Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 79. East wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind between 5 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 57. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 86. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 58. Labor Day: Mostly sunny,

with a high near 88. Monday Night: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with high near 86.

Wednesday: High, 00; Low 00 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches Month: 0.00 inches 00.00 inches Normal: 0.00 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** 7:16 a.m. 8:10 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory) **Colby Water Use**

1,996,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Colby broadcaster has long association with college From "RADIO," Page 1 Vyzourek, and the new musical format im- ers than there were last year." plemented a couple years ago, has led to an

Hall said he thinks sports broadcasting should only be done by students. tion's sports broadcasts because he is busy

increased listenership at 91.9," he said.

"The only way to get good at doing sports is to do sports," he said.

Hall said he does think it's OK to have Epp critiquing student's taped broadcasts as a way of helping them grow as sports broadcasters, but not doing the play-byplay himself.

Epp said he has always been open to having students travel with him to games. He said last year, he had Scooter Matchett do play-by-play with him at a Trojans' wrestling meet. He said he taught Mike Gustaffson and Matchett how to get sponsors to offset the costs for travel and broadcast for last season's Junior College Division 1 Wrestling Nationals in Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Kreider said the college didn't have enough students in the radio program to do sports announcing by themselves last year.

He said Epp will be teaching sports broadcasting this year, and one of the requirements for the students in his class will be to sit in with him during games.

"Rich will be doing more hands-on work with students," said Vyzourek. "There will be more opportunities for sports broadcast-

Epp said he would teach students all that is involved in being a sports broadcaster. He said to be successful, you must care about sports and understand there is more to the job than sitting behind a microphone.

'You have to spend a lot of time on the road away from home, and you have to spend hours or days preparing for a game," he said. "You have to talk to opposing coaches and know the backgrounds of the players on the team."

Epp will be paying the college \$3,500 a semester this year in return for being able to broadcasts games, said Kreider.

The college trustees voted to raise the amount of money Epp pays to buy time on the station at their last meeting on Aug. 17, Kreider said.

"The college uses the money he pays us to do broadcasting scholarships for students," said Debbie Schwanke, public information director at the college.

Schwanke said the money Epp paid the college has been worth \$5,000 in scholarships for students wanting to get into the radio program. This year the money he pays the college will be worth \$7,000 in scholar-

Although the college station has a noncommercial license, reserved for educa-

tional use, Epp's business sponsors will still be able to underwrite his broadcasts.

No commercials are allowed on the college station, said Vyzourek. It's similar to the licenses for public broadcasting radio and television stations.

While businesses cannot run commercials on the college station, it's not hard for them to legally get their name mentioned,

The rules regarding what is and what isn't considered a commercial gives stations plenty of "wiggle room." For example, he said, it's OK for broadcasters to say who is sponsoring the game being broadcast, but it's illegal for them to encourage listeners to buy things from the business.

"It sounds like a commercial, it smells like a commercial but it isn't a commercial," he said.

Epp said his deals with his business sponsors are no different than they always have

Last year was not the first time Epp has announced games for the college. He said he traveled with Trojans' teams and did sports broadcasts for the college in the 1970s. He also said he broadcast sports for the college in the 1980s.

Colby citizen criticizes joint bond vote

From "COUNCIL," Page 1

think we do it well."

with his own.

Epp said he never listens to the other sta-

Mike Fell, former general manager for

KXXX and KRDQ, declined to comment

on why the station decided to no longer al-

low Epp to buy time. Fell did have some

positive things to say about the quality of

KRDQ) and Rich Epp are both Big 12-cali-

ber sports announcers and Colby is lucky to

The Colby Free Press published a letter

to the editor Aug. 14 critical of the relation-

ship between the college and Epp, written

by Dwayne Hall, who said he is a 1996

graduate of the radio program. Hall cur-

The letter accused the college of allow-

Epp said he firmly believes his role has

"The quality of my play-by-play, along

with the leadership of radio instructor Joe

been good for the college station and the

ing someone to "buy their way" into doing

play-by-play of college and high school

sports games on the college station,

"Jimmy Chavez (sports broadcaster for

sports broadcasting in Colby.

have both of them," he said.

rently lives in Texas.

broadcast program.

he saw the sales tax as the lesser of

two evils. "The simplest and fairest deal is the sales tax," said Weber.

He said he was worried if the two would be voted down and the pool would pass. This would lead to only a slight increase in the sales tax, perhaps 1/2 percent, and the cost of the a pool. The positives outweigh the fire station and the items that were negatives." cut from this year's budget would increase the mill levy by four or more mills next year, he said. These costs would have to be paid for through and sales tax. property taxes.

Weber also said the fire station in frustration. wouldn't be paid off for twenty

erty taxes.

cilman Tim Hutfles. "I'm hearing we're having trouble attracting and keeping families. I think we need \$4,500. Mayor Ken Bieber said he ex-

pected young people to come out en

In other business, the council ap-

years if it's paid for through prop- proved a bid of \$8,999 from Colby Implement for a John Deere Gator "Tieing them together makes HPX. The vehicle will replace an Weber said. "One of the old four-wheeler at the wastewater projects is done and one needs to be treatment plant. City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said the 1994 John "I've had people stopping me and Deere Gator needs a new seat, shiftissues were separated the fire station I'm hearing differently," said Coun- er knob, clutch, transmission, brake plates and four new tires. She said the total costs for repairs would be

> Other bids the council received included \$9,500 for a Club Cadet and \$9,800 for a Yamaha from Colby Ag, and \$4,299 from Lewis Motors masse and vote for the bond issue in McCook, Neb., for a used 2006 Ranger 2x4 500 and \$4,299 from Oren eventually left the meeting Lewis for a used 2006 Kawasaki 4x4 Mule.

Man booked after two accidents Friday

From "ACCIDENT," Page 1 pital over the weekend and

ment. It had come to rest on its wheels, facing west.

to the scene and Miller was erty, reckless driving and taken to Citizens Medical Hospital. Taylor said he suffered minor back injuries. On the way from Levant, he said, Miller had driven in the wrong lane and had driven ing whether to charge the through a corn field.

Taylor said that Miller influence. was released from the hos-

was booked at the county jail Tuesday for driving on the left side of the road, An ambulance was paged criminal damage to propdriving with a suspended or revoked license. He was again released on a notice to appear in court. Taylor said his office is still investigatman with driving under the

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