

Weather Corner



Sunny with high near 86

The forecast
Tonight — Clear with a low around 48. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 86. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast.

Friday night — Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low near 53. South wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high around 78. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday night — Mostly clear and breezy with a low around 44.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 76.

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Monday — Mostly sunny with a high near 80.

Temperatures
 Wednesday's high, 78
 Low this morning, 41
 Records for this date, 87 in 1936, 14 in 1928

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

April's precipitation, .44

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

Briefly

Landfill closed Easter Sunday

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed on Easter Sunday. The landfill will open at its regular time on Saturday and reopen on Monday.

Amusement Association to meet

The Amusement Association Board will meet at 8 p.m., Monday, in the Thomas County Office Complex conference room, 350 S. Range Ave. in Colby. The meeting is open to anyone who might have ideas for this year's county fair or comments about last year's fair.

College to hold town meeting

NetWork Kansas, a service of the Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship, will hold a town hall meeting from 7-9 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, in the student union at Colby Community College to discuss entrepreneurship. The meeting is open to the public, students, and public officials. It will be an open forum dialogue concerning entrepreneurship as a priority for economic and community development and creating an entrepreneurial environment in local communities. The forum will also include NetWork Kansas partners who provide business building services to entrepreneurs

and small business owners in each community. For information or questions, call Barry Kaaz, business and industry representative, at 462-3984, ext. 224.

RSVP banquet Wednesday

The annual RSVP Recognition Banquet will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 19 at the American Legion, 1850 W. Fourth St., Colby. "This is our annual event to say thank you to all of the RSVP volunteers who give so much during the year to their communities," said director Laura Withington. "We hope all volunteers will be able to join us on this special night." Check-in is at 4 p.m. with dinner and awards presentation starting at 5 p.m. The Ramblin' Andy Band will play from 7-9 p.m. For questions, call Withington at 462-6744.

Heartland Share delivery April 22

Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22 at Sacred Heart School gym. There are a few shares left for \$20.50 each and two hours of volunteer time of one's choice. Included in this month's share are: deli turkey breast, bratwurst, bacon, ham steak, chicken breast strips, carrots, onions, potatoes, zucchini, salad mix, apples, grape fruit, pears, breakfast cereal oats. For orders or information, call

460-3570 or 460-8640.

Teen formal planned

A group of parents are joining together to plan and put on a formal evening for their high school teens. The formal will be from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 22 at the Quality Inn. The event will include pictures, dinner, entertainment and prizes. Volunteers, reservations or donations are being accepted by Kay Splattstoesser at 462-9946 or Toni McAdams at 462-6248.

Hydrant testing begins this week

The Colby Fire Department will be testing hydrants throughout the city for the next three weeks, said Assistant Fire Chief Rick Dickman. While the hydrants are being flushed, some residents may notice discoloration in their water. Should that happen, continue to run water until it is clear, he said. For questions, call 460-4454.

Gaither video concert Sunday

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither video concert at 6 p.m., Sunday. This week's concert will feature "Homecoming in Jerusalem" and is open to the public free of charge.

A fair trade



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Members of the Colby High School Eagle wrestling team helped lay sod at the new Wal-Mart Supercenter Saturday. The team was fulfilling their part of a deal with Earth Works in Colby. Owner Rob Stithem asked if the team needed anything. Head Coach Mitch Beims said the team needed new singlets. Stithem purchased the singlets as long as the team provided labor. Stithem said it was a "win-win" situation for both.

Aging conference set

GOODLAND — Older . . . and wiser, the saying goes.

"Full Circle ... an Aging Expo" for residents in northwest Kansas promises helpful - and healthful — tips on managing the aging process successfully, said Tranda Watts, member of the conference planning team and a northwest, multi-county Kansas State University Research and Extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety.

adults, ages 55 and up, and for caregivers, Watts said Wednesday.

Identical sessions will be offered in Goodland Thursday, April 27.

The other conference will be in Osborne, Friday, April 28.

At each location, sessions will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude with wrap-up at 8 p.m.

For registration and fees, call the Thomas County Extension office, 460-4582 or call the Northwest Area Extension office at 462-6281.

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Walk Kansas team standings released

Now in its fourth week, *Walk Kansas* is off to a running start, said Diann Gerstner, Thomas County extension agent family and consumer science.

In Thomas County a total of 59 teams are participating in *Walk Kansas*, which adds up to 354 people out walking for good health, she said, and the program ends in four weeks.

"We already have seven teams that have surpassed the goal of making it 423 miles, across Kansas, and going for making it across again," Gerstner said.

The top 20 teams include: 638 miles - Brewster's Fleet Feet; 579 miles - Holy Rollers; 569 miles - Step-N-Out; 508 miles - Yacky Jacks; 497 miles - Hallelujah Health; 473 miles - Wicked Walkers; 435 miles - Kings and Queens; 414 miles - Healthcare Hustlers; 375 miles - Moms on the Lose; 366 miles - 5 Gals and A Guy; 354 miles - Snowballs Chance; 352 miles - Old Foggies; 349 miles - Farm Credit Flyers; 334 miles - K-Walkers; 327 miles - Colby Medical & Surgical II; 325 miles - Return of the Camel Bellies; 324 miles - CJ's Boutique; 309 miles - Walk Abouts;

304 miles - Crafty Peddlers; and 303 miles - Tot Trots.

"This year a new feature with *Walk Kansas* is keeping track of the number of fruits and vegetables eaten for personal awareness," she said. "Most people feel that they eat better than they really do."

The Food Pyramid recommends five one-cup servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Four weeks in, if all members of a team were eating five servings a day they would have 840 servings of fruits and vegetables. Those top 10 teams are:

737.5 - Motivators; 658.5 - Trail Blazers; 643 - Colby Medical & Surgical II; 643 - Step-N-Out; 585 - Snowballs Chance; 563.5 - Wicked Walkers; 550 - Hallelujah Health; 538 - Kings & Queens; 533 - Jayhawk Walkers; and 502.5 - Prairie Dog Puffers.

For those interested in seeing the *Walk Kansas* team progress, current results are posted in the window of the Sports Shoppe, 400 N. Franklin Ave., Colby.

For questions about *Walk Kansas* or other programs, call 460-4582.

Dry spell worries many

WICHITA (AP) — Farm ponds that are used to water livestock at the Woodston farm of Jerry McReynolds are so dry this spring he is taking the opportunity to clean silt from their bottom.

Many farmers in north-central Kansas are doing the same thing this spring, he said.

"We have been in this dry cycle for six years," McReynolds said. "For the last three years, we have been able to drive through all of our ponds — sad, but true."

Stock water supplies across the state were rated as 36 percent short to very short this week by the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service.

But the lack of water for his cattle herd is not even at the top of McReynolds' list of worries as grazing season nears: "You can haul water, but you can't haul grass."

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The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Section and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small charge.

We will automatically feature your son/daughter's senior picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much *your* senior has really changed over the years!

Call Crystal, Jasmine or John Altman @ 462-3963 for more info. or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.

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