

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10 p.m., then a slight chance of showers between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Cloudy, then gradual clearing toward daybreak, with a low around 38. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Monday: High, 59; Low 32
 Tuesday: High, 74; Low 39
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday None
 Month: None
 Year: 2.88 inches
 Normal: 7.21 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:41 a.m. 8:41 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Council approves stage renovations

From "STAGE," Page 1

which could be used to demolish the old pool.

The council also debated the flooring for the stage. The bid from Armstrong Flooring is for hardwood. Voss said he was concerned that water could seep down into the joints between the wood planks.

Armstrong called in Kerry Turner of Northwest Decorating, who said the type of wood that Armstrong Flooring would provide is engineered for heavy use. It could be impacted by a flood, he said, but so would any other floor. "This is the best thing in a wood product," he said.

The council could go with another surface like vinyl, he said, and while it might be initially cheaper, it might see more wear and tear from the bleachers.

Recreation Director Stacey Lee said a lot of the damage to the current floor has been caused by the old bleachers. Turner said he also looked at what the new bleachers will be and there will be a lot less wear and tear, especially on hardwood. The floor was more likely to be damaged by high-heeled shoes, he said, which put a lot of pressure on a very small area. The wood planks could be replaced without tearing up the whole floor, he said, and the acoustics are better.

Armstrong said the council could table the discussion, but if they didn't order the bleachers soon, it could delay the project for a year. In the end, the council voted to approve the hardwood floor.

The council also voted 4-3-1 to buy new bleachers from Mid-States School Equipment of Lee's Summit, Mo., for \$46,835.

This time, Weber, Taylor, Mallory and Beringer voted in favor while Voss, Hutfles and Schmidt voted no.

The city received another bid from Heartland Seating in Shawnee for \$45,042. The Mid-States bid was for 24-inch spacing between the seats while Heartland's was for 22 inches. Adrian said the Colby High School Booster Club went with 24-inch bleachers when they remodeled Dennen Field and they turned out to be more comfortable to sit in and easier to get in and out of.

The new bleachers will have the same footprint, but will seat fewer people due to handicapped access. They will also have safety railings at the ends.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a preliminary plat for the Cooper First Addition. James Meis, a surveyor with Advanced Land Surveying in Hays, provided maps of the proposed construction, which will include 11 new commercial and industrial lots east of Country Club Drive and south of College Drive. Meis said the project will extend Sunflower Avenue to the south and make a new street going east-west. There will be four commercial lots and seven industrial and the develop-

ment will be 50.4 acres total.

Armstrong said she sent the plat to Penco Engineering to see if there are any drainage issues onto Country Club, which already has areas that gather standing water. Building Official Rick Dickman said he had heard back from Penco that there shouldn't be any problems. Meis said each lot owner would be responsible for water retention.

The council approved the preliminary plat. The final plat will go before the planning commission

- Decided not to purchase insurance for generators, equipment and substations at the power plant. Beringer said he didn't think the insurance was worth it at a time when the city is trying to spend less.

Armstrong said she did not want to make a decision on insurance without consulting the council, and if the council's consensus was no, then the city would not buy the insurance.

- Approved Stock Realty to list the Embark property at \$175,000. The city had received two proposals, one from Stock Realty and one from HomeLand Realty. The HomeLand estimated the property value at \$135,000. The proceeds of the sale will go to the state to satisfy the mortgage.

- Read a resolution recognizing former councilman Jim Brown for his service. Brown had served on the council since 2003 and did not run for re-election in April.

- Heard from Colby Swim Club leader Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, who requested that the swim club be allowed to start practicing at the new pool as quickly as possible. Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer said Goodland beat Colby at last year's league meet, and the Colby team has been anxious to get in the water this season.

Armstrong said she told the new pool managers to work with the swim club to find good practice times. Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer said she also wanted to find good times for the little kid swimmers, who couldn't swim early in the morning or late in the evening.

Armstrong said the pool is going to be finished on Thursday, May 26, and open Friday, May 27. Once the pool is open for several weeks and the staff has an idea what it is going to take to maintain the pool, she said, they can work out practice times.

Dozens of issues to resolve at capitol

From "BUDGET," Page 1

"We're going to get in at least another couple of rounds tomorrow, and hopefully, we're going to be very, very close," said Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn, a Sedgwick Republican and her chamber's lead negotiator.

But House Appropriations Committee Chairman Marc Rhoades, a Newton Republican, said spending may become tangled with other issues. House Republicans also have a long list of initiatives that have faltered in the Senate, including tax cuts and restrictions on strip clubs, sex shops and other such businesses.

"If there are some policy issues we want the Senate to come to the table on, we'll probably have to hold out a little bit longer," said Rhoades, his chamber's lead negotiator.

But House Republican negotiators backed away from their chamber's endorsement of GOP Gov. Sam Brownback's plan to eliminate the Kansas Arts Commission as a state agency. Brownback wants to replace the commission with a nonprofit foundation relying largely on private funds to support artists and local arts councils.

The Senate rejected Brownback's plan and included \$689,000 in the next budget for the commission, a 14 percent cut from its current budget. The budget negotiators agreed to go with the Senate's position.

Arts advocates and groups are lobbying hard against Brownback's proposals, and they persuaded the Senate to kill an order from the governor abolishing the commission July 1.

"I think it's important to a lot of citizens across the state of Kansas," McGinn said.

Supporters of Brownback's plan argue that the state has to rethink even popular programs during difficult times and should eliminate the extra costs from having a government "middleman" between donors and artists and arts programs. Critics say Brownback's plan would cost Kansas up to \$1.2 million in federal funds – something he disputes.

The private foundation already has formed, and many legislators expect Brownback to use his power as governor to veto individual spending items to strike the commission's funding from the budget. He hasn't made that promise publicly, but such an action would accomplish his goal and shut down the commission.

"In some ways, you can say the governor is going to have his pen out, but you can say that about every line," Rhoades said.

The Statehouse renovation has been a target of criticism from many Kansans because of its rising costs. The work began in 2001 and won't be finished until 2013, and lawmakers already have authorized \$285 million in bonds.

The Senate approved another \$55 million in bonds to bring the project's total cost to \$340 million. House members didn't consider any new bonds.

On Tuesday, Senate negotiators proposed \$34 million in new bonds – enough to cover the replacement of aging copper in the Statehouse's still-leaky roof and dome and to complete finish construction already under way in the north wing. They'd sacrifice financing for landscaping and a basement visitor's center.

House negotiators were receptive. Rhoades described fixing the roof and dome as "a no-brainer."

The budget negotiators also agreed to trim six days from the Legislature's session next year, decreasing it to 84 days, adopting a proposal from the House to save \$327,000.

Mallard nests at an Ohio supermarket

MEDINA, Ohio (AP) – The eggs may not be fresh, but they are drawing attention at an Ohio supermarket.

A female mallard duck is nesting atop bags of mulch at a Giant Eagle store in Medina in northeast Ohio. A small sign advises shoppers to beware of the bird and grab their mulch from another pile at the store entrance.

The Akron Beacon Journal reports the duck is sitting on at least 10 eggs in a nest assembled on top of an 8-foot stack of bags. Store officials think she laid the eggs a couple of weeks ago.

A store spokeswoman told the newspaper two male mallards were seen in the parking lot earlier this spring.

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Terrence Howard, actor/musician

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Thursday Evening May 5, 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	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Office	Office	Parks	30 Rock	Outsource	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Bones		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	The First 48	
AMC	Welcome to Mooseport				The Killing			True Lies		
ANIM	Fatal Attractions	Confessions			Confessions		Fatal Attractions	Confessions		
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC	Housewives/NYC			Housewives/NYC		Happens	Housewives/NYC	Happens	
CMT	Extreme Makeover	Swing Vote								
CNN	In the Arena	Piers Morgan Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Deadliest Catch		River Monsters		Hogs Gone Wild		Deadliest Catch		River Monsters	
DISN	The Suite Life Movie		Deck		Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Hollywood Tragedies				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	College Volleyball	NFL Live	Baseball Tonight				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Grease	Hairspray					The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	Iron Chef America	America's Best	America's Best	24 Hour Rest. Battle			Chopped		America's Best	
FX	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Wild	Wild	Wild	Wild	Dark City			
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	Million Dollar Rooms		House	Hunters	Selling	Selling
HIST	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Mounted	Mounted		Sold!	Pickers	Swamp People	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris
MTV	The Real World	America's Best Dance	America's Best Dance		America's Best Dance		Son, Gun	America's Best Dance	Son, Gun	
NICK	My Wife My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez		The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next	
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	TNA Wrestling				Auction	Repo	MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Fool's Gold				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Bathing Beauty				Thrill of a Romance				Easy to Wed	
TLC	Police Women	Police Women			Pawn	Pawn	Police Women		Pawn	Pawn
TNT	Body of Lies				Body of Lies					
TOON	Regular MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.
USA	NCIS		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Saturday Night Live	40 Funniest Fails					Mob Wives		Audrina	Music
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Tooth F	Precious Life			Treme		K. Morgan	Real Sex	Lottery Ticket	
MAX	Whip It				Independence Day					Hangover
SHOW	Furry	The War Boys			Nurse	Call Girl	Gigolos	Call Girl	Gigolos	Cocaine C

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Friday Evening May 6, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Flashpoint		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Friday Night Lights		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds	
AMC	88 Minutes				Hills-Eyes 2				Hills-Eyes 2	
ANIM	I'm Alive		Killer Outbreaks		The Haunted		Killer Outbreaks		The Haunted	
BRAVO	A Few Good Men				Frost/Nixon				Frost	
CMT	The Singing Bee		CMT's Next Superstar		Greatest Series				The Singing Bee	
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Comedy	Katt Williams		American Loggers		Comedy	South Pk
DISC	American Loggers		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		American Loggers		Dual Survival	
DISN	Deck	ANT Farm	Deck	Deck	Suite Life on Deck		Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	True Hollywood Story		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing				Boxing				MMA Live	Baseball
FAM	Freaky	The Princess Diaries					The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Food	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners
FX	Changeling						Black Mask			
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
American Profile										
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HIST	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Inspector America		American Pickers	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris
MTV	America's Best Dance		16 and Pregnant		Uptown Girls				The Real World	
NICK	Victoriou	Victoriou	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Urban	Legends	Stargate Universe		Urban	Legends
SPIKE	Star Wars-Phantom		Star Wars Ep 2							The Scorp
TBS	Witch Mount				Drillbit Taylor				Jungle 2 Jungle	
TCM	Kiss Me Deadly				My Gun Is Quick					
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Generator	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	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny		The Nanny	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		CSI: Crime Scene		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Hip Hop	Hip Hop	Hip Hop	Hip Hop	ATL				Mob Wives	
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Cinema Verite				Brides	Real Time/Bill Maher	Real Time/Bill Maher		A Perfect Getaway	
MAX	Orphan				Basic					
SHOW	The Hurt Locker				Fight Camp 360		Gigolos	Call		