Weather

National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before 9 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 69.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Friday: High, 71; Low 44
Saturday: High, 81; Low 43
Sunday: High, 52; Low 30

Precip: Friday	None
Saturday	Trace
Sunday	0.14 inches
Month:	1.98 inches
Year:	4.68 inches
Normal:	3.98 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Tuesday 7:03 a.m. 8:24 p.m.
Moon: waning, 12 percent
Wednesday 7:02 a.m. 8:25 p.m.
Moon: waning, 6 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Governor comes here to sign bill

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approach to conserving water.

While it's not a solution to overuse of water in designated Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas, he said, it adds public input to a process where the chief engineer was given the power to implement corrective provisions.

According to the department's website, the engineer could implement these provisions in areas where it is determined, through a public hearing, that groundwater levels are declining rapidly, groundwater withdrawals exceeds the rate of recharge, unreasonable deterioration of groundwater quality has or may occur, or other conditions exist warranting additional regulation to protect public interest.

Bossert said this process does not allow for as much public input as Kansas residents would like.

The new process begins with asking the water users and others from six high-priority zones in northwest Kansas to develop a plan, submit it to the district board, which then submits it to the chief engineer. The engineer can either approve it, reject it or send it back to the district board for changes that have come up during the hearing process.

The high-priority zones include two in Thomas County, two in Sherman and one each in Sheridan and Cheyenne.

Once the engineer has the final plan, he said, it would go through a two-hearing process to get it implemented.

"Locals may not get what they want, but they're guaranteed not to get what they don't want," Bossert said.

The group has a veto if the plan accepted by the state is far off from the its original goals, he added.

The bill was introduced in January. It passed 40-0 in the Senate and 123-1 in the House.

Gov. Brownback has already signed the bill, so tomorrow's event is just a ceremonial signing, Bossert said. The actual law went into effect when it was published in the Kansas Register on April 12.

Bossert said the entire process could take six or seven months, and it's up to the stakeholders when they want to start it.

He said the Sheridan County high-priority zone wants to implement its plan next year, so the goal is to have it done by February, before farmers start making plans.

"Other counties can start the process now or not," Bossert said. "It's a process where they can do this if they want."

Senator bent out of shape over map

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The 36th was held by long-time Sen. Janis Lee, who resigned to take a job with the state Board of Tax Appeals. She was replaced by Sen. Allen Schmidt. Both are Democrats, and the district includes Democrat-leaning Ellis County.

The House, the Senate and the state's four congressional districts have to be redrawn this year, using population figures from the 2010 Census. The latest congressional map passed the House, Sen. Ostmeyer said; it would split Topeka, and put the urban part in with the rural 1st District.

The House put its redistricting map in the same bill, which was rejected in the Senate, he added, and that left things up in the air.

"We're really in quite a disarray," the senator said, noting that the Senate it split three ways with eight Democrats and 14 or so "moderate" Republicans and 14 hardcore conservatives. The Democrats vote with the left-wing Republicans when they see an advantage. The House is much more conservative.

The districts have to be drawn and the budget adopted when the Legislature returns to Topeka this week, Sen. Ostmeyer said.

"That'll be the first order of business when we go back," he said.

On other bills, he said a threat to put home-owned carnivals back under state regulation failed in committee.

"Norton had an accident last year," he said. "It wasn't serious at all. It didn't seem to me to be any problem."

However, the secretary of labor, former Sen. Karin Brownlee, put forth a bill to regulate the community-run carnivals. It took a personal appeal to Gov. Sam Brownback to get things turned around, Ostmeyer said.

He said he hopes the secretary, who is from Johnson County, will come out and visit some of the carnivals this year.

Starting this year, he said, home-owned carnivals will have to provide the state with a certificate of insurance, but won't be inspected.

A move to resume charging senior citizens for hunting and fishing licenses has been scaled back, he said. With the population getting older, he said, the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism simply can't afford to exempt everyone over 65, but as the bill was amended, people 65 to 74 will be able to buy a lifetime hunt-fish license for $40. That will still qualify the department for full federal money for each license sold, he said.

"I'm willing to do that as a 68-year-old," he said, adding that with the cost of going hunting, "the license would be the cheapest thing you'd have."

Agreement on the budget, he said, fell apart because the House wanted to cut transportation to make up for money added to education.

The senator said he was "disappointed" that Chief Justice Lawton Nuss had chosen to start "furlough days" for state court workers because of the budget standoff. He said the move could only hurt salaried court workers, who will lose at least two days of pay.

"He knows that the process hasn't really gone to pot," Sen. Ostmeyer said. "The person who has a job will be hurt. I'm bothered by that."

He said a constitutional amendment to prevent schools and other agencies from using state money to sue the Legislature had failed in the House and won't come up in the Senate, the senator said.

"If they couldn't get it passed in the House," he said, "it'll never pass in the Senate."

Scouts to kick off fund drive here on Tuesday

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and broken families, our youth need guidance to help them grow and to manage their time, their families and to learn valuable life lessons that will help send them down the right path.

"With your help, we can ensure that Scouting will remain a relevant part of our communities fabric and will continue to develop our young people in spite of the obstacles that exist."

He added that donations to the Six-County Boy Scout Development Fund will be restricted to provide support for volunteers and youths and 100 percent of the donations are tax-deductible.

It takes about $200 per year to support the activities of one Scout, he said.

In addition to individual donations, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation will issue its annual matching challenge grant to the six-county district, he said. Donations will be paired with money from the foundation to double the impact.

Donations can be made at the event or mailed to the Six-County Boy Scout Fund in care of Sunflower Bank of Colby, Box 717, Colby, Kan. 67701. Checks should be made payable to Boy Scouts of America.

Other donation options include credit card, estate planning and payment installments. Supporters who give a sizable donation can be included in giving levels. For information, contact Williams.

People heeded dire forecast of deadly tornado outbreak

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life-threatening event."

In the end, only one proved fatal.

"We can't do this with every event," said the prediction center's Ken Miller, noting that it's not easy to predict which storm systems could pose a threat to life and property.

Miller said he was pleased.

"We measure our success by how the public reacts," he said.

National Weather Service offices in Missouri and Kansas are testing more specific warnings based on the severity of a storm's expected impact. On Saturday morning, the weather service in Wichita warned that residents "could be killed if not underground or in a tornado shelter.

"Complete destruction of entire neighborhoods is likely," the warning said. "Mass devastation is highly likely, making the area unrecognizable to survivors."

In south central Kansas, Sedgwick County Emergency Management Director Randy Duncan credited the dire language of the warnings for saving lives.

"People become used to those warnings. That is a dangerous complacency," Duncan said. "We need to break through the clutter of everyday noise to get people's attention."

A National Weather Service official said a "month's worth" of tornados were spotted in Kansas over the weekend. About 100 homes were damaged in a Wichita mobile home park, but no serious injuries or fatalities were reported.

"We knew well ahead of time that this was going to be ugly. People listened," Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton said.

One northwest Oklahoma town was not so fortunate. As a monster twister bore down, cloaked in darkness early Sunday, Woodward's 20 outdoor tornado sirens did not sound – apparently knocked out when lightning struck a tower used to activate them.

Briefly

K-18 Baseball plans signup, info meeting

The a signup and informational meeting for the Colby K-18 baseball team will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Legion Field at the Colby Recreation baseball fields. For information, contact Brian Quagliano at 443-0226. The team is for boys 13 to 15 as of July 31.

Business After 5 event Thursday at Sunflower

Sunflower Bank will hold the monthly Business After Five at 5 p.m. Thursday for the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members should stop by for an evening of networking and refreshments.

Class will teach about diabetes, healthy eating

Citizens Medical Center will continue a monthly series of free classes on diabetes, "Journey for Control," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the hospital conference room. The topic will be "Controlling Your Blood Glucose." Register by calling the Jeanene Brown at the education department, (785) 460-4850.

Kids, parents invited to 'Safe Routes' walk

Colby students and their parents are invited to join a Walk to School Day hosted by Safe Routes to Schools on Wednesday. Grade schoolers should be dropped off between 7:30 and 7:40 a.m. at TNT Auction, 200 N. Franklin, and middle school kids at the Law Enforcement Training Center, 360 N. Franklin. Join students, parents, teachers, police officers and Mayor Gary Adrian to encourage healthy walking habits. For questions, call project director Megan Carmichael at (785) 465-9103.

Learn to cook at free, fun class Thursday

The last Kids-a-Cookin' hands-on cooking and nutrition class for third through fifth graders will be Thursday. Sign up for the free class by calling the city Recreation Department at 460-4440. Sessions will be cancelled if enrollment is less than 10.

Society program focus on historian, founder

"Verney: Santa, Sod Town and Sons and Daughters" is the feature presentation at the Thomas County Historical Society's annual meeting at noon Thursday at the Prairie Museum. Carol Thiel will highlight the life of historian Verney Kear, who was Colby's beloved Santa Claus and founded a tourist stop called Sod Town. Cost is $5. Call 460-4590 for reservations.

Master Gardeners will give tips at classes

Thomas County Extension Master Gardeners are holding a four-week gardening and lawn-care series at 7 p.m. Thursdays. The topic this week is selecting vegetables – what and when to plant – at the 4-H building. For information, call Clint Milliman at 460-4582.

Local TV Listings

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Tuesday Evening — April 17, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Cougar	Dancing With Stars		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Unforgettable		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser		The Voice		Fashion Star		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	Glee		New Girl	Raising	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Braveheart								Conan the Barbarian	
ANIM	Wild Serengeti		Madagascar				Wild Serengeti		Madagascar	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Happens	Housewives/OC		Shahs
CMT	Them Idiots				Blue Collar				Blue/TV	Blue/TV
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Key
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISN	Phineas	Random	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter Special				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	World, Poker		World, Poker				SportsNation		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Uptown Girls		Confess-Shop				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Forget Sarah					Forget Sarah				
HGTV	Million Dollar		Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Million Dollar Rooms		Property	Property
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Swamp People		Top Shot		Top Shot		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Dance Moms: Miami		Dance Moms: Miami		Love for Sail		The Client List		Dance Moms: Miami	
MTV	Punk'd	Punk'd	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant			Savage U	16 and Pregnant	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Dream Machines		Fact or Faked		Dream Machines	
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Big Easy	Big Easy	Repo	Repo	Jail	Jail
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Gidget				Gidget Goes Hawaiian			Ride the Wild Surf		
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Medium	Medium	Couple	Couple	Say Yes	Say Yes	Medium	Medium
TNT	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Off Limits		Toy Hunters		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Divorced	Cleveland	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Mob Wives		Tough Love		Consign	Consign	Basketball Wives		La La	By June
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Dilemma		24/7	Eastbound	REAL Sports Gumbel		Game of Thrones		Portrait	Predators
MAX	Life				Dinner for Schmucks				Depravity	Co-Ed
SHOW	The Borgias		The Big C	Nurse	The Borgias		The Big C	Nurse	Piranha	

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Wednesday Evening — April 18, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Apt. 23	Revenge		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: One World		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	Betty	BFF	Rock Center		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Storage	Storage
AMC	Swordfish				Backdraft					
ANIM	Tanked		River Monsters		River Monsters		Tanked		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Interior Therapy		Million Dollar		Happens	Interior Therapy		OC
CMT	Road House					Urban Cowboy				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly Amer
DISC	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Moonshiners		Sons of Guns		Moonshiners	
DISN	Austin	Shake It	Phineas	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAM	Confessio	Miss Congeniality					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		Chopped All-Stars		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Step Brothers				Step Brothers				Walk Hard: Dewey Cox	
HGTV	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HIST	American Restoration		Sold!	Sold!	American	American	Sold!	Sold!	American Restoration	
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap	
MTV	16 and Pregnant		America's Best Dance		America's Best Dance		America's Best Dance		Hip-Hop	Barbrshop
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Monster Man		Ghost Hunters		Monster Man	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Am Digger	Am Digger	Am Digger	Am Digger	Auction	Auction
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	The Girls on the Beach			Beach Ball			The Endless Summer			
TLC	Obsession	Obsession	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	NinjaGo	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Secrets	Secrets	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Baggage B	Baggage B	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v Fd	Man v Fd
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Fairly Legal		NCIS	
VH1	Yo! MTV Raps Moments		Behind the Music		Couples Therapy		Behind the Music		Couples Therapy	
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels										
HBO	Knight and Day			Girls	Game of Thrones		Real Time/Bill Maher		Eastbound	Green Lnt
MAX	Speed 2: Cruise				Machete					
SHOW	180 Degrees South		The Italian Job				Josh Blue: Sticky		Chick Magnet	

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