

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 83. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Tuesday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 84.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 82.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear and windy, with a low around 57.

Thursday: High, 73; Low 33

Precip: Thursday None

Month: 0.43 inches

Year: 16.41 inches

Normal: 16.36 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 7:40 a.m. 7:27 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 24 percent

Sunday 7:41 a.m. 7:25 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 35 percent

Monday 7:42 a.m. 7:24 p.m.

First quarter Moon, 10:15 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Feedlot owner in dispute with EPA

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tection Agency had already met with the Kansas Livestock Association instead of the Kansas Cattlemen’s Association which represents independent cattlemen.

After the news was published, Callicrate said, he received a call from a water engineer offering assistance. The engineer said that if he had been a member of the Kansas Livestock Association, the feedyard would

probably not have seen an Environmental Protection Agency inspector.

Callicrate admitted to some failures in record keeping and nutrient analysis but noted that would quickly be corrected.

“We have one of the cleanest feedyards around,” Jones said. “I’m proud of what we have.”

Callicrate came to a Colby town hall meeting in August to discuss his concerns with Sen. Jerry Moran. Moran said he was

familiar with the case and went on to say that it is important to make sound and environmentally friendly decisions, but not to the extreme that it becomes a burden to good, small business owners.

Brooks issued a letter (printed below) concerning the matter, noting that the protection agency had never said hay was a pollutant.

Hay no pollutant, says EPA spokesman

By Karl Brooks,
EPA Region 7 Administrator

A Kansas feedlot operator is trying to make hay by falsely claiming that EPA defined hay as a water pollutant.

The owner of the Callicrate Feeding Company has been spinning a “hay-as-pollutant” myth through the blogosphere for a couple of weeks now. While the company is certainly entitled to its own opinions about EPA, the company is not entitled to its own set of facts.

Here are the facts. On Aug. 15, EPA’s Region 7, which includes Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and nine tribal nations, took action to correct several serious environmental violations at the Callicrate Feeding Company in St. Francis. EPA found water permit violations at Callicrate’s operation that needed to

be addressed. The compliance order was not based on hay. Nor would EPA have issued such an action based on hay.

To be clear: The order had nothing to do with hay. At no place in the 11-page order is the word “hay” mentioned. Nor is there mention of alfalfa or grass.

EPA cited the Callicrate operation for failure to control harmful runoff, maintain adequate manure storage capacity, keep adequate operation records, and meet the state and federal requirements of its nutrient management plan.

EPA inspectors observed silage, and dried distillers grains within the uncontrolled feedstock storage area.

When stored inappropriately, the silage and grains can turn into a liquid material that contains contaminants detrimental

to water quality. EPA inspectors also observed slaughter wastes being stored outside in an uncontrolled area. The EPA order was based on those contaminants and the other violations mentioned above.

The Callicrate facility is permitted by the State of Kansas for a capacity of 12,000 head of beef cattle and had 3,200 head at the time of the inspection. Under EPA definitions, 1,000 head of beef is considered a large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation. This is not a small operation. The permitted capacity puts the company in the top five percent of the largest animal feeding operations in Region 7.

This action by EPA was issued to correct problems. Less than two weeks after the order was issued, Callicrate’s attorney informed us that the company had already taken action to ad-

dress the problems identified in EPA’s order.

We have some indication of how other producers have perceived this fracas in a feedlot. Region 7’s offer to meet with Kansas cattle producers to discuss Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation enforcement was warmly. Drover/Cattle Network published an article debunking the “hay-as-pollutant” myth.

As that article concludes: “But as the industry confronts and negotiates these genuine regulatory issues, R-CALF’s claim that ‘EPA declares hay a pollutant to antagonize small and mid-sized U.S. cattle feeders’ is unnecessary, inflammatory hyperbole.”

Brooks is administrator for U.S. EPA Region 7 that includes Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and nine tribal nations.

Republicans planning caucus in March

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committee plans to meet Friday to consider minor changes in its plan and rules for the caucuses, but Barker said party leaders remain committed to the March 10 date because of the Republican National Committee’s threat to strip most states of half their delegates if they have primaries or caucuses before March 6. States have until Saturday to submit their plans to the committee.

Despite the committee’s threat, several states are still considering primaries or caucuses in February or even January, including Florida.

“It’s not worth the risk, and both parties are doing the right thing in discouraging states from going earlier,” said Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a former state GOP chairman.

Kobach said discouraging early primaries and caucuses is “good for the country” because otherwise, states would move their contests earlier and earlier, drawing out the presidential race, leading to voter fatigue.

The parties’ rules don’t apply to Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada or South Carolina, whose contests traditionally have opened the presidential race. Barker said Kansas could have set its caucuses for Super Tues-

day as well, but GOP leaders face staffing dozens of caucus sites around the state.

“We wanted to do it as soon as possible,” Barker said. “There’s just no way we could get enough volunteers.”

Kansas has 40 delegates to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla. Three, who serve on the national committee, will be pledged to support the candidate receiving the most votes statewide in the caucuses. Three delegates from each of the state’s four congressional districts will be pledged to the leading vote-getter in their districts. The remaining 25 delegates will be divided proportionally among the presidential candidates.

GOP candidates have will have until Jan. 13 to enter the Kansas caucuses.

The Democratic caucuses will allocate the state’s convention delegates proportionally among the candidates, though Obama is expected to capture them all. The state now has 44 delegates to the Democratic convention in Charlotte, N.C., but expects to see the number jump to 55 because Kansas is waiting to hold its caucuses.

The candidate filing deadline for Kansas Democrats’ caucuses is April 1.

In 2008, Kansas Republicans

also had their caucuses the Saturday after Super Tuesday, but that was Feb. 9. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee captured 36 of the state’s 39 delegates, even though Arizona Sen. John McCain was then the party’s presumed nominee. About 20,000 people participated.

Kansas Democrats had their 2008 caucuses on Super Tuesday and, despite wintry weather, about 37,000 people partici-

pated, more than three times as many as party leaders had anticipated. Obama, who had been endorsed by then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, won easily, capturing 23 of the 32 delegates at stake.

Kenny Johnston, the state Democratic Party’s executive director, said it is hoping from 5,000 to 6,000 people will participate in next year’s caucuses.

“We’re going to use it as an organizing event,” he said.

Official’s visit repealed

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the Repealer within the Kansas Department of Administration. The Governor tasked the office with investigating the system of governance of the state including its laws and regulations to determine instances in which those laws and regulations are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicitous or contradictory.

As part of the investigative process, Executive Order 11-04 also charged the Repealer with establishing a system for receiving public recommenda-

tions suggesting various laws and regulations to be considered for repeal. It also called for the creation of an online portal for collecting public comments.

“The creation of the online portal has given our office many good recommendations for repeal,” Secretary Taylor said. “This tour is the next step in the public input process. We hope the tour will raise awareness of the voice Kansans have in this process. If you are unable to make it to one of the tour stops, I encourage you to get online to share your ideas.”

Briefly

Come meet the artists at reception Sunday

Colby Community College artists whose work is currently on display at the Prairie Museum will be available to meet the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Light refreshments will be served. The college art exhibit is on display through October. For information, call the museum at 460-4590.

Public schools to hold book fairs next week

The Colby Middle and Grade School Libraries will hold the Scholastic Book Fair from Monday to next Thursday. The grade school fair will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday. The middle school fair will be open during school hours from Monday to Thursday. The libraries receive a percentage of the money spent of books to make purchases. For information, call the grade school at 460-5100.

Sacred Heart book fair on two days next week

Sacred Heart Catholic School will have its annual book fair from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the school gym. Proceeds will go to the school library. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

Senior center plans potato bar Thursday

The Senior Progress Center will have its fall potato bar fund raiser from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The event, which is open to the public, will also include a bake sale and raffle. For information, call 460-2901.

City plans power outage

The Colby Electric Department is planning to turn off power from Cope-land Avenue to Smith Drive and from the First Street Annex to West Sixth Street on Thursday. The outage will begin at 5:15 p.m. and should last about two hours. For information, call the department at 460-4420.

Health department to close for flu clinic

The Thomas County Health Department office at 350 S. Range Ave. will close all day Wednesday so staff can run the flu clinic at the 4-H building. The office will open again Thursday. For information, call the office at 460-4596.

Fatherhood class begins Tuesday, Oct. 11

The 24/7 Dad will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, meeting at Redeeming Love Ministries in Colby. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. 24/7 Dad is a fatherhood program with experienced facilitators, W.G. Romine and Jarrod Spencer, bringing fathers together and giving them tools for improvement and to build on their strengths. For information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177.

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Monday Evening											October 3, 2011	
	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	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	The Sing-Off				The Playboy Club		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova		House		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders			
AMC	Billy Madison				Billy Madison				Top Gun			
ANIM	Animal Cops Houston		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Animal Cops Houston		I Shouldn't Be Alive			
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Most Eligible Dallas		Happens	Real Housewives	Real			
CMT	Blue Collar					Blue Collar						
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Park			
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper			
DISN	Good Luck	Hallowtown II				Good Luck	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards		
EI	Sex-City	Sex-City	EI Special		Fashion	The Soup	Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea			
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football							SportsCenter			
ESPN2	SportsCtr	Poker	World, Poker		World, Poker		SportsCtr	Football	Baseball	Football		
FAM	The Lying Game		Coyote Ugly				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Unwrapped	Crave	The Best	The Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	The Best	The Best		
FX	What Happens						What Happens					
HGTV	House	Hunters	Showhouse Showdown	House	Hunters		House	Hunters	Showhouse Showdown			
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn		Around		Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Girl Fight				Against the Wall		Unsolved Mysteries			
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Ridic.	Ridic.	Death	Cuff'd	Ridic.	Death	Cuff'd		
NICK	Family	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	George	George		
SCI	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13				Warehouse 13					
SPIKE	King	King	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	UFC 136 Countdown	King	King	King		
TBS	MLB Baseball			MLB Baseball								
TCM	Night-Movies		Frankenstein			Freaks		Night-Movies		Dr Jekyll		
TLC	Little People		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Little People		Cake Boss	Cake Boss		
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TOON	Adventure	I MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation			
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny	The Nanny	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Fast & Furious					
VH1	Basketball	Wives LA	Basketball	Wives LA	Greatest Songs		Pop Up	Greatest Songs		Basketbal		
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Scott Pilgrim				Boxing					
MAX	The Saint				Black Swan							
SHOW	Paper Man		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland			