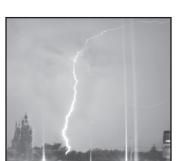
#### Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening, then a chance of light rain showers and isolated thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 50s. East winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Thunderstorms likely in the morning, with a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 60 percent.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the south 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Chance of thunderstorms 70 percent.

Friday: Mostly cloudy in the morning becoming partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Saturday: Breezy. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Sunday: Mostly sunny. Highs

in the lower 60s. Monday: High, 57; Low 40 Tuesday: High, 59; Low 43

Precip: Monday 0.07 inches Tuesday 0.00 inches Month: 1.43 inches 4.04 inches Year: Normal: 3.89 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset** 6:57 a.m. 8:29 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# County says software training 'inadequate'

From "TRAINING," Page 1

the load among the 20 counties in northwest Kansas included in the mental health

Hill said that state budget cuts to the tune of \$400,000 last year and another \$400,000 this year could send the agency into the red by next year. He noted that he has gone from 130 employees to 75, saying the agency has cut everything to "the bare bones."

When people need service, he said, it's hard to do when everyone in the chain doesn't do their part. He told them Thomas bench mark for money, and said he wished other counties would do as well.

Carl Eyman of the Kansas Workers Risk to take the necessary classes. Co-operative for Counties, which covers the county for employee injuries, told the commissioners to hold a foreign animal commissioners the company had changed a "low-cost modifier" to give a break in workers' compensation rates this year. Thomas County saw a \$13,000 benefit from the change. He said that by department, road and bridge has the most claims.

Susan McMahan, the county's emergency management director, told the commissioners that Scott Hilbrink, a firefighter and volunteer emergency medical technician, has agreed to fill the unpaid position of county County is just a step above the projected radiological officer. He is a member of the state hazardous materials team No. 8, based

McMahan received approval from the disease school on Tuesday, an "awareness training" covering what to do in the event of an animal disease outbreak. McMahan said she had questioned a feed lot manager about the information, and he was unable to answer any of the questions, so she felt a training session was a good idea. She said not many counties are willing to take the time to do the training, which is for agribusiness people, implement dealers, feed lot workrs and stockmen.

She told commissioners she had ordered \$526 worth of supplies to make identificaout of Colby, McMahan said, and is willing tion cards for county elected officials, de-

partment heads, and all first responders. She said Thomas County is the only one in northwest Kansas that has the equipment to make the cards.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved attending the Kansas Association of Counties "minimeeting" at 8:30 Wednesday morning and continuing through the afternoon at the Frahm Theatre on the campus of Colby Community Col-
- · Received the monthly report from the Economic Development Alliance and the changes in the bylaws in reference to meeting notification.
- Approved minutes from the April 12

## Proposed soda tax fizzling in Kansas Legislature

From "TAX," Page 1

tax increases and therefore might as well address the needs of the poor, disabled and elderly.

agree to add \$31 million, restoring some cuts in mental health

sistance. Democrats didn't think the committee went far enough.

The proposed soda tax would raise \$90 million a year for those GOP committee members did programs, schools and general government operations.

Legislative researchers say programs, in-home services for it would increase the cost of a

the disabled and other public as- 12-ounce can of soda by 10 cents; drinks and beverages that are 10 mare," he said. beverage industry officials claim a 2-liter bottle would cost 56 cents

> amount to a levy of 30 percent to 50 percent, depending on the product.

The tax would apply to packsweetened, nonalcoholic beverages, including soda, root beer, ginger ale, lemon-lime

Thursday Evaning

Friday Evening

Premium Channels The Pacific

The Tudors

SHOW

Ghost To Dragonhear

percent or less "natural" fruit or vegetable juice.

Only three states - Arkansas, Morris said the tax would Washington and West Virginia -have such a tax, said Dan Thorp, a spokesman for the American Beverage Association. Thorp said the Kansas proposal is unusual because the tax would vary with the amount of sugar in each drink.

"It would be a logistical night-

But Thorp said the biggest concern is increasing costs for consumers - and a resulting drop in sales. Morris said about 14,000 jobs are tied to the industry in

The industry is sponsoring fullpage ads in eight Kansas newspapers and plans to broadcast radio ads across the state, Thorp said.

April 23, 2010

## Golden Plains duo named league champs

From "DUO," Page 1

duet. Gilbert qualified earlier this year for her poetry.

preliminary rounds, with the top competitors going into finals, Chaos" for the first time together. where entries are ranked. At the Spresser and Jonathan Broeckelfestival, each competitor performs one time with a ranking of I, II, or III given on their performance, similar to music festivals.

meet was Avery Spresser.

"A big thank you goes out to Mary Luna and Rose Juenemann for going with us to Weskan for peted in duet acting, finishing fifth the day to assist in judging the per- overall.

formances of all the competitors," said coach Cathy Broeckelman.

During the previous week, the forensics team competed at Oak-The state tournament has three ley. Spresser and Gilbert competed in duet acting with "Cooking man competed together for the first time in improvised duet acting. In poetry, Isaac Broeckelman read the poem "The Walrus and Unable to attend the league the Carpenter" for the first time, while Gilbert read the poem "The Most Beautiful Flower.'

The Broeckelmans also com-

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KSNK/NBC	Community 30 Rock		Office 30 Rock		The Marriage Ref		Local	Tonight Sho	ow w/Leno	Late
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Real Time/Bill Maher

Forget Sarah

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Tara

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