

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. West wind around 15 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48. Northwest wind around 15 mph.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 36.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 14.
Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a high near 23.
Monday Night: Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 8.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 26.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 31.
Wednesday: High, 12; Low -10
Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
Month: 0.04 inches
Year: 0.26 inches
Normal: 0.45 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:49 a.m. 6:08 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Ambulance service looking for a home

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name was given as an example because he is a trained emergency medical technician who volunteered on the ambulance crew from 2002 to 2007 before he was promoted to assistant fire chief. Hankin said three other members of the fire department are emergency medical technicians who have volunteered to work on the ambulances, but he wasn't sure how active they were at the moment. The assistant fire chief said he didn't see the feasibility of the plan, but stranger things have happened. He said he thought other real estate was available that could house the ambulances, but he didn't want to give any specifics.

Councilman Tim Hutfles said the conversation sounded like a city versus county thing. "We are a community," Hutfles said. "We're shrinking. We've got to work together."

Councilman Omar Weber said he was concerned that it isn't feasible to have both departments at the fire station.

"I want to know if system is going to work before we talk about if this is profitable and affordable," he said.

The discussion ended with councilmen Dave Voss, Beringer, Weber, McLemore, Steele and City Manager Carolyn Armstrong agreeing to get together to further discuss the issue.

Intense cold weather follows winter storm

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The Kansas Department of Transportation reported all state highways reopened by Wednesday night. Some had been closed since the storm began pelting northern sections Monday with icy rain.

Other signs of a slow return to near-normal life included Gov. Sam Brownback's order to reopen all state offices in the Topeka area Thursday, and a decision by the Legislature to convene after two days off.

Classes were resuming Thursday at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The university said crews would work through the night clearing streets, sidewalks and parking lots on the campus.

But many institutions and school districts were staying closed Thursday, principally because of the cold but also hazardous conditions from snow and ice.

Kansas' second reported storm-related death occurred around 5 a.m. Wednesday in Wichita when a car driven by a 50-year-old woman on her way to work got stuck in snow at a railroad crossing. Authorities said Sandra K. Joslin was unable to get out of the car and died when it was hit by a train.

On Monday, a woman was killed in Smith County when her vehicle rolled on an icy road.

More than a foot of snow fell Tuesday in some parts of the state, with southeast Kansas hit the hardest, according to the National Weather Service. Nine inches of snow were reported in Topeka, though some residents swore it was more, and 5 inches fell at Wichita's airport.

The storm was part of a system more than 2,000 miles long that barreled through the nation's midsection on its way to the Northeast, dropping historic amounts of snow in places.

But Kansas was largely spared the winds and ice that brought down power lines and knocked out power to tens of thousands of people in other states.

Westar Energy Inc., the state's largest electric company, reported about 250 customers without power Tuesday, most in northeast Kansas, but the outages were down to only a handful of customers by Wednesday evening.

"It could have been much, much worse," Tafaneli said. "If we were you in Oklahoma or Missouri and now into Illinois, they certainly took much more of the brunt of the storm."

Brewster nurse given award

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nurse practitioner. "Dr. Sanders opened up her home to me where I stayed rent-free for a year while I went back to school to get my nurse practitioner certificate," she said. "It was because of her encouragement that I went back to school. I was really fortunate to receive the Dane Hansen Foundation scholarship."

It was a busy time for Jorgensen, as her daughter Sarah was in high school. Many times, she'd go to Sarah's athletic events with her home work under her arm so she could study.

Jorgensen said she began her new career as a nurse practitioner in 1994 with Rural Health Ventures in Goodland. The hospital took over the clinic and today she works at the Goodland Family Health Center Clinic located in the hospital. She spent 10 years working at a satellite clinic in Sharon Springs one or two days a week and also spent some time working at a clinic in Bird City. She also spends one evening a month working at the family planning clinic at the Sherman County Health Department. She has worked in Goodland's medical community for 43 years.

Jorgensen said she was surprised to get the award, and is really pleased, because there are so many nominees from the eastern part of the state, she had no hopes of getting it.

The prestigious award is given annually to a

dedicated nurse practitioner in each state who demonstrates excellence in their area of practice.

As if being a health professional isn't enough to keep her busy, Jorgensen and her husband Darrell have opened their home to Pet'a "Angie" Matusova, a Slovakian exchange student and a junior at Brewster High School.

Darrell is a custom harvester. They are the parents of David, a deputy sheriff in Douglas County, Colo.; Daniel, who works the family farm in Brewster; and Sarah, an emergency room nurse in Denver. They have five grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

Jorgensen said with her award comes an all-expense-paid trip to Las Vegas from June 21 to 26 to attend the national meeting of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, a year's free membership in the organization and her continuing education for the year will be paid for.

She said that the trip will be during harvest time, and if her husband isn't able to go with her to Vegas, she'll take her sister, Vonita Holub from McDonald.

Jorgensen said the favorite part of her job is seeing patients.

"They are all just like family to me," she said, "and they all deserve their own special treatment."



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Board to see third hopeful in Friday interview

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services, and he became associate dean for the Fayette Campus in 2000. Like East Mississippi, Bevill State has several campuses. Vacik became the college-wide associate dean for applied technology in 2003. Before that, he was a graduate research assistant in the higher education department at the University of Alabama. Vacik holds a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama, which he earned in 1997. According to his resumé, his dissertation covered development and growth of academic department chairs from 1870 to 1925. He also holds a master's degree in history and a bachelor's degree in English, both from the University of Alabama.

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