

Weather Corner



Cooler temps Wednesday

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 51. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a high near 82. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday night — Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a low around 49. Breezy with a calm wind becoming north between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a high near 69. Breezy with an east wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy with a low around 48.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high near 81.

Temperatures

Sunday's high, 93

Low this morning, 48

Records for this date, 96 in 1899, 21 in 1985

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

September's precipitation, 0.00

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

Briefly

Student massage clinic Tuesday

Students in the physical therapy assistant program at Colby Community College are planning a massage clinic from 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday, Oct. 10 and Thursday, Oct. 12. Massages will be given in the Health-Science Building, room 204, on campus. The cost is \$10 for 30 minutes.

All proceeds go toward physical therapy assistant programs and educational trips. To make an appointment, call 460-4797, but walk-ins are welcome.

Men's group to appear Wednesday

The capella men's group, *measureXmeasure*, is performing at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Oakley High School auditorium. The concert, hosted by Western Plains Arts Association, will include pop, rock, soul, jazz and classical. Admission is by WPAA season pass or at the door: adults \$8, students \$4.

Prairie Land Food sign-up next week

Prairie Land Foods, formerly Heartland Share, will have sign-up from today through noon Saturday at the State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. Fourth St. Delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at Sacred Heart School gym. The food package is \$20.50 plus two hours of volunteer time of choice. For information, call 460-3579 or 460-8640.

Trip has three openings available

Today and Tuesday morning will be the last chance for Thomas County middle school students to sign up for a geological trip across Kansas. The day-long trip Saturday has stops at Rock City, Mushroom Rocks, the Garden of Eden and the studio of sculptor Pete Felton. Judy Kleinsorge, children's librarian and coordinating the event, said there is still room for three more students in sixth through eighth grades. The cost is \$20. To register, call Kleinsorge, 460-4470 or stop by the library, 375 W. Fourth St.

Schools plan book fairs

Sacred Heart School, 1150 W. Sixth St., and Colby Elementary School are sponsoring their annual scholastic book fairs in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences. Sacred Heart's book fair is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and 2 to 8 p.m., Thursday in the school gymnasium. For questions, call Sacred Heart at 460-2813. The book fair at the grade school runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday; and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday. The book fair is in room 202 of the primary building, 210 N. Grant. For questions, call 460-2813.

Computer help session Thursday

Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., is hosting computer help sessions from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday. This is the second session in helping those with limited knowledge about computers, e-mail or the internet, said Jeff Friesen, librarian. For questions, call 460-4470.

State encourages students take part in walk day

In observance of International Walk to School Day Wednesday, schools around the state are teaching children about safe pedestrian behavior and working with their communities to improve the walking environment.

More than 7,000 Kansas children are expected to participate in the events this year.

Nationwide, pedestrian injuries are the number two cause of accidental death among children ages 5 to 14. Each year in the United

States, more than 630 children are killed and 35,000 treated in emergency rooms as a result of pedestrian injuries.

According to injury statistics, African American children, male children, children living in high-density areas and children residing in low-income households are most at-risk for these types of injuries.

New research from Safe Kids Worldwide shows that fear of crime influences these at-risk children's pedestrian behavior more than fear

of injury or injury-related death.

"Parents, caregivers and teachers need to be aware of influencing factors for children when they are walking and address those when teaching them about pedestrians safety," said Jan Stegelman, Safe Kids Kansas coordinator.

"Walking is an important and healthy activity but everyone needs to do their part to keep this activity safe for kids.

"Parents and caregivers need to teach children safe behaviors and

drivers must be aware of their surroundings."

Even if your community or school does not participate in this special event, Safe Kids Kansas encourages parents and caregivers to walk with their children sometime during this week to teach children safe behavior—look both ways before crossing the street, cross only at a crosswalk or intersection, and obey traffic signals.

The best way for adults to teach safe behaviors is to practice it and

be good role models.

For those who want more information about what can be done in their community to improve child pedestrian safety, contact Safe Kids Kansas at 785-296-0351.

For a copy of new research about reaching children most at-risk of pedestrian injury, visit www.usa-safekids.org.

International Walk to School Day is dedicated to walking to school with a purpose—to promote physical activity, safety, health and concern for the environment.

International Walk to School Day is promoted nationally by The Partnership for a Walkable America. www.walktoschool.org.

Safe Kids Kansas, Inc. is a non-profit Coalition of 67 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children ages 0-14. Local coalitions and chapters are located in Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Clay, Coffey, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Ellis, Ford, Franklin, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Marion, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nemaha, Osage, Pottawatomie, Republic, Rice, Riley, Saline, Smith, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Wilson and Woodson

Counties, as well as the cities of Chanute, Emporia, Leavenworth, Norton, Pittsburg, the Wichita Area and the Metro Kansas City Area. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury.

Colby woman wins pigskin contest

Winners for the fourth week of the *Colby Free Press* Pig Skin Pick-em contest were announced today.

Twenty people guessed nine out of 10 games correctly this week. Diane Carter, Lois Unger, Bruce Hansen, Alvin Depe, Jay Barnett, Jerri Zwegardt, Collin Geihlsler, Jack Elliott, Alana Keck, Tracy Rogers, Steve Molstad, Kyle Molstad, Donna Pflasterer, Paul Pflasterer, Jessica Vaughn, Bailee Guyer, Jake Long all of Colby; Lyman

Goetsch of Brewster; Rhonda Sperber of Oakley; Mary Niblock of Hoxie.

In the tie breaker, 16 picked Central Missouri over Fort Hays State. Carter received first place (\$15 in script) by guessing the exact total score of the game.

Lois Unger took second place (\$10 in script), off by two points and Tracy Rogers was in third place (\$5 in script) by being off four points in the total score.

Sixteen people guessed eight out of 10 games.

Brad Schroeder, Deke Elliott,

Sherry McDonald, Carolyn Ledou, Cecilia Cooper, Kennie Rogers, Loren Jacobs, Dane Rogers, Leland Wilson, Don Bixenman, Duskin Siruta, Martin Rinehart, John Dougherty, Jeanne Tuma all of Colby; Aaron Rucker of Winona; Don Ziegelmeier of Rexford.

Eric Rucker, Winona; Bartlett Grain of Levant; Mike Fortkamp, Bob Hanzlick, J.C. Carter, John Rinehart, Kris Lemman, Gary Woodall all of Colby got seven out of the 10 games correct.

Last week's games:

• Oakley over Colby: 28-6

• Triplains/Brewster over Golden Plains: 46-20

• Wallace County over Weskan: 42-20

• Atwood over Decatur: 34-28

• St. Francis over Hoxie: 49-0

• Hays over Goodland: 58-0

• Baylor over Kansas State: 17-3

• Missouri over Colorado: 28-13

• Texas over Sam Houston: 56-3

• Nebraska over Kansas: 39-32

• Tiebreaker: Fort Hays State 14 Central Missouri: 37

Fans can find this week's Pigskin Pick-em contest on page 5 of today's *Free Press*.

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.

Colby Police Department Wednesday, Sept. 20

• **Criminal threat:** Someone called police at 3:43 p.m. from High Plains Mental Health advising they were threatened by a person. The reporting person asked the threatening person be evaluated.

• **Tow away:** A business manager in the 1600 block of West Fourth, contacted police at 7:02 p.m. asking

police to tow a vehicle that had been parked there for many days.

• **Juvenile complaint:** Police were called at 8:21 p.m. to Pine and Country Club Streets about two children playing in the street.

• **Service rendered:** A caller from Topeka asked police to check on the welfare of her boyfriend in the 500 block of North Chickamauga at 10:28 p.m. The individual said the person was making suicidal comments.

Thursday, Sept. 21

• **Theft of fuel:** Police were called at 4:12 p.m. to the 200 block of West Fourth on a fuel theft.

• **Domestic:** A dispute between a parent and juvenile sent police at 9:40 p.m. to the 100 block of Mission Avenue.

Medicaid provider lacks license

TOPEKA (AP) — The company picked to provide managed care for Medicaid patients in Kansas has "a ways to go" before it qualifies for a license to do business in the state, Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger said.

UniCare Health Plan of Kansas Inc. lacks a sufficient network of hospitals, doctors, pharmacists, specialists and other health care providers, Praeger said.

UniCare and Children's Mercy

Family Health Partners, which is owned by Kansas City-based Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics, were awarded contracts in August worth an estimated \$250 million.

UniCare's contract has a Jan. 1 start date, which company officials expressed no worries about meeting.

"We are continuing to move forward with our planning and look forward to serving residents in

January of '07," said Leslie Porras, public relations director for Uni-care's owner, Indianapolis-based Wellpoint Inc.

But Praeger expressed concerns.

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