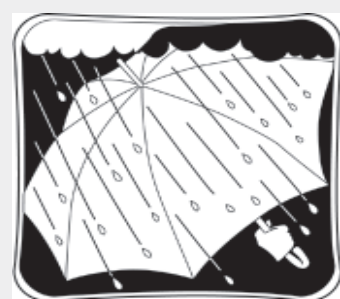


Weather Corner



Rain continues in the forecast

Tonight — A slight chance of showers before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 42. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 59. Windy with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 38. Breezy with a north wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 66. Breezy with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday night — Clear with a low around 43.

Monday — Sunny with a high near 75.

Monday night — Clear with a low around 46.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny with a high near 82.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 67
Low this morning, 43
Records for this date, 97 in 1939, 24 in 1983
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 1.07
September's precipitation, 2.11

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

Briefly

Prairie Land Food pick-up Saturday

Prairie Land Food, formerly ordered from Heartland Share, will have delivery at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart School gym. The menu is one and a half pound boneless pork roast, one pound chicken breast tenders; ground beef; a pound of smoked sausage; one 10-ounce deli ham; one 30-ounce Digiorno pizza plus six to eight fresh fruits and vegetables. A food share is \$20.50 plus two hours of volunteer service of your choice. If interested call 460-3579 or 460-8640.

Family Day Monday

The Regional Prevention Center is reminding families that "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" is Monday. The day is a national effort to promote family dinners as an effective way to reduce substance abuse among children and teens. The prevention center is promoting Family Day in the community by encouraging families to have a meal together and talk to each other.

Singers needed for event

Auditions are underway for singers interested in vocal solos for "The Messiah," said Dr. Phil Shuman, director of choral activities at Colby Community College. Rehearsals for the performance are 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, with the event scheduled for 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Colby High School auditorium. For questions or to schedule an audition, call Shuman at 462-3984, ext. 311.

Cub scouts plan fundraiser Saturday

The Colby Cub Scouts are sponsoring a car wash from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Saturday, at Budget Inn, 1745 W. Fourth St. All proceeds will go toward scout-related projects.

Fair premium checks ready

Premium checks from the 2006 Thomas County Free Fair are available for pick-up at the Thomas County Extension Office, 350 S. Range. For information, call 460-4582.

After school applications available

The Regional Prevention Center applications for an after school program beginning Oct. 9 at the Colby Community Building. Information will be sent home with students in third, fourth and fifth grades today.

Household waste collection set

The Household Hazardous Waste Site, 190 W. Fourth St., Colby, will have a collection day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, said Larry Jumper, director. Old paints, cleaning products, lawn and garden chemicals, automotive products and batteries are among acceptable items to drop off. There is a limit of 10 gallons of liquid materials and 50 pounds of solids per household, he said.

This is a free service and available to Thomas County households only.

For a complete list of items that are accepted at the site or other questions, call Jumper at 462-8139.

Outspoken GOP to leave legislature

TOPEKA (AP) — Kay O'Connor, an outspoken Republican conservative who once said women's suffrage was a sign that society didn't value families enough, is leaving the Kansas Legislature.

O'Connor announced this week she will resign her Senate seat, probably by the end of October. She acknowledged that her unsuccessful campaign this year for the GOP nomination for secretary of state was a key factor in her decision.

In a letter to supporters, she wrote, "My friends, I am tired."

She received only 27 percent of the vote in her attempt to oust incumbent Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh.

The state ethics commission fined her \$3,000 in August 2005 and \$5,000 more in June, both times for illegally soliciting campaign contributions from lobbyists.

O'Connor said some of her fellow conservative Republicans abandoned her when she ran for secretary of state. She was frustrated that Kansans for Life, the state's largest anti-abortion group, endorsed both her and Thornburgh in the primary, though Thornburgh enjoys support from many GOP moderates.

"When my friends started shooting at me, I decided I don't think I want to mess with this anymore," O'Connor said in an interview. "I could deal with it. I choose not to."

Senate colleagues praised O'Connor as down-to-earth, hardworking and straightforward in expressing her views. Even those with strong political differences said she has been pleasant in her dealings with them.

"I've never found her to take herself too seriously, and that's a great attribute in politics," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka.

O'Connor, a 64-year-old Olathe resident, part-time teacher and retired accountant, has served nearly 14 years in the Legislature, the first eight in the House. She has been a strong opponent of abortion, gay

marriage and raising taxes.

Early in her career, she became known as "the Voucher Lady" because she was a vocal advocate of giving tax dollars to parents and allowing them to send their children to whatever schools they please, public or private.

She briefly became a national figure in 2001, when she described the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the vote, "a symptom of something I don't approve of." She said women wouldn't need the right if men took care of them adequately.

"The 19th Amendment is around because men weren't doing their jobs, and I think that's sad," she said then. "I believe the man should be the head of the family. The woman should be the heart of the family."

Still, O'Connor took issue with people who said she opposed women voting or participating in politics, and Hensley said her comments had been blown out of proportion.

She also made news because of her two ethics fines, which she said were unintentional mistakes on her part. She argued that she was being singled out for excessive punishment for political reasons, a view some fellow Republicans shared.

In her race against Thornburgh, she attacked his management of the secretary of state's office, suggesting he'd not done enough to combat voter fraud, particularly preventing illegal immigrants from voting. He said her allegations were unfounded.

Even amid the controversy sometimes surrounding her, colleagues said they found her cheerful and warmhearted.

"She seems to have been very resilient throughout all of her ups and downs," said Sen. Karin Brownlee, R-Olathe, who often agrees with O'Connor on social issues but differs with her on others. "I think one of the qualities that Kay brought to the Legislature was that she was an everyday person. She wasn't pretentious."

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department.

All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by Colby, Oakley, Logan and Thomas counties.

Thomas County Sheriff Thursday, Sept. 14

• **Driving under the influence:** Anthony Wayne LaCore, 25, of Colby, was arrested at 2:45 a.m. by Colby police in the 900 block of College Drive.

Charges pending include driving under the influence (third offense); driving while suspended; and trans-

porting open container.

Friday, Sept. 15

• **Possession of marijuana with intent to sell:** Timothy Michael Covell, 17, and Joe Anthony Arce, 27, both of Hays, were arrested at 8:10 p.m. by the Quad County Task Force at the Dillon's store in Colby.

Initial charges are possession of marijuana with intent to sell; sale of marijuana; and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

• **Sale of methamphetamines:** Matthew John Cooksey, 23, of Oakley, was arrested at 3:39 p.m. by the Logan County Sheriff's office in the 700 block of Southwest Second Street in Oakley.

Initial charges include sale of methamphetamines with intent to

sell within 1,000 feet of a school; sale of marijuana; unlawful use of a communication device; sale of cocaine and probation violation from Ellis County Court Services.

Saturday, Sept. 16

• **Driving under the influence:** Damien Joseph Schienle, 20, of Westminster, Colo., was arrested at 1:04 a.m. the Kansas Highway Patrol on Davis and Range Avenues in Colby.

He is charged with driving under the influence and as a minor in possession of alcohol (cereal malt beverage).

He was served with a notice to appear in the Thomas County District Court on both charges Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Singers invited to special event Thursday

The members of the Colby Tumbleweed Barbershop Chorus and the Colby Sweet Adelines Hi Plain are reminding all men and ladies who love to sing, to come share their voices next week.

The two groups are planning a sharing, singing and fun fellowship at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave.

For questions, call any Barbershop Chorus members or Colby Sweet Adelines.

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