

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 42. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37.
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 16.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 32.
Christmas Day: Sunny, with a high near 36.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.
 Friday: High, 42; Low 18
 Saturday: High, 43; Low 20
 Sunday: High, 49; Low 19
 Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
 Saturday 0.00 inches
 Sunday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.07 inches
 Year: 18.22 inches
 Normal: 20.34 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 8:01 a.m. 5:24 p.m.
 Wednesday 8:01 a.m. 5:25 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Tarps, fees top landfill issues

From "LANDFILL," Page 1

machine the employee was operating, and that's what made him sick."

Statistically, all is well at the Thomas County landfill, Jumper said, with amount of municipal solid being down by over a ton a day.

Any decrease is notable, Jumper said, adding that more businesses are recycling their cardboard, which has been a big help. And it means people as a whole are beginning to recycle more, he added.

Tipping fees increased from \$216,000 in 2009 to \$294,000 to the end of November this year, he said. An increase of 602 tons of concrete and demolition debris could be attributed to increased building and the fact that the Quality Inn demolished 28 rooms that were damaged in a fire earlier this year. He added that many homes in Colby had to have roofs replaced because of hail this summer, and that added to amount of construction and demolition material.

Jumper talked about how work covering the pit (cell) that was

opened in the 1970s is progressing. He said paper taken in by the recycling center is shipped off to be shredded and baled, then the landfill buys it back to cover a layer of the cell. The next step is to use a special machine to spray recycled water-base paint over the shredded paper.

"It makes a perfect seal for the layer," he said, "with not one shred of paper blowing around on the top. He added that Milco Environmental Services of Colby, which is approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, checks and approves the work as it progresses.

After the cell-covering project is completed, Jumper said, the county will be allowed to plant grass, trees and habitat cover around and on the area.

Regional Recycling Coordinator Lynette Koon said the collection center near the water tower on College Drive had taken in 263 tons of recycling materials and that the "e-waste" project collected 52 tons of electronic junk in the pilot program that let people drop off their e-waste for free until it ended in October.

"The 52 tons amounted to 23,000 electronic items that didn't end up in the landfill," she said, adding that although the free program has ended, the center is still taking e-waste for a minimal fee.

"We are open to take e-waste every Wednesday at the South Country Club location," she said. "Time for the project didn't allow us enough time to use the entire grant, so we had to turn back \$190,000 out of the \$300,000 grant. More time would have allowed us to retrieve a lot of e-waste from the landfills."

She said since the recycling center began taking used clothing in the summer, she has shipped out 21 tons that brought \$2,400 into the regional program's coffers. Another 21-ton load is about ready to go. Used clothing should be brought to the South Country Club location, she said.

For information about recycling, call Koon at (785) 460-1080.

Goodland man picked for Legislature

From "WINNER," Page 1

sent letters to every committee member in the district.

State Sen. Ralph Ostmyer attended the meeting and said later he felt the selection process went smoothly. He attributed Billinger's win to farming precinct members from Graham and Sheridan counties, who switched their votes to Billinger after Baalman was eliminated.

Josh Faber, who chairs the Thomas County Republican Committee, served as chairman for the meeting. In his opening address, Faber said he never thought that when he became a precinct committee member he would chair a meeting like this.

"It isn't until a time like this that we (the committee) really

found out what we do," he said.

Faber said Morrison had been a strong leader for the district.

"We definitely owe a huge debt of gratitude to Rep. Morrison, he said.

Rep. John Faber, Josh Faber's father, was also at the meeting, along with Randy Duncan, a Saline County commissioner who is chairman of the 1st Congressional District Republican Committee.

Don Paxson, chairman of the Sheridan County Republican Central Committee, said he was encouraged by the large turnout. There are 105 precinct committee members in the district, and 93 percent of them were at the meeting or sent proxies.

"I think that's a good sign for the 121st," he said.

Coal plant decision has complex history

From "COAL," Page 1

and transmission" cooperative serving rural Colorado. That's a sore point for many critics of its project, though supporters see it as economic development.

Environmental groups are upset about the timing of the permit - and suspect it was improperly accelerated - because Sunflower won't have to use what the federal government deems the best technology to control gas emissions when building the plant.

Mitchell said the federal Environmental Protection Agency didn't give states its first guidance about the new rules until November - after the period for commenting on Sunflower's proposed plant had ended.

Mitchell noted that the department received Sunflower's request for a permit in January and said it started receiving more than 5,600 comments in July.

In October 2007, Mitchell's predecessor, KDHE Secretary Rod Bremby, denied a permit for two plants, citing the potential greenhouse gases as a threat to public health and the environment. The governor at the time, Democrat Kathleen Sebelius, backed him up, and environmentalists praised his decision.

But Sunflower's plans enjoyed bipartisan support, partly because legislators expected the project to create hundreds of construction jobs and boost the economy.

When those legislators passed bills to overturn Bremby's decision, Sebelius vetoed them. But she couldn't win passage of "green" legislation.

She resigned in April 2009 to become U.S. secretary of health and human services, elevating Parkinson from lieutenant governor to governor. Almost im-

mediately, he struck a deal with Sunflower - a stunning Nixon-goes-to-China move by someone who'd often been seen as a more passionate advocate of renewable energy than Sebelius.

In September, a Sunflower vice president sent project supporters an e-mail accusing Bremby of "gaming the process" to delay a permit. It suggested contacting both Bremby and Parkinson to "positively change" the situation. A pro-Sunflower legislator acknowledged the "angst" and said she believed Parkinson had intervened - though his staff said he hadn't interfered.

Then, in early November, Bremby was no longer secretary. Parkinson's office said Bremby was asked to take a job helping to manage the transition to Governor Sam Brownback's administration and declined. Bremby, Parkinson and KDHE officials have not publicly discussed the reasons behind Bremby's departure.

That's left environmentalists to speculate about whether Parkinson pushed Bremby out to smooth the way for Sunflower's permit. And only days after the election, Brownback, a Republican who supports Sunflower's project, praised Parkinson in an interview with the Associated Press for "pushing aggressively" to get the project "landed."

Parkinson has said he didn't care whether Mitchell approved or denied a permit - only that the department conducted a fair and thorough review of Sunflower's application.

Budget writer will lead Kansas Senate

TOPEKA (AP) - Republicans in the Kansas Senate have picked the chairman of their budget-writing Ways and Means Committee as the next majority leader.

Lindsborg Republican Jay Emler was the only announced candidate for the majority leader's job going into a Monday's meeting of GOP senators at the Statehouse. Hutchinson Republican Terry Bruce dropped out of the race beforehand.

Emler was elected on a unanimous voice vote.

The majority leader sets the Senate's daily debate calendar and runs party caucus meetings. The only higher-ranking position is Senate president.

The majority leader's post will be open when the Legislature reconvenes Jan. 10 because incumbent and Independence Republican Derek Schmidt was elected attorney general this year.

MOVIES

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Starring: Anne Hathaway & Jake Gyllenhaal
PG 1 Hour, 53 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:15
Sunday - Thursday 7:00

Starting on Wednesday Dec. 22nd

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Starring: Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, & Josh Brolin
PG 1 Hour, 50 Minutes
Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 & 9:00

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Tues., Dec. 28 at 10 a.m.

Application: RoGator 854, (2) TerraGator 1803, '84 Ford 8000 flotation sprdr, '07 Wylie 90' spryr, '01 Knight 8018 Pro Twin manure sprdr **Heavy Trucks:** '01 Volvo WG64T, '00 KW T800, '98 KW T800, '88 Ford L8000 fuel truck **Tractors:** '08 JD 4840, '02 CIH MX240 MFWD, NH 9482, '00 JD 8310 MFWD, '96 NH 8970, '88 Ford 6610, '81 MF 4900 **Planting & Seeding:** '08 CIH 1250 24R30 planter, GP 3N-3010P 30' folding precision no-till drill 7.5' 48 row, '99 JD 1710 12R30 Max Emerge Plus plntr, CIH 900 Cyclo plntr **Harvest:** '02 CIH 2388 combine, '98 CIH 2388 combine, '83 CIH 1480 combine, '96 Kinze 1040 grain cart, Kinze 840 grain crt w/ tracks, (2) JD 930 flex hds, '03 Geringhoff Rota-disc corn head, '01 Golden Bell H15-10 30' hdr trlr, '88 JD 20' hdr trlr **Grain handling:** Freisen 240 Seed Express seed tndr **Tillage:** '10 CIH 5310 16 row nutra-till, '02 Phoenix H14 42' rotary harrow **Hay:** '07 JD 568, '04 JD 567, CIH RS551 rmd blr, Hesston 6450 self-prop swather, Hesston 3983 12 wheel rake **Skid Steers:** '01 NH LS180 combine, '10 Arctic Cat Prowler **Utility vehicles:** '10 Arctic Cat Prowler **Fork Lifts:** '84 Hyster H80, Yale G357A **Mowers:** '01 Toro Z-Master 286E 72" zero-turn, '05 Toro Z-Master 60" zero-turn, '04 Toro Z-Master 60" zero-turn **Trailers:** '87 Trailstar 36' high-cube end dump trlr, '99 Timpte 40' grain trlr, '95 Timpte 42' grain trlr, '93 Jantz combine trailer, '98 Jantz combine trailer and more w/ detailed photos, descriptions, seller contact info and bidding online. 10% buyers premium applies

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Tuesday Evening										December 21, 2010				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Skating-Stars		No Ordinary Family		Detroit 1-8-7		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late				
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		SNL-Christmas				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late				
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Million Dollar		Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Billy	Billy	Exterminator		Storage	Storage	Exterminator		Billy	Billy				
AMC	Road House													
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters					
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		The Fashion Show		Housewives/Atl.		Salon Takeover					
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Doc Hollywood				Videos		Smarter	Smarter				
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live					
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Swardson	South Pk				
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Auction	Auction	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs					
DISN	Beauty and the Beast			Deck	Fish Hook	Fish Hook	Deck	Deck	Hannah	Hannah				
EI	Bridalplasty		Kids of Killers		True Hollywood Story		Chelsea		EI News	Chelsea				
ESPN	College Football								SportsCenter					
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCtr	NFL Live	SportsNation					
FAM	Miracle-34 St.		The Polar Express				The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife				
FOOD	Challenge		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Ace of Cakes		Cupcake Wars					
FX	Christmas-Krank				Deck the Halls				Deck the Halls					
HGTV	First	First	House	Estate	House	Hunters	For Rent	For Rent	House	Estate				
HIST	Modern Marvels		Top Gear		Ax Men		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels					
LIFE	Pawn	Pawn	Undercover Christmas				How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Frasier				
MTV	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant				Teen Mom 2	Pregant				
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny				
SCI	Alice						Headless Horseman							
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Hooters' Snow Angels		MANswers	MANswers				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Glory Daze		Conan		Lopez Tonight					
TCM	Sunny Side Up				Swing Time				The Great Dictator					
TLC	Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What the	What the	Not to Wear		What Not to Wear					
TNT	Bones		A Christmas Carol				Southland		CSI: NY					
TOON	Tower Prep		Tower Prep		King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks				
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		When Vacations		Ghost Adventures		Mysteries-Museum					
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond	Roseanne						
USA	Gone in Sixty		WWE SmackDown!				Psych		Gone in Sixty					
VH1	Football	Brandy	Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		2010 Hip Hop Honors							
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk				
Premium Channels														
HBO	The Book of Eli				REAL Sports Gumbel		Lombardi		Public En					
MAX	Four Chri	Men in Black II			She's Out									
SHOW	Scream 3				Saw V				Sorority Row					

Wednesday Evening

December 22, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Better	Family	CMA Country Christmas			Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live
KBSL/CBS	Home-Holidays		Criminal Minds		The Defenders		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	Undercovers		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	Human Target		Million Dollar		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog
AMC	Open Range									
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
BRAVO	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Real Housewives	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Unforgiven						Smarter	Smarter
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Nick Swardson		Swardson	Swardson	Swardson	Swardson	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly Amer
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISN	The Polar Express				Fish Hook	Fish Hook	Deck	Deck	Hannah	Hannah
EI	Kardashian		Kendra	Kendra	Gwyneth Paltrow		Chelsea		EI News	Chelsea
ESPN	College Football								SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball			
FAM	The Santa Clause				Santa Clause 3				My Wife	My Wife
FOOD	Unwrapped		B. Flay	B. Flay	Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		B. Flay	B. Flay
FX	Alvin-Chipmkn				Alvin-Chipmkn				Someone Like You	
HGTV	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster

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MTV	16 and Pregnant			Teen Mom	Movie				True Life	
NICK	School Gyrls		My Wife</							