

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 75. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

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

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 90.

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

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

Thursday: High, 83; Low 51
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.42 inches
Year: 17.47 inches
Normal: 17.71 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:28 a.m. 7:48 p.m.
Sunday 7:29 a.m. 7:46 p.m.
Monday 7:30 a.m. 7:44 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Party to file ethics complaint over political television ad

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in producing the ads and said it was unaware they would begin airing this week.

"We have nothing to do with this, so I don't know what more I can say," said Holland spokesman Seth Bundy.

The commercial attacks Brownback's support of the fair tax, which would eliminate the federal income tax and move to a national sales tax. The ad suggest that would reduce taxes for the wealthy and raise taxes for everyone else.

Sherriene Jones-Sontag, a spokeswoman for the Brownback campaign, declined to comment about the planned ethics complaint.

Named along with the Holland campaign in the complaint is Frances Graves, the PAC's treasurer, who was a consultant for Holland early in his campaign and a former state Democratic Party staff mem-

ber. Graves did not return a telephone call and e-mail message seeking comment about the complaint.

The complaint also said the Holland campaign and Kansas Moderate Majority use the same media company, Media Research and Strategies.

Democrats have long suggested that Brownback has benefited from campaign-related activities by conservative groups. After his first U.S. Senate race in 1996, they forced investigations into contributions that came to him through a Washington-based consulting firm, Triad Management Services. In 2002, the Federal Election Commission required Brownback to turn over \$19,000 in over-the-limit contributions linked to Triad.

Barker said he didn't know how quickly the ethics commission would act. It typically assigns complaints to a subcommittee to investigate. Barker said it could be after the election before the matter is resolved.

Relief well intersects BP well in Gulf

By Harry R. Weber

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A relief well drilled nearly 2.5 miles beneath the floor of the Gulf of Mexico has intersected BP's blown-out well, a prelude to plugging it once and for all, the U.S. government said late Thursday.

The final seal should happen by Sunday, five agonizing months after an explosion sank a drilling rig and led to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the oil spill, said in a statement that data shows the two wells are joined. The next step will be to pump mud and cement down through the relief well to seal the ruptured well permanently from the bottom.

The gusher was contained in mid-July after a temporary cap was successfully fitted atop the well. Mud and cement were later pushed down through the top of the well, allowing the cap to be

removed. But the blown-out well cannot be declared dead until it is sealed from the bottom.

The April 20 blast sank the Deepwater Horizon rig, killing 11 workers and triggering the spill that eventually spewed 206 million gallons of oil into the Gulf. BP PLC is a majority owner of the well and was leasing the rig from owner Transocean Ltd.

The disaster caused an environmental and economic nightmare for people who live, work and play along hundreds of miles of Gulf shoreline from Florida to Texas. It also spurred civil and criminal investigations, cost gaffe-prone BP chief Tony Hayward his job and brought increased governmental scrutiny of the oil and gas industry, including a costly moratorium on deepwater offshore drilling that is still in place.

Gulf residents will be feeling the pain for years to come. There is still plenty of oil in the water, and some continues to wash up on shore.

Many people are still struggling to make ends meet with

some waters still closed to fishing. Shrimpers who are allowed to fish are finding it difficult to sell their catch because of the perception — largely from people outside the region — that the seafood is not safe to eat. Tourism along the Gulf has taken a hit.

BP took some of the blame for the Gulf oil disaster in an internal report issued earlier this month, acknowledging among other things that it misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well. But in a possible preview of its legal strategy, it also pointed the finger at its partners on the doomed rig.

Author recounts hearing loss in book

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"I relied on my other senses," he said.

Ludwick learned visually, figured out how to recognize the tone of people's voices and learned people's gestures.

When he was in school Ludwick had hearing aids, braces and wore glasses. He said kids particularly made fun of his hearing aids when he was in middle school. Ludwick called his middle school years the worst of his life.

The church had a big impact on Ludwick's life and helped him get through hard times. He said he decided to rely on Jesus

Christ to be his personal savior. Ludwick credits God with helping him to write his book. He served as a missionary in western Europe for a few years.

The book is 282 pages in 82 chapters. Ludwick said the book took him about two years to write, but said he never suffered any writers block while writing it. His book was published by Tate Publishing Company, a Christian-based publishing company in Mustang, Okla. Ludwick said he will be going on book tours in Wichita, Houston and Orlando, Fla.

The book costs \$23.82. The author will accept both cash and checks.

Allergist to talk food for college lecture series

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called "food's Erin Brockovich" by the New York Times; an "inspiring woman to follow on Twitter" by Forbes; and a "visionary" by the Discovery Channel.

Her book published by Random House in May 2009 highlights the role that the financial structure of our food system has had on our food supply and the health of families.

A contributing editor to SHAPE Magazine, she also serves on the board of the Environmental Working Group and writes a column about women and food for Martha Stewart's Whole Living.

There is no charge to attend. The Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by anonymous donors. For more information contact Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at (785) 460-5528.

Commissioner says keep up with changing laws

TOPEKA — Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger is advising people to check changing insurance needs as college classes begin, especially when it comes to health insurance and identity theft.

"College students across Kansas want their school experiences to be positive and rewarding," Praeger said. "With the changes in health insurance coverage contained in the new federal law, and the increased need to be vigilant with identity issues, it's important to review the coverages available for both."

Health Insurance

Beginning Thursday, the health-care law passed earlier this year allows most young adults up to age 26 to stay on their parents' insurance. Prior to this, many health insurance policies covered dependents up to age 23.

Coverage with the new law extends benefits to adult children regardless of marital status, financial dependency, enrollment in school or residency.

Insurance companies are required to notify customers of their opportunity to enroll in this coverage, but it may not take effect until the next open enrollment period of the parents' health plan.

Until the coverage takes effect, there are other options for those students currently without health insurance. One is a student health insurance plan. These plans are sold by an insurer that has contracted with a college to offer coverage to its students. Not all schools have such plans, and the benefits and coverages may vary widely.

Another option is purchasing a traditional individual plan. For healthy young people these could provide catastrophic coverage and preventive benefits at an affordable premium.

If the student is covered under a family's plan which includes a provider network, check to see if the student will be outside the network service area while at school.

Identity Theft

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the United States, costing victims more than \$5 billion annually.

Identity theft insurance cannot protect a parent or student from becoming a victim of identity theft, and it does not cover direct monetary losses incurred as a result. Instead, identity theft insurance provides coverage for the cost of reclaiming the financial identity — such as the costs of making phone calls or copies, mailing documents, taking time off from work without pay (lost wages) and hiring an attorney.

Parents can check to see if their homeowner's policy includes identity theft insurance and ask their insurance agent if this extends to their student. If not, homeowners might be able to purchase an endorsement to amend such coverage.

"There's plenty for parents and students to worry about when the students are headed back to school," Commissioner Praeger said. "A little insurance preparation for unforeseen problems can certainly add some piece of mind for everybody."

Midwest banker survey suggests weak economy

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A survey of rural bankers in 10 Midwest and Plains states suggests the rural economy will remain weak in the months ahead despite the strength of farming.

The overall Rural Mainstreet index remained in negative territory in September but increased slightly to 47.6 from August's 46, according to the report released Thursday. Any score below 50 suggests the economy will contract over the next six months.

"While the farm sector is experiencing healthy growth, Rural Mainstreet businesses continue to report waning economic fortunes," Creighton University economist Ernie Goss said.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed for the report.

Goss and Bill McQuillan, chief executive of CNB Community Bank of Greeley, Neb. oversee the survey.

The farmland price index grew to 57.7 in September from August's 55.3.

"The general economy is still struggling, but the crop and livestock producers are looking at an exceptional year," said Kathy Thuman, president of Farmers State Bank in Maywood, Neb.

The farm equipment sales index increased to 56.2 in September

from August's 52.7 and the September hiring index ticked higher to 46 from 45.9 in August.

However, the retail sales index remained weak at 45.2 in September, though that figure is better than August's 40.2.

The home sales index increased to 47.6 in September from August's 38.8.

But the bankers are optimistic about the economy. The confidence index, which reflects bankers' expectations for the next six months, jumped to 54.9 in September from August's 46.

All three bank indicators — loan volumes, checking deposits and CDs — were at or above 50 for a seventh straight month.



Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Nicole Spray ARNP Pace-Maker Check High Plains Cardiology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	2 Brandi Ihrig Dietician MRI'S	3 Cardiac Rehab	4
5	6	7	8 Dr. Frankum Surgery Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	9 MRI's	10 Cardiac Rehab	11
12	13 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	14	15 Dr. Curtis Cardiology Bone Density Mammograms Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	16 Dr. Saba Orthopedics MRI's	17 Cardiac Rehab	18
19	20 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	21 Nuclear Stress Test	22 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	23 Dr. Reeves Podiatry MRI's	24 Dr. Reeves Podiatry Cardiac Rehab	25
26	27 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	28 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology Nuclear Stress	29 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	30		

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Monday Evening	September 20, 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	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		The Event		Chase		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	House		Lone Star		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Intervention		Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention	
AMC	Mad Max				Mad Max				Rubicon	
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Thintervention		Thintervention		Rachel Zoe Project	
CMT	In the Army Now					Videos	The Dukes of Hazzard		Smarter	Smarter
CNN	Rick's List		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Bill Engvall		Jeff Dunham: Arguing	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Futurama	
DISC	Behind Bars		Behind Bars		Gang Wars		Behind Bars		Behind Bars	
DISN	High School Musical				Sonny	Sonny	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah
E!	The Spin	The Spin	Kardash	Kardash	Fashion	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Deaths
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	2010 Poker		2010 Poker		Baseball Tonight		2010 Poker		SportsNation	
FAM	Independence Day				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	America's Best		Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	America's Best	
FX	The Transporter 2				Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Mission: Impossible 2		
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Designed	House	House	My First	First	House	Designed
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Chris	How I Met	Bond of Silence				How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Frasier
MTV	Jersey Shore		Fantasy	Fantasy	World	World	Fantasy	World	Jersey Shore	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
SCI	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Gundam	Gundam	Darkness	Darkness
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Without a Paddle				UFC 119 Countdown		Knockout	Sports
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Earl	Earl
TCM	The Prowler				The Red Shoes				Shadows	
TLC	People	People	Kate	Kate	Quints	Quints	People	People	Kate	Kate
TNT	The Closer		Bones		The Closer		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Adventure	MAD	Total	Scooby	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Uniq McDonald		Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	The Nanny	The Nanny	Raymond	Raymond	When Harry Met Sally				Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Covert Affairs		Covert Affairs	
VH1	Real and Chance		Money Hungry		Scream Queens		Money Hungry		Scream Queens	
WGN	Chris	Chris	Curb	Entourage	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Boardwalk Empire		A Perfect Getaway					
MAX	Sherlock Holmes				Cirque Du Freak					
SHOW	Twilight				Weeds	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Chéri	