

Weather Corner



Rain possible, lows mid 40s

The forecast
Tonight...Mostly clear with a low in the mid 40s.
Tuesday...Mostly sunny with a high in the mid 80s.

Wednesday night...Clear with a low in the high 30s.
Thursday...Sunny and breezy with a high around 70.
Temperatures
Sunday's high, 74
Low this morning, 45

New book by senator at libraries

TOPEKA (AP) — Bob Dole's memoir is headed to every high school and public library in the state.

"One Soldier's Story" recounts Dole's wartime experiences and long recovery after he was seriously wounded in April 1945 while serving as an Army lieutenant in the Italian Alps.

Contributions from Dole and other prominent Kansas politicians are paying for nearly 800 copies of the memoir to be shipped around Kansas.

"The book is, of course, about a Kansas native — one of our very own — who has had a very interesting and challenging life," said John Pinegar, a Topeka resident who helped with the efforts to donate and distribute the book.

Besides sending the book to schools and public libraries, Dole also has worked to get his book into veterans hospitals and nursing homes, said Mike Marshall, Dole's press secretary.

Faced with a Drinking Problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help Meetings are Open to the Public City Hall Basement Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

Briefly

EMT classes start tonight

Kathi Wright, EMS director with the Thomas County Emergency Medical Service, said there is still time to enroll in the EMT class, which will begin Monday starting at 6 p.m. at the EMS building 1275 S. Franklin, Colby.

After Harvest Festival Tuesday

The social problems class at Colby Community College will sponsor the 37th annual After Harvest Festival, starting at 3 p.m., Tuesday. The festival will be held in the Community Building Little Theater.

Crop walk scheduled Sunday

The annual Crop Walk to support the local Genesis project and the worldwide ministry of the Church World Service will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin, said Carolyn May, one of the organizers.

Donations sought for church auction

Plans are underway for this year's Sacred Heart Parish/

School annual benefit auction with the theme, "South of the Border." As in year's past, Sacred Heart officials will reach out to the business community asking for whatever support they can provide.

Colby's 'fly-in' Saturday

The Colby Municipal Airport is sponsoring its sixth annual open house, Saturday beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the airport. In addition to a fly-in breakfast, airplane rides, incoming helicopters, experimental aircraft, powered parachutes and more will be featured.

Captive Free to perform Saturday

Captive Free, a contemporary music ministry team sponsored by Youth Encounter, will be performing at 7 p.m., Saturday at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Deadline Wednesday for senior trip

Colby Community College, the Thomas County Council on Aging and the Senior Progress Center are sponsoring a one-day trip for senior citizens on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Oakley City Council approves ordinance for Sunday alcohol sales

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN Colby Free Press

A measure to allow the sale of alcohol on Sunday made its way from the state level down to the local level.

City council members Steve Gadger, James McGuire, and Larry Eberle passed an ordinance allowing Sunday sale of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages in its original package within the city of Oakley.

A debate about Sunday alcohol sales started over three years ago when the eastern Kansas city of Wyandotte passed a charter ordinance allowing Sunday sales.

"The 2005 Legislature passed a law to make the Sunday Liquor Control Act uniform," said Tom Groneman, director of the Kansas Department of Revenue Alcoholic Beverage and Control.

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monly understood terms of "wet" and "dry" referring to liquor by the drink, the new state law makes all cities in Kansas wet, otherwise allowing packaged liquor stores within city boundaries.

"If a city passes an ordinance to allow Sunday sales, it has to go through a 60 day waiting period to allow the public to protest it," Groneman said.

Protest petitions would have to be filed with the Logan County Clerk, Pat Schippers, who would then organize an election.

Oakley's new ordinance goes into effect on Nov. 21, which is the 61st day after it was passed and published in the local newspaper.

Starting then, store owners selling alcohol can do so throughout the week as allowed by law from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and on Sunday, except Easter Sunday, from noon to 8 p.m.

In addition, the city council approved alcohol sales between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

Mayor Frank Munk said Wednesday morning he's seen no opposition to the city's law change.

"I haven't heard anything yet, and one of the reasons is we had people there for it and nobody showed up against it," Munk said.

Store owners and managers throughout Oakley support the measure.

Gary Johnson, owner of Mittens, as well as Jerry Wassemiller, manager of Oakley Surfline Grocery, and Donna Crandall, a clerk at Kabredlo Convenience Store, said they welcomed the change and planned to sell alcohol on Sundays when it was allowed.

According to Groneman, all cities retain the right to pass an ordinance outlawing both liquor stores and the sale of alcohol at businesses such as convenience and grocery stores.

"If a city decides not to allow packaged liquor sales within the city, we would not be able to issue a license," he said.

Hoxie to sell alcohol on Sundays

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN Colby Free Press

Businesses in Hoxie will be able to sell alcohol on Sundays and some holidays in the near future.

Hoxie's mayor, Lori Horesky, said she, along with commissioners Harold Timken and Jim Erwin passed an ordinance allowing Sunday sales.

"There was no one at the meeting in support or in opposition," Horesky said.

City Attorney Ken Eland had the ordinance published in the local newspaper last Thursday, making the law change effective Nov. 22.

"I wanted to make sure and get past the state's effective date of Nov. 15," Eland said.

After the required 60-day waiting period has passed, businesses will have an open door to sell alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages as long as they are in their original packaging on Sunday. Should citi-

zens support a protest petition, the ordinance would be forced to an election at the next general election if it's within 45 days of the petition being filed with the county clerk, or it would have to be a special election.

Not to be confused with the commonly understood terms of "wet" and "dry" referring to liquor by the drink, the new state law makes all cities in Kansas wet, otherwise allowing the sale of originally packaged liquor and cereal malt beverages within city boundaries.

"The League of Municipalities is recommending cities pass an ordinance allowing Sunday sales if they want it," Eland said.

Those cities in the state which either does not allow alcohol sales at all, or wish to curtail Sunday sales, will have to pass an ordinance

banning it. According to the ordinance on file with the city office in Hoxie, businesses will be able to sell originally packaged alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages on Sunday, except Easter Sunday, between the hours of noon and 8 p.m.

After Nov. 22, the same products can be sold from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

One business owner in particular supports the measure.

"It's great," said Diane Bull, owner of Reds, a convenience store located on the east side of Hoxie on U.S. Highway 24. Having knowledge about the law change, Gene Deines, owner of Stop 2 Shop, a convenience store at the intersection of U.S. Highways 23 and 24, said he'll wait to study the ordinance before making a decision.

"I'll have to see what the ordinance says first," he said. Mark Joslyn, owner of Joslyn's

date 50 people. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Sept. 28. If you would like to go, call Deb Koon at 462-6617 before Wednesday.

Tootsie roll drive nears

The Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out "specially marked" Tootsie Rolls on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 14-16, while seeking donations for those people with intellectual disabilities, said Dick Parnell, chairman for the drive.

Red Cross to sponsor potato bar

The Thomas County Chapter American Red Cross will sponsor a potato and dessert bar Sunday, Oct. 23, at Fairview Estates. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free will donation accepted to carry on humanitarian activities in Thomas County.

Drama department plans comedy

The Colby Community College drama department will present the comedy Love Thy Neighbor on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 3-5 in the Cultural Arts Center located on campus. Advance tickets will be available at the Campus Bookstore.

'Kids for Safety' Wednesday

The Thomas County Health Department is again offering its "Kids for Safety," from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the Colby Community Building. Highlights of the event include water safety demonstrations, music and other learning experiences.



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Hoxie Grade School Principal Scott Hoyt talked to students Friday afternoon about how proud he and the teachers were of them for raising \$4,039.12 to help hurricane victims.

Children help victims

By Jan Katz Ackerman Colby Free Press

Grade school children in Hoxie wanted to help hurricane victim children so they collected money.

A lot of money. "They have a total of \$4,039.12," said reading teacher and one of the project's coordinators Linda Frazey.

We counted the money each day and kept a running total." Children in kindergarten through sixth grade collected pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for the Dimes for Disaster project.

"We called it Dimes for Disaster so the little kids could remember a slogan. We began collecting on Sept. 6," Frazey said.

Each class has had a donation bucket in their classroom and the students kept a total of each class' contributions.

In addition, buckets were placed in Hoxie businesses.

A few of the students went over and above the classroom project and undertook tasks outside of school to support the effort, Frazey said.

"Brianna Andregg, daughter of Michelle Andregg, made and sold necklaces in her neighborhood to make money to donate," Frazey said.

"And Dylan Weimer's grandpa Jim from Colorado Springs gave him a coffee can of money to donate. It had over \$175 in it."

Frazey said for safekeeping the money was deposited in a local bank.

"The first load of money taken to the bank was too heavy for one person to carry."

"The kids have really gotten into the collection (project) and they are willing to part with their money to give it to this cause," Frazey said.

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