

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. North wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday: A 10 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 76.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Monday: High, 56; Low 33
 Tuesday: High, 74; Low 41
 Precip: Monday 0.31 inches
 Tuesday None
 Month: 2.29 inches
 Year: 3.96 inches
 Normal: 3.98 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:01 a.m. 8:26 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 2 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

College board raises fees \$3/hour

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or fees anywhere from \$3 to \$8 an hour. Vacik said that even though the college's property tax levy is high, the county's valuation is a lot lower than for other colleges, so they're getting a lot more money from their counties than Colby is. Waites said when it comes to revenue from county property tax, the college is No. 18 out of 19 in Kansas.

"It's an additional source of revenue," Waites said. "We know we won't get more from the state and pretty well know what's going to happen in the county. We can't bet on increased credit hours. It's a place we thought we could adjust."

Vacik said they're trying to be conservative with thinking about credit hours next year, hoping for a significant bump but thinking they will be at least level, which would mean level income.

In other business, the board:

- Heard a report from Nichols, who said campus visits by prospective students have doubled since last year with 24 visits last March and 50 this year. She said she thinks this is a sign of how well their recruiters are doing, adding that she just hopes they can turn these visits into actual enrollment.

Wells said he liked that her report included where the visitors are from and how many are from that area. Nichols said they are hoping to create a report in May to see which school districts these visitors are coming from and do some remapping about

where to visit next year.

Trustee Bill Shields asked which area Nichols was seeing the most results out of, and she said they are getting more responses from the Texas Panhandle, Colorado and Nebraska than last year.

Shields then asked if any specific programs were drawing more interest than others and Nichols said the college's specialty programs — including nursing and physical therapist assistant. Wells asked what the weakest area is, and Nichols said general studies.

- Heard from Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, who said they have been working to fill three teaching positions. She said there were two contracts waiting to be approved by the board and that they're really close to finding a physics instructor.

Wells asked if the candidates for this job have visited Colby and know about it, and Washburn said yes, one candidate they are interested in from California has been to Colby and is impressed with the town.

Leiker said he heard that Oakley and Goodland high schools are going to iPad initiatives next year and asked how that is going to affect the college.

Vacik said he hasn't heard about that. He said the college could do the same if it wanted to, but the cost would fall on the students and he doesn't want to burden them with more fees.

Vacik said he's spoken with other schools that have this initiative and heard that the

iPads are more of a distraction than a learning tool. He said he will look into the statement about the high schools.

- Heard from Wells, director of the college's Endowment Foundation, who thanked everyone who helped put on a successful auction Saturday and said it had been well attended. He said it was the largest gross they've ever had, about \$113,000, or \$5,000 or \$6,000 more than last year.

- Approved an audit bid for a three-year contract with Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball of Colby.

- Accepted the resignations of Tom Moorhous, history instructor, who is retiring next spring, and Suzi Calliham, behavioral science instructor, with regret.

- Heard the financial report for March from Waites. He said overall, the March year-to-date expenditures are on track, and the annual forecast of \$13.12 million in spending is the same as February.

Waites said budget reports indicate there is about \$3.8 million left to spend, or 28.6 percent.

The cash balance on March 31 was \$1.46 million. The balance at the end of February was \$1.57 million and the college had \$1.674 million come in and \$1.778 million spent during March.

He finished the report by saying they continue to monitor all expenses to assure budget compliance, the cash flow was strong from January to March, but will become challenging through spring and summer.

Officials debate condition of Road O

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Harenza and John Kern didn't argue that the road needs some upkeep, but said people can use other routes.

Especially after a rain, the township officials said, people need to use the oil roads instead of Road O. People should use some common sense when driving on country roads, they said, especially truck drivers.

Road and bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock said that his department won't maintain the road for the township but could help build it up to make maintenance easier.

Schrock said he would provide the township board with

some estimates before anything is done.

Later, Emergency Medical Services director Joe Hickert gave a report about the department's progress and recent happenings, including a donation for \$1,700.

Hickert said that during an ambulance call, an overweight patient collapsed an "easy-glide" chair the crew uses to move patients.

"They are invaluable, so we definitely need to replace it," Hickert said. "The new one I'd like to get is \$2,200 from Ferno and has a 500-pound weight capacity. The 350-pound chairs just don't do the job anymore."

The purchase was unanimous-

ly approved.

"Well," Commissioner Paul Steele said, "I guess our donor just bought a chair."

The commissioners authorized Hickert to attend an event in Hutchinson on June 19 and 20 to find a new medic. Hickert said many of his transportation and lodging costs will be covered.

He told the commissioners the department is running Advanced Life Support functions now.

"Things are going along really fast and very well," said Hickert. "I'm having a hoot here. It's

fantastic. And I think our staff and volunteers are having a lot of fun, too."

In other business, Schrock and County Clerk Shelly Harms said that many Thomas County employees will want to attend the funeral of Colby Public Works Director Chris Bieker on Thursday and asked that some offices be closed for the occasion. Harms said they can legally close down for a half a day.

Bieker, a former road supervisor, was a county employee for 17 years; he died at age 53 from cancer, said Harms.

Governor here to sign a water bill

From "GOVERNOR," Page 1

closed to new water right appropriations. He said it give landowners incentive to conserve water when they don't need to use it. Otherwise, he said, under "use it or lose it," they might have to pump just so they don't lose their water rights.

He said those with water rights no longer have to use all their water to maintain ownership, he said.

He said getting rid of this law brought the state a step closer in conservation efforts, but it's not enough. He said some people may be helping by not using

their water, but what about their neighbors?

The new bill will involve local management of critical areas and provides landowners the opportunity to decide on conservation methods as a community rather than individually.

Brownback said that this idea was started in this area by Wayne Bossert and the board of Groundwater Management District No. 4 based in Colby, of which Bossert is manager, and that the district has been working on it for about five years.

Brownback recognized the Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee, Sen. Ralph Ostmeier and

the farmers of Sheridan County High Priority Area No. 6 for helping with the effort.

"Now you don't have to use it or lose it," Brownback said, "Now go talk to your neighbors about how all of us can work together to still produce an economic crop, net income the same or near ... but reduce our demand on the aquifer so we got more water for a longer period of time. That's sustainability."

Also speaking about the bill were Dave Barfield, chief engineer for the state Division of Water Resources; Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office director; Bossert and Ostmeier.

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Thursday Evening April 19, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Missing		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Parks	Awake		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Touch		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	U.S. Marshals				U.S. Marshals					
ANIM	Human Planet		Mutant Planet		Human Planet		Mutant Planet			
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Happens		Housewives/Atl.		Kathy	
CMT	Urban Cowboy				Footloose				Melissa &	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Exodus		Resurrection Tomb		American Chopper		Resurrection Tomb		American Chopper	
DISN	Shake It	Adventures of Sharkboy		Jessie	Austin	Wizards	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	The Soup	Ice-Coco		Along Came Polly		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	NFL Live		SportsCenter Special		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Softball				Gruden's QB Camp		NFL Live		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Miss Cong	Meet the Parents					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Benjamin Button					
HGTV	Selling	Selling	Sell LA	Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Sell LA	Selling
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Ax Men		Larry the Cable Guy		Swamp People	
LIFE	High Crimes				The Client List		Reba		High Crimes	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Pauly D	Punk'd	Pauly D	America's Best Dance	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	The Matrix Reloaded		Matrix Revol.						Dream Machines	
SPIKE	Big Easy	Big Easy	iMPACT Wrestling				MMA	Ways Die	BlueMount	BlueMount
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang			Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	The Office
TCM	Beach Party				Muscle Beach Party					
TLC	Dateline: Real Life		Dateline: Real Life		Dateline: Real Life		Dateline: Real Life		Dateline: Real Life	
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Eaglehear	Delocated
TRAV	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Sand M.	Sand M.	Hotel Impossible		No Reservation		Sand M.	Sand M.
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		In Plain Sight		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Yo! MTV Raps Moments				Planet Rock: Hip Hop			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death
Premium Channels										
HBO	Predators				True Blood		Real Sex			
MAX	Seven	The Nutty Professor			Hall Pass					
SHOW	The Back-up Plan	The Borgias			Nurse	The Big C	Gigolos	Sunset	Something Like	

Friday Evening April 20, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Mike	Rules	CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You		Grimm		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The Finder		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	One Flew Over						King Arthur			
ANIM	North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/OC		The Sweetest Thing	
CMT	The Singing Bee	J. Garth	Melissa	J. Garth	Melissa		The Singing Bee		You've Got Mail	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Sunny	Sunny	South Pk	Dumb & Dumber				South Pk	Chappelle	
DISC	Dual Survival		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISN	Monsters, Inc.		Video		Phineas	Good Luck	Austin	Austin	Austin	Shake It
E!	Fashion Star		Khloe		The Soup	Fashion Police	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					SportsCenter
ESPN2	SportsCenter Special		Boxing				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	A Cinderella Story		Another Cinderella				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Taken				Ultimate Fight		UFC		Taken	
HGTV	Brake for Yard Sales		Flea Mark	Hunters	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Flea Mark	Hunters
American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.										
HIST	American Pickers	Sold!	Sold!	Sold!	Sold!		American	American	American Pickers	
LIFE	To Be Announced		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		To Be Announced	
MTV	Fantasy	Pauly D	Savage U	Punk'd	How High				How High	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Dream Machines		Fact or Faked		Lost Girl	
SPIKE	Alien vs. Predator		Doom				Alien vs. Predator			
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne			The Wedding Date			
TCM	Ski Party				Winter a Go-Go				Bikini Beach	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding		Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding	
TNT	Law & Order		The Hangover				I Love You, Man			
TOON	Cartoon Planet		King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Fairly Legal		In Plain Sight		Suits		Fairly Legal	
VH1	Couples Therapy		Tough Love		The Women of SNL				Stevie TV	Pranks
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	MLB Baseball					
Premium Channels										
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		Gervais	Too Short	Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher	Eastbound	Gervais	
MAX	Big Mommas		The Town				Depravity	Sex Games	Seven	
SHOW	Square Grouper		Scream 4				Boxing			