

Weather



National Weather Service

Blizzard warning remains in effect until midnight.

Tonight: Snow with widespread blowing snow before midnight, then a slight chance of snow between midnight and 1 a.m. Low around 11. Windy, with a northwest wind 25 to 35 mph decreasing to 15 to 25 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 31. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 13. West wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 43. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 15.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 43.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 38.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12.

Christmas Day: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 23.

Monday: High, 54; Low 24  
 Tuesday: High, 52; Low 28  
 Precip: Monday None  
 Tuesday None  
 Month: 0.41 inches  
 Year: 12.15 inches  
 Normal: 20.65 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Thursday 8:01 a.m. 5:24 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 65 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# College to increase tuition for all

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college to raise its rates.

"We're going to be competitive," Vacik said. "We might not be the lowest, but we'll be competitive and again, given our financial situation, we have to be very careful with this kind of thing."

Chairman Arlen Leiker asked if enough budget work has been done to show by how much the budget will increase. Vacik said they haven't worked on next year's budget yet, but said there's a good chance that state money may decrease and expenses will continue to grow.

"So I think as we look at revenues," he said, "I think we need to go ahead and be active about this, not reactive."

The trustees passed the tuition increase unanimously.

In other business, the board:  
 • Amended the agenda to pull an agreement with Salt Lake Community College (Utah) from

the consent agenda and add it as a business item, to insert a business item for Lou Hines to speak to the board and to add a closed session for attorney/client privilege to discuss negotiations.

• Approved the consent agenda after some questions. Trustee Cindy Black asked why some contracts dating back to February weren't being approved until now. Lisa Failla, administrative assistant to the president, said a couple of them were for adjunct instructors, part-time teachers hired on a contract.

These contracts, Failla said, have to be sent to the employees and then the employees send them back. Failla said they had just received those contracts back.

Trustee Dale Herschberger then asked about a bill from Tubbs and Sons for transporting a car from Texas. Alan Waites, chief financial officer and vice president of business affairs, said it was a relocation expense

for Dr. Xuemei Yang, dean of institutional effectiveness, who moved here from Texas.

• Tabled two resignations due to concerns with wording which would need to be discussed in a closed session.

• Tabled bids for dining services from Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services and Great Western Dining Service Inc. Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, said the current contract with Chartwells isn't up until July, so Black asked to table the bids so the trustees could read through both contracts. Board attorney John Gatz said he hadn't reviewed the contracts yet either. The board will revisit the bids in January.

• Approved an agreement on solar energy training, pending Gatz' approval, with the Utah college for the second phase of a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Vacik said it was pretty much the same agreement

the board approved previously, but appendices had been left out of the original agreement, and Gatz didn't have an opportunity to read all of that beforehand.

Kaaz said Phase 1 was in 2010 when Colby received \$4,000 to provide solar photovoltaic training in Colorado. This contract, he said, covers the money Colby received in Phase 1, but Salt Lake gave them the money without the contract.

Kaaz said this money comes from a fund Salt Lake has from the U.S. Department of Energy and Colby just draws from that fund.

There will be two more phases, he said, with Phase 3 beginning in July, and Colby is the only community college in the state that has taken the initiative to get this grant.

Kaaz said so far, the grant has paid for equipment, solar photovoltaic cells, the college's wind turbine and training in 2010 and this year.

# Colby schools will have wireless access

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Much of the school's current fiber optic cable being used for Internet will have to be replaced to support additional Internet access.

The board gave DeYoung permission to let the bids on its Nov. 19 meeting. He originally thought that the project would cost about \$65,000 to \$70,000, and said Monday he had not calculated the cost of two additional runs of fiber optic cable, and a bond he wants AceMidwest to post that would add 3 percent to the cost of the project. He enlisted the help of Greg Killion, a communications distribution designer for AT&T, to oversee the project.

The company could have started as early as Tuesday installing the cables, DeYoung said, and should be done by the end of February. The network will be configured mainly over spring break of 2013.

The bid for the project will not include

adding access points to some of the school building doors. DeYoung told the school board that the company he was working with told him that project should include work on all the school's doors. He did not feel the plans for the project were complete enough.

The access points would make some doors impossible to open without radio frequency identification chips, which would be embedded in a plastic card, and which would allow the door to open when the person with the card gets close.

Cameras would be turned on when someone with a chip gets close enough, filming the person who is entering so security could see if they were using someone else's card. The district administration would also be able to change when or if people with different chips get access to the doors. DeYoung said she also wants to install an alarm which lets the administration know if one of the doors is open.

The school board also decided to purchase software called Board Docs, during the meeting, which would help them to conduct future meetings without using as many paper documents.

DeYoung said the software would enable board members to get online and see documents that are used for the board meetings from any location.

Documents that are public record would be posted online, but otherwise board members would need to sign in with a password to see them.

The software would cost \$1,000 to install and \$2,500 for maintenance each year. The school board discussed using the software at past meetings, and Superintendent Terrel Harrison had spoken to a vendor for the software at the Kansas Association of School Boards Convention. She recommended that the board purchase of the software, and the district plans to start training after the first of January.

# County gives college \$600,000 tax advance

From "COUNTY," Page 1

whether the college has available funds or not.

"We are honoring their statement of need and taking their word for it," the treasurer added. "Based on the law, this is in violation, but the auditors will not write me up because, when Alan called last week, the auditors were out at the college. Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball is the auditor for the college and for the county."

"I later talked to Brian (Staats, a certified public accountant for the firm), who said I can make the advance payment if I want."

The advance was the fourth time an early payment had been issued to the college since De-

ember 2010. It will come from a distribution scheduled for Jan. 20, when the college will receive its remaining balance. Applebury said this is the first of five annual payments to the taxing subdivisions, and the college usually gets about \$1 million in January.

"The first such payment was issued in December 2010," Waites said after the meeting, "then again in May 2011 and December 2011. Things got better in May 2012, so the advance was not needed at that time and we don't anticipate an advance will be needed in May 2013, either."

"Our biggest challenge is the seasonality of cash flow. Our year end is June 30, and if you

take into account the entire fiscal budget year, we are cash neutral or ahead...."

"Generally, our income is lower than our expenses during the first six months by a significant amount, so then in November and December, we get into a jam. Without this advance payment, we wouldn't be able to pay our operational and payroll expenses."

This year, Applebury said, the college levied taxes to produce \$3,841,132, she said. By Dec. 20, when the first half of property taxes is due, the county will have collected a little over half of an expected total for all funds and units of government of \$14 million. The remaining half of taxes is due at the June 10 dead-

line, she said.

Because the bulk of taxes are collected during December and May, distribution payments are the largest at those times.

Waites indicated during a college board meeting Nov. 26, that he expected to ask for the advance distribution. He said the college had about \$9.4 million remaining in the budget, or 68.4 percent of the total. Waites said the cash balance at the end of October was \$290,000, lower than expected because federal payments had been tied up due to Hurricane Sandy.

Monday evening, during the December meeting, Waites told trustees that he'd picked up the advance payment.

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Thursday Evening December 20, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Dog for Christmas	CMA-Christmas					Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	Elementary			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	White House	Office	Parks	Rock Center			Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor			Local						
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48		Beyond Scared Straight			First 48	The First 48		
AMC	Miracle-34 St.			Miracle-34 St.					Dead Poet	
ANIM	Rattlesnake Republic	Rattlesnake Republic	Rattlesnake Republic	Rattlesnake Republic	Rattlesnake Republic	Rattlesnake Republic				
BRavo	Real Housewives	The Real Housewives of Miami	Real Housewives	The Real Housewives of Miami						
CMT	Reba	Reba	Pure Country							
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy Central Roast	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		
DISC	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Ghost Town Gold	Moonshiners	Ghost Town Gold					
DISN	The Nightmare Before Christmas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Phineas	ANT Farm	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	The Soup	Love You	Miss Universe		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	ProFILE	ProFILE	ProFILE	NFL's Greatest Games	SportCr	Science	NFL Live			
FAM	Christmas Carol	Nat'l-Christmas			The 700 Club	Very Brady				
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Stakeout	Sweet Genius		The Next Iron Chef	Restaurant Stakeout				
FX	Christmas-Krank		Sunny	League	League	Unsupper	Sunny	League		
HGTV	Buying and Selling	Extreme Homes	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Home Strange Home	Extreme Homes				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	2012 The End Is Now		Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Pawn	Pawn			
LIFE	Project Runway	Project Runway	Marchesa	Project Runway	Marchesa	Project Runway				
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore				
NICK	iCarly	Victorior	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	12 Disasters		Ice Quake		Countdown, Doomsday					
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling		Ink Master		Ink Master		Enter the Dragon			
TBS	Family Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office		
TCM	Holiday Affair		The Lemon Drop Kid		Bachelor	Mother				
TLC	Sin City Rules	Four Weddings	Say Yes:The Big Day		Four Weddings	Say Yes:The Big Day				
TNT	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball		Inside the NBA					
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Delocated
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum				
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens			
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice			
VH1	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Jacksons-Drm				
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos	Rules	Rules		
Premium Channels										
HBO	Johnny	Fight	Project Nim			Atlantic City		In Vogue: Edit		
MAX	The Brave One			End of Days				Very Harid 3D		
SHOW	Source Code	Drive Angry			Old Porn	Reality	Old Porn	Next Stop		

**Friday Evening December 21, 2012**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Malibu	Back-Beginning				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Michael Bubl		White House		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe			Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Duck D.	Duck D.	
AMC	Miracle-34 St.						Miracle-34 St.			
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!	
BRavo	Shahs of Sunset	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.		Shahs of Sunset		House Party			
CMT	Reba	Reba	Fireproof				Facing the Giants			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Harold & Kumar				Chris Hardwick: Ma.	Ralphie		
DISC	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold			
DISN	Phineas and Ferb	Good Luck	Dog	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Austin	Good Luck	
E!	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Celebrity Oops: They		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball			NFL Kickoff		NFL Live		NFL Live	
FAM	Nat'l-Christmas		The Santa Clause		The 700 Club		Holiday in Handcuffs			
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Stakeout	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Restaurant Stakeout			
FX	2012						2012			
HGTV	Country Stars		White House		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	White House	

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HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	Pickers	1880's	How the	Pickers	American Pickers
LIFE	Finding Mrs. Claus		Christmas Crash			Finding Mrs. Claus	
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Not Teen Mv			Not Teen Mv	
NICK	Merry Christmas		See Dad	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!		Have		Have	Have	
SPIKE	Coming to America	Eddie Murphy			Coming to America		
TBS	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	Hitch		Fool's Go
TCM	The Love Parade				Monte Carlo		The Merry Widow
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes
TNT	Christmas 2012		Four Christmases		Christmas 2012		A Christmas Carol
TOON	Cartoon Planet	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	The Dead Files		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	Law-SVU	The Game Plan			Burn Notice		Burn Notice
VH1	The TRL Decade	Beavis and Butt-head			Risky Business		
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos	Rules
Premium Channels							
HBO	In Time		New Year's Eve			The Change-Up	
MAX	X-Men: First Class				Project X	Lingerie	Sweet Prudence
SHOW	War Horse				Real Steel		Jim Rome on Showtime

Briefly

Santa City now open every weeknight

Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, is open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Monday, Christmas Eve, the winter wonderland will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Museum offers lunch, lecture on wildlife

The Prairie Museum of Art and History's second Food for Thought program of the season at noon Thursday will feature retired wildlife biologist Leonard Hopper, talking about "People and Wildlife on the Plains: Prehistory to Present Day." Everyone is invited to this free program at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 for information.

Sanitation Department won't pick up on holiday

The Colby Sanitation Department will not pick up trash Monday or Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. Monday's residential trash route will be picked up after 8 a.m. Friday. People who normally have their trash picked up Tuesday should plan to have tipper cans by the curb by 8 a.m. next Wednesday.

The department will not pick up trash on Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. People on Tuesday routes should put trash out on Wednesday, Jan. 2. For questions, call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420.

Landfill to close both Monday and Tuesday

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas Eve and Christmas. For questions, call supervisor Larry Jumper at 462-8139.