### Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds becoming south around 10 mph after midnight.

Friday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Light winds.

Friday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Saturday: Sunny. Highs in the

mid 70s Saturday Night Through

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday: Windy. Partly sunny

with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 70.

Monday Night: Windy. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday: Breezy. Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around

Monday: High, 80; Low 36 Tuesday: High, 63; Low 32 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches Tuesday 0.40 inches 0.40 inches Month: 3.01 inches Normal: 3.89 inches

(K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:18 a.m. 8:15 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

### City Council votes down proposed Embark loan

From "EMBARK," Page 1

After delays getting its building finished, the firm is ready to market it's services, but short of cash to pay bills until money starts to come in from customers. Chief Executive Officer Michael Brouthers has said he is searching for more investors to put money into the start-up firm.

Hutfles said the almost \$500,000 the city had already given the business was used to bring the company to Colby. Most of the money was used to rebuild and renovate the former Inlow Interior building, said Bieber.

Assistant County Appraiser Kathy Cunningham said the building was appraised at just \$97,000 when Embark bought it.

The mayor said Embark will have to pay the almost half million dollars back unless the firm creates 130 jobs in four years. If Embark reaches the 130 mark, the rest of the loan will be forgiven, the mayor said. If the \$100,000 for operations was approved, he added, it would have to be paid back by Dec. 31. The city would have determined the interest rate, with full principal and interest due by the end of the year.

Cameron said she appreciated all the time money, but they might gain control over when it comes to lending money to businesses. She asked what would happen if the \$100,000 is approved and then the money

Miller asked what Embark's net worth is. Embark finance director Cindi Kriss said there is no way to know what the firm's net worth is at this time.

Vera Sloan, a former Thomas County commissioner and part-time reporter, told the council she had supported the 1/4-cent increase in the sales tax approved by the voters in 2004, but she though the first rule of economic development was to use money to retain and expand businesses the town already has.

think there's a bank in town that would loan the company \$100,000.

said venture capitalists might provide the administrative expenses.

the councilmen put in on the issue, but she the firm and possibly move it out of Colby. thought they should have more firm criteria Keck asked, if the city changes the rules now, and Embark doesn't create 130 jobs in four years, would the council just change the rules again?

After the 1/4-cent sales tax passed, the "How far are we going to take this?" she city established guidelines to determine how the money would be spent. City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said the original guidelines prohibited the money from being used to refinance debt, pay salaries or pay administrative expenses.

City Attorney John Gatz told the members the council they can change the rules because it set the guidelines in the first place. Armstrong said the type of businesses to be targeted to receive money were manufacturing, distribution and other businesses that created jobs that pay aboveaverage wages.

In a letter to the Colby Free Press, chief Lou Hines with Western Sprinklers said he hopes Embark succeeds, but he doesn't executive officer Michael Brouthers said Gatz made it clear that conditions could be modified by the council, so the policy for David Keck asked what would happen if the loan didn't have to be based on whether the company doesn't get the money. Bieber or not the money went to pay for salaries or bark.

Councilmen Dave Voss said he was OK with the council discussing changing the guidelines sometime in the future, but he was against changing it in this specific situation. Voss made a motion to reject the \$100,000 loan. It was seconded by Mallory and approved by the rest of the council-

Janelle Hills, Embark manager, said today that she felt many people at the hearing didn't understand much about the firm's

business. "The public is overwhelmingly misinformed about our business, the potential it has and the requirements for the use of the city sales tax funds," said Hills.

She said public concerns about things such as taking away employees from other businesses and Embark not taking bids on the renovation of the Inlow building were based on misinformation.

She said only three of the firm's 12 employees had left other jobs here to come to Embark and six had been unemployed. Hills said she appreciated all the time and effort the council had put into helping Em-

## District gets \$125,000 for middle school computers, new tech

From "COMPUTERS," Page 1 school facilities such as gyms and The district requires three classes bate and forensics. Now students cludes representatives from each

until May 15 to respond, she said. If the bill is passed, districts third Friday of May, which is May 21 this year. Teachers and adminate and the kids' wrestling club. istrators would have 14 days to respond.

governor may get the bill this in the community. week, then will have 10 days to sign or veto it. Harrison said the what we're doing," he said. district will have no choice but to follow the law.

crease the number of years districts can keep their school buses. Currently, districts can keep buses for said the bill is in limbo until the Legislature reconvenes.

In other business:

auditoriums. Harrison and the staff provided some more information, including the in-kind agreements would have to notify them by the the district has for facility use with the Colby Recreation Department

Vice President Tracy Rogers said he thought the savings Harrison said she was told the wouldn't offset the hard feelings

- "I think we need to keep doing
- The board took no action.
- · Harrison said the administra-Another (HB-2486) would in- tion held a community meeting Thursday to organize a letter-writing campaign, but few outside the school staff showed up. Teachers 20 years. The House bill proposes who showed up decided to set up a adding five years to that while the Facebook page encouraging peo-Senate wants to add two. Harrison ple to write letters. Harrison said she would be working on a form
- The board approved two class • The board approved resigna- recommendations from the coorditions from basketball coach Jon nating council. The first creates a McKee and longtime bus driver business essentials class for eighth and ninth graders. The class will • The board again discussed count for one of the career class charging organizations to use requirement at the high school.

and the new class will serve as the first in the business sequence.

They also approved a change to the speech requirement. The class used to be a prerequisite for de-

having to take speech first, and all all four principals, the superinthree will count towards the halfcredit of speech all students are Program representative from each required to take.

in a particular career sequence, can take those two classes without of the 11 academic departments, tendent, one School Improvement building, and one from the Profes-The coordinating council in- sional Development Council.

April 8, 2010

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Thursday Evening



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### 7:00 7:30 KBSL/CBS Survivor: Hero CSI: Crime Scene Late Show Letterman The Mentalist KSNK/NBC Community Parks Tonight Show w/Leno Late KSAS/FOX Bones Cable Channels The First 48 Campbell Brown Anderson Cooper 360 Larry King Live Return to Halloweentown Phineas Wizards Suite Extreme Dr. 90210 Chelsea Kardas **ESPN** SportsCenter Baseball Tonight SportsNation SportsNation Billy Madison Good Eats Good Eats Iron Chef America Good Eats Unwrapped Iron Chef America Double Jeopardy Along Came a Spider Selling N Nails Project Runway Project Runway Models Grey's Anatomy Models Project Runway America's Best Dance America's Best Dance | America's Best Dance Taking the Stage America's Best Dance NICK Malcolm Malcolm Chris Chris Chris Lopez Lopez Hostel Hostel Part II LIFC 112 Countdown SPIKE CSI: Crime Scene Blade: Trinity **TBS** Men in Black Fam. Guy Fam. Guy Lopez Tonight Name Earl Name Earl Libeled Lady TCM Dangerous TLC Police Womer NBA Basketbal Adventure Flapiack Johnny T King/Hill King/Hill Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken Aqua Teen Creepiest Dest Ghost TV LAND Home Imp. Home Imp. Raymond Raymond Raymond Raymond Roseanne Roseanne Roseanne Roseanne Law & Order: SVU aw & Order: SVU Law & Order: SVU **Burn Notice** Sober House Sober House Sober House Be Cool Beauty WWE Superstars Funniest Home Videos WGN News at Nine WWE Superstars Scrubs Premium Channels Mother's Courage HBO Ronin Baby Mama Death Bace Gina Yashere K. Nealon Meet the Browns Nurse Saw V

Friday Evening **April 9, 2010** 7:00 7:30 KAKE/ABC Wife Swap Jamie Oliver's Food 20/20 Local Jimmy Kimmel Live KBSL/CBS Ghost Whisperer Medium Miami Medical Late Show Letterman Local KSNK/NBC Who Do You Dateline NBC Show w/Leno Late KSAS/FOX House Local Cable Channels **Dutlaw Josey** Pale Ride I Shouldn't Be Alive Shouldn't Be Alive I'm Alive Shouldn't Be Alive I'm Alive BRAVO Real Housewives Groundhog Day Groundhog Day Smarter CMT Gator 911 Coast Smarter Campbell Brown Larry King Live Anderson Cooper 360 Larry King Live Chappelle Presents COMEDY John Oliver Presents Presents Comedy Show American Loggers American Loggers American Loggers DISC Dirty Jobs Dirty Jobs HS Musical 3 Good Luck Deck Wizards Phineas Suite Chelsea The Soup The Soup Chelsea exiest **ESPN** SportsCente Baseball Tonight ESPN2 Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos The 700 Club Diners Diners Private Chefs Good Eats Rachael Diners Chopped FX Dark Is Rising Water Horse: Legend Property House We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper. War of 1812 The Presidents The Presidents Project Runwa Project Runway Grey's Anatomy America's Best Dance South Pk S. Park Drumline Chris Big Time The Troop Lopez Lopez Chris Chris Chris Stargate Universe Merlin /lerlin Stargate Universe Stargate Universe SPIKE SI: Crime Scene CSI: Crime Scn SI: Crime Scene UFC 112 Countdown Ways Die TBS Shrek 2 Shrek 2 TCM Hang 'Em High Firecreek A Time for Killing The Message The Message TLC What Not to Wear What Not to Wear What Not to Wear American Gangster The Kingdom TOON Star Wars Dude Dad The Office Ben 10: Alien Force (ing/Hill King/Hi Man, Food Man/Food Ghost Adventures **Ghost Adventures** Most Haunted Man, Food Man/Food TV LAND Raymond Raymond Raymond Pretty in Pink Roseanne Roseanne Law & Order: SVU Law & Order: SVU Sober House 40 Greatest Pranks Unplugged Tool Academy

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# ATTENTION...

Colby High School, Brewster High School, Golden **Plains High School and Heartland Christian School** 

## **Senior Parents** & HOMESCHOOLERS







### **Hurry in parents!!** Deadline is April 26, 2010!!!

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

> We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

**Call Andrea, Heather or Shaly** @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.







I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball PARENTS: Richard & Peggy Adams

It's been a real hoot, Whit go get em girl, and Godspeed. Love, Mom & Dad

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