

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around -9. Wind chill values as low as -23. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 13. Wind chill values as low as -23. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around -8. Wind chill values as low as -16. North wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 15. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 3.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 9.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 29.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 8.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 27.

Friday: High, 47; Low 12
Saturday: High, 37; Low 15
Sunday: High, 22; Low 7
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday 0.18 inches
Month: 0.18 inches
Year: 0.18 inches
Normal: 0.45 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 8:04 a.m. 5:41 p.m.
Wednesday 8:04 a.m. 5:42 p.m.
First quarter moon
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

New boiler fails inspection

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weeks to take a look at their new jail and offices.

County Treasurer Donita Applebury and County Appraiser Mary Cech said they have a common problem with some of the new software from Computer Information Concepts. They said it isn't doing the job they expect it to do when it comes to searching for parcels and tax information.

Steele requested a phone visit with Pam Meadows, CIC representative, to make sure they weren't paying CIC for the program, while still paying Manitron, who was doing the work.

Applebury told commissioners she will be receiving seven new computers and seven new printers from the state for motor vehicles. The equipment is paid for from the \$4 fee attached to the cost of getting a new tag. She said her office will be printing their own stickers to go on the tags when the system is up and running. She also requested approval for \$400 worth of cabinets for storage of notebooks she fills on a monthly basis. She said she's totally out of room for storage.

Commissioner Paul Steele said he had visited with Kevan Trenkle, Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Medical Center, and was told the hospital would like for the county to find another home for the emergency medical services vehicles. The hospital

owns the building and leases it to the county. Steele said he would be attending the Colby City Council meeting Tuesday night to see if they could come to some sort of an arrangement on space for the medical emergency vehicles.

The commissioners heard from Charlie Krull that Blue Cross Blue Shield would take a three to five percent hike in next year's premiums, depending on whether or not the county could be grandfathered into the original benefits group.

The commissioners received a check from the state for \$69,900 as a part of the grant for the new boilers for heating in the courthouse.

The commissioners made a resolution to purchase sand from David Tole for the next two years for 50 cents a cubic yard.

Board to interview candidate Thursday

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while he worked at the Walden Institute, a non-profit organization in Boca Raton, Fla.

In the business world, Kater worked for Allied Signal Aerospace Company (now Honeywell) as organization development manager from 1978 to 1991 where he trained 7,000 employees. He also was education technology director for Hills Pet Nutrition Inc., a division of Colgate-Palmolive, in Topeka from 1991 to 2002 where he supported the start-up of Hill's Internet and Intranet

sites.

Kater received a doctorate in industrial education with emphasis in management and adult education at the University of Missouri in Columbia in May 1990. He got a master's degree in technical education at Pittsburgh State University in 1977 and an Associate of Arts Degree in general education from Hutchinson Community College in 1975. He earned a vocational certificate in machine shop technology from the Central Kansas Area Vocational Technical School in Newton in 1972.

Snowstorm dusts Colby area, blankets eastern half of Kansas

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"It's the coldness and stuff that makes it hectic to catch the bus on time," she said.

Inside, in the terminal's waiting room, Bernard and Charlotte Thompson kept warm, expecting to wait more than a half-hour for their bus, having just missed an earlier one. She didn't want to miss a doctor's appointment and because they're also both looking for work - he as a mechanic, and she as a plumber - they can't yet afford a car. They gave themselves at least an extra hour to get to the doctor's office.

"We're taking the time to be on time so that we wouldn't miss the appointment," Bernard Thompson said.

The National Weather Service reported about 6 inches of snow in the area by mid-afternoon, and it kept falling - and blowing and drifting, creating what local authorities called near white-out conditions. Wichita saw more than 6 inches of snow by mid-afternoon; in the Kansas City-area suburb of Overland Park, more than 10 inches fell.

But the hardest hit area was the southeastern and east-central por-

tions of the state, where a blizzard warning was in effect, said Brian Barjenbruch, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Topeka. Trained weather spotters reported more than a foot in Labette County in southeast Kansas.

Gradually lesser snowfall amounts were expected to the north and west. Freezing temperatures also promised to be a major problem, with forecasters predicting wind chills approaching 30 to 35 degrees below zero in northwest and north-central Kansas.

"We rarely see wind chills that cold," Barjenbruch said.

Such temperatures were a big issue for ranchers whose herds are calving, because they can kill a wet newborn if it's left unattended for too long. Also, cattle tend to burn more calories keeping warm in frigid weather - dropping weight even as some animals consume \$3 or \$4 worth of feed a day.

"The other thing when it is this cold, you find all the weaknesses in your machinery that you feed with," said Ken Grecian, a Palco rancher. "Things just don't work as well as they should when it's cold."

At Wichita Mid-Continent Airport, AirTran Airways canceled all

flights Tuesday between Wichita and Atlanta. United canceled two flights to Chicago on Tuesday and all of them for Wednesday.

To the south in Belle Plaine, truck driver Rick Stanley was looking over the movie collection at the M&M Grocery as strong winds outside were creating white-out conditions. He stayed home

along with his wife and three children, ages 3, 9 and 12.

"They are stuck in the house running in circles," Stanley said as he looked over the DVD selection. "We are trying to get them some movies to calm them down."

In Topeka, legislative leaders worried that blowing snow and snow-packed roads would make

it difficult for some members to get to the Statehouse, particularly those from outside the capital but not far enough away to prompt them to rent homes, apartments or hotel rooms for the annual session. Also, lawmakers are scheduled to remain in session only 90 days, so that any wasted ones are likely to mean more work hours later.

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