

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy; low around 61. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy; low around 64. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny; high near 88. Breezy; north northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; high near 85.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87.

Wednesday: High, 77; Low 54
Precip: Wed. 0.50 inches
Month: 0.50 inches
Year: 8.81 inches
Normal: 9.94 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:18 a.m. 9:07 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Tuesday 1,953,000 gal.
Wednesday 1,852,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Oil giant still trying to halt leak

METAIRIE, La. (AP) – BP used giant shears to slice off a pipe Thursday in the company’s latest bid to contain the Gulf of Mexico oil, but the cut was irregular and placing a cap over the gusher will now be more challenging, Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said.

BP had to use the shears after a diamond-tipped saw became stuck in the pipe halfway through the job, yet another frustrating delay in six weeks of failed efforts to stop, or at least curtail, the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

Allen said the cap was over the spill and will be lowered in the next couple of hours. It won’t be known how much oil BP can siphon to the surface until the cap is fitted, but the irregular cut means that the fit won’t be as snug as officials had hoped.

The next chance for stopping the flow won’t come until two relief wells meant to plug the reservoir for

good are finished in August.

BP’s top executive acknowledged Thursday the global oil giant was unprepared to fight a catastrophic deepwater oil spill. Chief executive Tony Hayward told The Financial Times it was “an entirely fair criticism” to say the company had not been fully prepared for a deepwater oil leak. Hayward called it “low-probability, high-impact” accident.

“What is undoubtedly true is that we did not have the tools you would want in your tool-kit,” Hayward said in an interview published in Thursday’s edition of the London-based newspaper.

The latest attempt to control the spill, the so-called cut-and-cap method, is considered risky because slicing away a section of the 20-inch-wide riser could remove kinks in the pipe and temporarily increase the flow of oil by as much as 20 percent. Allen said it was unclear whether the flow had increased.

City Council picks Lenexa contractor for new pool facility

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over what she had hoped for, and some of the extra may have to be paid from sales tax revenue.

Project engineer Kevin McElyea of Aquatic Design Consultants ran down some of the unit costs for the council. These include unexpected things such as removal of rocks larger than what can be moved by a backhoe and removal of large amounts of rock under the soil. McElyea said all the dirt work was included in the bid and none of the soil surveys indicated any large rocks or rock deposits.

McElyea said the contract has a \$300,000 line item which would cover these contingencies as well as allowances such as furniture.

“Whatever you don’t use gets change-ordered back to you at the end,” he said.

In other business:

• Becky Bond of Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services asked the council to consider adding some funding for the agency to next year’s budget. Armstrong said in 2009 the city had given \$850 to the agency, but hadn’t given them anything this year. Armstrong asked if the council wanted to fund the agency and if so, how much.

“I think it’d be nice to get them back into the budget,” said Councilman Jim Brown, “and I think \$850 is a number we can shoot

for.”

The council decided by consensus to wait until it’s time to write the 2011 budget to see if there’s room to help the agency.

• The council approved a bid from Roofmasters Roofing Inc. of Colby to replace the roof on the north and east wings of City Hall for \$41,157. This will include removing the existing roof and inactive vents and installing new insulation, coverboard and roof along with metal flashing and gutters. The firm will also repair a stucco wall by the east door out of the north offices, which had been leaking water during rain storms.

Roofmasters was the only company to bid on the project. Armstrong said they sent the specifications of the project to three other area companies, but none of them sent in a bid.

• Pioneer Memorial Library Director Melany Wilks and board treasurer Rick Ress presented the annual library report. Ress said circulation is up and the library has added a lot of services. They are currently working on the kids’ area in the library’s basement.

Councilman Tim Hutfles asked why the library pays for some city services such as information technology and contracts with private companies for others such as lawn care and snow removal when the city is the primary source of funding for the library. Hutfles said the

question had been brought to him and he couldn’t answer it.

Armstrong said that, although the library gets most of its money from the city, it acts as an independent entity. The board creates its own budget and decides how to spend the money. Wilks noted that the library is still under the auspices of the city and has to submit its budget to the council each year.

• Recreation Director Stacy Lee updated the council on the department’s programs. During the summer, the department will have many programs including kids baseball and T-ball, swim lessons,

Chautauqua acts to begin tonight

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a few chuckles from the audience – and his plans for the bad economy.

The final speaker was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Elected in 1932, Roosevelt inherited the Great Depression and instituted a series of radical programs to boost the economy such as the Works Progress Administration and Civilian Con-

servation Corps.

Patrick McGinnis plays Roosevelt with a booming voice and a halting style reminiscent of the president’s radio addresses. McGinnis teaches at the University of Central Oklahoma and lectures with the Oklahoma Humanities Council. He has also played explorer William Clark at previous Chautauquas.

McGinnis performs tonight at 7:30 p.m.

because of the upgrade, there will be more regulations to follow – such as having Americans with Disabilities Act approved ramps on sidewalks – that will increase the price.


• The council approved a tentative schedule for the 2011 budget process. Armstrong said she would have proposed budgets to the council on July 1, the council can hold several work sessions that month and aim for a public hearing to approve a final budget on Saturday, Aug. 3.

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Saturday Evening											June 5, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Castle		Local					
KBSL/CBS	Three Rivers				Medium	48 Hours Mystery	Local					
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent					America's Got Talent	Local	Saturday Night Live				
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		The Wanda Sykes Show		Brothers	Local		
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Virus				Outbreak							
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog		America's Cutest Dog		Pit Boss		America's Cutest Dog		Pit Boss			
BRAVO	House		House		House		House		House			
CMT	Strictest Parents		16 and Pregnant		Music Awards				Singing			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Mr. Woodcock		Lewis Black: Black on Broadway		Titus: Love		Jackass: Number Two					
DISC	Untamed Alaska		Arctic Roughnecks		Mayday! Bering Sea		Untamed Alaska		Arctic Roughnecks			
DISN	Starstruck		Sonny		Phineas		Hannah	Wizards	Deck	Sonny	Wizards	
E!	To Die For				Evan Almighty				Soup Pres		Chelsea	
ESPN	College Softball		Update		College Softball				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing						Drag Racing					
FAM	Toy Story		The Incredibles						My Big Fat Greek Wedding			
FOOD	Unwrapped		Unwrapped		Challenge		Diners		Iron Chef America		Challenge	
FX	The Bourne Identity						Wild Hogs					
HGTV	D. Design	Sarah	Genevieve	Block	Battle on the Block		House	House	Genevieve	Block		
 <div>2010 CMT MUSIC AWARDS Hosted by KID ROCK Featuring performances by: Jason Aldean, Toby Keith, Kid Rock, Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw, Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Zac Brown Band</div> <div>cmt.com</div>												
HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers			
LIFE	Tell Me No Lies		Sins of the Mother				Sins of the Mother					
MTV	Bad Boys				True Life		Library		Library	Library	Library	
NICK	iCarly		Victoriou	Big Time	Lopez		The Nanny		The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Stephen-Desper		Princess of Mars				Sand Serpents					
SPIKE	Driven to Kill				Urban Justice				Kill Switch			
TBS	Talladega Nights:				Eurotrip				A Guy Thing			
TCM	Mutiny on the Bounty								The Brothers Karamazov			
TLC	Dateline: Real Life		Disappeared		Disappeared		Dateline: Real Life		Disappeared			
TNT	I Am Legend				I Am Legend				Fallen			
TOON	Zathura		Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Boondocks	Boondocks	Fullmetal	Kekkaishi		
TRAV	Extreme Bathrooms		Extreme Terror Rides		Extreme Waterparks		Extreme Terror Rides		Extreme Bathrooms			
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Monster-in-Law		Juno				Law Order: CI		Juno			
VH1	Hip Hop Songs		Hip Hop Songs		New Jack City				Behind the Music			
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	High Fidelity				
Premium Channels												
HBO	State of Play				Boxing				State of			
MAX	I Love You, Man				Night-Smithsonian							
SHOW	Nurse	Tara	Valkyrie				Life Is Ho					

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Sunday Evening								June 6, 2010					
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	NBA Basketball						Local						
KBSL/CBS			Cold Case				Local						
KSNK/NBC	NHL Hockey								Local		Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48				
AMC	Kill Bill: Vol. 2				Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Mad Men				
ANIM	Life		Life		Life		Life		Life				
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Law Order: CI				
CMT	Driving Miss Daisy						Broken Bridges						
CNN	State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live				
COMEDY	Employee-Mnth		Jackass: Number Two				Chappelle		Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama		
DISC	Pig Bomb		Whiskey Made		Summer Changed-World		Killer Whales		Whiskey Made				
DISN	Sonny		Good Luck		Agent Cody Banks		Wizards		Hannah	Good Luck	Sonny		
E!	Evan Almighty				Kendra		Kendra	Soup Pres	Chelsea	Swimsuit Moments			
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter				SportsCtr		
ESPN2	College Softball		Update		College Softball		30 for 30						
FAM	The Incredibles		Toy Story 2				Funniest Home Videos		J. Osteen	Ed Young			
FOOD	Challenge		Food Network Star				The Best		The Best	Food Network Star			
FX	Just Married		27 Dresses						Justified	70s Show			
HGTV	House	House	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Income	Income	Holmes on Homes				
HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Top Shot		Top Shot		Ice Road Truckers				
LIFE	Where the Heart Is		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives				
MTV	Movie Awards		Movie Awards				Berger	2010 MTV		Movie Awards			
NICK	iCarly		Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Skinwalkers		Underworld				The Crow						
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Xtra Credit				
TBS	Old School		Old School										
TCM	Old Yeller		The Yearling						The Sea Hawk				
TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Kate Plus 8				
TNT	Sahara				Sahara								
TOON	Spy Kids 2: Isl		Chowder		Flapjack	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Squid	Check		
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Dining With Death		Dining With Death		Dining With Death		Bizarre Foods				
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House		Law & Order: SVU				
VH1	Dad Camp		Michaels		Movie Awards		Dad Camp		The OCD Project				
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM		BarneyM		News/Nine		Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker
Premium Channels													
HBO	True Blood		Treme		Treme		True Blood				Treme		
MAX	Harold		Night-Smithsonian		Mirrors		Zane				Zane		
SHOW	The Tudors		The Tudors		Nurse		Tara		The Tudors		Transporter 3		