

## Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 29. South wind around 10 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 24. Blustery, with a north wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.  
**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 60.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.  
  
 Wednesday: High, 44; Low 16  
 Precip: Wed. None  
 Month: .44 inches  
 Year: .87 inches  
 Normal: 2.11 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Friday 7:02 a.m. 6:47 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Commissioners OK new repeater for Colby tower

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They also approved insuring warning sirens at a cost of \$27 each for 12 towers. A \$500 deductible policy will be in effect as soon as it is in the mail back to the Kansas Counties Association Pool, a self-insured group of counties in the state. The towers are insured for full replacement cost with no premium due until 2012 because they will be added to the insurance schedule already in place.

McMahan asked permission to donate a replaced radio console to the Goodland Weather Station. The console would give them radio communications with emergency managers in the area during storms. The commissioners approved the donation.

The Local Environmental Protection Planning Director Shirley Weber and field technician Steve Skubal gave the commissioners an overview of plans to keep the office open for as long as possible. They said the certification rates to inspectors and installers of septic systems have been raised, and inspection fees to homeowners have been raised. They are also asking commissioners in the 16-county area to add \$2,000 each to help keep the office open that does septic layouts, inspections, water testing, and other environmental testing and procedures that fit into the counties' sanitation codes. Sanitation codes are state mandated.

"The state law says if a county chooses to opt out of the 16-county group and chooses to not follow environmental and sanitary codes, it will all come back on the county's commissioners," Weber said. "Counties have until the end of March to make up their mind."

"It looks like the new governor is playing fast and loose with our water quality," said Commissioner Paul Steele.

Commissioner Byron Sowers said he hoped the other counties would see the need to keep the program going, and would participate in keeping the group in place.

Larry Jumper, supervisor of the county's landfill, told commissioners he is needing a new loader, and would not trade in anything he has been using in the past. He said his budget can handle the new purchase which he anticipates will

allow the new pit to be finished by end of this year.

"The county can afford this right now," he said, "and I am only wanting a midrange size. I would like to pay off the older one a year early and avoid paying that much more interest."

Jumper said he can put \$50,000 down and he'd have around \$76,000 left in his budget.

"We average 37.6 tons of waste per day, counting all waste categories," he said. "We have the funds now and who knows what the price will be by next year," he added. He will work up specs for a bid.

Acting County Attorney, Margaret Mahoney brought a letter to the commissioners she had drafted to the land owner who was disputing the location of County Road Z in Rovohl township.

The letter basically said she had researched the facts and found that the road has been in place at least as early as 1985 and perhaps long before that. The road in question has been maintained in the same place that it is currently located and adverse possession - or an easement by prescription - is created after the road has been there for 15 years.

"As such, the road in question will remain where it currently is and where it has been located for over 25 years," she said, "and it will be maintained in that location until the board of county commissioners determines otherwise."

Mahoney added that unless the land owner has facts or matters the county should know about, to advise her within 10 days, and that otherwise the county will assume the matter is resolved.

In other business the commissioners:

- Accepted the lease-purchase agreement with First Bank of Sterling for the sand screener the county contracted for from Berry Tractor of Garden City

- Approved purchase of a corporate table for eight at the Colby/Thomas Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 16

- Accepted the resignation of West Hale Township Treasurer Brian Eicher and appointed Willard Crumrine as his replacement

- Approved the appointment of Alicia Siruta of Levant as clerk of East Hale Township

# Rural development expert to speak at college on April 4

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about rural development, community policing and crime control. Carr was one of the presenters at the second annual Rural School and Community Development Conference held at Northwest Tech in October in Goodland.

"Hollowing Out the Middle - The Rural Brain Drain and What it Means for America" is the product of Carr's research with his co-author Maria Kefalas. In 2001, with money from the MacArthur Foundation, Carr and Kefalas traveled to Iowa to understand the exodus of young people from America's countryside.

The sociologists moved to "Ellis," a small town of 2,000 in Iowa. Ellis is a pseudonym used to protect the community and its residents' privacy. It is typical of many small towns struggling to survive, and Iowa is typical of many states in the Heartland that are aging rapidly. According to Carr, one reason is many small towns simply aren't regenerating and their educated young people are leaving in droves.

In Ellis, Carr and Kefalas identified the working-class "stayers," struggling in the region's dying agro-industrial economy; the high-achieving and college-bound "achievers," who often left for good; the "seekers" who head off to war to see

what the world beyond offers; and the "returners," who eventually circled back to their hometowns. Carr said what surprised them most was adults in the community were playing a pivotal part in the town's decline by pushing the best and brightest young people to leave and by under-investing in those who choose to stay, even though these young people are their best chance for a future.

The co-authors concluded the emptying out of small towns is a national concern, but there are strategies for arresting the process and creating sustainable, thriving communities. They believe "Hollowing Out the Middle" is a wake-up call because 60 million Americans still live in rural communities and small towns, and because our nation's economic health and future is tied to the Heartland.

"The time we spent living in Iowa brought home to us the fragility of places that on the surface appear prosperous," said Carr. "One patch of bad luck - a shuttered factory or the realization there aren't enough children to keep a local school open - can bring a community to its knees. We have seen firsthand the herculean efforts some small towns make to survive and the ferocious love that inhabitants feel for their dot on the map."

For information about the lecture series contact Linda Davis-Stephens at 460-5528.

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### Saturday Evening March 12, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Rascal Flatts		Secret Millionaire		Local			
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		48 Hours Mystery		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Law-Order L.A.		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		Fringe	Fame	Local	
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Bad Boys				Bad Boys					
ANIM	Must Love Cats		Pit Boss XL		Pit Boss XL		Pit Boss XL		Pit Boss XL	
BRAVO	The Green Mile				The Green Mile					
CMT	Son-in-Law		The Ron White's Celebrity		Ron White: Fix		The Ron White's Celebrity			
CNN	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Superhero Movie		40-Year-Old Vir				Norm Macdonald		C.K.: Hilarious	
DISC	Cops & Coyotes		Cops & Coyotes		Texas Drug Wars		Cops & Coyotes		Cops & Coyotes	
DISN	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Shake It
E!	Knocked Up				After Lat		The Soup	Chelsea	Sex and t	Sex and t
ESPN	College GameDay		College Basketball				SportsCenter		Basketball Final	
ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball				NHRA Drag Racing	
FAM	Aladdin				Matilda				Liar Liar	
FOOD	Throwdown-Bobby Flay		Bobby's Ireland		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Bobby's Ireland	
FX	Mummy: Dragon Emp.		Two Men Two Men		Two Men Two Men		Archer		Mummy: Dragon Emp.	
HGTV	Genevieve  Cash & Ca		Secrets	Antonio	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Secrets	Antonio

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	Intimate Stranger		He Loves Me				Coming Home		One Born Ev.	
MTV	Legally Blonde				Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Skins	
NICK	Best Player				Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Total Recall		Battle of Los				Mutant Chronicles			
SPIKE	Band of Brothers		Band of Brothers				Band of Brothers			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Wedding Crashers				The Love Guru			
TCM	Love Me Tonight				The Gay Desperado					
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.
TNT	Journey-Center				Gladiator					
TOON	Zathura		King/Hill	King/Hill	God Devil	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Venture	Bleach	Kekkaishi
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS	Nat'l Treasure			NCIS		NCIS		Character Approved	
VH1	SNL	Saturday Night Live		Behind the Music			Behind the Music		New Jack City	
WGN	NBA Basketball				News/Nine	Scrub	How I Met	South Pk	South Pk	
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	MacGruber		Runnin' Rebels		Boxing				UNLV	
MAX	Ghosts-Girlfrnd				Get Him to the Greek			Life-Top	Zane 2	
SHOW	Shameless		The Ghost Writer					Punisher: War Zone		

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### Sunday Evening March 13, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Secret Millionaire		Desperate Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race		Undercover Boss		CSI: Miami		Local			
KSNK/NBC	America's		Celebrity Apprentice				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Terminator 2				Eraser					
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Taking on Tyson		Taking on Tyson		Taking on Tyson		Taking on Tyson	
BRAVO	Bethenny Ever After		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Happens	Housewives/OC	Happens	
CMT	Wedding	Ron White: Fix		The Ron White's Celebrity			Welcome to Mooseport			
CNN	Murder in Mexico		Piers Morgan Tonight		Newsroom		Murder in Mexico		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	40-Year-Old Vir		Disaster Movie				Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama
DISC	Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska	
DISN	Good Luck Wizards		Shake It	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Holly's W	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Holly's W	After Lat	Chelsea	Kourtney	Holly's W
ESPN	Bracketology		The Fab Five				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing		College GameNight				The Fab Five			
FAM	BH Chihuahua		Beverly Hills				Funniest Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Challenge		Chopped All-Stars		Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Chopped All-Stars	
FX	Kung Fu Panda		Madagascar 2				Lights Out		Taxi	
HGTV	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection	
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Larry the Cable Guy		Underwater Universe		Ax Men	
LIFE	He Loves Me		Army Wives		Coming Home		Army Wives		Coming Home	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		The Real World		Skins		True Life	
NICK	Best Player		News	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	The Core						Earthstorm			
SPIKE	Star Wars	Star Wars V							Bangkok Dangerous	
TBS	Hitch		Hitch							
TCM	Joan of Arc				Saint Joan				Passion	
TLC	Sister Wives Special		Sister Wives		Hoard-Buried		Sister Wives		Hoard-Buried	
TNT	Jurassic Park		Jurassic Park						Leverage	
TOON	Justice	Star Wars	Baby Blue	Oblongs	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens Hospital		
TRAV	When Vacations		The Wild Within		The Wild Within		When Vacations		The Wild Within	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar	
VH1	Basketball Wives		Shocking Breakups				Basketball Wives		Shocking Breakups	
WGN	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk		Monk	
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Catch Me	Big Love	Big Love		Big Love		Robin Hood			
MAX	Get Him to the Greek				Code of Silence					
SHOW	Shameless		Californ.	Californ.	Shameless		Shameless		Californ.	Sorority

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## Bird causes power outage

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A raven to blame for an hour-long power outage Sunday afternoon in much of downtown Anchorage won't ever darken Alaska's largest city again.

Municipal Light and Power workers found its carcass at a switchyard where its wings shorted out electrical lines.

The Anchorage Daily News reports the mishap brought down three substations serving about a third of downtown.



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