

Buildings crumble in two local communities



This building, at 8th and Central Avenue, in Horton, KS crumbled overnight Tuesday, March 19 into Wednesday, March 20. The public is asked to avoid the area. (Photo credit: Horton City Administrator John Calhoon)

(KAIR)--Crumbling buildings in two separate local communities caused no injuries.

The first occurred in the Jefferson County city of Valley Falls.

WIBW-TV reports the building crumbled Tuesday afternoon, causing bricks and other debris to strike a gas meter, which caused a leak. The area was evacuated while repairs were made.

The TV station reports that travel was returned to normal in the 400 Block of Broadway Street Tuesday night.

A building collapse came late Tuesday night, or early Wednesday morning, around midnight, in the Brown County city of Horton.

City Administrator John Calhoon told MSC News the building, located at 8th and Central, has been vacant for some time.

The area is barricaded off, with the public told to stay out of the vicinity of the structure which once housed the Town Cafe.

MSC Radio News Director Brian Hagen talked to Calhoon about the situation.

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