

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Light north wind increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the morning.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 71.

Monday: High, 52; Low 22
 Tuesday: High, 38; Low 21
 Precip: Monday 0.09 inches
 Tuesday Trace
 Month: 0.37 inches
 Year: 1.89 inches
 Normal: 3.98 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:53 a.m. 8:32 p.m.
 Full moon 2:58 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County checks washout

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Wilson said the township does not have money to finish fixing the road right away, but that he had the board's approval before he started digging. He said he hopes to have the road fixed in the next few months.

Steele said he noticed more digging than he had in previous visits, and Wilson, who was not present for the commissioners' visit, said he has been gradually digging out the sand and replacing it with dirt.

He uses the sand on other township roads to avoid the costs associated with trucking it in from somewhere else. Since he owns the adjoining land, he said, he plans to keep digging - in his own pasture and in the road - until all the sand is out and replaced

with dirt. Wilson placed two saw-horse barricades and two cones around the damaged area to warn drivers. Though the barricades are marked as county property, Wilson said the county abandoned them on another project, leaving them in the ditch, so he used them on this wash-out. He stated he would give them back if the county asked.

Clair Shrock, Thomas County road supervisor, said Wilson took the barricades from a county project without permission. He said County Attorney Kevin Berens told him not to retrieve them.

The commissioners had discussed the damaged road at previous meetings and asked Berens to look into ways the commissioners could legally oust, or remove, the township board and

take over operation of the township roads if the road is not fixed soon.

"We want a safe road system, that's all," said Steele. Berens told the commissioners the township is responsible for its own roads and the county has no authority to step in. If he receives a complaint, he said, he will look into it to determine whether any laws have been broken. If so, he could pursue criminal charges or ouster proceedings, but that would be at his discretion. The commissioners have no authority to force the township board to fix the road, said Berens.

After returning from their inspection, the commissioners approved Commissioners Mike Baughn's motion to declare the condition "unsafe" and recommend Berens proceed "as he deems advisable."

Roberts could set age record

From "ROBERTS," Page 1

in the Senate for about 30 years before retiring in January 1949 at the age of 83.

Roberts has raised more than \$1 million for his re-election bid, his campaign announced recently, and he has the backing of the entire Kansas delegation in Washington and a number of top state elected Republicans.

Roberts' spokeswoman, Sarah Little, said many Kansans know "it is not at all uncommon these days to do quality professional work well into their 70s.

"It just takes a high energy level, good health and a commitment," Little said, adding that her boss "has all these."

More than half of the Senate's 100 members are 60 or

older, with Roberts currently the eighth-oldest. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, a New Jersey Democrat, is the oldest at 89, but he has announced he won't seek re-election next year.

Former Johnson County state lawmaker Benjamin Hodge had hoped conservative U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, a Fowler Republican, would enter the race against Roberts. He said age isn't as much of an issue as the amount of time Roberts has been in office.

"What is important is how long he's been in Washington, D.C.," Hodge wrote in an e-mail. "If he were age 55 and had been in Congress since he was age 25, I'd be equally concerned that he was out of touch with Kansas voters."

Partly because Roberts supported former Democratic Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius for her move to the Obama Administration as Health and Human Services secretary, Hodge said he doesn't consider Roberts a conservative.

Though none has emerged, Kansas Democratic Party executive director Jason Perkey said he anticipates having "a strong candidate" to challenge Roberts.

Like Hodge, Perkey didn't indicate age would be an issue. He said it's the senator's "four decades-plus of service" in Washington that has left him out of touch with Kansans.

"Kansas deserves a senator from Kansas, not one who visits occasionally to pick up checks," Perkey said in a statement.

State employee rolls grew last year

TOPEKA (AP) - The number of Kansas state employees increased in the last fiscal year, although most of the new positions were temporary jobs with no benefits, according to a report from the Kansas Department of Administration.

The state employed 69,974 temporary and regular workers in fiscal year 2013, up 143 from the previous fiscal year, *The Topeka Capital-Journal* reported (bit.ly/15JXthX). While 937 regular positions were cut in the fiscal year, the state added 1,080 temporary employees, the report said. Of the temporary workers, only 103 got benefits, about 10 percent.

The report found many state agencies stayed at previous staffing levels or reduced employees for fiscal year 2013. The largest cuts were in the Department for

Children and Families, which had 348 fewer employees; the Department of Revenue, 134 fewer; and the Department of Labor, 97 fewer.

Three state universities reported more hiring. The largest increases were at Wichita State University, which added 291 employees; Kansas State University, which had 285; and the University of Kansas Medical Center, 228.

The state also had 989 fewer

classified employees, who are protected by the civil service system, and 1,132 more unclassified employees, who can be dismissed at will. Those numbers include regular and temporary employees.

The shift toward unclassified employees is expected to continue after the House budget committee voted in March to require new information technology workers, supervisors and lawyers to be unclassified.

Prairie chicken on agenda

PRATT (AP) - Kansas officials will hold an online meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday on the possibility of the lesser prairie chicken being granted federal protection.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to decide by September whether to add the upland

bird to the nation's list of threatened species.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and Kansas State University Research and Extension will put on the session for anyone interested in the listing process.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

City crews will begin trimming trees soon

The crews will be trimming trees near power lines as weather permits. For information, call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420 or go to www.cityofcolby.com.

Clinic collecting pet food for animal shelter

Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby, is accepting pet food donations to help the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in Goodland celebrate National Pet Week, May 7 to May 10. Help us feed a friend. For information, call Doris Helin at 460-1078.

Forensics students offer sample of work

Get a chance to sample Colby High School forensics at the team's Coffee House Night at 7 p.m. Thursday in the basement of the Pioneer Memorial Library. Enjoy an evening of relaxation and entertainment. Donations will be accepted for the coffee, tea and homemade desserts. For information, call coach Nancy Rundel at 460-5300.

Baptists invite everyone to free lunch

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Salon plans benefit to help with cancer bills

Image Makers will hold a "cutathon" benefit for Danielle Wolf, a former stylist at the salon who has cancer, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday to raise money to help pay for her medical treatments. Walk-ins are encouraged or customers can make an appointment by calling 460-4247.

High Plains chapter plans Archaeology Day

The High Plains Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association will hold its third annual Archaeology Day from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin Ave. Activities and displays will include a Plains Indian camp, archaeological excavation, atlatl toss, prehistoric artifact display and a "bottle detective" activity. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids under 16. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 for information.

Equestrian team plans kick-off horse show

Come watch the Colby Community College Equestrian team kick off its 2013 season with a special horse show at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the college farm, three miles east and a mile north of town off U.S. 24. For information, call coach Shanda Mattix at 460-5464.

Pride of the Prairie to perform Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will give a Blue Jeans and T-Shirts Concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. The orchestra, conducted by Andrew Salvador, will be dressed as the name implies. The event will be dedicated 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.

Signup meeting set for K-18 baseball team

Signup and an informational meeting for the Colby K-18 traveling baseball team will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Legion Field at the city ball fields. The team is for boys 13 to 15; players must be 13 before April 30. If you cannot be at the meeting or have any questions, call coach Brian Quagliano at 443-0226.

Exchange students will meet public, speak

The fifth annual cultural exchange for the International Students and Friends Organization will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. Desserts will be served and you'll have a chance to talk to Colby Community College international students from all over the world and hear them give brief presentations. For information, call Connie Davis at 460-4706.

Missionary will give update about her work

Dr. LaDonna Regier will give an update on her missionary work as a physician in Ghana, West Africa, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth in Colby.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Thursday Evening April 25, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wife Swap		Grey's Anatomy	Scandal			Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	Elementary			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Office	Office	Parks	Hannibal		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Glee							
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48	The Killer Speaks	The Killer Speaks	The First 48					
AMC	Freakshow	Freakshow	Freakshow	Freakshow	Comic Men	Comic Men	Immortal	Immortal	The Bodyguard	
ANIM	Wild Russia		North Woods Law	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars		North Woods Law	Swamp Wars		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC	Tabatha Takes Over	Happens	Tabatha Takes Over	Atlanta	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth	
CMT	Steel Magnolias									
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Live					
COMEDY	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Jim Norton	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	
DISC	Moonsiners	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	Hillbilly	
DISN	Gravity	Lemonade Mouth			Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	E! News	He's Just Not				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea	
ESPN	2013 NFL Draft						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Softball			Baseball Tonight	SportCtr	Nation	Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Batman Begins	Beetlejuice			The 700 Club	Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Chopped	Anne Burrell			Giving You the Busin	Chopped	Anne Burrell			
FX	Unstoppable		Anger	Two Men	Two Men	BrandX With	BrandX With			
HGTV	Income Property	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip It to Win It	Rehab	Rehab		
HIST	Swamp People	Swamp People	Chasing	Chasing	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Swamp People			
LIFE	Project Runway	Project Runway			Project Runway	Project Runway				
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Failosoph	Failosoph	Ridic.	Ridic.	
NICK	Marvin	Wendell	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	V for Vendetta						Sin City			
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling				Street Warrior		Unleashed			
TBS	Family Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Men-Work	Big Bang	Conan	Men-Work	Conan		
TCM	Magnificent Men				Bite the Bullet					
TLC	Tattoos	Tattoos	Tattoos	Tattoos	NY Ink		Tattoos	Tattoos	NY Ink	
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball				Inside the NBA	
TOON	Incredibl	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Face	Childrens
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	NCIS	NCIS			The Moment	Psych	CSI: Crime Scene			
VH1	I'm Married to A...		The Gossip Game	Love, Hip Hop	Master of the Mix	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Rules		
Premium Channels										
HBO	Game of Thrones	Mary and Martha			Veep	Real Sex	VICE	Louis C.K		
MAX	American Reunion			Stash House			Naughty Reunion			
SHOW	50/50	Real Steel			Gigolos		The Borgias	Gigolos		



Friday Evening April 26, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Happy	Happy	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Vegas		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Fashion Star		Grimm		Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Touch							
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Shawshank R.						Shawshank R.			
ANIM	Swamp'd!	Swamp'd!	Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Death at a Funeral				Death at a Funeral			
CMT	Footloose				Guntucky		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Redneck Vacation	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		Anthony Bourd.		Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	Tosh.0	Jeff Dunham: Minding		Al Madrigal		Dinner for Schmucks	
DISC	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Blade Bro		Blade Bro		Sons of Guns		Blade Bro	Blade Bro
DISN	ANT Farm	Jessie	Phineas	Fish Hook	Dog	Good Luck	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Good Luck
E!	Playing With Fire		Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	2013 NFL Draft				NBA Basketball					
FAM	The Little Rascals	Gnomeo and Juliet			The 700 Club		Prince		Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	The A-Team				The Fighter					
HGTV	Spont.	Flea Mark	Flea Mark	Flea Mark	Hunters	Hunters	Flea Mark	Flea Mark	Flea Mark	Flea Mark

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LIFE	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	To Be Announced	Hoarders
MTV	Teen Mom 2	True Life	American Teen	Awkward.	Awkward
NICK	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny
SCI	WWE SmackDown!	Defiance			Paranormal
SPIKE	Gone in 60 Seconds				Lucky Number Stevin
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	I Can Do Bad		Are We Th
TCM	The Great Lie				Kitty Foyle
TLC	Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gown	Say Yes
TNT	The Bourne Ultimatum				The Bourne Identity
TOON	Cartoon Planet	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Dead Files	Revisited	The Dead Files
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		The Moment
VH1	Movie	Best Week	Jenny	Best Week	Jenny
WGN	MLB Baseball				Funniest Home Videos</