

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 32. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 68.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 29.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.  
**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 42.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.  
**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38.

Friday: High, 40; Low 14  
 Saturday: High, 51; Low 25  
 Sunday: High, 67; Low 23  
 Precip: Friday none  
 Saturday none  
 Sunday none  
 Month: 0.19 inches  
 Year: 0.41 inches  
 Normal: 0.45 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Tuesday 7:36 a.m. 6:21 p.m.  
 Wednesday 7:35 a.m. 6:22 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County tops retail pull list

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The other part of the equation, she said, is that Thomas County and Colby in particular, is a service center for the area, bringing in people from the surrounding counties for mechanical or medical services as well as for shopping.  
 Thomas said that even though the influx of money is good for the county, it isn't good that it sometimes comes at the expense of the surrounding counties, which are losing population and businesses.  
 "It's fun to be king of the hill," she said, "but if the hill keeps getting smaller it's less fun."  
 According to the report, the county's pull factor has been steadily increasing over the last seven years but actually decreased this year. The other top counties also lost some of their pull factor, leaving Thomas on top.  
 Part of calculating pull factor is dividing a county's sales tax revenue by its population. Thomas County

pulled in \$7,671,771 in sales taxes, which includes purchases by out-of-county residents. This works out to \$1,061 for every in-county resident compared to \$1,048 in Ellis County, the only other county over \$1,000.  
 Statewide, however, Colby only captures .4 percent of the market. Counties like Johnson and Sedgewick have the bulk of the state's retail customers and draw in from other states.  
 Only 23 of Kansas' 105 counties have a positive pull factor, the report shows; most are losing money to other counties. Some, like Neosho County in southeast Kansas, just dropped below 1 this year due to the economic downturn.  
 The report lists other area counties as having pull factors less than 1. Cheyenne County has .62; Rawlins, .63; Decatur, .56; Sheridan, .80; Logan, .96; and Greeley, .69. Of these, only Greeley and Logan counties improved their pull factors last year.

College holds shooting talk and drill for criminal justice class

From "SHOOTING," Page 1

ment and remove all the bodies from the building.  
 Hunter went on to inform his audience about ways to prevent and prepare for an attack such as these.  
 "Flexibility saves lives," said Hunter. "Don't rely on one person to go into lockdown. What if that one person is the first one to get shot?"  
 He also suggested not to rely on "national best practices" as far as ways to protect the campus, saying, "each school is different."  
 Law enforcement officers should be trained for an attack, and work together to find ways to best control the situation, he said.  
 "Dispatchers should be careful about what information they give out," Hunter added.  
 It is not possible in all cases, he said, but if possible, police should escort remaining students out of the building.  
 "Take all bomb threats seriously," he said. "You never know when they are actually real."  
 "Schools should check their structures to find the best ways of

protection and escape."  
 Rural schools share the same risks as their urban and suburban counterparts, he added.  
 Hunter also gave some advice on how to react to a school disaster, by first fighting the reaction of disbelief, remaining calm, and most of the time, relying on strength in numbers.  
 He also gave some questions people should ask themselves in a shooting situation: Where is the shooter? Where are my avenues of escape? Can I safely make an escape at this time? Can I barricade the door? and do I have something to fight with?  
 The best things to do are hide and hope, turning off all the lights, locking the door, making it look like nobody is in that room and hoping the shooter will just pass by. Alternatives include playing dead and barricading the door.  
 "Quitting is not an option," said Hunter.  
 Hunter said schools can install an alert notification system to warn students.  
 "Alert notification systems are relatively inexpensive," said Hunter. "I've seen them range be-

tween \$2,500 and \$6,000 a year to operate."  
 These systems are both easy to use and reliable, he said.  
 One of the alert notifications is a text-messaging system which can alert all subscribers in 50 seconds.  
 Another notification system

uses e-mail, he said; it can send 10,000 messages per minute, but not everyone checks their e-mail right away.  
 Another system is automatically calls people every 15 minutes until there is an answer with a message about the alert. This system is trained to ignore voice mail and

answering machines.  
 Following the presentation, Hunter with the help of Colby police and emergency medical technicians, re-enacted the Virginia Tech shooting in the Bedker building for students.

Officials skeptical of education forum

TOPEKA (AP) - The leader of a conservative think tank is promising that a proposed forum on the future of education in Kansas will present various viewpoints, but some state education officials are skeptical.  
 The Kansas Policy Institute has invited education officials to participate in the open forum, although the time and date have not been set.  
 The institute recently held events across the state that featured Matthew Ladner of the Goldwater Institute, who discussed how Kansas could learn from the reforms he said increased fourth-grade reading scores in Florida. The Wichita-based organization also has argued in recent years that Kansas school districts spend far beyond the state aid they receive in base state aid per pupil.  
 Those stances raised a red flag for members of the state Board of Education, which received a letter from institute President Dave Trabert inviting the board to the forum, *The Topeka Capital-Journal* reported.  
 "My biggest worry is that it wouldn't be a fair and balanced presentation," said board chair Dave Dennis.  
 But Trabert said he plans a meeting this week to

discuss a possible agenda and Dennis is invited. He also invited state board vice chair Carolyn Campbell; Commissioner of Education Diane DeBacker; Blake West, president of the Kansas-National Education Association; and Fred Patton, president of the Kansas Association of School Boards.  
 "We suggested this (public forum). We're not trying to run this," Trabert said. "It's open to the public. The goal is to get the facts. There's lots of ways to interpret facts."  
 Member Ken Willard said the state board should be open to the invitation.  
 "I suspect this (public forum) will take place whether we attend or not," he said. "I think we have to take every opportunity to make our positions clear. To not participate because we're fearful of what might happen, I don't think that's constructive. We should be a player."  
 Trabert said he plans to bring in a neutral facilitator to make all sides comfortable with the event, which he wants to schedule "sooner rather than later."  
 Patton, the school board president, said he's willing to discuss education with everyone.  
 "There is a need to do things differently," he said, "but I don't know if we'll see eye to eye on it."

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Tuesday Evening		February 15, 2011									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	No Ordinary Family	V			Detroit 1-8-7		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Raising	Traffic	Local						
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		
AMC	Shawshank R.						Shawshank R.				
ANIM	I, Predator		Human Prey		Maneaters		I, Predator		Human Prey		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Tabatha's Salon Take		
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Deliverance						Deliverance		
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Ralphie May		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Onion	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	
DISC	Gold Rush: Alaska		Dirty Jobs		Auction	Sons	Gold Rush: Alaska		Dirty Jobs		
DISN	WALL-E				Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Fashion Police		Kourtney	Kourtney	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Final	
ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Coast to Coast				Boston	Boston	SportsNation		
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Challenge		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Private Chefs		Cupcake Wars		
FX	Eagle Eye				Lights Out		Lights Out		Justified		
HGTV	First	First	Hunters	Selling	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Hunters	Selling	
HIST	Larry the Cable Guy		Larry the Cable Guy		Top Shot		Shootout!		Larry the Cable Guy		
LIFE	Taken From Me		Kids		One Born Ev.		How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier	
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Life, Liz	Teen Mom 2	Life, Liz		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off		Requiem	Requiem	Gurren	Gurren	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		Best of PRIDE		Best of PRIDE		UFC Unleashed		Ultimate Fight Night		
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan		Lopez Tonight		
TCM	My Man Godfrey				Cimarron				Lilies		
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Fabulous Cakes		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		
TNT	Four Brothers				Southland		Memphis Beat		Southland		
TOON	Hole/Wall	Adventure	King/Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Ghost Adventures		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Retired a	Cleveland	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Westminster Dog Show						Royal Pains		Fairly Legal		
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race		RuPaul's Drag Race		Brandy	Brandy	Basketball Wives		Movie		
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
<b>Premium Channels</b>											
HBO	Beth Coop	The Sunset Limited			REAL Sports Gumbel		Big Love		Gervais	Funny or	
MAX	Public Enemies		Our Family Wedding								
SHOW	Vicky Cri	Youth in Revolt			Californ.	Episodes	Shameless		Episodes	Soul Men	

Wednesday Evening		February 16, 2011									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Better	Family	Sunshine	Off the Map		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Redemption		Criminal Minds		C.M.: Suspect		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Minute to Win It		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local						
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	
AMC	Shawshank R.						Shawshank R.				
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		
BRAVO	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Approval	Top Chef	Approval		
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Young Guns II				Young Guns II				
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	Gold Rush: Alaska		Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings		Gold Rush: Alaska		Sons	Sons	
DISN	Good Luck	Deck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Holly's W	Holly's W	My Kid-Be Famous		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Basketball		NBA Basketball				SportsCenter				
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball				
FAM	The Game Plan				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	B. Flay	B. Flay	Worst Cooks		Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks		
FX	Iron Man				Justified		Justified		Lights Out		
HGTV	Property	Property	House	First	Hunters	Holmes Inspection	Vanilla	House	First		
<b>American Profile</b>											
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HIST	Brad Meltzer's Dec.		President's Book		Sec. - Dollar Bill		Brad Meltzer's Dec.				
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Marijuana: A		How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier			
MTV	I Used to Be Fat		Teen Mom 2		I Used to Be Fat		Teen Mom 2				
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Face Off		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Face Off		
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	3 Sheets	MANswers		Ultimate Fight Night		
TBS	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Are We Th	Are We Th	Conan		Lopez Tonight		
TCM	My Favorite Year				Lawrence of Arabia						
TLC	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction		Toddlers & Tiaras		Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras		
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		Southland		CSI: NY		
TOON	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Carnivore	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v. Food		Carnivore	Man, Food	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Retired a	Cleveland	Retired a	Raymond	Raymond	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Fairly Legal		Royal Pains		
VH1	Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		RuPaul's Drag Race		You're Cut Off		
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
<b>Premium Channels</b>											
HBO	Wolverine	Taken			Big Love		Real Time/Bill Maher		Reagan		
MAX	Terminator	The Unborn			It's Complicated				Bikini Jones		
SHOW	Episodes	Californ.	NASCAR	Californ.	Shameless		NASCAR	Mike Epps Presents: Club Nokia			

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