

Make sure you have what you need in kit

It's important to know how to prepare for severe weather, according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Make sure you have what you need in their emergency disaster kit and refresh your memory with the definitions of warnings and watches.

Severe weather can strike anywhere this tornado season.

"When severe weather strikes you often have only a few minutes to respond and seek shelter. It is essential for you and your family to be prepared in an emergency," said Robert Moser, state health officer. "We recommend that everyone become familiar with the type of weather they may encounter ... prepare an emergency disaster kit and practice their emergency plan frequently."

Many people do not understand

the difference between a watch and a warning.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch is issued.

Information from weather radar, spotters and other sources is used to issue severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings for areas where severe weather is imminent. Severe weather warnings are passed to local radio and television stations and broadcast over weather alert radios. These warnings are also relayed to emergency management and public safety officials who then activate local warning systems to alert communities.

The department recommends assembling an emergency disaster kit in advance. If you need to take shelter, be sure every family mem-

ber puts on hard-soled footwear and take your emergency disaster kit with you. It should contain:

- Non-perishable food items and water.
- Manual can opener if your kit contains canned food.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- Change of clothing for each family member.
- First-aid kit.
- Prescription medications.
- Sun block.
- Flashlight and batteries.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio.
- Set of car and house keys.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Highway map that marks the counties to follow the storm.
- Identification and a credit card or cash.

• Any specific items you may need for children such as diapers or formula.

Additional supplies and equipment may be necessary for family members with disabilities or medical conditions. Don't forget your pets will also need supplies, including food, water, collars and leashes. For smaller animals you may want to have a crate or a cage to help keep them safe and close. Another good preparation tool is to designate an out-of-state friend or family member as your family contact in case weather strikes while your family members are apart.

Additional information about severe weather and being prepared is available at www.ready.gov.

Good time to review some essential terms

MANHATTAN - Severe Weather Awareness week is a good time to review some essential terms used to alert people about the weather. State Climatologist Mary Knapp defined two terms to prepare Kansans for severe weather. "Watch means to do just that, watch for changing conditions. The National Weather Service may indicate that they are expecting to issue watches several days early. Be at the ready and give more attention to the weather,"

Knapp said. "Warning means that the severe event is actually occurring. The time for planning is over. Take action immediately."

More information about Kansas weather is available on the Kansas Weather Data Library Web site: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl>. Knapp's audio reports are available on the K-State Research and Extension/ Kansas Radio Network Web site at Weather Wonders link at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/radio/>.

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Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds.

Mary Kay Bowman, Successor Trustee of the Mary A. Hutton Revocable Trust dated February 1, 1985, to Mary K. Bowman and David E. Bowman, Trustees of the Mary K. Bowman Trust dated July 30, 2008, an undivided 1/2 interest in the NE/4 and SW/4, Sec. 1, T8S, R37W and SE/4 of Sec. 16, T8S, R37W.

E Caruso LLC quit claims to EC Bank Group, LLC, a tract of land in Lot 5, Goodland Energy Center,

a subdivision of NW/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R40W.

GECE II, LLC, to EC Bank Group, LLC, NW/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R40W; all of Lot 4, Goodland Energy Center, subdivision in said NW/4 of Sec. 20-8-40.

Mildred A. Wright Trust No. 1 UTD 2/1/1981, J Ronald Vignery, Independent Trustee, to Randolph P. Rasure, the NE/4 of Sec. 5, T9S, R38W; the SE/4 of Sec. 9, T9S, R38W.

Mildred A. Wright Trust No. 1 UTD 2/1/1981, J Ronald Vignery, Independent Trustee, to R Kevin Rasure, the NE/4 of Sec. 6, T9S,

R38W; the NW/4 of Sec. 5, T9S, R38W; the W75' of Lots 1 and 2 and N15' and W75' of Lot 3, Block 1, Third Addition to City of Goodland, AKA 715 E. 8th.

Bergsma Farm conveys and warrants to Mildred A. Wright Trust No. 1 UTD 2/1/1981, the N/2 of Sec. 5, T9S, R38W; the NE/4 of Sec. 6, T9S, R38W; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T9S, R38W.

Mark D. Bantam quit claims to Deborah K. Bantam, the S/2 of Lots 19, 20, 21 and 22, Block 8, First Addition to City of Goodland.

Dale Schaffer and Tasha Schaf-

fer to Charles C. Bohme, the N20' of Lot 24, all of Lots 25 and 26, Block 8, CK&N Addition to City of Goodland.

David B. Schields and Betty Jean Schields convey and warrant to Michael D. Miller and Jodi L. Miller, a tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 19, T8S, R39W.

Joan Deeds Hatch, by John R. Deeds, her attorney; Edward R. Druliner, by Anita D. Kitt, his attorney; A. Douglas Druliner; and Anita D. Kitt convey and warrant to Max D. Fisher and Mary C. Fisher, the NW/4 of Sec. 12, T6S, R42W.

Iron Mueller Farms, Inc. to Rodney E. Cooper Trust dated February 12, 2009 and the Michelle L. Cooper Trust dated February 12, 2009, the S5' of Lot 15 and all of Lot 16, Block 14, CK&N Addition to City of Goodland.

Elmer J. Jacobs, Trustee of the Jacob Trust dated May 10, 2006, to Harold Johnson and Beverly G. Johnson, Lots 18 and 19, Block 16, Second Addition to Town of Goodland.

Faye Cooper conveys and warrants to Daniel Brian Schields, a

tract of land in SE/4 of Sec. 17, T6S, R38W.

Faye Cooper conveys and warrants to Dave Schields Farming LLC, a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 17, T6S, R38W and a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec. 17, T6S, R38W.

Richard C. Whitmore and Shirley A. Gray convey and warrant to Charles Brandon White and Denise S. White, Lot 7, Block 10, Rosewood Addition to City of Goodland.

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Mayor Garcia and the Goodland City Commission are accepting applications from any Goodland resident with an interest in serving on the Goodland City Commission. The position is for a vacancy on the City Commission that will occur in April 2012 and will serve a term that expires in April 2015. Persons with an interest should contact City Manager Doug Gerber at 890-4500 or cmanager@goodlandks.us for the required application form. Forms are also available at cityofgoodland.org or the Goodland City Offices. Applications due by April 2, 2012.



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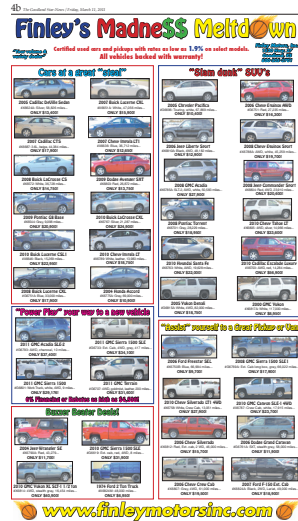
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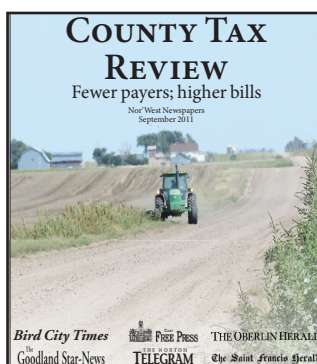
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Former Editor Tom Betz

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