

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 49. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 17.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 28.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 7.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 16.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around -3.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 12.

Monday: High, 41; Low 6  
Tuesday: High, 42; Low 12  
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches  
Tuesday 0.00 inches  
Month: 0.00 inches  
Year: 0.00 inches  
Normal: 0.45 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset  
Thursday 8:05 a.m. 5:36 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby woman attends Irish college

From "COLLEGE," Page 1

to find work out of the country," she said.

Unger is at Trinity with the help of a \$4,500 District Rotary scholarship. She said she was contacted the Colby Rotary Club for an application.

Her graduate program will last a year, and she's already working on her dissertation, which will focus on voter turnout in European parliamentary elections. Unger said she'll be looking at how socioeconomic status affects how many people

turn up to vote.

Unger said she doesn't have anything set in stone for when she finishes. During and in between her time as a student, she's had several jobs in politics. She spent 11 weeks as a media analyst for the U.S. State Department's European Media Center at the European Union in Brussels, Belgium.

"I find if I work hard enough, opportunities open up for me," she said. "Politics is what I know and what I love and it's what I want to do."

Cash-strapped state delays aid payments to school districts

From "PAYMENTS," Page 1

to its 293 school districts, but it regularly put them off during the previous fiscal year. Frisbie said it's possible that if state revenues continue to fall below expectations, schools will see similar delays in February and March, as the state waits for revenues to catch up with bills.

"We knew at the end of last month, as the month was closing, we were down on taxes," Frisbie said. "We were taking the cautious approach."

Deputy Education Commissioner Dale Dennis said the delay isn't likely to cause problems for districts because the money will

arrive Friday. But he said districts could face difficulties if the delays become longer.

Dennis noted that in December 2009, the state delayed half of its scheduled aid payment for several weeks, and the state had to make special arrangements for six or seven districts so that they could continue to pay employees.

This week, Dennis said, "We'll be OK."

Still, such delays have become a source of aggravation for superintendents and other educators. Mark Desetti, a lobbyist for the Kansas National Education Association the state's largest teachers' union, said payrolls are the majority of districts' budgets.

Winter wheat looking poor in Kansas after dry December

From "WHEAT," Page 1

trade group Kansas Wheat, said he'd seen such poor ratings of the state's winter wheat crop in just three of the past 20 years - all of them in bad drought winters.

"We are concerned about the winter kill and the dryness, primarily in the western third of the state," Gilpin said.

December was dry across Kansas, with only two places - Columbus and Iola in the state's southeast - reporting more than

a half inch of precipitation during the entire month. Only 37 percent of the state had adequate topsoil moisture, the service said.

Drought-stressed wheat plants that don't develop strong roots before going into dormancy are more susceptible to winter kill.

But mild temperatures in December have apparently spared the crop so far from much damage. The agency estimated 85 percent of the Kansas wheat showed no wind damage and 93 percent showed no freeze damage.

Tax sale coming next week

From "SALE," Page 1

can't be found, they use phone books, the Internet and certified mail to get notification to as many as possible. Certified letters were mailed out twice, he added.

"When we have exhausted every source possible," he said, "the next step is to get an order for the foreclosure sale."

Next, the district judge issues an order setting a date and place for the sale. The law requires again that public notice of the sale be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. This year's sale had to be put off a month when the newspaper failed to run the second publication on time.

"Property owners have the right to redeem their property by pay-

ing the taxes right up until the day of the sale," Flipse noted. "However, in the meantime, any interest that has accrued must be paid to the clerk of the district court first, before going to the county treasurer's office to pay the back taxes."

Many people learn of the process and pay their taxes, helping the county pay its bills.

"The county collected between \$350,000 and \$400,000 in back taxes," Flipse said, "after the decision was made to foreclose on and auction tax-delinquent properties about a year and a half ago."

On the day of the sale, bidders will be given instructions about how the sale will be conducted. They must have cash in hand, a certified check or money order. Bidders must sign an affidavit under oath before a notary public

declaring they are not the original owners of the tract, and that they will not sell the tract to the original owner and that they are not buying the tract for the original owner.

They must also certify that they will not sell the property to any person who held an interest in that tract, nor to any family of the original owner. No one can buy any property if they are the record owner of any other real estate on which taxes or special assessments are unpaid.

"The sale has to be confirmed by the District Court ... at least 10 days after the sale," Flipse said. "Deeds will be recorded following the confirmation of the sale. Purchaser will pay all of 2010 taxes, plus abstract and filing fees, and the whole thing probably should be over by noon."

"One would hope that it would stop soon," Desetti said. "At some point, it's conceivable that it's a challenge to meet payroll. That's why school administrators are so anxious about this all the time."

Frisbie said the state avoids delaying payments to Medicaid providers because it doesn't want them stop participating in the program, supported jointly by states and the federal government. Also,

Medicaid is administered by states under federal rules designed to prevent delays in payment.

In November, the state did postpone until December a \$15 million payment to the Kansas Bioscience Authority, for its efforts to nurture emerging biotech companies. And the state has delayed quarterly contributions in the past to pensions.

"We've never held a Medicaid

payment," Frisbie said. "We always make payroll."

The latest, short delay in school aid payments come as Gov.-elect Sam Brownback and legislators wrestle with the state's ongoing budget problems. The projected gap between projected revenues and current spending commitments is expected to exceed \$500 million for the new fiscal year that begins July 1.

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Thursday Evening											January 6, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Outsource	Office	Office	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late		
KSAS/FOX	Million Dollar		Bones				Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			
AMC	Quick-Dead						Quick-Dead					
ANIM	Natural World		Alaska Dogs		Alaska Wildlife		Natural World		Alaska Dogs			
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives	Happens			
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Unforgiven						Smarter	Smarter		
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk		
DISC	Secret Service		American Chopper		Auction		Oddities	Secret Service	American Chopper			
DISN	Princess Protection Program		Deck		Good Luck		Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Plastic Surgery					Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Football								SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCtr	NFL Live	Quarterback			
FAM	Bruce Almighty		Evan Almighty				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Unwrapped	Chopped		Iron Chef America			
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Rush Hour				Rush Hour			
HGTV	Selling	Selling	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	Cash & Ca	Hunters	Selling	Selling		
HIST	Ancient Aliens				Brad Meltzer's Dec.			Stan Lee's	Ancient Aliens			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Deadly Relations					How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		I Used to Be Fat			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer			Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer			
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling					MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	Son Beach	
TBS	Failure to Launch				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight			
TCM	I'm All Right, Jack				Heavens Above!					Two Way		
TLC	Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska			
TNT	NBA Basketball								NBA Basketball			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Bacon Paradise		Carnivore	Carnivore	Man, Food	Man, Food	Sandwich Paradise		Carnivore	Carnivore		
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	National Treasure								Jurassic Park III			
VH1	Saturday Night Live				Saturday Night Live				Fight Club			
WGN	WWE Superstars		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars			
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		Ghosts-Girflnd				Cathouse	Real Sex	24/7 Penguins			
MAX	Catch Me if You Can				8 Heads in a Duffel Bag			Lingerie 04				
SHOW	Extract		Speech		Zack and Miri Make a Porno		Next Stop	Single		Nat'l Van		

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Friday Evening											January 7, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Supernanny		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: NY		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late		
KSAS/FOX	College Football						Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Open Range						Open Range					
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions			
BRAVO	The Green Mile								The Green Mile			
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Grumpy Old Men				Videos	Videos	Smarter	Smarter		
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Presents	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Presents	Lisa Lampanelli			
DISC	Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska			
DISN	Deck	Wizards	Fish Hook	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Kardashian		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	NBA Basketball								NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	College Football				Boxing				NFL Live	Nation		
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Food	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners		
FX	The Happening				The Happening				Little Man			
HGTV	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		

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HIST	Modern Marvels		The Templar Code				The History of Sex	Modern Marvels				
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Reba	Reba		
MTV	I Used to Be Fat		Jersey Shore		Texas Chainsaw				Jersey Shore			
NICK	Big Time	Victoriou	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Merlin		Stargate SG-1		Merlin			
SPIKE	Death Proof				Planet Terror				Death Proof			
TBS	The Wedding Planner				Office		Glory Daze					
TCM	Fastest Gun				State Fair				Pinky			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings			
TNT	Forrest Gump								The Terminal			
TOON	Ben 10	Star Wars	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures			
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Inside Man				No Country							
VH1	Fight Club						Maxim Hot 100		Celebrity Rehab			
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk		
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	24/7 Penguins		Edge of Darkness				Ricky Gervais: Out, England		Cathouse			
MAX	Security		The Tuxedo		The Wolfman							
SHOW	Hurt Lock		Inglorious Basterds				Strikeforce Chall.					

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