



**Weather**

*National Weather Service*  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Blustery, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 45. Breezy, with a north-west wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 21. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear and breezy, with a low around 35.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 48.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 40.

**Monday Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

**Tuesday:** A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 47.

Wednesday: High, 66; Low 33  
Precip: Wednesday None  
Month: 0.39 inches  
Year: 0.39 inches  
Normal: 0.93 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
???day 7:25 a.m. 6:31 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 8 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Storm spotter class planned for next month

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Other area sessions, all at 6:30 p.m., include Wednesday, March 7, at Northwest Tech in Goodland (Mountain Time); Thursday, March 8, at the Logan County courthouse in Oak-

ley; Tuesday, March 13, at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie; Wednesday, March 14, at The Gateway civic center in Oberlin; and Tuesday, March 27, at the Rawlins County Courthouse in Atwood.

For information, call the

Goodland weather office at (785) 899-7119. A complete list of the 2012 schedule across the Tri-State Area is available at the Weather Service Goodland web page, [www.weather.gov/goodland](http://www.weather.gov/goodland).

# American war journalist killed by shelling in Syria

By Danica Kirka  
*The Associated Press*

LONDON (AP) – She was instantly recognizable for the eye patch that hid a shrapnel injury – a testament to Marie Colvin’s courage, which took her behind the front lines of the world’s deadliest conflicts to write about the suffering of individuals trapped in war.

After more than two decades of chronicling conflict, Colvin became a victim of it Thursday, killed by shelling in the besieged Syrian city of Homs.

Colvin, 56, died alongside French photojournalist Remi Ochlik, the French government announced. Freelance photographer Paul Conroy and writer Edith Bouvier of *Le Figaro* were wounded.

Colvin, from East Norwich, New York, had been a foreign correspondent for Britain’s *Sunday Times* for more than 25 years, making a specialty of reporting from the world’s most dangerous places.

The newspaper posted her final dispatch outside the website’s paywall, so anyone could read her account from a cellar offering refuge for women and children. The report chronicled the horrors that eventually took her own life.

“It is a city of the cold and hungry, echoing to exploding shells and bursts of gunfire,” Colvin wrote. “There are no telephones and the electricity has been cut off. ... Freezing rain fills potholes and snow drifts in

through windows empty of glass. No shops are open, so families are sharing what they have with relatives and neighbors. Many of the dead and injured are those who risked foraging for food.”

Colvin often focused on the plight of women and children in wartime, and Syria was no different. She gave interviews to major British broadcasters on the eve of her death, appealing for the world to notice the slaughter taking place.

“I watched a little baby die today,” she told the BBC on Tuesday. “Absolutely horrific, a 2-year old child had been hit. They stripped it and found the shrapnel had gone into the left chest and the doctor said ‘I can’t do anything.’ His little tummy just kept heaving until he died.”

In the 1990s, Colvin worked in the Balkans, where she went on patrol with the Kosovo Liberation Army as it engaged Serb military forces. She worked in Chechnya, where she came under fire from Russian jets while reporting on Chechen rebels seeking independence for their region. She also covered the conflict in East Timor after its people voted for independence in Southeast Asia.

She was one of the few reporters to interview ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in his final days before his death in October.

Her mother, Rosemarie Colvin, of East Norwich, N.Y., told the Associated Press that her daughter knew Gadhafi well, and described her daughter as a

passionate about her work, even when it got hard.

“She was supposed to leave (Syria) today,” Rosemarie Colvin said, adding that her daughter had spoken yesterday with her editor who ordered her to leave because it was so dangerous. “She had to stay. She wanted to finish one more story.”

The eldest of five children, Colvin is survived by her mother, two sisters and two brothers. Rosemarie Colvin invited reporters into her home, fighting back the tears.

“The reason I’ve been talking to all you guys is that I don’t want my daughter’s legacy to be ‘no comment’ ... because she wasn’t a ‘no comment’ person,” she said. “Her legacy is: Be passionate and be involved in what you believe in. And do it as thoroughly and honestly and fearlessly as you can.”

A graduate of Yale University, Colvin had never planned to be a journalist. She had studied anthropology, later taking the rigorous study of people and places and putting it to good use writing about individuals caught up in suffering to relay the horror of war.

Colvin’s death comes only days after two other respected journalists died while reporting on the uprising against Syria’s president, Bashar Assad. Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Anthony Shadid, a correspondent for *The New York Times*, died last week of an apparent asthma attack while slipping out of Syria.

# Briefly

## Library begins book sale today

The Pioneer Memorial Library’s Book Lovers Book Sale begins today and runs through Saturday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. today, 9 to 4:45 Friday and 9 to 3:45 Saturday. For information, call Melanie Wilks at 460-4470.

## Fun and games planned at school carnival

Come to the Sacred Heart School Carnival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday for food, prizes, a raffle and games, with lunch served in the church basement. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

## Concert spotlights ‘My Favorite Things’

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present “These Are a Few of My Favorite Things,” conducted by Beverly Rucker, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Frahm Theatre in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. The program features mezzo-soprano Bonnie Cameron. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. For information, call Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

## Pizza sales Tuesday will benefit grade school

The Colby Grade School Parent-Teacher Organization and Colby Pizza Hut are having a fund raiser for special projects at the school. Twenty percent of all purchases between 3 and 10 p.m. Tuesday will go to the school group. For information, call Kristy McCarty at 460-2793.

## Class for grandparents to teach support

Grandparents and anyone interested in supporting young parents of infants are invited to a free class and meal at the Citizens Medical Center conference room from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Kathy Ryan, a registered nurse with the Thomas County Health Department, will talk about breast feeding. Maureen Ostmeyer of Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Paige Campbell of Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will cover supporting new parents, brain development, protective factors for a family, purple crying and happy babies. Participants must register in advance; call Smart Start at (785) 465-9103.

## Meeting on walking trail to be at library

There will be a meeting to update the community on the walking trail from 5:15 to 6 p.m. next Thursday at Pioneer Memorial Library. The meeting is open to the public. For information, contact Megan Carmichael, Smart Start professional development coordinator, at (785) 465-9103.

## ‘World Day of Prayer’ scheduled in two towns

World Day of Prayer will be observed in Colby at noon Friday, March 2, with a luncheon and worship service at the United Methodist Church involving women from several area churches. This year’s service was written by Malaysian women; the theme is “Let Justice Prevail.” All area church women are invited. A salad luncheon will be provided by the United Methodist Women. For information, call Millie Horlacher at 462-3104.

A service for the Brewster area will be held at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska. Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m., with a worship service at 10 for both men and women. For information, call Nadine Kammer at (785) 694-2456.

## Library to become murder scene March 3

The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library plan to put on their annual Murder Mystery Dinner fund raiser at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3. Tickets, at \$25, may be purchased at the library. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

## Secretary of state to speak in Brewster

Secretary of State Kris Koback will speak at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, March 3, on the Constitution and Second Amendment after a free wild game banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Brewster School Gymnasium. Along with more standard fare, the menu includes deer, elk, moose, buffalo, caribou, Dall sheep, black bear, antelope, jack rabbit, cottontail, raccoon, alligator, pheasant, turkey, frog legs, carp, white bass and salmon. Donations will be taken; bring a wild game dish if you wish. For information or reservations, call Mike Pinkelman at (785) 694-2720.

## Free help with taxes offered by senior group

Free tax preparation will be available from experts trained by the American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide program, by appointment only, on Wednesdays through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

# Stepmom of girl who died gave birth on arrest day

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) – An Alabama woman is under guard at a hospital after she gave birth following her arrest in the death of her 9-year-old stepdaughter who authorities say was forced to run for three hours as punishment for lying about eating a candy bar.

Jessica Mae Hardin, 27, was transferred from the Etowah County Detention Center to a hospital on Wednesday, sheriff’s

office spokeswoman Natalie Barton said.

Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp confirmed that Hardin had given birth hours after she was arrested. He didn’t say whether the newborn was a boy or a girl.

Hardin and her mother-in-law, 46-year-old Joyce Hardin Garrard, were arrested and charged with murder on Wednesday in the death of Savannah Hardin.

Roger Simpson, who lives up the hill from the doublewide trailer where Savannah lived with Jessica and her father Robert Hardin, said he saw the girl running in the yard.

When emergency vehicles arrived at the home hours later, he said he thought they were there for the pregnant Jessica.

Alabama law requires people who are arrested to be informed of the charges against them in

an initial appearance within 72 hours. Barton said Jessica Hardin’s hearing will likely be held once she is released from the hospital.

Savannah had a bladder condition common to young girls that meant she shouldn’t have chocolate because of the caffeine content, Harp said. He said there is no evidence that the condition contributed to her death.

## We Celebrate Hometown Life

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

HIST	Mudcats	Mudcats	Mudcats	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Mudcats
LIFE	Drew Peterson		Craiglist Killer			Drew Peterson
MTV	Teen Mom 2	Teen Mom 2	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore		Fired Up
NICK	Victorioty	Rock	Bucket	iCarly	Friends	Friends
SCI	Black Forest		Witchslayer Gretl		Black Forest	
SPIKE	Ink Master	Ink Master	Ink Master		Starsky & Hutch	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	My Best Friend		Confessions
TCM	The Grapes of Wrath			Bound for Glory		
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	
TNT	Tip-Off	NBA Basketball		Falling Skies	Falling Skies	
TOON	Inspector	MAD	God/Devil	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	No Country
VH1	Women in Music		Basketball Wives		Barbershop 2: Back	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Videos	News/Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs
HBO	Big Mommas			Boxing		F. Roach
MAX	Man Fire	The People Under the Stairs		Unknown		Emmanuelle
SHOW	The King's Speech			The Tempest		Shameless

## LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening February 26, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Oscars	84th-Academy Awards								
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race	The Mentalist		CSI: Miami			Local			
KSNK/NBC	Celebrity Apprentice	Celebrity Apprentice					Local			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Napoleon	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	Comic Book Men				The Walking Dead	Talk Dead	Walk:Dead	
ANIM	Handfishin'		Rattlesnake Republic	Finding Bigfoot			Rattlesnake Republic	Finding Bigfoot		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	To Be Announced	To Be Announced				What Happens	Housewives/OC		
CMT	Grease	Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation	Grease		
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom	CNN Presents			Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Super Troopers		Tosh.0	Katt Williams Hustle				Key		
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush				Gold Rush			
DISN	Austin	Shake It	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Khloe	Ice-Coco	True Hollywood Story	Khloe	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	After Party: Academy Awards			
ESPN	Track and Field		Goose				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	Catching Hell			The Real Rocky			Goose		World, Poker	
FAM	Aladdin		Pirates-Carib.					J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Worst Cooks	
FX	Zombieland				Zombieland				Death Proof	
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Property Brothers		Holmes Inspection	
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Full Metal Jousting		Top Gear		Ax Men	
LIFE	Capture-Green								Capture-Green	
MTV	The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		Teen Mom 2		Jersey Shore	
NICK	'70s Show	'70s Show	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Resident Evil		Resident Evil				Hills-Eyes 2			
SPIKE	The Rundown				Seven					
TBS	Mean Girls				Mean Girls				The Sweetest Thing	
TCM	The Star				What-BabyJane				Divorce	
TLC	My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life				My 600-lb Life			
TNT	NBA All-Star				NBA All-Star				Falling	
TOON	Level Up	Level Up	King/Hill	Squid	Chicken	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken		
TRAV	Manliest Restaurants		Hamburger Paradise		Hot Dog Paradise		Bacon Paradise		Hamburger Paradise	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Troy			
VH1	Stomp the Yard				Basketball Wives		Mob Wives		Mob Wives	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Big Mommas		Luck		Eastbound	Too Short	Luck		Eastbound	Too Short
MAX	Dinner for Schmucks				Gladiator				Emmanuel	
SHOW	Lies	Lies	Lies	Lies	Lies	Lies	Lies	Californ.	Next Day Air	