

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Areas of frost after midnight. Lows around 30. North winds around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly sunny. Areas of frost in the morning. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday: Breezy. Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday through Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 60s. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Breezy. A 20 percent chance of light rain showers. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday: High, 79; Low 36
Precip: Thursday 0.06 inches
Month: 0.12 inches
Year: 5.53 inches
Normal: 7.24 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:37 a.m. 8:45 p.m.
Sunday 6:36 a.m. 8:46 p.m.
Monday 6:35 a.m. 8:46 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Software headaches continue to plague county

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at Sears that would do the job for \$300. The commissioners gave her the go ahead to buy the mower.

She also told them she will be getting paint from the recycling center at the landfill to paint the handicapped railing by the courthouse elevator and the road department will paint parking lines at the office complex as time allows.

Commissioner Byron Sowers asked what was being done about the delinquent tax sale that should have been on the docket by now. He said he gets "hit up" every week by the same person who is questioning spending money to research titles and pay postage, but hasn't seen any evidence of a public sale yet.

The commissioners asked whether there is a deadline to have the sale after research has been completed and whether or not the county might have missed it. They said they thought a petition had already been filed with the clerk of the district court.

"It may be that we may have to seek outside counsel who is familiar with delinquent tax sales to learn more about it and get it on the docket," said Commissioner

Paul Steele. "Hopefully, we will have information on it before the May 10 meeting."

Sheriff Rod Taylor and Deputy Sherry Staab, who also serves civil process papers, told the commissioners the department needed an antenna that will allow deputies to download images from the cameras on their cars in place of having Staab do each download manually. The equipment she has takes an hour per camera, the sheriff said, and longer if she is busy with other duties.

Taylor and Staab told the commissioners that the cameras come on when a deputy turns on his emergency lights. The cameras run four hours or until the deputy shuts them off, but it takes an hour to download when the deputy returns to the office.

The cameras need to be ready to record each time a deputy steps into his vehicle, the sheriff said. With the new antenna, the deputies will be able to point at the antenna, click and download and be ready to be back on the road within a few minutes.

The commissioners approved the \$780 expenditure. Former Undersheriff Jason Moses, who now is the director of state communications for the Kansas Adju-

tant General's Office, will do the installation free. Any purchase over \$500 requires commissioner approval.

Taylor said he is back up to full staff now, and has enough in the budget to bring his jailers up to \$12 an hour to keep their pay competitive with others in the area. He said he will have \$10,000 left as a cushion for overtime when events demand. He added that the money is all in the approved budget and not an additional burden for taxpayers. He's been put in charge of a budget, he said, and is living within it.

The commissioners approved the pay request.

Delays expected south of Oakley

A Kansas Department of Transportation project to resurface U.S. 83 Highway from the Logan/Scott county line to Oakley will begin as early as Thursday.

The 29-mile job will be done with a pilot-car leading drivers through the work zone, causing a delays up to 15 minutes.

"The micro-surfacing project uses asphalt - mixing sand, cement and oil - and will be applied during two processes by the contractors," said Construction Engineer Mathew Withington of the Atwood Area Office. "The first pass will fill the ruts and then the second pass will

cover the entire lane."

Prime contractor for the \$2.5 million project is Ballou Construction Co. of Salina.

"As always, we ask that the public exercise caution while driving through a work zone," said Kristen Brands, public affairs manager for the department in Norton. "Please be alert for the workers and signs when entering any work zone."

For information, contact Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org, or Area 2 Engineer Eric Oelschlager or erico@ksdot.org at (785) 626-3258 in Atwood.

North-central area hit by storm

CLAY CENTER (AP) - Residents in north-central Kansas were greeted by hail damage, power outages and downed trees after storms blew through the region.

Republic County Emergency Manager Raymond Raney says no tornados were confirmed during Thursday night's storms, but the damage looked like it might have been caused by a tornado.

National Weather Service meteorologist Matt Wolters estimated that storm included winds be-

tween 70 and 80 mph.

Metal rooftops, center pivot irrigation systems and grain bins were damaged or destroyed around Belleville.

Melvin Jeardoe, with Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, says the co-op lost 70 power poles and he doesn't the lines to be back up until Sunday.

KCLY Radio reported that part of the parsonage roof at St. John's Lutheran Church was blown off, but the pastor and his family were safe.

City moves forward on airport runway expansion

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the council would like to comment or correct things in the letter. No one present had any comments, and the letter was approved by the council.

•Approved contributing \$1,482 to the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency. The agency, an affiliate of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, intervened in a case in November where the Kansas City Power & Light Co. had filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a transmission rate formula that cities thought was too high.

Since it could effect transmission costs across the state, the agency wanted Colby and other cities to chip in to offset the costs.

Armstrong said the cities directly affected by the case are paying \$90,000 and the others are supposed to cover \$85,000.

•Heard member Beverly Eicher say prices for recyclable materials at the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center are going back up to where they were before the recession. She said some of the materials are being sold for more.

•Discussed the old hospital building north of the County Office Complex on Range Avenue. Council member Omar Weber said people have been asking what will happen to old building. Armstrong said the costs of taking action on the hospital would be a big concern for the city.

•Heard that a new sound system the city bought from Sound In-

novations, a division of Midwest Music of Salina, for \$52,758, had been installed at the Community Building. Armstrong said the city owed a big thanks to city employees Mike Albers, Brooks Wederski, Robert Lee, Chris Trundle and the line crew for extra work they did on the project. She said Albers and Wederski had put in a lot of extra hours to wire system. Wederski worked overtime to enable Sound Innovations to work late at night while the linemen moved a

light fixture and provided the circuits.

Brad Johnson of Sound Innovations will be in Colby on Monday to program the system and train workers. Armstrong said she was really excited to see how the system worked during high school and college graduation ceremonies this month. She said the speakers can be run individually. For example, the system can be set so you can hear the announcer during the last 15 seconds of a basketball

game between Colby High and Goodland, Armstrong said.

•Discussed the need to make sure the two-kilowatt wind turbine being installed at Colby Community College this summer meets the city's zoning code.

•Approved a revised job description for the assistant public utilities director. The revisions require the assistant to help in all departments, not just electric.

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Angry sea lion pulled from police car

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A sea lion pup has been captured after hiding under a San Diego police car for four hours in the middle of a road.

Police Sgt. Jack Knish says officers got a call about 4 a.m. Wednesday that the pup was crossing a street in the Ocean Beach area.

Knish says an officer parked his car in the middle of the road and went to investigate. That's when the sea lion came out from under another car and scut-

tled under the patrol car.

SeaWorld experts retrieved the growling pup at about 8 a.m.

Rescuer Kevin Robinson grabbed it by the tail and put it in a net. Robinson says the pup, who's less than a year old, was dehydrated but uninjured. He says the pup weighs about 25 pounds - less than half what it should weigh.

Robinson says it will be released in two months.

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Monday Evening										May 10, 2010	
	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				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Rules	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		Law & Order		Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late	
KSAS/FOX	House		24		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		Paranorma	Paranorml	Intervention		
AMC	Out of Sight						A Perfect Murder				
ANIM	Animal Cops Houston		Untamed and Uncut		Crocodile Feeding		Untamed and Uncut		Crocodile Feeding		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Housewives/N.J.		Housewives/N.J.		Housewives/N.J.		Housewives		
CMT	Extreme Makeover		CMA Awards				The 43rd Annual CMA Awards				
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	RENO 911 RENO 911		South Pk	South Pk	Joe Rogan Spcl		Daily	Colbert	Joe Rogan Spcl		
DISC	MythBusters		Scenario	Scenario	MythBusters		MythBusters		Scenario	Scenario	
DISN	Wizards-Waver				Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven	
E!	Pretty	Pretty	Kendra	Kendra	Giuliana	The Blind	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	Baseball		NFL Live	
ESPN2	E:60		Poker Stars		Poker Stars		Poker Stars	SportsNation			
FAM	10 Things	Beauty Shop					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	The Best	Best	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Best	Best	
FX	Night at the Museum						Tomcats				
HGTV	Property	Property	House	My First	House	House	Selling N	My First	House	My First	
HIST	Sliced	Sliced	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Hooked: Illegal			Sliced	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		To Be Fat Like Me				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium	
MTV	True Life		True Life		True Life		True Life		The Challenge		
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek: Next Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Monster	Monster	Blood: Vampire		
SPIKE	TNA Wrestling				Jail	Jail	UFC Unleashed	Real Vice		Real Vice	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	Elmer Gantry				For Me and My Gal				Love Me		
TLC	People	People	Best Food Ever		Chocolate Wars		People	People	Best Food Ever		
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA	
TOON	Adventure	Flapjack	Chowder	6TEEN	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre		Bizarre		Tackles-Globe		Anthony Bourdain		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Law Order: CI	In Plain Sight			
VH1	Tough Love Couples		Tough Love Couples		Undateable		Tough Love Couples		Undateable		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		You Don't Know Jack						The Ricky Gervais Show		
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