

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. West wind around 5 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy freezing fog after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 36. East wind around 15 mph.
Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 26.
Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 49.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Thursday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: High, 40; Low 21
 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.38 inches
 Year: 0.87 inches
 Normal: 0.52 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:20 a.m. 6:34 p.m.
 Sunday 7:18 a.m. 6:36 p.m.
 Monday 7:17 a.m. 6:37 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Board to line Range with trees

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80 steel support posts, with others donated by Rob Stithem and Woofter Construction. The City of Colby is furnishing water meters and the water.

Tree board members said they appreciate the fact that the city has been more than willing to help with the project.

Board members said several people stepped forward to lend a hand with the physical side of the project. Jim Tubbs and his crew will assist with the planting, as will Cris Koerperich and his son. Rasure Lumber, Woofter Construction and Earth Works will donate the use of skid-steer loaders with augers for digging holes, and Bill Shields of Crop Production Services is donating fertilizer for planting time. Other donations have come in from Lon Frahm and

Mike and Jennifer Woofter.

Karlton Leiker, who is working on his Eagle Scout Award, plans to line up help and do mulching, check drip lines for the first year and help raise money for the project.

Board members said they hope service organizations and individuals will get involved and they are looking for contributions to finish paying for the project.

Members of the tree board encourage the public to bring them ideas for where they would like to see future plantings, and that any and all ideas will be considered. They want people to feel free to contact any of the individuals on the board.

Board members are Marvin Bickner, Kevin Juene-mann, Jerry Arnsdorf, Steve Ostmeyer and Woofter.

Legislator asks for lawmaker drug tests

TOPEKA (AP) — A House Republican responded to criticism of her bill requiring random drug testing of Kansans on state assistance by proposing an amendment mandating the 165 members of the Legislature undergo the same type of screening.

Rep. Kasha Kelley, R-Arkansas City, said Thursday the inclusion of legislators was a direct response to allegations her House-passed bill was a mean-spirited attempt to punish impoverished people.

"I have requested an amendment to add legislators to the list of elected officials required to pass drug screening," Kelley told members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

The committee took no action on House Bill 2275, which was overwhelmingly passed during the 2009 legislative session by the House. The new requirement for legislators wasn't in the bill when adopted by the House.

Skepticism was the dominant feature of immediate reaction to Kelley's proposed amendment.

"She's serious?" said Sen. Roger Reitz, R-Manhattan. "For heaven's sake."

"You might think some legislators are on drugs given some of the things that happen in the Capitol," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, D-Lawrence. "However, I don't think we need to resort to mandatory drug testing."

Sen. Jim Barnett, an Emporia Republican and chairman of the Senate health committee, said the state could improve monitoring of recipients in the state cash assistance programs without involving the 125 representatives and 40 senators in drug screening.

Kelley's original bill would establish a testing program for recipients of Temporary Assistance to Families and General Assistance. About one-third of people in these programs, or 8,400 individuals, would be screened annually.

Walk Kansas events to begin here in March

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"Teams consist of six walkers, but individual walkers are encouraged to participate, too."

It takes only 20 minutes a day of physical exercise, or a combination of walking and exercising two hours and 30 minutes a week, to equal walking the distance across Kansas, she said.

To let friends and neighbors know you have joined the Walk Kansas program, T-shirts are available at the Extension Office, Gerstner said. These cost \$6 for small, medium, large and extra large; \$7.50 for size XX-large, and

\$9 for XXX-large. Choose from either black or sapphire blue.

Don't miss the registration deadline of 5 p.m. on March 8 at the extension office. The cost is only \$7 per person or \$42 for a team of six. For those enrolled in "Wise Up Count Down Thomas County," there is no charge.

Gerstner said a grand finale celebration will end the walk on Monday, May 5, with team prizes awarded and a drawing for the big grand prize. Information packets are available at the Extension office at 350 S. Range Ave.

For questions, call Gerstner at (785) 460-4582.

Municipalities group to hold \$240,000 party

From "PARTY," Page 1

ry-related events, Moler said.

The money will be used to beef up activities at the group's annual conference, and to produce and air four television commercials highlighting the importance of cities in Kansas. One of the commercials also highlights the value of what traditionally has been the league's top legislative priority — cities' home rule authority, which allows cities to exempt themselves from a variety of state laws.

The \$174,000 for anniversary expenses represents about 8 percent of the league's entire \$2.3 million operating budget for 2010. League officials, though, said the commemoration was worth the expense.

"I think this is a much bigger thing than just some sponsorships," said Carl Gerlach, the mayor of Overland Park and the league's president. "I think we're communicating a message all across the state about

what city government is providing citizens even during these tough economic times."

Moler agreed. "You can debate all day long whether things should be this way or that way, but the fact is, if you look around choices are being made all the time and the choice this organization made was that commemorating 100 years of excellence in local government was not an inappropriate thing to do," Moler said.

Moler did say he wished the league's anniversary would have come during more prosperous economic times. The league is dipping into its approximately \$500,000 in reserve funds not only for its anniversary events, but also to partially fund general operations. In addition to the \$174,000 for the anniversary, it plans to use another \$60,000 from reserves to cover salaries and other expenses. The league receives about \$800,000 in dues from cities, and has not raised dues in several years, Moler said.

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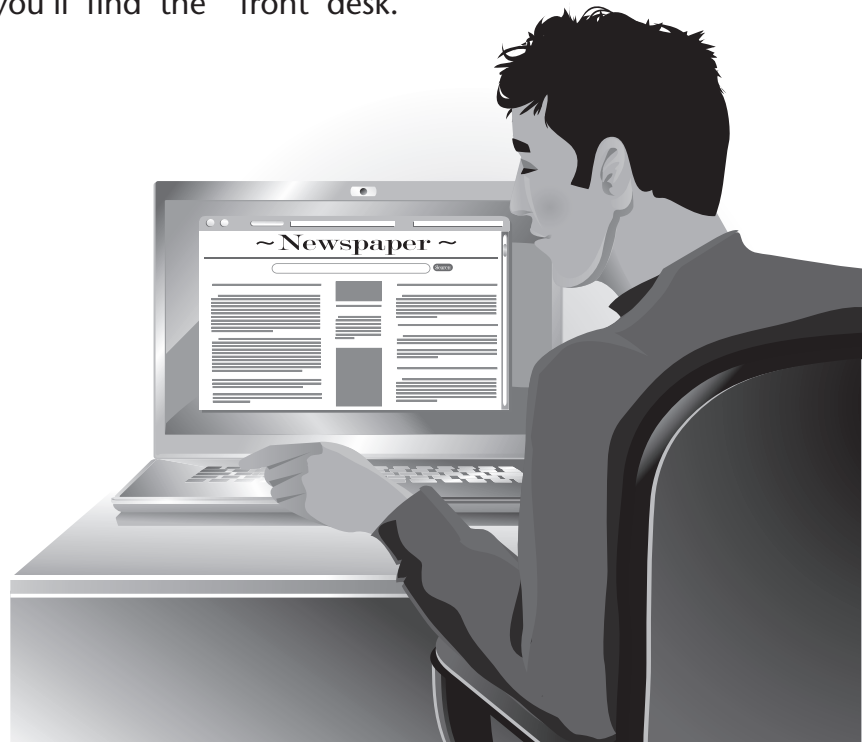

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| KAKE/ABC | Bachelor-Love | | | | | Bachelor-Love | | Local | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live | |
| KBSL/CBS | How I Met Rules | | Two Men | Big Bang | | CSI: Miami | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late | |
| KSNK/NBC | Chuck | | | Law & Order | | | | Local | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late | |
| KSAS/FOX | House | | 24 | | | Local | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Intervention | | Intervention | | | Hoarders | | | Paranormal State | Intervention | |
| AMC | Philadelphia | | | | | | | | Antwone Fisher | | |
| ANIM | Dog Show | | | | | | | | Dog Show | | |
| BRAVO | Real Housewives | | Real Housewives | | | To Be Announced | | | | | |
| CMT | Smarter Smarter | | The Singing Bee | | | The Singing Bee | | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs |
| CNN | Campbell Brown | | Larry King Live | | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | Larry King Live | |
| COMEDY | Hot Rod | | Tosh.0 | Futurama | | Futurama | South Pk | Daily | Colbert | Tosh.0 | Martin |
| DISC | MythBusters | | Moon Landing | | | Mission: Hubble | | MythBusters | | Moon Landing | |
| DISN | Hatching Pete | | | Phineas | | Phineas | Montana | Wizards | Deck | Suite | So Raven |
| EI | Bank of Hollywood | | EI Special | | | Chelsea's Big Interv | | Chelsea | EI News | Chelsea | Special |
| ESPN | College Basketball | | College Basketball | | | | | SportsCenter | | NFL Live | Fastbreak |
| ESPN2 | Wm. Basketball | | Tennis | | | | | SportsNation | | Final | Nation |
| FAM | Secret-Teen | | Make It or Break It | | | Greek | | The 700 Club | | Whose? | Whose? |
| FOOD | Good Eats | Good Eats | Unwrapped | Unwrapped | | Diners | Diners | Good Eats | Unwrapped | Unwrapped | Unwrapped |
| FX | X-Men: Last | | | | | | | Damages | | '70s Show | '70s Show |
| HGTV | Property | Property | House | First | | House | For Rent | The Unsel | My First | House | First |
| HIST | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | | | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | | Pawn | Pawn |
| LIFE | Grey's Anatomy | | Solstice | | | | | Will | Will | Frasier | Medium |
| MTV | S. Park | S. Park | True Life | | | Buried | Life, Liz | Buried | Life, Liz | The Real World | |
| NICK | G. Martin | Malcolm | Chris | Chris | | Lopez | Lopez | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny |
| SCI | Ghost Whisperer | | Ghost Whisperer | | | Ghost Whisperer | | Monster | Monster | Blood: Vampire | |
| SPIKE | Gone in Sixty | | | | | BlueMount | | BlueMount | BlueMount | DEA | |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | | Fam. Guy | Lopez Tonight | Name Earl | Name Earl |
| TCM | Moritur | | | | | Days of Heaven | | | | Frances | |
| TLC | Little | Little | Ultimate Cake Off | | | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Little | Little | Ultimate Cake Off | |
| TNT | Bones | | Bones | | | The Closer | | Law & Order | | CSI: NY | |
| TOON | Ed, Edd | Ed, Edd | Titans | Titans | | King-Hill | King-Hill | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Aqua Teen |
| TRAV | Anthony Bourdain | | Bizarre Foods | | | Bourdain | | Bourdain | | Anthony Bourdain | |
| TV LAND | Griffith | Griffith | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | Boston Legal | | Roseanne | Roseanne |
| USA | NCIS | | WWE Monday Night RAW | | | | | White Collar | | Psych | |
| VH1 | Celebrity Fit Club | | Celebrity Fit Club | | | Fantasia | Pep | Celebrity Fit Club | | Fantasia | Pep |
| WGN | NBA Basketball | | | | | | | WGN News | Scrubs | Scrubs | S. Park |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Real Time/Bill Maher | | Bill Maher: But I'm Not | | | | | Semi-Pro | | Ricky | Life |
| MAX | Express | | Stephen King's Thinner | | | Earth Stood | | | | | |
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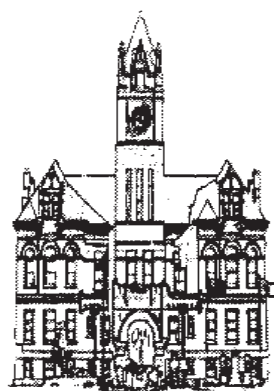
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