

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. North wind around 15 mph becoming east.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Monday Day: Sunny and windy, with a high near 84.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 90.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 93.

Thursday: High, 70; Low 45
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 2.32 inches
Year: 5.20 inches
Normal: 7.21 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:21 a.m. 9:02 p.m.
Sunday 6:21 a.m. 9:03 p.m.
Monday 6:20 a.m. 9:04 p.m.
Tuesday 6:20 a.m. 9:04 p.m.
Wednesday 6:19 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
New Moon 4:02 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

State fumbles aid to damaged towns

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withstand future storms.

Lowry said electric cooperatives take advantage of spring and summer weather to rebuild power systems, including transmission lines and utility poles.

There's still more work to be done. It's a multiyear process," he said. "Right after the storm you patch things up to restore service. Some of the facilities are badly damaged and have to be replaced."

The process for declaring a disaster and beginning the flow of assistance comes from the governor, who makes the formal request from the federal government. An assessment is conducted to determine the extent of damages and what would qualify for repayment.

On average, the state makes about \$7 million in disaster payments each year for previous storms. Officials say Kansas is one of those states that is prone to disasters, located in a region that is hit by severe winter storms, flooding and tornadoes. It is common for Kansas to experience one or more of these storms in the same day or week.

To make the payments, the state will have to convene the state finance council, which includes Brownback, legislative leaders and heads of the House and Senate budget committees. The council

has the authority to allocate funds when the Legislature isn't in session. Brownback is expected to sign the 2012 budget, which takes effect July 1, in the coming days.

Emler said one idea for creating a disaster fund would be to add a nickel to the fee charged on telecommunication services to support the statewide 911 system. The extra charge would generate between \$2 million and \$2.5 million annually.

"At least we would get something in, and people would know that it's going to the disasters that we have had and would have," he said.

An alternative would be for the state to say that the entire 25 percent in matching funds would have to come from local units of government and nonprofits eligible for FEMA assistance. Emler said that would alleviate the problems with shortfalls in state matching funds, but it is a significant change in state policy.

"If we don't come up with the money, it all drops down to the locals," he said.

Tafanelli said other states, such as those prone to hurricanes, put a fee on insurance premiums to cover disaster payments and not use general tax dollars.

"We have enough disasters in Kansas that we should really address establishing a fund we can rely on without going to the Legislature," he said.

It's the Hillbilly Backyard BBQ Contest!

In conjunction with the Tri-County Cruisers Car Show at Annie Oakley Park.

June 11th, 2011

Check in time: 8 - 8:30 a.m.



4 classes to enter: hamburgers, hot dogs/brauts, chicken, and the hillbilly dress.

The hillbilly dress is a team competitions where you are judged on not only your cooking skills, but also your presentation. Anything "flies" dress the part of the hillbilly! Add music or whatever you can think of to win this category!

Cost: \$10 per category if registered before June 6th \$20 if registered after that date.

Judging starting at 2 p.m., payout going to the top 3 in each category.

Come out and show off your hillbilly cooking side!

For questions call Jodie at the Oakley Chamber at 785-672-4862.

Reading in good spirits despite damage from tornado

By The Emporia Gazette

READING (AP) - While the pain and suffering hasn't gone away, residents, family members and volunteers across Reading were in good spirits Tuesday while removing debris and cleaning up what's left of their homes.

Resiliency was one word often used. Uncertainty was another one.

While hopeful the town will bounce back from Saturday's EF3 tornado, there is also a fear it could turn into a ghost town.

The future of Reading depends on a lot of things. Having the elementary school re-open is one. That will happen, said Principal Peggy Fort.

Another is being able to get FEMA money. That is less certain.

"We still don't know," said Rick Frevert, Lyon County emergency management coordinator. A lot of people stopped to ask him that question Tuesday, hopeful that the uninsured damage hits the magic FEMA aid number.

Then there's the question of whether there are jobs to come back to.

Bill Hooper has lived in a house on First Street for 54 years. His livelihood and memories were violently and rudely tossed around by the tornado.

"It's a total loss," said his son, Eric. "Every room except two of them are gone. You see that big hole? That was two bedrooms and an attic."

Hooper's wife is postmaster at the damaged Reading Post Office.

"If her job is relocated, we will relocate too," Bill said.

Jessica Graybill and her daughter Ariel Brecheisen are going to be former Reading residents.

The house owned by Graybill's father, Bo Bahnmaier, is in bad condition. Bahnmaier already had the insurance adjuster take a look and they decided it was not fixable. He already had the insurance check Tuesday.

Graybill and Brecheisen decided to have some fun with their old home. They painted "Gone with the Wind" on one side and "Toto Ran Away" on the other.

"You have got to find humor even in disaster," Bahnmaier said.

Even with some groups unable to volunteer because of the threat of bad weather Tuesday, Reading was full of volunteers removing debris. Several groups were assigned various yards to clean. Other volunteers trimmed trees. Some prepared foods. All seemed happy to lend a hand.

Harley Yoder has been to many disasters as part of an Amish Mennonite relief group from Garnett. He was removing debris from a yard Tuesday.

"I've seen quite a few of these and this is one of the worst," he said.

Next door, Kevin Miller was one of 23 volunteers from the Lyndon Amish Mennonite Church.

The group was picking up bigger debris first, but also sprinkled in was personal items like an old Yankees' baseball card, a "Last of the Mohicans" VHS video and a Donald Duck hat.

"I really appreciate what I'm seeing out here," Miller said. "People are coming together far and wide to help this town regroup. This is a blessing."

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(Winner's name will be posted on Wed. \$50 must be redeemed prior to following Wed.)

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Monday Evening											May 30, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Extreme Makeover		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	Minute to Win It	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: LA		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late				
KSAS/FOX	House			Local									
Cable Channels													
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Criminal Minds				
AMC	Midway						Midway						
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		Finding Bigfoot		River Monsters				
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Platinum Hit		Housewives/NJ		Platinum Hit				
CMT	Ron White's Celebrity		Ron White's Celebrity				The Dukes of Hazzard		Smarter Smarter				
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	40-Year-Old Vir		Sunny Sunny		Sunny Sunny		Superhero Movie						
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Brothers Brothers		American Chopper		American Chopper				
DISN	Hannah Montana				Good Luck Shake It		Wizards Wizards		Hannah Hannah				
EI	Khloe Khloe		Khloe Khloe		Khloe Khloe		The Dance		Chelsea E Special		The Soup		Chelsea
ESPN	30 for 30		30 for 30		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter				NBA		
ESPN2	Strong Strong		Strong Strong		Strong Strong		Strongest Man		Baseball Tonight				
FAM	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		My Wife My Wife				
FOOD	Unwrapped Unwrapped		Diners Diners		Meat The Best		Cake Good Eats		Diners Diners				
FX	Two Men Two Men		Two Men Two Men		Two Men Two Men		Two Men Two Men		The Ruins				
HGTV	Hollywood at Home		House Hunters Beach		House Hunters Beach		House Hunters Beach		House Hunters Beach				
HIST	Pawn Pawn		Gettysburg				American American		Pawn Pawn				
LIFE	The Perfect Teacher				Vanished, Beth		How I Met How I Met		Chris Chris				
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		RJ Berger RJ Berger		RJ Berger RJ Berger		True Life				
NICK	My Wife My Wife		Chris Chris		Chris George George		The Nanny The Nanny		The Nanny The Nanny				
SCI	Underworld				Underworld: Ev				Ginger Snaps Back				
SPIKE	Star Wars Ep 2						Star Wars: Ep. III						
TBS	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		Conan		Lopez Tonight				
TCM	Best Yrs-Lives						Since You Went Away						
TLC	Cake Boss Cake Boss		Cake Boss		Surprise Homecoming		Cake Boss Cake Boss		Cake Boss				
TNT	Pregame NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA		CSI: NY				
TOON	Adventure MAD		King-Hill King-Hill		Amer. Dad Amer. Dad		Family Guy		Chicken Aqua Teen				
TRAV	Man, Food Man, Food		Man v. Food		Man, Food Man, Food		Man, Food Man, Food		Man v. Food				
TV LAND	M*A*S*H Farewell						M*A*S*H 30th						
USA	WWE Tough Enough		WWE Monday Night RAW				WWE Tough Enough		WWE Tough Enough				
VH1	Basketball Wives		Single Ladies				Basketball Wives		Single Ladies				
WGN	Chris		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs Scrubs		South Pk South Pk				
Premium Channels													
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Taking Chance				Too Big		Lady Gaga Presents				
MAX	The Blind Side				MacGruber				Busty Cops and the Jewel				
SHOW	Weeds Weeds		The Big C The Big C		The Back-up Plan								