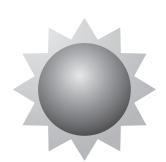
Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. West wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 53. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 26. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Monday: A slight chance of

rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Monday Night: A 20 percent

chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 43.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 49.

Wednesday: High, 53; Low 23 0.00 inches Precip: Wed, Month: 0.30 inches 25.49 inches Year: Normal: 19.95 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset 7:34 a.m. 5:26 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Gem area farmer killed in truck accident last week

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many, many years. After Arter died, Sowers purchased the land in Montana, a property he never let go of.

Sowers' grandson recalled that when he was a boy in the early '70s his grandpa Lon would say, "I can go to the field here in the early morning, drive to Goodland and get on an airplane, and fly to Denver, then get on a plane in Denver and fly to Billings, Mont., and drive over to Broadview and be farming there in the afternoon."

"As a kid, I thought that was really a pretty neat thing," Ziegelmeier said.

Sowers has been particularly known over the past 20 years for his interest in the Scot- ly enjoyed the Scottish Days held at Cedar to Billings, Mont.", Stella said. "It was a not a person they will soon forget.

tish Highlander breed of cattle, which he Bluffs, near WaKeeney, each year, and it couple of years after grandma died, and the trained to lead and to pull a cart.

"He participated in at least 2 to 3 parades a year," said Stella Ziegelmeier, Matt's wife, "and over 20 years, that adds up to a lot of parades."

Before training the Highlanders, Sowers could be seen at public events with a team of Texas Longhorns.

Stella recalled that over the years, Grandpa had a team of red Highlanders, then a black one, followed by a white team, and finally the yellow team. She said he was down to eight head the time of his death.

He had driven them in the Frontier Days parade in Cheyenne, Wyo., and he especial- drove a team of draft horses all the way - farmer, rancher and good neighbor - was

was his great delight to give rides.

"He was most recently training them to drive as a six-hitch team," grandson Matt

Sowers always had a special interest in tioned the Great American Cattle Drive which came through Thomas County in

In an article from the Colby Free Press that year reported that Sowers had offered his Bar S ranch just north of Gem as a place for the drive to spend the night.

"He accompanied the cattle drive, and

wranglers called him Lonesome Lon on the trail. The long ride was good for him, and it sort of got him back to a better time in his life after grandma died."

Matt said that when strangers learned cattle drives, his grandson said, and men- they were from Kansas, sometimes they would hear, "Well you probably have never heard of this little town of Gem, but we know a man named Lon Sowers who lives there."

> "And one time we even met some people from Canada who knew our grandpa," he

For anyone who knew him, Lon Sowers

Activity center board suggests merger with city pool project

From "POOL," Page 1

climbing wall, aerobics area, workout equipment, basketball courts and room for other classes and activities. Cheney said the features are not locked in and may change in the design process.

Cheney said it would be beneficial for the two projects to work together. For example, he said, a combining parking area would save each project a lot of money.

The council expressed concern over what would happen to the city's investment if the center went under down the line. Cheney said the board is a nonprofit corporation, and in the event that it folded, the property would have to be transferred to another nonprofit or a government. Several council members also voiced concerns that the location near the high school is far away from most neighborhoods and too near Interstate 70.

Mayor Ken Bieber said he, Armstrong and Councilman Pat Mallory would look into all the potential pool sites and bring back a recommendation for the council. Armstrong said she had gone over about 10 different sites with the city public works department and had information on how much utility work would cost at each.

In other business, the council:

• Approved a resolution allowing investment firm Oppenheimer about the rotary drum thickener and Company to offer \$1 million in temporary notes for sale. This money would cover engineering and design, land purchase and utility extension for the pool project. Theron Froggatte of Oppenheimer said the city will likely get a 1.75 interest rate when the notes are sold Dec. 1.

"When we sell bonds, the local banks usually have priority," he

Armstrong said the city needs some of the money on hand for the next year, but it did not seem prudent to offer the entire \$5 million for the whole project this year since actual construction likely will not begin before May.

• Approved a \$13,826 change order on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Greg Warner of Miller and Associates said the order represents small items that have had to be changed over the past 18 months. These items include changing the width of a sidewalk at the de-watering pad, upgrades to the plant's computer systems and motor starters for the grit removal equipment.

"We usually let them accumulate and then process them all in a (single) change order," Warner

Warner also answered questions that issue remains unresolved. equipment used to thicken waste to a sludge by removing most of the water. Warner said the process the plant uses isn't up to spec in either quality or the volume of sludge processed, and a new system will be installed at no cost to

the city. "All parties are confident that this system will work," Warner said, "and again at no cost to the city.

Councilman Mark Beringer asked about the expense of hauling the extra sludge that the city reach about \$170,000, but the city ment. Armstrong said the whole

 Approved increasing lease fees for privately owned hangers on city property at the Colby airport by 3 percent, effective on Jan. 1. The increase will affect 11

• Accepted a proposal from Woofter Pump and Well for \$39,625 and Capital Electric for \$77,500 to convert a monitoring well at the Ace Superfund well site on Fourth Street into an extraction well. Armstrong said proposals are for a base amount, and has had to cope with. Miller said will have to approve any change project is not to exceed \$70,000.

orders. The cost will be reimbursed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who contracts with the city to manage the site.

 Accepted a proposal from Mid-States Energy Works to install six meters at the city's power plant for the Southwest Power Pool Transmission. Individual meters are required on each of the city's generators by the pool's regulations. Armstrong said money was encumbered in 2007 when the project was requested. The Mid-States proposal is for \$57,170 and there the whole project is expected to will be some additional equip-

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