

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny. Warmer, breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.  
**Thursday and Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy. Cooler. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Lows in the lower 40s.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny in the morning, becoming partly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 40.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy. Slight chance of evening thunderstorms, chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny in the morning, becoming partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday: High, 59; Low 42  
Saturday: High, 51; Low 36  
Sunday: High, 66; Low 39

Precip: Friday 0.15 inches  
Saturday 0.Trace  
Sunday 0.00 inches  
Month: 2.66 inches  
Year: 5.27 inches  
Normal: 3.89 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Tuesday 6:50 a.m. 8:34 p.m.  
Wednesday 6:49 a.m. 8:35 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Candidate talks economy in Colby

From “ECONOMY,” Page 1

Maryland, but we’re losing people to Texas and Florida.”  
According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, every county in northwest Kansas has lost population since the 2000 census. Brownback said he’d like to see the state create special economic zones for these counties where state income and corporate taxes could be temporarily reduced or eliminated, fostering business and population growth.  
“We need to hit them (counties) with the economic paddles,” he said.  
Brownback said the state also needs to recruit from specific business fields, especially animal agriculture and energy. A cheese processing plant in Dodge City, which has been helped along by

the state Commerce Department, is a good example, he said.  
In addition to oil and natural gas, he said, Kansas should attract more wind and biofuel production. Brownback advocated building more power transmission lines so that wind farms can be built in rural areas. Kansas is also a top milo producer, he said, which is a good feedstock for cellulosic ethanol. Like corn. The byproducts are used as livestock feed.  
Brownback served as state secretary of agriculture twice before heading to Congress, taking the place of Sen. Bob Dole in 1996. He said this and his background in farming have kept him aware of ag issues.  
“I don’t think we’ve promoted (Kansas agriculture) like we should,” he said. “It is something we are globally competitive at.”

Budget a top priority for returning lawmakers

From “TAXES,” Page 1

hancements, but which ones and how it will look is the big question,” said Rep. Jerry Henry, a Cummings Democrat who serves on the House Appropriations Committee.  
Legislators face pressure from educators and advocates for the elderly, disabled and needy to increase taxes and avoid more spending cuts following several rounds last year. Parkinson also is

pushing for tax increases.  
But Republican Rep. Kevin Yoder, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, says he believes supporters of higher taxes have lost the push they had even a few weeks ago. Legislators are now more likely to look for ways to avoid raising taxes, he said.  
“I think the momentum is definitely moving back in line with the live-within-your-means approach,” said Yoder, of Overland Park.

Area extension offices hold aging conference

From “AGING,” Page 1

surance and drug prices. She cited an example of an elderly couple who saved \$1,200 on prescriptions after getting help on choosing a company that had the best coverage on the medications they were taking.  
Extra help is available if income is less than \$16,245 for a single or less than \$21,855 for a married couple. If you qualify, Bretz said, Medicare will pay for most prescription drugs, and will help pay premiums, deductibles and copays of the Medicare Prescription

Drug coverage. There is no coverage gap, she said.  
“A counselor is always ready to help, by calling (800) 860-5260,” Bretz said, “and if you are unsure whether or not you qualify, go ahead and fill out an application and see if you qualify.”  
Application can be made on a Social Security form, she added, and information is confidential.  
To find a senior health insurance counselor in your area, or to schedule a free, confidential counseling session with a trained, unbiased counselor, call (800) 860-5260.

Students taking speech acts to state

From “STATE,” Page 1

vorite.”  
McLaughlin is also competing in serious solo.  
“It’s pretty much just anything,” she said.  
She will do a monologue as a girl who watches as brother is murdered by her best friend. She said she wrote the piece herself at the beginning of the season and just changed portions of it for state.  
“It can become too rehearsed,” she said. “You have to really try to keep focus and be natural.”  
Tubbs will compete in extemporaneous speaking. He will draw a political topic and have 30 minutes – with only a selection of political magazines as resources – to create a five- to seven-minute speech. At other competitions, Tubbs said, he’s drawn everything from the Olympics to health care.  
The contestant chooses a stance on each issue. Tubbs said one of the challenges is playing to the audience.  
“For judges out here, I have to take a more conservative stance,” he said. “Back east, I can take a more liberal one.”  
Freshman Gabby Browne will compete in poetry. She chose “The City of Slaughter,” by Haim Nahman Bialik, about the

Holocaust. Poems can be serious or funny, Browne said, but they have to be published work. Students are not allowed to memorize their poems; they have to read it from the book.  
Junior Bailey Koerperich will compete in informative speaking with a seven-minute speech on a topic of her choice. Koerperich said she chose the Internet. She talks about avoiding some of the negative effects of Facebook, dating sites and anonymous message boards.  
Koerperich said she gives the same speech each time she competes; doing so all season has allowed her to refine it.  
Senior Seth Bredemeier will compete in oration. He has to deliver a 10-minute memorized speech that tries to persuade the judges on a topic of his choice. Bredemeier said he also gives the same speech at each competition.  
“When you work on one steady thing, you get better as you progress through the year,” he said.  
Bredemeier’s topic is electronic waste. Sometimes, he said, judges can come in with bias depending on the topic, so he tried to choose one that people wouldn’t know much about.  
“I’ve had a lot of comments,” he said. “It’s really opened a lot

of eyes.”  
Others who will be competing are Hannah Matchell, Amanda Barnum, Rachel Lamm, Gray Henry, Audra Fleming, Kayla Hockersmith, Shelby Terrell, Gunner Gawith, Jake Rose, Madison Gawith, Brady Rose and Brock Wagoner.  
Alternates are Andrea Diz-mang, Jared Nally, Chace McInch, Kate Ostmeyer, Tomi Miller, Bailey Terrell, Karly Kriss and Paige Roopchan. Some of those who made the team in one more events qualified in others and will serve as alternates for them.  
The students said they have gotten a lot of skills from forensics that they can take with them to other activities. Bredemeier said it helped him develop more confidence in public speaking and job interviews.  
“I can talk in front of a whole room of people and not feel nervous,” McLaughlin said.  
With the exception of Bredemeier, a senior, all said they would be returning to forensics next year. If there are enough students, the school could create a class so they could practice during school hours, Koerperich said. Currently, the team practices after school and has to work around other activities and sports.

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April 27, 2010											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars	Lost			V		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles			The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol	Glee			Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			Battle for-Night				Criminal Minds		
AMC	First Blood				Rambo Part II				Mission: Impossible		
ANIM	Wild Russia	Wild Russia			Per. Predator		Wild Russia		Wild Russia		
BRAVO	Mill. Matchmaker	Mill. Matchmaker			9 by Design		9 by Design		Mill. Matchmaker		
CMT	Broken Bridges				Broken Bridges				SMOKEJUN		
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	
DISC	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch			Construction			Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch		
DISN	Starstruck			Good Luck	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven	
EI	E! Investigates: Bul	Jaycee Dugard			Kendra	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra	
ESPN	30 for 30	30 for 30			Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	
ESPN2	World Series	World Series			E:60		30 for 30		SportsNation		
FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Chefs vs. City		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Chefs vs. City		
FX	Hitman				Justified		Justified		'70s Show	'70s Show	
HGTV	First	First	Home Rules		House	House	My First	Marriage	Home Rules		
HIST	Ancient Aliens				The Universe		Decoding the Past		Ancient Aliens		
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Elvis and Anabelle					Will	Will	Frasier	Medium	
MTV	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills		The Hills	The City	Hills	The Hills	The City	Hills	
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Merlin		Merlin		WWE NXT		Rise: Blood Hunter				
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	Deadliest Warrior	Deadliest Warrior		Crash Test				Deadliest Warrior		
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl	
TCM	Savage Pampas				Killr-Kilmanjaro						
TLC	Help-Giant	19 Kids	19 Kids	Little	Little		Help-Giant		19 Kids	19 Kids	
TNT	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA		
TOON	Garfield	Chowder	Codename	Ed, Edd	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Luxurious Log Homes	RV Crazy!			Food Wars	Food Wars	Food Wars	Food Wars	Luxurious Log Homes		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Get Rich	Get Rich	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych		
VH1	Brandy & Ray J	RuPaul's Drag Race			Chilli		Basketbal		Sober House		
WGN	Father-Part II				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	S. Park	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Sports	You Don't Know Jack					Treme		The Pacific		
MAX	Watchmen				Backdraft					Zane	
SHOW	W.	Saw V			Nurse	Tara	Nurse	Tara	Stigmata		

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Wednesday Evening April 28, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Family	Middle	Family	Cougar	Happy Town		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Two Men	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Mercy		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Lie to Me		American Idol		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Billy	Billy	Billy	Dog	Dog
AMC	First Blood				Rambo Part II				Breaking Bad	
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		I Shouldn't Be Alive		River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef All Stars	
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	The Great Outdoors				The Great Outdoors			
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Tosh.0	Futurama	South Pk	Ugly	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly
DISC	Weird or What?		MythBusters		What a Tool		Weird or What?		MythBusters	
DISN	Good Boy!			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven
EI	Plastic Surgery				Maxim Doe	Heiresses	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Maxim Doe
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live
ESPN2	Bowling				World Series		World Series		SportsNation	
FAM	The Parent Trap						The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Outrageous Food	Flay	Flay		Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Flay	Flay
FX	Untraceable				Untraceable				Universal Sldr	
HGTV	Property	Property	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Ren.	Nails	Holmes on Homes	

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HIST	Gangland	Gangland	MonsterQuest	UFO Hunters	Gangland
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Mad Money		Will	Will
MTV	True Life	The City	The Hills	The Challenge	The Challenge
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez
SCI	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Scariest Places
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	The Ultimate Fighter	Best of PRIDE	The Ultimate Fighter
TBS	Browns	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne
TCM	Midnight			Arise, My Love	
TLC	Woman-Giant Legs	Hoard-Buried	Police Women	Hoard-Buried	Police Women
TNT	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball		Inside the NBA
TOON	Dude	Destroy	Ben 10	Generator	King-Hill
TRAV	Man v. Food	Man/Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man/Food
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS	NCIS	In Plain Sight	NCIS	NCIS
VH1	Celebrity Scandals	Basketbal	Chilli	Tough Love Couples	Beauty
WGN	Risky Business			WGN News at Nine	Scrubs

Premium Channels

HBO	Four Christmases	24/7	The Pacific	Real Time/Bill Maher	Funny or	Life
MAX	12 Rounds		Terminator Salvation		Life on Top: Too Hot	
SHOW	Nurse	Tara	The Tudors	Inside NASCAR	The Tudors	Inside NASCAR

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