

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 104. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Light and variable wind becoming southeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Thursday: High, 98; Low 61
 Precip: Thursday None

Month: 2.43 inches
 Year: 8.50 inches
 Normal: 13.61 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:41 a.m. 9:00 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 76 percent
 Sunday 6:42 a.m. 8:59 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 85 percent
 Monday 6:43 a.m. 8:58 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 92 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
 Thursday 3,526,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

District organizes fees, reinstates board positions

From "DISTRICT," Page 1

grades kindergarten through 12 for this school year. Last year, school started at 8 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m. every day of the week. Now, school will still start at 8 a.m. each day, but end at 2:50 p.m. on Wednesday and 3:40 p.m. all other days.

• Approved its budget transfers over to the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The board finished the last fiscal year with a grand total of \$4,123,365, having made \$187,443.

• Heard from Jo DeYoung, school financial manager, who pointed out that the Capital Outlay fund was raised this year. This was done in order to pay for construction projects such as roofing, cement work and consulting to replace the high school's boilers. The board can raise the tax rate for the fund until 2015. DeYoung said that the board will consider raising the

Capital Outlay fund again next year if they are able to cut the bond and interest fund from the budget, which she said would more than make up for the increase.

• Received their first reading of the new and revised board policy updates. Board members have until their next meeting on Monday, Aug. 6, to read the updates, which they will then vote on.

Truck convoy coming to town

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Shulte said that he hopes for about 60 entries from trucks and 30 for motorcycles, including company-sponsored and custom vehicles. Mentlick hopes for as many as 75 or 80.

There will also be events just before and after the convoy at Oasis Travel Center.

"The public is invited to come out," Shulte said. "If they don't have a truck or whatever, they're still more than welcome to just join us."

On the night of Friday, Sept. 7, there will be a supper served by the Colby High School National Honor Society at the Oasis Travel Center for donations. Entertainment for the night will include

a light show and, if the weather is wet enough, fireworks.

After the convoy ends, there will be another lunch at Quizno's at Oasis, followed by an auction at 1 p.m.

The last event will be at 3 p.m. Prizes will be handed out to the truckers for categories such as best lights, paint or chrome. The Special Olympics athletes will vote to award the prizes. Shulte said, based on "who has their version of the best truck."

Mentlick made sure to point out that all money raised by the convoy goes to support the Special Olympics.

Obama releases \$70M for military

From "OBAMA," Page 1

As he sought to underscore his commitment to Israel, the president first said the increased aid totaled \$70 million, then said the number was actually \$70 billion, even though the smaller figure is correct.

Obama said the bill underscores the United States' "unshakable commitment to Israel."

The White House focus on Israel this week comes as Romney prepares to visit Jerusalem.

The presumptive GOP nominee is a critic of Obama's policy toward Israel and has promised to ramp up U.S. aid to the Jewish state, although Obama officials say the administration already provides record levels of funding.

A Romney spokeswoman said the former Massachusetts governor was happy to see steps

being taken to enhance security cooperation with Israel.

"Unfortunately this bill does nothing to address yesterday's evasiveness from the White House on whether President Obama recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, which raised doubt about the president's commitment to our closest ally in the region," said Romney spokeswoman Amanda Henneberg.

Romney is in London on the first leg of an overseas trip designed to burnish his foreign policy credentials.

The White House subtly injected itself into Romney's trip on Thursday after Romney caused a stir by calling London's problems with Olympics preparation "disconcerting."

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Obama "has the utmost confidence" in Britain's ability to host the games.

Obama planned to continue

competing with Romney for attention during the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games, which Romney was scheduled to attend while in London. Romney led the organizing committee for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The Obama campaign was airing an ad for American audiences during the opening ceremonies featuring Obama promoting his middle-class political pitch.

"I believe that the way you grow the economy is from the middle out," Obama says in the ad, echoing a standard campaign refrain. "I believe in fighting for the middle class because if they are prospering, all of us will prosper."

With the ad, Obama guarantees himself a presence during opening ceremonies despite the free media Romney might get by being there in person.

Extreme heat may be new norm for northwest Kansas

From "HEAT," Page 1

All across northwest Kansas in May and especially in June, it has been an endless onslaught of high heat - killing three, 65-, 46- and 43-year-old men, in northwest Kansas.

July isn't any better, as heat is setting new records.

There's been little rain as well, and what has fallen has been spotty.

It's a scenario many expect will be played out again and again.

Perhaps, the Great American Desert is returning, this time for real as climate conditions change and a new pattern of warmer winters and hotter summers emerge.

Fort Hays State University professor John Heinrichs pins much of the change on climate change brought on by an increase in greenhouse gases.

"It's likely," he said. "It's more likely than not. There certainly are underlying trends that are going on."

"I've been waiting for this for a while, quite a while."

A single string of 100-degree days isn't enough to convince

Heinrichs, who has studied the climatology of western Kansas, that climate change is to blame.

It's the pattern.

"This pattern is so consistent over several years," he said of the gradually warming temperatures. "You can see the records that have been standing for a long time all falling."

That's because the sun is brighter - not so much in how it's shining, but as it's reaching earth, warming the atmosphere and the oceans.

To be sure, Heinrichs said, there are annual variations - sometimes extreme.

"On average, over time, it's getting warmer," he said.

His 2006 study of climatology in western Kansas suggested about half of the changes were a result of greenhouse gases.

"And I stick to that," he said.

There are cycles in sunspots, at 11-, 22- and 57-year intervals.

And the earth's wobble, which brings climatological changes.

"We actually should be in a

cycle where we are getting cooler," Heinrichs said. "The earth should be getting slightly cooler. But it's not."

Even with immediate reductions in greenhouse gases, the warming will continue.

"Some of it we can do something about," he said, "and we should. And part of it we have to adapt."

Adapting might be as simple as no longer buying a black car, which is quick to heat up. Or plant more trees, to help shade, cool and consume carbon dioxide.

"We can adapt to change and still be comfortable," he said. "But there are limits to that."

While Lentz at Norton said there's been some rain, evaporation has been dramatic.

"Some days it may amount to half an inch," he said of the rate of evaporation.

In fact, June's evaporation at Sebelius amounted to 1,419 acre-feet of water - 463 million gallons. Cedar Bluff lost a billion

gallons of water in June alone.

Yet, Lentz's area received 2.65 inches of rain in a single storm that swept through much of northwest Kansas. While there were rainfall reports of 2 to 5 inches in the area, Hays was almost entirely skipped.

Briefly

Church offers a free lunch for all on Saturday

Everyone is invited to the Fourth Saturday free meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant in Colby. For information, call Norma Higerd at 462-7806.

Carnival crew needs help to run games at fair

Help! The Thomas County Amusement Association needs volunteers to help run the games during the fair next week. If you can help, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 460-3401 and sign up for a shift.

Volunteers will set up rides, get ready for the carnival and take care of last-minute details at 9 a.m. Sunday. Many hands will help the work go fast. For questions or to volunteer, call Wanda Brown at 462-5857.

Triplains enrollment will be Aug. 8

Enrollment for the Triplains School will be from 8:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the school in Winona. The district operates on a four-day week, with Mondays off. Call (785) 846-7869 for information, says Lamar Bergsten, principal and superintendent.

Colby Schools set enrollment for Aug. 8, 9

Returning students in the Colby Public School will enroll from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at their respective buildings. New students enroll from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. District activity calendars will be available. The district website www.colbyeagles.org is disabled until mid-August. Additional enrollment information will be listed in the Wednesday, Aug. 1, edition of the Colby Free Press.

Group needs 'bigs' to work with kids

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County is looking for people able to volunteer one to two hours a week as mentors for kids who need a "big." You could make a difference in a child's life, working with the largest mentoring organization in Kansas. For questions, call Orvella Romine at (785) 460-9125.

Library plans big book sale for next week

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have its annual Book Sale Blowout from Monday to Sunday, Aug. 5. With lots of children's books, fiction and nonfiction items to choose from, prices go down as the week progresses. Sunday, all remaining books are free. Hours are 9 a.m. to a half hour before closing each day and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call Debbie Tittel at 460-4470.

First day for Colby Schools is Aug. 23

The first day of classes for Colby Public Schools will be Thursday, Aug. 23. The earliest day for athletic practice is Monday, Aug. 13, but each coach determines actual practice times. The district website www.colbyeagles.org is down until mid-August. More information will be listed in the Wednesday, Aug. 1, edition of the Colby Free Press.

Youth foundation plans barbecue, concert

The Todd Becker Foundation will have a free barbecue, concert and presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday on Franklin Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets. For information, contact Chris McClemens, events coordinator, at (800) 983-2644 or through www.toddbecker.org.

Museum displays student art work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit of art by students from kindergarten to high school from area schools through Sunday. 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.

Enrollment coming up at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart School enrollment for preschool through fifth grade will be from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 6. New students will need to bring a completed physical form, Social Security card, immunization records and a state-issued birth certificate. For information, call Laura Krejci at 443-3354.

Free adult classes at college to start Aug. 6

Free adult education classes will begin Monday, Aug. 6, on the Colby Community College campus. Academic improvement, General Educational Development preparation, workforce preparation, money management, pre-health care preparation and basic technology classes are available. Call Nance Munderloh at (785) 460-4663 for information or to enroll.

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Monday Evening										July 30, 2012		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Bachelor Pad				The Glass House		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	XXX Summer Olympics								Local	Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen						Local					
Cable Channels												
A & E	To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
AMC	The Godfather										The Godfather	
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Handfishin'		River Monsters		Wildman	Wildman	Handfishin'			
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NYC	Miss Advised		Happens	Housewives/NYC	Advised				
CMT	Redneck Island	Ron White's Comedy	Salute to t	Ron White: Stupid	Ron White's Comedy	Salute to t						
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Futurama	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Futurama					
DISC	American Chopper	Off Hook	Off Hook	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper					
DISN	Good Luck	Shake It	Let It Shine		Jessie	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards				
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	E! Special		Scouted	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea				
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	Film Room	Senna			Elevate		Baseball Tonight					
FAM	Secret-Teen		Bunheads		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club	Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FX	27 Dresses											
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Love It or List It						
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Picked Off		Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Unfaithful				Prank Mom	Reba	Reba			
MTV	WakeBrothers		Teen Wolf	Teen Wolf			Ridic.	Ridic.				
NICK	All That	Kenan	Hollywood Heights	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
SCI	Nat'l Treasure		Warehouse 13	Alphas		Warehouse 13	Alphas					
SPIKE	Police Videos	Police Videos	Police Videos	Police Videos	Big Easy	Big Easy	Police Videos					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan					
TCM	Five Came Back											
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Four Houses		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss		
TNT	The Closer		Perception									
TOON	Regular	Annoying	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid			
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods				
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						Covert Affairs	Common Law				
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies	Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies	Love, Hip Hop					
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos						
Premium Channels												
HBO	The Newsroom		About Face: Supermodels		George Lopez		REAL Sports Gumbel	In Time				
MAX	Bird on a Wire				Horrible Bosses							
SHOW	The Help				Weeds	Episodes	Web Ther.	Weeds	Episodes	Web Ther.		

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