

Weather
Corner

Sunny, warmer
highs near 85,
lows near 58

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 55. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 83. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday night — Mostly clear with a low around 58. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high near 87. Breezy with a south wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 52. **Sunday** — A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 63.

Sunday night — A chance of showers. Cloudy with a low around 42.

Monday — A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 59.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 70
Low this morning, 44
Records for this date, 96 in 1900, 23 in 1932
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.

Medicaid plan
not a concern

TOPEKA (AP) — Plans to switch the state's Medicaid provider will go ahead as scheduled.

The state Department of Administration dismissed an appeal made last month by FirstGuard Health Plan Kansas, the current provider, which claimed the process of picking a new company this summer was flawed.

The Kansas Health Policy Authority in August announced it would give the Healthwave managed-care contract to UniCare Health Plan of Kansas, a division of WellPoint Inc. of Indianapolis, starting Jan. 1.

A second contract, covering northeast and southeast regions of the state, was awarded to Children's Mercy Family Health Partners.

Together, the contracts are expected to be worth \$250 million, although KHPA officials said they expect the two vendors to save the in companies.

Briefly

Tootsie Roll Drive begins next week

The Colby Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13, 14 and 15. "When you see those friendly gentlemen in their bright yellow and red aprons, please be generous so aid may continue to those special people with disabilities," said Dick Parnell, chairman of the drive.

Hunter education class planned

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Colby volunteers instructors and the Colby Recreation Department will host a hunter education course Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday Oct. 17, 19, 21 and 22. Times on Tuesday and Thursday will be 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. The coursework will be held in the Colby Community Building

and Saturday and Sunday on the range. In addition, from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, a free shoot open to young people, women and inexperienced shooters will be offered also at the Colby Trap Club.

This is the last hunter education class in Colby this year. For questions, call 460-6631; 462-7602 or 462-3367.

Massage clinic today and next week

Students in the physical therapy assistant program at Colby Community College are continuing their massage clinic from 5 to 9 p.m., today, and also Tuesday, Oct. 10 and Thursday, Oct. 12, same times. 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.

RC&D annual meeting Oct. 12

The 12th annual meeting of the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12 at The Riverside Recreation Club House, one mile west of St. Francis. Entertainment will be provided by "Once Again Sound" and the St. Francis singers. Anyone wanting to attend, call (785) 462-2602.

Food drive planned Oct. 14

The Colby Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sacred Heart CYO, Lutheran Youth Fellowship, and the Methodist Church Youth Group will be collecting food from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14. The food will be taken to the Thomas County Genesis office, 350 S. Range Ave. Genesis is an organization that supplies food items to those in need. Residents are asked to leave non-perishable foods in a sack on their front porch.

Colby museum offers temporary photo exhibit

The Prairie Museum is featuring a temporary exhibit on an extraordinary western Kansas woman, said Director Sue Taylor.

The exhibit will highlight Olive Kackley, who was known throughout the nation as an actress, a lecturer, a dramatic producer, a director and a radio personality.

On display will be over 100 framed photographs of celebrities that she interviewed on her radio shows during the 1940s and mount-

ed scrapbook pages that illustrate and document Ms. Kackley's career.

"Olive was an early day resident of Graham County and a contemporary of Nellie Kuska, being born just seven years apart and both growing up in Hill City," Taylor said.

"The daughter of O.B. Kackley, an auctioneer and merchant in Hill City, Olive received a teacher's license at the age of fifteen and con-

tinued her education under the instruction of the Honorable John Dawson (later a Kansas Supreme Court Judge), and studied music for two years in Salina."

She was elected to two terms as the Graham County Register of Deeds before turning to New York and her first love, the theatrical arts. She studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art and went on to perform in many theatrical performances.

Kackley went on to have an outstanding career as a radio personality.

She spent eighteen years in radio work, including duties as director of home talent barn dance shows on Chicago's WLS and as women's program director on WCKY in Cincinnati.

She was a woman before her time, Taylor said.

"She believed in the causes of animal rights, equality for women,

education, patriotism and the war effort- even before such causes were particularly popular."

She interviewed countless famous and not so famous personalities on her radio show in Cincinnati during the 1940s.

"Even after retirement and moving to California, Ms. Kackley remained active and was president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Society of Art and Letters."

She also served as the organization as chairman of Los Angeles Drama for seven years and as national chairman for nine years.

For many years she directed plays presented by school and other groups and she also presented many programs for organizations in the Los Angeles area.

For questions about the museum or its exhibits, call 460-4590 or stop by 1905 S. Franklin Ave., Colby.

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*The Wedding Bells are going to be
ringing on Saturday, October 7th
for a very "Someplace Special"
family member.*

In order for us all to be in attendance at
the festivities, we will need to
CLOSE AT 2:00 ON THIS DAY.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Congrats Ashley & Brandon!



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