

# Weather



**National Weather Service Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Areas of fog after 2 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Tuesday:** Areas of fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 86. South wind around 15 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 90. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 82.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

**Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Friday: High, 65; Low 55  
 Saturday: High, 82; Low 57  
 Sunday: High, 65; Low 53  
 Precip: Friday 0.06 inches  
 Saturday 0.07 inches  
 Sunday 0.02 inches  
 Month: 3.38 inches  
 Year: 12.41 inches  
 Normal: 17.78 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Tuesday 7:27 a.m. 7:49 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 96 percent  
 Wednesday 7:28 a.m. 7:47 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 99 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# 'Secret garden' goes all out

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Thompson said she went to the University of Kansas and lived in Lawrence for several years, but she was born and raised in Colby and has lived here for most of her life. About 70, she has lived in her house for 50 years. She said the strange collection of lawn ornaments in her yard took about 15 years to gather together.

"I kind of started this when my grandchildren were little," she said, "just maybe a thing or two, but then I kind of got carried away."

It takes her about three days to get everything put out in the yard when summer starts, she said. Neighbors have been known to come knocking to see the collection, and Thompson sometimes takes them around the yard in little tour groups. She has dinners and parties there in the summer.

She said she puts her plants in a green house at the side of the yard each fall and retires her stuffed animals after a couple of years of sitting or hanging in the elements. Sometimes, she said, her potted plants and the assortment of items end up sitting in the snow for a short time.

People got her some of the items as gifts, Thompson said. She credited Tina DeBoer, Jo Booth and Ruth Gallaway in particular with helping her build up her collection.

Thompson admitted to getting obsessed with certain hobbies. She has a room in her house with a collection of hundreds of hats which she started several years ago. She wore one that looked like a headband with peacock feathers sticking out of it to show off her garden.

"I think that it's close to being the last year," she said. "I don't know how much longer I'll do this, but it's fun."

# I-70 rebuilding nearing completion

A project that began in June of 2011 to rebuild 12 miles of Interstate 70 in western Sherman County is nearly done.

Travelers began using one lane of the new eastbound concrete pavement on Tuesday, when construction crews began allowing travel in both the east and westbound lanes, said Kristen Brands of Norton, district

public affairs manager for the Kansas Department of Transportation. This setup will be used until contractors can remove the temporary centerline striping and install permanent traffic markings, including the center and edge stripes.

The interchange at Ruleton (Exit 9) now is opened to eastbound traffic. The project begins

at the Colorado state line and extends 12 miles east into Kansas at the Caruso interchange (Exit 12).

Drivers may be diverted to one lane or the other in the next few weeks as work continues, Brands said. The department expects to have all lanes open to normal traffic by mid-October, weather permitting.

With the changes last week, she said, drivers need to pay extra attention to signs and markings and obey speed limits through the work zone.

Earlier this month, traffic on the freeway was shut down for a time while victims were treated and wreckage from a five-car head-on accident was removed near the Kanorado exit.

# Flooded mountain towns reopening

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jumped on her sleeping husband at 4:30 a.m., batting at him and yowling.

"I always thought we were safe unless the dam went," she said. "I credit the cat with saving my family and the lives of everyone in the cottages."

From the mountain communities east of Estes Park to the plains city of Fort Morgan, pockets of people remained cut off by the flooding. Sunday's rain hampered helicopter searches, and rescuers trekked by ground up dangerous canyon roads to reach some of those homes isolated since Wednesday.

The surging waters have been deadly, with four people confirmed dead and two more missing and presumed dead after their homes were swept away.

Some 1,500 homes have been destroyed and about 17,500 have been damaged, according to an initial estimate released by the Colorado Office of Emergency Management on its website.

In addition, 11,700 people left their homes, and at least 1,253 have not been heard from, state emergency officials said.

With phone service being restored to some of the areas over the weekend, offi-

cialists hoped that number of missing would drop as they contacted more stranded people.

As many as 1,000 people in Larimer County were awaiting rescue Sunday, but airlifts were grounded because of the rain, Rocky Mountain Type 2 Incident Management Team commander Shane Del Grosso said.

Hundreds more people are unaccounted for to the south in Boulder County and other flood-affected areas.

The gateway town of Lyons, about 20 miles southeast of Estes Park, was almost completely abandoned. Emergency crews gave the few remaining residents, some wandering aimlessly on Main Street, looking for status updates from each other, a final warning to leave Sunday.

One man, a bluegrass musician, has been visiting his home every day and taking photos. The house has a river running through it and he can't get close.

Most of the town's trailer parks were completely destroyed. One angry man was throwing his possessions one-by-one into the river rushing along one side of his trailer on Sunday, watching the brown water carry them away while drinking a beer.

In Estes Park, Lancaster called the flood "a 500-year event." He said it was worse than previous flash floods because of the sustained rains and widespread damage to infrastructure across the Rocky Mountain foothills. Major roads were washed away, small towns like Glen Haven reduced to debris and key infrastructure like gas lines and sewers systems destroyed, meaning hundreds of homes in Estes Park alone could be unreachable and uninhabitable for up to a year.

The good news here in Estes Park and the Estes Valley, Lancaster said, was there appeared to be no loss of life.

Still, hundreds remained stranded in remote areas.

"We know there are a lot of people trapped, but they are trapped alive," he told people gathered at Red Cross evacuation shelter Sunday afternoon.

And rescues continued throughout the day Sunday any way possible, including zip lines rigged to hoist people and pets across swollen rivers and creeks.

That's how retirees Jerry Grove and Dorothy Scott-Grove - and their two golden retrievers - were finally rescued Friday night from their vacation cabin in Glen Haven.

# Attorney appointed to sentencing commission

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sources the the state department of corrections has available. He said the commission gets a report each month on the number of people in the prison system.

"What I think prosecutors want to see is have violent offenders stay in prison," Berens said, "and non-violent offenders have alternatives to prison."

The alternative he was most

considering was probation. The commission's executive director testifies in subcommittee to the state legislature. And last year, he said, significant changes were made to the guidelines on sentencing probation violators. The guidelines now give courts, and to some extent the probation officers, power to sanction violators.

"So it gives them the opportunity to put them in jail for short

periods to see if that corrects the behavior," Berens said.

Those on probation who get a "technical violation," - such as missing a meeting, rather than running away or committing another crime - can be sent back to jail for only two or three days. A spell of 120 to 180 days back in the corrections system awaits them if they have another violation.

"It think that it's the ability

to influence policy that allows us to do justice in our criminal cases," he said.

The governor appoints six of the 17 members on the sentencing commission. Gov. Sam Brownback announced the appointments to the sentencing commission, among other boards and commissions, on Aug. 29.

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Tuesday Evening September 17, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Iron Man 2						Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Million Second		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Dads	Brooklyn	New Girl	Mindy	Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barter Kings		Barter Kings		Storage	Storage
AMC	Meet the Parents						Meet the Parents			
ANIM	Madagascar				Wild Serengeti		Madagascar			
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		NeNe--Wedding		The New Atlanta		Happens	NeNe--Wedding	Happens	
CMT	Coyote Ugly				Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Garage	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live			AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Brickie.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Brickie.	
DISC	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Tickle	Tickle	Amish Mafia	Tickle	Tickle	
DISN	Princess Protection Program		Dog		Jessie	Good Luck	Austin	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	True Hollywood Story	Total Divas			Divas	Divas	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Hispanic Spec		World Series		World Series		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	NFL's Greatest Games		Profile		Baseball Tonight		Olbermann		Olbermann	
FAM	Legally Blonde		Failure to Launch				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Chopped	
FX	Moneyball				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy			
HGTV	Property	Property	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Power Broker		Property	Property
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Top Gear		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Top Gear		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Dance Moms		Abby's Dance		Double	Double	Double		Dance Moms	
MTV	Teen Mom 3		Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Sara	True Life	True Life	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SICI	Face Off		Face Off		Heroes of Cosplay		Face Off		Heroes of Cosplay	
SPIKE	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Conan	
TCM	La Roue								Chien	
TLC	19 Kids and Counting		19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Cold Justice		CSI: NY		Cold Justice	
TOON	Uncle Gra	Adventure	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Heart
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Airport 2	Airport 2	Extreme Yachts		Extreme Yachts		Airport 2	Airport 2
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King		The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Covert Affairs		Suits		Graceland		Covert Affairs	
VH1	Marry	T.I.-Tiny	Malibu's Most Wanted				Miami Monkey		Marry	T.I.-Tiny
WGN	Analyze This				WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Parental Guidance				REAL Sports Gumbel		The Newsroom		Boardwalk Empire	
MAX	Magic Mike				Tower Heist					
SHOW	Gone		The Double				Web Ther.	Dexter		Donovan

Wednesday Evening September 18, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Middle	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor						Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Million Second		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor						Local			
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Erin Brockovich						National Treasure			
ANIM	Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me	
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		Watch What Happens: Live			
CMT	RV				Dog and Beth		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	RV	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live			AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	South Park		Key		Daily	Colbert	Key	South Pk
DISC	Myst. Flight 800		Argo: Inside Story		Hidden Secrets		Argo: Inside Story		Hidden Secrets	
DISN	Jessie		Liv-Mad.	Good Luck	Shake It	Austin	Dog	Jessie	Gotta Kick It Up	
E!	E! Special		Kardashian		The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball					
ESPN2	Hispanic Spec		Hey Rookie, Welcome		RGIII: Will to Win		SportsCenter		Olbermann	
FAM	Failure	Burlesque					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		Mystery D	Thieves	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout	
FX	Moneyball				The Bridge		The Bridge		The Bridge	
HGTV	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
<b>AmericanProfile</b> // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		Mountain Men		Santinis	Santinis	American Pickers	
LIFE	Julie & Julia						Devious Maids		Julie & Julia	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends
SCI	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Mine		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Mine	
SPIKE	The Rundown						Walking Tall			Rundown
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	7 Hills-Rome						For the First Time			The Great Caruso
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection		Here Comes Honey		Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection	
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		The Mentalist		The Mentalist	
TOON	Annoying	Total	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Heart
TRAV	DigFellas	DigFellas	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr	Food Paradise		Food Paradise		Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr
TV LAND	Boston Legal		Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	The Exes	Friends	Friends	The King of Queens	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Suits		Preview	Law-SVU
VH1	Viral Videos		Miami Monkey		Tough Love: Co-Ed		Tough Love: Co-Ed		The Dukes of Hazzard	
WGN	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	In Time		The Newsroom		Boardwalk Empire		Real Time, Bill		Safe House	
MAX	Strike Back		Battleship				The Girl's Guide to Depravity			
SHOW	Ray Donovan		Inside the NFL		Dexter		Inside the NFL		History, the Eagles	

# Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

## Library to be closed Wednesday, Thursday

The Pioneer Memorial Library will be closed all day Wednesday and until 1:30 p.m. Thursday due to bereavement. For information call 460-4470.

## Schools need volunteers for events

Colby High School and Middle School are seeking volunteers to work at events such as home games. Call Suzi Duncan at the high school for information, 460-5300.

## Activity calendars ready to pick up at schools

The Colby Public Schools district calendars