

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A slight chance of rain and snow before midnight, then snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 25. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Thursday: Snow likely before 9am, then rain and snow likely. Cloudy, with a high near 34. South wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Thursday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 25. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Friday: A 10 percent chance of snow before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. North wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 41.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Sunday: A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 37. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Tuesday: High, 53; Low 18

Wednesday: High, 54; Low 16

Precip: Month: 0.00 inches

Year: 0.49 inches

Normal: 0.52 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Thursday 7:49 a.m. 6:08 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

County landfill chunk to be covered with soil, plants

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include the engineering and professional costs.

Jumper said he has been aware of state regulations and commended the commissioners for taking a proactive stance in the past in anticipation of the closing the cell.

"We have a good stockpile of top soil at the landfill, and if it takes more, it is available," he said.

Jumper said the county landfill has \$272,000 put aside for closing the cell, and they can use their own labor for the job. He said he's been in touch with Milco Environmental Services of McCook, the engineering firm the county uses for landfill testing, and it sounds like they can be on site to approve each of the layers, in addition to doing core testing as the work progresses, in order to stay in compliance with state regulations.

"We will contact Milco Environmental Services engineers to do further studies to ensure proper procedures can be done in

house before we proceed with the project," said Commissioner Ken Christiansen.

Commissioner Paul Steele said the county will do everything they can to minimize risk to ground water. The first step is to get the approval from the Department of Health and Environment, and after approval, the engineering firm can take it from there, he said.

The commissioners read a letter from the city concerning an unpaid bill for insurance on the recycling building on South Country Club Drive. The commissioners explained that the bill was approved for payment on Jan. 18, to be paid at the end of the month along with other bills, as is the procedure for the county. There was no intention of not paying the insurance.

Commissioner Steele said he thought the misunderstanding evidently came from the city's not understanding that since the county has no ownership in the building, they cannot be named as one of the insured on the policy. However, it does not affect the county's willingness to pay a portion of the

insurance which is on the city's insurance plan. For what the county pays, it basically covers the contents of what the county has in the building, in the event of a disaster. The building is leased by the eight-county recycling organization. The only reason for the county's name to be off the policy is because they have no insurable interest in the structure itself.

They also discussed a concern from the city that the city is paying more than its share of recycling per capita. Commissioner Steele reiterated that the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is an inter-local group that covers eight counties and the towns in those counties. He said the commissioners are not on that board, and that the recycling organization sets their own fees.

"However, we are real sensitive to that group," Steele said, "because we are allowed to put only 20 tons a day in the landfill, and the recycling group takes care of a lot of waste that would otherwise end up there. We pay our dues like everybody else

and the \$6,000 we pay above the dues is to cover salaries for week-end services for the recycling business to stay open when most other businesses are closed."

Susan McMahan met with the commissioners to tell them she had gotten word from the State Emergency Management Planning office that a grant her department had received last year had to be spent by May or returned to the state office. She gave the commissioners a detailed list of equipment that is outdated and just holding together, including a copier, printers, projector and some broken radios, plus a battery charger they use when they are working in the field.

The computer is a hand-me-down, she said, and she would be spending some of the money on a new one, because there are no more equipment grants available.

In other business the commissioners named new fair board members Janet Hopson, to represent Ward 4 in Colby, and Karla Haggard to represent the city of Gem.

Lawmaker says payment delays make case for cuts

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expectations.

Rep. Bill Feuerborn, of Garnett, the Appropriations Committee's ranking Democrat, agreed the revenue shortfall points up a need for more adjustments.

"Where do we cut?" he said. "I think we have to look at all agencies. I know it's going to be difficult."

But Senate President Steve Morris is skeptical legislators can impose more cuts so late in the fiscal year.

"No one on our side has talked about trying to do additional cuts," said Morris, a Hugoton Republican.

In 2009, the state avoided a fiscal year-end deficit on June 30 by delaying \$73 million in aid payments to schools from late June into July and postponing \$31 million in tax refunds. Such steps are possible again this year.

"The question is, do we want

to get ahead of the curve?" Yoder said. "I want to know if the governor is going to re-engage. Does he want to give us some guidance?"

Parkinson spokeswoman Beth Martino said the governor hasn't been able to find further cuts that are responsible.

"At this point, deeper cuts to state programs will jeopardize critical services that Kansans rely on every day," Martino said.

Meanwhile, Goossen expects the state to keep up the juggling with its finances into April. The winter and early spring normally are short revenue months, ahead of the April 15 income tax filing deadline.

He said the state postponed aid to schools and the pension fund payment so that this week it could cover \$30 million in payroll costs and \$35 million in payments to health care providers under the Medicaid program. Also, the juggling allows the state to pay tax refunds on time.

House to be torn down extract truck

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts house struck by a lumber truck whose driver said he passed out after choking on chili will be demolished.

Police said Monday that structural engineers and city building inspectors determined that tearing down the entire home is the only safe way to remove the truck, which has been lodged inside

the house since Friday.

The truck driver claims that he choked on the chili he was eating when his truck hit a bump. The flatbed truck veered off the road and slammed into the home in Lowell, which is about 25 miles northwest of Boston.

The driver was hospitalized with minor injuries. A woman in the home was not hurt.

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Thursday Evening February 4, 2010

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Cable Channels

Table listing cable channels and their corresponding programs, including AMC, ANIM, BRAVO, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISC, DISN, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAM, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, MTV, NICK, SCI, SPIKE, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, Premium Channels, and SHOW.

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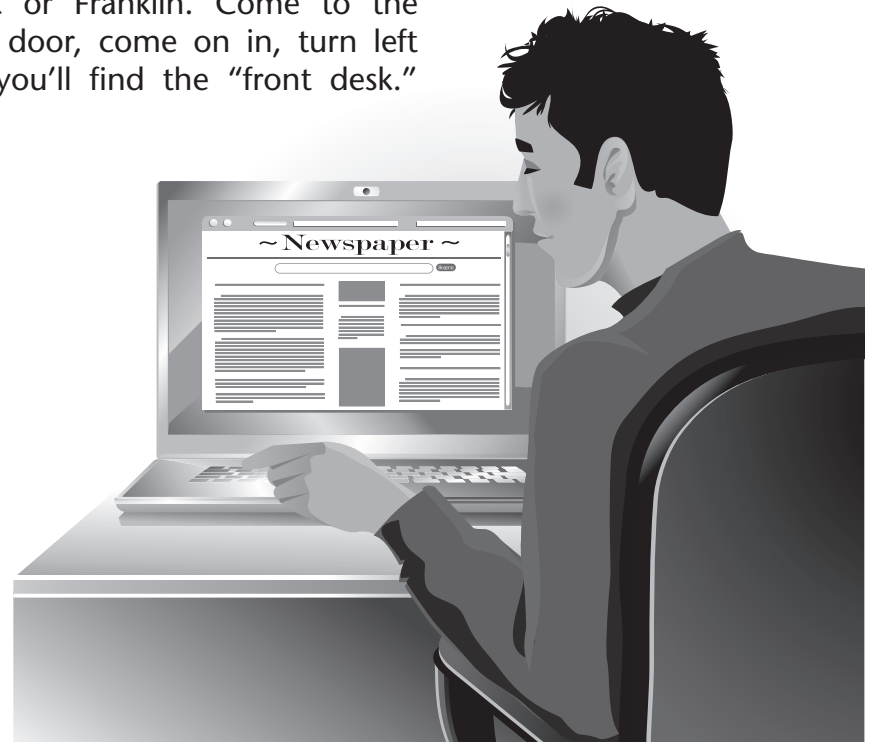
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