

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 64. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms likely before 1 p.m. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 78. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 52.

Saturday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 77.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 47.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Monday: High, 94; Low 57
 Tuesday: High, 82; Low 58
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
 Tuesday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.44 inches
 Year: 17.49 inches
 Normal: 17.71 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:33 a.m. 7:40 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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Governor says economy good

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it not been for a 3.5 percent increase in government jobs. Government employment was 8,300 higher in August than in August 2009.

Last year, the state had multiple rounds of spending cuts to keep its budget balanced. This year, legislators increased the state's sales tax to prevent further reductions.

It's too early to tell how much effect the sales tax increase had on state government employment, said

Department of Labor economist Tyler Tenbrink. A small part of the bump can be attributed to temporary census jobs for the federal government's once-a-decade count of the population, and Tenbrink noted that August sees the annual summer layoffs of graduate students employed by state colleges.

Meanwhile, manufacturing employment was slightly lower in August than in August 2009, with 1,200 fewer jobs, a decline of 0.7 percent. Other sectors saw over-the-year declines as well.

Methodist church plans auction

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a lunch and auction following the 11 a.m. service Sunday in the church's fellowship hall at 950 South Franklin.

Lunch is by donation. Diners are invited to take part in the silent auction and stay for the live auction immediately after.

Rhonda Bachman, spokesperson for the event said there have

been some really interesting items donated for both auctions, including a couple of pot-bellied stoves, queen sized quilt, a Thomas Curry pencil drawing, a Ken Mitchell painting, Denver Bronco tickets and other big and small items.

"It's not a special group sponsoring the event," Bachman said, "but the involvement of the whole church. We call it our M and M

project, meaning Missions and Ministry. The recipients include villages needing mosquito netting in insect-infested countries, called "Nothing But Nets," Helping Hands, for itinerant travelers who encounter problems, Genesis Local Food Bank, Crop Walk and various other missions."

For information, call the church office at (785) 460-2761.

Ethics panel takes no action on campaign ethics complaint

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — An attorney for the Kansas Republican Party said that a campaign finance complaint is moving forward against a Democrat running for governor and a political action committee, even though an ethics panel took no public action on the matter Tuesday during its monthly meeting.

Clay Barker, an attorney for the Kansas GOP, said the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission is seeking to consider separately the case against Democrat Tom Holland and Frances Graves of the Kansas Moderate Majority Committee.

Under Kansas law, if a PAC and a campaign coordinate their activities, the PAC is limited to spending \$2,000. If there is no coordination, the PAC can spend an unlimited amount of money.

The complaint alleges Holland received an in-kind contribution of television ads from the PAC that exceeds the limit. Republicans have estimated the value of the ads, which have run for the past week in the Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita media markets.

"We expect their investigation will conclude what the facts already show — Tom Holland broke Kansas elections law — to the tune

of tens of thousands of dollars," Barker said in a statement.

Holland faces Republican U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback for the right to replace Democrat Gov. Mark Parkinson, whose term expires in January.

The nine-member ethics commission held its regular meeting Tuesday in Topeka. Its next meeting is Oct. 19, but no hearings are scheduled for then, which means the commission likely won't consider the matter until after voters go to the polls in November.

Carol Williams, the panel's executive director, declined to comment after the meeting.

Seth Bundy, spokesman for the Holland campaign, said he hadn't seen anything from the ethics commission about the complaints. The campaign has denied that it cooperated with Graves and the PAC to produce the television ads.

"I don't know what else to say," Bundy said.

Graves has declined to comment about the complaint, maintaining that the PAC operated independently of the Holland campaign in producing the video for the ad.

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 suggests that would reduce taxes for the wealthy

Wind firm expects power contract soon

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The commissioners gave approval to purchase a Miller welder from Wagoner Salvage of Colby for \$2,498. Other bids were from L&M Steel, \$2,727; S&W Supply, \$2,799; and Northern Freight, \$2,844. Schrock said there was money in the road and bridge fund to purchase the welder.

The road department also reported they had purchased the tin to replace the county shop roof that was totaled in a hail storm two years ago and had saved enough money from the purchase to hire the labor to install the metal roof, and would

like to get started with it. They will be taking bids.

The commissioners also reviewed bids for the new roof on the Household Hazardous Waste building at the landfill. Vap Roofing of Atwood was awarded the bid of \$5,665 with the material to be on site before the county makes half the payment and with a completion date of 90 days. Other bids were \$9,531 from Stephens and \$10,233 from Roof Master.

The commissioners will meet on next Wednesday to conduct end-of-the-month business in the commissioners room in the county courthouse.

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Thursday Evening											September 23, 2010											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	My Generation		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live												
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late												
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Outsource	The Apprentice		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late												
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Fringe				Local															
Cable Channels																						
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48													
AMC	Airplane!				Airplane-Sequel																	
ANIM	The Natural World		River Monsters		Trapper-Amazon		The Natural World		River Monsters													
BRAVO	Housewives of D.C.		Housewives of D.C.		Housewives of D.C.		Happens		Housewives of D.C.		Happens											
CMT	Cannonball Run II				My Truck		The Dukes of Hazzard															
CNN	Rick's List		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360																	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama														
DISC	Moose Attack!		Pig Bomb		Untamed and Uncut		Moose Attack!		Pig Bomb													
DISN	Camp Rock 2				Sonny	Sonny	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah												
E!	Unsolved Crimes				E! Curse, the 2		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Holly's W												
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter															
ESPN2	High School Football				Baseball Tonight		2010 Poker		SportsNation													
FAM	Billy Madison		Billy Madison				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?												
FOOD	Jeff Corwin		America's Best		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	America's Best													
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Sunny	League	Sunny	League	Terriers													
HGTV	First	My First	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	House	Property	Property												
HIST	The Universe		Stan Lee's		Stan Lee's		Modern Marvels		The Universe													
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway				Road	Road	Road	Frasier												
MTV	Teen Mom		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		World	World												
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny												
SCI	Destination Truth		Destination Truth		Beast Legends		WCG Ultimate Gamer		Destination Truth													
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling				TNA ReACTION		MANswers	MANswers												
TBS	Rush Hour 3				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Earl	Earl												
TCM	Ben-Hur						Brewster McCloud															
TLC	American Chopper		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters													
TNT	Law & Order		Bones		Cradle 2 the Grave		Supernatural															
TOON	Total	Flapjack	Adventure	Regular	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Amer. Dad												
TRAV	No Reservation		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation													
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne												
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Undercovers		Outlaw													
VH1	Best, I Love		Best, I Love		Real and Chance		I Love Money		Fantasia	La La												
WGN	WWE Superstars		Curb		Entourage		WGN News at Nine		How I Met	How I Met												
Premium Channels																						
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		Couples Retreat				Cathouse		Real Sex		Boardwalk Empire											
MAX	Orphan				The Peacemaker				Co-Ed Confid.	4 PLAY												
SHOW	Fanboys				Extreme Movie		Body		Beach		Wild											

Friday Evening											September 24, 2010											
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AMC	Crouching Tigr				AMC News		Unbreakable															
ANIM	River Monsters		Hillbilly		River Monsters		Hillbilly		River Monsters													
BRAVO	Housewives of D.C.		Top Chef Dsrst		Top Chef Dsrst		Band Camp															
CMT	Your Chance to Dance		Your Chance to Dance		Videos	Videos	The Dukes of Hazzard		Smarter	Smarter												
CNN	Rick's List		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360																	
COMEDY	Comedy	Presents	Daniel Tosh: Serious		Dane Cook ISO.		Dan Cummins: Crazy/F		Sebastian Live													
DISC	Man, Woman, Wild		Beyond Survival				Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild													
DISN	Deck	Phineas	Fish Hook	Phineas	Jonas L.A	Jonas L.A	Deck	Deck	Sonny	Good Luck												
E!	Evan Almighty				The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup												
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live												
ESPN2	High School Football				Baseball Tonight		MLS Soccer		</													