

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of snow, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 9. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 34. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45. Breezy, with a west wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 46.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34.

Monday: High, 58; Low 25

Tuesday: High, 53; Low 22

Precip: Monday 0.02 inches

Tuesday Trace

Month: 0.20 inches

Year: 0.20 inches

Normal: 0.45 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Thursday 8:00 a.m. 5:50 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

College to interview candidates

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• Heard Alan Waites, vice president for business affairs, report that the college's 2010-2011 budget anticipates an estimated \$500,000 revenue shortfall. Waites said the college has 51 percent (\$6.8 million) of its 2010-2011 budget left to spend. He said the cash balance was \$310,000 at the end of November and about \$360,000 at the end of December. The college received a \$1.05 million payment on the state operating grant on Jan. 3.

• Set a joint meeting with the Northwest Kansas Technical College board at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Fireside Lounge in the student union. The two groups will discuss possible collaboration, Schwanke said.

• Scheduled a board meeting for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Thomas Hall.

• Extended Heim's contract. His agreement is month to month, with both parties able to terminate at will, Schwanke said.

Critics wary of voter-fraud proposal

From "FRAUD," Page 1

to vote but hard to cheat," Kobach said during his news conference. "I hope and expect that other states will follow Kansas' lead."

Kobach already had promised to form an election fraud unit within the secretary of state's office to investigate reports of irregularities, but his legislation takes that idea further by allowing him or a member of his staff to act as a prosecutor.

He said the secretary of state's office would have more expertise in election fraud cases and more inclination to pursue them than an already-busy attorney general or county prosecutor. He also noted that Attorney General Derek Schmidt, also a Republican, is supporting the measure.

Kobach compared the authority granted in the bill to the authority granted to the insurance commissioner's and securities commissioner's offices to prosecute fraud.

"How often would I, myself, do this?" said Kobach, a law professor on leave from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. "It's too early to say at this point, but I certainly wouldn't rule it out."

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, said the idea concerns him because he views Kobach, a former state GOP chairman, as overly partisan.

"Why would it be necessary for the secretary of state to have the authority to serve as a prosecutor?" Hensley said. "I mean, I thought that's what we had an attorney general for, at the state level."

Critics of photo-ID and proof-of-citizenship proposals contend they'll suppress voter turnout, especially among the elderly and minorities. A new Kansas Voter Coalition is opposing the legislation and, like many legislators, particularly Democrats, it is skeptical that election fraud is a significant problem in Kansas.

Kobach said he's compiling figures on election irregularities. An internal memo from the secretary of state's office in 2008 listed 30 reports of alleged irregularities dating to 1998, involving at least 120 ballots.

"We are looking at radical changes in our election system to combat a problem that we can't prove exists," said Kevin Myles, the president of the state chapter

of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, part of the Kansas Voter Coalition.

But Kobach said such reports of potential problems are probably only a fraction of the irregularities that occur with each election. And he said criticism that his proposals will suppress turnout are unfounded because of the bill's provisions to provide free IDs and birth certificates.

Kobach expects his legislation to have at least three dozen sponsors when supporters introduce it in the House by the end of this week. House Elections Committee Chairman Scott Schwab, an Olathe Republican, said he expects the committee to have hearings next week and debate the bill by early February.

Superintendent talks budget cuts

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– which starts on July 1 – the state faces a \$550 million budget deficit, mostly because of the loss of \$488 million in stimulus money which had gone to schools. Brownback's budget would cut another \$157 from base aid for that year, reducing the amount to \$3,780.

The budget for schools would increase in other areas, however, including special education and retirement contribution. According to Brownback Policy Director Landon Fulmer's presentation to the Legislature, the state's teacher retirement contribution is scheduled to increase each year – to deal with increased demand. It is expected to reach \$2 trillion by 2033.

Fulmer acknowledged the drop in base state aid while saying the total state aid per pupil –

a number that includes base aid, retirement contribution, capital project money and special education – would be increasing from \$4,549 in 2011 to \$4,743.

Harrison said this number can be deceptive, since the retirement contribution that the state pays to the district goes right back out again to the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System.

Brownback's other proposals include dissolving six state agencies, merging their duties with others, and eliminating 2,000 vacant government jobs. He has rejected the idea of another tax increase to keep spending up.

The budget proposal still has to go before the Legislature, Harrison said.

"We have to wait and see," she said.

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Former resident to sign new book at college

The H.F. Davis Library at Colby Community College will hold a book review and autograph session for "Always Allie," written by Colby native Dr. Kipp Van Camp, at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Everyone is invited; copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Van Camp is a familiar name to many people in the Colby area. His father, Dr. Vic Van Camp, was a veterinarian and the mayor of Colby for many years. His mother Marge was known for her civic contributions and her work as a real estate agent.

As a veterinarian's son, Van Camp said, he spent much time with his dad at his animal practice. He developed a special interest in dogs.

Although Van Camp considered following in his father's footsteps, he chose a career in people medicine. In 1989, during his senior year of medical school, he met Tracy Gavin from St. Louis. After a two-year courtship, they married. She loved dogs and so it was only natural to adopt a puppy. Chelsea Alexis "Allie," a Bichon Frise, joined the family on Dec. 25, 1991. Allie stole their hearts and became the center of their world.

"Always Allie," his first book, has been compared to the best seller "Marley and Me." Van Camp's writing style has been described as lighthearted, easy-to-read, entertaining and enlightening, similar to James Herriot, author of "All Creatures Great and Small."

"Always Allie" is a story of a Bichon Frise who led a charmed life. As a puppy, she was a winner of life's lottery when she was selected from the litter of four to live with the Van Camps. Immediately, Allie became a full-fledged member of the family.

"It wasn't too long ago that pets knew their place begging for scraps from the foot of the table," said

Van Camp. "However, in the last couple of decades Americans have elevated their pets' status to bona fide members of the family, with a seat at the table next to the humans."

After nearly two decades, it became clear to the Van Camps that Allie's life was completed and they had to let her go. Van Camp said he knew beyond any doubt that Allie's story must be told.

"Throughout my years of medical training and during the numerous moves to different cities and states, Allie was one of the important constants in our lives," he said. "She was steady and unflappable, a trait I came to respect and even admire."

"Allie taught me many important lessons, like slow down and stop and smell the roses occasionally. And, all work and no play makes Kipp a dull boy, and one of my favorites ... don't take myself too seriously."

In the book, Van Camp describes the time when the dog's health was failing.

"One of the most difficult tasks in life is to make the decision to put your pet down when it becomes clear that they are physically suffering," he said.

Van Camp said he began writing Allie's story the day she died. Part of the proceeds of the sales of "Always Allie" goes to the Helping Hands Humane Society of Topeka.

Van Camp graduated from Colby High School in 1981 and attended Colby Community College in 1982 and 1983. During his academic career, he was a three-time All American in track and field, and a six-time Academic All-American. He and his wife Tracy have two sons, Kolby and Weston.

For information, contact library Director Tara Schroer at (785) 460-5487.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Thursday Evening											January 20, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Community	Couples	Office	Parks	30 Rock	Outsource	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Bones		Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48				
AMC	Once Upon				Demolition Man				Crocodile				
ANIM	Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth				
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives/Beverly		Real Housewives		Happens		Real Housewives				
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		In the Army Now				Redneck		Smarter	Smarter			
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Onion	South Pk			
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Masters of Survival		Dual Survival		Man vs. Wild		Masters of Survival				
DISN	Sonny	Shake it	Deck	Deck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah			
E!	Sex/City	Sex/City	Born Different		Sex/City	Sex/City	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea			
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Final			
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				Tennis						
FAM	Liar Liar				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Unwrapped	Chopped		Iron Chef America				
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	There's Something				Rescue Me				
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling			
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Swamp People		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Stan Lee's		Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	My Daughter's Secret				How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier			
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Skins	Skins			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Joy Ride 2		The Hitcher				Meat Train						
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling				MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	Son Beach			
TBS	Save the Last Dance				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight				
TCM	The Pink Panther				A Shot in the Dark				Murder by Death				
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		County Jail		Police Women		County Jail				
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball								
TOON	Regular	MAD	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Chicken			
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		The Wild Within		Pie Paradise		No Reservation				
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne			
USA	NCIS		Royal Pains		Fairly Legal		White Collar		Royal				
VH1	Fight Club						Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live				
WGN	WWE Superstars		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars				
Premium Channels													
HBO	Mistress	Big Love			President to Remember: Kennedy		K. Morgan	K. Morgan	Funny or	Pride			
MAX	Duplicity				Cop Out								
SHOW	Middle of Nowhere				Extreme Movie		Laugh	Laugh	Californ.	Shameless			

Friday Evening											January 21, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Supernanny		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late				
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe		Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds				
AMC	Swordfish				The Specialist				Return				
ANIM	Infested!		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions				
BRAVO	Real Housewives		The Pacifier		The Pacifier		The Pacifier		The Pacifier				
CMT	Son-in-Law		Wedding	Redneck	Wedding	Redneck	Redneck	Redneck	Smarter	Smarter			
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy			
DISC	Gold Rush: Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska				
DISN	Wizards	Fish Hook	Phineas	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards			
E!	Sex/City	Sex/City	Bridalplasty		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea			
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball								
ESPN2	Quarterback		Tennis										
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	The Best		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners			
FX	What Happens				What Happens				Lights Out				
HGTV	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters			
American Profile													
We Celebrate Hometown Life													
Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.													
HIST	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		American	American	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels				
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Reba	Reba			
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		American Pie				American Pie				
NICK	Victorior	Victorior	Ninjas		Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	WWE SmackDown!		Merlin		Merlin		Being Human		Merlin				
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Entourage	Entourage	Commando				
TBS	Mamma Mia!				Office		Glory Daze						
TCM	City Streets		Scarface				Little Caesar						
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings				
TNT	Kill Bill: Vol. 1				Kill Bill: Vol. 2								
TOON	Ben 10	Star Wars	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures				
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Roseanne			
USA	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene				
VH1	The X Lf	The X Lf	You're Cut Off		You're Cut Off		Wild Stage		Celebrity Rehab	Drew			
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk			
Premium Channels													
HBO	Spider-Man 2		Gervais	Eastbound	Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Funny or	Gervais			
MAX	Watchmen	Half Past Dead			She's Out								
SHOW	Extraordinary		The Hurt Locker						The Rock				