

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 65. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 58.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 68.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 50.

Wednesday: High, 38; Low 25
Precip: Wednesday 0.13 inches
Month: 2.91 inches
Year: 19.38 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 8:08 a.m. 6:48 p.m.
Saturday 8:09 a.m. 6:47 p.m.
Sunday 8:10 a.m. 6:45 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



College board to allow refunds

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year and to continue to award scholarships that we've had in the past," Vacik said. "But during this year, revisit that and bring back a policy that's very clear and specific and that will communicate well to our community. It will cost us some money to do that, please understand that."

Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs, said it will cost \$140,000 to \$150,000 for both semesters to vacate this policy.

"But it will cost us too if those individuals don't come back next semester," trustee Bill Shields said in response.

Vacik agreed with Shields and expressed his feelings about the situation.

"I don't want anyone to say that we weren't honest and straightforward and did right by our students," Vacik said. "So I think it would be to our benefit to go back and undo, at least temporarily, what we did and then revisit it."

Vacik also said the scholarship committee is working on some very specific guidelines and very specific wording so that when they share this with people, they know exactly what they are talking about.

"Our goal is to try and spread it out as much as we possibly can," Vacik said. "Rather than stacking scholarships and giving lots to a few, we'd rather give lots to

lots. But for now I think we ought to go back and undo this policy, that would be my recommendation."

Vacik then told the board that they are going to have this all together by the first of the year, hopefully sooner.

Arlen Leiker, board treasurer, said the previous policy was complicated and the college needs to avoid this when revisiting the policy.

"Once we go out and explain it, it's gotta be plain and simple and right now it's not plain and simple," Leiker said.

"It's very cloudy," Shields added.

Leiker also said he wasn't sure what the board should do about the policy.

"I've spent some time thinking about it and I don't have an answer for it right now," Leiker said. "I don't even have a recommendation."

Waites said he agreed with Vacik that the policy needed to be vacated.

"My sense is that it's one of those things we have to do," Waites said. "You know, if the roof caved in tonight we'd have to go fix it."

"I think we should do it because it's the right thing to do," Vacik said as several board members echoed his sentiment. "I don't necessarily like it but it's the right thing to do."

There was a motion to rescind the anti-

stacking policy which prohibited direct payment to students for financial aid and reinstate the prior policy that was in effect at that time, and the action was approved.

Waites had a financial report for the board. He said that September expenses are on track, and the college has \$121,000 of open purchase orders that are included in his numbers. The budgetary forecast for 2011-2012 is at \$12.660 million and the year-to-date actual expenses is at \$3,248,298 leaving \$9,411,703 remaining in the budget on Sept. 30. Waites also said the cash flow analysis summary shows that the college started with \$700,000 at the end of August, it brought in \$1.751 million in September and used \$1.641 million, leaving the cash balance at about \$800,000 at the end of September.

"So we improved about \$100,000 at the end of the month," Waites said.

Waites then said that October's cash flow is fairly even and they are making good progress on some of the staffing changes and they are on track toward necessary improvements. Audit work is scheduled for the second half of October for balance of field work and the financial aid audit work is nearly complete.

"We are working diligently towards some acceptable solutions so we can meet that challenge in November and December," Waites said.

Pension commission to look at 401(k)

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National Education Association teachers' union. "There's just nothing here that we can put our arms around."

The pension changes approved by legislators earlier this year won't take effect unless the study commission drafts a plan by the end of this year and legislators consider the recommendations by June 2012.

The law that created the commission also raises the state's annual contribution by about \$15 million in July 2013, ramping up the increase to \$95 million as of July 2017. Changes in workers' pension plans would take effect in 2014.

Brownback contends the state can't sustain its current pension system, known as "defined benefit" because benefits are guaranteed up front, regardless of the system's revenues and investment earnings. A 401(k)-

style plan is known as "defined contribution" because contributions but not benefits are fixed.

Five legislators serve on the 13-member study commission, and Brownback appointed another five members.

"I'm pushing for a defined contribution plan on a going-forward basis," Brownback told the Associated Press in a brief interview Wednesday. "You've got it at a point where people are ready to make a decision on it."

As an alternative to a pure 401(k)-style plan for new hires, the commission will consider a "stack" plan for new hires, in which the first part of a worker's salary, from \$50,000 to \$80,000, is covered by a traditional plan and the rest, by a 401(k)-style plan.

Public employee groups and many legislators argue that KPERS faces long-term financial problems because the state has historically shorted its con-

tributions. The commission will consider a proposal that would prevent the state from doing so in the future, though it would dramatically increase tax dollars going into KPERS instead of public schools, social services and other programs.

There's also the option of issuing bonds, anticipating that earnings from investing the funds raised will outstrip the payments on the debt, while giving KPERS an infusion of cash to close the long-term gap.

The state tried it in 2004, issuing \$500 million in bonds, but the long-term funding gap still jumped because of investment losses during the Great Recession.

The projected long-term funding gap for KPERS grew by almost 8 percent when the pension system released a new figure in July, jumping \$587 million from \$7.7 billion. However, the figure is an estimate for the end of 2010, before this year's pension law was enacted.

Farm operator donates to encourage giving

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community in a way that shows appreciation to his employees for their hard work.

"I'm on the board of directors for Midwest Energy, and they have a community fund that allows employees to give back. It's what inspired me to establish the fund at the foundation," said Frahm. "Sometimes I get good-fortune money, money that wasn't budgeted for or that I wasn't expecting and I thought, what better way to give back and thank my employees at the same time."

His employees are just as enthusiastic about the fund, saying that it is a great way to honor each employee's philanthropic interests.

"It really is an awesome deal

and I'm very excited about the choice to help non-profit organizations that I'm interested in," said Dewey Augustine, employee and co-advisor of the fund. "Lon is real generous and we all want to support local organizations in Thomas County."

Dewey said he is involved with many non-profits and is looking forward to contributing to them through the employee fund. He mentioned Genesis-Thomas County, the booster club, HOPE Foundation and Sacred Heart as possible recipients of his fund earnings.

For information about the foundation or to find out how to establish an advised fund, visit www.thomascountycommunity-foundation.com or contact Olson at 460-9152.

Winter storm falls short of Colby

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ocean temperatures in the Pacific, creates warmer weather in the United States. La Nina conditions are expected to strengthen throughout the winter. However, the Arctic Oscillation, a less-predictable atmospheric pressure pattern,

could create dramatic, short-term temperature swings.

The service is predicting clear skies, light wind and slightly warmer temperatures today and over the weekend. The service is also predicting good trick-or-treating weather Monday, with highs near 68 degrees and lows around 37.



Saturday Evening October 29, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	College Football							Local		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	How I Met	Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Prime Suspect		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Most Wanted						Local	Hell's Kitchen	30S	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Halloween 5							Halloween H2O		Halloween
ANIM	Dogs 101		Puppies vs. Babies		Puppies vs. Babies		Puppies vs. Babies		Puppies vs. Babies	
BRAVO	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	
CMT	Gremlins							Stripes		
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents	24/7	24/7	
COMEDY	Beerfest		Jackass: Number Two		Jackass 2.5		Alpocalypse Tour			
DISC	Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush			
DISN	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Shake It	ANT Farm	Wizards
E!	Jersey Girl				True Hollywood Story		The Soup	Chelsea	Kardashian	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Football Final	
ESPN2	College Football				Score	NHRA Drag Racing			SportsCenter	
FAM	Hocus Pocus				Hocus Pocus				The Haunted Mansion	
FOOD	Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars		Iron Chef America		Halloween Wars	
FX	Twilight				Two Men	League	League	Wilfred	Wilfred	
HGTV	Design	High Low	Grt Rooms	Novogratz	Dina's Pa	Donna Dec	Hunters	Hunters	Grt Rooms	Novogratz

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HIST	The Real Story	Zombies: Living		Ancient Aliens	The Real Story
LIFE	Possess Piper		Secrets in the Walls		Possess Piper
NICK	Good Vibe	Beavis	Scream		Beavis
NICK	Big Time	Supah Ninjas		Bucket	70s Show
SCI	Resident Evil	Zombie Apocalypse			Halloween
SPIKE	UFC 137 Prelims	The Last Samurai			Rambo II
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Rush Hour 3	American Pie 2
TCM	Cat People		Val Lewton: The Man		The Body Snatcher
TLC	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.
TNT	1408		Disturbia		Ghosts-Miss.
TOON	The Mummy Returns	Oblongs	King-Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Making Monsters		Making Monsters		Making Monsters
TV LAND	Married	Married	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS
VH1	Menace II Society		Planet Rock: Hip Hop		Menace II Society
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	30 Rock	Scrubs

Premium Channels

HBO	Love & Other Drugs		24/7	Boardwalk Empire	Get Him to the Greek
MAX	Eurotrip	Strike Back	D.O.A.: Dead or Alive	Skin-Max	Chemistry
SHOW	From the Sky Down		I Am Number Four	Homeland	Dexter

LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening October 30, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Desperate Housewives		Pan Am		Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race		The Good Wife		CSI: Miami		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Football		NFL Football				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Allen	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Talk Dead	The Walking Dead	Talk Dead	Talk Dead
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		Birth of a Legend				Wildman	Ned Bruha	Birth of a Legend	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Real	
CMT	Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Top Secret Recipe		Trick My What?		Extreme Makeover	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Dunham	Jeff Dunham	Controlled Chaos		The Comedy Central Roast		Tosh.0		Work.	Stand-Up
DISC	Gold Rush		How Evil Are You?		Storm Chasers		How Evil Are You?		Storm Chasers	
DISN	My Babysitter's a Vampire		Mostly Ghostly				Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	The Break-Up		Kendra		Dirty Soap		Chelsea	Kendra	Break-Up	
ESPN	SportsCtr	Countdown	MLS Soccer						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing		NASCAR Now				SportsCtr	E:60	NASCAR Racing	
FAM	Van Helsing						Funniest Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Challenge		Next Iron Chef: Super Chefs		Next Iron Chef: Super Chefs				Next Iron Chef	
FX	Twilight								Twilight	
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Holmes Inspection	
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		IRT Deadliest Roads		Around		American Pickers	
LIFE	The Ugly Truth				While-Sleeping				The Ugly Truth	
MTV	Chelsea	Chelsea	Ridic.	Ridic.	Beavis	Good Vibe	Friday the 13th			
NICK	70s Show	70s Show	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Underworld		Halloween				Underworld: Evolution			
SPIKE	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Death Proof				Planet Terror	
TBS	Anchorman				Anchorman				The Ringer	
TCM	In Summertime				Screen	Funny-Forum			Advtures	
TLC	Sister Wives		Sister	Sister	Medium	Medium	Sister	Sister	Medium	Medium
TNT	Enough				Enough					
TOON	Gumball	Looney	Chicken	Chidrens	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken		
TRAV	Most Terrifying		Halloween Crazy		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Halloween Crazy	
TV LAND	Van Dyke	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Covet Affairs	
VH1	Tough Love: Miami		Still Single?		Tough Love: Miami		Still Single?		Tough Love: Miami	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Lost World-Jurassic		Boardwalk Empire		Hung	America	Boardwalk Empire		Hung	America
MAX	Cop Out		D.O.A.: Dead or Alive		Predators					
SHOW	Homeland		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland	