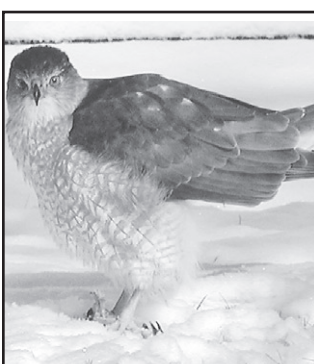


Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 50 percent chance of snow, mainly after 10 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 8.

Christmas Day: A 50 percent chance of snow before 5 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 17.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 1.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 21.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30.

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

Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 8:03 a.m. 5:27 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 94 percent
 Wednesday 8:03 a.m. 5:27 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 97 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Board to back health program

From "SCHOOL," Page 1

starting in July. She said the district is looking at evaluations required for a waiver from the No Child Left Behind Act. The district must tell the state how it will evaluate teachers and administrators by the start of March and start the evaluations by August. It has already looked at three types of evaluations which are considered acceptable by the state and will look at a fourth in January to see if it OK.

Activities Director Larry Gabel said that the debate team took second at a regional competition, with Garden City taking first and Hays third. The wrestling team has been

doing well, he said, taking first place in meets at St. Francis Dec. 1 and the Holiday Classic Tournament Saturday in Goodland.

The team took second at the Eagle Invitational dual tournament here Dec. 7 and 8.

"It's fun to watch them," said Gabel, a former wrestling coach. "They work hard."

The girls' basketball team won a game against Hugoton on Dec. 14, and is now 3-2. The boys' team, however is 0-5, including a loss to Hugoton the same day.

"At one time they were up by 14 points," Gabel said, "and I don't know, my heart breaks for them."

Grade School Principal Lance Krannawitter said that the fifth-

grade band would have a concert Tuesday in the grade school auditorium.

Children's author Julia Cook had been scheduled to read at the grade school Dec. 3, but will have to come March 4 instead because of a scheduling conflict. Cook is known for writing books that address character issues, especially bullying.

Rob Ross, middle school principal, said the schools sponsored a food drive which will be able to feed 30 families over the holidays. The drive would work as a competition between grades, he said. He middle school students and fifth graders from the elementary school would have a concert Tuesday in the auditorium.

The wrestling and girl's basketball seasons have just finished, he said, and boy's basketball will start after the winter break.

High School Principal Jeff Wallingford called the board's attention to a small table in the room. He said he had asked Gordon Rasmussen, who teaches math, science and wood shop, to fix a table trophies are placed on, and instead he made a new table.

He said several high school students participated in a Kansas Music Educators Association district honor band and honor choir concert in Hays and had a band and vocal concert Dec. 11 at the high school.

State rep to chair school budget panel

From "STATE," Page 1

Legislature decides. With a two-year plan, they'll know ahead of time what budget they can work with."

Being chairman of the committee automatically gave Cassidy a seat on the House Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful, he said. Appropriations controls the state's budget and meets with every other committee. Cassidy was on appropriations last session and said he has a good feel for it now.

As vice chairman of the Education Committee, he said, he'll be trying to teach a lot of new people about education issues, including the new chair, Kasha Kelley of Arkansas City, who does not have an education background.

"I'm hoping it slows the process down," he said. "Hopefully, we've learned from last year."

Cassidy emphasized that budget decisions are not just up to him. His committee will work hand-in-hand with the Senate Education Committee, the House and Senate lead-

ership and the governor.

"I'll speak up for us and what we care about, but it's not just up to me," he said.

Other than the chairmen, remaining committee assignments haven't been handed out. Cassidy said last year there were 22 people on the Education Committee and 14 on the budget committee.

Cassidy said he has two more trips to Topeka scheduled before the session begins on Monday, Jan. 14.

City will apply for state money for trails

From "CITY," Page 1

a predetermined amount of money. Instead, it will provide whatever is needed to complete the project. She said there is no maximum cost, but was not sure

how much money they will ask for.

Since the department is offering federal money, the project will also have to follow federal guidelines, she said

"It is competitive?" Council-

man Mark Beringer asked.

"Yes," Evans answered, "but they like us."

She mentioned the \$250,000 Safe Routes to School grant that was awarded to Colby as evidence that the department is

willing to give money to towns in northwestern Kansas. She and Carmichael helped the city get one of four federal grants earlier this year out of a field of 16 applicants statewide.

Health regulators say modified salmon OK

From "FISH," Page 1

world. Critics call the modified salmon a "frankenfish." They worry that it could cause human allergies and the eventual decimation of the natural salmon population if it escapes and breeds in the wild. Others believe breeding engineered animals is an ethical issue.

AquaBounty has maintained that the fish is safe and that there are several safeguards against environmental problems. The fish would be bred female and sterile, though a very small percentage might still be able to breed.

The company said the potential for escape is low. The FDA backed these assertions in documents released in 2010.

Since its founding in 1991, AquaBounty has burned through more than \$67 million developing the fast-growing fish. According to its midyear financial report, the company had less than \$1.5 million in cash and stock left. It has no other products in development.

Genetically engineered – or GE – animals

are not clones, which the FDA has already said are safe to eat. Clones are copies of an animal. In GE animals, the DNA has been altered to produce a desirable trait.

The AquaAdvantage salmon has an added growth hormone from the Pacific Chinook salmon that allows the fish to produce growth hormone all year long. The engineers were able to keep the hormone active by using another gene from an eel-like fish called an ocean pout that acts like an "on" switch for the hormone. Typical Atlantic salmon produce the growth hormone for only part of the year.

It is still unclear whether the public will have an appetite for the fish if it is approved. Genetic engineering is already widely used for crops, but the government until now has not considered allowing the consumption of modified animals.

Although the potential benefits – and profits – are huge, many people have qualms about manipulating the genetic code of other living creatures.

If the salmon are eventually approved for sale, consumers may not even know they are eating them. According to federal

guidelines, the fish would not be labeled as genetically modified if the agency decides it has the same material makeup as conventional salmon.

AquaBounty says that genetically modified salmon have the same flavor, texture, color and odor as the conventional fish, and the FDA so far has not shown any signs of disagreeing.

Wenonah Hauter, director of the advocacy group Food and Water Watch, said forgoing labeling not only ignores consumers' rights to know what they are eating, but "is simply bad for business, as many will avoid purchasing any salmon for fear it is genetically engineered."

Hauter urged members of Congress to block the impending approval of the fish. Congressional opposition to the engineered fish has so far been led by members of the Alaska delegation, who see the modified salmon as a threat to the state's wild salmon industry.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said Friday she is working to convince fellow senators that approval for the fish should be stopped.

Groups criticize association

TOPEKA (AP) – Two Kansas education groups are criticizing the National Rifle Association's call to put an armed security officer in every school in the U.S. in the wake of last week's mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary.

Even a state legislator known as a gun rights proponent had some doubts Friday about the NRA's idea.

Kansas teachers union lobbyist Mark Desetti said the NRA's proposal would turn schools into armed fortresses.

Kansas Association of School Boards official Mark Tallman said the move could prove expensive.

Republican state Rep. Forrest Knox of Altoona agreed that someone with a firearm would help stop and prevent mass shootings. But he said a killer would likely try to take out an officer first.

The Kansas State Rifle Association said it fully supports the NRA proposal.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS



Tuesday Evening December 25, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Grinch	Dr. Seuss'					Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles	Vegas			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Horton Hears a Who!			Blake Shelton-Xmas	Local		Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	New Girl	New Girl	New Girl	New Girl	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	El Dorado						Big Jake			
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp'd!	Redneck	Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	The Family Man						The Family Man			
CMT	Reba	Reba	Fireproof				Facing the Giants			
CNN	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham Special	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	
DISC	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	
DISN	Good Luck Charlie		Good Luck	ANT Farm	Phineas	Jessie	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Sweet Home Alabama			Celebrity Oops: They	Chelsea	The Soup	Love You	Chelsea		
ESPN	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball						
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball							SportsCenter
FAM	Home Alone		Nat'l-Christmas				The 700 Club			The Santa Clause 2
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped				Chopped			Chopped
FX	Shrek Forever After			Kung Fu Panda			Monsters vs. Aliens			
HGTV	Love It or List It	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Income	Income	Property	Property	
HIST	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	American	
LIFE	The Real St. Nick			Under the Mistletoe						The Real St. Nick
MTV	Teen Mom	Teen Mom	Miss Congeniality				Not Another Teen Movie			
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	See Dad	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	K-9	K-9	K-9	K-9	K-9	K-9	Warehouse 13			
SPIKE	A Bronx T	GoodFellas					Lucky Number Slewin			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	
TCM	Love-A. Hardy			Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever			Judge Hardy and Son			
TLC	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss			Undercover Boss
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Leverage		Rizzoli & Isles			Leverage
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Hunt for Misfit Toys	Airport 2	Airport 2	NFL	Baggage B	Baggage B	Baggage B	Airport 2	Airport 2	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	G.I. Joe: Cobra			Raiders-Lost Ark						IndianaJ
VH1	100 Greatest		100 Greatest		Songs of the '90s		Songs of the '90s			Songs of the '90s
WHN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News	WGN News	Funniest Home Videos	Rules	Rules	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Rio		Joyful Noise		Boxing's Best		This Is 4	Contrabnd		
MAX	Superman			Very Harold & Kumar 3D			Zane	Strike Back		
SHOW	The Three Musketeers	War Horse					Red			

Wednesday Evening December 26, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Neighbors	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Nashville		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Criminal Minds		Kennedy Ctr.				Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Whitney	Guys-Kids	Law & Order: SVU		Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Four Brothers				Shipping	Casino				
ANIM	Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Money	Money	Tanked	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef: Seattle	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Redneck Island		Redneck Island		Redneck Island		Redneck Island	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Brickie.	Brickie.
DISC	Amish Mafia				Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia	
DISN	Gravity	Spy Kids			ANT Farm	Phineas	Jessie	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	LeAnn Rimes		Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	The Soup	Love You	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	Science	Profile	ProFILE	ProFILE	NFL's Greatest Games		Science		NFL Live	
FAM	The Santa Clause 2		Elf				The 700 Club		Unlikely Angel	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Wedding: Impossible		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	The Other Guys						The Other Guys			
HGTV	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling		Hunters		Hunt Intl	House Hunters Reno	Buying and Selling	

American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life

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

	HIST	LIFE	MTV	NICK	SCI	SPIKE	TBS	TCM	TLC	TNT	TOON	TRAV	TV LAND	USA	VH1	WGN
HIST	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn
LIFE	Pretty Woman															
MTV	True Life		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore											
NICK	See Dad	See Dad	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	Forty Guns				The Maverick Queen											The Violent Man
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection		Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection		Toddlers & Tiaras		Cheer Perfection		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		Leverage		Leverage		Leverage		Leverage		Leverage	
TOON	Dragons	Ben 10	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen						
TRAV	Baggage B	Baggage B	Baggage B	Baggage B	Fast Food-Gibl		Drive Thru Paradise		Baggage B	Baggage B						
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced	King	King	King	King						
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
VH1	Saturday Night Live		SNL in the 2000s		Rules	Rules	The Women of SNL									