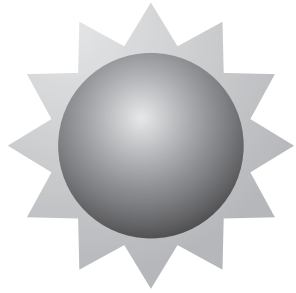


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 26. Calm wind becoming northwest between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 53. North wind around 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 56.
Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 24.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 57.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29.

Precip: Month: 0.41 inches
 Year: 25.60 inches
 Normal: 19.95 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:42 a.m. 5:22 p.m.
 Sunday 7:43 a.m. 5:22 p.m.
 Monday 7:44 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County to track out-of-town trash deliveries soon

From "TRASH," Page 1

she qualifies for a Thomas County Tuition Grant, so the cost of that class would be \$400.

The entire program, with the exception of the prerequisites, will cost around \$6,000 through Garden City Community College, she said.

"There is the possibility of an Education Incentive Grant from the state board of Emergency Medical Services for \$5,100," Umberger added.

She said she would be required to participate in clinicals, which would call for travel to Garden City. Those times would require overnight stays, plus there would be the expense of food and gas for two to three weekends a month and one or two days per week. There also would be a cost for books and supplies for labs and clinicals.

In all, she estimated the cost at \$10,000 for classes and supplies,

plus travel expense and lodging at \$7,000, for a grand total of \$17,000. She said the grant would bring the county's cost to around \$12,000. With the next paramedic class beginning in August, she said, she could be finished by May 2011.

The commissioners unanimously approved Umberger starting her college courses in January at county expense, with the stipulation that she give three years service to the county after she is done.

Commissioners also discussed getting the petition for a tax sale filed.

"I thought this thing was ready to file by Veteran's Day," said Commissioner Byron Sowers, "and I'd like to see it filed by the 30th of this month."

The commissioners called Cora Lee Parks of Pyramid Abstract in Colby, who has done a lot of the title investigation to prepare for

the tax sale. She said it could be filed at any time.

County Attorney Bruce Flipse also told the commissioners it can be filed right away, and they can do updates later. He said he'd get it filed.

Flipse said the holdup has been that one parcel up for the tax sale has 16 owners, half of whom are deceased, and his office has to get notice to all the heirs.

He asked the commissioners to instruct the county treasurer to be prepared to issue checks to the sheriff's office for the summons servers, which he estimated could be about 75 checks totaling less than \$3,000.

"If we collected more than \$300,000 in back taxes and penalties, then I think we can afford to pay the summons servers," said Commissioner Paul Steele.

Sheriff Rod Taylor came to the commissioners to say his is the only department in the county that has to pay for custodial work out of its own budget. The court house and office complex are on the same custodial contract, he said, and he'd like for his department to be included.

"I'm paying \$800 a month for custodial services out of forfeiture funds," he said, "and that can't continue."

Commissioner Steele said he had thought about rewriting the Request for Proposal for the custodial services, but because the sheriff's department would have security issues, and he thought the sheriff would like to have his own contract.

"You get the the bid, and I'll make the security work," Taylor said.

The commissioners approved a new request for proposals, and agreed to open bids at the Dec. 7 meeting.

Manitron Inc. sales representative Brent Gustin met with the commissioners to ask them to reconsider their decision to negotiate with Computer Information Concepts of Greeley, Colo., on a new computer system.

He said he was of the understanding that he would have a second meeting with the commissioners, but had learned through the newspaper that negotiations were underway with the Colorado firm.

hardware but does include service for the first year. The new proposal is around \$40,000 less than the first one, he said.

Gustin said his company is a big player with Microsoft, and gets updates to let them know what's coming two years out. He said his company serves 84 of the 105 Kansas counties with computer service.

The commissioners asked him to submit a proposal for the whole package, and said they would consider it.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the first half of November warrants for \$80,300
- Approved tax abatements on 500 parcels within third-class cities in the county except the city of Brewster, due to a clerical error in the county clerk's office. The treasurer was instructed to issue new tax statements.
- Read a boundary resolution from the City of Oakley for an annexation of a few feet inside Thomas County to accommodate a business prospect.
- Made plans to attend the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission annual meeting Monday, Dec. 9, in Russell.

Colby hair dresser bakes for sorority

From "SORORITY," Page 1

years ago.

When the second sorority wanted to continue the cookie and candy sale, Van Horn didn't miss a beat. She's probably best known for her peanut brittle. As of last week, she had already made 40 pounds and plans to make a lot more.

"I'll be taking cookies, too," she said, "because there're so many worthy projects to give to."

Each member is asked to furnish 20 dozen cookies, she said, and others offer to bake because it is a good cause and all the money stays in town.

Among other things, Kappa Upsilon helped out four families who had experienced tragic circumstances last year with \$500 in cash

for each.

The sorority sells the goodies by the pound, cookies or candy, both \$7. Pre-sale orders are encouraged, Van Horn said, noting that many repeat customers take advantage of the annual event. The group offers cookie trays for parties and receptions, but those had to be ordered in advance. Van Horn said banks, businesses and individuals plan on the sale to get them through the holidays.

People can come to the Colby United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, and choose from among all the homemade goodies. For questions, call Van Horn at 460-2284.

Van Horn said they sell around 400 pounds of goodies a year. That's literally a ton of goodies every five years.

Sherman sheriff's office uncovers cock-fighting ring

From "FIGHTING," Page 1

rels behind the house.

Eric L. Sakach, a senior law enforcement specialist from the Humane Society of the United States from Sacramento, Calif., accompanied the searchers. During the briefing, he said it appeared from the aerial shot that the fighting cocks were in the barrels in the front yard. He said he expected to find hens and breeding roosters in the pens and barrels around the other sides of the house.

He told the officers who would go through the quonset to look for training paraphernalia and bottles of steroids and hormones used to encourage the birds to fight. He said the special knives used in cock fighting are illegal, adding that officers might find them hidden somewhere in the quonset.

He told the officers who were to identify and photograph each bird how to approach them and how to hold them for a good evidence photo. He said the officers should be wearing gloves and be careful, as the birds are raised to attack.

North of the trailer and bird area was another enclosed pen where pheasants are kept and raised for a nearby state-licenses controlled hunting area.

Wildlife Conservation Officer Mike Hopper, who covers Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties for the state Department of Wildlife and Parks, spoke to

the officers about a type bird trap that might be found around the outside of the pens to capture hawks and other birds of prey. He said these traps may violate federal law and any evidence would be gathered and reported to federal wildlife people.

The property is owned by Henderson Partnership Ltd. of Galveston, Texas. Manager for the ranch is listed as Earl Petropolis. He demanded that Sheriff Kevin Butts order reporters off of private property. A reporter and cameraman from S&T Telephone were asked to leave, as was a reporter for *The Goodland Star-News*.

About 10 officers from the sheriff's department, including Sheriff Butts, Undersheriff Roger Studer and Deputy Showalter, were part of the arrest and search party. Also along were about five officers from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, including Hopper; two men from the Kansas Animal Health office and one from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sakach of the Humane Society, two state troopers and Detective Dean Ohman and his son from Douglas County, where a similar case was broken in recent weeks.

Sheriff Butts said it took all day to process the scene. He said searchers found some of the birds to be very feisty, including one that tore through a pair of welding gloves.

Goodland store owner arrested with four others for lottery fraud

A Goodland store owner who tried to cash a lottery ticket worth more than \$25,000 was among five people arrested in an undercover sting by state lottery agents and the attorney general's office, state officials said Monday.

Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby said a man from the attorney general's office called last week and said they were sending charges out to be filed in District Court against Cheryl Krentz, 49, of Goodland, owner of Cowboy Loop.

Court records show the complaint and warrant were filed on Nov. 16, and served on Krentz on Nov. 17. She is free on \$2,500 bond, with a first appearance scheduled for 10 a.m. on Dec. 15.

Krentz is charged with computer crime, which is a level 8 non-person felony, and attempted theft by deception a level 9 nonperson felony.

The complaint says Paul Schifflke, an agent from the state lottery, allegedly presented a win-

ning ticket to Krentz on Oct. 13, and she told him it was not a winner. The record shows it was for a prize of \$25,000 or greater, but under \$100,000.

Kansas Attorney General Steve Ed Van Petten said five of six people snared in the probe had been arrested. A sixth case was still under review.

The attorney general's office filed charges against Krentz; Justin Bright, 27, of Hutchinson; Reza Ahmed, 29, of Bel Aire; Daniel Kerr, 26, of Wichita; and Baldir Sood, 52, of Shawnee. The remaining suspect is from Liberal.

"This undercover operation was conducted to ensure Kansans who play the lottery receive the winnings they are due," Six said during a news conference in Topeka.

Van Petten said the investigation included 196 retailers, and was the broadest in the state agency's history. There are 1,800 retailers associated with the Kansas Lottery.

Three of the six suspected of

wrongdoing were store owners, and their state lottery contracts were terminated, Van Petten said.

The three employees of the other retailers were fired by their employers, he said.

The sting began when agents presented unsigned winning lottery tickets to retailers. The clerks are required to advise customers they had won a prize and instruct each they had to redeem winnings at lottery headquarters. In six instances, the clerks withheld information about the winning ticket, but later tried to redeem the prize personally or with help of an accomplice.

Van Petten said by trying to collect on the tickets, the suspects of this fraud delivered themselves and evidence of their misconduct to investigators.

"We are pleased the vast majority of retailers and clerks did the right thing," Van Petten said. "We again remind our players to always sign the back of their tickets after purchase."

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Sunday Evening											November 29, 2009			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Extreme-Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		Local							
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race 15		Dog Named				Local							
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football						Local		Dateline NBC				
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Amer Dad		Local								
Cable Channels														
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds							
AMC	Rambo Part II				The Prisoner									
ANIM	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut		The Haunted		Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut					
BRAVO	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI					
CMT	CMA Awards				Cable Guy's Christmas		Luan	Larry the Cable Guy-Christmas						
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live					
COMEDY	The Ex		Jackass: Number Two				Futurama	Futurama	Life					
DISC	Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers					
DISN	Tinker Bell and the Lost		Wizards		Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Montana	The Suite	Cory				
EI	The Wedding Singer				Girls	Lamas	The Soup	Chelsea	Girls	Lamas				
ESPN	SportsCtr		Football Live				SportsCenter							SportsCtr
ESPN2	College Basketball		Score		College Basketball				World Series					
FAM	Dog Saved Christmas				Dog Saved Christmas				J. Osteen	Feed				
FOOD	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America					
FX	Click		Wild Hogs				Sons of Anarchy		Nip/Tuck					
HGTV	Disney Holidays		House	House	Holmes on Homes		For Rent	Income	House	House				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Cowboys & Outlaws		Cowboys & Outlaws		Earth-Made		Pawn	Pawn				
LIFE	Town-Christms		Home by Christmas				Home by Christmas							
MTV	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Halloween: Res					True Life				
NICK	Merry Christmas				G. Martin	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez				
SCI	Cyclops		Anaconda 3				War Wolves							
SPIKE	Star Wars VI: Return				Star Wars IV									
TBS	The Santa Clause				The Santa Clause									
TCM	Importance of				The Shop Around the Corner		Playing		Battle-Sexes					
TLC	Half-Ton Teen		650-lb. Virgin		650-lb. Virgin		Half-Ton Teen		650-lb. Virgin					
TNT	Gladiator				Cinderella Man									
TOON	Ben 10: Alien Swarm				King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Titan Max	Venture	Metal				
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Natives: USA		Natives: USA		Natives: USA		Bizarre Foods					
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne				
USA	Monk		Monk		Monk		House		Erin Brockovich					
VH1	Tough Love		Tough Love		Sex-Dr. Drew		Tough Love		Sex-Dr. Drew					
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	ALF	ALF				
Premium Channels														
HBO	Hall of Fame								Earth Stood					
MAX	Semi-Pro	Max Payne			10,000 B.C.									
SHOW	Dexter		Dexter		Californ	Californ	Dexter		Lock	Amateurs				

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Monday Evening											November 30, 2009			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Grinch	Shrek	Find My Family		Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late					
KSNK/NBC	Heroes		Trauma		The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh					
KSAS/FOX	House		Lie to Me		Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention					
AMC	Nat'l-Christmas				Nat'l-Christmas				Secret-My					
ANIM	Grizzly		Pit Bulls-Parole		Animal Cops		Grizzly	Grizzly	Pit Bulls-Parole					
BRAVO	Real Housewives OC		\$1M Listing		\$1M Listing		Chef Academy		\$1M Listing					
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Pure Country		Anderson Cooper 360				Smarter	Smarter	Pure Ctry			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live						Larry King Live					
COMEDY	Beerfest				Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Dunham					
DISC	Planet Earth		Planet Earth		River Monsters		Planet Earth		Planet Earth					
DISN	Spy Kids		Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory				
EI	Soup	Lamas	Celebrity Body		Chelsea		EI News		Chelsea	Girls				
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football					SportsCenter							
ESPN2	College Basketball		World Series		World Series		World Series		SportsNation					
FAM	Dog Saved Christmas		Naughty or Nice				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?				
FOOD	Good Eats		Winter Treats		Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Winter Treats					
FX	X-Men: Last				Bulletproof Monk									
HGTV	Property	Property	House	My First	House	For Rent	Estate	My First	House	My First				
HIST	Pawn													