

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Patchy fog after 5 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 7 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 83. 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.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 89. 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.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Breezy.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 93.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Sunday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: High, 103; Low 70

Saturday: High, 103; Low 70

Sunday: High, 87; Low 58

Precip: Friday None

Saturday None

Sunday 1.22 inches

Month: 1.27 inches

Year: 7.29 inches

Normal: 13.61 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Tuesday 6:31 a.m. 9:09 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 56 percent

Wednesday 6:32 a.m. 9:09 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 67 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Friday to Sunday 3,120,000 gal.

(average)

(Colby Public Works)

Scale accuracy an issue

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The state has made changes in the program, including limiting the number of times scales technicians can re-take the state licensing test. And compliance rates of scales are being published online and penalties are

being formalized for sub-standard work or improper reporting.

Joe Hamilton, owner of Uni-Bridge Scale System, spurred the state to look into changes by filing a complaint last year. He told the newspaper that his concern has always been whether

Kansas is doing enough to ensure technicians are complying with regulations.

"I come back to, they've got to enforce the regulations they have and have penalties that go along with it," Hamilton said. "That's where they really fell short, it appears to me."

Farm Service deadline later

The U.S. Farm Service Agency has given farmers and ranchers an additional 18 days to submit annual acreage report to their county office, the agency announced Thursday.

The deadline was to have been today. "We want to ensure our producers maintain their program benefits by filing their reports accurately and in a timely manner for all crops and land uses," said Juan M. Garcia, the agency's administrator.

The agency uses acreage reports to help determine each farmer or landowner's eligibility for programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program.

However, the acreage reporting requirement for

crop insurance has not changed and is still today.

Brandon Willis, administrator of the Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, which manages crop insurance programs, reminded farmers they must report any loss to their insurance companies within 72 hours. Farmers must also report prevented planting acreage to their insurance company in writing within 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

The Farm Services Agency encourages producers to contact their county office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines. The Thomas County office is at 915 E. Walnut St. in Colby, phone 462-7671.

Young phenoms hit All-Star game

By Mike Fitzpatrick
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) Flip on any highlight show and you're almost sure to see them, with those peach-fuzz faces and boyish features beneath their big league caps.

Mike Trout makes a diving catch on the warning track.

Manny Machado whacks another double into the corner at Camden Yards.

Bryce Harper belts a tape-measure home run or barrels into a catcher ... or an outfield fence ... or whatever stands in his way.

The next generation of baseball stars has arrived — straight from the senior prom, it seems — and these guys are changing the complexion of the grand ol' game.

Derek Jeter is 39 and injured, left off the All-Star team for the first time in eight years.

Matt Harvey is 24 and merciless, with a polished array of breaking pitches to complement 98 mph heat.

"There's definitely a different breed of ballplayer coming out," said Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire. "This seems to be one of those cycles where a lot of young players are flashing quick."

No kidding.

Trout and Harper, the Rookies of the Year last season, are making their second trip to the All-Star game. This time, they will be starting Tuesday night at Citi Field after getting elected by fans with a fervor for the new boys of summer.

Some of baseball's best play-

ers are among the youngest on the field. Night after night, they are putting up unprecedented numbers and turning in spectacular plays that belie a birth certificate from the 1990s.

"It's good for the game," Trout said. "A lot of young guys are playing fearless and making a name for themselves at an early stage in their career."

Not only that, they are moving merchandise.

Jersey sales for Harvey, Harper and Trout rank among the top 10 this season based on purchases of Majestic tops at MLB.com, said Major League Baseball and the players' association last week.

Harper is 20, and Trout is all of 21. Barely old enough to drive, let alone buy a drink.

Machado's jersey ranked eighth, one spot behind Jeter, even though the Baltimore third baseman has spent less than a year in the majors. That didn't stop him from earning his first All-Star selection on his 21st birthday.

Machado was voted in by players, a significant sign of respect from his peers.

Well, his elders, actually. He certainly deserved it at a power-packed position after hitting 39 doubles in the first half, threatening the single-season record of 67 set by Earl Webb in 1931.

"In today's era, young dudes are getting better and more prepared to come up to the big leagues," said Orioles teammate Adam Jones, an All-Star himself. "It's just an improvement in the game. These young dudes are phenoms, and he's put his name up there."

"He's probably more mature than I am, and I'm 27."

Take a swing around the majors and you see it's not only Trout, Harper and Machado.

There is Miami rookie Jose Fernandez, a 20-year-old All-Star with a Cy Young future. Second-year shortstop Jean Segura in Milwaukee, who leads the NL in hits at age 23. Don't forget lefty Patrick Corbin (23), 11-1 with a 2.35 ERA for Arizona.

And of course, Harvey, the New York Mets ace who has 29 major league starts.

"For me, he's the best pitcher in the game," Diamondbacks outfielder Cody Ross said. "Not even just in the National League. He's really good. I faced a lot of those guys in the American League last year and I can't say that I saw anyone better than him."

"His mound presence is as good as you'll see."

There are 12 All-Stars this season 24 or younger, seven in the National League. That's the most since a dozen were selected in 1993, according to STATS — a group that included Ken Griffey Jr., Mike Piazza, Gary Sheffield, Mike Mussina and Juan Gonzalez.

The only player from that bunch under 23 was 21-year-old catcher Ivan Rodriguez. This year, there are four.

That doesn't include Los Angeles Dodgers sensation Yasiel Puig, left out of the game after six electric weeks in the big leagues at 22. More to come from him, for sure.

Briefly

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

Online school to hold briefing for families

Kansas Connections Academy, a tuition-free virtual public school, will hold a free information session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. tonight at the Holiday Inn Express, 645 W. Willow Ave., for families interested in learning about its online program and individualized approach to education. For information, call Stephanie Black at (619) 553 7975.

Picnic in the Park on for Wednesday

Picnic in the Park begins at noon Wednesdays at Fike Park. The entertainment for this week will be Sappa Strings with Wayne and Millie Lauritsen, former Colby residents. The series is sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Colby Free Press. In case of bad weather, check KXXX/KRDQ Radio. For information, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Pets ready for adoption at animal clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has three lab-mix puppies, six kittens and a big 2-year-old male brindle Great Dane. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

'Lemon Aid' to help animal shelter

April Swartz will have her Fifth Annual "Lemon Aid" stand benefit for the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at the Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby. Pets available for adoption will be on site. For information, call 460-1078.

Seminar to teach basics of open government

The Kansas attorney general's office will hold a free seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records acts from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23, at Room 108 of the Student Union at Colby Community College. The seminar is for elected officials, reporters and the public, covering the basics of state open-government laws. Registration is first come, first served. Go to www.ag.ks.gov or call (785) 296-2215.

Volunteers needed for carnival rides

Volunteers are needed for the carnival at the Thomas County Fair, Tuesday through Saturday, July 30 to Aug. 3. Shifts can be two or four hours. For information or to volunteer, call Kerry Wark, 443-6174; Damon Glover, 443-3254; or Tina Harris, 462-8008.

College to offer concealed carry class

Colby Community College is offering a Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, in the Student Union. The class enables students to obtain the Kansas Concealed Carry Certification. Cost is \$125. For information or to register, contact Kathy Britton at 460-5550 or Barry Kaaz at 460-5429.

Pirate Club to meet in Mingo

Children are invited to join the "Patch the Pirate Music and Drama Club" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 7 at the Mingo Bible Church. The program includes songs, Bible lessons, stories, skits, music lessons, devotions and performances. For information, call Daniel and Lois O'Brien at (785) 460-7530.

County to offer classes on life saving

Thomas County Emergency Medical Services will offer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid classes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays through the summer and fall. Heartsaver pediatric first aid, which includes CPR with automated external defibrillator training, will be July 17. Online classes are available for the health-care provider and first aid classes. Sign up for these courses at www.heart.org or by calling Candy Bryant at 460-4585.

Brewster planning party for 125th birthday

Brewster will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, with "From Horses to Horse Power." Events Saturday morning will include a 5K run and a one-mile color run and walk for all ages and an antique car, tractor and motorcycle show. Saturday afternoon, games and demonstrations will be followed by a parade and street dance. Sunday morning will feature a community church service and potluck. For a schedule or to sign up, go to leanabc.wix.com/brewster125-2 or call LeAnne Carney at (785) 694-2542.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening July 16, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Weight Loss				Body of Proof		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Hollywood Game Night		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	MLB All-Star						Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage
AMC	Smokey-Bandit							Smokey-Bndt. 2		
ANIM	Great Barrier Reef				Wild Hawaii			Great Barrier Reef		
BRavo	Housewives/NJ		Interior Therapy		Property	Property	Happens	Interior Therapy	Property	
CMT	League-Own						Cops Rel.	Cops Reloaded		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront			Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Drunk	The Jesel	Daily	Colbert	Drunk	The Jesel
DISC	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	Naked and Afraid			Naked and Afraid		
DISN	Good Luck Jessie	Adventures of Sharkboy		Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	
E!	The Wanted Life	Paul Blart: Mall Cop			Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea		
ESPN	Nine for IX	Nine for IX		Nine for IX			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Poker	World/Poker			ESPYS		Nine for IX		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Pretty Little Liars	Twisted		Pretty Little Liars			The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		Chopped	
FX	True Grit						True Grit			
HGTV	Property	Property	Flip or F	Flip or F	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Renovate	Renovate	Flip or F	Flip or F
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	Ice Road Truckers		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Dance Moms				Catering Wars		Pretty Wicked Moms		Dance Moms	
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show			Catfish: The TV Show			
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Weird or What?				Weird or What?		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked	
SPIKE	Ink Master	Ink Master		Ink Master	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Conan	
TCM	Never So Few				Siren of Bagdad		Hollow Triumph			
TLC	Obese and Pregnant	Obese and Expecting		My Teen Is Pregnant	Obese and Expecting		My Teen Is Pregnant			
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles		Perception	Rizzoli & Isles		Perception			
TOON	Looney	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Airport 2	Airport 2	Waterprks	Coaster		Mud People		Airport 2	Airport 2
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Covert Affairs		Suits	Graceland		Covert Affairs			
VH1	Hollywood Exes	Love, Hip Hop		Couples Therapy	La La	Poetic Justice				
WGN	You've Got Mail			How I Met	Funniest Home Videos	Rules	Rules			
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	Ted			The Newsroom		True Blood			
MAX	Presumed Innocent			Man-Iron Fists						
SHOW	Beware of Mr. Baker		Traffic				Ray Donovan			

Wednesday Evening July 17, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Neighbors	ABC's The Lookout		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		Camp		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	MasterChef		MasterChef		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Sixteen Candles				The Breakfast Club					Grease
ANIM	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman
BRavo	Million Dollar		Million Dollar		Chef Roblé & Co.		Happens	Million Dollar		Chf Roblé
CMT	Blue Collar				Bounty		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		Blue Collar
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront			Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	South Pk
DISC	Blood & Oil		Blood & Oil		Blood & Oil			Blood & Oil		
DISN	Good Luck Jessie	Radio Rebel			Good Luck		ANT Farm	Dog	Rip Girls	
E!	Pop Innovators	Kardashian			The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	Countdown		2013 ESPYS					SportsCenter		13 ESPYS
ESPN2	Nine for IX		30 for 30		Coaches		SportCtr	NASCAR	Nation	SportCtr
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Daddy	Melissa	Twisted		The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Mystery D	Mystery D	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Iron Man				The Bridge		The Bridge		Bridge	
HGTV	Love It or List It		Property Brothers							