave some coverage on it. It will have to carry it through next winter.”  
Parts of southwest Kansas haven’t received significant rainfall since the summer of 2010, creating dire conditions for wheat and other crops, said Mary Knapp, state climatologist at Kansas State University.

University.  
“We don’t get too excited about having a dry period in our winter months, because we don’t get a lot of our moisture in the winter,” Knapp said. “But when you get half of nothing, it does get to be a critical thing.”  
From September through April, western Kansas received an average of 3.71 inches of rain, including 1.06 that fell in April, but normal precipitation during those months is 8.07 inches of rain, Knapp said.  
“Some places have seen less than that,” Knapp said.  
The conditions fueled wildfires in the region that caused significant damage along a key short-line railroad that serves farmers, ranchers and a burgeoning ethanol industry. In Sublette, about 35 miles south of Garden City, six bridges on the Cimarron Valley railroad were destroyed, including a 917-foot span built in 1913 that will cost between \$4 million and \$6 million to replace.  
But residents said Wednesday that the impact was much wider. Grain and other products that were previously transported over those routes must now be re-routed through other areas, including into Colorado and Oklahoma. Truck traffic has increased, with it taking four vehicles loaded with grain to equal one rail car.  
“If we lose the railroad, we would dry up and blow away,” said Bob Boaldin, a Morton County commissioner. “The railroad is the lifeblood of these communities.”  
Replacing the bridge could take six months or more, and each day counts since about a third of the railroad’s revenue lost because of the burned track and bridges, said Henry Hale, operations manager for the railroad.  
Brownback said he would speak with Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Deb Miller about what the state can do to help rebuild the bridges and get cargo moving again.  
Residents said farmers are re-

sorting to any tricks to keep their soil in place, including plowing the wheat crop under and placing manure on it to hold the ground.  
“That’s just what we’ve learned works,” said Ray Brown, owner of Cattle Empire feed lots.

Riders plan show for mid-June here


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nated back to the Legion Riders. If there is bad weather that Saturday, Hamilton said, the pilot will fly Sunday or Monday. The riders also asked the helicopter pilot to fly over Oakley, to try and generate more interest.  
Britt said he had taken the company’s owner, who is also a pilot, around Colby to look for good landing places and Westside Park, on Smith Street in west Colby, had a good landing area away from power lines.  
Councilman Fred Taylor asked if the riders had spoken to the neighbors to see if they had any objections. Britt said he wanted to get council approval first. Councilman Omar Weber asked Armstrong to request the company’s credentials so they have them on file.  
Armstrong said the air carrier’s insurance would have to match the city’s limit of \$1 million with a \$2 million aggregate. Britt said the company has \$1 million in liability plus \$100,000 per individual.  
City Attorney John Gatz said he wanted to make the council aware before they voted that the city does not have coverage for bodily injury or property damage from aircraft. The city has purchased special event insurance in the past, he said, and there are some significant risks. Even broken bones could run more than \$100,000, he said, and some injuries cost more than \$1 million.  
The council voted unanimously to allow the fly-in, pending insurance approval, and Council President Dave Voss and councilman Stan Schmidt, who are members of the Legion Riders, excused themselves during the discussion and voting.

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Saturday Evening											May 7, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	NBA	NBA Basketball					Local					
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles			48 Hours Mystery			Local				
KSNK/NBC	Chase	Law & Order: LA			Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live				
KSAS/FOX	NASCAR Racing							Fringe	30S			
Cable Channels												
A & E	Dog Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Parking Wars			Parking	Parking	Dog Bounty Hunter			
AMC	Reindeer Games						Eraser					
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog	My Cat From Hell		Must Love Cats			It's Me or the Dog		My Cat From Hell			
BRAVO	House	House		House			House		House			
CMT	8 Seconds						Quigley Down Under					
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom			CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	American Pie	Chris Rock: Never Scared			Dane Cook			Vicious Circle		Whitney Cummings		
DISC	Dual Survival	Dual Survival		Dual Survival			Dual Survival		Dual Survival			
DISN	Lemonade Mouth				Deck		Deck	Deck	Deck	Good Luck	Good Luck	
E!	Private Parts						Khloe	The Soup	Chelsea	Sex and t	Sex and t	
ESPN	N. American Poker	N. American Poker		Baseball Tonight			SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight			
ESPN2	College Volleyball	30 for 30					MLS Soccer					
FAM	Paul Blart: Mall Cop			Happy Gilmore						The Rundown		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Diners	Diners		
FX	Armageddon	Two Men		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Day-Tomorrow					
HGTV	Summer	Block	Secrets	Antonio	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Secrets	Antonio		
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HIST	Wyatt Earp								Wyatt Earp			
LIFE	Taken From Me		Sins of the Mother				Army Wives		Chris	Chris		
MTV	The Real World		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		America's Best Dance		Son, Gun	Library		
NICK	Big Time		Ninjas	Victoriou	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ferocious Planet		Almighty Thor				Thor: Hammer					
SPIKE	Star Wars: Ep. III						Star Wars: Ep. III					
TBS	Witch Mount				Mean Girls					Bring It On		
TCM	The Bicycle Thief				Salt of the Earth							
TLC	Dateline: Real Life		Chandra Levy				Chandra Levy					
TNT	The Bourne Supremacy		Body of Lies						The Bourne Supremacy			
TOON	Scooby-Doo!		King/Hill	King/Hill	God/Devil	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach	Kekkaishi		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures			
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne		
USA	How Lose		Nat'l Treasure				In Plain Sight		Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	Behind the Music		Mob Wives		Audrina	Audrina	One Hit Wonders					
WGN	Chairman	White Sox	MLB Baseball						News/Nine   South Pk			
Premium Channels												
HBO	Scott Pilgrim		Lady Gaga Presents				Game of Thrones		Scott Pilgrim			
MAX	Wolfman	The Transporter		The Losers					Housewives From Another World			
SHOW	Nurse	Tara	The Back-up Plan				Nurse	Tara	Call Girl	Gigolos		

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Sunday Evening										May 8, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		Desperate Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		Local				
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race				CSI: Miami		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Celebrity Apprentice						Local		Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons		Burgers	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local					
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds		
AMC	The Interpreter				The Killing		The Killing		Breaking Bad		
ANIM	Hand Fishin'		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Happens	Housewives/OC	Happens		
CMT	The Singing Bee		Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Joe Dirt		Jackass: Number Two				Work.	Macdonald	South Pk	Tosh.0	
DISC	Wild Animal Repo		Hogs Gone Wild		Hogs Gone Wild		Wild Animal Repo		Hogs Gone Wild		
DISN	Good Luck Deck		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	The Dance	Fashion	Chelsea	Khloe	The Dance	
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCtr		
ESPN2	2010 Poker		2010 Poker		2010 Poker		2010 Poker		2010 Poker		
FAM	Mall Cop		The Game Plan				Funnist Home Videos		J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Last Cake Standing		Last Cake Standing		Best in Smoke		Cupcake Wars		Last Cake Standing		
FX	Day-Tomorrow		Earth Stood					Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
HGTV	Holmes		Holmes		Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	Income	Holmes Inspection	
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Inspector America		MonsterQuest		Ax Men		
LIFE	Waitress		Army Wives		Coming Home		Army Wives		Coming Home		
MTV	16 and Pregnant		America's Best Dance		Son, Gun	The Real World	Fantasy		RJ Berger	RJ Berger	
NICK	My Wife		My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		
SPIKE	Coal		Rambo III						Punisher: War Zone		
TBS	Witch Mount		Witch Mount				Speed Racer				
TCM	I Remember Mama				Stella Dallas				DivineLdy		
TLC	Sister	Sister	Sister	Sister	Strange	Strange	Sister	Sister	Strange	Strange	
TNT	NBA Basketball					Inside the NBA		Lethal Weapon 4			
TOON	Scooby	Looney	Venture	Venture	Squid	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens Hospital			
TRAV	Conqueror		Conqueror		Florida Spring		Daytona Motorcycle	Man, Food	Man, Food	Florida Spring	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight		Burn Notice		Law Order: CI		
VH1	Mob Wives		Audrina		Saddle	Mob Wives	Audrina	Saddle	Mob Wives		
WGN	How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		News/Nine	Replay	Monk	Monk	
Premium Channels											
HBO	True Blood		Game of Thrones		Treme		Game of Thrones		Treme		
MAX	Splice		The Losers		The Blind Side				Forbidden Science		
SHOW	The Borgias		Nurse		Tara	The Borgias		The Borgias		Nurse	Tara

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