



Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Breezy, with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Breezy, with a southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before 1am. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 38.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 57.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

Thursday: High, 64; Low 41
Precip: Thursday None
Month: None
Year: 0.99 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:16 a.m. 8:16 p.m.
Sunday 7:15 a.m. 8:17 p.m.
Monday 7:13 a.m. 8:18 p.m.
First quarter moon
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Browback declares drought watch here

From "DROUGHT," Page 1

Wether Service expected a warm front to move through the area today, dropping relative humidity in an already-dry environment. Gusty winds will add to the fire danger. The county has had its share of grass fires this week, with two on Wednesday near Levant and Brewster and one on Tuesday along I-70.

"We are advising counties to

continue to report grass fires to us that have become out of control because of a controlled burn or otherwise," said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. "These reports enable us to stay on top of evolving situations and coordinate any state response, as needed, as well as assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact."

College groups plan art walk Friday, April 22

From "ART WALK," Page 1

available at all the walk locations.

The day won't be just for visual art, however. Jay said Garret Jones will be playing his saxophone downtown and Brock Waggoner will be playing the keyboard at Smoffee's. College education students will have activities for kids in first through eighth grades in the library basement while their parents are walking around, looking at the artwork. Jay said the

activities are only for children of parents participating in the walk.

Two workshops scheduled for Saturday, April 23. Demetria Stephens will teach mask making from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library basement. Ron Hart will teach stained-glass making from 1 to 4 p.m. in the college art room. The cost of each workshop is \$10 per person. Jay said checks can be made out to the College Art Club and sent to 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701, in care of Rebel Jay.

Oasis on the Plains



SHELBY PULKRABEK/Colby Free Press
Despite less-than-optimal growing conditions, workers planted these fake palm trees this week to spruce up the new Colby Aquatic Center.

Legislators begin battle over redrawing political boundaries

From "LEGISLATORS," Page 1

Census, going from five districts to the present four. There was some concern following the 2000 Census that the state could lose another, but after the middle part of the last decade it became clear that the state would not lose representation.

To draw each district, legislators will be trying to assemble boundaries containing about 713,280 residents. Federal law requires that the deviation between districts be zero.

According to figures released in

March, the 3rd District grew the most over the past 10 years and has 54,289 residents more than the ideal. It will have to get smaller geographically, losing parts or all of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte counties. Only part of Douglas is in the district, about half of the city of Lawrence and the University of Kansas.

"If people had their druthers in Lawrence, they would rather be in the 3rd, but I don't see how that's possible," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat. "I've always operated under the assumption that Doug-

las would go in to the 2nd district as we went through this process."

Legislators consider several factors when drawing the districts, such district demographics and communities of interest.

For example, the 2nd District covers much of eastern Kansas, touching the borders with Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma. It has three state universities and the state's two Army installations, Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth.

The 2nd also is above the ideal size, mostly due to growth attributed to the Pentagon's decision to base the Army's 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, increasing the military population by almost 50 percent.

In addition to the congressional districts, legislators will redraw 40

state Senate and 125 state House districts. The changes in population suggest that urban areas like Johnson County will add one state Senate seat and about three state House districts. The ideal district sizes will be about 71,320 residents per Senate seat and 22,825 residents per House district.

Democrats hold just eight seats in the state Senate and 33 in the state House, and the party has mostly been reduced to representing areas of Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka and Lawrence, where its core constituencies reside. The fight is likely to be within the GOP between a growing conservative majority and remaining moderates who have aligned with Democrats on education, tax and social issues.

Emler said the shift from rural to urban representation is evident as legislators debate such issues as education funding and forcing school districts to consolidate.

Rural legislators have been able to prevent bills that would cut spending to smaller schools or force them to close buildings. But Emler said there is a point where there would be only one school in a county and it would require students to be on buses for long periods of the day.

"The folks who live in the urban areas who don't have many counties that have to travel around and don't understand that consolidation could be huge issue in rural areas," he said. "They simply aren't as aware of the time and distance."

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| Monday Evening April 11, 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 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 | | | | Castle | | Local | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live | |
| KBSL/CBS | How I Met | Mad Love | Mike | Two Men | Hawaii Five-0 | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late | |
| KSNK/NBC | Chuck | | Law & Order: LA | | | | Local | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late | |
| KSAS/FOX | House | | The Chicago Code | Local | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Hillbilly Heroin | | Relapse | | Paranorma | Paranorma | Paranorma | Paranorma | Hillbilly Heroin | |
| AMC | Deliverance | | | | Deliverance | | | | | |
| ANIM | I Shouldn't Be Alive | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | | River Monsters | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | |
| BRAVO | Housewives/OC | Housewives/OC | | | Bethenny Ever After | Bethenny Ever After | | | Housewives/OC | |
| CMT | Broken Bridges | | | | The Singing Bee | Fried | | | Smarter | Smarter |
| CNN | In the Arena | | Piers Morgan Tonight | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | Piers Morgan Tonight | |
| COMEDY | Beerfest | | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Daily | Colbert | | Work. | Futurama |
| DISC | Deadliest Catch | Deadliest Catch | | | Deadliest Catch | | Deadliest Catch | | Deadliest Catch | |
| DISN | Good Luck | Good Luck | Wizards-Waver | | | | Good Luck | Good Luck | Hannah | Hannah |
| E! | E! Special | | | | Fashion | The Soup | | Chelsea | E! News | Fashion |
| ESPN | MLB Baseball | | | | Baseball Tonight | | SportsCenter | | Baseball | NFL Live |
| ESPN2 | SportsCenter Special | | NBA Coast to Coast | | | | Boston | Boston | NASCAR Now | |
| FAM | Secret-Teen | | Make It or Break It | | Secret-Teen | | The 700 Club | | Whose? | Whose? |
| FOOD | Unwrapped | Candy | Diners | Diners | Meat | The Best | Ice Briga | Good Eats | Diners | Diners |
| FX | Wild Hogs | | | | | Wild Hogs | | | | |
| HGTV | Property | Property | House | Hunters | House | Hunters | First | First | House | Hunters |
| HIST | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | American | American | Pawn | Pawn |
| LIFE | Too Young to Marry | | Fab Five: Texas | | | | How I Met | How I Met | Chris | Chris |
| MTV | The Real World | | RJ Berger | RJ Berger | RJ Berger | Fantasy | RJ Berger | Fantasy | The Real World | |
| NICK | My Wife | My Wife | Chris | Chris | Lopez | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny |
| SCI | Being Human | | Being Human | | Stargate Universe | | Being Human | | Stargate Universe | |
| SPIKE | Jail | Jail | Executive Decision | | | | | | Ways Die | Ways Die |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Conan | | Lopez Tonight | |
| TCM | Birth-Nation | | | | | | | The Coward | | |
| TLC | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Kate Plus 8 | | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Cake Boss |
| TNT | Bones | | Bones | | The Closer | | CSI: NY | | CSI: NY | |
| TOON | Adventure | Regular | King-Hill | King-Hill | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Aqua Teen |
| TRAV | No Reservation | | | | No Reservation | | | | No Reservation | |
| TV LAND | AllFamily | AllFamily | Crocodile Dundee II | | | | Roseanne | Roseanne | Roseanne | Roseanne |
| USA | WWE Tough Enough | | WWE Monday Night RAW | | | | WWE Tough Enough | | CSI: Crime Scene | |
| VH1 | Hip Hop | Fabulous | Basketball Wives | | Hip Hop | Fabulous | Wedding Wars | | Hip Hop | Fabulous |
| WGN | Chris | Chris | Funniest Home Videos | | WGN News at Nine | | Scrubs | Scrubs | South Pk | South Pk |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Real Time/Bill Maher | | Avatar | | | | | | | |
| MAX | Wolverine | | Raising Arizona | | Repo Men | | | | | |
| SHOW | Weeds | The Big C | The Borgias | | Nurse | Tara | Nurse | Tara | The Borgias | |

2011 High Plains Horseman's Day


April 16, 2011



Location
Logan County
Fairgrounds
Oakley, Kansas



For More Info
Thomas County
Extension Office
785-460-4582
www.thomas.ksu.edu



Time
8:30 a.m.
Registration

Featuring:
Jay & Gena Henson
National Versatility Ranch
Horse Association
Hugoton, Kansas

Topics Include:
Jumping - Form over Fences
Trailerling from Nose to
Taillights
Supplement Savvy
Animal Chiropractic Care
Introduction to Ranch
Horse Versatility

Special Cowpokes Session:
Special session for ages 7-12. Must pre-register youth for this session. Call 785-460-4582.

The Tumbleweed Chorus

PRESENTS:

BROADWAY BARBERSHOP



Saturday April 9

3:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

CCC Frahm Theatre

Tickets:

\$10.00 Advance
\$12.00 at the Door
Contact any member or call: 785-462-2474 or toll free: 800-269-7059

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