

# Patrol urges preparation for winter weather driving

This week snow and winter weather are forecasted throughout the state of Kansas. Each year during winter storms, the Kansas Highway Patrol works numerous traffic crashes related to the weather. Since Sunday night, the Patrol has already worked many crashes related to the changing conditions. The Patrol is encouraging motorists to slow down and be prepared for these adverse conditions.

Driving too fast for conditions ranked in the top five contributing circumstances of all traffic crashes last year, contributing to nine percent of all crashes. In 2008, a traffic crash involving snow and ice occurred every 1.15 hours.

There were 7,643 crashes worked during ice and snow conditions and 22 people died from these crashes in 2008. Injured were 1,851 people. For 2008, December was the month with the highest number of crashes reported, with over 550 more crashes than any other month of the year. In 2008, 11.6 percent of all crashes in the state occurred during snow and/or ice conditions.

As motorists venture out during one of the first winter storms of the season, the following tips

are offered:

- Prepare your vehicle for winter travel by replacing wiper blades; ensuring tires have good tread and air pressure; and by checking the vehicle's fluids, exhaust system, and other mechanical equipment.

- You also may want to consider adding a shovel to your trunk, weight such as sand bags in the bed of a pickup (To help with traction and control), and carrying a sand/salt mixture in your trunk to help melt the snow and gain traction.

- The vehicle should also be stocked with items that would be beneficial if you were involved in a crash, or your vehicle became stuck. Beneficial items would be: bottled water, blankets, non-perishable food items, a first aid kit and a flashlight with extra batteries.

- You should try to keep your gas tank full, as this adds additional weight for traction in adverse conditions, and lessens the possibility of running out of fuel if you became stuck for a long period of time.

- Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, and lights, and use your headlights to provide optimum visibility. Make sure

the entire window is clear. Having only a small portion cleared could contribute to a crash if you don't see another vehicle.

- Accelerate and brake gently, and increase following distance between you and other vehicles. Be particularly cautious on bridges and in curves, as they are often the slicker parts of the road.

- Steer in the direction you want to go if your vehicle loses traction and begins to slide.

- Allow for more time when traveling to and from work, home, school, or other activities.

- Always wear your seat belt, and properly secure children in the proper safety seats.

- Have a plan for your children should they get sent home from school early.

- For tips on preparing your homes and vehicles for adverse winter weather, go to: [www.emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/](http://www.emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/).

- If you are involved in a traffic crash, or need assistance, call the Patrol at \*47 from your cell phone.

- To find out road conditions, call 511 from a land line or cellular phone, or view conditions at: [www.ksdot.org/offTransInfo/511Info/511traffictravel.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/offTransInfo/511Info/511traffictravel.asp).

## Water plant

(Continued from Page 1) Agriculture Rural Development loan fund.

The city is currently required to pay \$455,935.80 a year for the loan through the revolving loan fund.

"We looked at both of those back in 2005. The funding didn't come through for the United States Department of Agriculture loan in time to meet the Kansas Department of Health and Environment deadline," Lawson said.

The revolving loan fund is a 20-year, low interest note, and

the department of agriculture note is for 40 years. It is low interest as well, and also includes some grant money.

The city is currently trying to refinance the revolving loan through the United States Department of Agriculture.

They have been approved and are waiting for the funds to be obligated.

Toby Kuhn, chair of the finance committee, said by law, utilities have to pay for themselves. Utilities were raised in 2005 and covered the first phase of the work at the plant.

According to City Clerk Darla Ellis, the increased utilities were effective July 1, 2005 when water went up by 134 percent and sewer went up 231 percent. The increases were reflected on the Sept. 2005 bills.

Utilities were raised again in September when the council voted to increase the sewer rate by 53.74 percent, the refuse rate by 20 percent and the water rate by 48 percent.

"No one wants to raise rates. The economy is hurting everyone. Every little bit hurts, and we understand that," Kuhn said.

## Pick-Em

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Correct on all but four contests were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Shirley Stutterheim, Linda Covington, Bob Covington, all of Alma; Jeris Norman, Bob Husted, Fig Millan, Sandy Husted, Misty Nuzum, Taryn Graham, Jennifer Boller, Dave Newell, Regina Beikman, Stacy Area, Tom Davis, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five games were: Don Cass, Beaver City; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Lexi McDowell, Bob Boyd, Brody McDowell, Aaron McDowell, all of Hill City; Nish Millan, Goodland; Christal Rose, Arapahoe; Rodger Stutterheim, Lexi Voss, both of Alma; Ann Becker, Lenora; Dalton Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Heather Simmons, Trey Millan, Deanna Gallentine, Jacob Green, Tiffney Yeager, Tom Baumann, Travis Ray, Doug Ray, Abby Rice, Chase Rice, Craig Foley, Lynn Nelson, Nathan Morse, David Riemann, all of Norton.

Miscuing on six contests were: Erin Foley, Lawrence; Jared Foley, Wichita; Jim Ninemire, Lenora; Charlotte Stephenson, Virginia Carlton, Chriselle Thomson, Kelly Sweet, Octessa Gaskin, Ryan Blecha, Robert Blecha, Diana Smith, Ken Gregoire, Josh Green, Lawrence Wiseman, Anastasia Foley, Dustan Daniels, Kerri Ray, Lindsey Tacha, all of Norton.

Missing seven games were: Julie Hilburn, Ja'Nee Moore, both of Alma; Amanda Ray, Wilma Wiseman, Kathy Zimmerman, Baylee Miller, all of Norton. Jasmine Covington, Brenda Husted, both of Alma; Darin Williams, Rick Green, both of Norton, missed eight contests.

**Final contest of season**  
This was the final Pigskin Pick-Em Contest of the 2009 season. The fan picking the most correct games during the season will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy. A story listing the order of finish of many of the fans who entered the contest this season will be printed in the Telegram in the near future.

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Scores of the final week's games:  
Wichita Collegiate 56, Norton 21  
Smith Center 33, Oakley 20  
Quinter 28, Baileyville 26  
Nebraska 17, Kansas State 3  
Texas 51, Kansas 20  
Texas Tech 41, Oklahoma 13  
Texas A&M 38, Baylor 3  
California 34, Stanford 28  
Northwestern 33, Wisconsin 31  
Missouri 34, Iowa State 24  
Ole Miss 25, LSU 23  
Oregon 44, Arizona 41  
North Carolina 31, Boston College 13

## Recipes

(Continued from Page 1) Aunt Terry and probably Uncle Steve will go, my mom and dad and my dog Jerky will eat some food too! -Arianna

It's always my dad who will get our turkey from the woods. He always takes a gun, and maybe he'll get a big turkey because we will go to my grandma's house so it needs to be a big one! Dad usually chops the feathers off with scissors. Then we cook it. It's my mom or my grandma or my dad that will cook it. They'll cook it in the kitchen where the stove is. I just don't know how long it will cook. We'll also eat goose on Thanksgiving. -Trey

We might find a turkey at a farm that we can eat, and my daddy will get it for us. Dad will use water in the kitchen and wash the turkey. Then dad will cook the turkey in the kitchen in the oven. I think the oven will be at 50 degrees, and I think it will cook for four hours. We will let it cool off, and then daddy will cut it off. Then we eat it, and maybe we'll have some bacon with it and maybe some water too. -Cally

My brother will go to our creek and find our turkey. He'll have his gun with him. I think the turkey will be hiding in the trees. He'll shoot the turkey and then give him a bath in the tub. Zach will get a washcloth and clean the turkey. My dad will cut up the turkey and cook it in the oven. It will be in the oven for two minutes at 58 degrees. My mom says it's done with the time machine. Then we'll eat our turkey with corn and chicken. -Shaylee

My brother Tucker, and me and my dad will go to the creek for our turkey. We'll go through the water, then up the hill and look for him and shoot it. We're gonna take it home. I'm going to get the blood out of it, and then we'll cook it. We'll cook it in the stove. We'll press one, then two, then three and then start. It will cook for 40 hours. Then we're gonna cut the head, and then we're gonna bury the turkey for the next day and eat it. -Derian

My dad will go hunt here for our turkey. He'll be down at the park. He'll shoot it with his bow and arrow. Then he'll bring it back home, and we'll cook it. We'll put it in the oven for a long time so it will be good and yummy! I think it will cook for ten minutes. We'll set it out on the table and eat it. Grandpa and grandma and maybe my cousins will help us eat it. -Nataley

Mrs. Schrum's class also offered Thanksgiving Day recipes:

Take out the guts. Take out all the things people wouldn't want to eat. Put in the warm oven for 20 minutes. Turkey is done when the buzzer rings. Eat with pumpkin pie and fruit. -Lilly

Bake in a little hot oven for four minutes. You will have time to set

the table and color a turkey decoration. Chop the turkey when it is ready. Serve turkey with cookies that are decorated with sparkles. Cookies should be shaped like turkeys. -Josie

Kill the turkey. Take off feathers, remove eyes, beak, feet, bones, guts. Bake in warm oven starting in morning. The beep on the oven will let you know when turkey is done. Feed to people. -Cody

Thaw the turkey. Burn turkey in oven for 2,000 minutes at 90 degrees. Eat turkey but eat more fish and hotdogs. -Jacob

Cook in oven for a couple of minutes in a kind of hot oven. Turkey will be done when the stove beeps. -Jake

Cook turkey in oven for one minute so it won't burn. Maybe oven a little bit hot so turkey won't burn your mouth. -Kira

Take the feathers off. Cook turkey in a really hot oven until the oven beeps. -Hunter

Put turkey in oven at 40 degrees for five hours. Eat for dinner with potatoes, gravy, chicken, french fries, bacon and cake.

Put in the stove for one day at two degrees. Put carrots, square crackers, cheese, chocolate milk in the turkey. -Abigail

Stuff the turkey with steak. Put in the oven for 40 minutes. Take it out and eat it with mashed potatoes, blackberries and pumpkin pie. -Cinch

Put turkey in the oven and cook it 10 degrees. Take it out and cut it up. Everyone eats some. We

will also have fish and pumpkin pie. -Lauren

Put turkey in oven for 10 seconds. Take it out. Put it on a plate and eat it. We also will eat pumpkin pie, subway and pizza. -Hailey

First, you chase the turkey and stab him in the back. Take it home, put it in a pan and cook it for 20 hours. Blow on it, then eat it. We will eat potatoes too. -Wesley

Get a turkey, take the meat off and put it in the oven for ten hours. Take it out and let it cool off, then eat it. We will have carrots, salad, jello and pumpkin pie. -Reilly

Sneak up on the turkey and shoot him. Take it home and cook it for 40 hours. Put it on a plate and eat it for a Thanksgiving feast. -Collin

Go to the grocery store and buy a turkey. Cook it in the microwave for 59 minutes. Put the long silver thing in it and check its temperature, and if it is hot blow on it and eat it till we are full until morning. -Andrew

First, I will get an ax, then I will stand still and let the turkey come to me. I will pick it up and hold it so I can cut his head off. I will peel the skin off with a pocket knife. Cut it up in pieces and bake it for 30 seconds. Then we will eat it. -Kolton

Go down to the hill and get the turkey and shoot it. Take it home and cook it for five minutes. Take it out and chop it up and eat it with chicken, fries and apples. -Coleton

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