

Weather



*National Weather Service*  
**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.  
**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 66.  
**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 68.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 95.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear and breezy, with a low around 70.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.  
**Wednesday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.  
**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday: High, 95; Low 58  
Precip: Thursday None  
Month: 0.02 inches  
Year: 5.29 inches  
Normal: 9.84 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Saturday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 8 percent  
Sunday 6:17 a.m. 9:14 p.m.  
Moon: waning, 3 percent  
Monday 6:17 a.m. 9:14 p.m.  
New Moon at 10:03 a.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
Thursday 3,278,000 gal.  
(Colby Public Works)

Maps drawn place two in 40th

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Both the House and Senate districts are drastically different from the current layout. The old 120th included Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties. The old 121st included Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham counties.

With the 121st moved, the new 120th includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sherman, Wallace and the northwest part of Thomas County, including Colby. The rest of Thomas as well as Sheridan and Graham counties are now in the 118th, represented by Don Hineman of Dighton. Norton and Phillips counties are now in the 110th District, which runs down to Hays.

It's a far cry from what Rep. Billinger thought he would be contending with.

"It's appalling that three judges from Kansas City were the ones to decide the western Kansas districts," he said.

The House passed a map in just three days with more than 110 votes, Billinger said, but the judges didn't even use it as a reference point. That map, he said, got the population numbers within a few percentage points of the ideal, and it took care not to put incumbents together.

This new map pits 23 incumbents against each other and created 25 districts that suddenly had no incumbent. In many cases, Billinger said, there hadn't been anyone filed in those new districts. After Thursday's announcement, party officials scrambled to find candidates for them before the Monday deadline.

Both Billinger and Cassidy lost much of their old districts. All that remains from the old 120th are three counties, Cheyenne, Decatur and Rawlins. Another example, he said, is the new 106th District, which pits Rep. Clay Aurand of Bellville against Rep. Sharon Schwartz of Washington. The two had been in neighboring districts before the judges issued the new map.

Both Billinger and Cassidy

said they expect their primary to be a friendly campaign.

"Ward's a friend of mine, has been for many years," Billinger said. "Neither of us wanted to run against each other, but circumstances have thrown us together."

Cassidy said it is not a nice scenario. He had been campaigning across five counties, then suddenly two of those were taken away and new ones added.

"When the legislature draws a map, they favor incumbents," he said. "We were told that if the judges were to do it, they wouldn't care."

Cassidy estimated that in both houses there would likely be a minimum of 50 new legislators. The House will also be electing a new speaker, since the incumbent, Mike O'Neal, is not running for re-election.

Cassidy said his decision to continue running was due in part to being on the House Appropriations Committee during the last session.

"I was told I have a good chance of being on it next session and I also have a chance of being educational budget chairman," he said.

Cassidy said that gaining that amount of influence would allow him to do good things for western Kansas.

One way or the other, either Billinger or Cassidy won't be heading back to Topeka for next year's session.

"Both of us look out for western Kansas," Billinger said. "It's tragic that two good voices for western Kansas are pitted against each other."

The 40th Senate District is in the same boat. The redrawn district includes Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Ellis, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and half of Phillips county — not including the city of Phillipsburg.

The old district boundaries stopped at Trego County and extended south to Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane and Ness

counties. It also included Rooks County. To make up for losing these six counties, the district picked up half of Phillips County and Ellis, including the city of Hays.

"It'll all work out," Ostmeier said. "Ellis County is a rural area, it's got small schools and a college I support."

Having Hays in the district does change the dynamic though. Ostmeier said that Hays holds 33 percent of the new district's population, and a Democratic incumbent. Schmidt, a Hays resident who had been in the 36th District, now is in the 40th.

"Schmidt and I are very good friends," Ostmeier said. "We talked during the session, and he told me that if we were put in the same district that he might not run. When we talked about it over this weekend, I told him to do what he needed to do."

Schmidt announced Monday that he has filed to run in the 40th. He lost nine of his 10 counties, which he said represents a huge challenge.

"The job is not finished and neither is my service to rural Kansas," he said in a press release. "Representing rural Kansas is a responsibility I take as conscientiously as I did my senior leader duties in the Army. It has been a privilege to represent the needs and values of rural Kansas these past two years and that responsibility has required firmly standing up to keep our rural representation against efforts to take away yet another rural western district because of population shifts."

Schmidt is a one-term senator. He spent 32 years in the Army Medical Service before retiring as a colonel. He and his wife spent 12 years operating a dairy and he currently works as a business development manager for the Columbia Group.

Ostmeier also has to run in the primary against John Miller, a long-time Norton County commissioner.

Including Ostmeier and Schmidt, six incumbent senators

have been pitted against each other. Ostmeier said the Senate has no one to blame but itself.

"The judges punished us," he said.

Ostmeier said he suspected the conservative wing of the party has been hurt worse by the maps, but it is too early to tell.

"I still see that rift being there," he said.

The judges also issued maps for the Kansas Congressional districts and the state Board of Education.

The 1st Congressional District only picked up a little territory, and now has far fewer than the old count of 69 counties. Junction City will be reunited with neighboring Fort Riley, and the district will now include Manhattan.

To even out the populations, the 4th District will pick up some rural counties in south central Kansas. To make up for losing Manhattan, the 2nd District will pick up the rest of Nemaha County and most of Marshall County in the north, Montgomery County in the south, and part of Douglas County. However it will lose part of Miami County to the 3rd District.

In the final opinion, the Court said it is satisfied that its plans meet the legal requirements for redistricting.

"The Court recognizes that because it has tried to restore compact contiguous districts where possible, it is pushing a re-set button; its maps look different from those now in place," the opinion says. "Some changes may not be popular and some people — perhaps many — will disagree that the Court has struck the appropriate balance."

The three judges in the case were Kathryn Vratil, chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Kansas City, appointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992.; Mary Breck Briscoe, chief judge of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1995; and Senior U.S. District Judge John Lungstrum, also a George H.W. Bush appointee.

Briefly

Harvest matchmaker available for farmers

Roger Hale is available again this year to help farmers and custom harvesters get together. His office is at Truck Town, 105 W. Horton. There is no cost for this service. For information, call him at (785) 269-7712 or 460-8785.

Contractor replacing power poles for the city

The City of Colby has hired L&S Electric of Salina to replace poles around town, starting Monday. Customers may need to give the contractor access to the poles and lines and may need to make arrangements for to move pets during the work. The project covers an area along West Seventh Street from North Copeland Avenue to North Range Avenue and on West Eighth from Range to North Franklin Avenue. For information, call Anita Powell at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

City plans to seal streets next week

The city will be sealing streets next week from Tuesday through Thursday. Owners need to remove vehicles from the street by 8 a.m. when sealing is scheduled or they will be towed. Streets scheduled for Tuesday: Cherokee Drive; Pine, Walnut and Plum east of Country Club and West Fifth from Copeland to Walker. Wednesday: Court from Hill to Arrowhead, Flint, Summer Sun, Arrowhead and Sewell. Thursday: Williams, Dylan and South Franklin from the railroad tracks to Pine. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Museum displays student art work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is featuring a free exhibit of art by students from kindergarten to high school from the Colby Public Schools and Sacred Heart School through Sunday, July 29. The museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 for information.

Fair books available at Extension office

Fair books for this year are available at the Thomas County Extension office in the county office complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 16, during business hours, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call Jody McCain at the office, 460-4580.

College pool closed for painting, renovation

The Colby Community College swimming pool will be closed through Saturday, June 30, to allow for repainting, renovating and painting the deck, repainting the locker rooms and installing a new ventilation system. Water exercises classes are being held at the Comfort Inn indoor pool on Range Avenue. For pool information, contact manager Kipp Nelson at 460-5473. For questions about the classes, contact Penny Cline at 460-5404.

New vehicle system running smoother

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the situation, and they are getting them done as long as they have what they need.

"Kansas' 105 counties and the state are a strong team and we are working together daily to improve the system and make it a success," Lane County Treasurer Pat Sharp told state officials this week.

State officials reported a steady decrease in the time it takes to process tag renewals and titles.

"We've seen a 200 percent improvement since the start

of May," said Haskell County Treasurer Nancy Weeks.

In May, offices statewide handled more than 238,000 transactions with the new system after offices were shut down the first week of the month for conversion.

"As staff's familiarity with the new system has increased, people have had to spend less time standing at our counters," said Sedgwick County Treasurer Linda Kizzire. "It now takes between two and five minutes on average to process a tag renewal and 10 to 15 minutes to process a title."

"We are focused on making this the best system for Kansas — one that will last the next several decades," said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan. "While processing times have decreased, we continue to look for ways to make it faster."

"As they have been throughout the process, county treasurers continue to be invaluable partners in making the system the best it can be."

Jordan added that he knew there had been longer-than-nor-

mal wait times for several weeks in the larger counties and understood people's frustration.

"We are grateful for the Kansans who have been patient and understanding during this temporary transition period," he said.

He encouraged people to take advantage of two convenient options for renewing their license plate registrations, either online at [www.kswebtags.org](http://www.kswebtags.org), or by mailing their renewal into their county treasurer's office.

Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211

Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

June 2012

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                         | Fri  | Sat |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------|--|-----|
| <p><b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b><br/>Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup></p>  |  |   |   |                             | 1<br>Nuclear Medicine<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>MRI's                                | 2   |
| 3  | 4<br>Dr. Rubinowitz<br>Oncology<br><br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab  | 5<br>Mammograms                             | 6<br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>Diabetic Clinic                                | 7<br>Dr. Reeves<br>Podiatry | 8<br>Dr. Reeves<br>Podiatry<br><br>Nuclear Medicine<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>MRI's  | 9   |
| 10   | 11<br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab                                   | 12<br>Dr. Frederick C. Miller<br>Cardiology | 13<br>Dr. Frankum<br>Surgery<br><br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>Diabetic Clinic | 14                          | 15<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>MRI's   | 16  |
| 17   | 18<br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab                                   | 19  | 20<br>Dr. Curtis<br>Cardiology  | 21                          | 22   | 23  |
| 24   | 25<br>Dr. Rubinowitz<br>Oncology<br><br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab | 26<br>Dr. Frederick C. Miller<br>Cardiology | 27<br>Ultrasounds<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>Diabetic Clinic                               | 28<br>Dietitian             | 29<br>Nuclear Medicine<br>Cardiac Rehab<br>MRI'S<br><br>Cardiac Rehab<br>MRI'S | 30  |
| To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician,<br><b>PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211</b><br><b>Cheryl Banister, RN - Specialty Clinic Director</b> |  |   |   |                             |  |     |

LOCAL TV Listings

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| Monday Evening June 18, 2012 |                       |                          |                      |                |                    |                    |                      |                     |                      |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|
|                              | 7:00                  | 7:30                     | 8:00                 | 8:30           | 9:00               | 9:30               | 10:00                | 10:30               | 11:00                | 11:30     |
| KAKE/ABC                     | The Bachelorette      |                          |                      |                | The Glass House    |                    | Local                | Nightline           | Jimmy Kimmel Live    |           |
| KBSL/CBS                     | How I Met [2 Broke G  | Two Men [Mike            |                      |                | Big Bang           | Two Men            | Local                | Late Show Letterman | Ferguson             |           |
| KSNK/NBC                     | America's Got Talent  | Ninja Warrior            |                      |                |                    |                    | Local                | Tonight Show w/Leno | J. Fallon            |           |
| KSAS/FOX                     | Hell's Kitchen        | MasterChef               |                      |                | Local              |                    |                      |                     |                      |           |
| Cable Channels               |                       |                          |                      |                |                    |                    |                      |                     |                      |           |
| A & E                        | Jewels                | Jewels                   | Jewels               | Jewels         | Monster            | Monster            | Monster              | Monster             | Jewels               | Jewels    |
| AMC                          | Red Dawn              |                          |                      | WarGames       |                    |                    |                      |                     | The Killing          |           |
| ANIM                         | Wildman               | Wildman                  | Gator Boys           |                | River Monsters     |                    | Wildman              | Wildman             | Gator Boys           |           |
| BRAVO                        | New York Social       | Housewives/NYC           | Miss Advised         |                |                    |                    | Happens              | Housewives/NYC      | Advised              |           |
| CMT                          | 2012 CMT Music Awards | [Redneck Vacation        |                      |                |                    | Redneck Vacation   |                      |                     |                      |           |
| CNN                          | Anderson Cooper 360   | Piers Morgan Tonight     | Anderson Cooper 360  | E. B. OutFront |                    |                    | Piers Morgan Tonight |                     |                      |           |
| COMEDY                       | Futurama              | South Pk                 | Sunny                | [Sunny         | Sunny              | Sunny              | Daily                | [Colbert            | South Pk             | South Pk  |
| DISC                         | American Chopper      | American Chopper         | Outlaw Empires       |                |                    |                    | American Chopper     | Outlaw Empires      |                      |           |
| DISN                         | Good Luck [Shake It   | Another Cinderella Story |                      |                | Shake It           |                    | Vampire              | [ANT Farm           | Wizards              | Wizards   |
| E!                           | Mean Girls            |                          |                      |                | Fashion Police     |                    | Chelsea              | [E! News            | Chelsea              |           |
| ESPN                         | MLB Baseball          |                          |                      |                | Baseball Tonight   |                    | SportsCenter         |                     | SportsCenter         |           |
| ESPN2                        | SportsCenter          | College Baseball         |                      |                |                    |                    |                      |                     | Baseball Tonight     |           |
| FAM                          | Secret-Teen           | Bunheads                 |                      |                | Secret-Teen        |                    | The 700 Club         | Prince              | Prince               |           |
| FOOD                         | Diners                | Diners                   | Invention            | Diners         | Diners             | Diners             | Mystery D            | Diners              | Invention            | Diners    |
| FX                           | Hancock               |                          |                      |                |                    | Hancock            |                      |                     |                      |           |
| HGTV                         | Love It or List It    | Love It or List It       | Hunters              | Hunt Intl      | Love It or List It | Love It or List It | Love It or List It   | Love It or List It  |                      |           |
| HIST                         | Pawn                  | Pawn                     | American Pickers     | Pawn           | Pawn               |                    | American Pickers     | Pawn                | Pawn                 |           |
| LIFE                         | Blue Lagoon           |                          |                      | Drop Dead Diva |                    |                    | The Client List      | Blue Lagoon         |                      |           |
| MTV                          | True Life             |                          | Teen Wolf            |                | Teen Wolf          |                    | Teen Wolf            |                     | America's Best Dance |           |
| NICK                         | Friends               | Friends                  | 70s Show             | 70s Show       | Friends            | Friends            | Yes, Dear            | Yes, Dear           | George               | George    |
| SCI                          | Eureka                |                          | Eureka               |                | Lost Girl          |                    | Eureka               |                     | Lost Girl            |           |
| SPIKE                        | Police Videos         |                          | Stings               | Stings         | Police Videos      |                    | Police Videos        |                     | Tenants              | Tenants   |
| TBS                          | Fam. Guy              | Fam. Guy                 | Fam. Guy             | Fam. Guy       | Fam. Guy           | Fam. Guy           | Conan                |                     | The Office           |           |
| TCM                          | Fat City              |                          |                      |                | Nights of Cabiria  |                    |                      |                     | WhoAfraid            |           |
| TLC                          | Cake Boss             | [Cake Boss               | Cake Boss            | Cake Boss      | Extreme C          | Extreme C          | Cake Boss            | Cake Boss           | Cake Boss            | Cake Boss |
| TNT                          | The Mentalist         |                          | The Mentalist        |                | The Mentalist      |                    | CSI: NY              |                     | CSI: NY              |           |
| TOON                         | Regular               | [Annoying                | King/Hill            | King/Hill      | Amer. Dad          | Amer. Dad          | Fam. Guy             | Fam. Guy            | Chicken              | Squid     |
| TRAV                         | Off Limits            |                          | No Reservation       |                | Hotel Impossible   |                    | Hotel Impossible     |                     | No Reservation       |           |
| TV LAND                      | Home Imp.             | [Home Imp.               | Raymond              | Raymond        | King               | King               | King                 | King                | 70s Show             | 70s Show  |
| USA                          | NCIS                  |                          | WWE Monday Night RAW |                |                    |                    | Common Law           |                     | NCIS                 |           |
| VH1                          | Love, Hip Hop         |                          | Single Ladies        |                | Love, Hip Hop      |                    | Single Ladies        |                     | Love, Hip Hop        |           |
| WGN                          | Funniest Home Videos  |                          | Funniest Home Videos |                | WGN News at Nine   |                    | 30 Rock              | Scrubs              | Scrubs               | Death     |
| Premium Channels             |                       |                          |                      |                |                    |                    |                      |                     |                      |           |
| HBO                          | Real Time/Bill Maher  |                          | One Nation Under Dog |                | Gervais            |                    | Boxing               |                     |                      |           |
| MAX                          | Predators             | Taking Lives             |                      |                | Rise of Apes       |                    |                      |                     |                      |           |
| SHOW                         | Weeds                 | Episodes                 | The Borgias          |                | Nurse              | The Big C          | The Borgias          |                     | Nurse                | The Big C |

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