

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Clear, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 48. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 90. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 57.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 94.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Labor Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 87.

Thursday: High, 79; Low 57
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.00 inches
Year: 17.05 inches
Normal: 17.71 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:14 a.m. 8:12 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,828,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

County talks about payroll

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point B if all the conditions of the job were met. County Appraiser Mary Cech said her employees take a lot of extra training and "work their butts off," so it would be nice if they could be rewarded with a pay raise, but now, with no room in their budget to do that, there's no reward for a job well done.

Commission Chairman Ken Christiansen said he understood where the department heads were coming from, but to remember that the taxpayer needs respect in all of this too, and that when it comes to elected personnel, their job description is in state law.

"Then I guess Thomas County is as good as its employees," Christiansen said.

Commissioner Steele said that salaries for next year have not been approved yet, and won't be until the reorganization meeting on Monday, Jan. 10. Commissioners approve the employee salary sched-

ule from the budget after the beginning of the new year, he noted.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Had a closed-door session to discuss nonelected personnel for 21 minutes. No action was taken afterward.

- Approved August salaries and bills for \$233,336.

- Received the 2011 holiday chart from the county clerk. County employees will have holidays, and the courthouse will be closed on Jan. 3, Feb. 21, May 30, July 5, Sept. 5, Nov. 11, 24 and 25 and Dec. 23 and 26.

- Approved the minutes of the Aug. 9 and 16 meetings.

The commissioners will meet again in early afternoon Tuesday, after the county's heating and air conditioning contractor arrives from Kansas City. They will meet in their regular meeting room on the first floor of the courthouse.

Nominating process under fire

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eliminated politics from selecting justices.

"We're coming up with our most qualified attorneys and judges who are willing to serve as appellate judges," Parkinson said at a news conference. "This is not a problem that needs to be fixed."

The Supreme Court vacancy was created by the retirement of former Chief Justice Robert Davis on Aug. 3, a day before he died. The applicants for the vacancy include Court of Appeals Judges Michael Buser, Nancy Caplinger and Thomas Malone.

Under Kansas law, Parkinson will have 60 days to make an appointment once the finalists are named.

Voters decide every six years whether a justice will be retained on the court, but since such votes began in 1960, no judge has failed to get a two-thirds majority.

Many critics of Kansas' selection process are conservative Republicans who have been upset in recent years by rulings in abortion and school funding cases. Critics argue the process shuts out the public and makes the court

less accountable to voters than it should be.

According to the American Judicature Society, supreme court justices in 13 states are appointed by the governor after applicants are screened by a nominating commission, with no legislative involvement. But only in Kansas are lawyers who are selected by other lawyers a majority of the commission's members.

"The problem with that is that it denies average voters a voice in selecting these important public officials," said James Bopp Jr., the lead attorney for the voters filing the lawsuit.

At least three of those voters are registered Republicans. Bopp's other clients include the National Right to Life Committee and the right-wing religious group Focus on the Family.

Bopp said selection processes like that in Kansas let trial lawyers dominate, and "they're much more likely to produce liberal activist judges."

He said the legal issue is letting a small group control the selection process, shutting out most voters. Bopp said it doesn't matter that Kansas voters approved an amend-

Businessman plants new Logan quail flock

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before. The older they are at release, the fewer natural survival instincts the birds have.

The younger the birds are when they are introduced to an area, and the sooner they are released, seems to affect their ability to survive, reproduce and take up residence in the

same area, boosting the areas population of birds.

Woofter said the Surrogator has enough food, water and propane for night-time warmth to last the birds five weeks.

The unit is predator-proof and researchers are hoping it may spawn an interest in more people to want to increase quail populations.

Run, walk for recovery in Colby on Sept. 11

From "RECOVERY," Page 1

making good choices. It could be choices about alcohol, drugs, overeating or any addictive behavior, she said,

"It has been proven that alcohol can damage the brain before age 25," Wilks said, "and even a few drinks on a Friday night can show up the next day, or even on Monday morning when taking a test, because alcohol affects the brain's response."

"The city, county law enforce-

ment and city police will sign a proclamation at the Community Building at the beginning of the 5K Walk-Run," said Pastor W.G. Romine of the Redeeming Love Church. "The 5K Walk-Run will begin at 9 a.m. and will go out Fifth Street and back. There will be hot dogs, chips, sodas and fun booths in the park following the end of the walk-run."

The coalition encourages everyone to come and walk or run, or just to come and enjoy the morning at the park.

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Saturday Evening September 4, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	College Football							Local		
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scn	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	Local					
KSNK/NBC	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	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	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy
AMC	Maverick							Inside Man		
ANIM	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss
BRAVO	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House
CMT	Young Guns	Young Guns II						Young Guns		
CNN	CNN Presents	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live
COMEDY	Waiting...	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
DISC	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Sole Survivor	Surviving Death	Surviving Death	Surviving Death	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Sole Survivor	Sole Survivor	Sole Survivor
DISN	Camp Rock 2		Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Jerry Maguire					The Soup	Chelsea	Going Postal	Going Postal	Going Postal
ESPN	College Football					SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Football Final	Football Final	Football Final
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing									
FAM	The Parent Trap	Willy Wonka						Can't Buy Me Love	Can't Buy Me Love	Can't Buy Me Love
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped
FX	Ice Age	The Simpsons Movie				Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
HGTV	Secrets, Stylist	Color Spl	Antonio Treatment	House	House	House	House	Color Spl	Antonio	Antonio

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HIST	First Apocalypse		The Next Nostradamus		First Apocalypse
LIFE	Spring Breakdown	Never Been Kissed		Project Runway	Road
MTV	Library	Library	The Real World	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore
NICK	iCarly	Big Time	Victorious	Jackson Lopez	Lopez
SCI	S. King's The Stand	S. King's The Stand		Stephen-Desper	Stephen-Desper
SPIKE	Star Wars Ep 2	Star Wars: Ep. III			No Country
TBS	Titanic				Two Weeks Notice
TCM	The Graduate		A Cold Wind in August		Summer of '42
TLC	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life
TNT	Saving Private Ryan	The Patriot			Rizzoli & Isles
TOON	Garfield		King-Hill	King-Hill	Boondocks
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	She's Got the Look
USA	Legally Blonde	Legally Blonde 2			Legally Blonde
VH1	Back to School	T.O. Show	T.O. Show	T.O. Show	Ochocinco: Ult
WGN	Hidalgo				Scrub
Premium Channels					
HBO	A Perfect Getaway		True Blood		Hard Knocks
MAX	The Peacemaker		Harry Potter-Prince		Life-Top
SHOW	The Big C	Weeds	Twilight		Extreme Movie

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Sunday Evening September 5, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover	The Gates				Local			
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother	Undercover Boss	CSI: Miami				Local			
KSNK/NBC	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Local			Dateline NBC			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	The Glades	The Glades	The Glades	The Glades	Criminal Minds			
AMC	The Sum of All Fears	Rubicon	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Rubicon			
ANIM	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
BRAVO	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI
CMT	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Jimmy Buffett - The Gulf Coast	Coast	Days of Thunder					
CNN	State of the Union	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	State of the Union	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live
COMEDY	Scary Movie	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
DISC	Surviving the Cut	9/11: After	Secret Service	Secret Service	Secret Service	Surviving the Cut	Surviving the Cut	9/11: After	9/11: After	9/11: After
DISN	Camp Rock 2		Sonny	Sonny	Deck	Deck	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Unsolved Crimes		Kardash	The Spin	The Soup	Chelsea	Kardash	The Spin	The Spin	The Spin
ESPN	NASCAR Racing							SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	MLB Baseball							SportsCtr	NASCAR Now	Baseball
FAM	The Sound of Music							Funniest Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young
FOOD	Challenge	Food Truck Race	Iron Chef America	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race
FX	Alvin-Chipmkn	Alvin-Chipmkn				Louie	Rescue Me	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show
HGTV	Lien on Me	Handyman	House	House	Income	Income	Handyman	Handyman	Handyman	Handyman
HIST	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	MonsterQuest	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People
LIFE	Dead at 17	Murder by Numbers						Murder by Numbers	Murder by Numbers	Murder by Numbers
MTV	Jersey Shore	VMA's	Fantasy	A Knight's Tale						
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
SCI	Silent Hill	League-Gentle.						The Prestige	The Prestige	The Prestige
SPIKE	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars IV								Universal
TBS	My Big Fat		My Boys	My Big Fat						Jersey Gi
TCM	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	March of Time	March of Time	The Pagan
TLC	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Freaky Ea	Freaky Ea	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried
TNT	Leverage	Leverage								Leverage
TOON	Home Alone 2		Delocated	Childrens	Fam. Guy	Venture	Childrens	Metal	Metal	Metal
TRAV	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne
USA	Legally Blonde 2	The Pacifier						Hairspray	Hairspray	Hairspray
VH1	Ochocinco: Ult	Ochocinco: Ult	T.O. Show	Ochocinco: Ult	T.O. Show	Ochocinco: Ult	T.O. Show	Ochocinco: Ult	Ochocinco: Ult	Ochocinco: Ult
WGN	Amityvi Horror		News/Nine	Replay	MDA Telethon					
Premium Channels										
HBO	A Perfect Getaway	True Blood	True Blood	True Blood	True Blood	True Blood	A Perfect Getaway	A Perfect Getaway	A Perfect Getaway	A Perfect Getaway
MAX	Harry Potter-Prince		Old School				Co-Ed-4	Co-Ed-4	Co-Ed-4	Co-Ed-4
SHOW	Quantum of Solace	Dexter	Weeds	The Big C	My Best Friend					

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Attorney general says DNA backlog vanishing

By John Milburn
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TOPEKA - The backlog of DNA sampling in Kansas, used to identify criminals, is being reduced thanks to \$1 million in new state money, Attorney General Steve Six said Wednesday.

Six said the Kansas Bureau of Investigation has slimmed down the backlog of more than 38,000 unprocessed DNA samples in September 2009 to just over 11,000 as of late August. The samples were taken from people under arrest and collected at crime scenes.

"An issue local prosecutors and law enforcement officials brought to me time and time again is the delay in processing DNA samples that are crucial to bringing criminals to justice," Six said.

The attorney general said recent changes in Kansas

law required not only those convicted of crimes but most everyone who's arrested to give DNA samples, creating the backlog at the lab. The logjam was reduced starting with the oldest samples from arrested individuals first.

KBI Director Bob Blecca said the reduction has led to matches with crimes under investigation in Kansas and other states.

"This has been a tremendous boost," he said.

Six said the backlog could be eliminated as soon as February, but he warned that additional resources will be needed to stay current with the samples, such as a new crime lab.

"You just triage what you can in these tough times," he said.

Federal grants also were used to increase lab resources, Six said, along with changes internally to improve efficiency.

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