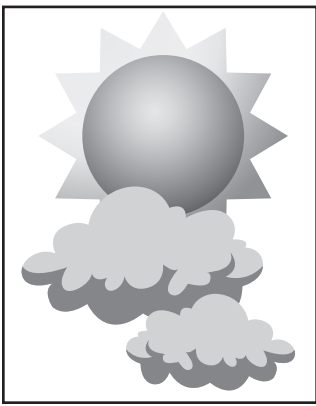


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 54. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 41.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.
 Sunday: High, 60; Low 17
 Monday: High, 61; Low 26
 Tuesday: High, 34; Low 15
 Precip: Monday 0.10 inches
 Tuesday Trace
 Month: 0.00 inches
 Year: 18.15 inches
 Normal: 19.95 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:46 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Friday 7:47 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Saturday 7:48 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Big training changes coming for emergency medical services

From "CHANGES," Page 1

Gatlin said he and Umberger are the only ones in the department with instructor/coordinator certification. He said the proposed changes would allow him to handle the bookkeeping, billing, payroll, personnel and scheduling responsibilities.

He said by dividing up Rinehart's duties, he believes what had been a three-person team could be done by two people working closely to help each other.

He proposed a pay increase of \$4 to \$5 an hour for himself and Umberger with the added duties.

Gatlin said that beginning in January, all Kansas emergency medical personnel must transition to the

“Advanced” training level. Emergency medical technicians with a “B” designation must take a course to move to the advanced level or do further study to become an emergency responder. All certified first responders must take a transition course to become an emergency responder, he said. The transitions can run from 16 to 120 class hours, he said.

He said that all current county volunteers and all Colby Fire Department emergency medical technicians will need to make the transition. He said that the new scope of practice will allow volunteers to do more medical procedures needed in rural areas like northwest Kansas. He said the Colby Fire Department had made their training room available, but class dates are yet to be determined.

Crop varieties, big harvest lead to elevator construction boom

From "ELEVATOR," Page 1

reached a historical high in 2010 with more than 4.5 billion bushels of storage space, not counting capacity at state-licensed facilities, Agriculture Department statistics show. The previous high was in 1988. The low point since then was reached a decade later. But storage capacity in recent years has been steadily rising, with 2010 being a particularly busy year for new construction that has yet to be licensed and counted.

Among them are the two 140-foot-tall concrete silos now under construction at the elevator in Larned, owned by Pawnee County Co-op Association. The concrete bins will add some 600,000 bushels in new storage capacity – a welcomed addition given that the elevator now has a million bushels of corn piled on the ground a mile away exposed to the weather.

“The pipeline is full,” said Hugh Mounday, general manager of the Pawnee County Co-op. “There is hardly any export grain going out anymore and that is backlogging a lot of wheat in our area, so therefore it forces us to pile corn and milo outdoors.”

Orders for new concrete grain silos at McPherson Concrete Storage Systems, Inc., are backlogged until at least September 2011 or later, said sales manager Roy House. The McPherson-based

company built 31 concrete silos in Kansas and Nebraska this past year, up from 25 in a normal year. "We are putting up the big, concrete silos. We are in the business for the long term, said Frank Riedle, the general manager for the Great Bend Co-op. "Those last 30 years. We are building permanent storage."

Within the past four years, the Great Bend Co-op Association has added concrete grain silos at its central Kansas elevators in Seward, Pawnee Rock and Ellinwood across central Kansas.

Woofert Construction and Irrigation Inc., based in Colby, Kan., has built metal grain bins for nearly 5 million bushels in new capacity this past spring through fall in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Nebraska, said salesman Larry McDonald.

"I've got probably more projects to bid on than I can physically get done," McDonald said. "We could use more people. They are out there, we need them here."

McDonald said the company needs to hire eight to ten millwright workers now. His company has kept some 60 employees busy, but he figures that if you count the outside concrete crews, millworkers, electricians and other contractors his grain storage projects alone have probably generated work for about 250 people.

For years, total grain production in Kansas of major crops – wheat,

Weather Service looking for volunteers

The National Weather Service in Goodland is establishing a supplemental rain, hail, and snowfall network in northwest Kansas, east central Colorado and southwest Nebraska.

This network is known as the Northwest Kansas Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) Expansion and can be found on at www.cocorahs.org.

Many volunteers are needed to accurately measure and de-

scribe rain and snowfall patterns as well as hail swaths on a daily basis. The data will benefit countless agencies and organizations in agriculture, public safety, and scientific research.

Volunteers should contact the Northwest Kansas/East Central Colorado and Southwest Nebraska Coordinator, David Thede of the National Weather Service in Goodland. He can be reached at (785) 899-7119 or at david.thede@noaa.gov.

But the specter of another potential drought is always present. Dan O'Brien, an agricultural economist at Kansas State University, warns that farmers and the elevators who service them will not always have bountiful crops.

"I don't think they will be sitting empty by any stretch, but I do think that you will have some ups and downs," he said. "Kansas is very cyclical in terms of its weather. Over time, I am sure we will have times when we won't be busting at the seams as we are in some locations right now."

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Thursday Evening

December 2, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Santa Claus, Town		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang		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
KSAZ/FOX	Bones		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Storage	Storage	The First 48	
AMC	Scrooged				Scrooged		Summer Rental			
ANIM	Life		Life		Life		Life		Life	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives		Happens
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Beverly Hills				Crossroads		Smarter	Smarter
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Ugly Amer		Futurama	Futurama	Ugly Amer	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Secret Service		The Kennedy Detail				Secret Service		The Kennedy Detail	
DISN	High School Musical				Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah
E!	William a		Kardash	Kardashian	Married to Rock		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		NFL Live	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsNation		MMA Live	Nation
FAM	The Santa Clause		The Santa Clause				The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Food	Meat	Chopped		Iron Chef America	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Sunny	League	Sunny	League	Terriers	
HGTV	First	First	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	House	Property	Property
HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		UFO Files		Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	The Christmas Shoes					The Fairy Jobmother		Frasier
MTV	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Bully	Megadrive	Jackass	Jackass	Sin City
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Destination Truth		Destination Truth		Fact or Faked		Hollywood	Hollywood	Fact or Faked	
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling				TNA ReACTION		MANswers Son Beach	
TBS	Along Came Polly				Office	Office	Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Midsummer						Ah, Wilderness!			Riff Raff
TLC	Police- Dallas		Police- Dallas		Cellblock 6		Police- Dallas		Cellblock 6	
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
TOON	Total	Scoby	Adventure	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Bacon Paradise		Carnivore	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Steak Paradise		Carnivore	Man, Food
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Gone in Sixty				Burn Notice		White Collar		Psych	
VH1	Saturday Night Live				Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		SNL	
WGN	WWE Superstars		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Showtime		Edge of Darkness				Katie	Real Sex	Tracy Morgan	
MAX	Land		Species		Species II		Co-ed Confidential 4Play			
SHOW	The Score		Cocaine Cowboys II: Hustlin'		Dexter		Next Stop	Single	The Rock	

Friday Evening

December 3, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Supernanny		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	A Walk in My Shoes				Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	House		The Good Guys		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Independence Day				The Walking Dead		Predator			
ANIM	The Haunted		The Haunted		Fatal Attractions		The Haunted		Fatal Attractions	
BRAVO	Donnie Brasco						Donnie Brasco			
CMT	CMT Artists of the Year 2010		CMT Artists of the Year 2010				Dances With Wolves			
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Presenters	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Daniel Tosh: Serious		Ron White: Beh		Benson	Comedy
DISC	Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Gold Rush: Alaska		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
DISN	Deck	Phineas	Take Two	Kings	Shake it	Sonny	Hannah Montana		Deck	Phineas
EI	Married to Rock		Taylor Swift		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	College Football				Score	College Football				
FAM	Polar	The Polar Express					The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Food	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners
FX	The Marine			XXX: Union				Sons of Anarchy		
HGTV	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
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MTV	Bully	Bully	Pranked	Pranked	Adam Sandler's				Jackson: Begin	
NICK	iCarly		Chris	Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Sanctuary		Stargate Universe		Sanctuary	
SPIKE	1,000 Ways to Die		Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Entourage		Entourage		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	The House	Bunny			Office	Office	Glory Daze	
TCM	Fitzwilly				It Happened				Susan Slept Here	
TLG	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Homemade Millionaire		What Not to Wear		Homemade Millionaire	
TNT	Forbidden King				Forbidden King				Swordfish	
TOON	Titan	Generator	Star Wars	Titan	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Sex and the City						Enchanted			
VH1	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		London	My Big-Wedding		Drew
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
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