

Weather



National Weather Service Red Flag Warning

A Red flag warning is in effect from noon to 6 p.m. today for wind and low humidity. A fire weather watch remains in effect from Tuesday morning through Tuesday evening.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 34. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. South wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 43. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain and snow before midnight, then a chance of snow and freezing rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A chance of snow and freezing rain before noon, then a chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday: High, 47; Low 15

Saturday: High, 59; Low 25

Sunday: High, 66; Low 27

Precip: Month: None

Year: 0.39 inches

Normal: 2.11 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Tuesday 7:09 a.m. 6:42 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 96 percent

Wednesday 7:07 a.m. 6:44 p.m.

Moon: waxing, 99 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansans asked to help save cabin

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"If each student in Kansas collected \$1 in this effort, there would be adequate funds to begin restoration of the cabin," said El Dean Holthus, whose aunt and uncle, Ellen and Pete Rust, owned the property for nearly 75 years.

Others can buy a \$75 limited edition print of the cabin from Gary Hawk, a Western watercolor artist from Iola. Or donations can be sent to the Ellen Rust Living Trust in Smith Center. Donors who contribute \$500 or more will receive a collector's handmade model of the cabin.

Last spring, Orin Friesen at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper near Benton started a campaign for the cabin that raise more than \$25,000, mostly from the Wichita area.

In August, Marshall contacted Holthus to help create a state-



Dr. Brewster Higley's cabin, the birthplace of "Home on the Range," still stands today in its original location on land that looks much like it did 140 years ago.

wide approach to the campaign.

Holthus said the money raised so far will pay to remove dirt on the north side of the cabin and for landscaping for 15 acres around the structure.

Most of the improvements are expected to be made by July 4, in time for a 140th celebration of the cabin, Holthus said.

The Ellen Rust Living Trust has money to maintain the prop-

erty but not for the improvements, Holthus said.

A benefit concert by the Prairie Rose Rangers is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Smith Center High School.

Kobach says Constitution is changed

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had been fined under the ban, which was put in place under the Commerce Clause.

"For years, the Supreme Court never struck down any act of Congress under the Commerce Clause," Kobach said. "Until U.S. v. Lopez."

That case, from 1995, had to do with the Gun Free School Zone Act, a federal ban under the Commerce Clause that prohibited carrying guns within 1,000 feet of a school. The Supreme Court decided that the government couldn't regulate where people could carry guns under the Commerce Clause, Kobach said.

Another important decision is coming up later this month, he said, where the Supreme Court will consider the President Obama's Affordable Care Act. The situation is similar, he said, where the federal government is seeking to regulate something under the clause.

That decision will be 5-4 ei-

ther way, he said, but he felt it should be 9-0 against.

Second Amendment rights are another area where decisions should be 9-0, but there are different attitudes elsewhere in the country. Kobach said that many of his colleagues in law school came from a culture where people had decided guns were bad. They don't understand home protection or hunting, he said.

The amendment states, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Kobach said that some have interpreted the words differently over the centuries.

Kobach said in the original interpretation, militia meant every capable male, and well regulated meant well trained. In the 1930s, however, some interpreted the word to mean that the amendment only protected the gun rights of those in the modern militia: the National Guard.

In 2008, he said, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a security

guard in Washington, D.C., who wanted to take his government-issued gun home to protect his family. That also was a 5-4 decision, and one Kobach feels is important to show that the U.S. can't infringe gun rights.

All of these decisions are important, he said, especially because there may be several Supreme Court justices retiring in the next few years. Kobach concluded by talking about the state's new voter identification law, which Kobach helped write, which put in place proof of citizenship and photo identification requirements. Kobach said he knew he was on the right track when former President Bill Clinton, U.S. Attorney General Eric

Holder and the New York Times all lined up against it.

Opponents keep using a 2006 study that said 11 percent of Americans don't have photo identification, he said.

"30,000 people have voted since that law was passed," he said. "And less than one tenth of one percent didn't have a photo ID with them."

Most of those people had identification, he said, they just didn't have it with them. Kobach asked the Brewster audience to raise their hands if they did not have photo identification. No one did.

"This election is important," he said. "We've got to make sure this one's fair."

College finances on the rise

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of external affairs, who was asked by endowment Foundation Director Nick Wells why the wind turbine turns backwards. Kaaz said it depends on where you're looking at it from, but that it's a downwind turbine.

Heard from Ryan Sturdy, athletic director, who said the college wrestling team had four All-Americans at the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament. He said the team took either sixth or eighth, but wasn't sure which because he hadn't spoken with Coach David Nordhues yet. (The team actually placed 10th at the tournament.)

Heard from Wells, who said the foundation's board members are finishing up solicitations for the annual benefit auction, which will be held on April 14 at the City Limits Convention

Center. He said the theme for this year's auction is Fiesta on the Plains.

Accepted the resignations of Julie Weinmann, Title III faculty and staff development specialist who will now be working for EduKan, Judy Epp, custodial supervisor, Jess Randel, information technology director, Ruth Wolfram, nursing director who is retiring and Shannon Plummer, student health nurse who is becoming a full-time nurse instructor.

Terminated a farm ground lease as of Thursday due to abrogation of the agreement and Carroll Depe having serious health issues. Vacik said the board will need to make a decision in March on what to do with the land.

Radar didn't predict deadly twister

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after sunset. But meteorologists said this storm was able to stay strong - and even intensify - at night because there was so much wind shear in the atmosphere that night. Wind shear is the amount of rotation in the winds at various levels.

Strong wind shear can create favorable conditions for tornadoes even when other ingredients commonly connected to twisters may seem insufficient, Omitt said. It can also mean that small tornadoes, such as the ones that

hit Harveyville and Harrisburg, Ill., before dawn on Wednesday, can nonetheless be powerful.

"It's capable of producing very intense, very small tornadoes," Omitt said. "These are the types of storms that are extremely difficult to detect."

Damage assessment surveys have revealed six tornadoes touched down in Kansas on Tuesday - four more than initially thought. Two were northwest of Concordia, not far from Belleville.

Had his office received those reports that night, Omitt said, me-

teorologists in the Topeka office likely would have issued a tornado warning for the storm that eventually struck Harveyville because the reports demonstrated the system's capabilities.

"It was not an easy night, that's for sure," said Darrel Smith, information technology officer for the Topeka office.

Weather service officials in the Topeka office are conducting a review of the data collected and decisions made Tuesday night.

"You do that with every event," Smith said. "What did we do wrong? Did we miss any signs?"

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