


weather report

51°
 noon
 Monday



Today
 • Sunset, 5:20 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:42 a.m.
 • Sunset, 5:21 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 • Soil temperature 30 degrees
 • Humidity 3900 percent
 • Sky mostly cloudy
 • Winds northwest 28-37 mph
 • Barometer 29.88 inches and steady
 • Record High today 78° (1962)
 • Record Low today -11° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 23°
 Low Sunday 20°
 Precipitation trace
 This month 0.41
 Year to date 0.53
 Normal 0.53 inches

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 45, winds out of the west 10-15 mph and a low around 24.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of snow after 11 p.m., a high near 54, winds breezy from south 10-20 mph and a low around 21.

Extended Forecast
 Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow, a high near 29 and a low around 11.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Kansas gives Huckabee big win



By Everett Robert

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More than 250 people showed up at the Colby Community Building on Saturday morning for the first Kansas Republican presidential caucus in 20 years, and like the rest of the state, gave former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee a big win.

Republicans from Sherman, Sheridan, Rawlins, Decatur, Cheyenne, Wallace and Thomas counties came to the Colby site. Only designated counties held caucuses, which were open to Republicans from surrounding areas.

Statewide, the Republican's gave 36 delegates to Huckabee, who got 11,627 votes (59.6 percent), including 152 from the Thomas County caucus.

Other candidates included Arizona Sen. John McCain, who got 64 votes from area Republicans, and 4,587 statewide (23.5 percent). Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 16 ballots cast for him in Colby and a statewide total of 2,182 (11.1 percent). In a distant fourth place was former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Dr. Alan Keyes, who captured 5 votes here and a total of 288 statewide.

Sherman County party chair Roxie Yonkey said 32 people from Sherman County registered in Colby on Saturday. She said she was a bit disappointed in the turnout, but felt the day had gone well and the caucus was worth doing.

Several people said they felt it was their duty as Americans to serve their country by voting at the morning caucus.


"I could be sleeping," said Joel Sowers.

Among the more than 250 Republicans who attended the presidential caucus in Colby were 32 from Sherman County, including (top left) Marilyn Hefner and Marlene and Jack Eddleman. Another Sherman County Republican in the audience was Inez DePlata (bottom right).

Photo by Everett Robert/Colby Free Press

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local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$10.56 bushel
 Posted county price — \$10.87
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$4.67 bushel
 Posted county price — \$4.76
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$4.43 bushel
 Soybeans — \$11.66 bushel
 Posted county price — \$12.16
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
 Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
 (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Special salute for returning, departing soldiers




Maj. Larissa Coon (right), who has been called up from the Army Reserves to serve in Iraq with the 1835th Medical Detachment out of Denver, was given a special salute at half time of the Cowboys' game on Friday. Coon, an occupational therapist at the Goodland Regional Medical Center, was introduced by Dale Shields, human resource director at the hospital. She said she is leaving in a few weeks and is scheduled to be gone for more than a year. The salute for Coon and four returning Goodland National Guardsmen was organized with the help of former American Legion Post Commander Ken Baum (left).

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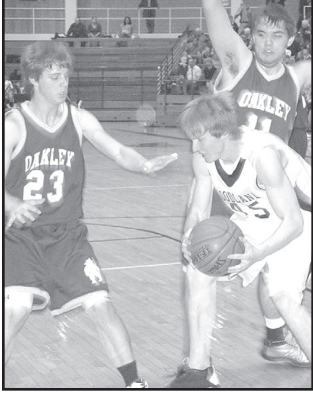


Kansas National Guard Specialists (left to right) Ian Donovan, Aaron McClelland, Brandon Oien and Kody Sanchez, who returned from Iraq in August, provided the color guard before the Cowboys' game on Friday, receiving a welcome-home salute and a standing ovation from the audience at half time. Danny Mangus sang "God Bless the U.S.A." in honor of those who are serving in the armed services or who have returned from overseas duty in Iraq.

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Cowboys defeat Oakley

Goodland's Josh Duke found himself surrounded under the Cowboys' basket by Oakley Plainsmen junior Derek Glassman (23) and senior Logan Morel (11) Friday. The Cowboys won the game 51-49. See photo, story on Page 10a.

College buys advanced technology systems

Students don't have to travel far to learn how to use the latest Global Positioning System, Geographic Information System or Motion Capture 3-D animation technologies. They're available now at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

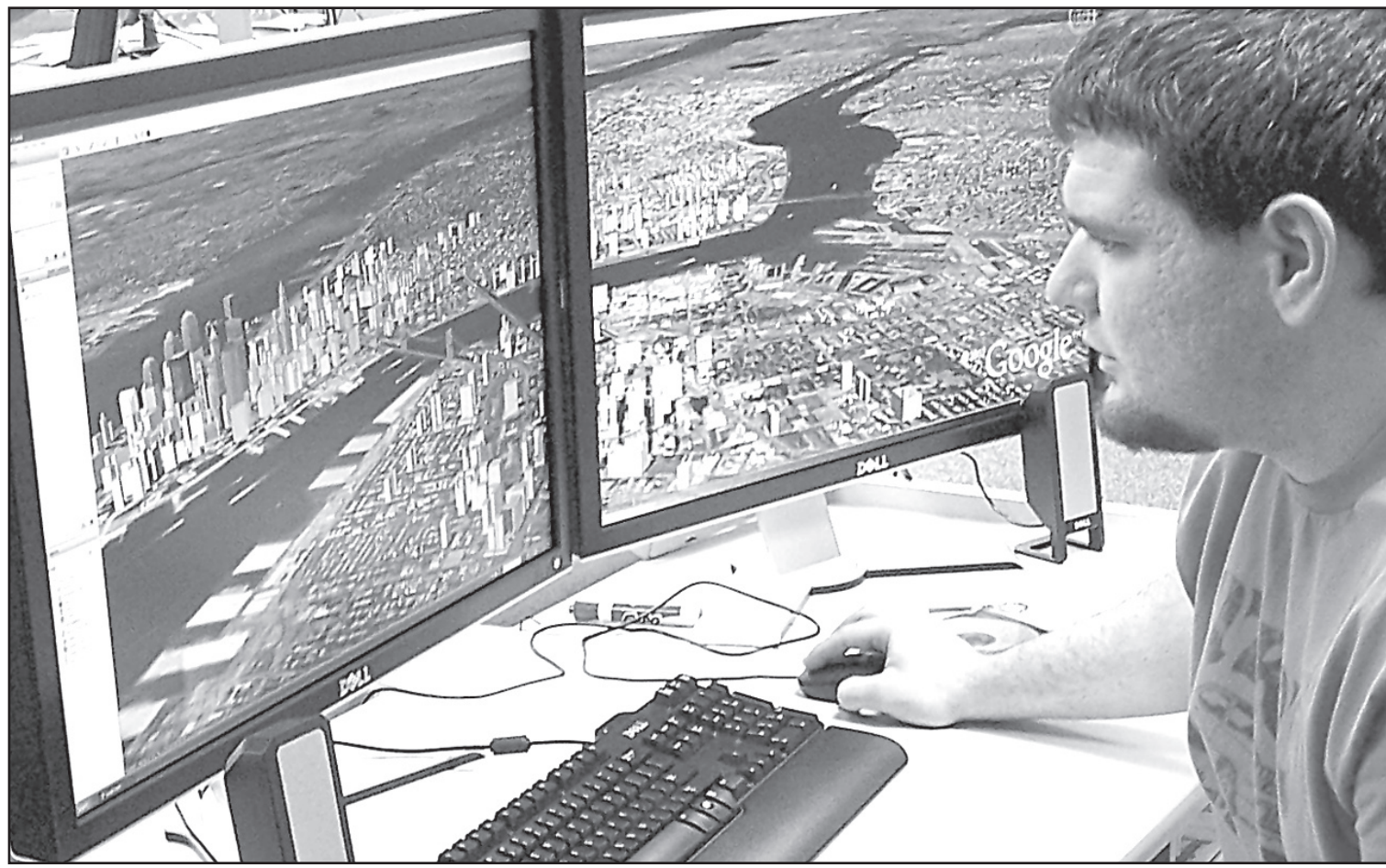
State and federal grants, along with business and community support, have allowed the college to buy the latest software and equipment.

A federal Carl Perkins grant for \$55,155 helped the college get the global positioning and geographical information technology for the Engineering Technology program.

The new gear includes surveying equipment, a mapping database, two 30-inch computer monitors, two laptops computers and enhanced hardware.

The equipment will be used to teach students how to survey land using satellites and how to create maps, said instructor Daniel Ordonez. These are skills needed in the fields of civil engineering and design and public health planning, among others.

The grant was the result of a joint effort between college President Ken Clouse and the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors to find ways to



Skylor Flaska, a Northwest Kansas Technical College Engineering Technology student, took a virtual trip to New York on the college's new Global Information System mapping database software. The

college also acquired Global Positioning surveying equipment, purchased through a \$55,155 federal Carl Perkins grant.
 Photo by Ramona Sanders/Northwest Kansas Technical College

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