Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Scattered sprinkles and flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Scattered flurries. Cloudy, with a high near 35. Windy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Sunday Night: Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 15.

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 28.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 7.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 18.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 4.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly sunny and blustery, with a high near

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 1. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 29.

Thursday: High, 36; Low -7 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches 0.04 inches Month: 0.26 inches Year: Normal: 0.45 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset**

7:48 a.m. 6:09 p.m. 7:47 a.m. 6:10 p.m. 7:46 a.m. 6:11 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

City talks supervisor for pool

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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).

Non-championship fights last three rounds, each five minutes long with a one minute break between rounds. Championship fights will last five rounds.

• Approved the acquisition of extension of the runway at Colby of time to show why the structure

ers are allowed to use a variety 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. Armstrong said the purchase will be made on

• Approved requiring the owners of the property at 480 N. Country Club Drive to repair or demolish the building there. Mayor Ken Bieber said they will notify the owners before the next meeting. The council will have to pass a resolution at the next meeting giv-Secrest Trust real estate for the ing the owners a certain amount

should not be condemned and · Approved a resolution that ordered repaired or demolished, Armstrong said.

> · Approved allowing the three groups - Thomas County Coalition, Wellness Committee and advocates for building the Multipurpose Activity Center - to use the pool address in order to get a Sunflower Foundation grant to build a walking trail around the perimeter of the new pool. Lynn Eisenbart from the center project, Melinda Olson and Sue Evans from the Thomas County Community Coalition and Jeanene Brown from the Wellness Committee all attended the meeting to ask to be able to use the address.

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

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 col-

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 "paygo" 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 spend-

year beginning July 1, although the debate over the House rule, he 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

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 foring commitments for the fiscal mer U.S. senator, is staying out of

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 prob-

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 overseas hiring and evaluation of 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

police officers in Burlington.

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

Monday Evening

Tech director touts private work

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that can be very challenging.

When asked why he wanted to come 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.

Kater was asked what he felt his role is in the community. He answered that he would be visible in the community and he would be at events where he available. In the event he wasn't available, he would send some one else on behalf of the college. He added that he might not always be the best one to represent the college, because it is always best if someone close to the work is the one talking about the work.

'You never want to establish a value capacity with only one person," he said.

Another question from the audience was: what was his idea of the college's current organizational program. Kater said he hadn't studied it, but felt "the flatter, the better," meaning you never want layers of control, with supervisors above supervi-

"We should never plug in answers and expect to fit into the answers," he continued, "because each college is unique in itself, and what works for one may not work for another."

Kater said he doesn't see a radical change from academics to technical programs, but rather expects to see a combination. However, he predicted more precision in programming, and maybe even some specializa-

"Demographics do not suggest colleges to be successful in the same focus," he added.

Kater said he thought it was important for colleges to stay in touch with their alumni so that they would always feel attached, but also believed communities needed something that would attract young people so they would want to return.

It isn't always price that at- tried," he said. tracts students, Kater said. the college needs to respond line courses are a way to reach students away from our area and state, because many students are now looking for good online studies.

Online courses are become more real at the community col- she is actually pretty good at it.

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

Kater suggested looking outside of the state more to explore the best practices in other plac-

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.

"We don't invent electricity was invited, unless he wasn't every day, we just find a more innovative way to use it," he

> Kater told the group of citizens that spending most of his career in the private sector helps him to see things from a different perspective, rather than "tunnel thinking."

> "Amazing things happen when you bring people from outside the sector into the sector," he added.

> He emphasized the need to pursue partnerships and extend the college's reach.

> "Take every opportunity to develop a focus area when you need a vision for funding," he said. "Put programs online and then let everyone know they ex-

> Kater said he doesn't believe that in the next 10 to 15 years the state will see any big money coming for education, but he wants to find ways to best spend what there is.

"Colleges may no longer be able to say they are state funded," he explained, "but rather to say they are state assisted.

"Many institutions won't survive without state money, but when you ask for money, you need to be prepared to say what all you've tried even if it hasn't been successful, because they will look to see if there is a willingness to at least try."

Kater was asked whether or not he would go to Topeka and plead the case for Colby Community College.

"Yes, but I would not go empty handed. I would go with a whole list of what we had

Kater ended his time with the When students "shop" colleges, public with information about his family. His wife is at home quickly. He also said good on- in Topeka, he has a married son whom he hopes some day will give him grandchildren and a daughter in Hollywood where she works as an "extra" in TV

shows. He referred to her as a

"theater nut," and proudly said

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