

## Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Isolated thunderstorms before 10 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Thursday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Breezy, with a north wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and hot and breezy, with a high near 97.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

**Independence Day:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday: High, 82; Low 58  
 Tuesday: High, 84; Low 63

Precip: Monday None  
 Tuesday None

Month: 1.95 inches  
 Year: 7.12 inches

Normal: 9.84 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Thursday 6:20 a.m. 9:15 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

**Colby Water Use**  
 Monday 2,553,000 gal.  
 Tuesday 2,826,000 gal.  
 (Colby Public Works)

# Triple-digit heat wave breaks state records

HAYS (AP) — Record heat that has baked parts of central and western Kansas will persist through the week with only slight chances for rain, the National Weather Service said Tuesday.

Numerous Kansas towns set records over the weekend as temperatures hit 110 or higher. The town of Ashland broke its old record when it hit 114. Greensburg reached 110, breaking its old record of 106 set in 1936.

The wilting conditions are ex-

pected to linger over the region through at least Saturday, with only isolated chances for rain or thunderstorms. The hottest days appear to be forecast for Wednesday and Thursday, with highs of 107 expected in Garden City on Wednesday and 108 in Hays on Thursday.

The dry conditions have allowed farmers to harvest more than half of the state's winter wheat crop, but officials say other major crops being planted will contend with

the heat and drought conditions. An excessive heat watch was issued Tuesday for parts of southeastern Kansas and western Missouri, with officials urging residents to drink lots of fluids and stay out of the sun.

Heat like this often sustains itself and worsens the outlook by drying out the ground and making for drier air, said Andy Kleinsasser, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wichita.

Kleinsasser said June's seven

days of 100-or-greater temperatures was well above normal for the Wichita-Hutchinson area, which generally averages only one or two triple-digit days in June.

"Right now, looking at temperatures from June 1 through June 26, it has been averaging the sixth-warmest June since records began

in 1888 for Wichita," he said. It's uncertain how long this heat wave will last.

"Just because we have a warm June doesn't mean we're going to have a warm summer to come," Kleinsasser said. "Some of the warmer summers on record had normal Junes."

## Safety a primary concern at nuclear plants in flood zones

By Josh Funk  
 Associated Press

BLAIR, Neb. (AP) — The utilities that run Nebraska's two nuclear power plants want the public to know the facilities are safe, even though floodwaters from the Missouri River have surrounded one plant and are encroaching on another.

Fort Calhoun and Cooper nuclear power plants were both opened up to federal regulators and the media this week as part of a battle against persistent Internet rumors about their safety.

The Omaha Public Power District's Fort Calhoun is the subject of more public concern because the floodwaters have surrounded that plant and forced workers to use raised catwalks to access the facility. Nebraska Public Power District's Cooper plant is more elevated, so the floodwaters aren't as close to the facility.

"There is no possibility of a meltdown," OPPD CEO Gary Gates said Monday. "The floodwaters are outside of Fort Calhoun, not inside."

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory Jaczko offered support for both utilities after visiting the plants. He said both Fort Calhoun and Cooper remain safe.

But whether their statements can slow the online rumor mill remains to be seen. Some speculate that the Nebraska flooding could somehow spawn a disaster comparable to one in northeastern Japan in March, when a massive earthquake and tsunami destroyed power and cooling systems at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, melting reactor cores and leaking massive amount of radiation. Nebraska utility officials say that's next to impossible.

One of the key differences between the Fukushima disaster and the Missouri River flooding is that

the river flooding has progressed slowly and the utilities had several weeks to prepare.

"There is little to no chance of anything like Fukushima happening here," said Tim Nellenbach, who oversees Fort Calhoun's nuclear operations.

Jaczko's visit to Fort Calhoun Monday came one day after an 8-foot-tall, water-filled temporary berm protecting the plant collapsed. OPPD plans to replace the 2,000-foot berm with a similar one early next month and then pump out the floodwaters to restore a dry buffer area.

"We don't believe the plant is posing an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public," Jaczko said.

Omaha Public Power District spokesman Jeff Hanson said pumps at Fort Calhoun were handling the problem and that "everything is secure and safe." The plant, about 20 miles north of Omaha, has been closed for refueling since April. Hanson said the berm's collapse didn't affect the shutdown or the spent fuel pool cooling.

Either floodwaters from the Missouri River or groundwater seeped into several of the peripheral buildings at Fort Calhoun, but Nellenbach said all of the areas containing radioactive material or crucial safety gear remained dry.

One of the biggest threats to the safety of any nuclear power plant would be a prolonged loss of electrical power because the plants need to be able to continue pumping water over the radioactive fuel to keep it cool.

A key factor in the disaster at the Fukushima Dai-ichi facility was the loss of all off-site power and emergency generators after the earthquake and tsunami struck.

Fort Calhoun has at least nine power sources in place, including six different power lines and two backup diesel generators, which

## Postal Service yanks processing

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executive director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, said business owners prefer local mail sorting.

Pivovar, who was at the meeting, said the Post Office is in significant financial trouble due to the drop in mail volume, and has been having to make cuts such as reducing staff and closing small post offices.

"Given the drastic 20 percent decline in mail volume the Postal Service has experienced since 2007, we must take action to reduce the size of our mail

processing network." Pivovar said. "Consolidating operations and placing our people where we need them is necessary if the Postal Service is to remain viable to provide mail service to the nation."

Pivovar said the Business Mail Entry Unit will remain open for discounted or permit imprint mail, so businesses will not have to open new permits for Salina and the postal rates will not change.

The Postal Service is also looking at closing the processing center in Hays, but no decision has been announced.

## LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Thursday Evening										June 30, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Expedition Imp.		Rookie Blue		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Parks	Love Bites		Local	Wimbledon	Tonight Show	w/Leno		
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Glee		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		First 48: Missing		The First 48		The First 48			
AMC	A Few Good Men						A Few Good Men					
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Infested!				Infested!			
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Happens	Decorators		Happens		
CMT	Police Academy				Fried		Fried	Country Fried	Home Videos			
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama		
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		Swords: Life			
DISN	Good Luck	Shake It	Sky High				Vampire	Vampire	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	E! Special				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea		
ESPN	SportsCenterU		Gruden QB Camp		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	Complete Wimbledon				Gruden QB Camp		NFL Yrkb.	INFL Yrkb.	SpoCenter	NFL Yrkb.		
FAM	Mrs. Doubtfire		Chopped		Melissa	Georgia	The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	24 Hour Rest. Battle				Extreme Chef		Iron Chef America		Chopped			
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	Louie	Louie	Wilfred		
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling		
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Swamp People			
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris		
MTV	The Challenge		MTV Special		True Life		True Life		The Challenge			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	'70s Show		The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood		
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	iMPACT Wrestling				UFC Countdown		Making	MANswers		
TBS	RV				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight			
TCM	The Blob		The H-Man				The Magnetic Monster			X-Unknwn		
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		NY Ink		Police Women		NY Ink			
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		Franklin & Bash			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v. Food		Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food		
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Three's Company					
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Suits		Covert Affairs		Burn Notice			
VH1	Ferris Bueller		Celebrity Rehab		Mob Wives		Ferris Bueller					
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Shrek Forever After				Treme		Cathouse: Menage					
MAX	Vampires	The Whole Ten Yards			Transformers					Lingerie		
SHOW	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Trinidad			The Real L Word		Pride: Gay Comedy			

## Commission delays meeting on arts future

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas Arts Commission has postponed its first meeting since Gov. Sam Brownback vetoed its budget and made Kansas the first state to eliminate its arts funding.

The commission had planned to have a telephone conference call meeting Monday, but technical difficulties prevented it. The meeting is now Wednesday afternoon.

Brownback wanted a nonprofit foundation to take over financing arts programs, relying heavily on private dollars. Legislators rejected his plan and set aside \$689,000 for the commission.

The governor vetoed the money as well as a budget line authorizing staff for the commission.

### Richard and Rosalee Pinkston's Household - House - Vehicles SALE

July 1 - 2nd • 614 N. Hoeb • Oakley, KS

Sale will include nice furniture, piano, clothes, canning supplies, dishes, kitchen supplies, etc. Also including 2 Cadillac cars (2004 Deville and 1989 Fleetwood), 2003 Chevy Silverado pickup and house at 614 N. Hoeb in Oakley.

Questions: Call Rhonda Pinkston Barley at 316-201-8716.

## LAND FOR SALE

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**Sealed Bid**  
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**Bids Accepted until July 5th**

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HIST	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Modern Marvels	American Pickers
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	The Protector		How I Met	How I Met
MTV	True Life		True Life	You Got Served			16 and Pregnant
NICK	Bucket	Bucket	My Wife	My Wife	'70s Show	'70s Show	The Nanny
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Warehouse 13		Eureka
SPIKE	Star Wars IV		Star Wars IV				Scorpion King
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rush Hour 3				Rock Star
TCM	The Cowboy and the Senorita		Don't Fence Me In				My Pal Trigger
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy	Randy	My Big Fat Gypsy Wed		Randy
TNT	I Am Legend				Lara Croft-Life		My Big Fat Gypsy Wed
TOON	Looney	Looney	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Paranormal Challenge		Ghost Adventures		Paranormal Challenge
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland
USA	NCIS		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		Royal Pains
VH1	Celebrity Rehab		40 Greatest Pranks 2		Trans.		Celebrity Rehab
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs
Premium Channels							
HBO	The Hangover				Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher
MAX	No Way Out		Waterworld				Femme
SHOW	Alonzo Bodden		DeRay Davis: Power Play		Aries Spears		Shaquille O'Neal: Comedy