

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 33. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Snow. High near 35. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Friday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow, mainly before 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 52.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Wednesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: High, 62; Low 25
Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
Month: 1.35 inches
Year: 2.22 inches
Normal: 1.20 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:49 a.m. 7:55 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

City plans public hearing on proposed Embark loan

From "EMBARK," Page 1

"I'm not sure I want to change something that has been working," Voss said. Taylor asked if they made an exception this time, how many exceptions would the council be willing to make in the future? The idea of the city matching the amount of money raised by the company was brought up by Councilman Omar Weber. Weber said he had a personal problem with the numbers. "\$100,000 will not last long," he said. "This is almost too little, too late to write out a \$100,000 check." Weber offered the matching funds idea as an alternative to just writing the company a

check. The loan would be at 6 percent interest. Hills said she thought Brouters would be fine with that idea. Brouters said he was OK with the idea and he fully expected to raise the \$100,000. Beringer suggested a public hearing on the proposed change. Councilmen Tim Hutfles said that a lot of people had been talking to him about the city possibly giving money to the company and he said he said he also thought it would be a good idea to have a public meeting. The city has already loaned the company more than \$400,000 to help the company renovate the former Inlow Interior Building downtown. Junelle Hills, Embark manager in Colby,

said the company employs 13 people here as enrollment or support specialists. She said enrollment specialists take calls from people ordering the firm's online "advanced directive" documents. After the customers get the documents in the mail, they can call the support specialists if they have any trouble filling out the paperwork. Hills said the firm has 51 advanced directives - one for every state and one for the District of Columbia. Each directive is crafted to adhere to laws of the customer's state, Hills said. She said a person can get directives for more than one state. Hills said in most states, people need to have a person who also has access to the patients wishes in end of life situations. She

said after a document is filled out, it goes through three levels of quality assurance before its placed in a database where it can be faxed or e-mailed to any doctor in the country. Hills said the employees are paid an average of about \$14 an hour along with a benefits package that includes health care from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Hills said Embark is a national company with huge potential. She said it has the potential to employ over 400 people. She said city approval of the loan would insure the wages will be paid for four to six months. "There's not too many opportunities to bring a national company to Colby," Hills said.

Gove highway project may block road earlier

A project to rebuild K-23 in Gove County south of Gove may close the road as early as Monday, March 29, so crews can take advantage of expected sunny spring weather. That's a week earlier than planned. "We originally planned to close the road on April 5," said project manager John Ryan with Venture Corp., the contractor in charge of the job, "but due to the upcoming forecast, we would like to bump that date up by a week and take advantage of the nicer weather." The contract allows the roadway to be closed for 20 weeks, so an early start date could mean the highway will re-open in late August. Construction will begin at the Lane/Gove County line and end near the southern city limits of Gove. Travelers will be routed around the area. The official detour will take K-4, U.S. 83 to Oakley, U.S. 40, and I-70 back to

Grainfield. "Since we are totally reconstructing the pavement from the base, the roadway had to be closed while the work is going on," said Jeff Stewart, District 3 engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton. The work includes removing the old pavement, stabilizing the base and adding seven inches of new asphalt, Stewart said. The new highway will have 12-foot driving lanes and two-foot-wide paved shoulders with rumble strips. "A portion of this roadway dates back to the Depression-era Works Progress Administration and is past the point of a 'band-aid' treatment," Stewart said. "The new federally-funded work program (the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or stimulus bill) will make noticeable improvements to the corridor." The estimated cost is \$7.8 million.

Dem to testify in ethics probe

From "ETHICS," Page 1 legislative leader, O'Neal is held to "the highest standard," Davis said. "The highest standard ought to include avoiding any appearance of impropriety," he said. O'Neal filed the lawsuit in January in Shawnee County, and a hearing is scheduled for May 7 to

determine whether the case goes forward. O'Neal's clients include industry workers' compensation funds, the Kansas Bankers Association, the Kansas Realtors Association and a Wichita company doing business as Speedy Cash. The lawsuit challenges legislators' decision last year to confiscate fees paid by O'Neal's clients for specific regulatory purposes to

Couple named Master Farmers

From "FARMERS," Page 1

the Bloodmobile, and chaired the Blue Star Memorial Highway committee. Richard served on the county Extension Council, helped to get the new 4-H building and served on various boards in the past. The family's other interests in-

clude the Colby United Methodist Church, where Kathy helps out with nursing home visitation. She's also a member of the Shakespeare Club. They have been active members of the Thomas County Farm Bureau and the state Young Farmers and Ranchers organization. The couple has two children.

Rich, his wife Suzie and their two children live on a farm south of their parents. Daughter Michelle, husband Todd Schuster and their three children live in Kansas City, where Michelle is a project manager for Argus Medical Supply.

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Saturday Evening March 20, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	FlashForward				Castle		Local			
KBSL/CBS	College Basketball				48 Hours Mystery		Local			
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser		Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		The Wanda Sykes Show	Sit Down	Local	
Cable Channels										
A & E	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami	
AMC	Traffic						Traffic			
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog		Underdog-Wonderdog		Dogs 101		Underdog-Wonderdog		Dogs 101	
BRAVO	House		House		House		House		House	
CMT	Son-in-Law	True Lies							Ron White: Call Me Tater Salad	
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Gaffigan	Bill Engvall		Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity			Lies		Bill Engvall	
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
DISN	Snow White		Mulan			Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven
E!	Half Baked				Wet n Wild Job		The Soup	Chelsea	Half Baked	
ESPN	College Wrestling					SportsCenter			GameDay Scoreboard	
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball				Wm. Basketball				Score	
FAM	Harry Potter						Hook			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Diners	Diners
FX	The Simpsons Movie				Grandma's Boy				Archer	Sunny
HGTV	D. Design	Sarah	Outdoor	Block	Genevieve	Color	House	House	Outdoor	Block

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LIFE	Sisterhood-Trav	The Nanny Diaries		The Nanny Diaries	
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Jackass	Jackass	Deep Blue Sea
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	The Troop	Big Time	Lopez
SCI	Aliens		Screamers		Screamers
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Entourage
TBS	Tokyo Drift				Rush Hour 3
TCM	Lawrence of Arabia				The Ruling Class
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	Get Married?				Dreamgirls
TOON	Tn-Titans	Batman	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill
TRAV	Tastiest	Tastiest	Man/Food	Man/Food	Amer. Worst Driver
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Law & Order: SVU
VH1	Uncle Buck		Sober House		Beauty
WGN	NBA Basketball		America's		WGN News at Nine
Premium Channels					
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MAX	Street Kings			Fighting	
SHOW	Call Girl	Call Girl	Soul Men		Family That Preys

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Sunday Evening March 21, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		Desperate Housewives		Jamie Oliver's Food		Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss		Cold Case		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Celebrity Apprentice				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Tucson	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Simmons	Simmons	G. Simmons Family		Kirstie	Kirstie	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
AMC	The Mummy				Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Mad Men	
ANIM	Life		Life		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Mill. Matchmaker		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	
CMT	True Blue: Ten Years		Blue Collar		Comedy		White-Tater			
CNN	State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Without a Paddle		Hot Rod				South Pk	Ugly	Futurama	Futurama
DISC	Life		Life		Atlas 4D		Life		Life	
DISN	Sonny	Jonas	Legally Blondes			Montana	Wizards	Montana	Suite	So Raven
E!	Too Young to Kill		Pretty	Kendra		Kendra	Pretty		Chelsea	Kendra
ESPN	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		Wm. Basketball						Score	GameDay Scoreboard
FAM	Harry Potter-Phoenix						Funniest Home Videos		J. Osteen	Feed
FOOD	Challenge		Ultimate Recipe		Iron Chef America		B. Flay	Flay	Ultimate Recipe	
FX	Grandma's Boy		Walk Hard: Dewey Cox				Archer	Justified		Damages
HGTV	House	House	Holmes on Homes		Antonio Treatment		Nails	Income	Holmes on Homes	
HIST	American Pickers		Ax Men		Ax Men		Madhouse		American Pickers	
LIFE	The Perfect Nanny		Perfect Assist				Perfect Assist			
MTV	America's Best Dance		Spring Break 2010		16 and Pregnant		House of Wax			
NICK	Dora...	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Mutant Chronicles		King Arthur				Dungeons & Dragons: Dragon God			
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Halloween				The Hills Have Eyes			
TBS	300				300					Unleashed
TCM	The Outrage				The Magnificent					Our Hosp.
TLC	Life		Life		Hoard-Buried		Addicted		Hoard-Buried	
TNT	Get Married?						Get Married?			
TOON	Garfield Gets Real		Chowder	Flapjack	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Venture	Aqua Teen	Awesome
TRAV	Food Wars	Food Wars	Man, Food	Man/Food	Amer. Worst Driver		Amer. Worst Driver		Food Wars	Food Wars
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House		Pirates-Dead	
VH1	Frank Enter.		Tool Academy		Plastic Surgery		Frank Enter.		Tool Academy	
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker
Premium Channels										
HBO	True Blood				How	How	The Pacific		How	Ricky
MAX	Fighting				Hellboy-Army				Zane	Zane
SHOW	The Tudors		The Tudors		Call Girl	Call Girl	Call Girl	Call Girl	Call Girl	The Amateurs

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