

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Cloudy, with a low around 25. Windy, with a north-west wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 49. Windy, with a northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 29.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

Friday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday Night: A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45.

Friday: High, 33; Low 9
 Saturday: High, 55; Low 13
 Sunday: High, 60; Low 25
 Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
 Saturday 0.00 inches
 Sunday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.10 inches
 Year: 0.74 inches
 Normal: 2.15 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Auto dealer, lawn service renovated

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MC Auto Outlet has recently finished renovating its building, adding some office space and sprucing up the former restaurant to serve a growing trade.

Co-owner C.W. Cheney said the used-car business opened at 855 Davis Ave., just east of Range Ave. and Montana Mike's, in October 2005. The building had been occupied by Long John Silvers, a fast-food restaurant, and by a Mexican restaurant and a barbecue place, among others.

Krohn Carpentry, an area contractor, renovated the building, Cheney said, starting in mid-November and finishing in January. He said the building was remodeled, but didn't increase in size.

"We turned an eating establishment into an office building," he said, adding that the firm has expanded quite a bit since coming to the city.

"We grew," he said. "We have added a detail man and a salesman."

Scott Harrison is the company's detail guy, reconditioning cars. Scott King is sales person, Cheney said, and the business has also added four part-time workers.

Harrison was hired in November 2005 and King in June 2006, said Cheney.

Cheney said when the business first opened, it had just two employees, him and co-owner Jason Mader; and 10 used cars in the parking lot. He said they have 50 cars on the lot today.

MC specializes in selling used cars, Cheney said. Most have barely been used, with usually less than 36,000 miles on them.

They buy most of their vehicles at St. Louis and Kansas City auctions, he said.

Clarification

An article on Page 1 of the Wednesday, March 25, edition of the *Colby Free Press* on the "State of the College Address" said that tuition fees will be raised by \$4 per credit hour for in-state students and \$10 an hour for "border," out of state and international students. The term "tuition fees" may have been misleading. While students' tuition will be raised by \$4 or \$10 per credit hour, fees charged for incidentals will remain the same as they were in the fall 2009, said Alan Waites, chief financial officer of the college.

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Scott Harrison, head of the detail department at MC Auto, used a buffer to take light scratches out of the vehicles on March 23.

The business acquired Camou-raging and aerating, said Cheney. They are signing up customers right now, he said. To contact the rototilling, weed cutting, power

Three people dead in home shooting

FIRESTONE, Colo. (AP) — A man suspected of shooting and killing a man and woman and then himself in a house here Saturday was the woman's ex-husband, police say.

Michael Acker, 47, was suspected of shooting Sharla Pierce, 41, formerly of Colby, and her friend, 38-year-old Michael Federico, before killing himself early Saturday in a subdivision 30 miles north of Denver, police Lt. Stacy Davis said.

Officers, including a Weld County SWAT team, responded to the home around 5:30 a.m. on a report of shots fired. They rescued Pierce's 24-year-old stepdaughter and the

stepdaughter's 3-year-old son through a window. The stepdaughter heard but did not see the shooting, Davis said.

Officers, believing the suspect was barricaded inside the house, evacuated surrounding homes while trying to obtain a search warrant and trying to make contact with the gunman. They found the three bodies after entering the home about 9:15 a.m.

Davis said officers now believe all three were dead before they first arrived.

Investigators said Acker and Pierce had divorced within the last several months and that Acker had been distraught over their breakup.

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Candidates face questions

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running for re-election.

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The event is being sponsored by the endowment foundation, Colby Rotary Club and the *Colby Free Press*. Steve Ziegelmeier from Rotary will be moderator for the evening. Each race will last about an hour, Rotary President Relda Galli said. Candidates will answer questions written in advance by Rotary members or submitted in writing from the audience before the forum, she said. No questions will be taken from the audience before or during the forum. Each candidate will be given time to summarize their candidacy at the end of the forum, said Galli.

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