

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Tuesday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 96.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 94.

Wednesday: High, 101; Low 66
Precip: Wednesday 0.79 inches
Month: 3.19 inches
Year: 12.23 inches
Normal: 13.61 inches

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:34 a.m. 9:06 p.m.

Colby Water Use
Wednesday 3,012,000 gal.

City to expand pool parking lot

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In other business, the council:

Approved the final payment of \$234,976 to Prosser Willbert Construction for the pool.

Authorized Armstrong to let bids on replacing a water main on Webster Street from Range to School.

Dale Owings of Penco Engineering made up specification for the project, and at \$164,000, the estimate came back three times larger than the \$50,000 city had budgeted for the project.

last year and another this week.

Cris Christenson of Johnson Controls gave Armstrong information on a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant that could be used to help pay for the project.

Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, on the building at 245 North School.

Reviewed the contract with Johnson Controls for the audit of the water and electric systems.

have to be removed and replaced while they are tested.

Approved an additional \$27,192 to Alfred Benesch and Company for tract revisions, additional surveys and negotiations on the airport land acquisition project.

Approved purchase of a salt spreader for a city dump truck for \$20,349.

Set a time of 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, for a public hearing on the budget.

Approved rezoning lots at the Cooper First Addition - on Country Club Drive south of the Red River Commodities plant - from residential to commercial and industrial.

Commissioners settle fence dispute

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dent for the commissioners to pay for the fence to be moved?"

With that, the commissioners made a unanimous decision to have county staff move the fence.

The commissioners and their predecessors have dealt with right of way disputes for years.

"Proper procedures are in place," said Berens, "and county officials, including those who preside over townships, took an oath to uphold the law, including road and bridge statutes."

Berens said some townships are not enforcing rules about farming ditches beyond the 10-foot courtesy range and are allowing their patrons to obstruct rights of way.

Before leaving, Renner was given assurance that he would be contacted by the road and bridge supervisor about moving the fence.

Graduate student to research bats here

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mended to use gloves when handling them.

The ones he finds while traveling will be safely relocated after he takes a small DNA sample, which he is only too eager to do.

Using DNA to trace the ancestry of bats, Poissant can learn where modern bat colonies originated.

"Bats largely disappeared from the Great Plains when the trees they lived in vanished about 8,000 to 10,000 years ago," said Poissant.

However, he said that they have started to make a comeback

with the availability of buildings and newly-planted trees.

Poissant said that he often tags bats near his home so he can track them, saying there are hundreds of thousands of bats in the city of Regina alone, living almost anywhere.

"Bats are pretty opportunistic," said Poissant. "They'll slip into just about any crack in the wall and find their way into a building. They are hibernating in people's walls, too, and especially in older homes."

"They've been isolated for so long, they've formed different subspecies," he said. "Where they're meeting, I'm expecting to find some hybridizing, but I'm mostly interested in how they've been reintroduced in their new environments."

No tears in Houston as space shuttle lands

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the giant television screen in the front of the room, patches from previous missions of Atlantis were displayed.

Ceccacci, who smiled and laughed and kept rolling a pen between his hands, soon separated himself from the throng that was now well beyond the standing room only.

Each flight control office has its own toys as symbols. The team that plans crew activities keeps a large hourglass next to a shuttle model.

In Florida, it was different. The tears flowed. Shuttle launch director Mike Leinbach describing the scene at the landing strip said, "I saw grown men and women crying today." He said they were

tears of joy and "you couldn't suppress them."

At Johnson Space Center, Tammy Gafka, a NASA structural engineer, could have been at the Mission Control building, but chose to watch the landing with her husband and four small children at a viewing center set up by NASA on a grassy field on the space center's campus.

Gafka and family had driven to Florida to watch Atlantis launch and decided to watch the landing together in the pre-dawn darkness, spread out on a blanket decorated with moon emblems.

"We just didn't want to regret not being here," she said. "It's kind of weird. It's like grief. It goes in waves."

Transportation site will be offline Saturday

The Kansas Department of Transportation's websites and phone services will be interrupted this weekend so staff can perform maintenance.

Maintenance work this weekend on the electrical system of the Eisenhower State Office Building in Topeka will necessitate turning off all power in the building.

The 511 Map website 511.

ksdot.org will display only the base map. While the site will be publicly accessible, none of the information (construction, road conditions, and camera and electronic sign views) will be available.

Briefly

Scholarships available for local college women

The Colby branch of American Association of University Women is offering a two-year scholarship for women from Thomas County who will be juniors or seniors in college this fall.

Register early for youth soccer league

Early registration for the American Youth Soccer Organization will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Pioneer Memorial Library.

Carnival association looking for volunteers

The Thomas County Amusement Association is looking for volunteers for the Thomas County Free Fair, which runs from Tuesday to Saturday, July 30.

Salvation Army has fans

For those looking to beat the heat this summer, the Thomas County Salvation Army has fans available.

Order fresh fruit from youth group

The annual Catholic Youth Organization fruit sale is under way. Reserve an order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Sign up now for football camp

Sign ups are open now for Little League Football camp, Monday to Wednesday, Aug. 8 to 10.

School enrollment starts in August

Enroll your kids in Sacred Heart Catholic School from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the school.



LOCAL TV Listings

Saturday Evening July 23, 2011

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels and programs.

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Table with columns for program names and rows listing various shows like Top Gear, Memory Keeper, You Got Served, etc.

Sunday Evening July 24, 2011

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels and programs.