

Weather



National Weather Service Red Flag Warning

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 93. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 92. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 96.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Labor Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85.

Wednesday: High, 97; Low 57
Precip: Wednesday None
Month: 1.32 inches
Year: 10.13 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:12 a.m. 8:16 p.m.
Full moon at 8:58 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,816,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Norton campus building open

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Wednesday at the Norton campus. There is no charge for these courses.

The renovation was a joint project using money from the college, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Norton County commissioners, the Norton County Community Foundation,

the Norton County Hospital and Norton County Economic Development.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt spoke at the dedication. Dr. Vacik, Norton Campus coordinator Jean Ann Wilson, Norton County Hospital Administrator Rich Miller and Economic Development Executive Director Scott Sproul also spoke

prior to the ribbon cutting.

"At Colby Community College, we are committed to being different, better and purposeful," said Dr. Vacik. "This facility and the expanded health-care offerings are a testament to that commitment and to the people of northwest Kansas. Creating jobs, caring for the sick and vulnerable, supporting the commu-

nity – those are just some of the long-term goals for our Norton campus and its dedicated personnel."

For information about the Norton program, contact Connie Green at (785) 460-4621 or Associate Director of Nursing Rebecca Johnson at (785) 460-5444.

General Motors plans plant expansion

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and Chevrolet Malibu are assembled.

The \$120 million in bonds would be used to construct the new building.

Wyandotte County leaders said they believe more money will be spent to equip the plant, but they declined to discuss how much.

GM has put almost \$1.9 billion in rein-

vestments into the plant in the last 10 years, *The Star* reported. The current plant was built in 1985.

Doug Bach, deputy county administrator for economic development, said the planned expansion should ensure the future of the plant.

"The proposal from GM is something that would solidify the investment of GM in the area for years to come," he said.

The Fairfax plant is the largest private employer in Wyandotte County and one of the top 10 employers in the metropolitan area, Reardon said.

"In my mind," the mayor said, "this application and GM's interest is further affirmation that the cars being built by the men and women at Fairfax are some of the best cars being built in the U.S. today."

Studio clashes with 'Godfather' heirs

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Paramount said the only right left to the Puzo estate was the right to publish the original novel "The Godfather" and to publish versions and adaptations.

But the estate's lawyers disagree.

They said the agreement ex-

cluded book publication rights from the rights that Paramount could acquire.

They said Paramount also got nasty in trying to prevent publication of the new sequel by contacting the publishers of the book and insisting that neither the publishers nor the estate had any right to publish it.

The estate asked the court to declare that the estate owns the book publishing rights to any sequel, that Paramount cannot prevent the estate from publishing the book and that Paramount does not automatically have film rights to new books.

"The rights repudiated and violated by Paramount were of

fundamental and critical importance to Puzo and were of the essence of the 1969 agreement," the lawyers wrote. "More than once, Puzo said, 'Books are my world,'" explaining why Paramount didn't get book rights and wouldn't get them."

Report says Corn Belt benefits from recent rains

By Jim Suhr

AP Business Writer

ST. LOUIS – Growers in key farm states punished by the nation's worst drought in two generations welcomed recent rains that at least for a time soaked their parched crops and eased the dryness. But with Hurricane Isaac's remnants crawling their way, some farmers wonder whether too much relief is on the horizon.

Isaac, which making landfall Monday on the Gulf Coast, has been downgraded to a tropical storm.

Forecasters expect it to slide into Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio as early as Friday, dumping as much as 12 inches of rain across the region.

That kind of deluge – usually welcomed by farmers who are famously at nature's mercy – may be too little too late for corn growers and could actually work against them by making their fields too muddy to accommodate harvesting equipment. Strong winds could topple drought-weakened stalks.

"I don't want the wind," said Kenneth Metcalf, a 75-year-old farmer with nearly 600 acres of corn and 120 of soybeans yet to harvest near Mechanicsburg, in central Illinois. "This corn is not at all that stable to start with, and we don't need 50- or 60-mile-per-hour winds. It would just break the stalks off."

Portions of the thirsty Corn Belt that got a good soaking last weekend saw the extent of their drought conditions level off or slightly improve, according to a drought-tracking effort.

The weekly U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday shows that the section of the continental U.S. in the worst two categories of drought – extreme and exceptional – remained relatively unchanged at 23.2 percent as of Tuesday.

But thanks to rains last weekend, the amount of Iowa – the nation's biggest producer of corn – in the two worst drought classifications fell by 9 percentage points to 58.3 percent. Illinois saw a 7 percentage point drop-off to 69.6 percent as Kansas' numbers slid 6 points to 90.1 percent. Mis-

souri's status improved nominally, slipping nearly 2 percentage points to 97.4 percent. Indiana's portion in the two highest drought conditions rose, up 2.1 percentage points to 39.22 percent.

Still, the rains may not be much help to help corn growers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Monday that 52 percent of that crop was listed as being in very poor or poor shape, more than double the status of 19 percent in those two categories at this time last year.

Soybeans, which could benefit from more rains because it's earlier in the growing season than corn, were faring only slightly better, with 17 percent of that crop described as being very poor while an additional 21 percent was poor, the department said. A year ago, just 15 percent of the nation's soybeans were in those categories.

The department said that 6 percent of the nation's corn harvest was completed as of Monday, three times the average at this time of year over the previous four growing seasons.

Group warns of continued Kansas fire danger

MANHATTAN (AP) – Residents of drought-stricken Kansas are being urged to continue observing local burn bans as the risk of wildfires remains high.

A multi-agency group called the Kansas Wildland Fire Pre-

vention and Education Team said Wednesday that recent, scattered rain did little to lower the threat.

The Education Team says Kansans should be especially careful using equipment that

may create sparks.

Meanwhile, the Kansas Forest Service reports that more than 41,000 acres and 26 structures have burned statewide since May.

The agency says the past

week alone saw seven fires that scorched more than 8,000 acres.

Officials say this summer's fires are burning especially hot, making them harder to suppress.

Briefly

Lutheran church back to normal schedule

Beginning Sunday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth St. in Colby, will return to its regular schedule, with Sunday school meeting at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. Rally Sunday will be Sept. 9 – with the ice cream machine running and a fish feed to benefit the Orphan Grain Train from noon to 1:30 p.m. For information, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497. Visitors are always welcome.

Classes set to teach English to residents

Beginning classes for English as a second language will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Golden Plains High School in Rexford. Intermediate and advanced classes are set for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Thomas County Learning Center in Colby, both starting next week. For information, call the Learning Center at (785) 465-7900.

State officials to explain new health plans here

State officials will be in Colby for a meeting on KanCare on Monday, Sept. 24, one of eight to be held across the state to provide details about the transition from the old Medicaid program to KanCare. The session will begin at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. For information, call Miranda Steele at (785) 296-5795.

'World's Largest Convoy' coming

There's still time to sign up for the Worlds Largest Truck Convoy on Saturday, Sept. 8, supporting the Kansas Special Olympics, or for a truck and bike show starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Oasis Travel Center. Saturday, convoys from Oakley and Goodland will meet in Colby at noon for a parade. Show up at 7:30 a.m. (Central Time) at either starting place for registration. Call Joe Menlick at (785) 443-1682 for information about the convoy and truck show; C.W. Hamilton at (785) 462-0964 for the bike show.

College lecture series to feature Colby native

Colby native Dr. Mark Hansen will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College for the first Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture of the year. His free talk will be, "Coming Together or Coming Apart: America and the 2012 Election." For information, call Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at (785) 460-5528.

Wesleyan church plans Bible study sessions

The Colby Wesleyan Church invites women to an eight-week Beth Moore Bible study, "Mercy Triumphs," on the man and the book of James, Jesus' brother. Sessions will run on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, 320 W. Pine, or from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library beginning next week. For information, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391 or e-mail wesleyan@st-tel.net.



LOCAL TV Listings

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Saturday Evening September 1, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	College Football							Local		
KBSL/CBS	CSI: NY	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery				Local			
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent	Saving Hope	Law & Order: SVU				Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	College Football						Touch		Biased	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Hatfields & McCoys			Hatfields & McCoys					Hatfields & McCoys	
AMC	Four Brothers			Four Brothers						
ANIM	My Cat From Hell	Tanked		Tanked	Tanked				Tanked	
BRAVO	Meet the Parents			Meet the Parents					Orange County	
CMT	Police Academy	Redneck Vacation		Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation	Redneck Vacation			Redneck Vacation	
CNN	41			CNN Newsroom	41					
COMEDY	Harold	Half Baked			Dumb & Dumber					
DISC	Yukon Men		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	Gold Rush			Gold Rush	
DISN	Shake It Up!		Shake It	Vampire	Vampire	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Georgia Rule			Kardashian		The Soup	Chelsea	Jonas	Jonas	
ESPN	College Football			Score	College Football					
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
FAM	Toy Story			The Goonies					Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Diners	Diners	
FX	UFC 151 Prelims			Two Men	Two Men	Wilfred	Biased	Louie	Wilfred	
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		

American Profile

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Family That Preys					Prank Mom	Prank Mom	Prank Mom	Family That Preys	
MTV	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills	The Hills
NICK	How to Rock	You Gotta	Carly	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Outlander	Predator 2						Serenity		
SPIKE	Star Wars IV							Swordfish		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Rush Hour 3					Blue Streak		
TCM	The Band Wagon			Barkleys-Brdwy					Humoresque	
TLC	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life		Dateline: Real Life		
TNT	Ocean's Eleven			Sherlock Holmes						
TOON	Percy Jackson	Home Mov.	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Dynamite	Boondocks	Bleach	Samurai 7	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		
TV LAND	Beauty Shop	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	Bad Boys II					Covert Affairs		Next Friday		
VH1	Single Ladies	Love, Hip Hop		Romeo Must Die					Planet	
WGN	MLB Baseball			WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos	Chris	Chris			
Premium Channels										
HBO	Hop			Boxing						
MAX	Knight and Day	Strike Back		Troy						
SHOW	Our Idiot Brother		The Mechanic		Weeds	Episodes	Gigolos	L Word		

Sunday Evening September 2, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Duos						Local	
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		The Good Wife			The Mentalist			Local	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent					Local	Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Into the West		Hell on Wheels			Breaking Bad			Town	Breaking Bad
ANIM	Off Hook	Off Hook	Mermaids-Body						Mermaids-Body	Hell on
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		New Jersey Social		TBA	Housewives/NYC		Gallery
CMT	Delta Farce		Ron White: They Call		Delta Farce					Ron White
CNN	Teddy: In His				CNN Newsroom		Teddy: In His			
COMEDY	Dumb	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	
DISC	Survivorman Ten Days		One Car Too Far		Yukon Men			One Car Too Far		MythBusters
DISN	Code 9	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Vampire	Vampire	Austin	Austin	ANT Farm	Vampire
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		Jonas	Kardashian		Jonas	Kardashian	
ESPN	NASCAR Racing								SportsCenter	
ESPN2	MLB Baseball						SportCtr	First	NFL Yrbk.	NASCAR
FAM	Toy Story 2				Toy Story 2				J. Osteen	Ed Young
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Food Truck Race		Iron Chef America		Restaurant Stakeout		Food Truck Race	
FX	Iron Man				Iron Man					
HGTV	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Handyman		Holmes Inspection		Property Brothers	
HIST	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Shark Wranglers		Mountain Men	
LIFE	Officer Murder		Drew Peterson				Officer Murder			
MTV	The Hills	The Hills	Awkward.	Awkward.	One Dir.	The Inbet	Snooki	Snooki	Snooki	Snooki
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Prince Caspian						Land of the Lost			
SPIKE	Star Wars V						Band of Brothers			Brothers
TBS	Talladega Nights:				Talladega Nights:				Sullivan	I Love
TCM	Hands of a Stranger				The Beast With Five Fingers				Mad Love	
TLC	Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried	
TNT	Ocean's Eleven		Leverage		Leverage		Men in Black II			
TOON	Dragons: Riders	Venture	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Black Dynamite		
TRAV	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Tailgate Paradise		Hamburger Paradise		Man v Fd	Man v Fd
TV LAND	M*A*S*H: Reunion		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Big Ang	Big Ang	Hollywood Exes		Single Ladies		Big Ang		Mama Drama	
WGN	MDA Show of Strength						WGN News at Nine		Monk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Unknown		Fast Five						Very Harold & Kumar 3D	
MAX	Harry Potter-Azkaban				Forrest Gump					Lingerie
SHOW	Dexter		Homeland		Weeds	Web Ther.	Weeds	Web Ther.	The Real L Word	