

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Breeze, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 95. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Monday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87.

Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 84.

Wednesday: High, 90; Low 64
Precip: Wednesday None
Normal: 13.61 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:45 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
Moon: waning, 15 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,057,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Anticipation...



HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press
Anticipation was half the pleasure as Yvette Higerd decided on the best mode of attack to be made on her slice of watermelon at the free barbecue Wednesday, part of the Thomas County Fair.

Aircraft company lands big contract

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

WICHITA – Newly reorganized Beechcraft Corp. said Thursday it's received a nearly \$1.4 billion order – believed to be the largest propeller aircraft order by value in general aviation history.

The Wichita-based plane maker won a contract to build up to 105 King Air 350i aircraft, valued at \$788 million, from Wheels Up, a New York City-based private aviation membership company. Beechcraft was also named comprehensive maintenance provider for Wheels Up in North America and Western Europe, a contract worth \$600 million.

The first 35 planes, built in Wichita, will be delivered between now and mid-2015, with nine scheduled for this year, Beechcraft said in a news release. The deal includes options for 70 more aircraft as Wheels Up expands over the next two to three years.

"It is the largest propeller aircraft order, by value, and it is quite exciting to see the restructured Beechcraft have such a win," said Jens Hennig, vice president for operations at General Aircraft Manufacturers Association, the industry's trade group.

Over the past year, the industry has seen "positive movement" in deliveries for all types of propeller aircraft, Hennig said.

"It seems like the propeller market has finally shook off this past recession and are producing positive results," he said.

The King Air 350i has standard seating for nine passengers and is touted by Beechcraft as one of the "greenest" business aircraft because of its fuel efficiency and low operating costs.

Wheels Up is a membership-based aviation program established by its former Marquis Jet founder Kenny Dichter and other investors. The company charges customers an initiation fee and annual dues, and then charges an hourly fee for private air travel.

"The Beechcraft King Air 350i is the perfect aircraft for Wheels Up due to its proven track record of tremendous flexibility and efficiency for regional travel," Beechcraft CEO Bill Boisture said in a news release.

Beechcraft Corp., formerly Hawker Beechcraft, emerged in February from bankruptcy protection.

The company no longer builds business jets after shedding those unprofitable manufacturing operations in the bankruptcy, and is in talks with several interested parties in the sale of those assets. The reorganized company is focusing on special mission, trainer and light attack airplane markets for the military, while continuing its turboprop and piston airplane manufacturing.

While the value of the Beechcraft contract may be the largest single order for propeller aircraft, at least one other aircraft manufacturer has actually sold more planes. In 1997, Wichita-based Cessna Aircraft sold 300 single-engine aircraft to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Hennig and Cessna said.

School buses switch to natural gas fuel

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. (AP) – Students in a suburban Kansas City school district will be riding in buses powered by natural gas this school year, as the district switches to the fuel for a majority of its buses and many district vehicles.

The Lee's Summit School District will have 106 new yellow buses on the streets this month and within 10 years the district plans to have at least 139 of its 149 school buses operating on natural gas instead of diesel, with the others converted to another type of fuel. Nearly 50 district trucks and vans also will be switched to natural gas.

The district will spend \$20.3 million, with substantial private investment and public incen-

tives, but the move should save about \$11 million over 10 years, school district officials said. The first two new buses were delivered this week, and more will arrive through the end of the calendar year.

"It's quieter, it's cleaner and it costs less," said Linda Thompson, district transportation director. "It's the perfect formula."

The district will use the savings to invest in more technology, including \$5 million for the coming year.

The Lee's Summit district is not the first public entity in the area to switch to compressed natural gas, although it's the most comprehensive program, *The Kansas City Star* reported (bit.ly/17VC43m).

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Library's book sale lasts through Sunday

The Pioneer Memorial Library's Book Sale Blowout continues through Sunday. Markdowns get better every day, with free books Sunday. For information call the library at 460-4470.

Volunteers needed for carnival rides

Volunteers are needed for the carnival at the Thomas County Fair Saturday evening. Shifts can be two or four hours. For information or to volunteer, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Colby Schools to hold enrollment

Enrollment for students returning to the Colby Public Schools will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the High School Commons. New students enroll from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday in their respective buildings. For information call the district office at 460-5000.

Badges battle for next blood drive

There will be a "Battle of the Badges" blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Colby Community Building. Each donor can vote for his favorite badge and enter a drawing. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS.

Sacred Heart School schedules enrollment

Sacred Heart School will hold its preschool through fifth grade enrollment from 8 a.m. to noon Monday in the gym. Preschool and new students will need copies of their immunization records, social security card, birth certificate, and a physical. Tuition, registration fees and lunch money information may be found on our website. For information call the school at 460-2813.

Health center offers free sports physicals

Family Center for Health Care in Colby is offering free sports physicals from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at 310 E. College Drive. In-town students will be seen from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and out of town students from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For information contact the clinic at 462-6184.

Hospital reception to be farewell to doctor

Citizens Medical Center and Family Center for Health Care invite the public to a farewell reception for Dr. Brewster Kellogg from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, in the Citizens Medical Center Cafeteria at 100 E. College Drive. For information call Tama Unger at 462-6184.



LOCAL TV Listings

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Saturday Evening August 3, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Zero Hour		Zero Hour		20/20		Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Mentalist		48 Hours		48 Hours		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Ninja Warrior		WrestleMania		Do No Harm		Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Soccer		Local		Axe Cop		Axe Cop	Cleveland	Local	
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Psychic	Psychic	Psychic	Psychic	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	The Legend of Zorro		Quick-Dead						The Killi	
ANIM	America's Cutest		Too Cute!		Too Cute!		Too Cute!		Too Cute!	
BRAVO	Million Dollar		Sex and the City						Sex and the City	
CMT	RV		Redneck Island		Bounty	Fat Cops	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Fat Cops	Fat Cops
CNN	Anderson Cooper		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Stroumbouloupoulos		To Be Announced	
COMEDY	Hot Tub Time Machine		Your Highness				Dumb & Dumber			
DISC	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Un		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Un		Naked and Afraid	
DISN	Jessie	Austin	Dog	Shake It	Dog	Dog	Dog	Jessie	Jessie	Good Luck
E!	13 Going on 30		Total Divas				Fashion Police		LA Sugar	The Soup
ESPN	NASCAR Racing					X Games				
ESPN2	2013 Induction				NHRA Drag Racing				SportsCenter	
FAM	Legally Blonde		Billy Madison				Accepted			
FOOD	Mystery D	Mystery D	Mystery D	Mystery D	Mystery D	Mystery D	Iron Chef America		Mystery D	Mystery D
FX	UFC 163: Prelims		Spider-Man 3				Hunters		Hunt Intl	
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters		Hunt Intl	Love It or List It

Sunday Evening August 4, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Secret Millionaire		Whodunnit?		Castle		Local			
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Unforgettable		The Mentalist		Local			
KSNK/NBC	NFL Football						Local		DateLine NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Erin Brockovich		The Killing						The Killing	
ANIM	Off Hook	Off Hook	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Princesses-Lo.		Housewives/NJ		Happens	Housewives/NJ		Jersey
CMT	Hillbilly	Bounty	Fat Cops	Fat Cops	Beverly Hills Cop					Bounty
CNN	To Be Announced		Our Nixon						Crimes of the	Our Nixon
COMEDY	Dumb & Dumber		Your Highness						Tosh.0	Drunk
DISC	Air Jaws: Countdown		Megalodon: The Monst						Shark LIVE	Megalodon: The Monst
DISN	Good Luck Austin		Shake It	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		Total Divas				Kardashian	Total Divas
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			SportCtr
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing				Poker	World Series	World Series			Poker
FAM	17 Again		Liar Liar						J. Osteen	K. Shook
FOOD	Food Court Wars		Food Network Star		The Shed	Diners	Iron Chef America		Food Network Star	
FX	Rio				Rio					Man of the House
HGTV	Beyond Spelling		Love It or List It		Brother vs. Brother		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	
HIST	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Ice Road Truckers		Hatfields &		Mountain Men	
LIFE	Devious Maids		Drop Dead Diva		Devious Maids		Hatfields &		Devious Maids	
MTV	MTV Special				Ridic.		Ridic.	Ridic.	Catfish: The TV Show	
NICK	See Dad	Wendell	Cats & Dogs				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Lake Placid 2		Lake Placid 3				Supergator			
SPIKE	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Tattoo Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
TBS	Married Too?		I Can Do Bad				Meet the Browns			
TCM	Ruggles of Red Gap				Three Cornered Moon				The Women	
TLC	Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Breaking Amish: LA		Sister Wives		Breaking Amish: LA	
TNT	Independence Day				Falling Skies		Falling Skies		Independence Day	
TOON	Legends	Looney	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Aqua	Venture
TRAV	Waterprks	RIDE.	Adam Rich	Adam Rich	Rock-RV	Rock-RV	BBQ Crawl	BBQ Crawl	Adam Rich	Adam Rich
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	The Golden Girls	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice		The Ugly Truth	
VH1	Hollywood Exes		Hollywood Exes		La La	Hollywood Exes	La La		Hollywood Exes	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	No Way Out			
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Hangover Part II		True Blood		The Newsroom		True Blood		The Newsroom	
MAX	Assault	Freeloaders			Strike Back		Strike Ba		Carnal Awakening	
SHOW	Ray Donovan		Dexter		Ray Donovan		Ray Donovan		Dexter	

American Profile

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hatfields &	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Hunt Labyrinth				Sleep-Enemy				Hunt Labyrinth	
MTV	13 Going on 30		The Challenge		Girl Code	Girl Code	Girl Code	Girl Code	Sara	
NICK	Sam & Cat	Hathaways	Marvin	Big Time	See Dad	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Sinbad		Sinbad		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness	
SPIKE	Walking Tall		Walking Tall				Inglorious Basterds			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sullivan	Deal With	Step Up 2 St.	
TCM	Lawrence of Arabia								Kind Hearts	
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.	
TNT	The Dark Knight				The Hero				I Legend	
TOON	Planet 51		King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Boondocks	Bleach	Naruto
TRAV	Monumental Mysteries		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	The Exes	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Covert Affairs		Summer Camp	
VH1	Couples Therapy		Love, Hip Hop		Honey 2				Hit	
WGN	Blackout				WGN News at Nine		Bones		Bones	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Rise-Guardians				Snow White					
MAX	Volcano		Banshee		Chasing Mavericks				Banshee	
SHOW	The Darkest Hour		Step Up Revolution				Ray Donovan		Dexter	