

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after 5 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 9. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before 10 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 20. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 7. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 23. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 8.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 35.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 14.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.
New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Friday: High, 47; Low 13
Saturday: High, 45; Low 19
Sunday: High, 38; Low 11
Monday: High, 24; Low 9
Tuesday: High, 13; Low -11
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Monday 0.03 inches
Tuesday 0.02 inches
Month: 0.53 inches
Year: 12.27 inches
Normal: 20.65 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 8:03 a.m. 5:28 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 100 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

College gets advance to pay bills

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campaign.
Waites said it’s critical to the budget to keep enrollment up and retain as many students as possible, though spring enrollment won’t be known until next month.
He finished by updating the board on a budget increase for the beef program. Waites said the college doesn’t need to republish the budget or hold a public hearing. During the June audit, he said, they can allow credit for offsetting revenue because of the increased income and costs for an increase in the number of bulls.
The board approved an increase for the program’s budget from \$171,100 to \$241,100 due to an increase in the number of bulls and higher supply and advertising costs.
In other business, the board:
• Heard from Brooks Wederski, information technology director, who was asked by Trustee Cindy Black about the new website platform from the company Percussion. Wederski said the new program will give the staff more benefits for workflow. Staff members will be able to upload their own content to a web page, have it proofread by someone else, then make it go live to the site, he said.

He said the site will be more secure, but the program is more expensive than the software the college had used. Wederski said this software usually costs \$25,000 but they were able to talk the company down to \$15,000 with an annual maintenance fee of \$6,000. However, he said, since this software is easy to use, it will save the college from having to hire a webmaster.
• Heard from Nick Wells, endowment foundation director, who said the foundation board approved fall scholarships at a meeting Dec. 13. He said they also mailed out the “mailathon,” which is being used to promote Homecoming, last Monday. Lastly, Wells said he got approval from the foundation board to redo old donor boards that used to hang in the breezeway. He said they plan to use them for the college Hall of Fame.
• Approved a request for the adult education program to buy a car. Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, said the program has the money from a grant. She said it would be a plus for the college because when the car is not being used by adult education, any employee could check it out, saving the college from paying mileage for someone to use their own car. In effect, she said, the car will just be added to the fleet.
Chairman Arlen Leiker asked how much insurance costs would increase, and Wait-

es said only a few hundred dollars. Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, said the car they were looking at is a 2011 Chevy Impala with about 32,000 miles for \$14,000. The program is buying the car through a grant, and if they don’t use the money, they will lose it.
• Approved an increase in summer residence hall rates from \$60 to \$120 a week. Trustee Kenton Krehbiel asked how many students this will affect and Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, said there were about 20 last summer, but they hope to increase that this year. Nichols said the extra \$60 will help cover the cost of utilities, among other things.
Black asked how many of the halls are used during the summer and Nichols said they try to put all of the students in one. However, Nichols said, they hire several summer resident advisors, or student supervisors, because they rotate working at the hall and may have other jobs or vacation plans.
• Approved disposal of chemistry and vet-tech lab equipment. Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president, said this equipment is either not working or is surplus.

Scouts recognize leader with award

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fidence and character and who make the world a better place
Faber explained that when her only daughter Kaitlynn wanted to become a Scout, there was no leader for the troop and nobody else wanted to take the volunteer job. She said she hesitated to take the job because she had never been a Girl Scout, but she agreed to try it so the troop wouldn’t have to disband.
“I immediately grew a bond with these girls,” said Faber, “and we took it from there. Girl Scouts is a (Scout)-led organization, so each year I sit down with the girls and we decide what we are going to do each year....
“Dalene Rowley has been by my side as an assistant with her daughter Carissa, as well. The

nominator for my award comes from the parents. I was told it was by several, but I truly believe it was Pam Geihlsler who initiated it.”
She said this is the first award she’s received from the organization.
“We were having our last meeting (of the year) at the park,” she said, “and I was completely unaware it was happening. I was very honored. I feel I’m very lucky to have such wonderful parents in my troop. My troop is one of the bigger troops, and the parents are always there to step up and help whenever I need help.
“...I think it is important that girls learn the importance of helping your community and forming a bond as a group of girls together. Some of the girls

will be taking over that project from another troop.
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Storm sweeps east bearing tornadoes, blizzard

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asking residents to make only essential driving trips.
Indianapolis had 7 inches on the ground by 10 a.m. after receiving as much as 3 inches of snow in a single hour, said John Kwiatkowski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. He said the storm’s winds were just high enough to classify the storm as a blizzard, making it one of the strongest snowstorms in years to strike central and southern Indiana.
“The way I’ve been describing it is as a low-end blizzard,

but that’s sort of like saying a small Tyrannosaurus rex. Just to become a blizzard is quite an accomplishment. And it’s sure a heck of a lot more than we’ve seen,” he said.
In Arkansas, the storm left more than 189,000 customers without electricity today, utility Entergy Arkansas said.
Severe thunderstorms were forecast for the Carolinas while a line of blizzard and winter storm warnings stretched from Arkansas up the Ohio River to New York and on to Maine.
State police reported scores of accidents on snow-covered highways in central and west-

ern Maryland, where forecasters predicted up to 5 inches of snow in most counties west of the Baltimore-Washington area, followed by freezing rain.
Thirty-four tornadoes were reported in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama during the outbreak Tuesday, the National Weather Service said.
Rick Cauley’s family was hosting relatives for Christmas when tornado sirens went off in Mobile. Not taking any chances, he and his wife, Ashley, hustled everyone down the block to take shelter at the athletic field house at Mobile’s Murphy High School in Mobile.

It turns out, that wasn’t the place to head.
“As luck would have it, that’s where the tornado hit,” Cauley said. “The pressure dropped and the ears started popping and it got crazy for a second.”
They were all fine, though the school was damaged, as were a church and several homes, but officials say no one was seriously injured.
More than 900 flights around the U.S. were canceled as of midday, according to the flight tracker FlightAware.com. Holiday travelers in the nation’s much colder midsection battled treacherous driving conditions.

Briefly

Trash crew won’t work on New Year’s holiday

The Colby Sanitation Department will not pick up trash on Tuesday for New Year’s Day. People on Tuesday routes should put trash out next Wednesday. 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 Tuesday for New Year’s Day. For questions, call supervisor Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

District court will close early for end of the year

The Thomas County District Court will be closing at noon next Monday, New Year’s Eve, to finish end-of-the-year accounting. For information, contact Clerk Kim Schwarz at 460-4540.

Free adult classes to begin in January

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College is offering free General Educational Development classes for anyone who needs to finish a high-school degree beginning Monday, Jan. 7, in the lower level of the library on campus. The department also will provide an “academic bridge” to prepare those who want to enroll in health-care programs. For information or to enroll, call Director Nance Munderloh at 460-4663.

Volunteers needed to deliver home meals

The Colby Nutrition Site at the Senior Progress Center needs volunteers to deliver meals to homes from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information.

Group needs ‘big’s to work with children

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County is looking for people able to volunteer one to two hours a week as mentors for kids who need a “big.” You could make a difference in a child’s life working with the largest mentoring organization in Kansas. For questions, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Bike riders gather weekly at Fike Park

Everyone is invited to join a group which gathers at 7 p.m. each Thursday by the playground in Fike Park for a casual bike ride. For information, call Ryan Hale at (970) 215-4030.

Head Start still looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a tuition-free preschool, is accepting applications for the current school year. The school accepts applications all year long for kids 3 and 4. For information, or to get an application, call 460-6067.

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Thursday Evening December 27, 2012									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00 11:30
KAKE/ABC	Charlie Brown		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	Local				
Cable Channels									
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig	The First 48	
AMC	Poseidon				Predator				Poseidon
ANIM	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys	Eating	Eating	Gator Boys	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	Housewives/Atl.	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Strictest Parents		Strictest Parents		Strictest Parents	Strictest Parents	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Tosh.0		The Comedy Central Roast	Jackass: The Movie				
DISC	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property
DISN	Star New Year		Shake It	Gravity	ANT Farm	Phineas	Jessie	Shake It	Wizards
E!	The Soup	Love You	Kardas	Kardas	Miami	Kourtney	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	College Football				College Football				
ESPN2	NFL Live		College Basketball			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAM	Hercules		Pocahontas			The 700 Club		Serendipity	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		The Next Iron Chef	Chopped	
FX	What Happens				Extract			Extract	
HGTV	Buying and Selling		Extreme Homes		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Home Strange Home	Extreme Homes	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Bamazon		Ax Men	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Bride Wars			Project Runway	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Scary Movie 3			Half Baked			
NICK	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Jeepers Creepers		Jeepers Creepers 2				Boogeyman		
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling				Universal Soldier			Unleashed	
TBS	Family Guy		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office
TCM	Black Widow				The Left Hand of God			The Return of Frank James	
TLC	My Big Fat American		Four Weddings		Wives With Beehives		Four Weddings	Wives With Beehives	
TVT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball				
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	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Couples Retreat				The Back-up Plan				Couples
VH1	Gremlins					Dangerous Minds			Love
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	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Boxing's Best		Taxicab Confessions
MAX	Big Stan	Wanderlust			Hall Pass				
SHOW	Brake			The Samaritan			Old Porn	Teller	Old Porn Next Stop

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SHOW	Beastly		Fright Night				Scream 4									