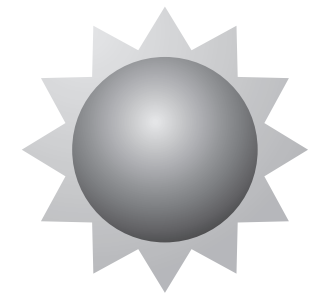




Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 27. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Calm wind becoming north between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 51. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.
Monday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 51.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.
Thanksgiving Day: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Thursday: High, 51; Low 25
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.30 inches
Year: 25.49 inches
Normal: 19.95 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

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City mulls proposed power, water rate increases

From "RATES," Page 1

In the summer, the study says, average residential use is 1,500 kilowatt hours per month. Under the current rates, an average user would have a bill of \$142.25. Under the new rates, the user would pay \$142.50. In the winter, when average residential usage is 500 kilowatt-hours, the current bill would be \$49.60 and the proposed bill would be \$49.80.

The study compared the city's

rates with those of surrounding communities. Reviewing the information, Councilman Fred Taylor said he was glad that even the proposed rates are at or below those of surrounding cities.

Norton has a \$4 meter charge for both residential and commercial. Oberlin charges \$5 while Goodland does not have a meter charge. Norton's residential charge is \$0.1769 for the first 80 kilowatt-hours, and the price is lowered for usage above that. Their com-

mercial charge is \$0.1910 for the first 100 kilowatt-hours and lower above that. Oberlin charges a flat rate of \$0.1250 per kilowatt hour and Goodland charges a flat rate of \$0.1120 for residential and \$0.0986 for commercial.

McKenzie also did a study of the water fund, which he concluded is in a similar predicament. Revenues in 2008 were \$633,637 and expenditures were \$830,009. Under the current rate structure, estimated revenues for next year will drop by more than \$44,000 while expenditures will rise by about \$72,000. The surplus will be gone by 2011. The study recommended a 54.9 percent increase in rates to

counteract this.

The city administration's recommendation is to increase the residential meter charge for the first 3,000 gallons from \$10 to \$20 and the charge per 1,000 gallons after that from \$0.70 to \$1.05.

For an average residential user in the summer, this would mean an increase in the bill from \$35.90 to \$58.85. Average residential usage in the summer is 40,000 gallons per month.

The recommended commercial rate would double the existing meter charge and raising the charge per 1,000 gallons after that from \$0.63 to \$0.95. For a pipe over 3 inches, the city is recom-

mending that the charge per 1,000 gallons after the initial 3,000 go from \$0.60 to \$0.95.

Average motel usage in the summer is 281,000 gallons, the study says. This would make for a bill under the current rate structure of \$222.14, and a bill under the proposed rate structure of \$358.10.

Armstrong said she realized some of the increases could have been done in smaller increments over the past 15 years instead of in one larger increase. The city's Utility Rate Committee had reviewed and recommended the council passed the increase, she said.

Colby Kiwanis hangs tree with care

From "TREE," Page 1

Genesis at this time of year, and as far as I know, the three have worked together for a long time. The fire department has the bicycle program, Genesis has the food baskets and we collect toys."

The Kiwanis Club keeps 35 members busy during the year with fund raising projects to pay for philanthropic activities, he said.

It sponsors the Easter Egg Hunt in the spring, the fire works display during the Fourth of July, the Pumpkin Patch and a pancake feed in the fall, and the Toy Tree at Christmas, Hankin said, besides teaming up with the fire department at the Colby Gun and Coin show for an annual raffle.

For information or questions, call Tina Harris, chairman of the Christmas Toys project, at 462-8008, or Hankin at 460-4454.

Eisenhower Library offers quilt challenge

ABILENE — The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum has announced a Veterans Day Quilts of Valor Challenge, giving participants nearly a year to work on their creations.

Quilts will be collected and put on display in time for Veterans Day, 2010. After the show, the quilts will be distributed to wounded service men and women in partnership with the Quilts of Valor Foundation and Kansas Quilts of Valor.

The program is being organized by Jan Hottman at the library.

Quilts of Valor provides heirloom-quality quilts for men and women who have been injured serving our country. Quilts may

be pieced, quilted and labeled by a single person, group, or school. If you are not able to complete the quilting, submit the top with backing and label to be completed by volunteers.

Quilt entries should be between a minimum size of 50 inches by 60 inches and a maximum of 72 by 96, and include matching binding and backing. The backing should be a surplus of 4 inches on all four sides. Standard or twin size pillowcases made from extra material should be included. These can later be used for storing the quilts.

For details, go to www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

New group at Colby High aims to help the less fortunate

From "HELP," Page 1

Genesis-Thomas County food drive and the Colby Kiwanis Club's Toy Tree.

Genesis provides food for the less fortunate, he said, and the toy project hopes to collect Christmas gifts for between 160 and 200 kids.

Tina Harris, committee chairman for the toy project, said paper ornaments hung on a tree at Dollar General each list a child's age and sex.

People can take an ornament off the tree and buy a gift for the child. Names are never revealed, but volunteers will get the gifts to the right children.

After a person buys a gift for the child at Dollar General or another store, Kiwanis members will pick it up. Harris said. She said the club will buy presents for children whose ornaments are not taken. Volunteers will wrap the gifts on Monday, Dec. 6. The food and presents will be distributed Saturday, Dec. 12.

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DISC	Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Deadly Waters		Planet Earth		Planet Earth				
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E!	Twilight	Lamas	True Hollywood Story		Soup	Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls			
ESPN	Countdown			NFL Football						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball			Score		College Basketball				College Basketball			
FAM	Holiday-Rembr			Unlikely Angel				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped			
FX	Big Momma's House 2					Rush Hour				70s Show			
HGTV	Property	Property	House	My First	House	For Rent	Estate	My First	House	My First			
HIST	Holidays-Black			Pawn		Pawn	Modern Marvels		Holidays-Black				
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Rita Rock	Rita Rock	Rita Rock	Rita Rock	Will	Will	Frasier	Medium			
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Not Teen Mv			Not Teen Mv							
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez			
SCI	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster	Now Then	Now Then			
SPIKE	Kill Bill: Vol. 1		Kill Bill: Vol. 2				Super		Ways Die				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl			
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TNT	Bones		The Closer		Bones		The Closer		CSI: NY				
TOON	Herbie: Fully Loaded		Hero	Star Wars	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken	Fam. Guy				
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