



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 84. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 79.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 80.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Thursday: High, 81; Low 36
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 0.43 inches
Year: 16.41 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:33 a.m. 7:38 p.m.
Moon: waning 11 percent
Sunday 7:34 a.m. 7:37 p.m.
Moon: waning, 5 percent
Monday 7:35 a.m. 7:35 p.m.
Moon: waning, 1 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas signs agreement with Taiwan for wheat sales

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Officials from Kansas and Taiwan have signed an agreement for the sale of Kansas wheat to the Asian country.
Taiwan plans to buy about 62 million bushels of Kansas hard red winter wheat, valued at nearly \$485 million, in 2012 and 2013.
The agreement was signed Thursday at the Statehouse by Jay Armstrong, head of the Kan-

Program to auction equipment

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is scheduled to start next week in financial aid and in the second half of October. He finished his report by talking about having a special meeting at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, for the sole purpose of discussing cash flow problems and how to address these problems.
• Heard a report from Debbie Schwanke, public relations director, who said there will be

a home horse show on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2, and that Homecoming and Family Weekend has been changed to Nov. 11, 12 and 13 due to Jayhawk conference rules barring schools from participating prior to Nov. 1. The Daniel Cormier Wrestling Tournament, which was scheduled to take place on Oct. 29, has been canceled due to this rule.
• Heard a report from Ryan Sturdy, athletic director, who

mentioned that the college’s home softball tournament will be on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2, which is the same weekend that the equestrian team will be holding its home show.
“There’s plenty of activities that weekend for everybody to come out and see,” Sturdy said.
• Heard a report from Wells, who is also the college foundation director, who discussed a meet and greet of foundation members on Sept. 12 to fund

the update to the chemistry department. Members on the committee asked for approximately \$26,000 to get that going. He also talked about the week he spent at the Kansas State Fair in a booth for the college.
Wells said they need to think about having students in the booth at the fair next year.
“Students attract other students a lot easier than an old man sitting there,” Wells said.
However, he said he thinks it is important for the college to be represented at the fair and told the board an idea of how to change their promo video so that people can see a map of where Colby is located.

- Approved the resignations of Julie Sieler, nursing program instructor, Wayne McCallister, adult education program instructor, and Brent Mariman, e-learning distance education technician.
- Approved the settlement agreement and release of Dr. Paula Davis.
- Terminated the employment of Mike Hillis, maintenance staff, with two weeks of advanced notice of his termination and for him to receive administration suspended pay for that period.

Lecture details rural decline

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ful beef business to town, which increased the commercial activity. Sedan even tried to build a park to add to its attractiveness, but it still lost 16 percent of its population in the last 10 years.
The last type of towns Wood talked about were places that had bad luck with Mother Nature. Codell suffered from three tornadoes that occurred on the exact same day three years in a row. Wood said that residents there were sick of the natural disasters and gave up and left. Atwood had the bad luck of being on a highway that is hardly traveled and has a lake that is turning to mud. Wood said Lake Atwood is the

town’s pride and joy, but moisture is decreasing more and more every year, which is drying it out.
After all of his research, Wood said that his book discovered a lot of bad news, but there is still one piece of good news: these towns tend to be great places to raise children.
“There is something to be said about living a simple and safer life,” Wood said.
He finished his lecture by briefly discussing other subjects in his book that he wasn’t able to get to in the lecture, such as the things the government should be doing to help rural America as well as stories of people doing things that others can relate to.

Legislators get school funding report

By John Milburn

The Associated Press

TOPEKA — The state’s deputy education commissioner for finance on Thursday told a legislative panel that increased reporting requirements continue to cause trouble for Kansas school districts.
Dale Dennis told members of the Legislative Education Planning Commission that districts are spending more time filling out forms to comply with state and federal requirements, such

as basic budgeting and assistance programs.
The latest example, he said, was new requirements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to report monthly on food service programs and what districts are spending.
Dennis also gave an update on how school districts are using reserve accounts by districts to offset this year’s \$232 per-student cut in state aid to schools, the third consecutive year that state per-student funding had declined. The loss of funding

and continued declining enrollment in predominantly rural districts continues to fuel district consolidation.
There are 286 districts in Kansas, down three from last year and nearly 20 from a decade ago. Legislators have approved changes in state law to give districts an incentive to consolidate, such as allowing the new district to base their budgets on the combined total when the two were independent.
“The laws work pretty well, and it varies,” Dennis said. “The

idea is to encourage (consolidation) before you get too small.”
In 2005, base aid was \$4,257 per student, increasing to \$4,400 after legislators responded to a Kansas Supreme Court ruling that found the state’s funding system unconstitutional. Legislators approved \$1 billion in funding increases over three years, but those gains were largely eliminated when the Great Recession took its toll on state revenues.
The rate is \$3,780 per student for the current school year.

Police arrest 67 in east Kansas on gun charges

By Roxana Hegeman

The Associated Press

WICHITA — An undercover operation aimed at taking guns

away from convicted felons has led to federal and state charges in Kansas against 67 people, part of nationwide initiative by the Justice Department, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said Thursday.
The 11-month investigation was unveiled in Wichita, one day after about 100 law enforcement authorities began arresting the first 55 suspects in a sweep centered mainly in the city. Most are charged in federal indictments with firearms and drug crimes.
Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives worked with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office and the Wichita Police Department to seize about 240 firearms. They include a couple

of dozen stolen guns and a half-dozen sawed-off shotguns. Officers also seized cocaine, Ecstasy, marijuana and other drugs.
“This operation was planned and executed for one reason and one reason only and that was to make Wichita a safer place to be,” Grissom said. “I believe that every weapon taken out of the hands of a convicted felon or a career offender represents lives saved and violent crimes prevented.”
The goal was to reduce gun violence and seize the guns before they are used in crimes, he said, adding that authorities focused resources on offenders who use and provide guns for violent crimes.
He said gun violence is not only a threat to the public, but

to law enforcement officials. Last year was the deadliest year for law enforcement in the past two decades, and this year is on track to beat the numbers from last year, Grissom said. That prompted U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to give “marching orders” to federal authorities to do everything they could to remove firearms from the hands of violent offenders.
The U.S. attorney’s office is prosecuting most of the cases. The Sedgwick County district attorney is handling juvenile defendants. The cases mainly involve individuals, Grissom said, though some defendants belong to gangs.
Federal firearms laws are much tougher than state ones and have longer sentences.

Briefly

Pet wash to benefit college vet association

Colby Community College veterinary technology students will hold a pet wash for dogs and cats from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center on campus. Charges for dogs range from \$8 to \$14. Cats are \$10 for a bath. Proceeds will benefit the Student Veterinary Technician Association. Proof of vaccinations is required.
To schedule an appointment call Colleen Maison at 460-5462. For information, contact instructor Sadie Kenney at 460-5468.

Volleyball team to wash cars Saturday

The Lady Trojan Volleyball Team is having a car wash to raise money for the program from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Kansas Quick Lube on South Range. Call Head Coach Carey Jones at 460-5473 for information.

Team roping and dinner to benefit cancer patient

There will be a team roping and chuck wagon dinner benefit at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Donations will be accepted to help Gary Garrett with medical expenses. For information, call Larry Maxwell at 462-2905.

Methodists plan luau at church this Sunday

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a Hallelujah Luau at noon Sunday at the church. The event will include dinner, games and live and silent auction to benefit the church’s missions trips. For information, call the church at 460-2761.

Reception planned for college president

The Colby Community College Board will hold a public reception for Dr. Stephen Vacik, the new college president, at 4 p.m. Tuesday in room 108 at the student union. Vacik began working at the college in April. He previously worked at East Mississippi Community College and Bevill State Community College in Alabama. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

American Red Cross plans two-day drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Community Building. For information, call Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Walk to end hunger set for early October

The Thomas County CROP Hunger Walk will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth in Colby. The hunger walk has set a goal of 50 walkers and hopes to raise \$5,000 to help stop hunger and poverty. A portion of the funds raised here in Thomas County will go to the Thomas County Genesis Food Bank. For information, call Trinity Lutheran Church at 462-3497.

Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211

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October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Halloween!						1
2	3 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	4	5	6	7	8
	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab		Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	MRI's	Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab	
9	10	11 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	12 Dr. Frankum Surgery	13	14	15
	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab		Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	MRI's	Cardiac Rehab	
16	17	18	19 Dr. Curtis Cardiology	20 Dr. Saba Orthopedics	21 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	22
	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	DEXA Bone Density	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	MRI'S	Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab	
23	24	25 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	26	27 Dr. Tom Pagano Cardiology	28	29
	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	Mammograms	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	MRI's	Cardiac Rehab	
30	31 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VISITING PHYSICIAN, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director				
	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab					

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Monday Evening	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Sing-Off				The Playboy Club		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders	
AMC	The Perfect Storm						The Perfect Storm			
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		Kati Kim				I Shouldn't Be Alive		Kati Kim	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Most Eligible Dallas		Happens	Real Housewives	Real	
CMT	Stripes				Stripes					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	The Colbert Report	South Pk	
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Underworld		American Chopper		American Underworld	
DISN	Good Luck	HS Musical 3				Good Luck	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Dirty Soap		Kendra	Kardashian		Kardas	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	SportsCtr	World, Poker		Baseball Tonight			SportsCtr	Football	Baseball Tonight	
FAM	The Lying Game		Step Up 2 St.				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Unwrapped	Crave	The Best	The Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	The Best	The Best
FX	XXX						XXX			
HGTV	House	Hunters	Showhouse Showdown		House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Showhouse Showdown	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Top Shot		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	To Be Announced		The Bling Ring				Against the Wall		To Be Announced	
MTV	Death	Death	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Death	Cuff'd	Ridic.	Death	Cuff'd
NICK	Family	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s Show	George	George
SCI	Alphas		Alphas		Alphas		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13	
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	1,000 Ways to Die	Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	The Painted Veil		China Sky				Inn of the 6th			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Adventure	MAD	King-Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny	The Nanny	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		WWWE Monday Night RAW				Quantum of Solace			
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		La La	T.O. Show	Basketball Wives LA		La La	T.O. Show	Basketball Wives LA	
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	MLB Baseball					
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		The Town					Catfish		
MAX	Big Stan		The Wolfman		Hatchet II			Bustly Cops and the Jewel		
SHOW	Letters		Triangle		Weeds	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	The Penthouse	