

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Saturday: Scattered sprinkles and flurries.
Sunday Night: Scattered flurries.
Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow.
Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of snow.

City talks supervisor for pool

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ers are allowed to use a variety of martial arts styles to win the match. Matches can be won by submission, referee stoppage (if referee decides opponent is unable to defend himself or herself), in-ring doctor stoppage (due to injury or cut), corner man throws in the towel for his fighter, or decision (if match goes the distance, three judges decide the winner).

Municipal Airport.

• Approved a resolution that reflected the annexation of the Hampton Inn, the Colby Fire Station and the aquatic park in 2010 as required by the state.
• Approved authorizing bids to replace the 1993 Ford pickup in the Sewer department.
• Approved requiring the owners of the property at 480 N. Country Club Drive to repair or demolish the building there.

Tech director touts private work

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that can be very challenging. When asked why he wasn't coming to Colby, Kater said that in his current job he isn't being utilized to his full capacity. He went on to say that he's not afraid of a challenge, sees Colby as a place where people share his values and sees civic pride in the Colby community.

lege level, he said, and teachers need to be taught how to handle an online class. He noted he has been teaching online classes for eight years and most haven't experienced what is possible online.
Kater suggested looking outside of the state more to explore the best practices in other places.
When asked about college funding, he said it isn't only that colleges are short on money, but how they use what money they have makes a difference.

DeVry dean looking for a challenge

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said he would go on 'listening tours' to find out the biggest problems, but he added that having budget and student enrollment stability was important. He said Colby needed to recruit students outside of the area they have traditionally come from. When talking about retention, Weiss said that it's easier to keep existing customers than having to get new customers all the time.
College Endowment Foundation Director Nick Wells asked Weiss what role he thought the board should play at the college. Weiss said the board decides what direction they want the college to move in and the president does the day to day work to make that happen.

He said in order to draw people to the college he would emphasize the extra attention the faculty would give to a student compared to a four-year college, the amount of money students can save by not going to a four-year school and the short drive to outdoor recreation in Colorado.

Wells asked Weiss what expertise he had in agricultural industry since the agriculture was the No. 1 industry in Colby. Weiss said he didn't know much about agriculture, adding that this was something he would need to learn more about if he gets the job.

He said communication is the key to collaborating with public, and he would meet with community leaders to find out what they wanted from the college.

Republicans want balanced spending

From 'SPENDING,' Page 1

The House expects to debate rules for the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions Friday, putting them in place before Tuesday's scheduled debate on a bill to trim spending from the current budget. The set of rules drafted by a House committee includes the new 'pay-go' requirement.
Davis said the rule would give too much power over spending issues to as few as a dozen House members - enough for a majority on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee. He said once the committee decides how much the state should spend overall, members won't be able to revise the figure during debate.
The state faces a projected \$550 million shortfall between anticipated revenues and current spending commitments for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, although legislative researchers are preparing to revise the figure in light of better-than-expected tax collections in January.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback wants to get started on closing the gap by cutting spending in the current budget and allowing the savings to roll over into the next fiscal year. But debating a bill without a 'paygo' rule in place would allow the House to be less aggressive than its Appropriations Committee in reducing overall spending.

The Senate doesn't have a 'paygo' requirement, though Majority Leader Jay Emler, a Lindsborg Republican, said there's an unwritten rule that members who propose to increase spending should propose a way to pay for it.

And while Brownback, a former U.S. senator, is staying out of

the debate over the House rule, he told The Associated Press, 'I think those have been useful tools federally.'

GOP leaders have complained for years about the House's willingness to add money to spending bills, even when members acknowledge the state doesn't have the revenues to cover it. And members of both parties have grumbled about 'gotcha' amendments designed to generate recorded votes to use against them in campaigns.

O'Neal said the new rule would save time by eliminating frivolous or political amendments, and Appropriations Committee Chairman Marc Rhoades, a Newton Republican, called it 'a no-brainer' because of the state's budget problems.

Last candidate to go before board on Monday

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gency medical services program at Montana State University's College of Technology in Great Falls, Mont. During that time he was also president and general manager of Montana Community Ambulance, another private emergency medical services company. Smith spent four years as the

director of health occupations and fire science at San Juan Basin Technical College in Cortez, Colo. While there he was the chairman of the Montezuma County Hospital District board of directors.

After that, he was dean of Gateway Technical College's Burlington, Wis., campus from 2002 to 2006. While there he served on the Police Commission, which

overseas hiring and evaluation of police officers in Burlington.

From 2006 to 2008, Smith served as vice president of academic and student affairs at Western Oklahoma State College in Altus.

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