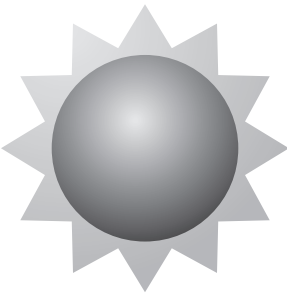


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Windy, with a south southwest wind 25 to 30 mph becoming north northwest 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Friday: High, 78; Low 50
Saturday: High, 92; Low 47
Sunday: High, 85; Low 44
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday 0.94 inches
Month: 2.46 inches
Year: 8.11 inches
Normal: 7.24 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:23 a.m. 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:22 a.m. 9:01 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Lights may have caused fire

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"The last occupant of room 255 checked out on Sunday morning," McLemore said, "and there was no reason to think the fire started on Sunday."

McLemore said he interviewed the occupants, who mentioned a light they couldn't turn off.

Everett Robert, manager of the Quality Inn, said for right now they have closed the C building until the end of the year.

"Hopefully, it will be ready for occupancy before then," Robert said, "but as yet we have not received any cost estimate of the loss, or what it will cost, or how long it will take to repair the damage."

He noted however, that the hotel has two other

buildings which weren't affected by the fire, and is open for business with 76 guest rooms.

Firemen were called back to the hotel Wednesday morning and at 11:45 p.m. Sunday. Alarms roused the occupants of both occupied buildings from their beds. Guests smelled smoke and were evacuated.

The fire department sent several trucks, but firefighters found that the cause of the smell was a burnt-out motor in a hallway fan. The guests were allowed back in their rooms within about a half-hour.

Many of the guests were from the Vortex 2 tornado research project. They had been out just hours earlier chasing several tornados reported in the area. Vortex 2 has a caravan of weather scientists who travel the Midwest chasing tornados.

City hires firms for airport expansion

At their meeting last Tuesday, Colby City Council members agreed to hire Fletcher Simmons and Jeff Holgerson of Manhattan to appraise land needed for the runway extension project at Shalz Field Municipal Airport.

The runway will be expanded from about 5,100 feet to 6,100 feet, said Airport Manager Mark

Ostmeyer, and shifted 22,000 feet to the north. He said about 1,200 from the south end of the runway will be deleted.

Buck Driggs, regional manager for HWS Consulting Group in Kansas and Iowa, the Manhattan engineering firm that recommended the appraisal firm to the city, said at a council meeting on

May 4 that 20 tracts need to be acquired. He said the tracts range from .08 of an acre to 89.3 acres. The engineering firm is getting \$25,500 for their services.

• Approved a \$8,550 contract with Roger Turner of Wichita for review the of land acquisition of appraisals

GOP goes against type in tough year

By John Hanna

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA — Kansas Republicans have the same pastimes as Republicans elsewhere. They wax nostalgic about Ronald Reagan, they criticize Barack Obama, they preach free markets and individual responsibility, and they talk up lower taxes and less government.

But in tough times for the state, enough Republican legislators vote for tax increases that they become law. It happened again this year, and Kansans will start paying a little more for groceries, clothing, appliances and other items in July to support public schools and government programs.

The state GOP's platform says government at all levels is too big and calls on officials to kill programs and cut spending. Yet budget woes led some Kansas Republicans to go against that ideology.

The pattern is not unique to Kansas. By various groups' counts, more than 30 states have increased taxes since the recession began in 2008.

Conservatives grow frustrated because they'd like all the platform statements and rhetoric

embracing the right to block tax increases and shrink government permanently. But a budget crisis creates opportunities that some Republicans just won't take.

"It's much easier to preach smaller government than it is to enact it," said conservative blogger, columnist and author Michelle Malkin in a recent interview with Kansas reporters. "I think it's that simple."

Backers of the Kansas tax increase argue the state already was getting smaller government, with nearly \$1 billion trimmed last year from budget, which had been approved in 2008, before the recession hit full force. They contend the new revenues will prevent the state from crippling schools and services.

Conservatives note that whatever the year-to-year trend, the state budget just keeps growing. At \$13.7 billion for the next fiscal year, it's doubled in less than two decades. The sales tax 25 years ago was 3 percent and, as of July 1, it will be 6.3 percent.

Republicans helped pass sales tax increases five times since 1985. In 2002, Republican Gov. Bill Graves, who'd only a few

Tornado touches fields near Brewster

From "TORNADO," Page 1

the storms. After a hard day of storm-chasing, the researchers were rousted from their beds at the Quality Inn on Sunday night when several people reported smelling smoke. The fire department investigated and found a burnt-out fan motor.

Foltz said the only damage reports came from straight-line winds, which were reported at speeds up to 77 mph. These were strong enough to blow over power poles in Sherman County. A line from one pole started a fire when it fell about five miles west of Goodland, the service said, while another damaged a car.

In Gove County, emergency Director George "Pappy" Lies reported as many as six poles knocked down and lying in the same direction.

In the middle of relaying storm reports, Tri-State Radio's building in Goodland was struck by a bolt of lightning. Foltz said they had no phone or Internet access, but the station was still

broadcasting. As they had no way of getting storm updates, the broadcasters recommended switching to 100.3 and went back to regular programming.

The storms continued into Nebraska, but a new batch started to form this morning as a strong south wind developed again. The whole area was put under a tornado watch at 11:45 a.m., and Vortex crews were out after a brief night's rest.

One of the team's portable weather radars was set up near Selden, and spotters were stationed at the U.S. 83-K-23-K383 junction east of that town, and at the Nine-Mile junction east of Colby.

The service was forecasting possible severe storms today and again Tuesday. By noon, severe thunderstorms were reported southwest of Goodland, and from the Oklahoma panhandle into western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming.

The weather later in the week is supposed to be more gentle, with highs in the 80s. Storms could return over the weekend.

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Tuesday Evening										May 25, 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		Dancing With Stars				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		Glee								
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		
AMC	Unforgiven						Unforgiven				
ANIM	The Blue Planet		The Blue Planet		River Monsters		The Blue Planet		The Blue Planet		
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		9 by Design		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NJ		
CMT	Extreme Makeover		Police Academy					Police Academy			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	S. Park	South Pk			DailyShow	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Swamp Loggers		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		
DISN	Charlie & Chocolate				Phineas	Hannah	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven	
E!	Kardash	Kardash	Kardashian		Kendra	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra	
ESPN	Soccer				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter			Fastbreak	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		NFL Live	World Series			Women's College Tennis		Baseball	NFL Live	
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Chefs vs. City		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Chefs vs. City		
FX	Enemy of the State				Justified		Justified		'70s Show	'70s Show	
HGTV	First	First	Home Rules		Home Rules		First	Marriage	Home Rules		
HIST	Ancient Aliens				The Universe		Sex-Ancient		Ancient Aliens		
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		The Pregnancy Pact				Will		Will	Frasier	Medium
MTV	What a Girl Wants			The Hills	The Hills	The City	The Hills	The City	16 and Pregnant		
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		WWE NXT		Star Trek Gen.		Species: Awake		
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Real Vice Cops Uncut		
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl	
TCM	The Squaw Man			Lakota Woman: Siege					Smoke Signals		
TLC	6 Going on 60		19 Kids	19 Kids	Conjoined Twin		6 Going on 60		19 Kids	19 Kids	
TNT	NBA Pregame		NBA Basketball					Inside the NBA		Leverage	
TOON	Garfield	Chowder	Codename	Ed, Edd	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych		
VH1	Brandy & Ray J		Brandy & Ray J		Basketbal	Chilli	Jacksons-Dr'm				
WGN	Tomorrow Never Dies					America's	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	S. Park	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Broad Street Bullies		My Sister's Keeper				Treme		REAL Sports Gumbel		
MAX	Transformers				Behind Enemy Lines						
SHOW	Vicky Cristina				Nurse	Tara	Nurse	Tara	Quantum of Solace		

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Wednesday Evening										May 26, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Transformers						Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It				Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Dog	Dog	
AMC	Enough				Out of Sight						
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		
BRAVO	Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Housewives/NYC		
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition		Redneck		Redneck	Videos	Videos		The Longest Yard		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Futurama		South Pk	Tosh.0	DailyShow	Colbert	S. Park	Tosh.0	
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Scenario	Scenario	MythBusters		MythBusters		
DISN	Wizards-Waver				Phineas	Hannah	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven	
E!	30 Beach Bodies				Maxim Hot	100 2010	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Maxim Hot	
ESPN	NBA		NBA Basketball				SportsCenter			Fastbreak	
ESPN2	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		College Tennis			Baseball	
FAM	Mr. Deeds				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	All Star: South		Flay	B. Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Flay	B. Flay	
FX	The Bourne Identity					The Bourne Identity					
HGTV	Property	Property	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Ren.	Nails	Holmes on Homes		
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HIST	MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		August Rush				Will		Frasier	Medium	
MTV	True Life		MTV Special		The Challenge		The Challenge		The Hills	The City	
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm		Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Scare	Scare	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		UFC Prime	The Ultimate Fighter	UFC 114		
TBS	Browns	Browns	Browns		Payne	Payne	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl	
TCM	From Here					They Were	Expendable				
TLC	Pregnant-Peril		Pregnant	Pregnant	Celblock 6		Pregnant	Pregnant	Celblock 6		
TNT	Varsity Blues				Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		
TOON	Dude	Destroy	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Dessert	Carnivore	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Terror Rides		Dessert	Carnivore	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Get Rich	Get Rich	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice		
VH1	NCIS Bueller		Pretty in Pink				Tough Love Couples		Brandy & Ray J		
WGN	MLB Baseball						WGN News	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Eagle Eye		Sex and the City				Real Time/Bill Maher		The Hangover		
MAX	Spider-Man				Drag Me to Hell				Sex Games Cancun		
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