

Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 39. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 79. West wind around 10 mph becoming north.  
**Thursday Night:** Clear, with a low around 40. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.  
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 83. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 43.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 43.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.  
**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67.  
**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 41.  
Monday: High, 66; Low 42  
Tuesday: High, 70; Low 30  
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches  
Tuesday 0.00 inches  
Month: 0.16 inches  
Year: 17.86 inches  
Normal: 19.19 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Thursday 7:53 a.m. 7:07 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Cornfield gladiators to gather

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Cornfield gladiators, young and old, male and female, from nine states will take part in the competition, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Buffalo Bill Statue on U.S. 83 on the west side of Oakley.

“We expect around 50 competitors from the National Cornhusking Association, whose membership includes the states of Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Indiana,” said Warren Park of Park Motors, who heads up the contest.

Park said there will be 13 husking categories for team and individual competition, with husking running continuously throughout the day until the competition ends sometime in mid to late afternoon.

He added that the contest rotates among the nine states, and this is the sixth time for Oakley to host the national event. He said the biggest crowds they’ve had were between 3,000 and 4,000 people, but there will be plenty of parking at the site.

He recalled that one year a bus full of Japanese tourists brought a filming crew to record the American event.

Cornhusking represents an important chapter in American agricultural history and is the oldest method of harvesting corn, he said. It represents tradi-

tional farm skills and farm values of work ethic and self-sufficiency.

Contests began in the 1920s and ended in 1941 when the nation entered World War II. In those days, they would attract from 100,000 to 170,000 spectators. The event was renewed on a smaller scale after the war ended.

There will be plenty of activities during the weekend celebration. Girls Night Out will hold a crafters show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the 4-H building and Farmers Indoor Arena. There will be crafts for sale and concession stands open throughout the day. Fifty crafters have reserved space for their wares.

Saturday’s activities will end with a banquet and state awards ceremony at 7 p.m. at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, 703 W. Second St. The banquet is open to the public.

A Cornhusking Dance, sponsored by the Oakley Area Pride Committee, will run from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 4-H Building. The cost is \$5 per person. Complete Music will provide deejay service, and concessions will be available.

National awards will be handed out at the contest site on Sunday.

For information, call Wright at the Oakley Chamber at (785) 672-3221 or Park at 672-2711.

Road workers patch, seal routes

From “ROUTES,” Page 1

east of Country Club, County Club Drive north of the railroad tracks, Veterans Memorial Drive and the Campus Bridge on Road 465. Grading and graveling continue on 465.

The Emergency Medical Service monthly report showed the ambulance crews had 61 runs for September, compared to 58 last year.

Commissioner Steele reported that he had told Colby school Superintendent Terrel Harrison the school district could have the chillers that are to be removed from the courthouse. He said if the schools don’t want them, the heating and air conditioning contractor, P & M Contracting, will decommission them and

take the fluid to the landfill for transportation to Safe Harbors, and the steel would be sent to the landfill to be picked up by the used-iron buyer.

The commissioners received a notification letter from attorney Ron Shalz of litigation pending on the office owned by Dr. Gary Slavens. Notification to the county is standard procedure when unpaid property taxes are involved, Steele said.

Steele and Sowers both expressed thanks to the 125th Anniversary Committee and all who participated in the county’s sesquicentennial celebration.

The next meeting for the commissioners will be at 9 a.m. Monday in the commissioners’ room on the main floor of the Thomas County Courthouse.

KU gets \$22 million grant to study public school testing

By John Hanna  
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA – University of Kansas researchers who want to overhaul standardized testing in the nation’s public schools have received a \$22 million federal grant to work toward that goal, school officials announced Tuesday.

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said the grant from the U.S. Department of Education, spread over four years, is the largest in the school’s 144-year history. The university plans to work with 11 states to develop a new model for standardized tests for special education students.

University officials hope that the project, if successful, will spur an overhaul of standardized testing for all public schools students. They worry that schools have adjusted lessons to “teach solely to the test” and want to move away from a single annual exam in each subject.

“It is absolutely in the front of our mind that this model would be an excellent model for all students and that if we can first bring this up and show the success of this plan for the special ed population, that it’s a logical next step to take it and use it for everyone,” said Neal Kingston, director of the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation.

The university’s largest previous grant was \$20 million over six years. It was awarded in 2008 by the National Institutes of Health for a new chemistry center and research into molecules that could help fight disease.

Research funded by the latest grant will be conducted by the university’s Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, which already has developed standardized tests for Kansas public schools.

The state Department of Education will participate in the research, along with education departments for Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

“With this grant, the University of Kansas has an opportunity to improve the quality of education received by countless children,” Gray-Little said at a news conference.

The center’s researchers hope to have a new testing system ready for special education students in those states for the 2014-15 school year.

Kingston said researchers believe standardized tests can be broken up into small pieces and guided by teachers’ actual lessons. Schools wouldn’t have to modify their lessons to fit testing, he said, while students, teachers and administrators could avoid the annual “angst” accompanying standardized testing.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind law, schools are judged by how well their students perform on standardized tests. By 2014, all

students are supposed to be proficient in reading and math.

“Testing now was developed in another environment,” Kingston said. “We’ve been doing things primarily the same way for over

100 years, and it worked very well when people did not pay too much attention to the results, when they weren’t front-page headlines all the time.”

State to work on bridge near Atwood

A project to replace a bridge in Rawlins County will begin Monday, the Kansas Department of Transportation construction office in Atwood says.

The work five miles southwest of Atwood will require closing County Road N.5 between roads 16 and 17. Residents will have to use alternate county roads while the project is underway.

Klaver Construction Co. of Kingman is the prime contractor in charge of the \$161,937 bridge replacement. Eighty percent of the project’s costs will be paid for through federal money, while the county will pick up the remaining 20 percent costs.

Weather permitting, the project should be complete by January.

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She died when she was only 56.

Let my heartbreak be your wake-up call.”

Terrence Howard, actor/musician

Photo: Andrew Macpherson

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S., but it is largely preventable. If you’re 50 or older, please get screened. Screening finds precancerous polyps, so they can be removed before they turn into cancer. And screening finds colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best. If you’re at increased risk—if you have a personal or family history of polyps or colorectal cancer, or you have inflammatory bowel disease—ask your doctor when to start screening.

Screening saves lives.

Screen for life  
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Act Now Campaign

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC

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Thursday Evening											October 14, 2010
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Grey's Anatomy		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	The Mummy						The Terminator				
ANIM	Blue Planet		The Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		The Blue Planet		
BRAVO	Housewives of D.C.		To Be Announced		Real Housewives		Happens	To Be Announced	Real		
CMT	Petty Blue				Trick My Truck		The Dukes of Hazzard		Smarter	Smarter	
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Black in America				Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Ugly Amer	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly Amer	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Presents	Swardson	
DISC	Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers				Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		
DISN	Wizards-Waver				Deck	Deck	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	What's Eating You		Kardas	Kardas	Kardas	Kardas	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kardas	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing		High School Football						Nation	MMA Live	
FAM	Liar Liar		Liar Liar				The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife	
FOOD	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef America		Food	Food	Chopped		Iron Chef America		
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Sunny	League	Sunny	League	Terriers		
HGTV	Property	First	My First	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	House	My First	Property	
HIST	Stan Lee's		Ancient Aliens				UFO Files		Stan Lee's		
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Road		Road	Road	Road	Runway	
MTV	The Challenge: Cutth		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		The Challenge: Cutth		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Destination Truth		Destination Truth		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Destination Truth		
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling				TNA ReACTION		UFC	UFC	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Lopez Tonight		Earl	Earl	
TCM	Incendiary Blonde				Murder, He Says				Murder, She Said		
TLC	American Chopper		Lottery Changed		Kick Off	Kick Off	Lottery Changed		Kick Off	Kick Off	
TNT	Law & Order		My Big Fat				CSI: NY		CSI: NY		
TOON	TBA	Scooby	Adventure	Regular	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Amer. Dad	
TRAV	Carnivore	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Deep Fried Paradise		Man, Food	Man, Food	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		
VH1	Saturday Night Live				Rocky IV				Road House		
WGN	WWE Superstars		How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Cancer	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		
Premium Channels											
HBO	Monica & David		Bored		Bored	Bored	Cathouse	Real Sex	Sins of My Father		
MAX	Darkman	Darkman II: Durant			Darkman III: Die Darkman Die			Minority Report			
SHOW	Soul Men	Give 'Em Hell Malone			Dexter		Body	Beach	Wild	Life Is H	

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Friday Evening											October 15, 2010
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Family	Middle	Detroit 1-8-7		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	School Pride		Dateline NBC		Outlaw		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	House		The Good Guys		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Teach: Tony Danza		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		
AMC	Deep Blue Sea				Ghost Ship					Virus	
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		The Haunted		Fatal Attractions		The Haunted		
BRAVO	America's Next Model		America's Next Model		America's Next Model		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		
CMT	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Strictest Parents		Cowboys Cheerleaders		The Dukes of Hazzard		Smarter	Smarter	
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Demetri Martin		Presents	Comedy	Conchords	Comedy	Comedy	Swardson	Comedy	Comedy	
DISC	Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Beyond Survival		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		
DISN	Deck	Wizards	Fish Hook	Phineas	Hannah	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	
E!	Giuliana & Bill		Kardas	Kardas	The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing						MLS Soccer				
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife	
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Meat	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	
FX	Big Momma's House		Big Momma's House 2				Sons of Anarchy		Sunny	League	
HGTV	Property	First	Yard	Crashers	House	Hunters	Urban Oasis		Yard	Crashers	

American Profile

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Modern Marvels		Ku Klux Klan				Gangland		Modern Marvels		
LIFE	How I Met	How I Met	Reba	Reba		Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Reba	Reba	
MTV	Jersey Shore				Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		
NICK	Big Time	Big Time	Big Time	Big Time	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Sanctuary		The Event		The Event		
SPIKE	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage		Ways Die	Ways Die	
TBS	MLB Baseball						MLB Post		Air Force One		
TCM	The Mummy				The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb				The Mummy's Shroud		
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		
TNT	The Holiday					Two Weeks Notice			Runaway		
TOON	Titan	Generator	Star Wars	Titan	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
TRAV	Most Terrifying		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	House		House		House		Die Another Day				
VH1	Behind the Music		La La	La La	La La	La La	Radio 1s	I Love Money		Music	
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Night-Smithsonian				Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Eastbound	Hangover	
MAX	Watchmen	Ninja Assassin			Kindergarten Cop				Lingerie	Alien Sex	
SHOW	Weeds	The Big C	Punisher: War Zone				Boxing				

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