

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Breezy, with a north wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 63. West wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

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Precip: Wednesday None
Month: None
Year: 11.69 inches
Normal: 19.29 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
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Emergency director to resign

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The paragraph, giving the department authority to make changes to the plan without commissioner approval was removed before it was approved on Monday.

In other business:
• Treasurer Donita Applebury submitted her tax roll abstracts to commissioners, showing accountability that all of the tax revenue has been balanced out. She said that the tax year ends in October.

"The abstract shows that I can account for every bit of that money," she said. "I have to prove to the commissioners that nobody took it, that nobody embezzled tax dollars."

The 2011 tax roll shows that after including \$4,633 of added taxes, subtracting \$93,101 of abated taxes, which were approved by commissioners, and subtracting \$12,694 of prior year refunds, the net adjusted tax roll for the county in 2011 was \$13,825,265.

In addition, there was \$21,863 in delinquent personal taxes and \$205,806 in delinquent real estate taxes.

The other tax roll that she submitted was for 16/20 trucks,

heavy trucks receive a 16,000- or 20,000-pound tag and are levied differently than other trucks. Because of this, these trucks go on a separate tax roll and are taxed differently, said Applebury.

This report shows that the abstract of taxes from the county clerk total is \$111,642. There was \$3,560 of abated taxes and no prior year refunds.

After accounting for \$1,716 in delinquent 16/20 taxes, the total tax accounted for was \$107,170.

Commissioner Paul Steele said the county accounts for 5 percent in delinquent taxes when writing the budget. Uncollected taxes for the 2011 tax roll was 1.7 percent and 1.6 percent for 16/20 taxes.

"We are fortunate that we have a low delinquency rate in Thomas County," said Applebury after the meeting. "You never know what will happen from year to year, so he accounts for a high delinquency rate to be safe."

• A letter was received, written to Commissioner Paul Steele, from Attorney John Gatz. His services have been used by Thomas County Economic Development Alliance as Director Christy Rocca has been providing work to establish the

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan in Thomas County. Rocca was directed by commissioners at a prior meeting to amend the plan with Gatz's assistance. The letter Gatz sent commissioners said that since he represents the Alliance, not the county, they should request Thomas County Attorney Kevin Berens to amend to the county document instead of him.

• A bid for \$606 was accepted from Stephens Construction for a steel door and threshold for the Road and Bridge Department. It won over a bid from Woofter Construction for \$1,188.

• A hearing will be held on Nov. 30 to vacate 107 feet on the east side of old U.S. 24, north on Iowa Ave. and 172 feet on the west side of the Hans Madsen Addition in Brewster. Since it is outside the city limits, the county must conduct the public hearing.

• They approved a grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for operating assistance in transporting elderly and disabled persons.

• A proposal was signed for concrete sidewalk and an over-haul scale from UniBridge Scale Systems for \$33,845, which was approved at the Oct. 15 meet-

ing. Installation at the landfill will take place over the Veterans Day weekend.

• Commissioners received a survey from Bill Strait, of Kirkham Michael and Associates. The consulting firm is working jointly with the Kansas Department of Transportation, the City of Colby and the county to complete an area transportation plan for areas of Colby adjacent to Interstate 70: from Horton Avenue to College Drive and from Murfin Street, two blocks to County Country Club Drive. The study will assess current and future transportation needs.

• Clerk Harms said she has received complaints regarding potholes on County Road O, which is supposed to be maintained by Morgan Township. The county helped rebuild the road this summer, but people don't think the township has worked on it since then. Commissioners are concerned that the work and money they put into the road has been in vain.

• Letters of support were approved and signed for transportation services provided by Disability Services Northwest Kansas and services by the Thomas County Transportation Van.

New cultural center complete today

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and landscaping to complete.

"This has been possible only because of the many businesses and individuals who have been willing to contribute to our community," said Keller. "We are deeply appreciative and we welcome additional financial support."

The \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement grant that made the facility possible came with a 25/75 match stipulation from the Kansas Department of Transportation, said Keller. The grant request was submitted in December 2009, awarded in July 2010, but was not available for spending until last November. In addition, more than \$500,000 was raised in private donations and some revenue is received from Logan County and bed tax dollars.

Keller explained that in 2004, Oakley's iconic twice-life sized bronze sculpture of Buffalo Bill on his horse was erected. The grand work of art, created by Charlie and Pat Norton, has since been named as an

Eight Wonders of Kansas Art and fostered inspiration by the foundation to build a visitor center and possibly a museum.

"People are fascinated with the sculpture ... which draws from 6,000 to 10,000 visitors a year," said Keller. "It's a marvel they come from all over the U.S. and an amazing number of countries around the world ... but we needed to get visitors to stay for more than a few minutes. It has proven advantageous that when locals have the opportunity ... to promote the area, the entire region reaps the economic benefits. We want to give more to see and do."

To meet this goal, the center offers 3,200 square feet of space to hold meetings, family reunions, weddings and other events for up to 350 people.

The large dividable room offers up to three separate spaces and features audio visual equipment, Wi-Fi access and a kitchen for catering needs.

A gift shop will feature Kansas-made merchandise and art, added Keller.

"We are still reviewing and selecting

products," she said, "and encourage artists and Kansas-product producers to visit our website ... if they are interested."

"The (cultural center) is a community-owned, state-designated visitor travel center and we will not only promote Oakley and western Kansas ... being the center of the Western Vistas Historic Byway ... but the entire state. (The center) will definitely impact our tourism."

"The sculpture has always been a great draw off Interstate 70, U.S. 83 and U.S. 40, and now with the addition of the (center) and the support of the state in promoting the tourism visitor center here, visitation will certainly increase."

Keller said three events have already been booked for this year and two for next year. And their intent is that with time, the center will be self-sustainable with event proceeds and gift shop sales.

For information and to book an event, visit www.buffalobilloakley.org or e-mail info@buffalobilloakley.org.

Presidential politics reignites in hurricane's wake

From "POLITICS," Page 1

cism of Obama's suggestion in an interview earlier this week with MSNBC that he would create a secretary of business. "We don't need a secretary of business to understand business, we need a president who understands business, and I do," he said. Romney's crowd seemed as charged as he was, interrupting with frequent whoops of ap-

plause and chants of, "Five more days!"

Obama also planned to focus his closing arguments on the economy, focusing in the final days on boosting middle-class security. The president's advisers insist his three-day break from campaigning to focus on storm recovery had minimal impact on his standing. If anything, it gave

Obama a chance to offer the type of comfort and command in a crisis that only a president can deliver.

Obama campaign spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said Obama would reprise many of the themes from his 2008 campaign and speak broadly about the choice facing voters.

Romney's aides concede that

the storm stalled his momentum to the finish line but insist that internal polling shows they have leads in battleground states like Virginia, Florida, Colorado and North Carolina. But their specific path to 270 electoral votes is still unclear without Ohio or Wisconsin, where aides did not offer the same measure of confidence today.



Saturday Evening November 3, 2012												
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	College Football						Local					
KBSL/CBS	College Football						Local					
KSNK/NBC	Horse Racing		Chicago Fire		Law & Order: SVU		Local		Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	College Football						Local		MasterChef		30S	Local
Cable Channels												
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Parking	Parking	Storage	Storage		
AMC	Rambo				First Blood			Rambo Part II				
ANIM	Too Cute!		Too Cute!		Pit Bulls-Parole		Too Cute!		Pit Bulls-Parole			
BRAVO	Apollo 13						Apollo 13					
CMT	Blue Collar Comedy:		Them Idiots		Them Idiots Whirled Tour							
CNN	Romney Revealed: Family, Faith			Obama Revealed: Man, President			Romney Revealed: Family, Faith		Obama			
COMEDY	Mean Girl Wedding Crashers											
DISC	Plane Landings		Outlaw Empires			Outlaw Empires			Outlaw Empires			
DISN	Good Luck ANT Farm		Jessie Austin		Gravity Jessie		ANT Farm Good Luck		Phineas Jessie			
E!	Jaycee Dugard		Kardashian			Mr. Deeds		I Now Pronounce You				
ESPN	NASCAR Racing				Score		College Football					
ESPN2	College Football				Football Scoreboard		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
FAM	P.S. I Love You											
FOOD	Next Iron Chef		Next Iron Chef		Next Iron Chef		Next Iron Chef		Next Iron Chef			
FX	Fantastic Four		Armageddon			BrandX		Biased				
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters		Hunt Intl		Hunters			

American Profile

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HIST	Built America	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Built America
LIFE	The Eleventh Victim	The Pastor's Wife				The Eleventh Victim
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Jersey Shore
NICK	iCarly	Big Time Rock	iCarly	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends
SCI	Category 7	Metal Tornado				
SPIKE	Kick-Ass		Romeo Must Die			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Daddy		Eurotrip	
TCM	Wuthering Heights		A Night in Paradise		The Divorce of Lady X	
TLC	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	
TNT	The Book of Eli	Jonah Hex		Jonah Hex	Blade	
TOON	Over the Hedge	Venture	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Dynamite
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The King of Queens
USA	Knocked Up	The Ugly Truth			Knocked Up	
VH1	Songs of the '90s	Movie		Couples Therapy	T.I.-Tiny	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Bones	Bones	

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LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening November 4, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Revenge		666 Park Avenue			Local			
KBSL/CBS	60 Min.		The Amazing Race		The Good Wife		The Mentalist				
KSNK/NBC	Football		NFL Football		Local						
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor						Local				
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	
AMC	The Walking Dead										
ANIM	Wildman		Wildman		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Happens		Housewives/Atl.		
CMT	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Hot Tub Time Machine										
DISC	MythBusters		Battlefield Cell		America's Doomsday P		MythBusters		Battlefield Cell		
DISN	Dog		Austin		Shake It		Jessie		Good Luck		
E!	Mr. Deeds										
ESPN	SportCtr		Countdown		MLS Soccer		SportsCenter				
ESPN2	World/Poker				NASCAR Now		30 for 30		NASCAR Racing		
FAM	Secretariat				Remember the Titans						
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef				
FX	Salt										
HGTV	Home Strange Home		Property Brothers		House Hunters Reno		House Hunters Reno		Property Brothers		
HIST	Pawn		Pawn		Pawn		Pawn		Pawn		
LIFE	The Eleventh Victim										
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey		Teen Mom 2		
NICK	See Dad		Legally Blonde		The Nanny		Friends		Friends		
SCI	2 Headed										
SPIKE	The Punisher				The Punisher						
TBS	The Hangover				Yes Man						
TCM	The Pink Panther				The Lion						
TLC	Long Island Medium:		Medium		Medium		Breaking Amish		Medium		
TNT	Clash of the Titans										
TOON	Ben 10		Dragons		Cleveland		King/Hill		King/Hill		
TRAV	Extreme Houseboats		Extreme Houseboats		Extreme Houseboats		My Life		People		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Casino Royale				
VH1	Rehab With Dr. Drew		I'm Married to A...		Couples Therapy		Rehab With Dr. Drew		Mob Wives		
WGN	How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		News/Nine		
Premium Channels											
HBO	The Hangover Part II		Boardwalk Empire		Treme		Boardwalk Empire		Treme		
MAX	Transit		Horrible Bosses		This Means War		Voyeur's Web				
SHOW	The Help		Larry Wilmore's Race		Primary Colors		Homeland				

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