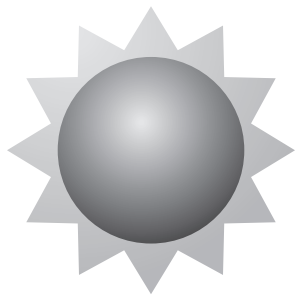


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 79. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
Friday: High, 80; Low 49
Saturday: High, 73; Low 50
Sunday: High, 74; Low 54
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.16 inches
Year: 20.69 inches
Normal: 17.71 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:26 a.m. 7:52 p.m.
Wednesday 7:27 a.m. 7:51 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

World's Largest Convoy rolls into town Saturday

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person in attendance, longest distance to get her, the trucker who traveled the longest distance and the company with the most trucks at the convoy.

After the votes were handed in, committee chairman Joe Mentlick pulled names out of a jar full of raffle tickets to see who had won the door prizes donated by area businesses. These included T-shirts, a \$20 gift card from Dillion's, a \$25 credit card from Wal-

mart, a miniature Ford Mustang replica, cups and hats.

Mentlick announced the winners for the best trucks after the door prizes had been handed out. His own truck was voted Best Paint, a Cranston Trucking rig driven by Robert Edwards won Best Chrome and George Winfield's truck from Hill City was Best in Show. Cranston was the company with the most trucks in the convoy and Vick Fisher of Dodge City got award for traveling the longest distance to get to the event.

Mentlick drew the name of Mike Mense of Hoxie for a quilt made out of Special Olympics T-shirts from a jar.

Once all the names had been called and the awards handed out, Mentlick announced the winners of the poster contest. The poster were collages of the Special Olympics drew to honor the truckers for their participation in the convoy. The truckers chose their eight favorite pictures, and the designers got awards.

The convoy concluded with

an auction to raise money for the Special Olympics.

Committee member Jane Mentlick said the convoy raised about \$20,000. She said Tom and Leanna Sloan and Jack and Jan Collins of Hoxie; Daryl and Cheryl Goetz and daughter Michelle Goetz of Park; and Scott Carver helped put together the event. She said some of the big sponsors were Truck Town, Oasis Travel Center, the

American Legion Riders, Cranston Trucking, Wilkens Truck and Trailer of Goodland, Mittens, Goetz Trucking of Park and Farmers Oil Co. of Anthony.

She said 42 Special Olympians attended this year, compared to only 15 or 16 Olympians last year. The Olympians came from a variety of places, including Hill City, Atwood, Oakley, Quinter and Hoxie.

Senior editor sees technology, longer stories in newspaper future

With "Storytelling in the Modern Newsroom" the topic, Scott Kraft, senior editor and roving correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, shared his insight - and tips - for building a successful news organization during a talk at Kansas State University.

Kraft, a graduate of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at K-State, and a former editor of the Kansas State Collegian, spoke about the challenges in delivering news and features in changing times.

A good story, he said, is still a good bet. While The Times has not been immune to staff and budget cuts, Kraft said a well-written news or feature story will draw the reader.

And, while readers have changed, the essence of the news - what happened, what might have happened or what didn't happen - hasn't changed.

Delivery of the news is evol-

ving, said Kraft, who noted that one of the most significant changes The Times had made in adapting to the new news environment was to move the web-page folks closer to the newsroom.

Creating an environment in which the two groups could get acquainted and begin building working relationships proved to be a good idea, said Kraft, who said that while print readership for The Times is down slightly, overall readership is up by 30 percent.

Web readership is strong, and social media will continue to evolve, said Kraft, who noted that one Times sports columnist has 30,000 followers on Twitter.

Moving into high-tech journalism requires staff, he said, and a Times decision to cover the drug war in Mexico by offering an interactive Web site ("Mexico Under Siege") has been costly, but highly successful with readers.

Still, Kraft said that he doesn't

think electronic journalism will replace newspapers. He sees newspapers in the future with longer feature stories, investigative reporting - and a slightly higher price tag.

Kraft was on the K-State campus as the featured speaker for the 10th Annual Huck Boyd Lecture in Community Media, sponsored annually by the Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media. Boyd, editor and owner of The Phillipsburg Review, believed a newspaper was essential in building a thriving community.

Hostage taker caught after falling asleep

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Lindsay Rowley's aunt.

Another aunt, Janet Sage Bruce, said: "They were watching 'Patch Adams' on the TV."

Aurora police said in a statement that Dimmick was being held without bond for investigation of murder in the first degree and theft by receiving. Another man sought in the motel killing, Shayne Michael Miller, was arrested Friday in Salina, about 120 miles west of Topeka. Miller was also being held without bond for felony murder and

theft by receiving.

It wasn't clear whether either Miller or Dimmick had an attorney.

On Friday, sheriff's deputies in Geary County, which is about 50 miles east of Salina, began chasing Dimmick after learning the vehicle he was driving had been stolen in Greeley, Colo., a town some 500 miles away. Dimmick wrecked the vehicle during the pursuit and fled on foot.

Police spotted him Saturday in a second stolen vehicle, authorities said.

Comedian gets serious about addiction

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always got laughter from the crowd, no matter how wild.

Lundholm said he had spoken in lots of places, from jails, shelters, drug addiction rehabilitation centers and Salvation Army centers to comedy clubs to colleges, corporate events and professional health-care conferences. He had his own special on Showtime television, has appeared on Comedy Central and he starred in a one-man theater show called "Addicted ... A Comedy on Substance."

Ticket money collected for the show went to the council.

Fewer traffic tickets after troopers cut miles

HUTCHINSON (AP) — The number of traffic tickets issued by the Kansas Highway Patrol dropped in July, but patrol officials said a new policy reducing the time officers are driving did not contribute to the decline.

The highway patrol issued more moving violation tickets in May and June than it had in the same two months of 2007 and 2008. Numbers for July 2009 were 7.6 percent less than in July 2008 and 3.7 percent less than in July 2007.

August statistics are not yet available.

On July 1, the patrol cut troopers' allotted driving time by 10 percent in an effort to save money amid state budget problems. It said troopers would spend more time sitting next to highways and issuing tickets.

Many troopers had already reduced driving time and the plan to reduce mileage "simply means

more of us will be doing that," said Technical Trooper Edna Buttler, from the patrol's general headquarters in Topeka.

Buttler said July's numbers didn't seem to be that much of a difference from the past.

"If you're trying to say the patrol is reducing its quality of service to the public, you won't be able to see that," she said.

Capt. Dennis Marten, based in Wichita, said the new policy wouldn't restrict troopers, who are still able to monitor traffic and look for other violations while sitting in parked vehicles.

State Budget Director Duane Goossen said that after court costs, the money paid for fines from highway patrol-issued citations goes into the state's general fund.

"It's a relatively small piece of the revenue stream," he said. "That will bear watching."

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