

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. North wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 72. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 44. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

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

Veterans Day: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 36. Breezy.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 45.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 52.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Wednesday: High, 73; Low 26 Precip: Wednesday None Month: None Year: 11.69 inches Normal: 20.03 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Friday 7:22 a.m. 5:34 p.m. Last quarter moon at 6:37 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County looks for property owner

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owners, this small section somehow didn't get deeded to anyone, according to Burleigh and Volk.

This error could have happened for a number of reasons, said Volk, and she can't give a specific reason why.

Through research, Volk found evidence it may be owned by Hi-Plains Co-Op or Tom Hilary, who both own land adjacent to the property. However, both deny ownership, she said.

Burleigh found it possibly is state-owned or Willard "Bill" Miller may own it; he also owns property nearby and denies ownership, said Burleigh.

The actual owner will remain

unknown unless the interested buyer chooses to survey the area.

In other business:

Porter introduced herself to commissioners earlier that morning, as the newly-appointed state interim appraiser from Belleville.

She gave suggestions to commissioners as they advertise for her permanent replacement, saying that since all county appraisers go through the same four-year term ending in July, now is a complicated time to be looking for a new one.

Most appraisers, Porter said, would be hesitant to apply for the position now, knowing that in July commissioners would have the opportunity to deny

their services for a full four-year term.

Likewise, a candidate would have the option of leaving, too. She said that although commissioners could appoint an appraiser to the position, it would be a non-binding contract until the next term.

County Clerk Shelly Harms said the county has so far only received one application, from a husband and wife team working from Trego County. Porter said she is familiar with the couple, who maintain appraisal work for four counties. She said she has the ability to provide Thomas County with state compliance records, which may help them make a decision.

Right now, Porter and a team

of three other appraisers - Rowlison of Studley and Shirley Sulner and Terry Ballard, both of Goodland - have been providing services to the county, in addition to three Thomas County employees, since the death of Mary Cech. They receive payment for their services for each appraisal. In addition, Porter is reimbursed for travel and hotel expenses since she lives so far away.

Commissioners received a letter of compliance from David Harper, of the Property Valuation Division for the Kansas Department of Revenue, saying the Thomas County appraisers' office has received a minimum of 75 points to meet compliance standards for the state.

Storm brings outages for battered states

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Unlike other holdouts who got by with generators or gas stoves, the 63-year-old from the Ukraine has been without power since Sandy brought eight feet of water through his door and his neighbor's deck into his yard. He tried to beat the cold Wednesday night by sleeping with his Yorkie Kuzya and cat Chanel.

"I had the dog right here," he said, pointing to his left side, "and the cat on my chest. It was still too cold, but I cannot leave my house."

Throughout Staten Island's beach area, the storm had blanketed growing piles of debris with several inches of snow. By mid-morning, it was starting to melt, filling the streets with filthy sludge.

Roads in New Jersey and New York City were clear for the morning commute, and rail lines into New York were running smoothly so far, despite snow still coming down heavily in some areas.

The nor'easter, as promised, brought gusting winds, rain and snow, but not the flooding that was anticipated.

"The good news, thank goodness, is ex-

cept for maybe 2 inches of snow, there were no other problems," said Randi Savron, 51, a schoolteacher who lives in the Rockaways, one of the areas that flooded badly last week. The idyllic beachfront boardwalk was loosed from pilings and ended up outside her apartment building door.

She said it seemed like work would continue.

But additional outages could stall recovery efforts, even though utility companies had prepared, adding extra crews ahead of the nor'easter.

In New Jersey, there were about 400,000 power outages early today; 150,000 of those were new. In New York City and Westchester, more than 70,000 customers were without power after the storm knocked out an additional 55,000 customers.

For Consolidated Edison, the extra outages were dealt with swiftly, so there were only about 3,000 additional customers without power from the total Wednesday of 67,000.

"I think we're going to be able to power through. Our objective was to get power restored to everyone by the weekend and we're still working with that goal," said Alfonso Quiroz, a spokesman for the utility.

On Long Island, an area badly battered, there were 125,000 new outages, but about 80,000 were restored, making a total of about 300,000 customers without power. Long Island Power Authority spokesman Mark Gross said the utility was assessing new damage while working to restore outages.

Paul Farash of West Babylon, N.Y. said he got power back after three days and didn't lose it again.

Anthony Gragnano, who lives in Lindenhurst, worried the new storm would further stall getting power returned to his flooded family home.

"It's just colder now," he said. "We still don't have heat or power, but aside from a little snow, we're good."

Under ordinary circumstances, a storm of this sort wouldn't be a big deal. But large swaths of the landscape were still an open wound, with the electrical system highly fragile and many of Sandy's victims still mucking out their homes and cars and shivering in the deepening cold. As the storm picked up in intensity Wednesday evening, lights started flickering off again.

Grinnell senator wins 40th District

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The district averaged 39.3 percent voter turnout in the primary. He carried every county in the district, including Ellis County, new to the district this year - 995 to 554.

Sen. Schmidt, running unopposed in the Democratic Primary, received 1,623 votes.

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Hospice Services to hold annual auction, dinner Saturday

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and support a wonderful cause in our community," said Soehner.

Brott said "the majority of hospice care takes place in the home where the person can be surrounded by family and familiar settings. Yet, inpatient services are available if symptoms cannot be properly attended to at home.

"Hospice is not a place, but a special kind of care focusing on relief of pain, symptom control and spiritual and emotional support.... It is not about giving up, but instead focuses on quality of life and making the wishes of the patient and family caregivers a priority.

"(Not only is) care given to the patient, but attention is also given to caregivers as well.... Bereavement support is available to families for two years after the death of

their loved one.

"The most common statement made by families who choose hospice for their loved one," added Brott, "is that they wished they'd known about hospice sooner."

For information about local hospice services, and to get tickets to Saturday's auction, call Soerner or contact Brott or any of the other advisory boards members: J.J. Denny, Tera Edmundson and Karen Pabst.



Saturday Evening November 10, 2012

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