

## Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** A 50 percent chance of rain after 1 a.m. Areas of fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Breezy, with an east wind between 15 and 20 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m. Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 53. East wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 27. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Sunday:** A chance of rain and snow showers. Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Breezy, with an east wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Sunday Night:** A slight chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Monday:** A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Monday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 27.

**Wednesday:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Wednesday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 52.

Thursday: High, 50; Low 17  
 Precip: Thursday None  
 Month: 0.44 inches  
 Year: 0.87 inches  
 Normal: 2.11 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 7:38 a.m. 8:02 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:37 a.m. 8:03 p.m.  
 Monday 7:35 a.m. 8:04 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

## Expect delays on area roads

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Both projects on U.S. 83 will get centerline rumble strips, Brands said. The wide pavement also gets side rumble strips. That should complete repaving the entire road from Colby to Oberlin.

Last summer, crews finished two jobs covering U.S. 24 from Colby to the Nine-Mile junction and U.S. 83 from there to Rexford with new pavement, including rumble strips.

Other jobs in Decatur County this summer will extend the work:

- Oberlin to the Nebraska line on U.S. 83. Blevins Asphalt of Missouri will apply a conventional asphalt seal, covered with rock chips, for \$355,000, to preserve the surface.

- Decatur County line to Jennings on K-383. Hi-Plains Sand will do a conventional chip seal on this stretch for \$380,259.

- K-9 and K-123, Dresden to K-23 and from K-123 east to the county line: Venture will mill off 1 inch

of pavement and apply a 2-inch overlay under a \$1.6 million contract.

Mr. Stewart said the work list is long, partly because the department has more money this year, and because jobs bid last fall came in under estimates. That allowed the agency to move up some jobs scheduled for next summer. The stretch of U.S. 83 north of the Selden Junction is one of those, he said.

"That leftover money allowed us to bid some more jobs this spring," he said, "and this is one of them."

"Last year, we were down. Prices were up and funding had been cut. This year, we're back to a kind of normal year."

He said he isn't sure yet when all the work will start, except for the Rexford-Selden-Leoville stretch this week. With a busy calendar, he said, the area engineers are having a time scheduling everything.

For questions on the Sheridan County job, contact Area 4 Engineer Robert Weiss in Oakley at (785) 672-3113 or robertw@ksdot.org, or Mrs. Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org.

## Japanese government suspects breach in reactor

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The Associated Press

TOKYO — Two weeks after an earthquake and tsunami triggered a crisis at a nuclear plant, the facility is still not under control, and the government said Friday there is a suspected breach at a reactor. That means radioactive contamination at the plant is more serious than once thought.

Japanese leaders defended their decision not to evacuate people from a wider area around the plant, insisting they are safe if they stay indoors. But officials also said residents may want to voluntarily move to areas with better facilities, since supplies in the tsunami-devastated region are running short.

The escalation in the nuclear plant crisis came as the death toll from the quake and tsunami passed the grim milestone of 10,000 on Friday. Across the battered northeast coast, hundreds of thousands of people whose homes were destroyed still have no power, no hot meals and, in many cases, no showers for 14 days.

The uncertain nuclear situation halted work at the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex, where authorities have been scrambling to stop the overheated facility from leaking dangerous radiation. Low levels of radiation have been seeping out since the March 11 quake and tsunami knocked out the plant's cooling system, but a breach could mean a much larger release of contaminants. The most likely consequence would be contamination of the groundwater.

"The situation today at the Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant is still very grave and serious. We must remain vigilant," a somber Prime Minister Naoto Kan said. "We are not in a position where we can be optimistic. We must treat every development with the utmost care."

The possible breach in the plant's Unit 3 might be a crack or a hole in the stainless steel chamber of the reactor core or in the

spent fuel pool that's lined with several feet of reinforced concrete. The temperature and pressure inside the core, which holds the fuel rods, remained stable and was far lower than what would further melt the core.

Suspicions of a possible breach were raised when two workers suffered skin burns after wading into water 10,000 times more radioactive than levels normally found in water in or around a reactor, the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency said.

Water with equally high radiation levels was found in the Unit 1 reactor building, Tokyo Electric officials said. Water was also discovered in Units 2 and 4, and the company said it suspects that, too, is radioactive. It was not clear whether the water in each unit came from the same source, officials said, but acknowledged the discovery would delay work inside the plant.

Friday marked two weeks to the day since the magnitude-9.0 quake triggered a tsunami that flattened cities along the northeastern coast. With the cleanup and recovery operations continuing and more than 17,400 listed as missing, the final number of dead was expected to surpass 18,000.

Kan apologized to farmers and business owners for the toll the radiation has had on their livelihoods: Several countries have halted some food imports from areas near the plant after elevated levels of radiation were found in raw milk, seawater and 11 kinds of vegetables, including broccoli, cauliflower and turnips.

He also thanked utility workers, firefighters and military personnel for "risking their lives" to cool the overheated facility.

The nuclear crisis has compounded the challenges faced by a nation already saddled with a humanitarian disaster. Much of the frigid northeast remains a scene of despair and devastation, with Japan struggling to feed and house hundreds of thousands of homeless survivors, clear away debris and bury the dead.

## Candidates speak at library forum

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I saw what they have there and what we have here," he said. "I didn't know how good we have it."

Voss said he felt it was his turn to give back to the community. He spoke about his family, including his grown children who, he said, wouldn't be able to find jobs here.

"We need to ensure that Colby is a place that our children can come back to," he said.

Collins spoke about his background as a businessman. He said he had found a way to stay in Colby and make a living because the city is his home and there were plenty of opportunities here, even with a smaller population base. He said he built trust with his clients.

"They knew me, they knew I was there to support them," he said.

Colby has a lot of good things going for it, he said, and it needs to keep moving forward.

"It's still like I'm in a dream," said Tomohiko Abe, a 45-year-old machinist who was in the devastated coastal town of Onagawa trying to salvage any belongings he could from his ruined car. "People say it's like a movie, but it's been worse than any movie I've ever seen."

Officials have evacuated residents within 12 miles (20 kilometers) of the plant and advised those up to 19 miles (30 kilometers) away to stay indoors to minimize exposure. The U.S. has

recommended that people stay 50 miles (80 kilometers) away from the plant.

Government spokesman Yukio Edano insisted that people living 12 to 20 miles (20 to 30 kilometers) from the plant should still be safe from radiation as long as they stay indoors. But since supplies are not being delivered to the area fast enough, he said it may be better for residents to voluntarily evacuate to better facilities.

"If the current situation is protracted and worsens, then we will

not deny the possibility of (mandatory) evacuation," he said.

Edano said the government "will continue to revisit this and as we have done so, we will provide whatever advice as necessary. Safety is the priority."

NISA spokesman Hidehiko Nishiyama said later that plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. was issued a "very strong warning" for safety violations and that a thorough review would be conducted once the situation stabilizes.

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Monday Evening		March 28, 2011									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met   Mad Love	Two Men   Mike			Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	All Together Now	The Event			Harry's Law		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	House	The Chicago Code			Local						
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Intervention	Intervention			Heavy		Heavy		Intervention		
AMC	GoodFellas							GoodFellas			
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	River Monsters				I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive			
BRAVO	Bethenny Ever After	Housewives/OC	Bethenny Ever After				Bethenny Ever After	Housewives/OC			
CMT	Shut Up and Sing						The Singing Bee	Cribs			
CNN	In the Arena	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360					Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Hot Rod	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Ralphie May			
DISC	Monsters in Alaska	Deadliest Catch	Alaska: Most Extreme				Monsters in Alaska	Deadliest Catch			
DISN	The Suite Life Movie	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah		
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Kourtney	Kourtney	After Lat	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	Wm. Basketball	Wm. Basketball					SportsCenter	Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	HS Basketball	NBA Coast to Coast					Elite 24	NASCAR Now			
FAM	Secret-Teen	Make It or Break It	Secret-Teen				The 700 Club	My Wife	My Wife		
FOOD	Unwrapped	Candy	Diners	Diners	Meat	The Best	Ice Briga	Good Eats	Diners	Diners	
FX	XXX: Union						XXX: Union				
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	First	First	House	Hunters	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Bridget Jones	Dave						How I Met	Chris	How I Met	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore	RJ Berger	RJ Berger	Special	RJ Berger	RJ Berger	The Real World			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Being Human	Being Human	Stargate Universe				Being Human	Stargate Universe			
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	The Punisher					Jail	UFC Fight Night			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		The House Bunny			
TCM	Annie Hall						In Which We Serve				
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	19 Kids	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	
TNT	Bones	Bones	The Closer				HawthoRNe	CSI: NY			
TOON	Adventure   Regular	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation				No Reservation	No Reservation			
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	4 Weddings				Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW					Law & Order: SVU	Chaos			
VH1	Wedding Wars	Wedding Wars	Fabulous	Hip Hop	Wedding Wars		Fabulous	Hip Hop			
WGN	Chris	Chris	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk			
<b>Premium Channels</b>											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	Robin Hood					Gervais	Boxing			
MAX	Deadly Im	Cocktail			Green Zone			Co-Ed Confidential			
SHOW	Californ.	Californ.	Shameless		Nurse	Tara	Nurse	Tara	Shameless		