

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. East wind around 15 mph.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. North wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. North wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 82.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 92.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 63.

Monday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 91.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 61.

Tuesday: Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 92.

Monday: High, 100; Low 68
 Tuesday: High, 90; Low 60
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday None
 Month: 0.12 inches
 Year: 5.32 inches
 Normal: 9.84 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Wednesday 6:17 a.m. 9:09 p.m.
 First quarter moon
 Thursday 6:17 a.m. 9:10 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Monday 2,692,000 gal.
 Tuesday 2,711,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

County to battle thistles on property south of Colby

From "COUNTY," Page 1

Normally the county can't legally take action until three notices have been given, the last one being a certified letter, Berens said. In this case though, the county has been given permission by Urban's widow and sons to spray the weeds wherever necessary. Unfortunately, because it is so late in the season, spraying will not take care of the thistle completely, which has already started to bloom.

Schrock said now all they can do is disc the property and spray, which will take care of some of the thistle but, "it's a preventable solution, they need to be killed," which is a program that can be started in the fall.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard 2012 budget recommendations from Sheriff Rod Taylor. Taylor and the commissioners discussed what line items could be cut and where the budget could allow for increase. For the most part, much of the budget for the Sheriff's office and jail will remain the same. However, Taylor did discuss the need to increase his fuel budget from \$20,000 to \$30,000. He said his department has already used 64.7 percent of his current fuel budget and projects to run over for 2011. The communication contract with the city of Colby for dispatch services also rose from \$59,668 to \$62,841.

- Resolved two clerical issues, including a special assessment tax on Sewell Avenue for \$4,162.54, which was charged in error to C.E.S. Sutherland Management LLC, when it should have been assessed to Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Commissioner Byron Sowers made a motion to transfer \$47,762 to building repairs from special reserve because of a computer error. It was seconded by Commissioner Paul Steele and passed unanimously.

- Approved minutes from the May 27 meeting. The motion was made by Steele, seconded by Sowers and passed unanimously. It included a request for the county custodian to turn in keys for offices where they have decided to do their own cleaning.

- Discussed the option to participate in a state-wide Rural Opportunity Zone Law program. It was initiated by Governor Sam Brownback to draw young adults back to Kansas after they attend post-secondary education. The commissioners said they have a lot of unanswered questions about the program, but must make a decision by July 1. Many neighboring counties are opting out because of the lack of information available.

- Announced that the Local Environmental Protection Group would not be cut entirely from the state budget, as originally expected. The group's budget did get cut from \$73,383 in fiscal year 2011 to \$52,155 for fiscal year 2012.

- Discussed the need for a new ambulance building. The commissioners have invited Colby Mayor Gary Adrian and City Manager Carolyn Armstrong to attend a meeting on June 20 to discuss options.

- Resolved a financial report issue concerning an outstanding balance of \$20,867.12, which is due to the county landfill from Cahoj Earth Moving.

Senator involved in redistricting

From "SENATOR," Page 1

"My district is perfect, one square to another," he said. "I'd hate to change anything there."

Ostmeyer said counties like Phillips or Rush could be added to his district to make up the population difference, however, he said he does not want to attach Hays to any district around it because the demographics are so different between urban and rural areas. Most Hays schools play in different classes than any others in northwest Kansas, and the high population area would dominate the politics of any large district.

House districts will also have to go up in size. Rep. Rick Billinger said the districts have been about 18,000 people each, but that could change to as high as 20,000.

Latest census data puts Billinger's 121st District at 19,000. However, between 2000 and 2010, the district, which includes Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham Counties,

lost 1,636. The committee may add more territory. It also might break up one or more districts and redistribute them among others.

Billinger is not on the House redistricting committee, but said urban areas like Johnson County are likely to gain several House seats while western Kansas may lose some.

Ostmeyer said he expects Rep. Don Hineman's District 118 to be heavily affected during redistricting. District 118 includes Wallace, Logan, Wichita, Gove, Lane, Trego and Rush Counties and part of Ness County. Those counties saw population decline in the last 10 years, and Wallace, Wichita, Gove and Lane Counties each saw a decrease of more than 10 percent.

The committee will spend all summer negotiating the changes, Ostmeyer said, and the Legislature will ratify them at the 2012 session. The new districts will take effect in time for the 2012 election.

Arizona wildfire smoke reaches Colby Tuesday

From "SMOKE," Page 1

In Arizona, heavy smoke forced the closure of several roads, including about a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 180 between Alpine and the New Mexico line, Frenzen said.

In Springerville, the giant plume of white smoke that had billowed thousands of feet into the air turned black as dusk neared. The smell of smoke permeated the community and nerves were rattled.

Some have already left homes that are closer to the fire. Larry Hoppe was one of them.

Hoppe, who lives with his family near Nutrioso, was on vacation in Arkansas when he heard about the fire. He said his two horses were too spooked by the smoke, wind and commotion to be loaded up and had to remain at his home.

"The good Lord has given us plenty of time. We didn't have to do anything in a panic mode. We had time to make an orderly evacuation. It's amazing the blessings you get as the storm is going on," Hoppe said.

About 2,700 to 3,000 people are believed to have fled Alpine and Nutrioso late last week, Gov. Jan Brewer said.

Roughly 2,500 firefighters, including many from several western states and as far away as New York, are working to contain the fire, fire information officer Peter Frenzen said. No serious injuries have been reported.

Brewer signed an emergency declaration Monday that will allow the use of \$200,000 in emergency funds and authorizes the mobilization of the National Guard if it becomes necessary.

The fire is the state's second-largest ever, behind a 2002 blaze that blackened more than 732 square miles and destroyed 491 homes. On Tuesday it surpassed a fire in 2005 that burned about 387 square miles in the Phoenix suburb of Cave Creek.

Guild plans quilt show in Burlington

Get out those needles and patterns, because the Quilt Show is here again.

The Carousel Quilters Guild is sponsoring a display of quilts crafted by area quilters, a vendor mart and a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 19, at Heritage Hall in Old Town, South 14th Street in Burlington, Colo.

Along with a view of hand-crafted quilts, door prizes will be drawn throughout the day and a Quilter's Corner will be set up with excess merchandise up for sale.

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Friday, June 10, 2011 • Meadow Lake Golf Course

9 Hole - 4 Person Scramble • Registration at Noon

TEE OFF AT 1:00 p.m.

The Colby Rotary Club and The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce have again joined forces this year for 2011 Rotary-Chamber Golf Tournament. By combining our efforts, we hope to increase the number of teams and sponsors so that all of you, as business owners, managers and employees can support both tournaments instead of having to make a choice between which one to sponsor and or play in. Each of our organizations draw much of the same support, therefore by pooling our resources we will be able to cut costs and in turn be able to give more back to the community. All proceeds raised will be split evenly between the two organizations and will go towards local projects.

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LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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| Thursday Evening | | | | | | | | | | | June 9, 2011 | |
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| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | | |
| KAKE/ABC | J. Kimmel | NBA | 2011 NBA Finals | | | | Local | Nightline | J. Kimmel | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | Big Bang | Rules | CSI: Crime Scene | The Mentalist | | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | Community | 30 Rock | Office | Parks | Love Bites | | Local | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | So You Think | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | The First 48 | The First 48 | First 48: Missing | First 48: Missing | The First 48 | | | | | | | |
| AMC | Magnum Force | | | | The Enforcer | | | | | The Kill | | |
| ANIM | Fatal Attractions | Confessions | Confessions | Fatal Attractions | Confessions | | | | | | | |
| BRAVO | Housewives/NYC | Housewives/NYC | Housewives/NYC | | | | | Watch What Happens: Live | | | | |
| CMT | CMT's Next Superstar | CMT Music | | | | | | Redneck | Smarter | Smarter | | |
| CNN | In the Arena | Piers Morgan Tonight | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | | | Piers Morgan Tonight | | | |
| COMEDY | South Pk | South Pk | Futurama | Futurama | Tosh.0 | Daily | Colbert | | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | | |
| DISC | Deadliest Catch | Greenhorns | Swords: Life | Deadliest Catch | Greenhorns | | | | Greenhorns | | | |
| DISN | Adventures of Sharkboy | Deck | Good Luck | Good Luck | Wizards | Wizards | | | Hannah | Hannah | | |
| E! | E Special | Bad Boys | | | Chelsea | E! News | | | Chelsea | | | |
| ESPN | SportsCtr | NFL Live | SportsNation | Baseball Tonight | SportsCenter | | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | WNBA Basketball | | | MLS Soccer | | | | | Baseball Tonight | | | |
| FAM | Good Burger | Billy Madison | | | | | The 700 Club | Whose? | Whose? | | | |
| FOOD | Iron Chef America | Chefography | | 24 Hour Rest. Battle | Chopped | | | | Chefography | | | |
| FX | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Taken | | | | Next | | | |
| HGTV | First | First | Selling | Selling | House | Hunters | House | Hunters | Selling | Selling | | |
| HIST | Swamp People | Swamp People | Mounted | Mounted | Stan Lee's | | | | Swamp People | | | |
| LIFE | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | How I Met | How I Met | Chris | Chris | | |
| MTV | The Real World | MTV Special | Jackass 3.5 | | | | | | Jackass 3.5 | | | |
| NICK | My Wife | My Wife | Chris | Chris | Lopez | Lopez | '70s Show | '70s Show | The Nanny | The Nanny | | |
| SCI | Fear Factor | Fear Factor | Fear Factor | | Scariest Movie Moments | | | | Star Blaz | | | |
| SPIKE | Jail | Jail | iMPACT Wrestling | | | | Jail | Jail | UFC 131 Countdown | | | |
| TBS | The House Bunny | | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Conan | | | | Lopez Tonight | | | |
| TCM | Them! | | Cosmic Monsters | | Tarantula | | | | | | | |
| TLC | Police Women | Police Women | NY Ink | | Police Women | | | | NY Ink | | | |
| TNT | Bones | Bones | Bones | | CSI: NY | | | | Franklin & Bash | | | |
| TOON | Regular | MAD | King/Hill | King/Hill | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Childrens | Aqua Teen | | |
| TRAV | Man, Food | Man, Food | Food Network Star | | Bizarre Foods | | | | Food Network Star | | | |
| TV LAND | AllFamily | AllFamily | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | | | The Nanny | | | |
| USA | NCIS | NCIS | | | Covert Affairs | | | | Law & Order: SVU | | | |
| VH1 | Saturday Night Live | SNL in '90s | | | 40 Greatest Pranks 3 | | | | | | | |
| WGN | MLB Baseball | | WGN News at Nine | Scrubs | Scrubs | South Pk | South Pk | | | | | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Too Big to Fail | | True | Treme | Taxicab Confessions | | | | Our Family Wedding | | | |
| MAX | Couples Retreat | | | Out of Sight | Lingerie | | | | | | | |
| SHOW | A Single Man | | | Nurse | Tara | The Real L Word | The Mudge Boy | | | | | |

| Friday Evening | | | | | | | | | | | June 10, 2011 | |
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| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | | |
| KAKE/ABC | Shark Tank | | Jamie Oliver's Food | 20/20 | | | Local | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | Flashpoint | | CSI: NY | Blue Bloods | | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | Stanley Cup | | | | | | Local | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Bones | | Lie to Me | | Local | | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | | The Glades | | | | Criminal Minds | | | |
| AMC | Sudden Impact | | | | The Dead Pool | | | | Cape Fear | | | |
| ANIM | Whale Wars | Whale Wars | Finding Bigfoot | Whale Wars | Finding Bigfoot | | | | | | | |
| BRAVO | Ocean's Thirteen | | | | Ocean's Thirteen | | | | | | | |
| CMT | The Singing Bee | CMT's Next Superstar | The Singing Bee | CMT's Next Superstar | The Singing Bee | | | | | | | |
| CNN | In the Arena | Piers Morgan Tonight | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | | | Piers Morgan Tonight | | | |
| COMEDY | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | Dane Cook | Comedy | Comedy | Comedy | Comedy | Comedy | South Pk | South Pk | | |
| DISC | Dual Survival | Dual Survival | Brothers | Brothers | Dual Survival | | | | Dual Survival | | | |
| DISN | My Babysi | My Babysitter's a Vampire | Shake It | Good Luck | Wizards-Place | | | | | | | |
| E! | Sex and t | Sex and t | Sex and t | Sex/City | The Soup | Fashion | Chelsea | E! News | Chelsea | | | |
| ESPN | College Baseball | | | | Baseball Tonight | SportsCenter | | | Baseball | NFL Live | | |
| ESPN2 | NFL Live | Boxing | | | College Baseball | | | | | | | |
| FAM | Funniest Home Videos | Funniest Home Videos | Funniest Home Videos | | The 700 Club | Whose? | Whose? | | | | | |
| FOOD | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Food | The Best | Unwrapped | Cake | Diners | Diners | | |
| FX | Doubt | | | | Doubt | | | | Shaft | | | |
| HGTV | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | Hunters | | |

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| HIST | American Pickers | Pawn | Pawn | American | American | Hooked: Illegal | American Pickers |
| LIFE | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | How I Met | Chris |
| MTV | Bring It On Again | | | Bring It On | | | Teen Wolf |
| NICK | Victoriou | Victoriou | My Wife | My Wife | Lopez | Lopez | '70s Show |
| SCI | WWE SmackDown! | | | Haunted Collector | | Hollywood | Hollywood |
| SPIKE | Auction | Auction | Guys Choice | | Guys Choice | | Stargate SG-1 |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Wedding Crashers | | | | |
| TCM | The Best Man | | | Advise and Consent | | | Victim |
| TLC | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | My Big Fat Gypsy Wed | Say Yes | Say Yes |
| TNT | The Rock | | | | Assault-Precont | | |
| TOON | Johnny T | Johnny T | King/Hill | King/Hill | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy |
| TRAV | Ghost Adventures | Ghost Adventures | Ghost Adventures | | Ghost Adventures | | Ghost Adventures |
| TV LAND | AllFamily | AllFamily | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | The Nanny |
| USA | NCIS | NCIS | | | NCIS | | Law & Order: SVU |
| VH1 | Saturday Night Live | | | | Saturday Night Live | | Storytellers |
| WGN | | | | | | | |