

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 69.

Monday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61.

Monday: High, 72; Low 49
Tuesday: High, 82; Low 47
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
April: 2.83 inches
May: None
Year: 4.50 inches
Normal: 7.21 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 6:42 a.m. 8:40 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 91 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas senator loses state redistricting battle

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If you think he sounds a little upset, irritated, maybe even angry, about that map, you could be right. It’s difficult enough to represent the huge 40th District as is, he said.

The leadership’s map, known as Ad Astra, would take away two counties on the southeast corner of the district – Ness and Trego – and add four to the northeast – Phillips, Smith, Jewell and Osborne, plus half of Hamilton on the southwest.

It would stretch the district two-thirds of the way to Oklahoma at the Colorado line and a county into the east near Nebraska. At 20 counties, he’d have about one-fifth of the state’s area.

“It’s awful,” he said, adding that the map by Sen. Abrams would have added two counties, but keep his district compact and nearly square.

With that map, he said, he’d have gained Phillips and Rush counties, but not Smith or Jewell farther east. He’d have kept Rush and Rooks, but not dip into Hamilton.

“They’ll pass Ad Astra,” he said Monday. “It will be the one coming back....

“The House isn’t going to

pass that. I talked to the speaker this morning. So we’re going to wind up in court.”

After the vote Tuesday, moderate senators claimed they had a deal with Speaker Mike O’Neal to pass the redistricting bill, including a House-passed map of representative districts. The Senate had modified its map to put two House members back into Senate districts they had filed to run in.

However, the Associated Press quoted the speaker as saying he had spoken only for himself, not the House.

The redistricting controversy is holding up all the rest of the Legislature’s work, Ostmeyer said. Redistricting is required by federal court decisions after each federal census.

If the plan isn’t done by mid-May, the state’s August primary election might have to be put off.

“We haven’t got anything solved up here,” the senator said. “We haven’t got a budget. We haven’t got anything.

“We’re already the butt-end of a bunch of jokes.”

He listed school finance and tax changes as other major issues held up by the fight.

The hijinks stem from the continual battle between Republican

conservatives and moderates for control of the Legislature. The House is firmly in conservative hands, but the Senate still has enough moderate, or liberal, Republican members to elect the leadership.

Conservatives, led by the state Chamber of Commerce, hoping to change that recruited five to eight House members to file against incumbent moderate Senators this year, creating primary fights in their districts.

In retaliation, the leadership drew a map, Sen. Ostmeyer said, that ruled at least three of the challengers out of the districts they filed for.

Pure and simple, he said, the leadership, especially Senate President Steve Morris, wants to hold on to its power. His district is just a victim of the larger battle.

“People in western Kansas get shortchanged enough,” he said. “There’s a lot of things we (senators) can’t get to. You’d probably never get to Jewell County, maybe once or twice a year.”

Western legislators have attempted to keep the number of Senate districts serving part of the region where it is, he said, but under the Ad Astra map, one more western district will go to Johnson County.

Chamber of commerce holds annual banquet, gives awards

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Business of the Year. She praised Farmers and Merchants Bank for its long service to the community and the helpfulness of the entire staff. Employees are involved in many community organizations that help make Colby a better place to live, work, and conduct business, she said.

President Brent Wiedeman accepted the award, saying all the employees are proud of the bank’s history and continued service. He said that over 500 people attended the Business After 5 and 125th Anniversary Celebration by the bank earlier this year.

Next, Tina Harris presented the Community

Service award to Darrell Pabst, Vice President of Sunflower Bank, for what she called his selfless community efforts.

Entertainment was provided by two Colby barbershop-style groups, Prairie Rose Harmony and the Tumbleweed Chorus. Prairie Rose closed with a religious medley. The chorus entertained with songs of a western flavor. Everyone stood for a rendition of the state song, “Home on the Range.”

Following the entertainment, table centerpieces were raffled off with lots of audience participation. The evening ended with thanks to everyone who attended and to everyone who helped make the evening an event to be proud of.

Hospital runs test on digital scope

From “HOSPITAL,” Page 1

changes in bowel habits and having blood in the stool.”

Magner said the new equipment is not only a benefit to the community but having it is a great opportunity for the hospital, as well. He said, as far as he knows, the hospital is the only one in the

region with the new technology.

“The company we got the machine from had a huge promotion going on that we couldn’t pass up,” said Magner. “Our other machine wasn’t antiquated, but it was getting older. We saved 43 percent on the new scope, which we would have had to buy eventually anyway.”

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Briefly

Vehicle, license offices down until Tuesday

License tags about to expire? It won’t be possible to get a Kansas vehicle license, title, driver’s license or identification card until at least Tuesday while the computer system at the Kansas Department of Revenue in Topeka is shut down for upgrades. For information, call Thomas County Treasurer Donita Applebury at 460-4520.

Area churches planning for Day of Prayer

Colby churches will observe the 61st National Day of Prayer with a service near the flagpole outside the Thomas County Courthouse from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursday sponsored by the Thomas County Ministerial Association. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at (785) 462-2930.

Fourth, fifth grades to give concert at school

Colby Grade School fourth graders will play their recorders and the fifth-grade band will play at a free concert at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday in the grade school auditorium. For information, call Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Church women to have Friendship Day

Church Women United’s May Friendship Day will be Friday at the Colby First Presbyterian Church, beginning at noon with a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall. This year’s theme, about Naomi and Ruth, is “Listening to My Sisters.” It looks at the mission of listening, caring and accepting new members of a community. For information, call Joyce Gatlin at (785) 460-3656.

First work day Saturday for new garden

The first work day for Colby’s community garden is set for 9 a.m. Saturday in the area west of Southwind Plaza, south of Interstate 70 and west of Range Avenue. Sign-up sheets will be available. For information, call Denise Singer at 465-9103.

‘Walk for Hope’ fund raiser open to everyone

The Second Annual Walk for Hope begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at the agricultural center at Colby Community College. “Bring your dog or a two-legged friend to enjoy the walk,” said Faculty Alliance representative Dr. Marcy Ward. Proceeds will go to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, which helps area people with cancer-related expenses. A \$15 donation is suggested. For information, call Ward at 460-5465.

Pride of Prairie to give Salvador concert

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present “Science and Nature” conducted by Andrew Salvador at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Frahm Theatre of the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. For information, call Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

Piano students to give recital Sunday

Students of Pat Ziegelmeier will perform in a spring piano recital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church. The program will include solo and duet selections. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Ziegelmeier at 460-5518.

12-and-under baseball team to hold tryouts

The Colby 12-and-under baseball program will hold tryouts at 3 p.m. Sunday at the city baseball fields. Participants must be 10 or older and cannot turn 13 before Aug. 1. For information, call coach Jeff Krzycki at (785) 443-2542 or (785) 460-8226.

Kansas basketball stars coming to Colby

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County is sponsoring an appearance by the Kansas Barnstormers basketball team, featuring graduating seniors from the University of Kansas, at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Community Building. Tickets at \$10 per person may be purchased at Palace Drug Store, F&M Bank at Dillons, J&B Meat Market, the Sports Shoppe and People’s State Bank in Colby and Farmers Bank and Trust in Brewster. For information, call Doug Finley at Big Brothers Big Sisters, 460-9125.

Colby Spring Cleanup week coming up

Colby’s annual spring cleanup will be from Monday through Friday, May 11. Residential trash customers may clean and spruce up their yards and have the city remove items if they are boxed and bagged, weigh less than 50 pounds and placed at the curb. Call the city manager’s office at 460-4410 to schedule a pickup. For questions, call Jo Strange at the same number.

LOCAL TV Listings										
Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS										
Thursday Evening May 3, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Missing		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Parks	Awake		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Touch		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Matrix Revol.				Matrix Revol.					
ANIM	Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia	
BRAVO	Jersey	Don't Be	Don't Be	Don't Be	Kathy		Happens	Don't Be	Kathy	
CMT	RoadHous	A Few Good Men								
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama			Jackass 2.5		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Bin Laden Lair		American Chopper		Bin Laden Lair	
DISN	Phineas	WALL-E			ANT Farm		Good Luck	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	The Soup	I Now Pronounce You					Chelsea	E! News	Chopped	Chelsea
ESPN	Catching Hell				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Strong	Strong		Strong	Strong	NFL Live		MMA Live	Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Princess	Princess Diaries 2					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		Chopped	
FX	Avatar							Underworld: Evolution		
HGTV	Million	Selling	Sell LA	Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Sell LA	Selling
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Ax Men		Top Shot		Swamp People	
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		7 Days of Sex		Amanda de Cadenet		Wife Swap	
MTV	Ridic.	Strangers	Pauly D	Punk'd	Punk'd	Pauly D	Punk'd	Pauly D	Strangers	Ridic.
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Dreamcatcher						Alien Resurrection			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling				MMA	Ways Die	Ways Die	Mx Payne
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Conan		Office	
TCM	In Cold Blood						The Boston Strangler			10Rillgtn
TLC	20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC	
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Eaglehear	Delocated
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Baggage B	Baggage B	Hotel Impossible		Last Resorts II		Baggage B	Baggage B
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		In Plain Sight		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Behind the Music		Notorious					Notorious		
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	Green Lantern				True Blood		Katie	Katie	Girls	Face Off
MAX	Love & Other Drugs				The A-Team					Lady
SHOW	Womb			Beastly			Gigolos	Sunset	After Fall, Winter	

Friday Evening May 4, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You		Grimm		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The Finder		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Collateral Damage						Chronicles-Ridd			
ANIM	Swamp Wars		Whale Wars		Frozen Planet		Whale Wars		Frozen Planet	
BRAVO	Don't Be	Don't Be	The Wedding Planner				The Wedding Planner			
CMT	The Singing Bee	J. Garth	Melissa	J. Garth	Melissa & Tye		The Singing Bee		Singing	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		24/7 Mayweather		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy				Tosh.0		Tosh.0	
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		American Guns		Deadliest Catch		American Guns	
DISN	Jessie	Phineas	Shake It	ANT Farm	Austin	Good Luck	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Austin
E!	Fashion Star		Death in Paradise		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	The Real Rocky	30 for 30		Boxing	NBA Basketball					
FAM	Wild Thgs	Meet the Parents				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Iron Man				Ultimate Fight		Iron Man			
HGTV	Million Dollar Rooms		Curb Appeal Giveaway		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Curb Appeal Giveaway	
American Profile										
We Celebrate Hometown Life										
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HIST	American Pickers		101 Gadgets				Modern Marvels		American Pickers	
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted	
MTV	Pauly D	Pauly D	Punk'd	Punk'd	Baby Boy				Wild/Out	
NICK	Korra	Korra	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Dream Machines		Total Blackout		Lost Girl	
SPIKE	Jurassic Park				Jurassic Park III				Gangland	
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Ocean's Thirteen				Security	
TCM	3 Faces of Eve				12 Angry Men				They Came to Rob Las Vegas	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding		Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding	
TNT	Braveheart									
TOON	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Fairly Legal		In Plain Sight		Suits		Fairly Legal	
VH1	Basketball Wives		8 Mile						Get Rich or Die Tryin'	
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	24/7	Weigh-In	Gervais	Too Short	Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher	Gervais	Horrible	
MAX	League of Extra. Gentlemen		American Wedding				Depravity		Dirty Blondes From Beyond	
SHOW	The Green Mile								MLF	