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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after mid-

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61. Breezy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 54

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46.

Tuesday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Wednesday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Wednesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. Blustery. Chance of precipitation

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Breezy.

is 20 percent.

Thursday: High, 51; Low 20 Precip: Thursday Month: None Year: 1.66 inches 3.98inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset 7:10 a.m. 8:20 p.m. Saturday Moon: waxing, 10 percent Sunday 7:08 a.m. 8:21 p.m. Moon: waxing, 17 percent Monday 7:07 a.m. 8:22 p.m. Moon: waxing, 24 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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Chasing tornadoes



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Tornado chasers with the Weather Channel stopped briefly at the parking lot of the Oasis Travel Center Monday afternoon, anticipating that a twister might show up along with the storms that blew over the state Monday night.

Spring storm pummels Midwest, Deep South

By Holbrook Mohr

The Associated Press

SHUQUALAK, Miss. - A powerful spring storm unleashed tornadoes and winds strong enough to peel the roofs from homes in the Deep South and heaped snow and ice on the Midwest, killing three people and leaving thousands without power as it moved up the East Coast today.

Emergency officials said one person was killed by a tornado in Mississippi. In Missouri, a utility worker repairing power lines was electrocuted, and a woman in Nebraska died when she tried to trudge through a blinding snowstorm from her broken-down car to her house a mile away.

Golf-ball and baseball-sized hail pelted parts of Georgia and the Carolinas. The second day of play at the Masters at Augusta National in northeast Georgia began as scheduled, though. The course was a bit wet but otherwise undamaged.

High winds knocked down trees and power

mostly moved out of the region by this morning. Sleet and freezing rain made driving treacherous in northern New York, where several schools closed and scores of others delayed the start of

In Mississippi, Emergency Management Agency spokesman Greg Flynn said Thursday that one person died and several people were injured after a reported tornado struck Kemper County in the far-eastern part of the state.

Derek Cody, an amateur storm chaser who works at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, just south of Shuqualak (pronounced SHUG-a-lock), told the Associated Press he drove north to the small town to try to catch a glimpse of a tornado there.

He said he got out of his car on U.S. 45 just as the twister was approaching the highway, only to be hit by a strong gust of wind moving into the storm that almost knocked him over.

Cody said the center of Shuqualak, an eastern lines across the Southeast, though the storm had Mississippi town of 500 people, was unaffected.

College closes for health issue

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The life span of scabies mites is 48 to 72 hours without a human host. The release said treating those with scabies as soon as possible and closing the college for four days should prevent the mites from spreading further.

Patients can obtain treatment at either the County Health Department or the Goodland Family Health Center; however fees and financial responsibility will

differ at each facility.

along with extreme itching. Typically symptoms will occur one week after exposure; however may not appear for up to 21

Symptoms may occur between fingers, at wrist, elbow and shoulders, between shoulder blades, around breasts, at waistline and in genital areas, at

knees, ankles and feet.

The release said symptoms Treatment is a prescription can include a rash area with dry cream that is applied from head or flaking edges, which might to toe after showering, left on first appear as a small blister for eight to 14 hours and then rinsed off. All clothing, bedding and other cloth surfaces such as mattresses and seats should be washed and dried at hot temperatures or vacuumed. Hard surfaces can be wiped clean with disinfectant wipes.

Real Steel

Exhibit reception will honor artist

An exhibit reception honoring Gem native Jennifer Higerd will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Garvey Educational Room at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, in Colby. Saturday will be the last day to see her ceramics exhibit, "The Roots Run Deep." Admission is free. For questions, call Director Sue Taylor at 460-4590.

Event set about proposed amphitheater

You are invited to a come and go informational event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church and a presentation from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Find out information about the proposed amphitheater such as location, look, construction, etc. For information contact Megan Carmichael at the Thomas County Coalition,

Red Cross plans blood drives in May

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at the Knights of Columbus in Atwood and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 23, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Colby Community Building. The Colby drive is sponsored by the Kansas Pork Association, and pork sandwiches will be served. Walk-in donors are welcome, but appointments are available by calling 1-800-733-

One-Call to offer program on digging safety

Kansas One-Call will conduct a brief program on how to dig safely and prevent damage to underground utility lines at 3 and 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Community Building. The session will include changes to the Kansas One-Call notification system, time for questions and methods to identify unmarked underground lines. To register, call (877) 477-1162 or go to www.pdigm.com/rsvp.

Grade school plans pre-enrollment meeting

Kindergarten pre-enrollment and a parent meeting for the 2013-14 school year will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. For information or questions, call the grade school office at 460-5100.

Master Gardeners hold informative sessions

Thomas County Master Gardeners will be holding informative sessions on Tuesday, April 23, at the Thomas County Office Complex. At 5:30 p.m., Julie Niehage, a Golden Prairie Extension agent, will be giving tips and tricks for growing great tomatoes. At 6:15 p.m., Jim Strine, NW Area Extension forester, will be doing a tree pruning and planting demonstration and talking about tree care. At 7:30 p.m., Niehage will be speaking about Top 40 Annuals. Since programming will run through dinner time, a light meal will be provided, or feel free to bring your own brown bag. For information, call the Thomas County Extension Office at 460-4582.

Colby will participate in National Walk day

Colby will be participating in the National Walk at Lunch Day on Wednesday, April 24. You can participate by heading to Fike Park at noon and walk around the park during your lunch break. For information or for distribution materials, contact Megan Carmichael with the Thomas County Coalition at 460-8177.

Pride of the Prairie to perform this month

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will give a Blue Jeans and T-Shirts Concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. The members, conducted by Andrew Salvador, will be dressed as the name implies. The orchestra is dedicating this concert to the memory of the late Sharon Steele, a long-time orchestra member and friend. Admission is by Pride of the Prairie patron ticket or at the door, adults \$10, seniors \$5 and students \$3. For questions, call Mary Shoaff at 462-2159 or Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

Colby Grade School plans concert in May

The fourth grade Recorder Concert/fifth grade Band Concert will be at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call Jennifer Otten, music educator, at the grade school, 460-5100.

College Adult Education offers GED prep

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College will offer another round of "bridge" classes for students planning to enroll in nursing courses, providing refresher instruction in math, reading and study skills from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from May 20 to 30. The Adult Education Center is on the lower level of the college library. To enroll or for information, call Nance Munderloh at 460-4663 or stop by the campus office.

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