



Weather

National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Windy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 42. Very windy, with a north wind 35 to 40 mph decreasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 49.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 56.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 29.

Precip: Wednesday none
Thursday none
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday	7:40 a.m.	5:23 p.m.
Sunday	7:41 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Monday	7:42 a.m.	5:22 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

President, trustee clash over staff

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but asked where the college’s managerial resources should be at.

“Is it wise on our behalf to have all our managerial staff teaching classes when we have other issues that need to be taken care of?” Leiker asked.

“No, sir, I don’t think that was our intention,” Kaaz said.

Leiker said he just wants to know how they are going to resolve the college’s big issues. Kaaz said they are working towards that and Vacik said when extra things come up, they are doing what they can by staying late or coming in on weekends.

Another issue Leiker brought up to Vacik was the effort Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland is putting in to recruit new students, such as giving students iPads and adding sports programs. He said it ties in to administrators not being able to their jobs fully.

“They’re (Goodland) up 23 percent; we’re flat,” Leiker said.

“And so far your administrative staff hasn’t come up with anything to combat this. We can do this better than Goodland.... What have we done that’s taken from them? Name something.”

Vacik said this issue was discussed at length at their administrative staff meeting earlier that day. He listed two things he thinks that is helping the college: the nursing program they just started in Goodland and more recruiting efforts.

“I think we have tried to be proactive on some of these things,” Vacik said.

He said the staff is trying to develop additional programs, such as the new medical coding and veterinarian technician programs, to increase the college’s enrollment numbers.

“I’m convinced we’re doing a better job recruiting than we’ve ever done before,” he said. “Now it gets back to, can we keep those students? We need to do the best we can to retain students, which I don’t think we’ve always done in the past, but I

think we’re making progress toward that.”

In the end, Leiker said he would go ahead and vote for the consent agenda even though he still has his concerns.

“The administrative staff, I want more out of ‘em,” Leiker said. “And I know some of them are giving a lot, but I need more out of them.”

Vacik said he thinks that they are doing more than they’ve done before.

“I think if you were to come up here first thing in the morning or at the end of the day or on a Saturday and Sunday, your gonna find at least two or three people who are here, working long beyond their hours,” Vacik said. “I believe you would find that.”

Nick Wells, endowment foundation director, spoke up after this exchange to discuss a specific contract for Dr. Paige Ayers, equine science instructor. He asked why the college was paying her for veterinary services when it already has two

full-time vets on its faculty and more coming.

Vacik asked what that specific contract was for, and Kaaz, dean of external affairs and facilities management, said part of it was allocated to three different programs: the equine, cattle and animal and livestock programs. Washburn said she was told that it saves a lot of money.

Wells said he taught in that department for 18 years and at that time, they had a lot more livestock at the farm than they do now and they didn’t have a veterinary consultant.

Washburn said she was told that Ayers tries to train the students and Shanda Mattix, horse program director, said they can do a lot of it themselves now.

“Don’t get me wrong, I have nothing against Paige Ayers, I think she’s a tremendous vet,” Wells said. “She is the vet that I use.”

There was no more discussion and the board approved the consent agenda as listed.

Briefly

College choir concert to be rescheduled

The Colby Community College winter vocal concert, originally scheduled for Thursday has been postponed. A new date has not been announced. For information, call director Phillip Shuman at 460-5520.

Legion group plans to send care packages

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary is taking donations for the Christmas Care Package Drive. The Auxiliary will be sending holiday care packages to soldiers serving overseas. To make a donation or have a soldier added to the list, call Megan Quenzer at 443-3611 or Abby Barnett at (785) 694-1626. All names and donations must be in by Thursday.

Kiwanis Club looking for toys for local kids

The Colby Kiwanis Club is operating a toy drive for local kids. Participants can go to Dollar General and pick up an ornament from the tree, which will have a type of toy to buy. Toys must be left at Dollar General by Thursday. The KFNF radio station is also holding a toy drive for Kiwanis at Walmart on Thursday. The toys will go to Genesis-Thomas County for distribution on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Task force finishes voter law guidelines

By John Milburn
The Associated Press

TOPEKA – A special task force created by Secretary of State Kris Kobach has finished writing 15 pages of regulations detailing how the new Kansas voter identification laws will be implemented next year by county poll workers.

Kobach said Tuesday that the work of the 17-member group outlines how county election officials will require voters to show valid forms of identification when registering to vote and requesting ballots during election. The laws were approved by legislators and signed by Gov. Sam Brownback in the spring.

Kobach, a conservative Republican who is known nationally for work on immigration reforms laws, said the regulations represent the work of “the collective experience” of elections officers from across Kansas.

“I’m very pleased with these regulations. We have already shared these proposed regulations with one state that is also implementing photo identification,” Kobach said.

The law requires that, starting in 2013, people registering to vote for the first time in Kansas must show proof of citizenship. Kobach wants to push that date to March 2012 so that it can be in place for the upcoming presidential primary and election. That would require legislative

approval. Critics of the new laws have said that the restrictions will suppress voter turnout, particularly among minorities.

Kobach defends the laws, saying they make Kansas elections secure by minimizing the possibility of voter fraud, a major theme of his 2010 election campaign.

Kobach’s office will publish a notice in this week’s edition of the Kansas Register, the state’s official legal publication, to give notice of a January hearing on the regulations. The public can comment on them in the weeks leading up to the hearing.

The task force also developed the policies and procedures that election officials and poll workers will use on election day and

when people register to vote. For example, the rules will tell election workers what to do when photos on people’s IDs look nothing like them.

In that instance, a voter would be allowed to cast a ballot if the date of birth on the identification matches the poll records, the voter submits another form of photo identification or an election worker has knowledge that the person in the photograph is indeed the person seeking to vote.

Kobach said the task force has also found areas where efficiencies and uniform practices can be implemented, such as common forms or envelopes used by all 105 counties for election purposes.

Enter parade now

Registration is open for the Colby Christmas Light Parade. Forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office at 350 S. Range. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Second Street. It will go down Franklin Avenue to Fike Park and then to Santa City. Forms are due by next Friday. For information, call 460-3401.

Come to the workshop on Saturday, Dec. 3

The Thomas County Community Foundation will operate Santa’s Workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Thomas County Office Complex. The workshop is for children in preschool through fourth grade. Volunteer elves will help them shop for gifts for their family. For information, call 460-9152.

Lions to serve pancakes

The High Plains Lions Club will hold a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Colby Community Building. Proceeds go to the club’s community projects.

Orchestra to play Dec. 4

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present “A Cozy Christmas with the POP” concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students.

State government worried by Boeing study of Wichita plant

By Heather Hollingsworth and Joshua Freed
The Associated Press

WICHITA – Government officials said they are alarmed and none too pleased that Boeing Co., which has promised to bring thousands of jobs to Kansas, is studying the future of its Wichita defense plant.

The aircraft manufacturer had called on city and state officials during its decade-long fight to win Pentagon approval to build 179 refueling tankers worth at least \$35 billion. The project has long been touted as being able to create some 7,500 direct and indirect jobs in Kansas, with an overall economic impact of \$388 million.

But now some officials said

Boeing appears to be considering going back on its word. The Chicago-based company acknowledgement Monday that options being reviewed as part of the study include “the potential closure of the Wichita site.”

“I am incredibly, incredibly concerned that Boeing is now backing off the commitment that they made, and it’s my expectation that they will continue to honor that commitment and they need to tell us that,” said Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo, whose congressional district includes Wichita and who previously ran a business that supplied aircraft parts.

The Wichita facility, which specializes in modifying commercial aircraft for military or government operations, has

2,100 employees. Boeing spun off its commercial aircraft operation there several years ago.

Boeing has slowly been moving work from Wichita since the late 1990s, after buying McDonnell Douglas, said Ray Goforth, executive director of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace. The Seattle-based union represents more than 20,000 Boeing engineers and technical workers, including about 550 engineers at Boeing’s Wichita facility.

Goforth said Wichita had been looking like “a site in trouble.” Still, he said the facility is at the center of the company’s expertise in aerial refueling. The hope had been that the tanker contract would reverse the job losses and solidify the company’s role in

the city.

But the tanker work wouldn’t come immediately.

On Tuesday, Boeing spokesman Jarrod S. Bartlett said engineers in Wichita would work on the tanker, but the first ones were not expected to arrive in Wichita until around 2014. In the meantime, other work was drying up and there was little prospect for future work.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback said he and the state’s congress-

sional delegation would be seeking meetings as soon as possible with the heads of Boeing Defense to understand why the company would consider leaving. Brownback is a former U.S. senator and worked hard while in Washington to fight for Boeing to win the tanker contract. He said the company made statements in April 2010 that a significant amount of the work on the new tanker would be completed in Kansas.

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Monday Evening											November 28, 2011			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Grinch	Shrek	You Deserve It		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				Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late					
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova		House		Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders					
AMC	Scrooged				Scrooged		See No Evil							
ANIM	Saved		Kati Kim				Saved		Kati Kim					
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens		Housewives/Atl.					
CMT	Trick My	Trick My What?	Beer for My Horses						Truck					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	South Pk	Work	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk				
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Guns		American Chopper		American Guns					
DISN	Random	Hannah Montana			Good Luck		Random	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards				
E!	Kendra	Kourtney and Kim		Scouted				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea				
ESPN	Countdown		NFL Football						SportsCenter					
ESPN2	College Basketball		Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong	SportsCtr	Football	SportsNation					
FAM	Happy Feet		A Bug's Life				The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?					
FOOD	Winter Unwrapped		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				
FX	Step Brothers				Step Brothers									
HGTV	Love It or List It		House	House	House	House	Hunters	House	House	House				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Pawn	Pawn				
LIFE	On Christmas				Diva's Cmas				On Christmas					
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Tribute to Dunn		Jackass 3.5						
NICK	SpongeBot	SpongeBot	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Friday the 13th		Resident Evil				Urban	Urban	Urban	Legends				
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan	Miss Congeniality						
TCM	Doctor Zhivago							Billy Liar						
TLC	Family Secrets		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker			Cake Boss	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss					
TNT	Law & Order		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles					
TOON	Adventure		MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken				
TRAV	The Layover		The Layover		No Reservation		No Reservation		The Layover					
TV LAND	Married	Married	Scrubs	Scrubs	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne				
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				The Pacifier							
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		Love & Hip Hop		Basketball Wives LA		Love & Hip Hop		Basketball Wives LA					
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