

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. North wind around 5 mph becoming south-west.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.
Friday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Friday: High, 50; Low 25
Saturday: High, 54; Low 24
Sunday: High, 45; Low 31
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday Trace
Month: 1.35 inches
Year: 2.22 inches
Normal: 1.20 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:54 a.m. 7:52 p.m.
Wednesday 7:52 a.m. 7:53 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Alliance board OK’s loan

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the city in order to have a better negotiating position with other potential investors.
Brouthers said Monday it was gratifying that the board wants to support Embark. He said there has been a lot of interest from investors, but no firm commitments.
“Hopefully, in the next few weeks we’ll see some yesses,” he said.
Brouthers said that, since the March 2 council meeting, Embark has signed another contract with a health care provider and has another one that should be signed soon.
“The marketing and sales side of things is still going very well,” he said. “It’s all about raising money right now.”
Patrick said the board put some conditions on the

proposed city loan. If approved, the loan can only be used for operating the Colby office, including payment of utilities, salaries for Colby employees and phone bills. Brouthers said the he is comfortable with that.
The board also recommended that the loan be repaid by Dec. 31. The council will have to decide on an interest rate and a process for advances.
To do this, Patrick said, the city will have to re-write some of the guidelines on the sales-tax fund. The current guidelines say money from the fund can’t be used by companies to refinance debt, pay salaries or pay administrative expenses.
The Economic Development Sales Tax Fund was created in 2004. Patrick said it is the only Economic Development fund that could be used for a loan this large because all the others have caps on the amounts that can be loaned out.

Farm Service has help for farmers

MANHATTAN — The U.S. Farm Service Agency in Kansas hopes to reach out to women and minority farmers in an effort to get more of them involved in federal programs.
“We’re in the business of helping our farmers and ranchers — all of them,” said Adrian J. Polansky, state executive. “We do not have to promote their availability to the farmers who have traditionally used them, but there may be some producers, especially among women, minority, beginning and limited-resource farmers, who still are not aware of our programs and the benefits that may be available to them. We want to reach those people.”
Polansky said that while programs remain available to everyone, they want to increase participation by traditionally underrepresented groups in farming.
He summarized the agency’s major programs.
Youth Loans up to \$5,000 are available to youth to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with their participation in 4-H, FFA and similar organizations. Youths must be U.S. citizens between 10 and 20, live in a town of less than 50,000 and be unable to obtain money from other sources.
Disaster Assistance. The Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program helps farmers who grow crops that are not eligible for regular crop insurance to recover from natural disasters. To be eligible, farmers must obtain crop insurance on insurable crops and coverage on noninsurable crops.

Emergency Loans. The agency provides emergency loans to help cover production and physical losses in counties declared disaster areas or next to them.
Emergency Conservation Program. Emergency cost-share money is available to help rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters.
Conservation Programs. The Conservation Reserve Program encourages farmers to stop growing crops on highly erodible and environmentally sensitive land.

Colby quilting group sews for charity effort

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ing, a quilting information and supplies site on the Internet which says the program will run through 2010.
“We have 80 pillowcases now, with plans to give 20 to hospice and a bunch to foster kids,” Benson said. “The last information I got off the Internet was that right now the last count across the coun-

try stands at over 34,000.
“So (we’ll) just keep sewing until we are told they have reached a million.”
In Colby, she said, the group will give 20 pillowcases to Hospice, but the group plans to donate to foster children when the arrangements can be made.
In the meantime, she said, they’ll just keep using what extra fabric they have and keep sewing.

Districts may drop all-day kindergarten

WICHITA (AP) — Cash-strapped school districts are looking hard at whether they will be able to continue to afford all-day kindergarten.
The state’s per-pupil funding only supports half-day programs, but districts with high numbers of poor or at-risk students underwrite full-day programs with money targeted at those students. More affluent suburban districts often ask local taxpayers or parents of kindergartners to make up the difference.
But with the recession slashing budgets, the full-day kindergarten programs are under the magnifying glass.
“If something doesn’t change ... all-day kindergarten could be, unfortunately, one of those areas we couldn’t afford to do,” said John Allison, superintendent of Wichita schools.
Allison said the district has no plans to scrap full-day kindergarten next fall. But if cuts continue or get deeper and federal stimulus funds evaporate, the district would have to consider cutting the service at some schools, at least, for the 2011-12 school year.
“It would be a step backwards,” he said.
The full-day programs have grown in popularity over the past decade with an increasing number of Kansas school districts offering them. Advocates say it gives teachers more time to cover vital material and may boost test scores, especially for students who start school behind their peers.
“You definitely see a difference,” said Jeanette Dalrymple. She teaches in Goddard, which provides full-day kindergarten only to students who, in pre-kindergarten academic screenings, are thought to need extra help. “A lot is expected of them at earlier ages, and ... just having that extra time to practice those skills means a lot.”
Terri Anderson, who teaches kindergarten at Riverside Leadership Magnet Elementary, noted that by the end of kindergarten, her students are expected to read more than 50 one-syllable and common words by sight, put numbers in order, count money and identify simple fractions.

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Tuesday Evening											March 16, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Lost		Lost		FlashForward		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds			
AMC	12 Monkeys							Escape From L.A.				
ANIM	Untamed and Uncut		Man-Venom		Madman of the Sea		Man-Venom		Untamed and Uncut			
BRAVO	Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker		Matchmaker			
CMT	The Singing Bee		The Great Outdoors					The Great Outdoors				
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park		
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs			
DISN	Her Best Move			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven		
E!	When Harry Met Sally				Pretty	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Pretty		
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball					
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Unwrapped	Best	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Best		
FX	Live Free-Die				Justified		Justified		Damages			
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	House	Marriage	My First	House	Buck		
HIST	Samurai				Life After People		Life After People		Samurai			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Karla				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium		
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		True Life			
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez		
SCI	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		WWE NXT		Meltdown					
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		BlueMount	Players	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die		
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	The Bad Sleep Well						High and Low					
TLC	6 Going on 60		19 Kids	19 Kids	Quintuplet Surprise		6 Going on 60		19 Kids	19 Kids		
TNT	Bones		Bones		Southland		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TOON	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Tn-Titans	Tn-Titans	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Bar Food Paradise		Man/Food	Man/Food	Food Wars	Tastiest	Food Wars	Tastiest	Bar Food Paradise			
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith		Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Boston Legal		Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Psych			
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race		RuPaul's Drag Race		TRANSform	Sober House		Beauty	Celebrity Fit Club			
WGN	Shallow Hal				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		S. Park	S. Park		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Monsters vs. Aliens				REAL Sports Gumbel		The Pacific		Bill Maher: But			
MAX	Revolutionary Road				Last House on Left							
SHOW	The Reader				Call Girl	Call Girl	Family That Preys					

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Wednesday Evening											March 17, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Scrubs	Middle	Family	Cougar	Ugly Betty		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Unmarried	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	Mercy		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	Human Target		American Idol		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Billy	Billy	Billy	Dog	Dog		
AMC	Red Planet						The Terminator					
ANIM	Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Was Bitten		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive			
BRAVO	Mill. Matchmaker		Shear Genius		Shear Genius		Shear Genius		Real Housewives			
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Blue Collar					Blue Collar	Comedy Tour			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	S. Park	South Pk	Ugly	Daily	Colbert	Ugly	South Pk		
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters			
DISN	The Luck of the Irish			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven		
E!	Plastic Surgery				True Hollywood Story		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Hollywood		
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Nation		
FAM	Independence Day						The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Ultimate Recipe		B. Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	B. Flay	Flay		
FX	Me, Myself & Irene						Hollywood Homicide					
HGTV	Property	Property	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Income	My First	Holmes on Homes			

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HIST	MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		Ax Men		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Waiting to Exhale				Will		Frasier	Medium		
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	The Real World		The Real World		The Real World		True Life			
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez		
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth			
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC	UFC 111	Players	BlueMount	UFC	UFC		
TBS	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	42nd Street				Gold Diggers of 1933			Professional Sweetheart				
TLC	Tiger Woods		Hoard-Buried		Addicted		Hoard-Buried		Addicted			
TNT	Bones		Twister				Leverage		Leverage			
TOON	Dude	Destroy	Star Wars	Hero	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Amer. Worst Driver		Carnivore	Man/Food	Man Food	Man/Food	Fun Food Factory		Amer. Worst Driver			
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith			First Love		First Love		Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Casino Royale					
VH1	Tool Academy		Drumline						NWA: Dangerous Group			
WGN	Road House				Funniest Home Videos		Scrubs		Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	
Premium Channels												
HBO	Magic & Bird: Courtship		How		The Pacific		Real Time/Bill Maher		Funny or	Life		
MAX	Babylon	Men in Black II			Taken				Lingerie	Lingerie	Babylon	
SHOW	Call Girl	Call Girl	Bobby Slayton: Born		Ride of Their Lives				The Bank Job			

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