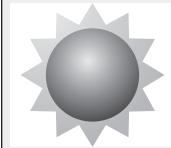
# **Area/State**

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National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Blustery, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 66. West wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night**: Clear, with a low around 27. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 56. Thursday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 18. Friday: A 20 percent chance

of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15. Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 38.

K-State Extension is closed for the holiday. Temperatures will be caught up on Wednesday. Precip: Friday 0.00 inches

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Saturday	0.00 inches
Sunday	0.00 inches
Month:	0.00 inches
Year:	0.09 inches
Normal:	0.48 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day **Hi-Plains Co-op** Wheat (bushel) Corn (bushel) Milo (hundredweight) Soybeans (bushel)

# Mood is festive for inauguration

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care packages and writing letters to troops overseas.

On the National Mall, a party atmosphere was already evident by midday even though it had started snowing. Several of the largescreen televisions had begun rebroadcasting Sunday afternoon's concert, while in a corner near the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the Boy's Choir of Kenya performed an impromptu selection for the crowd.

At the Capitol, hundreds of people pressed up against the blocked-off seating area in hopes of getting as close to the inaugural stage as possible.

"Everybody's excited," said Donald Butler, 20, a student at the University of Washington. "There are smiling faces everywhere, and it's a nice, diverse crowd. It's history. I didn't think I would see a black president in my generation. I just had to be here."

President George W. Bush, with just a day left in his term, made phone calls from the White House to Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and a dozen other world leaders to thank them for their work with him over the last eight years. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, meanwhile, was designated by the Bush administration to stay away from Tuesday's inaugural festivities "in order to ensure continuity of government," said Bush spokeswoman Dana Perino.

One official traditionally stays away when others in the line of presidential succession are gathered together, in case of a calamitous attack.

On the streets, live news broadcasts displayed on large-screen televisions attracted swarms of onlookers, and behind the scenes people made final preparations for a slew of parties, balls and other celebrations that will follow Obama's oath-taking and the inaugural parade.

Obama and Biden, fresh off a rollicking concert at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, were spending their final day before the inauguration with activities keyed to the celebration of King's life, cut short by an assassin's bullet in

"Today, we celebrate the life of a preacher who, more than 45 years ago, stood on our National Mall in the shadow of Lincoln and shared his dream for our nation. His was a vision that all Americans might share the freedom to make of our lives what we will; that our children might climb higher than we would," Obama said.

Obama said King's "was a life lived in loving service to others."

Meanwhile, two wreaths were erected at the future site of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the Tidal Basin between the Jefferson Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. Groups of school children gathered around retired teacher Kirk Moses as he talked about King's legacy of nonviolence.

"The cadence and syntax of Obama, it comes directly from Dr. King," said Moses, 60, as his group took pictures of a bronze plaque where the memorial will

The run-up to Obama's inauguration, like his election itself, has been defined by enormous public enthusiasm, carefully choreographed events and a lofty spirit of unity. What awaits, as Obama often reminds the nation, is many months, if not years, of tough work.



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John Hall, a children's writer from eastern Kansas, autographed whatever kids wanted, but a favorite was their foreheads. Tyler Bradley got hers while Shawn Mick waited his turn.

# Author shows kids manners

### From "AUTHOR," Page 1

be a message", he said. "It started out to be something for fun. (Lack of manners) isn't impacting just kids. It is impacting adults, too, because somewhere along the way, the youngest generation is losing the power of manners."

The Colby kids learned that to get the gorilla out of your bath-

tub. The author was at the school in cooperation with Pittsburg State Thursday and Friday, spending some time with each class.

Hall said he hopes to show kids that anyone can be a writer. Costs for his visit were paid by his publisher, Red Rocket Bookworks of Franklin, Tenn. The book was illustrated by Stephen Gilpin.

Hall helped create the "Power his books, go to redrocketbookasking "please" was the only way of Please" DVD program for works.com. schools, scheduled for fall release

University in Kansas.

Three new books, "Mickey McGuffin's Ear," about selective hearing; "If the Earth Had a Zipper;" and "How to Unwrinkle a Rhino" will be available this fall as well.

For information about Hall and

## Undersheriff lands job in Decatur County

### From "MARCUM," Page 1

deputy said Thursday that the bird wasn't attacking him. The sheriff's department received a call that there was an ostrich running in the ditches, median and roadway on I-70. He said he went out there and kept chasing the large bird off the Interstate.

Marcum said he chased the bird off the freeway several times and it just kept coming back. Afraid that someone would hit it and not knowing where it came from, he said, he put the animal down.

A truck driver passing by saw him shoot the bird and called People for Ethical Treatment of Animals. The owner later told people

not on the right of way.

Jay Leno talked about the story on the Tonight show and the sheriff's department received more than 300 letters. About half were from people unhappy that he shot the animal and half from people who said they wouldn't have wanted to hit the big bird.

Another allegation has been that he drives fast and parties with kids. There are times, he said, with a deputy's job that you have to drive fast. Sometimes you use lights and sirens and there are other times that you don't.

Marcum said he does have a

he found the body inside his fence, he thinks the young people there and got quotes on what the gun have a lot of respect for him because he went to college in Colby and became the undersheriff. He said he doesn't drink with them or \$1,100. His boss had nothing to do do anything else like that.

He said he does get out of the patrol vehicle and talk with the teens and might even stop and play ball or Hackie Sack for a few minutes with the kids.

More recently, his purchase of a rifle from the county was in the news. Marcum, said he had trained on the rifle and used it for the last three years.

He approached the Thomas County commissioners about buygood relationship with people and ing the gun. The commissioners with kids in the county. He said called dealers on speaker phone ing," he said.

was worth, ranging between \$900 and \$1,200.

Marcum said he paid the county with the purchase, he said.

Badsky, noting that he'd heard the reports, said he's not worried about any of that. He said Marcum starts with a clean slate in Decatur County.

Marcum said he and his wife Stacy hadn't made plans to move yet. He said they have three dogs, but no children.

Marcum said he went into law enforcement because it's something he's always wanted to do. "I enjoy serving and protect-



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