

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. East wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Precip: Wed. 0.26 inches
 Month: 1.01 inches
 Year: 5.63 inches
 Normal: 7.24 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
 Sunrise Friday 6:37 a.m.
 Sunset Friday 8:45 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Stimulus money, fire station note top council agenda

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Discussed increasing the speed limit on Horton Ave. from Range Ave. to Country Club Drive from 30 miles an hour to 40 miles an hour. Councilman Pat Mallory had asked that the issue be discussed at the meeting because he felt 30 is too low for the street.

Armstrong said she had contacted Jerol DeBoer of Penco Engineering regarding the design of Horton and he said the curves on the east end were designed for 20 mph but the rest of the street was adequate for 40.

"Police Chief (Randy) Jones feels a 40 mph speed limit is appropriate to avoid impeding the normal and reasonable movement of traffic on Horton Avenue," Armstrong said, "however, it should not be given a 10 mph tolerance.

Nothing was decided, but several councilmen voiced support for the change and no one opposed it.

Approved \$360,000 in bonds to Midwest Energy to pay back a loan to the city, at zero percent interest, for the new fire station. The

city will pay the company \$36,000 each year.

"The remaining \$2,140,000 in temporary notes, at an interest rate of 2.8 percent, are due on March 15, 2010," said Armstrong, "and will be converted to general obligations bonds when the market is favorable to Colby."

Agreed to have Mid-States Energy Works convert the relay power and trip circuits at the southeast substation to direct current power for \$14,450. This represents materials, labor and equipment to convert the existing controls and trip circuit from 120 volts alternative current to 48 volts direct current, said Mike Schmaderer of Mid-States.

Heard Armstrong say she was going to have Joe Herz with Sawell and Associates, an electrical engineer with expertise in wind energy, give the council a report on how it can put wind energy into the city's electrical system. Interest in wind energy has been sparked by the fact that the college may be installing a wind turbine on campus.



Rita Gatlin Crews and her son Matthew Crews were only two of the Gatlin family members in the Gatlin Glory Marathon Relay Team in Oklahoma City, running along with Terry Gatlin, Michelle Gatlin and Diana Gatlin Weatherford.

Marathon draws on family team

Three of the eight children of Joyce Gatlin of Colby ran in the ninth annual Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon Relay on Sunday, April 26, along with several of her grandchildren.

19,000 runners participated in the event this year, which is in honor of lives lost in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Mrs. Gatlin said that her granddaughter McKenzie, a student at the University of Oklahoma, probably was behind the family's decision to gather for the event. She said McKenzie's parents, Paul and Rita Gatlin Crews, live in Neosho, Mo. Also attending were Terry and Michelle Gatlin and family from Pratt, and Kim and Diana Gatlin Weatherford from Dallas.

The "Gatlin Glory" team ranked 250 out of the 612 relay teams in the marathon.

Joyce says she feels pretty good about the family's involvement in the event.

"They got their exercise that way," she added.

Last year, she added, the family was involved in Walk Kansas.

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