

## Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 73.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday: High 45, Low 38  
Precip: Wednesday, 0:66  
Month: 3.64  
Year: 18.76  
Normal: 17.92  
(K-State Experiment Station)

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# Fort Hays breaks 10,000 student mark

HAYS — Fort Hays State University passed a milestone earlier this week that few would have imagined just a few short years ago. On Monday, the 20th day of the fall semester, the university reported an enrollment of 10,107 students.

The fall 2008 enrollment total surpassed the fall 2007 count of 9,588 students by 519, an increase of 5.4 percent. The 20th day of classes is the official enrollment day observed by the Kansas Board of Regents at each of its six universities to provide a standard for comparison.

"We had set a goal of surpassing 10,000 students by the year 2010, but the pace of our growth has been so rapid in recent years that I am not at all surprised that we passed 10,000 this year," said Dr. Edward H. Hammond, university president.

## Dozens fill up with cheap gas for 35 cents after mistake

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. (AP) — Sure, gas prices have come down lately. But to 34.9 cents a gallon?

That's what Kelly Joosten and dozens of other motorists paid at a Citgo station Monday. The sign advertised \$3.43 for a gallon of premium fuel, but the pump cost read \$0.349 a gallon.

"That was amazing," said Joosten, who normally spends about \$100 to fill up her 1998 Ford Expedition.

Joosten proudly showed off her receipt for 25.36 gallons at \$8.85. She said she saw other motorists

filling gas cans, too, at the discounted price.

Station owner JP Raval says the attendant on duty couldn't figure out why the station was suddenly so busy.

Raval estimated 30 to 40 customers fueled up at the incorrect price — between 200 and 300 gallons worth — for about 90 minutes.

campushead count for fall 2008 was 4,303, a decline of 130 students, about 2.9 percent, from the fall 2007 enrollment of 4,433.

Much of the on-campus decline has resulted from a phenomenon that became obvious in the past couple of years, the university says: Some students who live in Hays and nearby towns have begun to opt for the convenience of the Virtual College instead of driving to campus.

President Hammond that has been a boon to employers, who are desperate for workers, because the students who take Virtual College classes have more time available for their jobs. In Ellis County alone this fall, 254 students enrolled in only Virtual College classes.

"Because of their proximity to campus, Virtual College students who reside in Ellis and adjoining counties are different from other, more distant, Virtual College stu-

dents," President Hammond said. "Many of them use university facilities, such as the library, meet face to face with instructors, attend campus events, and participate in activities. So, in effect, they act much like on-campus students."

Nonetheless, he said, the university is working to reverse the decline in on-campus enrollment.

President Hammond also noted that while the university has more individual students in the Virtual College than on campus for the third year in a row, those numbers can be misleading.

"The bulk of education occurs on our campus," he said, "because Virtual College students take fewer hours on average than on-campus students. The total number of credit hours for on-campus students as of the 20th day this fall is 50,093, which is considerably higher than the total credit hours of 42,562 for our Virtual College students."

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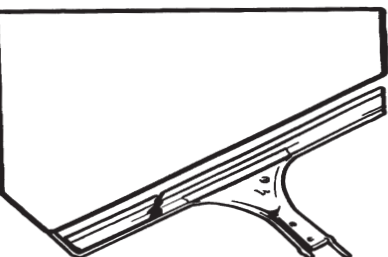
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