

Weather

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WE HELPED KANSAS SAVE:

- \$110.2 billion: BTUs of gas and electricity with an annual value of \$2,341,023
- 22 million: kilowatt hours of electricity
- 19,002 barrels: Oil not imported

National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. West wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

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

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Tuesday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Wednesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Thursday: High, 51; Low 25
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 2.91 inches
 Year: 19.38 inches
 Normal: 17.78 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 8:09 a.m. 6:47 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 12 percent
 Sunday 8:10 a.m. 6:45 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 20 percent
 Monday 8:11 a.m. 6:44 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 30 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

New memorial fund established

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mer of 2011 they distributed over 385 child-friendly bags of food to children over the summer months.

"The beauty of the Darren Miller Memorial Fund is that it can be used year-round, wherever there is a need to make sure that our kids in Thomas County are being fed," said Olson.

"We have a couple of funds already established to address this problem, but they are not even close to what we need to be able to provide a constant stream of revenue to support the efforts of our non-profits who are working to eliminate this problem in our community. This endowed fund will be a great asset in feeding our kids, while honoring the memory of Darren."

Olson encourages the public to contribute

to this fund and may do so by sending a tax-deductible check, payable to the Thomas County Community Foundation, to 350 S. Range, Suite 14, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Olson notes that the Darren Miller Memorial Fund should be written in the memo section of the check to ensure proper fund placement.

For information, visit www.thomas-countycommunityfoundation.com.

State plans water meetings

MANHATTAN (AP) – The Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas State University are holding four meetings next month to educate water rights holders about their options during drought.

The department's Division of Water Resources says the meetings will also include information about managing next year's water supply. The meetings are planned for Nov. 15 in Larned and Pratt, and Nov. 16 in Garden City and Hugoton.

Sections of Kansas have been experiencing severe drought lately. The dry conditions prompted the state to let water rights holders borrow from their 2012 allocation this year or spread out their allocations across a five-year period.

Fewer late on loans

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do not seem to be an issue among the membership this year despite the drought.

"It would appear to be a challenge this year, but I do think we have a good safety net," Spiegel said. "I also do think farmers are doing a pretty good job of trying to plan for challenges such as this. They are pretty conservative for the most part."

The Farm Service Agency lent Kansas farmers about \$131.2 million during the past year. That is down from the record \$162.5 million loaned out the previous year, when the agency got a big supplemental appropriation from Congress. The

previous high was set in 1985, at \$153.7 million.

Although the agency did not have as much money to lend out in Kansas this past year, it still was enough to cover farmers' needs, Stiebe said.

Stiebe said he is not picking up a "sense of panic" or push to refinance from strapped borrowers as the due date nears for most operating loans.

"It is quite different than what most people were thinking or expecting," he said. "It is not to say there aren't some people out there who haven't had some serious problems and aren't in trouble. But, as a whole, it is not as big a problem as it could be with all things considered. I am pretty happy about where we are at."

Water expert talks supply and demand at college

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goes to ethanol production, he said, which creates other problems. However there can be a cycle of reuse at ethanol plants, he said, where excess material can be used for cattle feed and manure can be used to create energy.

Solar energy also uses copious amounts of water. In order to provide enough energy to power towns, Glennon said, solar plants use a process called concentrating solar thermal, which uses solar energy to boil water that in turn spins turbines. A solar plant of this kind uses more water than a similar-sized coal plant, he said, and there is also evaporation loss.

A lot of energy is used to move water where it needs to go. Glennon said about 20 percent of all the energy produced in California goes to moving water from one place to another, and that energy takes water to produce.

Demand can come from unlikely places as well, he said, such as server farms, large computing centers that can use up to 360,000 gallons of water a day for cooling.

"Demand is going up," he said, "and Washington has paid no attention to the implications."

The problem, Glennon said, is that Americans have been spoiled into thinking there is an endless supply of water.

"When we turn on the faucet, we get as much water as we want for less than the price of a

cell phone," he said.

There were many signs of the crisis in 2007, he said. The town of Orme, Tenn., depended on two natural water sources, both of which dried up. Water had to be trucked into town. Water was so scarce in California's central valley that it recorded more than \$1 billion in farm losses.

Glennon focused on Atlanta, whose principal water source nearly dried up in 2007. The city government imposed some watering restrictions, he said, but it wasn't enough.

"The governor took dramatic action," Glennon said. "He prayed for rain."

What Atlanta didn't do, he said, was put limits on drilling wells or diverting rivers. Most states allow nearly unlimited access to water, he said.

Glennon said the Atlanta drought wasn't particularly different than other droughts. What made it unusual was the large population. Population is becoming a problem, he said, because it keeps increasing while the amount of water available does not. The United States hit 300 million people several years ago.

The United States has effectively built one dam per year since the Declaration of Independence was signed, but that has come to a halt recently. Glennon said dams are coming down all around the country and no new ones are being built.

Beyond rivers and reservoirs there's subsurface water, such as the Ogallala Aquifer. Glennon said that heavy use of sub-sur-

face water can cause problems like sinkholes and collapsed ground. He showed a picture from the San Joaquin Valley in California that illustrated how far the ground level had dropped (nearly 40 feet) between 1925 and 1977 because of heavy pumping.

Many solutions have been proposed over the years, from the simple need for conservation to more radical approaches such as huge pipelines and cloud seeding.

Desalination, or refining salt water into potable water, is one solution, he said, but it is expensive and uses a lot of energy, which in turn takes water to generate. Other solutions are conservation and collecting and storing rain water.

Glennon said we need new approaches to water in order to keep the supply intact.

One such approach is to look at how we refine wastewater into potable water. The current process uses a lot more water to decontaminate the wastewater, and even then it doesn't extract things like antibiotics or drugs. Glennon proposed forming a national commission to study new uses for wastewater.

Glennon said that water should be priced differently, and that the more a user, such as a business or a home, takes in, the more it should cost. This would encourage people to conserve more.

He also suggested a demand offset system, where any time a

new water user comes in, they have to find a way to reduce demand in equal measure. Glennon likened the overall water supply to a milkshake, with each new water user putting in a straw and increasing the strain on the supply. In his proposal, each new user would have to find a way to remove a straw before putting theirs in.

Glennon used Geneva Steel in Utah as an example. When the company went bankrupt and sold all its assets for about \$100 million, it sold its water rights for \$102 million. Voluntary transactions like this, he said, ensure that when a company goes out of business, the water it was using can go to other things.

Farmers have begun to do something similar, he said. A recent study of 12 western states found as much as 10 trillion gallons of water being transferred from agriculture to municipal utilities and industry, and yet farm income has remained steady. Glennon said this is because farmers are often good businessmen, and are recognizing good deals. Many farmers have sold water rights on substandard land to industry and used the money to improve irrigation on better land.

Solutions like these provide a chance to change direction before there is no more water left, Glennon said.

"There's no silver bullet," he said, "there is a set of options. All we need is the moral courage and political will to change."

Briefly

Spooktacular Book Sale continues this weekend

The Pioneer Memorial Library is holding a Spooktacular Book Sale through Saturday. Times are from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday. For information call 460-4470.

Presbyterian Women selling holiday greenery

The Colby Presbyterian Women are selling fresh Christmas greenery wreaths, garlands and centerpieces – as a fund raiser for their mission project. Orders are due by Sunday. For information or to place an order, call the church at 462-6342 or JoAnne Sunderman at 460-2476. Delivery will be the first week of December.

Trick or treat Monday at county offices

The Thomas County Courthouse and Office Complex will be allowing children kindergarten through fifth grade to come in costume and trick or treat from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday. Signs will be posted on the doors of participating offices. For information, call 460-4502.

Heartland plans festival for Monday evening

Heartland Christian School will hold its Fall Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the school. There will be games from 5 to 7:30 p.m., supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and a volleyball scrimmage from 7 to 8 p.m. Donations will be accepted. For information, call 460-6419.

Join Church of Christ for 'trunk or treating'

The Colby Church of Christ, 510 East Fourth, invites parents to bring their kids to Trunk or Treat between 5 and 6:30 p.m. on Monday for Halloween for an opportunity to get candy and treats in a safe environment. For information, call the church at 460-6322.

Catholic church to cook turkey dinner

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will have an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, in the church basement. Dinner will include turkey, ham, potatoes, corn and homemade pie. Donations will be accepted. For information, call 460-7167.

Agriculture department to distribute commodities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will distribute excess commodities to eligible people from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center. Distribution is on first come-first-served basis and participants are asked to not arrive at the distribution site before 12:30 p.m. Bring a sack or box to carry commodities. Expected commodities include cranberry sauce, peaches, cream corn, grapefruit juice, macaroni, peas and milk. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.



Reduce Your Taxes

Colby Community College Tax Credits are still available

Receive a **60%** Kansas State Income Tax Credit on 2011 returns. Depending on your income, you may be eligible to receive a deduction resulting in further savings on your Federal Income Tax.

Examples

Contribution to CCC		\$10,000	\$1,000
Less:			
Tax Credit, State of Kansas (60%)		(\$6,000)	(\$600)
Approximate Savings on Federal Income Tax*		(\$2,500)	(\$250)
Estimated Net Cost for Contribution		\$1,500	\$150

All donations are eligible (no minimum).

For tax credit details contact Chief Financial Officer Alan Waites at (785) 460-5402 or Nick Wells, Foundation Director, at (785) 460-4684.

*Based on taxable income above \$33,950 (single) or \$67,900 (married). Filing jointly (both have a "marginal tax rate" of 25%). Tax savings could be greater based on higher taxable income, thereby lowering the overall net cash flow for a contribution.



LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Monday Evening										October 31, 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				Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late					
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova		House		Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Monster	Monster	Intervention		Hoarders					
AMC	Halloween				Halloween III-Witch								Hallow 4	
ANIM	Birth of a Legend				Finding Bigfoot			Birth of a Legend						
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives	Real					
CMT	Gremlins				Gremlins									
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk				
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Guns		American Chopper		American Guns					
DISN	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Shake It	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards				
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kendra	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea					
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter						
ESPN2	SportsCtr	World, Poker		World, Poker		Nation	SportsCtr	Nation	Nation	Nation				
FAM	Casper		Hocus Pocus				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?				
FOOD	Unwrapped		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				
FX	Twilight				Horror Story		Horror Story		Horror Story					
HGTV	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	The Real Story		Pawn	Pawn				
LIFE	Haunting-Molly				Possess Piper				Haunting-Molly					
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Cuff'd	Death	Ridic.	Cuff'd	Death				
NICK	SpongeBot	SpongeBot	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Ghost Hunters													
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Race-Ring	Ways Die	Ways Die				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office				
TCM	Village of the Damned			Night-Dead				Night-Movies		Innocents				
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Lottery Changed		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Lottery Changed					
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order				CSI: NY		CSI: NY					
TOON	Adventure	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Franken.				
TRAV	Halloween Crazy		Ghost Adventures				Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures					
TV LAND	Married		Scrubs	Scrubs	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne				
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Drill Me to Hell							
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		La La	T.O. Show	Basketbal	Basketbal	Wives LA	Basketbal	La La	T.O. Show				
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny				
Premium Channels														
HBO	Harry Potter		Bored	Enlighten	Boardwalk Empire		Bored	Enlighten	24/7	American				
MAX	I Know	Hatchet II			D.O.A.: Dead or Alive				Emmanuelle Through Time					
SHOW	Patton Oswalt		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland					