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# **Area/State**

### Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. North wind around 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 64. Wednesday: High, 84; Low 43 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches

Month: 3.39 inches Year: 4.57 inches Normal: 3.89 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunset tonight 8:30 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:54 a.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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The 2008 "Eagle" staff took a little time to pose in a snowbank "2009 Gotcha Coverd Look Book," which shows off innovative last year. Then it was back to work, earning them a place in the design and layout.

DONNA HENRY/Colby High School

# Colby yearbook recognized by printer

book has been recognized for excellence and our Prom spread featured." featured in the "2009 Gotcha Covered Look Book," published annually by yearbook printer Jostens.

The Look Book features yearbook spreads and covers from across the country. It's a popular reference guide for yearbook advisers and staffs seeking creative design and coverage time stories that will be saved for decades," ideas, trends and inspiration.

The Eagle was created by the 2007-08 staff under the direction of faculty adviser Donna Henry.

"One of our goals last year was to make the Look Book," Henry said. "We literally significance of today's yearbook programs."

Colby High School's 2008 Eagle year- squealed when we opened the book and saw

The Eagle was one of only 435 yearbooks selected from more than 2,500 submitted to a panel of judges that included nationally recognized scholastic journalism experts and awardwinning yearbook advisers.

"Yearbook staffers capture once-in-a-lifesaid Gary Lundgren, Jostens senior program manager for education. "The yearbooks chosen for Jostens' 2009 ... book showcase advances in design, photography and journalistic excellence that reflect the sophistication and

Henry and her staff received a copy of the Look Book and a certificate from Jostens to recognize their achievement. She said this is the first time that *The Eagle* has been included in the book.

The 2007-08 staff included Lissa Mazanec, editor-in-chief; Laura Dougherty, student life section editor; Johnna Wiens, club section editor; Paige Stephens, photo editor/varsity sports section editor; Lindsay Frahm, people section editor; Kahle Phillips, junior varsity sports section editor; Stephanie Albers, senior section editor; Logan Wark, academic section editor; and Kiri Kendrick and Keesa Wright, staff members.

## **City hires** counselor

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Tim Hutfles were re-elected in Wards IV and III respectively and newcomers Raymond Weber and David Voss were sworn in for Wards I and II.

Voss replaces retiring member Tom Waldschmidt and Weber will replace Phil DeYoung.

• Heard City Attorney John Gatz provide a review of the information in the Governing Body Handbook. Goetz said commissioners need to educate themselves so they can perform the job adequately.

"The best governments are those who have good managers and good superintendents," he said. "A government body is as good as the people employed."

He discussed conflict-of-interest issues and said council members should make sure they are not even appearing to act dishonestly.

• Agreed to talk with the Colby Recreation Commission about moving a building at the old sewer plant across the railroad tracks to the Public Works compound, where workers could use it to store mowers and baseball equipment.

· Heard Armstrong report that the city saved \$20,849 from Feb. 1, 2008, to Jan. 31, 2009, by switching to energy-efficient bulbs and replacing eight old boilers with two highly efficient boilers.

• Approved issuing \$360,000 in zero-interest bonds to Midwest Energy to help pay for the new fire station. Armstrong said the firm participates in a program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help with economic development. The city will pay \$36,000 a year for 10 years to repay the bonds, said Armstrong.

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## Poll shows optimism beside concern for economy

#### From "OBAMA," Page 1

ton, 35, an independent voter who runs a chocolate shop in Gardner, Kan. "He's very well-spoken and very vocal about what direction should be taken.'

signal trouble for Obama as he approaches his 100th day in office:

the economy, 65 percent said it's difficult for them and their families to get ahead. More than onewho recently lost a job.

-More than 90 percent of Americans consider the economy Other AP-GfK findings could an important issue, the highest ever in AP polling.

-While there is evidence that the rising federal debt will hurt rection" than "wrong direction" people feel more optimistic about future generations, and Obama is respondents.

getting mixed reviews at best for his handling of the issue.

And yet, the percentage of third know of a family member Americans saying the country is headed in the right direction rose in February. Forty-four percent say it's is on the wrong track.

Not since January 2004 has an -Nearly 80 percent believe that AP survey found more "right di-

So far, Obama has defied the odds by producing a sustained trend toward optimism. It began with his election.

The poll was conducted April to 48 percent, up from 40 percent 16-20 by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Media. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Associated Press writers Dennis Junius and Christine Simmons contributed to this report.

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