Area/State

Weather Corner



Rain possible, lows mid 40s

The forecast

Tonight...Mostly clear with a low in the mid 40s. Calm wind becoming south between 7 and 10 mph. Tuesday. — Mostly sunny with a high in the mid 80s North northwest wind between 7 and 10 mph. Tuesday night -A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m Partly cloudy with a low near 50 East wind 8 to 11 mph becoming south southwest. Wednesday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Partly cloudy with a high in the mid 60s. Breezy with a north northwest wind 7 to 10 mph increasing to between 26 to 29 mph.

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 Records for this date, 95 in 1901, 21 in 1942

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

September's precipitation 0.04

Soil temperature, 73 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

New book by senator at libraries

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

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. The first meeting was informational, she said, and no classroom work has started yet. If interested, call 460-4585 or plan to attend the class.

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. The event is for all those 55 years and older. Activities include bingo and cards at 3 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:15 p.m. and a dance from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No reservations are required. For transportation or other questions, call Deb Koon, 462-6617.

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. Anyone interested in participating is asked to pick upa packet beforehand and collect donations for the walk. Maps will include routes from a quarter of a mile to five miles. Water will be available for the walkers at the Presbyterian, Lutheran and United Methodist churches. For questions, call the United Methodist Church office, 460-6521.

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. Anyone interested in giving cash, items or service, is encouraged to stop by the church office, 585 N. French, Colby, Kan. 67701 and fill out an auction donation form. The auction date will be Saturday, Oct. 15, at the TNT Building. For questions or information, call 462-2179.

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. The pancake feed will be served by Colby Boy Scout Troop 140 and airplane rides will begin from 1 to 3 p.m.

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. "People of all ages are invited to an inspiring program of Christian music, puppetry, drama and personal sharing," said Jan Barnum, one of the coordinators. "Captive Free, a talented group of young adults, offering youth-oriented music ministry in many churches and schools across the country," she said. There is no admission fee.

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. So far 28 people have made reservations and the bus can accommodate 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. Baked potatoes with toppings, along with dessert, will be served. For questions, call 785 460-7495.

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. Tickets will also be available prior to each performance at the door.

'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. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend, said Juanita Dewey, adminstrator.

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 wide law goes into effect on Nov. 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. Council member Charles Beamer voted against the ordinance, and Kevin Uhrich was absent from the meeting.

A debate about Sunday alcohol sales started over three years ago have to be a special election." when the eastern Kansas city of Wyandotte passed a charter ordinance allowing Sunday sales. That ordinance was challenged all the way to the Kansas Supreme Court, and it wasn't until the 2005 Legis- into effect on Nov. 21, which is the lature changed the law and opened 61st day after it was passed and pubthe doors to alcohol being sold in lished in the local newspaper.

"The 2005 Legislature passe

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. The state-15, Groneman said.

"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. "Should the citizens get up a protest petition, the ordinance would be forced to an election at the next general election if it's within 45 days, or it would

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

ing alcohol can do so throughout the such as convenience and grocery In addition, the city council aprial Day, Independence Day and city, we would not be able to issue a

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. "This ordinance gives the people the right to get a petition together and bring it to a vote."

Store owners and managers throughout Oakley support the measure.

Gary Johnson, owner of Mittens, as well as Jerry Wassemiller, manager of Oakley Surfine 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. Russell Cox, owner of Classy Liquor, was not available for comment.

According to Groneman, all cities retain the right to pass an ordinance outlawing both liquor stores Starting then, store owners sell- and the sale of alcohol at businesses outlaw Sunday sales and such cities would be considered "dry" under state law. "If a city decides not to allow license," he said.



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

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 A few of the students went over

Colby Free Press and above the classroom project Grade school children in Hoxie 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."

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.

Shell fragments damaged his spinal cord, leaving him with only limited use of his right arm, and he had to have one kidney removed because of a high fever during his recovery.

The Russell native went on to a 35-year career representing Kansas in Washington. He won the Republican presidential nomination in 1996, losing to President Clinton.

The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas is named for the former Senate majority leader, who is now married to Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C.

Contributions from Dole and other prominent Kansas politicians are paying for nearly 800 copies of the memoir to be shipped around Kansas. "One Soldier's Story," published by HarperCollins, went on sale this spring.

"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. "And the book is important for all Kansans to read.

"It shows how we face many of the difficult challenges that are presented to us during our lives," Pinegar said, "and how to address those issues and remain true in all that we do and make the best in all situations."

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

law to make the Sunday Liquor week as allowed by law from 9 a.m. stores. Cities also retain the right to Control Act uniform," said Tom to 11 p.m., and on Sunday, except Groneman, director of the Kansas Easter Sunday, from noon to 8 p.m. Department of Revenue Alcoholic Beverage and Control. "But cities proved alcohol sales between the can pass an ordinance to allow Sun-hours of noon and 8 p.m. on Memo-packaged liquor sales within the day sales."

Not to be confused with the com- Labor Day.

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, Harold Timken and Jim Erwin passed an ordinance allowing Sunday sales.

"There was no one at the meeting in support or in opposition," Ho- monly understood terms of "wet" resky 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 ages within city boundaries. 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 packaging on Sunday. Should citi-

zens support a protest petition, the banning it. According to the ordiordinance 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 elecsaid she, along with commissioners tion. Protest petitions would be filed with Sheridan County Clerk Paula Bielser who would then organize an election.

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> "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 liquor and cereal malt beverages as either does not allow alcohol sales long as they are in their original at all, or wish to curtail Sunday sales, will have to pass an ordinance

nance 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

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"Neighbors helping neighbors"

(available in trade area only)

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. "The money will go to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army.

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.

ter 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.

placed in Hoxie businesses.

Dylan is the son of Jason and Lisa Weimer.

Frazey said for safekeeping the "We called it Dimes for Disas- 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 In addition, buckets were money to give it to this cause," Frazey said.



