

Weather



National Weather Service  
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 9. West wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 44. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 13. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 44. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 15.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 40.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Christmas Day: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 23.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 27.

Wednesday: High, 38; Low 9  
Precip: Wednesday 0.07 inches  
Month: 0.48 inches  
Year: 12.22 inches  
Normal: 20.65 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset  
Friday 8:01 a.m. 5:24 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 65 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# College energy project completed

From "COLLEGE," Page 1

visits will begin and Baker said there was already one in September and there will be another in about six months.

Kaaz said he is pleased with the results and Lester thanked the staff and personnel at the college for working with Honeywell's sub-contractors.

Trustee Bill Shields asked Kaaz if this project has freed up time for the maintenance crew to complete other tasks and Kaaz said it has helped considerably and added that it has given "peace of mind" that there will

be beat during the winter.

In other business, the board:  
• Heard a report from Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, who gave the trustees the highlights of her report. She said the high school visits in October and November were up from last year, which is "pretty phenomenal." Also, Nichols said the emergency management team has been trained, financial aid money has been disbursed and enrollment management is using a project management tool to pull out some data.  
• Heard from Kaaz, who said

they have closed the Honeywell project, saying they have further developed alternative energy at the college farm and the text, graphs and charts reviewing the energy savings from the project have been sent to the trustees. The board members said they appreciated receiving the charts and graphs.

Herschberger asked about the "DashBoard," which allows anyone to track, monitor and compare electrical and natural gas energy usage on campus, and Kaaz said it is working and they might be able to use it for some competitiveness on cam-

pus.  
• Heard from Debbie Schwanke, public information officer, who said all of the tax credits the college was selling are gone. The board also heard from Ryan Sturdy, athletic director, who was asked by Chairman Arlen Leiker how many credit hours the athletes took this semester. Sturdy said he wasn't sure, but estimated about 17 hours per athlete and there are about 180 to 200 athletes total. Leiker asked that when that information was ready, if Sturdy could send it to the board members.

# City Council approves employee raises

From "CITY," Page 1

Schmidt voted no, while Beringer, Fred Taylor and Phil DeYoung voted for the cost-of-living increase, and the mayor broke the tie. Councilmen Mike Hake and Pat Malory were absent.

The cost increase would have raised base level salaries for all different city jobs. During the discussion on that pay increase, Hutfles was also unsure of whether there was an even comparison made between the city government and the other governments for which a list of salaries had been drawn up.

"To me just a 3 percent across the board is kind of a shotgun approach," he said.

In other business, the council:

• Set a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec.

28, to wrap up end-of-the-year business.

• Approved specifications for bids for a used salt spreader and dump truck, which would have between 40,000 and 70,000 miles on it.

Public Works Director Omar Weber said the truck being replaced, purchased over a year ago, has a rusted frame and has been taken out of service. Councilman Mark Beringer asked Weber why he was looking at a truck with such low mileage, and Weber said he thought he could get a good deal. He said later that he had looked at several trucks online, but is not sure how much they would cost.

• Approved a motion to rezone a tract in the Davis Family Legacy Subdivision in the south part of town from a single-

family dwelling district to multiple family. The rezoning is meant to accommodate the Bainter Senior Apartment Complex, being built across Sewell Avenue from Fairview Estates by Hoxie-based company Bainter Construction. The city planning commission recommended the rezoning after its Dec. 13 meeting.

• Approved a bid from McCormick Excavation and Paving of Stratton, Colo., to work on a corridor management study being done on state highways in town for \$537,698. The council approved the contract at its last meeting. The study is being done in conjunction with the county and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The city hopes to start work on the project around April or May.

# School board will vote on levy increase

From "SCHOOL," Page 1

fall, board members discussed making improvements to the heating and cooling systems of its buildings, among other features.

They generally agreed that the first improvements would have to be made to the middle school.

The board voted to approve the \$15,000 audit by the company at its October meeting. The company earlier did a free

preliminary audit, which it presented to the board in September. The engineers suggested a phased approach to updating the buildings, rather than trying to do everything at once.

After the meeting Monday, Jo DeYoung, district business manager, said a 3-mill increase would bring the levy for capital outlay to 8 mills, the maximum allowed by law.

The board passed a resolution in 2010 allowing it to tax five mills for the fund. The

new resolution would be set to expire at the same time as that one, August 2015, and Harrison suggested the board members be prepared to pass a bond issue at that point.

Currently, DeYoung said, the district is only using two of the five mills in the capital outlay fund.

The district has a levy of 5.748 mills in the bond and interest fund to pay for bonds issued to build the high school. It will be rid of that tax when the bonds

are paid off next year. She said a report from the county says that one mill for the district will raise \$67,796 in the coming school year.

Harrison said that she felt the public is happy with how the school district has been doing its taxes.

"We told the public we wouldn't raise (other) taxes until that was paid," DeYoung said, saying of the school improvements. "We knew that we were going to have to do this."

# Blizzard shuts down county roads, schools

From "BLIZZARD," Page 1

24 from I-70 to the Nine-Mile corner, U.S. 83 from the junction north to the state line, K-25 from Colby to the Nebraska line, U.S. 40 from Sharon Springs to the Colorado line, U.S. 183 from Hays to the Nebraska line, K-383 from U.S. 183 to Selden, U.S. 36 from Phillipsburg to the Colorado line, K-27 from Goodland to the Nebraska line and K-161 from U.S. 36 at Bird City to the Nebraska line.

Colby schools closed Wednesday in anticipation of the storm, but city and county offices and most businesses stayed open through the afternoon.

Alan Wade, transportation coordinator for the Colby School District, said schools opened on a normal schedule today, the last

day of classes before the Christmas break.

Golden Plains schools dismissed classes at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday and were closed all day today. A music concert scheduled for tonight at Golden Plains was put off until 7 p.m. Friday.

Deena Bandy, secretary for Heartland Christian School, said that school opened at 10 a.m. today after classes were cancelled Wednesday. Sacred Heart Catholic School was open today after closing Wednesday. Bonnie Holm, board president of the Brewster School District, said the school there was closed today and let out at noon Wednesday.

Omar, Weber, Colby Public Works director, said all city facilities were working, although employees are still plowing the streets.

"We'll be at it all day cleaning up and winding down," he said, "but everything is up and running."

Downtown, city crews were clearing snow along the streets. Residential streets were cleared by this morning.

Autumn AraSmith, acting director of emergency management for the county, said the courthouse and county office complex opened at 11 a.m., and the rest of the county facilities were on a normal schedule. The courthouse had been open Wednesday.

Up-to-date information on road conditions can be found at [www.Kandrive.org](http://www.Kandrive.org) or by clicking the 511 icon on [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org). From any telephone in the state, just call 511 to get this information.



Saturday Evening											December 22, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Prep & Chipmunk	Chipmunk	CMA-Christmas				Local															
KBSL/CBS	Made in Jersey	Made in Jersey			48 Hours																	
KSNK/NBC	Mr. Magoo	Mr. Magoo	WWE Tribute		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live														
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Kitchen Nightmares		Local		MasterChef		30S	Local												
<b>Cable Channels</b>																						
A & E	Storage	Storage	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Billy	Billy	Storage	Storage												
AMC	Miracle-34 St.	Miracle-34 St.					Miracle-34 St.															
ANIM	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Pup Culture		Too Cute!		Pup Culture		Too Cute!													
BRAVO	The Family Man	The Family Man					The Family Man															
CMT	Redneck Island	Redneck Island	Chainsaw	Chainsaw	Redneck Island	Chainsaw	Chainsaw	Chainsaw	Chainsaw	Chainsaw												
CNN	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Piers Morgan Tonight	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Piers Morgan Tonight	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Piers Morgan Tonight												
COMEDY	South Pk	Beavis	South Pk	Beavis	South Pk	Beavis	South Pk	Beavis	South Pk	Beavis												
DISC	Great Barrier	Great Barrier	Frozen Planet		Last Frontier		Frozen Planet		Last Frontier													
DISN	Santa Paws	Santa Paws			ANT Farm	Jessie	Shake It	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Shake It												
E!	Ocean's Thirteen	Ocean's Thirteen			Love You		Fashion Police		The Soup	Chelsea												
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football					SportsCenter															
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball			SEC Storied		SportCtr	SportCtr	NBA	Poker												
FAM	The Santa Clause 2	The Santa Clause 2			Santa Clause 3		The Santa Clause 2															
FOOD	Unwrapped	Unwrapped			Unwrapped		Iron Chef America		Unwrapped													
FX	Alvin-Chipmunk	Alvin-Chipmunk			Chipmunks-Squeakquel		Sunny		League													
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It			Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It													

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HIST	Mankind The Story	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Mankind The Story
LIFE	Boyfriend for	Single Santa				Boyfriend for
MTV	Underemployed	Jersey Shore	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	MTV Special
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Victorious	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends
SCI	Star Trek Gen	Star Trk: Cntct				Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan
SPIKE	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Wedding Band	Wedding Band	The Replacements
TCM	Rebel Without		The Wild One			Hidden Values: 50's
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras	Four Weddings: Holid	Deck Halls	Toddlers & Tiaras	Four Weddings: Holid	
TNT	The Wizard of Oz	The Wizard of Oz				Monster-in-Law
TOON	Garfield's Fun Fest	Venture	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Dynamite
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King
USA	The Ugly	The Back-up Plan				The Ugly Truth
VH1	Marry	Marry	Love & Hip Hop	Basketball Wives LA	Basketball Wives LA	Hip Hop Songs
WGN	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Funniest Home Videos	News/Nine	Bones	Bones

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# LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening											December 23, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	The Sound of Music						Local															
KBSL/CBS	NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		The Mentalist		Local															
KSNK/NBC	Football		NFL Football																			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local																	
<b>Cable Channels</b>																						
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage												
AMC	Miracle-34 St.	Miracle-34 St.					Miracle-34 St.															
ANIM	Rattlesnake Republic	Gator Boys			Finding Bigfoot		Lost Treasure		Finding Bigfoot													
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.			Shahs of Sunset		Housewives/Atl.		Shahs of Sunset													
CMT	Fireproof	Fireproof			Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us													
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Tonight			CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight													
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham: Arguing	Jeff Dunham Special			Jeff Dunham: Arguing		National-Van Wilder															
DISC	Amish Mafia	X-Ray: Yellowstone			Zombie Apocalypse		Amish Mafia		X-Ray: Yellowstone													
DISN	Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause	Good Luck			Shake It	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards												
E!	The Bachelorette				Ice-Coco	Celebrity Oops: They Love You	The Soup	Chelsea														
ESPN	SportCtr	SEC Storied			30 for 30		SportsCenter															
ESPN2	Poker	World/Poker			World/Poker		College Basketball															
FAM	Dr. Seuss' How-Grinch				Dr. Seuss'		J. Osteen		Shook													
FOOD	Sugar Dome	The Next Iron Chef			All-Star Family Cook		Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef													
FX	Christmas-Krank	Christmas-Krank			Christmas-Krank		Deck the Halls															
HGTV	Extreme Homes	Property Brothers			House Hunters Reno		Hunters	Hunt Intl														