

Weather
Corner

National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 40. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 14. West wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 52. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36.

Thursday: High, 38; Low 7
Friday: High, 50; Low 13
Saturday: High, 60; Low 17
Sunday: High, 61; Low 26
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday Trace
Month: 0.21 inches
Year: 18.14 inches
Normal: 19.95 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:44 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

County discusses changes to tornado sirens

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agency responses.

County Treasurer Donita Applebury discussed with the commissioners a bill the county received from Computer Information Concepts for a tax-roll search program. Applebury said a similar program is used by the appraiser's office in a parcel search, but the program she needs was, as she understood it, in the original contract the firm signed.

She said the program she is using is lumping names together and giving wrong addresses, and she would like to get it straightened out with the vendor before the first of the year. She said she called the company representative who calls on Thomas County, but didn't connect.

Sheriff Rod Taylor said three weeks ago, city police brought in six people, three of whom were juveniles. He told commissioners his facilities aren't adequate to take care of the juveniles.

"One was on the floor and two were in

chairs," he said, "and it was not only a bad situation, but ... unsafe."

Taylor said there are a couple of ways the county could establish a place to handle juveniles: either buy an existing building and remodel, or build on to the present jail. He said there are several options to consider before spending money to replace the Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioner Paul Steele said he would like to have a specialist do a review of the present facilities, to see what is possible as far as building either onto or up at the present location.

Taylor discussed a state law which allows the county to seize a person's auto tags if they have unpaid property taxes. The law says that a person with unpaid taxes will be flagged in the state computer, said Taylor, and when they come to the courthouse to buy vehicle tags, the county cannot sell them unless their taxes are paid.

They cannot go to a different county and get a tag, he said, because the program is statewide and the information would show

up in any one of the 105 counties. By law, Taylor said, the sheriff can seize a vehicle tag when taxes haven't been paid on the vehicle.

The commissioners received a message from Larry Jumper, landfill supervisor, that the fluid taken from the old chillers removed from the courthouse when new mechanical equipment was installed boils at 84 degrees. The fluid needs to be shipped to Arkansas in a refrigerated trailer for safe disposal, he said. The estimated cost is about \$1,000. Sixty percent of the cost of disposal is included in a grant for the mechanical update, Steele said.

Steele told the other commissioners that a Colby businessman had offered to furnish at cost the material it would take to insulate the 4-H Building before a new heating and air condition system would be installed there. Steele said he wants to check out the cost before proceeding with what he called a "generous" offer.

The commissioners approved a contract with Oneok Gas for 58 cents for a million

British thermal units for the 2010-2011 heating season. The amount was cut due to less anticipated usage for the upcoming year, but the price stayed the same. The county will no longer use gas for cooling with the new mechanical system at the courthouse, Steele said.

In other business the, commissioners:

- Signed a resolution vacating the road between tracts 70 and 71 in Sunflower Acres, known as Ford Drive, at the request of landowners Shawna and Mike Kersenbrock.

- Read a request to vacate a section of Seventh Street in Brewster. The request was made by a Brewster landowner and approved the Brewster City Council, who sent notification to the commissioners.

- Tabled a bill from Computer Information Concepts for a program called Peopleware until the firm can verify it was in the original contract for new software

- Agreed to meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday to pay end-of-month bills and do any other business that comes before the board.

Sweep may not be so clean for Republican Party

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tives and gun rights enthusiasts are important constituencies for the state GOP.

Many of those conservatives link social and economic issues. They contend the state and nation can't be truly economically healthy without healthy families. And they view abortion, any drift toward same-sex marriage and no-fault divorce as undermining the family.

"Nobody's denying that there are some serious financial problems looming in America," said Mary Kay Culp, executive director of the anti-abortion group Kansans for Life. "We have a society where the family is broken. The more it breaks, the more costs we incur."

The Legislature will open its annual session on Jan. 10, with GOP majorities of 31-9 in the Senate and 92-33 in the House.

Republicans picked up 16 seats in the House, and legislators of all philosophies concede it has moved to the right on issues such as abortion, stem cell research and gun rights.

But legislators also don't see a big philosophical shift in the Senate, where only two seats were filled in special elections and all 40 seats won't be on the ballot until 2012. While it's likely to pass some abortion legislation, key leadership jobs will still be held by GOP senators who resist social issues.

As governor and the real leader of the state GOP, Brownback will have to mediate conflicts among Republicans.

It could be tricky. As a U.S. senator, he was a strong opponent

of abortion and gay marriage, and his identification with religious conservatives in the past has built expectations that he'll help them achieve their goals as governor. Yet, as a candidate and governor-elect, he's warned publicly against overreaching and has made it clear that he'll emphasize the economy.

"His No. 1 priority is going to be getting the economy growing again," said Brownback spokeswoman Sherienne Jones-Sontag. "The governor-elect isn't worried about being distracted from his No. 1 priority."

Steve Cloud, a former Kansas House member from Lenexa who served on the GOP National Committee, said Republicans prospered this year because voters were unhappy with how President Barack Obama and fellow Democrats handled the economy and sense that government spending and the federal debt are out of control.

He said centrist voters supported Obama in '08 because they were tired of the GOP's "right-wing" agenda, then switched back to the Republican Party when Obama and his fellow Democrats proved too liberal for them on issues such as health care and the federal economic stimulus.

Yet some Republican legislators argue that many of the same voters who told them this year to fix the economy and control government spending are concerned about social issues.

"I think an awful lot of people want to see some change in those areas, too," said Rep. Forrest Knox, an Altoona Republican who plans to push legislation on gun rights next year.

And House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lance Kinzer,

an Olathe Republican and conservative leader, argues that Republicans won't lose their focus on the economy even if numerous proposals on social issues are considered. Kinzer serves on Brownback's transition team but emphasized he's not speaking for it when discussing his and other

GOP legislators' desire to tackle social issues.

"The reality is that we will have the time during the legislative session," Kinzer said.

Conflict among Kansas Republicans isn't new, of course, and probably dates to statehood in 1861. Almost a century ago, con-

servatives who backed President William Howard Taft fought with progressive Bull Moose supporters of former President Theodore Roosevelt.

And another round of conflict among Republicans appears inevitable once the Legislature reconvenes in January.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS


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Tuesday Evening							November 30, 2010			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Grinch	Shrek	No Ordinary	Family	Detroit 1-8-7		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Rudolph, Red-Nosed		NCIS		Fashion Show		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Rockefeller Ctr.		The Biggest Loser				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Raising	Wilde	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Strange	Strange	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy
AMC	Scrooged				Scrooged			Airplane!		
ANIM	When Animals Strike		River Monsters				River Monsters			
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker			The Fashion Show		Matchmaker		The Fashion Show
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Songs-Decade					Crossroads		Smarter Smarter
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Ralphie May		Tosh.0		Tosh.0		Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Auction		Auction		Dirty Jobs	
DISN	Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause		Sonny		Sonny		Sonny		Hannah	Hannah
E!	Too Young to Kill				Kendra		Kendra		Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball				SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCtr		NFL Live	SportsNation
FAM	Happy		Home Alone 2				The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife
FOOD	Challenge		Chopped			Chopped		Private Chefs		Chopped
FX	Eagle Eye		Sons of Anarchy				Sons of Anarchy			
HGTV	First	First	House	Estate	House	Hunters	For Rent	My First	House	Estate
HIST	The Real Story		Top Gear		IRT Deadliest Roads		Modern Marvels		The Real Story	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier
MTV	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		The Challenge: Cutth	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Star Trek: Next		Stargate Universe		Fact or Faked		Stargate Universe		Stargate SG-1	
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Jail	Jail	MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Glory Daze		Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Good News				Samson and Delilah					Virginia
TLC	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids
TNT	Bones		A Time to Kill			CSI: NY				
TOON	Spy Kids 2: Isl		Tower Prep		King-Hill		King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken Boondocks
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum			When Vacations		Ghost Adventures		Mysteries-Museum
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond		Roseanne	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Psych		Burn Notice	
VH1	Behind the Music		Fantasia		Fantasia		Football		Baby Boy	
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		Scrubs	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Treatment	Treatment	Treatment	Treatment	Public Speaking			Boardwalk Empire		It's Com
MAX	Crazy Hrt	Whiteout			Gothika					
SHOW	The Road					Dexter		Push		

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Wednesday Evening							December 1, 2010			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Better	Family	Cougar	The Whole Truth		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Nicaragua		Criminal Minds		Grammy Nominations		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Undercovers		Law & Order: SVU		Law-Order L.A.		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Human Target		Hell's Kitchen		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog	Dog	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter	
AMC	Scrooged				Scrooged				Bowfinger	
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
BRAVO	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef All-Stars			Top Chef All-Stars		Top Chef
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		The Stepford Wives				Invitation Only		Smarter	Smarter
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Chappelle	Futurama	South Pk	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly Amer
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Storm Chasers		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISN	Full-Court Miracle				Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Bridalplasty		Married to Rock		Taylor Swift		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball				SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball				Nation	NFL Live	Nation
FAM	Dr. Seuss'					Dr. Seuss'				
FOOD	Unwrapped		Throwdown-Bobby Flay		Guy's Disney Holiday		Diners	Diners	Throwdown-Bobby Flay	
FX	Tropic Thunder				Terriers		Terriers		Sons of Anarchy	
HGTV	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster



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HIST	Air Force One	President's Book		Sec.- Dollar Bill		Air Force One
LIFE	Reba	Reba	The Pelican Brief			How I Met
MTV	16 and Pregnant	16 and Pregnant		The Challenge: Cutth	The Challenge: Cutth	True Life
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters		Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	The Ultimate Fighter			BlueMount	BlueMount
TBS	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns
TCM	Stagecoach				Moguls and Movie Stars	
TLC	Ton of Love		Untold Stories of ER		Housebound	Untold Stories of ER
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones	Southland
TOON	Dude	Destroy	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Carnivore	Man, Food	Food Truck Paradise	Carnivore
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Psych	Burn Notice
VH1	Lopez	Lopez	I Love Money		Celebrity Rehab	Celebrity Rehab
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs
Premium Channels						
HBO	Boardwalk Empire	Boardwalk Empire	Boardwalk Empire		Dennis Miller	Treatment
MAX	Jennifer	Taken			The Informant!	
SHOW	The Other City		Inside the NFL		Love in a Time-HIV	Inside the NFL
						Valkyrie

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