



Weather

National Weather Service

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Cloudy, with a low around 55. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Friday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Sunday: A chance of rain, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Wednesday: High, 85; Low 57
Precip: Wednesday Trace
Month: 2.30 inches
Year: 3.97 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:50 a.m. 8:34 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 33 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Legislature back for veto session

From “VETO,” Page 1

Billinger said the House has passed two maps with more than 100 of the 125 representatives voting in favor. The second map, he said, fixed some oversights with the first, including a small town that was split between districts. That helped the second map pick up several more votes.

Billinger said he has filed to run in this year’s election. He said he didn’t know of any challengers, but depending on what happens with redistricting, he may have a much different district than the last time around. Under the House plan, Billinger’s district, which currently includes Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham counties, would lose Graham while picking up Wallace, Logan and most of Gove.

At the Republican party convention to replace Rep. Jim Morrison in 2010, support from Graham County delegates was instrumental in Billinger’s election.

“I’d hate to lose Graham

County,” he said, “but Ward (Cassidy) will do a good job for them.”

However, he said, that redistricting plan was killed by the Senate because it was in the same bill as an unpopular congressional map. Ostmeyer’s Senate map was also rejected. Billinger said that proposal was a good one, with incumbents kept apart and no challengers drawn out of their districts.

Billinger said that since the Senate hasn’t been able to pass a House map, the House Redistricting Committee may give them until the end of the day today, after which it will come up with a map for the Senate.

“Every state but Kansas has finished their redistricting,” Billinger said. “It’s time for us to step up and get it done.”

Ostmeyer said he is disappointed that the Legislature couldn’t get the process finished during the first part of the session, going on to say he doesn’t have a good feel for what the Senate leadership will do. There are some who want to push the primary election back to give

the Legislature more time, he said, adding, “I think that’s a pretty poor idea.”

Billinger said he suspected some legislators want to drag their heels and leave redistricting up to the courts. At his press conference Monday, however, Kobach said this is not allowed by the state Constitution.

“Contrary to popular misconception, the Kansas Supreme Court justices do not have the authority to draw the redistricting lines themselves,” Kobach said. “They can only declare legislatively drawn district lines either ‘valid’ or ‘invalid.’”

The Legislature also has to draw new lines for the U.S. House of Representatives. Billinger said the problem with the congressional map is that Wichita and Johnson counties want to keep their districts and the 2nd District wants to keep Junction City and Manhattan. However, the 1st District needs to pick up more territory to bring its population up to equal the other three. Billinger said some proposals have it taking the counties along the northern bor-

der with Nebraska all the way to Wyandotte County. Another would have it pick up counties along the southern border with Oklahoma.

The Big First doesn’t want that, Billinger said. The better way would be to pick up territory in the center of the state, going south of Junction City all the way to Topeka. That way, he said, it would pick up more rural territory, keeping similar counties in the district from one end to the other.

Redistricting isn’t the only business left before the Legislature. Budget negotiations continue, but Billinger said he didn’t anticipate any hold-ups there. However, he said, the House may delay final voting on the budget to motivate the Senate to get redistricting done.

The Legislature also has to pass a school budget, a reform package for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System and the KanCare proposal – a reform plan for Medicaid, the state-federal program which pays for health care for people on public assistance.

Catfish released in ponds east of Colby

From “CATFISH,” Page 1

Things will improve over time as the algae in the pond dies off, Spalsbury said, but right now, “the poor water quality limits what can be put in.”

The lake may still get stocked later, he added. In the meantime, he will have wildlife people in Colby keep an eye on it. Much will depend on when it rains, how much and the ensuing weather, he said.

One long-term solution for Villa High Lake, he said, would be aerators to keep more oxygen in the water. He said the city would have to provide maintenance and electricity.

So, what to do with the new fish?

For the last couple of months, the department has leased pasture around two ponds just east of Colby. Outflow from Colby’s new wastewater treatment plant provides

year-around running water. Spalsbury said the ponds are open to the public for walk-in fishing. The smaller, older pond is really just a tree-lined wide spot on Prairie Dog Creek.

The larger pond was built around 2008 to catch the runoff from the water treatment plant.

It already has bass and bluegill imported from Scott Lake, and the small one has a few catfish and sunfish that have washed downstream from Villa High Lake.

The ponds have had minnows for over a year, he said, and those act as an indicator of the water quality: no minnows means bad water.

Before stocking the ponds, Spalsbury walked the shore, looking for minnows, larger fish feeding on the surface and moss growth. Seeing active fish signs and less algae, he decided to go ahead and release the

channel cats.

A couple of fishermen were already at the smaller of the two ponds. Spalsbury says he likes to see people using the ponds, but is concerned that only a few fisherman know of the newest public fishing area.

“We want to get the word out that they are here,” he said. “Word usually spreads quickly through the fishing community.”

If the pond proves viable, he added, he would like to put in a public-access gate near the ponds so that fishermen would not have to disturb either the cattle or the pasture gate.

Spalsbury said he envisions two fishing areas around Colby, with Villa High Lake having rainbow trout in the winter, and both areas having channel cats and other fish year-around.

As for Villa High, he said, “We’ll just have to monitor the situation.”

Candidate’s wife effective political weapon

From “WIFE,” Page 1

December, the height of the primary campaign.

Despite health concerns, she spent the vast majority of those days and nights living in the buses, planes and hotels that define the less glamorous necessities of presidential politics.

Her public role in the 2012 presidential contest so far exceeds that of other GOP candidates’ spouses.

She is still largely unknown. Quinnipiac University found this week that 64 percent of registered voters don’t know enough about her to form an opinion; 25 percent view her

favorably compared with 9 percent who do not.

But her profile is growing. And donors and national media outlets alike are clamoring for her time.

Ann Romney headlined a New York City birthday fund raiser this week with Donald Trump that generated more than a half-million dollars for her husband’s campaign. The same day, she taped a television interview for “Entertainment Tonight.” She and her husband also taped their first nationally televised interview as a couple with Diane Sawyer of ABC News.

As Mitt Romney often tells supporters, his wife ultimately

came around and helped persuade him to run again. She has since embraced a central role in helping the campaign confront her husband’s political challenges, great and small. In some ways, it’s the same supportive role she has always played in a marriage that’s spanned 43 years.

But never has her role been this public.

Several times a week on the campaign trail, Mitt Romney shares how they first crossed paths at a Michigan elementary school but didn’t start dating until high school. He introduces his wife as his “sweetheart,” regularly holds her hand and

beams when she introduces him at rallies.

Her mere presence seems to help relax her husband, who sometimes struggles to shed a plastic image. They are not shy about public affection, and he regularly squeezes his wife’s hand, even when the cameras are not rolling.

On national television this week, Ann Romney defended her husband’s decades-old decision to travel with the family dog strapped in his carrier to the car roof, suggesting that the dog “loved” the experience. She has also become the campaign’s leading voice in the struggle to win over female voters.

Briefly

Dennen Field reserved seats up for renewal

The Colby Booster Club reminds Dennen Field reserved-seat holders who want to renew their seats for the next three years to do so by Monday. On May 7, said club member Lisa Wilson, any seats not reserved become available to the public. Please mail your check for \$50 per seat to CHS All Sports Booster Club, Box 136, Colby, Kan., 67701. For questions, e-mail chsallsportsboosters@colbyeagles.org.

International students to talk about homelands

Members of the Colby Community College International Students and Friends Organization will talk about the traditions and culture of their homelands at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. A potluck supper will begin at 6 p.m., or come for dessert at 7. For information, call Connie Davis, club sponsor, at 460-5483.

Meeting Sunday for pool workers, officials

The Colby Recreation Department will hold a meeting for all new and returning lifeguards, concessions and front desk workers and anyone interested in working at the Colby Aquatic Park this summer at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Community Building. At 6:30 p.m., a staff meeting will be held for scorekeepers, umpires and concession staff for summer activities. For information, call Recreation Director Stacy Lee at 460-4440.

Brewster schools plan potluck, awards

The Brewster School District will hold its annual awards program for junior high and high school students Monday. The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.; the program will start at 7. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Janci Mills at (785) 694-2236.

College spring concert set for Tuesday

The Colby Community College music department will hold its free Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on campus. It will include the Concert Choir and Sunflower Singers directed by Dr. Philip Shuman and the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble directed by Tony Schroer. Pat Ziegelmeier will accompany the vocalists. This is the final performance for Dr. Shuman, a long-time instructor who plans to retire at the end of the year. Everyone is invited.

Vehicle, license offices to shut down Tuesday

It won’t be possible to get a Kansas vehicle license, title, driver’s license or identification card from Tuesday through Tuesday, May 8, while the computer system at the Kansas Department of Revenue in Topeka is shut down for upgrades. Anyone needing a license, title or renewal should obtain it from a state or county office by Monday. For information, call Thomas County Treasurer Donita Applebury at 460-4520.

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HIST	Wyatt Earp				Wyatt Earp
LIFE	Playdate			I Know Who Killed Me	Playdate
MTV	Fame			What a Girl Wants	
NICK	iCarly	Rock	Bucket	Fred	'70s Show
SCI	Alien Tornado		Space Twister		Stonehenge
SPIKE	Crank: High Voltage		Walking Tall		Doom
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Forrest Gump	
TCM	The Third Man			Brief Encounter	Mutiny on the Bounty
TLC	Royal Wedding	William & Kate		My Mother Diana	Royal Wedding
TNT	I Am Legend			Resident Evil	10,000 B.C.
TOON	Shrek 2	King/Hill	Childrens	Loiter	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	The Game Plan
VH1	Behind the Music	Menace II Society		Basketball Wives	Couples Therapy
WGN	MLB Baseball			WGN News at Nine	30 Rock
Premium Channels					
HBO	Larry Crowne			24/7	Boxing
MAX	Seven			Hesher	
SHOW	Nurse	Nurse	Nurse	The Big C	The Big C

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Sunday Evening											April 29, 2012			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Desperate Housewives	GCB					Local					
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race		The Good Wife	NYC 22					Local					
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Celebrity Apprentice						Local					
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings				Breakout Kings	Storage	Storage					
AMC	Shawshank R.		The Killing	Mad Men			The Killing	Mad Men						
ANIM	River Monsters		Swamp Wars	River Monsters			Whale Wars	River Monsters						
BRAVO	Don't Be	Don't Be	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ			Happens	Housewives/NJ		Jersey				
CMT	Rocky II	Rocky III					Rocky II							
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom			CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Tonight						
COMEDY	Gabriel Iglesias		Dave Chappelle	South Pk	Tosh.0		Katt Williams	Gabriel Iglesias						
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters	To Be Announced			MythBusters	To Be Announced						
DISN	Bedtime Stories		Shake It	Austin			ANT Farm	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards				
E!	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Khloe	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	The Soup	Khloe	Ice-Coco				
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			SportCtr				
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing				SportsCenter		ProFILE	Baseball						
FAM	Alice in Wonderland				Where the Wild		J. Osteen	Ed Young						
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped All-Stars		Iron Chef America		Chopped			Chopped All-Stars				
FX	Iron Man		X-Men Origins					Iron Man						
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Best of Holmes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes	Best of Holmes						
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Swamp People		Modern Marvels	Ax Men						
LIFE	Chloe		Army Wives		The Client List		Chloe							
MTV	Punk'd	Punk'd	Savage U	Savage U	Pauly D	Pauly D	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore						
NICK	'70s Show	'70s Show	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends						
SCI	Dream Machines		Raidrs-Lost Ark					The Brothers Grimm						
SPIKE	Walking Tall		Hostage					Lethal Weapon 4						
TBS	National Treasure						National Treasure							
TCM	Peyton Place						Love Is a Ball							
TLC	Gypsy Wedding		Medium	Medium	Gypsy Wedding		Medium	Medium	Gypsy Wedding					
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA				
TOON	Level Up	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Chicken	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Loiter Squad						
TRAV	Hotel Impossible		Baggage B	Baggage B	Vegas After Hours		15 Sin City Secrets	Baggage B	Baggage B					
TV LAND	King	King	TV Land Awards 2012			TV Land	King	King	TV Land Awards 2012					
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Pirates-Worlds							
VH1	Mob Wives		Tough Love		Mob Wives		Tough Love		Mob Wives					
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk					
Premium Channels														
HBO	Predators		Game of Thrones		Veep	Girls	Game of Thrones	Veep	Girls					
MAX	The Eagle		Field of Dreams		Hall Pass									
SHOW	The Big C	Nurse	Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias		Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias					