

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers, mainly between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Windy, with a light and variable wind becoming north 25 to 30 mph in the evening.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Patchy frost after 4 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 36. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain after 10 a.m. Patchy frost before 7 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 52. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: A chance of rain before 4 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Saturday: A chance of rain and snow before 7 a.m., then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday Night: Patchy frost after 10 p.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sunday: Areas of frost before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Columbus Day: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Monday: High, 70; Low 31
Tuesday: High, 81; Low 37
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: 0.04 inches
Year: 10.95 inches
Normal: 19.29 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:44 a.m. 7:21 p.m.
Moon: waning, 82 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Farmers brace for crop

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He said the other crop being harvested right now is soybeans, and some decent yields have come in for the irrigated crop.

"A lot of them were drought-stressed, some of those were failures, too," Milliman said, but he added that, "for the most part, they've had some decent yields, at least for the irrigated."

Soybeans are predicted at 70.4 million bushels, down 31 percent from 2011 and the lowest crop since 2003. The per-acre yield is predicted to be 21 bushels, the lowest since 2000 and six bushels less than last year.

Irrigated soybeans have been averaging 50 bushels per acre, as opposed to the typical yield of 80 to 90 bushels, Milliman said. He does not have numbers for dryland beans yet.

Other crops do not look much better. The sorghum harvest is predicted to be 88 million bushels this year, down 20 percent from last year and the lowest crop since 1956. The per acre sorghum yield, 40 bushels, is down 15 bushels from last year and the lowest per acre yield since 1974.

Milliman said that the county's drought-stressed sorghum has been slow to mature and should be harvested, along with sunflowers, during late October and November. The expectations are not any higher for those crops.

Enjoying a fund raiser



SHANIA FINLEY-SHANAHAN
Alisa Finley (right) enjoyed a benefit fund raiser in her honor on Sept. 1 at the Colby Community Building alongside her aunt Shelly Summers and nephew Brelyn Shanahan. About 120 people attended the event, which raised over \$3,500 to help with the 16-year-old's medical expenses as she battles brain cancer. Finley is a Colby High School junior and dancer on the drill team. "Our family would like to thank everyone who came out and supported my sister, Alisa Finley," said Shania Finley-Shanahan, Alisa's sister and event coordinator. "Everyone's generous donations were greatly appreciated."

"We just hope that it makes it before the first killing frost," he said.

One option for corn was to bundle it into hay or chop it up for silage, Milliman said. But he reminded farmers that drought-stressed plants often contain higher levels of nitrates, which can kill cattle.

"That's just kind of the sum-up story for the whole year," he said. "They're having a lot more crops that actually failed."

Dwight Jurey, farm loan manager for the Oakley office of the Farm Service Agency, helps provide financing to farmers in Thomas, Logan and Gove counties.

"I think we're getting to the

point where people are going to evaluate how the harvest has been," Jurey said, "and we might find a little bit of a pick up for loans."

Loans from Jurey's office are made to the operator of a farm or ranch, not the owner of the land. The beneficiary of the loan needs to have already tried to get one through the normal channels, such as a bank or credit union.

"I'm sure there's some out there who have had either a very low amount of corn; I know there are some who have already made the decision to chop it up for silage," Jurey said, adding that one person had done so at the beginning of this month.

Ross Sloan, executive director of the Farm Service Agency for Thomas County, pointed out that Thomas County was designated as an emergency area by the department of agriculture. This would make the area available for loans. Those loans, however, are attached to the 2008 farm bill, which Congress allowed to expire on Sept. 30 when it went on recess for the election season.

Sloan said he does not know yet whether farmers are to the point of asking for help.

"I really haven't heard anything other than people who have said yeah, our yields are low, and they're trying to work through it," he said.

Department needs more volunteers

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they'd give us the dealer price of \$825 per unit," said Hickert. "And (Kansas County Association Multiline Pool) will put money towards the purchase, too."

In addition, Hickert said they are being re-valuated by Medicare, and the county must pay a \$523 application fee, even though they've been enrolled in the insurance program since 2004. Hickert said that every department in the nation will have to pay the fee and if the county vetoes the expense, the health insurance provider may revoke billing privileges.

The application fee was approved unani-

mously.

In other business:

- The county approved a contract with the Kansas Department of Revenue to provide appraisal services for the position left vacant after the death of Thomas County Appraiser Mary Cech, who served from about 1984 until July 16. The temporary appraiser will serve until a permanent replacement can be found.

- Economic Development Alliance Director Christy Rocca said she had to redo the inter-local agreements between the county and taxing districts for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, based on advice from the attorney general's assistant.

Vatican police testify in trial of pope's butler

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can as the pope grows older and more frail. The security breach has been one of the most damaging scandals of Benedict's

seven-year papacy.

Gabriele said Tuesday he stood by his June 5 confession and acknowledged he betrayed the pope's trust, but he nevertheless pleaded innocent to the

charge of aggravated theft.

The final four witnesses in the trial were heard today and closing arguments are set for Saturday, when a verdict by the three-judge Vatican panel is expected.

A separate Vatican investigation began Tuesday after Gabriele's attorney complained that her client endured improper detention conditions during his first 20 days in jail.

Briefly

Commission will assist veterans in applications

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Mobile Office will be at the Orscheln Farm and Home parking lot on South Range in Colby to assist veterans and family members with applying for veterans' benefits. Representatives will answer questions and help with service-connected disability compensation, improved pension benefits, death pensions, health care benefits, education benefits and vocational rehabilitation. For information, contact Eric Rohleder of the commission at (785) 220-8900.

Middle, grade school holding book fairs

The Colby Middle School Book Fair and parent-teacher conferences will continue on Thursday. The book fair will run during school hours. Colby Grade School's Book Fair continues from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday. For information, call the middle school at 460-5200 or the grade school at 460-5100.

Sacred Heart holding book fair, conferences

Sacred Heart School is holding its annual Scholastic Book Fair in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences through Thursday. All profits go to the school library. For information, call Principal Laura Krejci at 460-2813.

Hospital offering childbirth classes

Citizens Medical Center will offer four weeks of childbirth classes from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays from this week to Oct. 25. Women due to deliver before February should attend with their labor support partner. The next classes will begin in January. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital Education Department, (785) 460-4850.

Doctor will give update about her work in Africa

Dr. LaDonna Regier will give an update on her missionary work in Ghana, West Africa, at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth St. Everyone is welcome. For information, call church secretary Linda Pabst at 462-3497.

Retirement party planned for operator

Everyone is invited to a party for Francis Britton, who is retiring as an equipment operator for the Thomas County Road and Bridge Department, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday in the commissioner's room on the second floor of the Thomas County Courthouse. For information, call Clair Schrock at 460-4562.

Baptist church here plans hamburger feed

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend to a hamburger and hot-dog feed at 5 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Webster and Grant. For information, call Norma Higerd at 462-7806.

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Thursday Evening October 4, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Resort		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Glee		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48	
AMC	Fargo				Fargo				Sahara	
ANIM	Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	Happens	Real Housewives		Jersey	
CMT	Reba	Reba	RV				Redneck Rehab		RV	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Tosh.0	Gabriel Iglesias		Stand-Up	Key	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Stand-Up
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Texas Car Wars		Fast N' Loud		Texas Car Wars	
DISN	Vampire	Vampire	Vampire	Vampire	ANT Farm	Phineas	ANT Farm	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards
E!	The Soup	Jonas	Kardash	Kardashian			Chelsea		E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	Coll. Football Live		College Football						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Numbers	Nation	WNBA Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	
FAM	Jumanji		Wild Hogs				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Truck Race		Chopped	
FX	Grown Ups				Big Daddy				Big Daddy	
HGTV	Buying and Selling		Extreme Homes		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Abroad	Hunt Intl	Extreme Homes	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Nor'Easternmen		Nor'Easternmen		Nor'Easternmen		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway			Prank Mom	Prom	Prom	Project Runway	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore				Jersey Shore	
NICK	Teenage Mutant Ninja		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NICK	Star Trek VI		Star Trk: Cnct				Star Trek 6-Undiscovered			
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling				MMA Uncensored Live		Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Son of Fury				Thunder Birds				Honky Tonk	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Bling It On		Four Weddings		Bling It On	
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Leverage		Leverage	
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Delocated
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		Monumental Mysteries		The Dead Files		No Reservation	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Burn Notice		NCIS	
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		Basketball Wives LA		Chrissy	Chrissy	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Kung Fu Panda 2		A Thousand Words				Cathouse		Real Sex Xtra: Going Down	
MAX	BASEket	An American Werewolf in Paris			Resident Evil: Apocalypse				Emmanuelle Through Time	
SHOW	A Better Life		Latino		Steve Trevino		Gigolos		Polyamory	Gigolos
									Trade	

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Friday Evening October 5, 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		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	CSI: NY		Made in Jersey		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	To Be Announced		Grimm		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Tombstone						Geronimo-Leg.			
ANIM	Monsters Inside Me		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cheer		Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cowboys Cheerleaders	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Key	Tosh.0	South Pk	Brickie.	Stand-Up	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos		
DISC	Bering Sea G.		Bering Sea G.		Yukon Men		Bering Sea G.		Yukon Men	
DISN	ANT Farm	Jessie	Gravity	Fish Hook	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Gravity
E!	Kardashian		Kevin & Dani Jonas		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Football				Football	College Football				
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball				NFL Live		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAM	Wild Hogs		The Sandlot				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	UFC: Browne vs. Silv				The Ultimate Fighter		Taken			
HGTV	Endless Yard Sale		Flea Mark	Flea Mark	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Urban Oasis 2012		You Live in What?	
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HIST	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	How the	How the	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted	
MTV	Jersey Shore				Bad Boys II				Jersey	
NICK	iCarly		Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWWE SmackDown!				Haven		Alphas		Haven	
SPIKE	Enter the Dragon			I Am Bruce Lee				Enter the Dragon		
TBS	MLB Baseball			MLB Baseball						
TCM	Night-Movies		Mr. Smith Goes				Night-Movies		Meet John	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Secret Princes		Say Yes	Say Yes	Secret Princes	
TNT	A Time to Kill						Seven Pounds			
TOON	Dragons	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Dead Files	Revisted	The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	40 Greatest Pranks 3		8 Mile						Behind the Music	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Unstoppable				Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		The Sitter	
MAX	Die Hard 2				Strike Back		Skin-Max	Strike Back		Birthday
SHOW	I Don't Know How		Dexter		Homeland		Inside the NFL		Gigolos	Deer Hntr