

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind around 10 mph.  
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 96. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.  
**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.  
**Monday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.  
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Wednesday: High, 96; Low 69  
Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches  
Month: 3.23 inches  
Year: 13.65 inches  
Normal: 13.76 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Friday 6:31 a.m. 9:10 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

**Colby Water Use**  
Wednesday 2,502,000 gal.  
(Colby Public Works)

County tries to save on insurance

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the county buy health insurance for the employees for \$443 per single plan, an immediate savings of \$42,000, said Steele.

"We would have taken a 34 percent raise in health insurance this year," said Commissioner Paul Steele. "I believe this will be a good way to go."

Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative Charlie Krull of Hays gave the commissioners a quote for insurance which was slightly higher than his original figure. He explained that since the county is going with a larger deductible, and a Health Reserve Account program, the premium would be higher because of what his company calls a benefit indicator range.

The commissioners accepted the quote, and the new insurance plan will take effect on Aug. 1.

Rhonda Fernandez of Professional Insurance Counselors walked the commissioners through the projected savings the Health Reimbursement Arrangement can

offer. July 20 was set for her to meet with the departments to explain the program and answer questions.

In other business:

- Ken Gatlin, emergency medical services director, brought a request for new radios for his department to replace the ones that have been in use since the late 1970s. The old ones are analog, he said, and all equipment is going to digital as the government requires public agencies to change frequencies.
- He said his department will have to upgrade radios that are actually working in spite of their age. He said they are crystal radios and can't be reprogramed. He didn't have a final cost on equipment and antennae needed for the upgrade, but said the ballpark figure is somewhere between \$12,000 and \$13,000 for 12 radios and supporting equipment such as antennae.
- County Attorney Bruce Flipse said he had filed an answer to the lawsuit the city has brought against Embark Health Services, which named the commissioners be-

cause of a tax lien. His answer was that the last half of the 2009 taxes, \$2,700, had not been paid and that the 2010 taxes, although not due yet, are accruing. He said that since the county collects taxes, they are automatically named in any real estate foreclosure.

- Commissioner Steele suggested the commissioners make a policy that any department that didn't have an electronic fund transfer to the county treasurer within 10 days would forfeit that money to the general fund.
- "There's no need for the treasurer to have one person who spends her entire day trying to balance the bank ledger because the electronic fund transfers reports are have not been turned over to the treasurer," he said.
- Commissioners approved accounts payable of \$64,125.
- The board heard a request for \$76,881 for the 2011 budget from Jerry Michaud of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.

Pageant winner off to Wichita

From "WINNER," Page 1

help her with gowns. This year, she said, she is working at the Comfort Inn and the concession stand at the ball diamonds to help pay for her trip, and hasn't had time to find sponsors.

She said last year she got to take a trip to Anaheim, Calif., to have her picture taken for National Cover Girl, for winning the Miss Spirit award.

She said she would like to enter more pageants, but they are difficult to find in this part of the country.

Her favorite things to do, she said, are dance, play tennis, hang out with friends, and forensics competition at school. Her ambition is to graduate at the top of her class, go to an Ivy League school, preferably Cornell University, and become either a lawyer or a newspaper editor.

Friends and family help out at rural wreck north of Selden

From "WRECK," Page 1

and tried to warn her mother, but it was too late. The 1994 Ford, driven by Ronald Steelsmith, 29, Phillipsburg, plowed into the back of Mrs. Marcuson's truck where it was stopped in the southbound lane. At that point, you can see up the road more than three miles, to the top of the hill on the north side of the Prairie Dog Creek valley.

Decatur County dispatch logged the first call on the wreck just after noon. The dispatcher called sheriff's Deputy Jay Tate, who was on duty, plus two Oberlin ambulances and fire rescue crews from Oberlin and Jennings. People passing by, several of them friends of the Marcusons, stopped to help.

Firemen had to use hydraulic tools to pry apart the old Ford pickup so they could safely extricate Mrs. Marcuson. Brad got in the bed of the truck and leaned in the broken rear window to talk to his wife, while Sarah stood at the passenger-side door.

County Ambulance Director Linda Manning and others helped Mr. Steelsmith, who remained in his vehicle until the ambulance

crew could move him.

Deputy Tate said he thought the driver had not seen Mrs. Marcuson's pickup stopped to make a left turn. His pickup left no skid marks before the impact, which drove the old Ford nearly 300 feet up the side of the west bank of the road. The force left the frame bent and the bed crumpled; the Phillipsburg man's truck was crushed from the cab forward.

"He never saw the pickup before he hit it," the deputy said.

Both victims were taken to the Decatur County Hospital. Mr. Steelsmith was treated for minor injuries, but Mrs. Marcuson was flown by air ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Relatives said she suffered broken ribs, a punctured lung, two broken vertebrae each in her neck and lower back and other injuries.

Monday, her husband said she expected to be in intensive care for three to four days, but her condition was rated as stable and none of the injuries, though painful, appeared to be life-threatening.

The Marcusons knew the wheat would wait, but worried about their dog Kip, a German shepherd-

labrador mix that looks more like a shepherd. Brad said Kip was with Elaine in the cab of the truck, and ran off after the accident. Kip's not allowed to roam, he said, and may not know the way home.

A neighbor thought he saw the dog about a mile east of the crash site, Brad said, and the family

made up a flier with the pooch's picture on it, but as of Monday night, he was still missing.

Even before the family left for Nebraska, friends began showing up at the hospital, offering to help. One of them was Larry Ayers, Oberlin assistant fire chief, who said he'd known the Marcu-

son family "since before Brad was born."

Another was Barry Richards, a farmer and used-car dealer in town, who said he and Brad had known each other since childhood, attending the same church for more than 40 years. Their wives are close friends, he said.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening										July 17, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Rookie Blue		Rookie Blue		Local				
KBSL/CBS	The Bridge		CSI: Crime Scn		48 Hours Mystery		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Persons Unknown		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Local	Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		The Wanda Sykes Show	Brothers	Local		
Cable Channels											
A & E	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	
AMC	Troy							Thunderheart			
ANIM	Last Chance Highway		Pit Boss XL		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		Last Chance Highway		
BRAVO	House		House		House		House		House		
CMT	Strictest Parents		16 and Pregnant		Strictest Parents		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Beerfest				The Slamm'n' Salmon				Still Waiting...		
DISC	Powering the Future		Powering the Future		MythBusters		Powering the Future		Powering the Future		
DISN	Hannah	Good Luck	Jonas L.A	Jonas L.A	Hannah Montana		Jonas L.A	Jonas L.A	Deck	Deck	
E!	Bring It On				Holly's W	Soup Pres	The Soup	Chelsea	The Cable Guy		
ESPN	Golf				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight		
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing						Drag Racing				
FAM	Practical Magic			Two Weeks Notice					Blue Crush		
FOOD	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	
FX	Alvin-Chipmnk				Man of the House				Sons of Anarchy		
HGTV	Divine	Sarah	Genevieve	Block	Color Spl	House	House	House	Genevieve	Block	
American Profile											
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HIST	Afraid of the Dark				Chasing Mummies		Time Machine		Afraid of the Dark		
LIFE	The Break-Up		P.S. I Love You				Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva		
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Pranked	Pranked	Berger	Berger	The Real World		Library	Library	
NICK	iCarly	Big Time	Victoriou	Jackson	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
SCI	The Ferryman		Goblin				The Pumpkin Karver				
SPIKE	Cradle 2 the Grave		The Transporter				The Transporter				
TBS	Shrek 2				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Jersey Girl				
TCM	Road to Morocco		Morocco					The Wind and the Lion			
TLC	Dateline: Real Life		Medical Examiner		Medical Examiner		Dateline: Real Life		Medical Examiner		
TNT	American Gangster						Four Brothers				
TOON	Looney Tunes				King-Hill	King-Hill	Boondocks	Boondocks	Fullmetal	Kekkaishi	
TRAV	Extreme Waterparks		Conqueror	Conqueror	Conqueror	Conqueror	Extreme Pools		Extreme Waterparks		
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Covert Affairs		Royal		
VH1	The Temptations						T.O. Show	Ochocinco: The Ultimate Catch			
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Analyze This		
Premium Channels											
HBO	Invention-Lying				Boxing						
MAX	Eagle Eye				Jennifer's Body						
SHOW	Transsiberian				Big Fan				The Reader		

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Sunday Evening										July 18, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		Scoundrels		The Gates		Local				
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		CSI: Crime Scn		Cold Case		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Law Order: CI		America's Got Talent				Local		Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		The Glades		Criminal Minds		
AMC	The Mummy				The Mummy						
ANIM	Pit Boss		Monsters Inside Me		Whale Wars		Pit Boss		Monsters Inside Me		
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		
CMT	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Mobile Home Disaster		True Blue: Ten Years		Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	
CNN	State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Wedding Crashers				Katt Williams		Simmons	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	
DISC	Powering the Future		Powering the Future		MythBusters		Powering the Future		Powering the Future		
DISN	Hannah	Sonny With a Chance	Camp Rock				Hannah	Hannah	Hannah		
E!	Independence Day				Miami	Holly's W	The Soup	Chelsea	Miami	Holly's W	
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			SportsCtr	
ESPN2	Drag Racing		Golf						Beach Volleyball		
FAM	Revenge-Brides				Revenge-Brides				J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Challenge		Food Network Star		24 Hour Rest. Battle		Cupcake Wars		Food Network Star		
FX	Alvin-Chipmnk		The Waterboy				Louie	Rescue Me		'70s Show	
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Design Star		Selling N	Selling N	House	House	
HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Top Shot		History Sunday		Ice Road Truckers		
LIFE	P.S. I Love You		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva		Army Wives		
MTV	Teen Mom		Baby High		The Real World		The Hills	The Hills: Ending	Berger		
NICK	Victoriou	Jackson	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Malcolm	Malcolm	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Hydra		Infestation				Mary Knows Best		Fact or Faked		
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Dangerous Animals		
TBS	Shrek the Third				Shrek the Third						
TCM	Beauty and the Beast				King Kong				Hunchback		
TLC	My Strange Addiction		Strange Sex		Strange	Strange	My Strange Addiction		Strange Sex		
TNT	Shooter		Leverage		The Bourne Supremacy				Leverage		
TOON	Unnatural History		Unnatural History		Fam. Guy	Childrens	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Squid	Franken.	
TRAV	Earth Wonders		Earth Wonders		Earth Wonders		Colorado: River		Earth Wonders		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H 30th				Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Chuck		I Now Pronounce You				Royal Pains		I Now Pronounce You		
VH1	Ochocinco: Ult		Ochocinco: Ult		T.O. Show	Ochocinco: Ult	T.O. Show	Ochocinco: Ult			
WGN	Newhart		BarneyM	BarneyM	News/Nine	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Invention-Lying		True Blood		Hung	Entourage	Hung		True Blood		Entourage
MAX	CodeSilnc		Jennifer's Body		Sex and the City						Zane
SHOW	The Real L Word		Dexter		The Real L Word		The Real L Word		Teller		Green

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