

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 92. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

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

Monday:	High, 102; Low 67
Tuesday:	High, 91; Low 54
Precip:	Monday None
	Tuesday Trace
Month:	0.26 inches
Year:	9.11 inches
Normal:	16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	
Sunrise and Sunset	
Thursday	6:52 a.m. 8:47 p.m.
Last quarter Moon at 1:56 p.m.	
(U.S. Naval Observatory)	
Colby Water Use	
Monday	2,892,000 gal.
Tuesday	3,037,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)	

Conservatives win big in Senate

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had the backing of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and the anti-tax, small-government group Americans for Prosperity, and the result was hundreds of thousands of dollars in spending by both candidates and political action committees.

Some GOP voters transferred their ongoing frustration with Democratic President Barack Obama and the federal health care law he championed to moderate GOP state senators. Some wanted the Senate to be more conservative and more in line with Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and the state House's right-leaning majority.

"I would like it as conserva-

tive as it can get," said Alex Yoho, a 56-year-old optician from Topeka.

Moderate GOP senators were targeted even before they joined Democrats in resisting Brownback's successful push for income tax cuts. The state will decrease its individual income tax rates for 2013 and exempt the owners of 191,000 businesses from all income taxes in hopes of stimulating the economy, but critics believe the changes will favor the highest earners. With legislative researchers projecting that budget shortfalls will emerge by mid-2014, critics fear that cuts in education and social services funding will result.

But the bipartisan coalition in the Senate also has prevented

conservatives from going as far as they'd like toward lessening labor unions' political influence, remaking the appellate courts and moving new public employees into a 401(k)-style pension plan.

Some moderate Republicans saw the Kansas primary as a referendum on what they called a radical conservative agenda, and Kansas Democratic Party officials said hundreds of their party's members were concerned enough to reregister temporarily as Republicans to help moderate incumbents. Semi-retired health care workers Richard and Joey Giblin are Democrats from the Wichita-area town of Sedgwick who made such a switch.

While similar contentious pri-

mary races were seen in states including Missouri and Texas, the push was most intense in Kansas. Conservatives defeated Sens. Pete Brungardt of Salina, Bob Marshall of Fort Scott, Tim Owens of Overland Park, Roger Reitz of Manhattan, Jean Schodorf of Wichita, Ruth Teichman of Stafford and Dwayne Umbarger of Thayer. Results in Morris' race showed him losing to state Rep. Larry Powell, a conservative Garden City Republican, who had about 52 percent of the vote.

The only conservative senator to lose a primary was Dick Kelsey of Goddard, but his opponent, Rep. Dan Kerschen of Garden Plain, also is a conservative.

Kansas Senate incumbent wins primary

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40th, and home of a Democratic incumbent, 995-554.

In Miller's home county, Norton, the margin was almost as large, 643-413. Overall, the senator's vote was 65 percent to 35 percent for Miller.

Attack ads launched late in the campaign against Sen. Ostmeyer and supporting Miller appeared not to have had much effect.

Voters discussing the race Tuesday said they had been put off by the attacks, which were traced to an anonymous political action committee financed by the Senate leadership, the teachers union, the Teamsters and the Carpenters Union.

Reached at home in Grinnell on Tuesday night, Sen. Ostmeyer said he had three phones going at once. He seemed excited by the margin of his victory, especially in a neighboring county.

"So far, I haven't lost a county," he said. "I've never run well in Gove County, and I'm leading there 63 to 37 (percent).

"I hoped I'd get 40 percent in Norton and I got 61."

"It's been an ugly year. I'm not proud of it. It's not good."

He said it looked like the conservative faction would take control of the Republican-dominated Senate while the minority Democrats might lose seats.

"The Democrats are done," he said. "They've gotten their last bill passed.

"There's no doubt, when it's all done, it's going to be a conservative leadership."

Miller, who was at the races in Norton, said he had taken the night off.

"The voters are doing it," he said. "I wasn't going to check until it was about over."

Across the state, conservative challengers had won or were leading in several key

races in what shaped up as a statewide battle for the upper house.

In District 39 to the south, Senate President Steve Morris, a 20-year veteran and leader of the "moderate" Republicans, lost by 334 votes, 48 percent to 52 percent.

Cassidy could not be reached Tuesday. A message on his home phone indicated he was out of town.

From his Goodland home, Billinger said the voting had gone as he expected, with Rep. Cassidy carrying the counties from his old district.

"He did strong in his counties," the representative said, "and I was strong in Goodland. I carried Colby. We knew this would be close.

"It's very unfortunate. We had two good maps in the House. Three federal judges in Kansas City had no idea where western Kansas was."

Former editor takes second in newspaper contest

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Army Air Corps and their base commander.

"What was really interesting to me was how many people don't know that there are these veterans with these fascinating stories living in our communities," Bottrell said. "I was talking about the article with a co-worker who is a neighbor of Mr. Cook's, and he had no idea he was a veteran."

The judge called the article a "clear and vivid journalistic tribute to a member of 'The Great-

est Generation.'"

Free Press owner Steve Haynes won two first-place awards, one for editorial writing and one for humorous column writing.

The winning editorial appeared in the *Free Press* on April 27, 2011.

Titled "Freedom loses some more ground," the editorial talked about how things like police checkpoints, photo ID requirements and other security procedures might seem like a good idea, but they erode personal freedom bit by bit.

The judge commented that the editorial was "clear, concise and passionate writing on that topic most basic to our lives - liberty."

Haynes' winning column, "Lines will always divide country," appeared in the June 2, 2011, *Free Press*.

Haynes wrote about some of the more obscure lines that divide the United States, such as the Sweet Tea Line, which divides north and south based on serving tea sweetened or unsweetened, or the Firefly Line, which falls somewhere between

St. Francis and Atwood and divides the High Plains based on where fireflies are found.

The judge described it as the "funniest and wittiest of the bunch. He got the sweet/unsweet dividing line just right! Liked the firefly line, too."

The only other winners in Kansas were from the *Manhattan Mercury*, a daily paper in eastern Kansas.

The winners will be recognized at the association's annual convention Oct. 6 in Charleston, S.C.

Accountant wins Democratic nod for state education seat

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in November.

The only other contested primary for a board seat was in the 8th District in Wichita. Challenger Kathy Busch, a retired Wichita school administrator and principal, received 61 percent of the vote against incumbent and fellow Republican Walt Chappell. There is no Democrat.

Five of the 10 board seats will be on the ballot in the November election.

The candidates in the contested primaries acknowledged that they faced questions about how public schools should teach evolution, but all four were comfortable with the state's current, evolution-friendly science standards, adopted in 2007. The issue is shadowing races because educators expect the board mem-

bers elected this year to update the standards early next year.

Kansas had five sets of science standards from 1999 to 2007, as conservative Republicans skeptical of evolution gained and then lost board majorities. Each switch away from evolution-friendly standards brought Kansas international attention and, in some cases, ridicule.

Viar and Horst are seeking to replace

retiring board member Kathy Martin, a Clay Center Republican who has been among the evolution skeptics.

The Wichita contest was notable because Chappell has clashed with other board members in questioning whether public schools have been held accountable enough for how well they educate their students or how efficiently they spend their tax dollars.

Briefly

College seeks input on proposed strategic plan

Colby Community College is seeking community comments on a proposed five-year strategic plan. Anyone who's interested is encouraged to read the plan on the college's web site, www.colbycc.edu, and e-mail comments to President Steve Vacik at steve.vacik@colbycc.edu by Friday, Aug. 17. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Coalition plans meeting in Colby on Thursday

The Thomas County Coalition will meet at noon Thursday at El Dos de Oros. There will be a drawing for a free lunch and you can become a partner in building a healthy community. For information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177.

Once a Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

New students to enroll Thursday at Colby High

New students in the Colby Public Schools will enroll from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the high school. Enrollment for returning students was to be today. District activity calendars will be available. The district website www.colbyeagles.org is disabled until mid-August.

Registration open for kids' football teams

Colby Little League Football is accepting registrations for the fall season. If you have a child in third through sixth grades, stop by the Sports Shoppe to register. A physical form must be completed prior to participation, which costs \$100. For information, see Travis at the Sports Shoppe or call Amy Wildeman at 460-7815.

Signup Thursday, Saturday for soccer

Registration for American Youth Soccer Organization players will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday. Cost is \$45 until Saturday, \$50 after. Deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 17. Players must have been at least 4 1/2 by Aug. 1. The season runs from Saturday, Sept. 8, to Saturday, Oct. 27. Call Emily Griffin at 460-0647 for questions or paperwork.

Senior Progress Center looking for volunteer

The Colby Senior Progress Center is looking for a volunteer to help deliver meals to the homebound from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays. Call Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information.



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Thursday Evening August 9, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout	Wipeout			Rookie Blue		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men			Big Brother		Local	Late Show Letterman	2012 PGA		
KSNK/NBC	XXX Summer Olympics							Local	Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	Raising	Raising	Glee		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48	The First 48		Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	The First 48		
AMC	Last-Mohicans				Hidalgo						
ANIM	Savage Migration	Madagascar			Savage Migration	Madagascar					
BRAVO	NYC	To Be Announced			Happens	Housewives/NJ		NYC			
CMT	Reba	Reba	Smokey-Bndt. 2			Under Siege					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	The Comedy Central Roast	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0			
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction			
DISN	Adventure	Gravity	ANT Farm	Vampire	Shake It	Good Luck	Phineas	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Vampire	
E!	The Soup	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	NFL Football				SportsCenter		SportsCenter				
ESPN2	Little League	Little League			Little League						
FAM	Mean Girls	A Cinderella Story			The 700 Club		Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars		Open With Bobby Flay	Chopped All-Stars					
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Anger	Anger	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	Anger			
HGTV	Property Brothers	Sellers	Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Sellers	Selling		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Great Lake Warriors	To Be Announced	Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	Project Runway	Project Runway			Project Runway						
MTV	Awkward.	Awkward.	Snooki	Snooki	Snooki	Awkward.	Snooki	Awkward.	Teen Mom		
NICK	Victorou	Victorou	Hollywood Heights	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Haunted Collector	Haunted Collector			Haunted Collector						
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling		UFC Unleashed	MMA	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sullivan	Big Bang	Conan	Sullivan	Office		
TCM	Samurai 1: Musashi				Samurai 2-Duel						
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings					
TNT	The Mentalist	The Mentalist			The Mentalist		CSI: NY	CSI: NY			
TOON	Annoying	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Eaglehear	
TRAV	Sandwich	Sandwich	Trip Flip	Top Spot	Waterprks	Waterprks	Coaster	Coaster	Trip Flip	Top Spot	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Suits		Covert Affairs		Burn Notice		
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies		The List				
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos	Chris	Chris		
Premium Channels											
HBO	What's Your Number?				The Newsroom		True Blood		Taxicab Confessions		
MAX	Answers to Nothing				Machete						
SHOW	Eternal Sunshine				The Real L Word		Polyamory	The Real L Word	Polyamory		

Friday Evening August 10, 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		20/20				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		CSI: NY			Blue Bloods	Local	Late Show Letterman	2012 PGA		
KSNK/NBC	XXX Summer Olympics							Local	Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	Bones					Local					
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Hondo					El Dorado					
ANIM	Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		
BRAVO	TBA	Ocean's Eleven				Ocean's Eleven					
CMT	Reba	Reba	Under Siege					A Few Good Men			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Tosh.0	Aziz Ansari		John Oliver	Jackass 3.5			
DISC	Mermaids Body				Swamp Wars		Mermaids Body				
DISN	ANT Farm	Jessie	Gravity	Code 9	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Code 9	Austin	Shake It	Jessie	
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	Little League		Little League				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	ATP Tennis		Karate	Best KOs	Boxing				NFL Live		
FAM	Miss Cong	Miss Congeniality 2					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Open With Bobby Flay		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	27 Dresses				27 Dresses						
HGTV	Home Strange Home	You Live in What?	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	You Live in What?		

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