

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 28. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.
Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 63.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.
 Friday: High, 71; Low 20
 Saturday: High, 40; Low 16
 Sunday: High, 37; Low 14
 Precip: Friday 0.None
 Saturday 0.None
 Sunday 0.None
 Month: 0.25 inches
 Year: 19.63 inches
 Normal: 20.03 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:36 a.m. 5:25 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 9 percent
 Wednesday 7:37 a.m. 5:24 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 3 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas transportation secretary warns against shifting road money

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Gov. Sam Brownback authorized removal of \$205 million from the transportation department in the current fiscal year to avoid cuts to the state Medicaid program. The state also forwarded \$33 million from the agency to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

"I don't want to imply to anybody any of this is easy or that you can continue to do it year after year after year," Miller said. "We're having to manage very tightly."

Brownback said the state should seek alternatives to another large withdrawal of transportation funds in preparing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

And Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, said he would oppose removal of future funding from the transportation department in the fiscal year 2013 budget. The economic gain in construction jobs and improved road systems outweighs the benefits from using the funds to balance the state budget, he said.

"I'm against taking more," Morris said. "Highway plans are important in economic development and quality of life. We've got to have those projects go forward."

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, said the current 10-year highway program, if left unaltered, would create an estimated 175,000 temporary or

permanent jobs.

"There's no better economic development than repairing roads, bridges and highways," Hensley said. "There's no question we've raided the highway fund too many times. We need to stop doing that."

Miller said the use of department money for other priorities did not jeopardize the safety of motorists in Kansas.

But continued raiding of the transportation department's funds will have consequences, Miller said.

"If we continue to lose money," she said, "we're going to have to eliminate projects. Period."

More cops encrypting radio traffic

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police departments around the country are working to shield their radio communications from the public as cheap, user-friendly technology has made it easy for anyone to use handheld devices to keep tabs on officers responding to crimes.

The practice of encryption has grown more common from Florida to New York and west to California, with law enforcement officials saying they want to keep criminals from using officers' internal chatter to evade them. But journalists and neighborhood watchdogs say open communications ensure that the public receives information that can be vital to their safety as quickly as possible.

D.C. police moved to join the trend this fall after what Chief Cathy Lanier said were several incidents involving criminals and smartphones. Carjackers operating on Capitol Hill were believed to have been listening to emergency communications because they were only captured once police stopped broadcasting over the radio, she said. And drug dealers at a laundromat fled the building after a sergeant used open airwaves to direct other units there — suggesting, she said, that they too were listening in.

The transition has put police departments at odds with the news media, who say their newsgathering is impeded when they can't use scanners to monitor developing crimes and disasters. Journalists and scanner hobbyists argue that police departments already have the capability to communicate securely and should be able to adjust to the times without reverting to full encryption. And they say alert scanner listeners have even helped police solve crimes.

"If the police need to share sensitive information among

themselves, they know how to do it," Phil Metlin, news director of WTTG-TV, in Washington, said at the council hearing. "Special encrypted channels have been around for a long time; so have cellphones."

It's impossible to quantify the scope of the problem or to determine if the threat from scanners is as legitimate as police maintain — or merely a speculative fear. It's certainly not a new concern — after all, hobbyists have for years used scanners to track the activities of their local police department from their kitchen table.

David Schoenberger, a stay-at-home dad from Fredericksburg, Va., and scanner hobbyist, said he understands Lanier's concerns — to a point.

"I think they do need to encrypt the sensitive talk groups, like the vice and narcotics, but I disagree strongly with encrypting the routine dispatch and patrol talk groups. I don't think that's right," he said. "I think the public has a right to monitor them and find out what's going on around them. They pay the salaries and everything."

There's no doubt that it's increasingly easy to listen in on police radios.

One iPhone app, Scanner 911, offers on its website the chance to "listen in while police, fire and EMS crews work day & night." Apple's iTunes store advertises several similar apps. One promises to keep users abreast of crime in their communities.

Though iPhones don't directly pick up police signals, users can listen to nearly real-time audio from police dispatch channels through streaming services, said Matthew Blaze, director of the Distributed Systems Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania and a researcher of security and privacy in computing and communications systems.

The shift to encryption has occurred as departments replace old-fashioned analog ra-

dios with digital equipment that sends the voice signal over the air as a stream of bits and then reconstructs it into high-quality audio. Encrypted communication is generally only heard by listeners with an encryption key. Others might hear silence or garbled talk, depending on the receiver's technology.

The cost of encryption varies.

The Nassau County, N.Y., police department is in the final stages of a roughly \$50 million emergency communications upgrade that includes encryption and interoperability with other law enforcement agencies in the region, said Inspector Edmund Horace.

The Orange County, Fla., sheriff's office expects to be encrypted within months. Several police departments in the county are already encrypted, and more will follow suit to keep officers

safe, said Bryan Rintoul, director of emergency communications for the sheriff's office.

Still, full encryption is cumbersome, difficult to manage and relatively rare, especially among big-city police departments who'd naturally have a harder time keeping track of who has access to the encryption key, Blaze said.

The more individuals or neighboring police agencies with access, the greater the risk that the secrecy of the system could be compromised and the harder it becomes to ensure that everyone who needs access has it, Blaze said.

Relatively few local police departments are actually encrypted, Blaze said, though some cities have modern radio systems for dispatch that are difficult to monitor on inexpensive equipment.

Church plans bingo for Christmas in Hoxie

"Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night" is an audience-interactive holiday comedy. It's also a gigantic Bingo game, a true-and-false quiz about St. Nick, a lesson in Christmas traditions and a "fun" fundraiser all rolled up into one show.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood is sponsoring "Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night" beginning with a meal at 6 p.m., Saturday followed by the new holiday comedy at 7:30 p.m., at the Rawlins County Elementary School Gymnasium. Proceeds from the event will benefit Sacred Heart Church's building projects fund.

"Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night" was written by Vicki Quade of Chicago. Quade's comedy, "Late Nite Catechism" has been frequently seen in clips on the internet and Facebook. Although the comedy

includes Catholic humor, the show is enjoyed by people of many religions.

The meal, which is being prepared by the Christian Mothers Altar Society, includes chicken breast with almonds and cream sauce, rice, green beans, salad, dessert, coffee, tea or water.

Dinner and show tickets and show tickets only are available for sale. For the show only, tickets are \$15 purchased in advance or \$20 at the door. For the dinner and show, tickets are \$30 per single, \$50 per couple or \$200 for a table for eight people. Seating is limited.

Tickets are available at Kirk's Auto Supply, Currier Drug and the Rawlins County Square Deal, all in Atwood, or by calling the parish office at 785-626-3335.

Pheasant hunt a success for Oakley

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to go back to when he was breaking bats for the Royals.

Local radio personality Paul Heskett served as master of ceremonies. Weaver's Barbecue provided the meal. Keller said Weaver's owner Steve Moeder ended up winning a drawing for a riding mower. Students from Oakley High School helped serve the meal.

After the meal and auction was a concert by country band Ricochet. Nashville singer Chuck Wicks performed Saturday for a post-hunt banquet.

Oakley will again serve as the host town next year, but after that the hunt will rotate between north-west Kansas towns with populations smaller than 5,000.

Briefly

Group selling nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh crop pecans and various nuts such as cashews, pralines and walnuts. For information, call Mary Molstad at the Ascension on the Prairie Church, 462-7198.

Football awards banquet planned for tonight

The Colby High School football awards potluck dinner will be at 6:45 p.m. today in the high school commons. Bring a covered dish and table service. For information, call 460-5300.

Church to give thanks with Thursday service

Trinity Lutheran Church will have a Thanksgiving worship service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, 855 E. Fifth St. For information, call 462-3497.

Colby trash trucks off Thursday and Friday

Colby trash trucks will not be running Thursday or Friday for Thanksgiving. Thursday's residential routes will be picked up Wednesday. Friday's residential routes will be picked up next Monday. Have your tipper cans to the curb by 8 a.m. The commercial trash truck will not run Thursday and Friday, but it will pick up trash Saturday. For information, call Public Works at 460-4420.

College choirs to sing Thursday, Dec. 1

The Colby Community College winter vocal concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Cultural Arts Center. The concert will feature the Concert Choir and the Sunflower Singers. There is no charge for admission. For information, call director Phillip Shuman at 460-5520.

Enter parade now

Registration is open for the Colby Christmas Light Parade. Forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office at 350 S. Range. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Second Street. It will go down Franklin Avenue to Fike Park and then to Santa City. Forms are due by Friday, Dec. 2. For information, call 460-3401.

Come to the workshop on Saturday, Dec. 3

The Thomas County Community Foundation will operate Santa's Workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Thomas County Office Complex. The workshop is for children in preschool through fourth grade. Volunteer elves will help them shop for gifts for their family. For information, call 460-9152.

Prairie orchestra to play Sunday, Dec. 4

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "A Cozy Christmas with the POP" concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening November 22, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Man Up!	Dancing With Stars				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles				Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Shadow Riders								Young Guns	
ANIM	Yellowstone: Battle							Yellowstone: Battle		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Matchmaker			Mad Fash.	Fashion	Matchmaker		Housewives/Atl.	
CMT	Unlikely Angel					Reel Love			To Mat	
CNN	Ntnl Security Debate						Anderson Cooper 360	Ntnl Security Debate		
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.
DISC	Auction Odd		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISN	ANT Farm	The Game Plan					ANT Farm	Good Luck	Shake It	Wizards
EI	The Girl Next Door						E Special	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball	Score.					College Basketball		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Football						College Basketball		NFL Live	
FAM	Surf's Up	Happy Feet					The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped				Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Transformers						Sons of Anarchy	Sons of Anarchy	Horror Story	
HGTV	First	My House	Property	Property			House	Hunters	Property	Property
HIST	Kennedy						The Real Story	American Pickers	Kennedy	
LIFE	Christmas Cottage						Christmas Bless		Christmas Cottage	
MTV	True Life		I Used to Be Fat				Chelsea	Chelsea	True Life	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Grimm						Grimm		Grendel	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Flip Men	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Sweet Smell						Red River			Gunga Din
TLC	Extreme C	Extreme C	19 Kids and Counting		Quints	Quints	Extreme C	Extreme C	19 Kids and Counting	
TNT	Bones		Con Air				Southland		CSI: NY	
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	America	America	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Off Limits		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Roseanne	Roseanne	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Covert Affairs		Psych		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Tough Love: Miami		Still Single?		Celeb Rehab		Love & Hip Hop	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Dilemma		Enlighten	24/7	REAL Sports Gumbel		Bored	Boardwalk Empire		Due Date
MAX	Sex and t	Unstoppable			Event Horizon			Chemistry		Strike Ba
SHOW	Shameless		Shameless		Dexter		Homeland		Gigolos	Old Porn

Wednesday Evening November 23, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor-Pacific		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	All Night	The Biggest Loser				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Mobbed		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage
AMC	Gone With the Wind								Gone With the Wind	
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters				River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Top Chef: Texas		Top Chef: Texas		Top Chef: Texas		Top Chef: Texas		Top Chef: Texas	
CMT	Reel Love		CMA Awards 2011						The Music	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	South Pk	South Park		South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISN	ANT Farm	Underdog			Jessie	ANT Farm	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
EI	E Special	Sex-City	Ace Ventura				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Basketball			College B	College Basketball				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball					NFL Live	NFL Great
FAM	Charlie	Willy Wonka					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Next Iron Chef		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	The Proposal				Horror Story		Horror Story		Sons of Anarchy	
HGTV	House	Hunters	Income	Kitchen			Property Brothers		Property Brothers	Income
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HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	12 Men of Christmas				Christmas-Para.				12 Men of Christmas	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Jackass 3.5				Jackass 3.5	
NICK	Odd Parents		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		You Only Live Twice	
SPIKE	Rambo				Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Sweet Rosie O'Grady			Down Argentine Way					Tea for Two	
TLC	Extreme C	Extreme C	Secretly Pregnant		Extreme C	Extreme C	Secretly Pregnant		Extreme C	Extreme C
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Gran Torino				Preview	
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man v. Food Nation		Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man v Fd
TV LAND	Roseanne	Roseanne	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Psych		NCIS	
VH1	Ghostbusters				I Heart Radio					One Hit
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News					