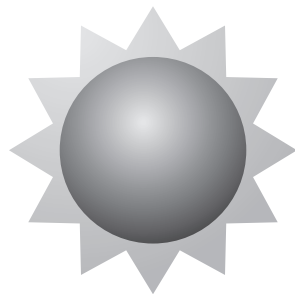


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 51. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday: Sunny, high near 87. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, high near 91. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 95.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with high near 90.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Thursday: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 85.

Thursday: High, 80; Low 47

Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches

Month: 2.50 inches

Year: 19.34 inches

Normal: 16.41 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 7:04 a.m. 8:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:05 a.m. 8:28 p.m.

Monday 7:05 a.m. 8:27 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Wednesday 1,520,000 gal.

Thursday 1,595,000 gal.

(Colby Public Works)

Car, dog shows at Flatlander Festival in Goodland

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The annual Flatlander Fall Festival in Goodland is about a month away — Sept. 25-27 — and on Monday the city commissioners agreed to help the community committee with a donation of \$1,000 plus donating the electrical connection and electrical use for the show.

The city commissioners asked Wood to work with City Manager Doug Gerber on those issues. Mayor Pro Tem Rick Billinger said these were things the city has helped with over the years and said he feels the Flatlander Festival is a great event for the community.

Wood said the festival will begin on Friday with a Flatlander Golf Tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Club, and the Sherman County Stock Car Association will hold the first night of races for the Flatlander Classic at 5:30 p.m.

He said a new event for Saturday morning will be a 5K race and kids run. He said the details are being worked out for that.

The Brick Top Cruisers are planning their annual car show for Saturday and Sunday morning. The bike group is working on the annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show to be

held on Saturday.

The scruffy dog contest and talent show will be moved to 12th Street in front of the Carnegie Arts Center, and he said the plans including having some artists working as well.

He said another new event will be a skateboard exhibition at the Skate Park to be held at Steever Park.

Saturday afternoon will be the truck and tractor pull in the lot behind Wendy's and Subway.

The second night of the Flatlander Classic will be held at the Sherman County Speedway, and he thinks the bikes and cars are planning a parade on Main.

The evening may include a dance at the Elks, but that has not been determined yet.

Sunday the Picnic in the Park will have free hot dogs and hamburgers, and the talent show winners and live music will entertain the crowd. He said he had received confirmation from the X-pressos they will be one of the groups entertaining. He said they are working on getting another group to come and perform.

"I will keep you informed," he said, "about what is going on."

He said this year the committee is selling tickets on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, to be given away to raise money to pay the

committee expenses. He asked the city to consider making a donation to help with expenses.

Billinger suggested donating the cost of the utilities and the hook up charge.

"I think we ought to do something like giving them a donation," he said, "like \$300."

A question was asked about how the Flatlander Committee works and if the group works with the Goodland Chamber of Commerce.

Daniels said the committee has a representative from each organization, and they

each report what is going on so everyone knows.

Garcia asked where people go to get the booths.

Daniels said the Flatlander committee gets money from the booths and their fund raising effort.

After Wood left the meeting the commissioners agreed to donate both the electrical hook up and usage plus \$1,000 to help the committee with some of the major expenses.

"We want to help make it better," Billinger said.

Hail continues to plague farmers

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of Northwest Kansas has adequate moisture with 14 percent showing a surplus.

In spite of the hailed areas, Kansas as a whole is still looking forward to a good corn crop. It is later in maturity across the state, with only 19 percent in the dent stage, compared to 34 percent this time last year.

Kansas, especially northwest Kansas, has experienced many hail storms this summer. According to the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, a network

of weather spotters, hail of up to 3/8 inches was reported in Thomas County on Sunday, Aug. 9. Goodland reported hail of up to 5/8 inches from the same storm. A storm on July 31 produced golf ball sized hail in Norton, and a storm on July 17 produced half-dollar sized hail.

The biggest thus far was grapefruit-sized hail reported on July 20 in Goodland.

The National Weather Service estimates that hail causes about \$1 million in damage each year.

City to hold hearing on liquor mix up

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- Agreed to approve a sale of Marzon, a dog at the city police department, to the Lyon County Sheriff's Office for \$4,500. Chief of Police Randy Jones said the dog would need to be trained by a certified handler. He said the department didn't have anyone available who is a certified handler, so they would have had to send someone for 10 weeks of certified training. This was not possible due to the recent cuts in the police budget, he added. The city council cut \$15,135 from the 2010 police budget on in April.

- Decided to approve a request made by the Kansas Civil Air Patrol to be given space on the city wa-

ter tower for a repeater. Armstrong said the civil air patrol is a volunteer organization that supports the U.S. Air Force. The patrol has limited funding and needs a repeater to provide proper coverage for their radio network.

In a letter to city Technology Director Mike Albers, Major John Holder, director of communications for the patrol, wrote that the group had been provided with a repeater and hardware to expand their radio network into the Colby area and are now looking for a place to install it.

"We would, of course, cover installation costs and can provide a certificate of insurance liability and all engineering details regarding frequency informa-

Animal group holds conference in Topeka

The Kansas Animal Response Team, a nonprofit organization that works to help communities prepare to handle animals after a disaster, will hold its second annual conference at the Topeka Ramada Inn on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19.

A workshop on animal disaster management will be held on Friday. Two conference tracks will be

offered on Saturday. Track 1, designed for county animal response team leaders and volunteers, will include topics such as handling animals during an emergency. Track 2, for veterinarians and veterinary technicians responding to emergencies, will cover topics such as zoonosis and infection control in emergency shelters.

Cost of the workshop is \$15 and

the cost for attending Saturday's presentations is \$50 (\$65 after Aug. 28).

For information, see the conference brochure at www.kssart.org. Registration can be completed online at ks.train.org, course number 1018318. For questions, contact Banna (i.concurr@gmail.com) or Dr. Christen Skaer (clskaer@aol.com).

Kansas government calls for more cuts to combat revenue drop

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to schools by a month.

With the last adjustments, the fiscal 2010 budget has about \$5.5 billion in spending financed with general tax revenues. That's \$639 million, or 10.4 percent less than in fiscal 2009, but Kansas used federal stimulus funds to backfill, holding the decline in funding to 4.6 percent.


Still, some agencies saw double-digit spending cuts and public schools lost \$163 million, with their base state aid declining 4.8 percent.

House Speaker Mike O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, noted

legislators have been too optimistic before and, "We're trying to learn from that."


But Goossen said the state has seen revenue growth coming out of past recessions. For example, in fiscal 2002 — following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks — general revenues dropped nearly 7 percent but grew in fiscal 2003 by 3.3 percent.

"You can make that number out there in 2011 look however you want it to look by plugging in different assumptions," Goossen said. "There is not a high degree of certainty yet about the timing of when we're going to come out of recession."



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