


Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Southwest wind around 5 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

Friday: High, 78; Low 50
Saturday: High, 62; Low 44
Sunday: High, 59; Low 36
Precip: Friday 2.05 inches
Saturday 0.05 inches
Sunday none
Month: 2.53 inches
Year: 18.94 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:50 a.m. 7:11 p.m.
Full Moon at 9:07 p.m.
Wednesday 7:51 a.m. 7:10 p.m.
Moon: waning, 100 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Twenty-one deaths linked to listeria

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outbreak in the United States before that is believed to have been listeria in Mexican-style soft cheese in 1985, which was linked to 52 deaths.

Jensen Farms in Holly, Colo., recalled the tainted cantaloupes earlier this month after they were linked to listeria illnesses. They were shipped all over the country but should be off store shelves by now. The last cases of cantaloupes were shipped Sept. 10, and its shelf life is about two weeks.

The Food and Drug Administration has said state health officials found listeria in cantaloupes taken from Colorado grocery stores and from a victim’s home that were grown at Jensen Farms. Matching strains of the disease were found on equipment and cantaloupe samples at Jensen Farms’ packing facility in Granada, Colo.

The company has said they shipped the cantaloupe to around half of U.S. states, but added that they aren’t sure where the cantaloupe went because it has been sold and re-sold. Thus, many companies may not even know if they bought or distributed the fruit.

Fruit Fresh Up, Inc. of Depew, N.Y., issued a recall Thursday of 4,800 individual packages of cut cantaloupes, three weeks after the original recall and several days after the melons surpassed their freshness date.

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said this week that the agency is still investigating the cause of the outbreak. Officials have said they are looking at the farm’s water supply and possible animal intrusions among other things to figure out the source of the problem. Listeria bacteria grow in moist, muddy conditions and are often carried by animals.

Officials from the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration say that any cantaloupes not from Jensen Farms are safe to eat. The recalled cantaloupes may be labeled “Colorado Grown,” “Distributed by Frontera Produce,” “Jensenfarms.com” or “Sweet Rocky Fords.” Not all of the recalled cantaloupes are labeled with a sticker, the FDA said.

Government health officials said this is the first known outbreak of listeria in cantaloupe. Listeria is generally found in processed meats and unpasteurized milk and

cheese, though there have been a growing number of outbreaks in produce.

Listeria is rare but more deadly than well-known pathogens like salmonella and E. coli. While most healthy adults can consume listeria with no ill effects, it can kill the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. It is also dangerous to pregnant women because it easily passes through to the fetus. The CDC said the median age of those sickened is 77, and most ill people are over 60 years old.

Symptoms include fever and muscle aches, often with other gastrointestinal symptoms.

The CDC has reported illnesses in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Colorado has the most illnesses, with 32 sickened. Texas has 16 reported illnesses, New Mexico has 13 and Oklahoma has 11.

Moderate legislators facing primary challenges

By John Milburn
The Associated Press

TOPEKA – Primary election challenges that could change the political ideology of the Kansas Senate are shaping up for moderate Republicans, months before the June 2012 filing deadline and new political boundaries are drawn.

With all 40 Senate seats on the ballot, some moderate Republicans are gearing up for challenges from fellow GOP candidates who are considered more conservative.

Senate President Steve Morris, a Hugoton Republican, is one of the chamber’s moderate voices who have a primary challenge. He’ll face state Rep. Larry Powell, a conservative Republican from Garden City. Morris said he’s not sure why his party continues to have such divisions.

“It really doesn’t surprise me,” said Morris, who is finishing his second four-year term as Senate president. “All the moderate Republicans have been targeted for quite awhile. We anticipated that, but I’m a little surprised that it started this quickly.”

Other Senate Republicans

facing primaries include Tim Owens of Overland Park, Vicki Schmidt of Topeka, Senate Vice President John Vratil of Leawood and Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell.

Morris, who was first elected to the Senate in 1993, said the chamber has been the “last bastion” of moderates in the Statehouse with the swing in 2010 to a more conservative House and Brownback’s election. Frequently during the 2011 session, legislation that sailed through the House, such as tax cuts and social policy, was stalled by senators who weren’t ready to make the changes without significant review.

Republicans hold a 32-8 margin over Democrats in the Senate and a 92-33 advantage in the House. All 125 members of the House of Representatives also are up for re-election. No statewide offices are on the ballot.

As Senate president, Morris often found himself at odds with the goals of House Speaker Mike O’Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, and the majority of conservatives.

In 2010, support from Morris helped Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson win legislative ap-

proval of a sales tax increase to prevent spending cuts. Powell opposed the increase.

“I believe it’s important to do good public policy. You may have to take chances that make your re-election more difficult at times,” Morris said. “I expect it to be a very vigorous campaign and intense campaign.”

The filings are particularly interesting because so many have come before legislators have finished redrawing House, Senate and congressional districts to reflect the 2010 Census. Many of the districts where challenges have been filed are likely to change significantly before the new boundaries are adopted next spring and the June filing deadline.

Kansas GOP Executive Director Clay Barker said the party isn’t working to recruit candidates to challenge Republican moderates. This year, he said, appears to be shaping up as an election where candidates and voters want to make wholesale changes, similar to 1994 and 2010.

The state party will support the winners in the Senate primaries “100 percent,” Barker said, who acknowledged that

the campaign could leave the winner damaged politically and short on cash heading to the general election.

“Sometimes a primary can become so intense that it can become personal between the supporters of the two candidates,” he said.

Democrats say the primary battles are the results of conservatives and Brownback trying to gain total control over the Legislature.

“Apparently, for the crime of showing even the slightest inclination of working in a bipartisan fashion, they will suffer primary challenges and an openly hostile Republican primary electorate,” said Kansas Democratic Party Executive Director Kenny Johnston.

Johnston said many Kansas voters are growing frustrated with Brownback’s policies and lack of job creation. Those issues, he said, included cuts to education, eliminating state funding for the arts and focus on laws restricting access to abortion. They say that could help their party and moderate Republicans, if moderates can survive the August primaries.

Deadline set for comments on traceability

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control programs, the proposed rule goes much further to require animal tracking even absent clear and documented disease threats. The proposed rule has raised concerns among family farm and ranch advocates, who accuse the agency of pushing a program to benefit corporate agribusiness interests rather than animal health.

The USDA draft rule greatly expands what animals must be identified, including young feeder cattle, which are processed at a young age and never enter the breeding herd.

KU students take up Harry Potter sport

LAWRENCE (AP) – It’s a made-up game in which players are supposed to fly on brooms.

But that hasn’t stopped about 50 University of Kansas students from starting an official sports club that plays Quidditch, the game made famous in the Harry Potter series.

The club practices twice a week. It participates in International Quidditch Association

tournaments, and has already had a “Border War” match with a team from Missouri.

The game is played just like it is in the Harry Potter series, without the flying, of course. Although the members do run around with brooms between their legs.

The club hopes to host the university’s first Quidditch tournament this spring.

Conditions bad for monarch migration

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populations are low.

Tagging in Texas will give Taylor a better sense of the survival rate over the last 500 miles.

He said the dry conditions just exacerbate a major problem for monarchs – less milk-

weed. The plant is growing less commonplace as farmers increasingly use herbicide-tolerant corn and soybeans.

“All the scenarios I see going forward,” Taylor said, “it’s hard to see a positive one.”

Briefly

Music Booster Club seeks decorations

The Colby Music Booster Club is looking for donations of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations – including Halloween costumes – for a Holiday Garage Sale fund raiser. The sale will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at 405 N. Franklin Ave. Proceeds from the sale will go to new uniforms for the Colby Eagle Marching Band. For more information or to make a donation, call Jan Barnum at 462-5892.

Seniors plan potluck

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Office to close Tuesday

The Thomas County Treasurer’s office at the courthouse will close from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tuesday so the staff can have motor vehicle training. The office will open after 11:30. For information, call 460-4520.

Kids’ cooking class set for Thursday

Kids-a-Cookin’ fall classes with the Colby Recreation Program for kids in third through fifth grades will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. one Thursday a month – Oct. 13 and Nov. 17 – at the Colby Community Building. Classes are free. Sign up by calling 460-4440. After business hours leave a message at 460-4582, including child’s name and a contact number.

Organizations to collect food items for Genesis

Several youth organizations will go door to door in Colby to collect non-perishable food for the Genesis-Thomas County food bank from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The groups will include Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Catholic Youth Organization and several Colby Community College sports teams. Anyone not at home during that time can leave items in a sack by their door or take items to Genesis at the Thomas County Office Complex. For information, call Mint Culver at 460-6005.

School district to hold combined concert

Colby Public Schools will hold its annual “District Music Concert” on at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Colby Community Building. It will feature musicians from the Grade School, Middle School and High School. There is no cost to attend. For information, call music instructor Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Grade school musical set for Tuesday, Oct. 25

Colby Grade School second graders will perform “Temples and Tombs” a musical about Egypt at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the grade school auditorium. There is no cost to attend. For information, call music instructor Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

LOCAL TV Listings										
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Tuesday Evening October 11, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man Standing		Dancing With Stars		Body of Proof		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Unforgettable		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	MLB Baseball					Local				
Cable Channels										
A & E	Family Jewels		Family Jewels		Family Jewels		Family Jewels		Family Jewels	
AMC	The Green Mile								The Green Mile	
ANIM	Viking Wilderness		Viking Wilderness		Viking Wilderness		Viking Wilderness		Viking Wilderness	
BRAVO	Rachel Zoe Project		Rachel Zoe Project		Mad Fash. Fashion		Rachel Zoe Project		Housewives/NJ	
CMT	Rudy						Rudy			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Tosh.0 Work.		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0 Work.	
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction		American Guns		Auction	Auction	American Guns	
DISN	Wizards	Phineas and Ferb: The Movie			ANT Farm Wizards		Phineas	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kardashian				Dirty Soap		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	The Dotted Line		World, Poker		World, Poker		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	Soccer		Soccer				E! Diez		Depth Chart: Auburn	
FAM	Stick It		Along Came Polly				The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Transformers				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Horror Story	
HGTV	House	First	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Property	Property
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		Top Shot		Top Shot		American Pickers	
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Taken From Me		Off Limits		Tiffany Rubin		Unsolved Mysteries	
MTV	True Life		True Life		I Used to Be Fat		Chelsea Settles		I Used to Be Fat	
NICK	'70s Show '70s Show	My Wife	My Wife		George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Seconds Apart		Fertile Ground				Population 436			
SPIKE	King	King	Auction		Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	King	King
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Rebel Without				Johnny Guitar				Flying Leathernecks	
TLC	Extreme C	Extreme C	19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple	Extreme C	Extreme C	19 Kids	19 Kids
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Unit
TRAV	America	America	Mysteries-Museum		Off Limits		The Dead Files		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Married	Married	Scrubs		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Psych	
VH1	Greatest Songs		Tough Love: Miami		Tough Love: Miami		Tough Love: Miami		T.O. Show	La La
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Harry Potter				Enlighten		Bored		Boardwalk Empire	George
MAX	Wild Thng	Housesitter			Due Date					
SHOW	Let the Right One In				Dexter		Homeland		Wild and Wonderful	

American Profile

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

Wednesday Evening October 12, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor-Pacific		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	Free Ag.	Harry's Law		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor			New Girl	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Green Mile								Breaking Bad	
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Work of Art		Top Chef Dst		Work of Art		Top Chef Dst	
CMT	Starsky & Hutch					Starsky & Hutch				Truck
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	Swardson		Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Swardson
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Penn & Teller		MythBusters		Penn & Teller	
DISN	Jessie	The Little Vampire			Jessie		Phineas	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kim's Wedding				True Hollywood Story		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	E:60		E:60		NFL Live		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball					The Dotted Line		Football	NFL Live	
FAM	Along	Overboard					The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	Halloween Wars		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	X-Men Origins				Horror Story		Horror Story		Sons of Anarchy	
HGTV	House	Hunters	Income	Income	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Income	Income

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms	
MTV	I Used to Be Fat		The Real World		The Real World		Real	The Real World	Real	
NICK	'70s Show '70s Show	My Wife	My Wife		George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness	
SPIKE	King	King	UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		BlueMount	BlueMount	King	King
TBS	MLB Baseball							MLB	Conan	
TCM	Manchurian Can.					The Best Man				Glass Key
TLC	Pregnant	Pregnant	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
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	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v. Food		Man v Fd	Man v Fd
TV LAND	Married	Married	Scrubs	Scrubs	Cleveland		Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Psych		NCIS		NCIS	
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		Basketball Wives LA		Basketball Wives LA		Menace II Society			
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny

Premium Channels

HBO	The A-Team		America		Boardwalk Empire		Real Time/Bill Maher		Enlighten	Bored
MAX	Daredevil	Forces of Nature			The Town				Chemistry	Skin-Max
SHOW	Homeland		Inside the NFL		NASCAR	Penn	Inside the NFL		Dexter	

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