

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. North wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. North wind around 5 mph becoming east.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 87. North wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Friday: High, 80; Low 50
 Saturday: High, 86; Low 57
 Sunday: High, 85; Low 64
 Precip: Friday none
 Saturday 0.03 inches
 Sunday none
 Month: 0.15 inches
 Year: 5.35 inches
 Normal: 9.84 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 6:17 a.m. 9:12 p.m.
 Wednesday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
 Full moon 3:14 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

State groups to talk water here

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right owner to reduce their usage.

Every control area proposal has to be approved by Kansas Chief Engineer David Barfield. Local groups, such as groundwater management districts, can request them, but they still have to be approved by the chief engineer.

Bossert said no control areas have been approved in District Four's 10-county area, but there is one in Hays and one along the Smoky Hill River in Logan County. After District Four determined six areas of particularly bad decline in groundwater levels, it and landowners in Sheridan County began work on a control area proposal, but abandoned it in favor of local options that are easier to implement.

There have been about 12 approved across Kansas, Bossert said, and most, if not all, have been controversial. One idea is to change the way control area proposals work so that local entities have more control, he said, but the water congress may go the other way in favor of more state control.

Bossert said the congress will also be talking about conservation, and whether Kansas should implement a water conservation plan. The congress will put together a position on conservation so that it can lobby the Legislature next year's session.

The second meeting is Gov. Sam Brownback's

economic summit from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 21, in the Cultural Arts Center at the college. The governor has been holding economic summits around the state on issues like transportation, animal health and life sciences around the state, and Colby's meeting will concern water management of the Ogallala Aquifer. The aquifer reaches from South Dakota to Texas and includes northwest Kansas.

Bossert said the meeting is an opportunity for anyone interested in water rights, conservation and management to put in their two cents.

"My intention is to start a dialogue on IGUCAs there," he said. "What else comes up is anyone's guess."

Everything brought up at the meeting will be recorded by a new water committee - appointed by the Kansas Water Authority - who will put together a plan for the governor.

Bossert said the water authority as well as the Kansas Water Office and representatives from the department agriculture are likely to be at the meeting.

"I think you'll see all of the major water players at that meeting," he said.

Bossert said authority over water in Kansas isn't invested in any single entity. Decisions are never made quickly, he said, but that can be both good and bad.

From drought to deluge; Kansas sees extremes

By John Milburn

The Associated Press

FORT LEAVENWORTH - While extreme weather is a fact of life in Kansas, few years have provided such a contrast between too much and too little water.

Much of western Kansas from the Colorado border to the middle part of the state struggles through a prolonged drought that began more than a year ago. Fields planted with wheat are faltering as spotty rains have provided little to no moisture. Yields are likely to fall short of average.

In the eastern part of the state, communities are bracing for what forecasters are expecting to be historic levels along the Missouri River caused by heavy rains and snowmelt in Montana and the Dakotas. By next week, areas along the river could see a crest of 27 to 33 feet, well above flood stage.

"The whole central region of the country is unique that we are arid in the west and we have the humidity and precipitation in the east," said Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office. "U.S. 81 seems to be that dividing line."

Weather patterns for the past year have made those extremes more pronounced. The National Weather Service says a La Nina over the Pacific Ocean has kept western Kansas drier than normal, making the drought more pronounced. Meanwhile, moisture from the Gulf of Mexico has moved north, causing rains over much of the Missouri and Mississippi river systems.

If the summer months are wet, as some models suggest, eastern

Kansas could continue to see adequate rains, which compounds the flooding. More water will cause runoff, filling already full reservoirs along the Kansas River, a tributary of the Missouri. With flood gates closed, Streeter said the lakes will rise and cause localized flooding.

Communities along the Missouri have been forced to close their flood gates, too. Angee Morgan, deputy director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, said towns like Elwood could face flooding behind their levee if heavy rains fall and the water can't be channeled to the river, as designed.

On the other extreme, Gov. Sam Brownback is seeking federal disaster declaration for 46 counties affected by the drought. Conditions continue to deteriorate across the southern portion of Kansas.

Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office, said while communities in the east are watching how much water comes down from the north, farmers out west are watching how much water they pull from below to sustain withering crops. Much of that region lacks the surface water to draw upon for irrigation and must take it from aquifers.

Streeter said recent rains in northeast Kansas along the Kansas River have compounded management ahead of the Missouri's rise. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had planned to draw down water at three reservoirs then shut off releases to reduce the amount of water flowing in the Kansas River, a tributary of the Missouri.

However, as those spillways close, recent heavy rains have

pushed the levels of Milford, Perry and Tuttle lakes as much as 10 feet above ideal levels.

Coalition discusses disaster meetings

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donated by farm operator Lon Frahm.

Evans said the architect for the trail will be here on Thursday, June 30 to discuss new features and to re-map the parking plan for the Aquatic Center. Evans said anyone with suggestions or ideas for the trail should contact her at the Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center.

"We are working to make Colby the most walkable town in Kansas," Evans said.

Evans' fellow coalition members agreed that the trail will be a great addition to the towns recreational options and it will help improve the overall community outlook and health.

The community garden and its progress was a popular topic. Members of the project team for the garden reported that all the plants are in the ground but volunteers are always needed to maintain the garden.

"It's really exciting to see the

garden thrive and grow," said Orvella Romine, one of the garden's main organizers.

The garden's future plans are to provide fresh produce to a homeless shelter in Hays as well as get a sturdy list of volunteers to water and take care of the garden.

Dr. Amanda Griggs discussed her new Colby Running Club, which meets at 7:15 a.m. every Saturday in Fike Park. It is open for anyone who wants to train for a marathon or someone who just needs extra motivation to get into shape. Griggs said she hopes that the citizens of Thomas County take advantage of this opportunity to improve their health.

The next coalition meeting will be Thursday, July 14, at El Dos De Oros. Coalition members encourage anyone who has a passion to better Thomas County to come and get involved with one of the various project teams and groups.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Tuesday Evening										June 14, 2011			
	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	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		The Voice				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	MasterChef		Raising	Raising	Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Family Jewels		Family Jewels		Storage	Storage			
AMC	The Matrix						The Matrix						
ANIM	Polar Bear: Spy		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Polar Bear: Spy		Planet Earth				
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/NJ		Decorators		Decorators		Housewives/OC				
CMT	Broken Bridges					Truck		The Dukes of Hazzard	Smarter	Smarter			
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Iglesias: Fluffy		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Jon	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Jon			
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		After the Catch			Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch				
DISN	Good Luck Shake It		Lemonade Mouth				Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards			
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Sex and t	Sex/City	Ice-Coco	Kardash	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea			
ESPN	SportsCtr	NFL Live	SportsNation		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter						
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		Science	Year of	Year/Quarterback		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight				
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Nine Lives		Nine Lives		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		24 Hour Rest. Battle		Chopped				
FX	Earth Stood						Earth Stood						
HGTV	First	First	Estate	Property	House	Hunters	First	First	Estate	Property			
HIST	Larry the Cable Guy		Larry the Cable Guy		How the States		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Larry the Cable Guy				
LIFE	American Pickers		American Pickers		Love Handles		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris			
MTV	Teen Wolf		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant				
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	'70s Show	'70s Show	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Silent Hill		Amity Horror				100 Feet						
SPIKE	Ways Die	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Repo	Repo	Ways Die	Ways Die			
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan		Lopez Tonight				
TCM	Trio				So Long at the Fair			Adam and Evelyne					
TLC	Spouse vs. House		19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple	Spouse vs. House		19 Kids	19 Kids			
TNT	Law & Order		Memphis Beat		Hawthorne		Memphis Beat		Hawthorne				
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods				
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
USA	Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Covert Affairs		Law Order: CI		White Collar				
VH1	Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Shocking Breakups						
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk			
Premium Channels													
HBO	McEnroe/Borg		Shrek Forever After				Game of Thrones		True	Bobby Fis			
MAX	Rob Roy				Avatar								
SHOW	Letters to Juliet		Nurse	Tara	Nurse	Tara	Episodes	The Real L Word		I Hope			

Wednesday Evening										June 15, 2011			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Middle	Family	Family	ABC News Special		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Criminal Minds		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Stanley Cup						Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Beyond Scared Straig		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Family Jewels		Beyond Scared Straig				
AMC	The Mummy						The Mummy						
ANIM	River Monsters		Swamp Wars		Finding Bigfoot		Swamp Wars		Finding Bigfoot				
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Rocco's Dinner Party		Top Chef Masters				
CMT	CMT Music					Ron White's Celebrity			Smarter	Smarter			
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Jon	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Jon			
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters				
DISN	Good Luck Shake It		Enchanted				Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards			
E!	Scary Movie 2				E Special	Khloe	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea				
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live			
ESPN2	SportsNation		The Fab Five				SportsNation		NASCAR	Nation			
FAM	Coyote Ugly				Nine Lives		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Chopped		Food Network Star			Diners	Diners	Diners	Food Network Star				
FX	Iron Man						Superman Returns						
HGTV	Property	Property	Income	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunters	House	Income	Property			
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HIST	How the States		101 Gadgets				Modern Marvels		How the States				
LIFE	The First 48		The First 48		Vanished, Beth		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris			
MTV	The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		Unplugged				
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	'70s Show	'70s Show	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Haunted Collector		Hollywood	Hollywood	Haunted Collector		Hollywood	Hollywood			
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Repo		UFC Unleashed				
TBS	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Conan		Lopez Tonight				
TCM	Night-Hunter				God's Little Acre					Face			
TLC	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Toddlers & Tiaras		Extreme C	Extreme C	Toddlers & Tiaras				
TNT	The Mentalist		Franklin & Bash		Men of a Certain Age		Franklin & Bash		Men of a Certain Age				
TOON	Dude	Destroy	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Sand M.	Sand M.	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v Fd	Man v Fd			
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced	Divorced	Cleveland	Raymond	Raymond			
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		CSI: Crime Scene				
VH1	Johnson Fam.				Single Ladies		Basketball Wives		How She Move				
WGN	Chris	Chris											