


Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

Friday: Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 70 percent.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms in the morning, then a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 60. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 50 percent.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday: Sunny, warmer. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday Night: Mostly clear. Lows around 50.

Tuesday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Wednesday: High, 47; Low 32
Precip: Wed. 0.02 inches
Month: 0.24 inches
Year: 5.65 inches
Normal: 7.24 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:31 a.m. 8:50 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Old fine catches up to county

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When Schrock received notification of the fine, he turned the matter over to County Attorney Bruce Flipse. He said he thought it was over with because he hadn't heard anything.

"We got the \$1,400 penalties waived," Flipse said, "but I think you guys are stuck with the over-\$5,700 fine."

Schrock said it would probably cost as much to fight it as to pay it.

"I can understand people make mistakes," said Commission Chairman Ken Christiansen, "but I'm concerned about a screw up, and you don't have any proof that you did check it out."

Schrock said that since it happened, the weed department's policy is that no one, not even the applicator's wife, can pick up chemicals, but that it must be to whoever holds the license. He also said that now the state has made the list of current license holders electronic and his department can go to the web site and check for names and if a license is current or expired.

"The auditor went back three years," Schrock said, "and it was before my time, so we just went with how it was done before. But our enforcement is in place now, and if the license is expired even one day," he said, "we don't sell it."

Bruce Flipse answered a past question for the commissioners about the delinquent tax sale.

"The county hasn't had a tax sale in the last 10 years," Flipse said, "and we've just collected \$325,000 in delinquent taxes. We only have 31 tracts to go, but there are 200 defendants, and the tax value is only \$15,000. I know the oil hounds want to lease, and land owners want to get all their minerals together so they can lease it. One tract has 28 defendants. We're dealing with people who have died since 2000 and now some of their heirs have died, and it's really hard to chase down someone who has a 1/14th interest in a mineral right."

Flipse said he has filed 127 felony cases since the first of the year,

and has seven felony sentencing cases coming up in June, and the tax sale is number one on the docket, but he can't put his priority there right now.

"Should we hire more help?" he asked the commissioners. "How much would you pay to collect \$15,000? We're about 30 to 45 days behind, but we'll get there," he said.

Pam Meadows from Computer Information Concepts addressed the commissioners about what may have been causing the apparent problems in software in the county treasurer's office.

She was glad to report that things are up to date, and that the treasurer was having better results in understanding the program.

"It's the same job, but with different tools," Meadows explained. "My boss sent me here to see if we were doing the job we told you we'd do."

Commissioner Steele asked her how Thomas compared to other counties in their grasp of the software.

"I'd say you are below average in asking for assistance," she said, "and your employees are asking questions, because they want to know how to do what comes next, and that's a good thing. It is different to change, and then the next day becomes a challenge to do the same task, but with different tools. Your people are getting it and the printouts will become less and less as they become more familiar with the program."

Steele said he wanted to commend the treasurer's staff, because the bank reconciliation at the end of the month is coming in as it should, and although they're not home free, it is getting smoother.

Lynette Koon, area recycling director asked the commissioners to make board appointments from Thomas County. She said current members Bev Eicher, representative from the city council, a one year term; Vernon and Linda Wransky, one year term; and Wayne Horlacher for a two year term are up for re-appointment. The commissioners approved their appointments.

She said the cardboard recycling has spiraled upward, and they are

already within 10,000 pounds of where they were for the entire year last year, and said that is a good thing. She also added that the budget looks good because the price of recyclables has spiked, and it looks like if it continues like it is now, her organization won't be coming to the counties for additional funding.

Koon noted that the clothing is coming in fast and they are close to having a truckload in only six weeks of collection. She said they may have to hire a part-time driver for a half day a week.

The shredder that will shred a ton of paper an hour is still "iffy," but the board hasn't determined yet how bad the need is for one. She said they would put it on the same truck that goes from county to county for pickups. She thought that if every recycle point would install a 220 volt outlet, they could do the shredding while making a regular stop. There are many places which already have bales and bales of paper to be shredded, she added.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the county health department request to use grant money for software.
- Approved asking bidders for heat and air conditioners to refigure for a 30 ton unit.

Area grade schoolers get their hands dirty

From "DIRTY," Page 1

Burr also gave a video presentation to the 10 groups of about 35 kids in each group about the period of the history that took western Kansas through the "dirty 30's."

Burr said some of the kids were familiar with it because they had talked about it in the classrooms. He noted that they compared photos of the dirt cloud that came through Colby in late May in 2004.

"We're making progress, but there's still room for improvement," he said.

Rosanne Dougherty, the museum's program coordinator, and Chris Griffin, museum registrar, helped students make seed packets and then handed out seeds for them to take home and plant.

"We have healthy kids, from a healthy environment" Dougherty said, "and if we don't take care of our planet, we won't have it."

Candles for charity get burger joint scent

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) – Fans of White Castle's oniony hamburgers have a new way to indulge without any calorie guilt: a scented candle infused with the burgers' aroma.

The Columbus, Ohio, fast-food chain this week introduced candles that smell like its Slider burgers in a promotion for Autism Speaks.

Proceeds from the sale of the \$10 candles will benefit the New York charity.

The candles, which resemble a packaged White Castle burger, are being sold at the company's restaurants and on its website.

The wax is encased in a ceramic holder that looks like a Slider's cardboard sleeve.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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| Saturday Evening | | | | | | | | | | | May 15, 2010 | |
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| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | | |
| KAKE/ABC | Just Like Heaven | | | | Castle | | Local | | | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | The Bourne Ultimatum | | | | | 48 Hours Mystery | Local | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | Parenthood | | Law & Order | | Law & Order: SVU | | Local | Saturday Night Live | | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Cops | Cops | Amer. Most Wanted | | | | | The Wanda Sykes Show | Brothers | Local | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | CSI: Miami | | Criminal Minds | | | |
| AMC | Above the Law | | | | True Lies | | | | | | | |
| ANIM | It's Me or the Dog | Dogs 101 | | | Pit Bulls-Parole | | Dogs 101 | | Pit Bulls-Parole | | | |
| BRAVO | Top Chef Masters | Guess Who | | | | | Law Order: CI | | Law Order: CI | | | |
| CMT | Strictest Parents | 16 and Pregnant | | | Strictest Parents | | Strictest Parents | | Strictest Parents | | | |
| CNN | Campbell Brown | Larry King Live | | | Newsroom | | Campbell Brown | | Larry King Live | | | |
| COMEDY | Larry, Cable | Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity | | | Brian Regan | | Bad Santa | | | | | |
| DISC | Alaskan Crab Fishing | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | | |
| DISN | Phineas Deck | Good Luck Wizards | | | Phineas Hannah | | Wizards Deck | | Suite So Raven | | | |
| E! | Bring It On: All | | | | Kardashian | | The Soup Chelsea | | Bring It On: All | | | |
| ESPN | College Softball | | | | Baseball Tonight | | SportsCenter | | Fastbreak Baseball | | | |
| ESPN2 | Drag Racing | | | | Boxing | | Boxing | | NASCAR Racing | | | |
| FAM | The Goonies | | | | | | Robin Hood | | | | | |
| FOOD | Unwrapped Unwrapped | Unwrapped | | | Diners Diners | | Iron Chef America | | Unwrapped | | | |
| FX | Hitman | | | | Hellboy | | | | | | | |
| HGTV | D. Design Sarah | Genevieve Block | | | Battle on the Block | | House House | | Genevieve Block | | | |

American Profile

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| HIST | LIFE | MTV | NICK | SCI | SPIKE | TBS | TCM | TLC | TNT | TOON | TRAV | TV LAND | USA | VH1 | WGN | Premium Channels | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| The Real Robin Hood | Haunting-Sor | True Life | iCarly | Jeeppers Creepers | Jail | The Heartbreak Kid | The Blue Dahlia | 48 Hours: Hard Evid. | Forrest Gump | Scooby-Doo! | Man, Food | Raymond | NCIS | Dazed and Confused | MLB Baseball | The Hangover | Dreamcatcher | Nurse | |
| The Dark Ages | The Messengers | Dudesons | 7 Secrets | Underworld | Jail | Days of Wine | Disappeared | The Green Mile | Dude | Destroy | Man/Food | Man/Food | NCIS | Hard Rock | WGN News at Nine | Boxing | | Red-Nexican | |
| | The Messengers | Dudesons | The Troop | Underworld | Jail | Days of Wine | Disappeared | The Green Mile | King-Hill | King-Hill | Man, Food | Man, Food | NCIS | Hard Rock | | Boxing | | Heavy Artillery | |
| | The Messengers | Parkour | Big Time | Underworld | Jail | Please Don't | Disappeared | The Green Mile | King-Hill | King-Hill | Man, Food | Man, Food | NCIS | Hard Rock | | Transformers | | | NASCAR |
| | The Messengers | Jackass | Big Time | Underworld | Jail | Please Don't | Disappeared | The Green Mile | Boondocks | Boondocks | Man, Food | Man, Food | NCIS | Hard Rock | | | | | |
| | The Messengers | Jackass | Big Time | Underworld | Jail | Secondhd | Disappeared | The Green Mile | Boondocks | Boondocks | Man, Food | Man, Food | NCIS | Hard Rock | | | | | |
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| | The Messengers | Jackass | Big Time | Underworld | Jail | | Disappeared | The Green Mile | Boondocks | Boondocks | Man, Food | Man, Food | NCIS | Hard Rock | | | | | |

| Sunday Evening | | | | | | | | | | | May 16, 2010 | |
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| | 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 | | Brothers & Sisters | | Local | | | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | Survivor: Hero | | | | Survivor: Hero | | Local | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | 2010 Miss USA | | Celebrity Apprentice | | | | Local | | Dateline NBC | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Simpsons Cleveland | | Fam. Guy | Amer. Dad | | Local | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Dog Bounty Hunter | | Dog Bounty Hunter | | Dog Bounty Hunter | | Dog Bounty Hunter | | Dog Bounty Hunter | | | |
| AMC | Se7en | | | | Breaking Bad | | Breaking Bad | | Mad Men | | | |
| ANIM | Life-Elephants | | | | River Monsters | | River Monsters | | Life-Elephants | | | |
| BRAVO | A Few Good Men | | | | | | | | A Few Good Men | | | |
| CMT | Blue Collar Comedy | Blue Collar | | | | | | | | | | |
| CNN | State of the Union | Larry King Live | | | Newsroom | | State of the Union | | Larry King Live | | | |
| COMEDY | Napoleon Dynamite | School-Scound | | | | | Ugly Amer | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | | |
| DISC | MythBusters | MythBusters | | | MythBusters | | MythBusters | | MythBusters | | | |
| DISN | Sonny Good Luck | Harriet the Spy: Blog Wars | | | Wizards | Wizards | Hannah Suite | So Raven | | | | |
| E! | Kardashian | Kardas Kendra | Kendra | Pretty | | | The Soup Chelsea | Kendra | Pretty | | | |
| ESPN | MLB Baseball | | | | | | SportsCenter | | SportsCtr | | | |
| ESPN2 | Drag Racing | | | | World Series | | World Series | | World Series | | | |
| FAM | Mr. Deeds | | | | Billy Madison | | J. Osteen | | Ed Young | | | |
| FOOD | Challenge | Chefs vs. City | | | Iron Chef America | | Private Chefs | | Chefs vs. City | | | |
| FX | Hellboy | Beowulf | | | | | Justified | | 70s Show | | | |
| HGTV | House House | Holmes on Homes | | | Holmes on Homes | | Income | Holmes on Homes | | | | |
| HIST | Pawn Pawn | America-Story | | | | | American Pickers | Pawn Pawn | | | | |
| LIFE | The Pregnancy Pact | | | | Amy Wives | | Drop Dead Diva | | Drop Dead Diva | | | |
| MTV | 16 and Pregnant | 16 and Pregnant | | | The Hills | The City | The Challenge | | Dudesons | Dudesons | | |
| NICK | Victorou iCarly | News Chris | | | Lopez | Lopez | The Nanny The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | | | |
| SCI | Final Destination 2 | Hostel Part II | | | | | The Descent | | | | | |
| SPIKE | Deadliest Warrior | Deadliest Warrior | | | Deadliest Warrior | | Deadliest Warrior | | Ways Die | RoboCop | | |
| TBS | Dumb & Dumber | | | | Dumb & Dumber | | | | Delta Farce | | | |
| TCM | Hail the Hero | About Face | | | | | | | The Better 'Ole | | | |
| TLC | Paralyzed-Preg | Pregnant at 70 | | | Baby-Crazy | | Paralyzed-Preg | | Pregnant at 70 | | | |
| TNT | Saving Private Ryan | | | | | | Saving Private Ryan | | | | | |
| TOON | Bridge to Terabithia | Chowder Flapjack | | | King-Hill | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Boondocks | Squid | Check | | |
| TRAV | Colorado: River | Natri Wonders | | | Natri Wonders | | Ten Wonders | | Colorado: River | | | |
| TV LAND | M*A*S*H M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H M*A*S*H | | | Raymond Raymond | | Raymond Raymond | | Roseanne | | | |
| USA | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: SVU | | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Mystic River | | | |
| VH1 | Brandy & Ray J | Brandy & Ray J | | | Basketbal | Chilli | Brandy & Ray J | | Basketbal | Chilli | | |
| WGN | Newhart Newhart | B. Miller B. Miller | | | WGN News Replay | | Cheers Cheers | | Becker | Becker | | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | True Blood | The Pacific | | | Treme | | The Pacific | | Treme | | | |
| MAX | Transformers | | | | Terminator Salvation | | | | Busty Cops | | | |
| SHOW | The Tudors | The Tudors | | | Nurse Tara | | The Tudors | | Girlfriend Exp | | | |



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