

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East wind around 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

Wednesday: High, 100; Low 56
Precip: Wednesday 0.09 inches
Month: 0.51 inches
Year: 9.51 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:59 a.m. 8:36 p.m.
New Moon at 10:55 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,604,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

City getting closer on sidewalk grant

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being able to do education and encouragement," she said, "and that's what we're doing."

Colby started planning for the grant at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, holding events such as walk to school and bike to school to raise awareness. The second annual bike-to-school day, she added, is set for Oct. 3.

"They seemed excited to have a rural community in Northwest Kansas applying for this grant," Carmichael said. "They were really glad to see how much work we have done so far."

If Colby gets the grant, she added, most of the work would be done along Fifth Street, Grant Avenue and Pine Street near the

elementary and middle schools. Sidewalks along these streets will be repaired or replaced as far as the money will allow. The city has also considered painting bike lanes along Franklin Avenue.

"We were impressed by the City of Colby's safe routes to school," Pepper said, "and with our discussions with the individuals at our meeting on the 31st."

Beyond that, she said, she could not say how each town is doing compared to the other in terms of winning the grant. The decision will be brought before an executive committee on Wednesday, she said, and the winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

Christian workshop moved from statehouse

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Associated Press

TOPEKA — The organizer of a training workshop for dozens of evangelical pastors and church leaders said Wednesday that he has moved the event out of the Kansas House because of the expected number participants, but he rejected a national group's charge that it would improperly mix government with religion.

Organizer Dave DePue said the three-day "transforming revival" workshop will be held this week at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, a few blocks from the Statehouse, because 180 people want to participate, more than the floor of the House chamber can accommodate comfortably.

The Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of the Washington-based group Americans for Separation of Church and State, had criticized the event, saying he has never heard of a working legislative chamber in a statehouse being used to promote Christianity or any religion.

"This is almost like turning the seat of government over temporarily to a religious group," said Lynn, an ordained United Church of Christ minister. "It's startling to me to even hear about it."

DePue said the event won't have a political agenda but focus on helping pastors and other church leaders strengthen community work in tough economic times. He is state director for Capitol Commission, a Raleigh, N.C., nonprofit group that puts pastors in statehouses to advise

policymakers. "I wouldn't last a day up here if I got political," said DePue, who frequently visits the Statehouse. "The whole purpose is to help families, churches and communities."

Organizers of the event in the House chamber describe it as a "beginner's course" for Christians interested in transforming their community through a spiritual revival. Workshop sessions are scheduled for Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday, with participants paying \$100 per person or \$190 per couple.

Legislators have allowed Christian prayer meetings at the Statehouse regularly in recent years, and Gov. Sam Brownback has been a visible participant in National Day of Prayer the past two years. Brownback was set to welcome the workshop participants to Topeka.

Also, the state's Roman Catholic bishops sponsored a rally in June against a federal mandate for health insurance coverage of birth control, drawing thousands of participants. The Statehouse occasionally has been the site of weddings and, in at least one case in recent years, the Senate had a memorial in its chamber for a member who'd died.

But the Legislature's staff couldn't remember a case in at least 15 years of an event like the workshop being scheduled for one of the two chambers.

The Legislature's policies allow nonprofit groups to use committee rooms and the House or Senate chamber if at least one lawmaker sponsors the event.

Feds push Kansas to revisions to teacher evals

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many schools that continue to fail to meet them can be required to take aggressive action, including firing staff or even closing. For example, in Kansas last school year, districts were required to have nearly 91 percent of their students proficient in reading and 88 percent in math, based on their assessment scores.

Under the waiver, schools can be recognized for high assessment scores overall or for large improvements in their scores. Schools also can be targeted for help from the state either because their assessment scores are low overall or because there are gaps among different groups of students.

Outgoing board member Walt Chappell, of Wichita, predicted that the state will face extra costs in trying to comply with the waiver's terms, despite assurances to the contrary. He said the pilot projects on evaluations suggest changes will create more paperwork for teachers and administrators and still create a "fuzzy" system for judging teachers.

"No Child Left Behind was absolutely worthless — an abomination — but we haven't improved," said Chappell, who lost his GOP primary race this year to a retired Wichita schools administrator. "This is going to be extremely expensive, if it works at all."

Commission approves livestock water plan

TOPEKA — The Kansas State Conservation Commission has approved a plan to work with livestock producers on a cost-share program targeted at improving existing livestock water supplies.

The state Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation says stockmen should focus project applications on restoration of existing ponds, well or spring development and other water-storage projects. Officials report, however, that initial requests already total about 10 times the money available.

The commission, with five elected and four appointed members, approved the use of \$500,000 of cost-share money that has been carried forward to provide immediate help to stockmen affected by drought.

They have 45-days to sign up for this initiative, which could give them up to \$2,000 per project and up to \$4,000 per landowner. Projects will be considered and approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

The division will collect applications submitted through county conservation districts and then process and approve individual contracts.

"The impacts of this drought

are being felt far and wide and will continue to be felt even after rain arrives," said Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. "We are here to help producers cope with the drought today, but also to help them recover and plan for future droughts."

"From a newly adopted effort to restore existing ponds to drilling deeper wells, developing springs or digging new ponds, this funding will provide critical assistance...."

Pastures that have limited or no existing water supplies are the primary targets for this initiative, the agency said. Stockmen with existing ponds must meet specific criteria: dams must be in satisfactory condition or the landowner must commit to bring the dam to a satisfactory condition, and the pond must still be capable of serving a conservation use for stockwater.

Cost-share money can be used for sediment removal, spillway replacement or embankment seeding. Rodman said the division and the conservation districts will be flexible to help producers meet the criteria.

Projects for well and spring development and new ponds will follow current policy requirements.

Briefly

Colby schools need volunteers for activities

Colby High School and Middle School are looking for anyone who would like to help with activities at the schools. Needed are volunteer timers, scorers, judges, linesmen, announcers, supervisors and ticket takers. If interested, call Brandi Wark at the high school, 460-5302, or go to the high school.

Grade school offering parents a 'sneak peek'

The Colby Grade School "sneak peek" for families of kids in kindergarten to fifth grades will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Parents and kids will have a chance to visit their classrooms and meet the teachers. Feel free to bring school supplies to put in your child's desk. For questions, call 460-5100.

Gem Lions plan hog roast Wednesday

The Gem Lions Club will hold its annual hog roast from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Come enjoy bluegrass, folk and country music, a horseshoe contest and all you can eat for a donation. Drawings will be held for 16 half hogs. Remember to bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids to help those in need. Proceeds will be used for community projects. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Dennen Field closed for repairs to track

Dennen Field is closed for about a week for resurfacing, repairs and maintenance on the track. For information, call the high school office at 460-5300.

Signup ends Friday for Youth Soccer league

The deadline to register for American Youth Soccer Organization players is Friday. Cost is \$50. 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.

College seeks input on long-range plan

Colby Community College wants community comments on a proposed five-year strategic plan. Everyone 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. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Smart Start to hold car seat check Friday

Smart Start Northwest Kansas will hold a drop-in car seat check from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at 460 N. Garfield. Come see if your child is ready for a bigger seat and check for recalls, out-of-date seats and improper installation. Replacement seats are available to those who fit the requirements and fall within financial guidelines. Appointments also may be scheduled Monday through Friday by calling Denise Singer at 465-9103.

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Saturday Evening August 18, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Devi-Prada				Castle		Local			
KBSL/CBS	Person of Interest		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		Local			
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		Stars Earn Stripes				Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Mobbed		Local		Touch		30S	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage
AMC	Wyatt Earp									Broken
ANIM	My Cat From Hell		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked	
BRAVO	TBA	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmkr
CMT	Reba	Reba	Redneck Vacation		Redneck Island		Redneck Vacation		Redneck Island	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Joe Dirt		The Comedy Central Roast		Amy Schumer		The Burn		Tosh.0	
DISC	Shark Week		Air Jaws Apocalypse		MythBusters		Air Jaws Apocalypse		MythBusters	
DISN	Good Luck [ANT Farm]		Gravity		Code 9		Good Luck [Jessie]		ANT Farm [Vampire]	
E!	Evan Almighty		Kardashian		Fashion Police		The Soup		Chelsea	
ESPN	Little League				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	ATP Tennis						NHRA Drag Racing			
FAM	WALL-E				WALL-E				The Mask	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Wedding: Impossible		Iron Chef America		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Armageddon						Wilfred		Anger	
HGTV	Shop Room	Shop Room	Love It or List It		Hunters		Hunt Intl		Hunt Intl	

American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life

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HIST	Hatfields & McCoys		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hatfields & McCoys
LIFE	Made of Honor		Two Weeks Notice				Made of Honor
MTV	Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads		Drumline		Wild/Out
NICK	How to Rock		You Gotta [Victoriou]		Yes, Dear		Yes, Dear
SCI	Dawn of the Dead		Daybreakers				Drag Me to Hell
SPIKE	I, Robot		Independence Day				Reign of Fire
TBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Meet the Fockers		The Perfect Man
TCM	Captains Courageous						Kidnapped
TLC	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss
TNT	Transformers						Transformers
TOON	Tom and Jerry		Home Mov. [King/Hill]		King/Hill		Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Griffith		Griffith		Raymond [Raymond]		Raymond [Raymond]
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		New Jack City				Behind the Music
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos

Premium Channels

HBO	The Change-Up		Hard Knocks		True Blood		The Change-Up
MAX	Die Hard		Strike Back		Cowboys & Aliens		
SHOW	Real Steel				Strikeforce		

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Sunday Evening August 19, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Secret Millionaire		Extreme Makeover				Local			
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		The Good Wife		The Mentalist		Local			
KSNK/NBC	NFL Football						Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Tombstone		Hell on Wheels		Breaking Bad		Town		Breaking Bad	
ANIM	Off Hook	Off Hook	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Hell on the Border		Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	To Be Announced				Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ	
CMT	National Lamp.		RV				Redneck Island		Redneck Island	
CNN	America to Work		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		America to Work		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Daniel Tosh: Serious		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Zack and Miri Make				A. Schum.	
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISN	Austin		Shake It Up!		Jessie		Vampire		ANT Farm	
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		Jonas		Kardashian		Jonas	
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	Little League		NHRA Drag Racing				Football		NFL Yrbk.	
FAM	The Lion King				The Lion King		J. Osteen		Ed Young	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Food Truck Race		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Knowing				Knowing					
HGTV	Property Brothers		Holmes Inspection		Handyman		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection	
HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Cnt. Cars		Cnt. Cars		Shark Wranglers	
LIFE	Made of Honor		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives				Made of Honor	
MTV	Ridic.		Ridic.		Fantasy		Fantasy		Fantasy	
NICK	Hollywood Heights		George		George		Yes, Dear		Yes, Dear	
SCI	Daybreakers		Underworld				30 Days of Night			
SPIKE	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Flip Men		Flip Men		Bar Rescue	
TBS	Hitch				Hitch				Sullivan	
TCM	North by Northwest						North by Northwest		A Hatful of Rain	
TLC	Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		High School Moms		Hoard-Buried		High School Moms	
TNT	Leverage		Falling Skies		The Great Escape		Falling Skies		Leverage	
TOON	NinjaGo		NinjaGo		Venture		King/Hill		King/Hill	
TRAV	Man v Fd		Man v Fd		Meat		Meat		Bacon Paradise	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Political Animals				Burn Notice	
VH1	Mob Wives Chicago		Big Ang		Hollywood Exes		Big Ang		Mob Wives Chicago	
WGN	How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		News/Nine	

Premium Channels

HBO	The Change-Up		True Blood		The Newsroom		True Blood		The Newsroom
MAX	Road House		Cowboys & Aliens				Strike Back		Co-Ed
SHOW	Dexter		Homeland		Weeds		Episodes		Web Ther.