

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Rain and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 34. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.
Thursday: A chance of rain and snow. Some thunder is also possible. Cloudy, with a high near 40. Windy, with a northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. Little or no snow accumulation expected.
Thursday Night: A chance of snow before 1 a.m. Areas of blowing snow before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Breezy, with a west wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 49. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 65.
Monday: High, 55; Low 28
Tuesday: High, 59; Low 30
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month: 2.42 inches
Year: 24.50 inches
Normal: 19.19 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 8:09 a.m. 6:46 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Pool queries answered at town hall meeting

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is specialized work that can only be done by certain specialized contractors. Armstrong said engineers from Aquatic Design will have to prequalify pool builders before they can bid on the project.

Ray said he would prefer to see the work done by local people.

"If a dollar can stay in Colby, it should stay in Colby," he said.

McElyea said local firms will be able to bid on electric and plumbing jobs. Hiring locally for these jobs would cost less than

hiring a firm from Denver or Kansas City, he added.

Armstrong said if the pool and fire station are paid for and there is still money left over in the budget before the 10 years is up, the council would decide how to spend it. She said it could be spent on additional items for the pool or to pay off the bonds used to install lights at the recreation complex.

Bill Miller said he didn't think it was right to have people living outside the city help pay for the fire station through the sales tax.

"Where did the mindset come in that oth-

er people had to pay for our fire station?" he asked.

Several council members said other area towns are doing the same thing.

They also said people from outside the city who stayed in hotels benefit from the fire station because they would be made safer if a fire did occur. They noted that if an accident occurred on the Interstate, the victims get help from the city fire department.

"It's a way of spreading out the costs," said Hutfles.

McElyea said the water park would be

able to hold about 600 people. He said it would require about four acres of land, but the more they get, the better.

Armstrong said the city's fiscal agent estimated the interest rates for the pool and the fire station would both be 4 percent right now. She said she guessed the rates would be around 5 percent.

Mayor Ken Bieber said approving the sales tax increase would save the city about \$462,000 on the fire station because the building would be paid off in 10 years instead of 20.

Mini-carjackers hit Georgia Shriner's garage

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Shriners are dealing with a big loss after thieves made off with most of their mini-cars.

Shriner officials said thieves stole seven mini-cars from a storage facility in suburban Atlanta, leaving the charity short on vehicles for upcoming holiday parades.

Police spokesman Det. Cliff Chandler said Monday that burglars broke into the Nabbar Temple's storage unit earlier this

month.

He said they also took a dune buggy, an air compressor and large tool box.

Chandler told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that police are reviewing surveillance footage but it hasn't been fruitful.

The go-carts belong to the Prince Hall Shriners' Nabbar Temple. The Shriners often ride the cars — worth about \$2,000 each — in parades.

Salon, foundation join for breast cancer benefit

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west Kansas. Booi said they also wanted to be in control of how the money was spent.

The foundation will be doing a fund raiser New Year's Eve at City Limits, she said, including a silent auction. Businesses will be donating prizes, she said, and the Jimmy D Band will play.

Sloan said people can start applying for services from the group after the first of the year.

Money given to the foundation will be channeled through

Partners for Victims, said Sloan. This organization was established by Richard Homm of Burlington, Colo., a former Colby resident, in memory of his wife Diane, who died of cancer, she said.

Partners has tax-exempt status, she said, so any donations should be tax deductible. Members of the foundation, all from Colby or Levant, also include Danielle Freeman, Alicia Moore, Andrea Carpenter, Carrie Bartlett, Dana Foss, Deanna Mallory and Sarah Laubscher.

Gem farmer chosen for legislature

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write "bills" and make policy recommendations to the state Legislature and governor on problems affecting the state's 412,000 senior citizens.

The "legislature" holds one annual session in the fall. The main focus for this year's session was to provide "available and affordable" transportation for seniors. Drafted for consideration this year was a bill to regulate predatory payday lending practices. These practices are most common in urban areas, where entire businesses are dedicated to predatory lending not only on pawned items, but paychecks, Social Security income and even income-tax refunds, the members said.

"The session was actually more than I expected," Hopper said. "We had some good speakers

and we worked on bills that apply to more than just seniors.

"We also considered a bill concerning grandparents as caregivers. It would actually give grandparents a chance to not have their rights as a grandparent denied."

She said this year's session was held at the Ramada Inn, but she would be glad when the remodeling project at the Statehouse is finished so they can meet there.

"I would encourage anyone who wants to donate to the Silver-Haired Legislature to do so," she said, "because they are funded by donations and volunteer help.

"All donations are tax deductible."

Contact Hopper at (785) 462-7709.

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