



National Weather Service Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 10 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy, with a east wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north 15 to 20 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Monday Night: A 40 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Thursday: High, 75; Low 49 Precip: Thursday None Month: 0.51 inches Year: 9.51 inches Normal: 16.36 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Saturday 7:00 a.m. 8:35 p.m. Moon: waxing, 2 percent Sunday 7:01 a.m. 8:34 p.m Moon: waxing, 5 percent 7:02 a.m. 8:32 p.m. Monday Moon: waxing, 11 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory) Colby Water Use Thursday 2,755,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

# Weather Wednesday fire extended into Thomas County as well

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County, Brewster, Kanorado and Wallace County departments. Three or more discs owned by area farmers were brought out to help control the fire. Crop Production Services, Frontier Ag and Helena Chemicals all provided tankers. James said at one time there were as many as thirty vehicles hauling water around the fire.

load of water on the fire. James said nobody knows who the plane belonged to, and the damaged.

first he knew of it was when it flew over his head. Unfortunately, he said, the blast from communication. James said the radio rethe plane's propeller actually helped the fire flare up in one area.

No one was hurt in the fire, James said, aside from one firefighter's cut hand. Several vehicles received minor damage, he said. such as blown tires or dented bumpers from the tight ravines. James said light damage is normal when fighting a fire in that type of There was also one plane that dropped a terrain. One outbuilding was burned to the ground, he said, but no other structures were

The only real problem of the night was peater kept going down, which made it difficult to coordinate firefighting units. However, Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murray brought down some 800 MHz radios, which helped.

"Everyone from all the departments worked great together," James said.

James said the firefighters cleared the scene at 3:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

# Area/State



#### Fair checks available at office complex

Premium checks from the 2012 Thomas County Free Fair are in and ready to pick up 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. at the Extension Office in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 16. For information, call Jody McCain at 460-4583.

#### Church of Christ to hold **Praver for Schools**

The Colby Church of Christ will have their Fourth Annual Prayer at the Schools at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in front of the Colby Grade School, 210 N. Grant Ave. A short prayer and scripture reading will take place to pray for teachers, administration, staff and students. The public is invited.

## Invasive species removed from state lake

#### Amy Bicke

#### The Hutchinson News

KINGMAN (AP) - Maneuvering his boat on murky waters, Jeff Koch envisions a day when anglers again will frequent Kingman State Fishing Lake in search of a limit of healthy sport fish.

But during a trip to the northern end of the lake, where northern pike typically gather near a spring to escape the summer heat, the state fisheries biologist and his crew were coming up with everything they didn't want.

"That's telling," Koch said as his crew netted large gizzard shad instead of the pike they sought.

Long overrun by white perch, as well as large gizzard shad and common carp, anglers aren't having as much luck as they'd like when fishing at the Kingman lake. The numbers tell the story. Anglers using the lake have fallen 70 percent since 1999.

"If people aren't using the lake, that tells us something," Koch said. "Largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie populations are in pretty bad shape."

Therefore, this week Koch and his Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism crew searched the lake to try to salvage what they could of the pike population – a self-sustaining fish that has been in the lake down," Koch said.

since the mid-1990s - before they drained the lake in attempt to kill what was left.

Then, he said, he and other officials would simply start over. White perch thrive in the Chesapeake Bay area and KD-WPT officials would rather they stay away from Kansas waters.

However, in 1994 wildlife and parks staff mistakenly introduced perch into Cheney and Wilson reservoirs during a striped bass stocking that originated from Virginia, said regional fisheries supervisor Sean Lynott.

That same shipment also was supposed to go to Glen Elder but didn't, Koch said.

Because of natural and illegal movements, perch now are in other state waters, including Lake Afton and Sedgwick County Park Lakes in Sedgwick County, Carey Park Pond in Hutchinson, Hoover Pond in Kingman and the Ninnescah, Arkansas and Saline rivers.

Lynott said Kingman's infestation of perch probably occurred from an angler who had perch in his bait bucket.

White perch are a prolific species. Numbers augmented so much that by 2010, Koch and other wildlife and parks officials knew the problem had to be fixed – and before angler usage dropped any further.

"There just were not enough predators to keep the numbers in the lake, he said. White perch can be netted. and other nuisance fish are destroying spawning efforts and to establish northern pike - typieating young fish after they hatch.

"Ever since 2003, when we discovered white perch in the lake, their numbers have drastically increased," Koch said. "That has led to the decrease of our sport fish populations."

Meanwhile, carp also have become common enough that they are rooting on the bottom of the lake, leaving the water cloudy - conditions not necessarily preferred by clear water fish like northern pike.

Koch said he has spent time educating people about the project and the need. Calls already have flooded into Koch's office about the draining of Kingman State Fishing Lake. One of the bigger complaints from users is that the lake could be in the same situation in the future.

This is the sixth time state officials have drained the lake in the past 65 years, Koch said. The kill-off is part of a complete rehabilitation that includes draining the lake and allowing personnel to manage hard-toreach vegetation.

Moreover, while the lake may again need rehabilitated someday, Koch said that what they are doing will provide "10, 15, 20 years of good fishing" or more.

Kingman's lake is already more than 2 feet down because of the current drought. With the marshes around the lake - and other water bodies upstream - dry, it was the perfect time to drain the lake and take care of the perch population, Koch fills by the spring fishing season said.

That has hurt the aquatic life come to the surface where they

KDWPT had tried in the 1970s cally found in northern waters in Kansas with little luck, Lynott said. However, at Kingman, wildlife officials found a clear lake with a deeper, cooler spring - below the 75-degree temperatures that pike prefer. There also is an abundance of water lilies part of the pike's habitat.

It was soon clear, however, that with the week's cooler temperatures, most of the fish had left the spring area and dispersed throughout the lake - making it tough to capture the fish that remained.

The two days of electrofishing did produce a few significant largemouth bass, as well as about 50 of the 300 northern pike that call the lake home.

Mark Kumberg, the Pratt Fish Hatchery's manager, said the fish would be housed at the hatchery. Before going into hatchery waters, however, the fish go through a three-hour treatment for zebra mussels, "just in case," he said.

By noon Tuesday, the crew began draining the lake - a process Koch estimated would take at least a week. Water left in the lake will be chemically treated to eliminate the remaining fish.

Koch and staff also will go in and rebuild habitat, which includes placing cedar trees in the lake.

The project is inexpensive, he said. The chemical will cost just a few hundred dollars. The fish to repopulate the lake all will come from the Pratt hatchery.

Koch said he hopes the lake - barring, of course, a continua-

#### Grade school offering parents a 'sneak peak'

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 children's 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 annual hog roast Wednesday

The Gem Lions Club will hold its annual hog roast from 5 to 8 p.m. next 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

#### Chamber, college plan student block party

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and Colby Community College are gearing up for the annual Community Campus Block Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday on the lawn on the north side of the student union. Businesses, churches and organizations are encouraged to set up display booths or tables. The college will serve a barbecue lunch. For information, call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401.

#### Colby native given award From "FIRE," Page 1 Albers and his wife Tina have five children,

taught at Pratt. He said that he enjoyed coaching and teaching

old Brogan. Tina Albers is a part-time preschool teacher at

MacKenzie, Kord, Ady, Brenlynn and four-year-

"Hays is a great community and our kids seem family. to enjoy it," Albers said. "I don't see us leaving for awhile.

at Pratt, although the eventual move to Hays was O'Loughlin Elementary School, and his mother, a welcome chance to get his family closer to rela- Joan Albers taught in Colby schools for 28 years. Tom appreciates the value of having teachers in his

> "You learn to appreciate education," he said. "You place a high value on education."

## Oil country welcomes dairy plant

HUGOTON (AP) - A new 15, KDI officials said. dairy and cheese processing sas is being hailed as another said the fuel industry is the foun- project. step in the region's efforts to di- dation of the county's economy, more dairy operations.

Gov. Sam Brownback and Steit also is important to attract- several years. ing more cheese and processing ly/N8BUKq).

scheduled to be operating by Jan. into biofuel. Abengoa received

to be here forever."

Kansas Senate President vens County officials on Thurs- Steve Morris, a Republican from lion Kansas Dairy Ingredients about 130,000 dairy cows and plant near Hugoton. The plant he expects projects like the KDI is expected to bring 60 new jobs plant to help increase that numto the county but officials said ber significantly over the next

den City Telegram reported (bit. coupled with the Abengoa Bio-The first phase of the project is plant that will turn crop residue dry-milk ingredients.

a \$132.4 million loan guarantee Dave Bezone, chairman of the from the U.S. Department of Enplant coming to southwest Kan- Stevens County Commission, ergy in 2011 to help develop the

Brownback said while oil and versify its economy and attract but "that gas and oil isn't going gas bring people and industry to southwest Kansas, the region's strength is agriculture.

"We are good at agriculture. day broke ground for a \$20 mil- Hugoton, said the region has We've really gotten the beef processing industry. Now we want to do a similar movement with dairy and the dairy processing industry," he said.

Officials plan to process about Morris said other cities in the 1 million pounds of milk per day plants – and more dairy cows – state envy Stevens County for to be broken into various compoto southwest Kansas, The Gar- its new dairy processing plant, nents for use as ingredients. The plant is expected to expand next energy plant, a \$350 million year to produce cheese and other



### Dr. John Dygert and Family

Please come and help us welcome Dr. Dygert and his family to Colby and the Family Center for Health Care.

### Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> • 5 - 7 p.m.

Meadowlake Golf Course • 1085 E. Golf Club Rd.

To Schedule an appointment with Dr. Dygert - 785.462.6184 or 1.800.453.6751

It's a good time to assure we tion of the drought. will get a 100 percent kill," he said.

pike that reside in the lake. They used a technique called electrofishing, which shoots voltage hatcheries." into the water, causing fish to

"At that time, we'll restock largemouth bass, bluegill, chan-On a cloudy, rainy morning, nel catfish and northern pike," Koch and his crew searched the he said, adding that there should waters for the some 300 northern be ample opportunities this spring to catch a keeper. "We'll stock some adult fish from our

#### Hospital plans welcome reception for new doctor

Citizens Medical Center will hold a welcome reception for Dr. John Dygert and his family from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby. Everyone is invited. For information, call Citizens Foundation Director Tama Unger at 460-1214.



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