

## Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 18. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, high near 29. East wind 10 to 15 mph. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.  
**Saturday Night:** Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 18. East wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.  
**Sunday:** A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 27. North wind around 15 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14.  
**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 31.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.  
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.  
 Thursday: High, 53; Low 24  
 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches  
 Month: 0.09 inches  
 Year: 0.58 inches  
 Normal: 0.52 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 7:30 a.m. 6:27 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:28 a.m. 6:28 p.m.  
 Monday 7:27 a.m. 6:29 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Colby City Council considers new generators for water wells

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years to come. He said the council might end up paying for it down the road if they didn't make the right choice now.

"I don't like spending that much money on something that might never happen," he said, "but on the other hand, I don't want to look back on this and say that was a bonehead deal."

Armstrong said the council needs to upgrade both wells, since one by itself would not be enough to cover the whole city. Together, the wells can pump out about 2,200 gallons per minute, or 3.2 million gallons per day, enough to get water to the whole city with some outdoor watering restrictions.

Weber said the council needed more information on the condition of the existing motors at the wells, how worn their components are and how many hours they've been operating. The issue was tabled so that Bieker could prepare a report.

In other business:

- The council discussed giving land at the old sewer plant, by Meadow Lake Golf Course, in exchange for the new landowner cleaning it up. Jack Johnson had come to the city and asked about the piece of land, she said. Armstrong said the aeration basin and the digester on that property have to be demolished, but the other buildings could stay up.

Councilman Pat Mallory said the city might not want to sell just a piece of that land because the golf course might someday want to extend there. Armstrong pointed out that the city would then have to maintain that land and do the demolition itself. She said they have \$30,000 in the budget, but that wouldn't be nearly enough.

Councilman Tim Hutfles said the demolition would be complicated no matter who does it.

"There would have to be a time-

line and supervised guidelines in place," he said.

The council would have to specify which buildings are to be demolished and how far down the foundations are to be taken out.

Hutfles said he had looked around the buildings at the site and found them in bad shape. Stray animals live in some of them and have torn up the insides. He asked what would happen if the city gets rid of the land in exchange for cleaning it up, but then the new landowner failed to finish the job.

Johnson, who was at the meeting, said that given how complex the issue had gotten, he was no longer interested in the land.

The council decided not to vote on the issue, but wait for a more precise estimate of what demolition would cost.

- The council approved the sale of \$2.7 million in general obligation bonds to pay for the new fire station, ball field lighting and Sewell Avenue paving. Theron Froggatte of Oppenheimer and Co. said the bond sale was to be Tuesday. There were five bids, mostly from banks.

Froggatte said Country Club Bank of Kansas City offered the best interest at 2.57 percent. Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby was next at 2.61 percent. The council opted to go with Country Club Bank.

Froggatte said the city can expect a "good-faith" payment this week with the rest paid by March 10.

"It was a great bond sale," he said. "Any time you can get more than five of these guys, that's as much participation as you can ask for."

- The council awarded a contract for two 2010 Dodge Chargers for the police department to Colby Dodge for \$42,007. The department will be trading in two of its 2006 Fords. One other bid was from Tubbs and Sons for two Ford Crown Victorias for \$41,782.

# Congressman visits Heartland Christian

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eral years I've ended up voting no, no, no."

Moran said he thinks the government has tried to do too much that isn't in the Constitution, things that should be left to the states.

"In the name of doing good, we have done too much," he said, adding that the problem isn't confined to Democrats.

"The problem is that some Republicans aren't listening, Af- too," he said. "I think Republicans governed pretty poorly when we were in the majority. A bad idea is a bad idea."

Tea Party and "9.12" movements, he said, are good because these people are telling legislators of all parties that they aren't doing what the people want anymore.

"These are Kansans and Americans who are concerned about the future of our country," he said. "What American isn't concerned about our future?"

Moran said he felt things would be better if more elected officials lived among the people who elect them. He said that despite having a job in Washing-

ton, he still lives in Kansas and will live here when he leaves office. Each year, he said, he tries to hold "town hall" meetings in every county in the 1st District. He recalled one session in Lindsborg where he had expected 25 people and got 250.

"Finally, we had to move it to the fire station and move all the fire trucks out to have enough room," he said. "A bad sign in my book would be if nobody came."

Asked about the war in Afghanistan, Moran said he thinks it's important for American troops to be there. The region is vital because neighboring Pakistan is a nuclear power and bringing stability to the region helps keep America secure. Moran did say he felt the U.S. had been in Iraq long enough.

Moran said he wouldn't go back to the 2008 election to look for a presidential candidate. He said he'd rather look for a younger person like Rep. Paul Ryan of Illinois or Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, who can captivate people.

"I'm like everyone else," he said, "I keep looking for that shining star."

# Colby students excel at regional competitions

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grade and middle schools, learning from guest speakers about agriculture, government and pioneer life in Kansas.

Starbuck said the entire event didn't cost the school anything. The speakers brought their own materials and volunteered their time and the school got grants from Midwest Energy and the Thomas County Community Foundation to pay what costs it had.

Parent-teacher conferences where Feb. 4 and 5. Grade school Principal Lance Krannawitter said they had 96 percent attendance and the remaining parents have made appointments to come in at other times. High school Principal Don Krebs said he had only 31 percent attendance and middle school Principal Rob Ross reported 60 percent. Both said they would look at alternatives to the second-semester conferences.

The board approved a three-year contract with Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball to audit the district.

Board member Kevan Taylor asked if the district should go out for bids on the contract to see if they could get it done more cheaply. Business Manager Jo DeYoung said firms often lose money on school audits, and most wouldn't compete for one.

"Unless you get a new firm that needs experience, you're not going to save any money," she said.

Taylor voted against signing the contract.

# Police, sheriff's office offer rewards for tips

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was dumped in ways that might cause a wreck. On Feb. 1, a couch was left in the middle of the road at the intersection of County Roads 20 and U, two miles north and a mile east of Colby. On Feb. 4, two large trash bags were found in the ditch on North Country Club Drive. On Feb. 14, some trash was left in the 1800 block of County Road 2. On Feb. 15, trash was left in Veterans Memorial Drive near Country Club.

Jones said some of the debris looked like it had been hit by cars before the police and deputies found it, but no major accidents had been reported.

On Feb. 1, a yield sign was knocked over in Levant and others have been damaged around the county. Jones said this can be particularly dangerous, because missing signs can cause accidents.

On Feb. 15, someone took an axe or a hatchet to three trees

in West Side Park at the north end of Smith Drive. Two were chopped down in a line of trees on one end of the park and one other in the middle. Jones said the trees were good size, planted about five years ago by the Colby Tree Board.

"I'm pretty ticked about that," he said. "They were nice trees. People put great care in these trees. It's just senseless."

The trees were left on the ground and later removed by city work crews.

At Dennen Field on Tuesday, someone used a crowbar or something similar to break into one of the bathrooms and then broke the pipes on several toilets. Jones said he was told there was no water damage.

Jones said he suspects the mailbox incidents are probably the same person or group, but not connected to the other cases. The trees and the vandalism at Dennen Field might also be related, he said, because they are just a few blocks apart.

# Lego landmarks stolen

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Three San Francisco landmarks have been stolen. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.

Actually, they're miniatures of the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, Ghirardelli Square and the Conservatory of Flowers made from hundreds of thousands of plastic Lego pieces that took years to put

together. Jannet Benz, whose 49-year-old husband Mark made the models, said they were taken Feb. 3 from the family pickup parked outside their California home. Her husband left them there overnight after returning from a Palo Alto museum, where they had been on exhibition.

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Monday Evening										February 22, 2010				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Bachelor-Love				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	How I Met My Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang		CSI: Miami		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late Late				
KSNK/NBC	XXI Winter Olympics													
KSAS/FOX	House				Local									
<b>Cable Channels</b>														
A & E	Intervention	Intervention		Hoarders		Paranorma	Paranorma	Intervention						
AMC	Forrest Gump					Forrest Gump								
ANIM	Animal Cops Miami	Pit Boss		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		Pit Boss						
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Real Housewives		Kell on Earth		Kell on Earth		Real Housewives						
CMT	Smarter	Smarter		Field of Dreams		Field of Dreams								
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live								
COMEDY	RENO 911	RENO 911	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Martin				
DISC	MythBusters	Howe & Howe Tech		Motor City Motors		MythBusters		Howe & Howe Tech						
DISN	Akeelah and the Bee			Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven					
E!	The Soup	Kardash	Kardashian			Chelse	E! News	Chelse	The Soup					
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Fastbreak					
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	Wm. Basketball				Pride, Passion/Power		Final	Nation					
FAM	Secret-Teen	Make It or Break It	Greek		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?						
FOOD	Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped				
FX	Devil-Prada			Damages		Damages		'70s Show	'70s Show					
HGTV	Property	Property	House	My First	House	For Rent	The Unsel	My First	House	My First				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn		Madhouse		Pawn	Pawn				
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	The Messengers				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium					
MTV	America's Best Dance	True Life	Buried	Life, Liz	Buried	Life, Liz	America's Best Dance							
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny				
SCI	Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster	Darkness	Darkness						
SPIKE	The Last Boy Scout		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		BlueMount	BlueMount	BlueMount	BlueMount				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name Earl	Name Earl					
TCM	Five Graves to Cairo			Fighting Sullvn										
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss				
TNT	Men of a Certain Age	Men of a Certain Age			The Closer		Law & Order							
TOON	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Tn-Titans	Tn-Titans	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen				
TRAV	Anthony Bourdain	Bizarre Foods: Asia	Bourdain		Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain							
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Boston Legal	Roseanne	Roseanne					
USA	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW			White Collar		Psych							
VH1	Celebrity Fit Club	Celebrity Fit Club	Fantasia	Pep	Aspen	Peak	Celebrity Fit Club							
WGN	Bandits			America's	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park						
<b>Premium Channels</b>														
HBO	24/7	Real Time/Bill Maher	Temple Grandin				Ricky	Life	Reporter					
MAX	Eagle Eye			Last House on Left										
SHOW	Family That Preys	Nurse	US Tara	Call Girl	Tracey UI	La La	Call Girl	La La	Tracey UI					

## Legislative Town Hall Meeting

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Rep. Jim Morrison, Rep. Dan Johnson

Kansas State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer with Kansas Representatives Jim Morrison and Dan Johnson will be visiting local communities on February 27, 2010, to seek your ideas on issues being addressed in the 2010 Kansas Legislature. Information will be presented from many of the issues being considered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on all of us. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Saturday, February 27**  
**Meeting Times**

7 - 8 a.m. MT	Goodland	High School Auditorium
9:45 - 10:45 a.m. CT	Colby	Quality Inn
11:30 - 12:45 p.m. CT	Hoxie	Elks Lodge
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. CT	Hill City	Frontier Stage
3:15 - 4:15 p.m. CT	Plainville	Plainville Hospital Cafeteria

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