

Weather



National Weather Service Wind Advisory

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 41. Windy, with a south wind 30 to 35 mph becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. South wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

Friday: High, 69; Low 34
 Saturday: High, 79; Low 40
 Sunday: High, 76; Low 44
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday None
 Sunday None
 Month: 0.78 inches
 Year: 1.67 inches
 Normal: 2.11 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:36 a.m. 8:04 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 22 percent
 Wednesday 7:34 a.m. 8:05 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 30 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

City Council authorizes height, hazard regulations

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Engineering of Plainville for the Webster Street waterline project. The project is completed, but Armstrong said the city had not signed a contract for Penco.

- Approved an amended franchise agreement with S&T Communications, which removes the requirement for a \$25,000 performance bond. Councilman Pat Mallory excused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest since he works for S&T.

Councilman Dave Voss asked what the bond covers, and Armstrong said it wouldn't go into effect unless the city could show that the company was not providing cable services and had failed to fulfill its contract.

City Technology Director Mike Albers asked

Armstrong if the city had originally put that bond in during the construction phase, and she said yes. Gatz said this amendment allows the city to reimpose that bond rule anytime the council deems appropriate.

- Approved a resolution of support for housing tax credits for Sunflower Apartments.

- Approved a resolution to provide emergency fire call pager and dispatch communications for Rural Fire District No. 4. Armstrong said the district pays the city \$100 a year.

- Approved an amended agreement with Midwest Right of Way Services for land acquisition services at Colby Shalz Field. Armstrong said the city was required to go through a formal selection process by which Midway was selected, and that necessitated a change in the date of the contract.

College foundation prepares for annual dinner auction

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"It's all about fun and funds," said Wells. "People come dressed in their best formal wear or blue jeans, and sometimes there are a few who dress for the

theme, which is a lot of fun.

"We just want everyone to come out and show their support. We don't care what you wear."

Decorations for the fiesta are being made by the college's art

department, said Wells.

He said he has seen some of the piñatas and other decorations and is looking forward to seeing it all come together over a nice cut of prime rib.

Director takes solo dive to the deepest spot in the Pacific Ocean

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Cameron said. "It's not a one-time deal and then moving on. This is the beginning of opening up this new frontier."

"To me, the story is in the people in their quest and curiosity and their attempt to understand," Cameron said.

He spent time filming the Mariana Trench, which is about 200 miles southwest of the Pacific island of Guam. The trip down to the deepest point took two hours and 36 minutes, starting Sunday afternoon U.S. time.

His return aboard his 12-ton, lime-green sub called Deepsea Challenger was a "faster-than-expected 70-minute ascent," according to National Geographic, which sponsored the expedition. Cameron is a National Geographic explorer-in-residence.

The only thing that went wrong was the hydraulics on the system to collect rocks and critters to bring them back to land. Just as he was about to collect his first sample, a leak in the hydraulic fluid sprayed into the water and he couldn't bring anything back.

Kansas tax cuts require whittling down

By John Hanna

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TOPEKA — If Kansas legislators are going to cut taxes this year, they'll have to whittle down a long list of attractive proposals that have already been approved by the House or Senate. The work could prove daunting.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback made cutting taxes his signature issue for this year's session of the GOP-dominated Legislature, proposing to overhaul the individual income tax code. Lawmakers have been equally aggressive in considering different ways to reduce various taxes.

Both the House and Senate have approved bills to reduce income and sales taxes, and both

have passed measures aimed at holding down local property taxes. Their negotiators were scheduled to start meeting today to work on the final version of a package.

But the negotiators have a problem: Each possible tax cut has significant support, but if lawmakers include too many of them, they'll push the state toward large budget cuts.

Brownback is now sounding cautious, saying tax cuts have to be balanced with "pay-fors" to keep the package "responsible."

"That's where you get the tough piece of it," Brownback said during his most recent Statehouse news conference.

Legislators, Brownback and his two Democratic predecessors spent the past three years

dealing with financial problems caused by the Great Recession, talking about belt-tightening. The state raised its sales tax to balance the budget in 2010, but when Brownback took office in January 2011, he and legislators faced a projected shortfall approaching \$500 million. They made cuts, including slashing base aid to schools by nearly 6 percent.

In sharp contrast, the House and Senate have approved rival budgets this year that are set to leave the state with cash reserves of at least \$460 million. That's made the promise of tax cuts real, and Brownback has argued that Kansas needs to become more competitive with other states to create long-term economic growth.

Briefly

Dance team tryouts this week at Colby High

Tryouts for the Colby High Dance Team for the 2012-2013 school year will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the high school gym. Packets are available in the high school and middle school offices. Call Coach Denita Rodgers at (785) 269-7908 with questions.

College offers horsemanship for beginners

Colby Community College plans a horsemanship workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday at the college farm. The class, taught by Dr. Paige Ayers, will meet through May 1. It's designed for beginners and for experienced riders who want to improve. Cost is \$20; enrollment for those 65 and older will be paid by a Thomas County senior grant. The farm is three miles east of Colby on U.S. 24 and one north. For information, call Penny Cline at 460-5404.

Brewster students sponsoring blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. next Monday at the Brewster School, sponsored by the student council. Call (785) 694-2236 for information or to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Free help with taxes offered by senior group

Free tax preparation will be available from experts trained by the American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide program, by appointment only, on Wednesdays through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Workshop will help people manage diseases

A workshop to help people learn to self-manage chronic diseases will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays from next week to May 7 in the Citizens Medical Center conference room. A light meal will be served, and preregistration is required. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital's education department, (785) 460-4850.

Kindergarten enrollment at grade school

Kindergarten pre-enrollment and visitation for the 2012-13 school year will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, at the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. For information, call the school office at (785) 460-5100.

Preschool plans enrollment, open house

An enrollment open house for the 2012-13 school year for Puddle Duck Preschool will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the school, 520 W. Fifth St. The preschool is for children 3 to 5 years old. For information, call teacher Amy Jennings at 460-2603.

Fourth graders draw historic buildings here

A free exhibit of drawings of historic area buildings by fourth graders at Colby Grade School is on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History through Friday, April 6. For information, call Ann Miner at (785) 460-4590 or e-mail museumed@st-tel.net.

Kids can learn to cook at free classes

The last Kids-a-Cookin' free, fun, hands-on cooking and nutrition class for third through fifth graders will be Thursday, April 19. Sign up by calling the city Recreation Department at 460-4440 so organizers will know how much food and materials to have. Sessions will be cancelled if the enrollment is less than 10.

Head Start still looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a tuition-free preschool, is accepting applications for the current school year. The school accepts applications all year long for kids 3 and 4. For information, or to get an application, call 460-6067.

Sheriff can check vehicles for owners

The Thomas County Sheriff's Office can inspect vehicle identification numbers when needed for registration of cars, light trucks and motorcycles with out-of-state titles. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 460-4570 for information or to set up an appointment. Sheriff Rod Taylor said trailer inspections have to go through the Kansas Highway Patrol office in Hays. The fee is \$15. The office cannot give out information on other people's tags and vehicles.

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Tuesday Evening March 27, 2012										
	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	Dancing With Stars	Body of Proof		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser		Fashion Star		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	Raising	Raising	New Girl	Breaking	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Duck D.	Duck D.	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Under Siege					Hard to Kill		Under Sge		
ANIM	Blue Planet: Seas	Blue Planet: Seas	Blue Planet: Seas	Blue Planet: Seas	Blue Planet: Seas					
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/Alt.	Tabatha Takes Over	Happens	Housewives/Alt.	Tabatha				
CMT	Ron White's Celebrity		Ron White: Stupid	Ron White's Celebrity	Ron White: Stupid					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Key	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Key	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Key	
DISC	MythBusters		Moose Attack!	Frozen Planet	Moose Attack!					
DISN	Phineas	Austin	Shake It	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	I Now Pronounce You				Ice-Coco	CSI: News	Chelsea		Chelsea	
ESPN	Wm. Basketball	Wm. Basketball			SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball			GameDay		NFL Live			
FAM	Ace Ventura	Dodgeball: Underdog			The 700 Club	Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Cupcake Wars	Chopped			Chopped		Chopped			
FX	Star Trek				Justified		Justified			
HGTV	Million Dollar Rooms	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Million Dollar Rooms	Property	Property		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear		Top Shot		Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Dance Moms	Dance Moms			Dance Moms		Dance Moms			
MTV	Pregnant	16 and Pregnant			16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Monster Man			
SPIKE	The Rock						Am Digger	Auction		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office		
TCM	Cape Fear				River of No Return		Night-Hunter			
TLC	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids and Counting	
TNT	Bones				Con Air		CSI: NY			
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Off Limits		When Vacations		Mysteries-Museum			
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Divorced	Cleveland	King	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene			
VH1	Behind the Music	Basketball Wives	Mob Wives		MobWives	Stevie TV	Jeepers Creepers			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels										
HBO	Green Lnt	Sucker Punch			Eastbound	Luck			REAL Sports Gumbel	
MAX	Face/Off	Surviving Christmas			Cop Out					
SHOW	The Mask of Zorro	Teller	Comedy	Californ.	Lies	Shameless			The Ledge	

Wednesday Evening March 28, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Missing		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: One World	Criminal Minds			CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Whitney	Chelsea	Bent	Bent	Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Die Hard				Die Hard-Veng.					
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Interior Therapy		Interior Therapy		Million Dollar		Happens	Interior Therapy	Million	
CMT	Redneck Vacation		Redneck Vacation		The Rookie					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly Amer
DISC	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Triggers: Change	
DISN	Random	Hannah Montana			Good Luck		Austin	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe		The Soup		Chelsea		El News	Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball				HS Basketball				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	ATP Tennis						SportCtr	NFL Live		NBA
FAM	Jumanji	Zathura			The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	The Waterboy				The Waterboy		Archer		Unsuper.	
HGTV	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen		House	Hunters	Property Brothers		Income	Kitchen
American Profile										
We Celebrate Hometown Life										
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HIST	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	American	American
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap	
MTV	The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Monster Man	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Am Digger	Am Digger	Repo	Repo	Auction	Auction
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang		Conan		Office	
TCM	Gypsy				The Cincinnati Kid				I Confess	
TLC	To Niecy	To Niecy	Untold Stories of ER		Obsession	Obsession	Untold Stories of ER		Obsession	Obsession
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	NinjaGo	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Amazing	Amazing	Man, Food	Man, Food	Sandwich Paradise		Amazing	Amazing
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Psych					