

## Weather Corner



### Temperatures much warmer on Labor Day

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. North-east winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds up to 5 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday: Mostly sunny. Highs around 90.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Labor day: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Monday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday's high: 84; low, 61

Water usage  
Tuesday  
2,272,000 gallons  
Wednesday  
2,279,000 gallons

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3 Consecutive Days over 4.0 million will put us in a water warning

3 Consecutive Days over 4.5 million will put us in a water emergency

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# Colby graduate is delegate at Democratic convention

By Jan Biles

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Clarissa Unger knows she is smack-dab in the middle of a history-making event.

Unger, 21, a University of Kansas student, is a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, the first political convention to nominate an African-American for U.S. president.

"It's my first time to vote in a presidential election, and it's kind of unbelievable I'll get to go to the convention," she said last week from her home in Lawrence.

Unger, a senior from Colby who is majoring in political science and international studies, said she became interested in the presidential election after attending events at the Dole Institute of Politics and reading Sen. Barack

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Obama's books, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance" and "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream."

"Then I found out someone at the Dole Institute was involved in his campaign," she said, referring to Steven Jacques, former associate interim director of the institute and now senior advance lead for Obama's presidential campaign.

In May 2007, Unger helped with the set-up for Obama's campaign kick-off in Kansas City,

Mo., and a year ago became the state coordinator for Students for Barack Obama. In that capacity, she helped organize nine new Students for Barack Obama chapters in Kansas. From October 2007 through Feb. 5, she worked at the Obama headquarters in Lawrence. During KU's 2007-08 winter break she helped with campaign efforts in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"I just got back from Chicago," she said, adding she worked 275 hours during the monthlong summer internship in the Windy City.

All of that experience helped Unger get selected earlier this year as one of 41 delegates representing Kansas at the Democratic National Convention. She said the delegates participated in conference calls throughout the summer and were invited to meet with Gov. Kathleen Sebelius at Cedar Crest.

Unger said the delegates will gather each day for a 7 a.m. breakfast, where they will be issued their daily credentials to get into the Pepsi Center, where the convention is being held. They are to arrive at the Pepsi Center no later than 3:15 p.m., because the convention starts at 4 p.m.

In the past few months, Unger said she has received invitations to a number of events being held during the convention, which culminates Thursday night with a rally at Invesco Field at Mile High.

"I RSVP'd to anything that has Sebelius' name on it," she said, adding she is excited to watch Obama's acceptance speech on Thursday night — she has seen him speak eight times — and "see the entire party come together."

Unger arrived in Denver a few days earlier than the majority of Kansas delegates so she could take part in the College Democrats of America convention, also in Denver.

Unger, who will be interning in the spring with the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Belgium, believes her enthusiasm for Obama may have persuaded her Republican parents, Jeff and Marilyn Unger, to vote for her candidate.

"I was able to get my parents tickets to Invesco Field," she said, "They'll be there for such a historical event."

## Court Notes

A Colby man charged with the alleged rape a 12-year-old Colby girl will learn what charges stand against him when he appears in court in two weeks.

Casey L. Denneker, 22, was arrested at 6 a.m. Sunday, May 25, when Colby Police Officers went to Sunflower Apartments looking for the girl. The child's parents reported her missing at 4:55 a.m. the same day and told officers the girl had been seen in Denneker's company. The family has since moved from Colby and resides in eastern Kansas.

Denneker is scheduled to appear before District Judge Glenn Schiffner at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3 in Thomas County District Court in Colby. While numerous court dates have been set since Denneker's arrest, according to court records those court dates have been set aside pending plea negotiations between his attorney, Allen Taylor of Colby, and Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick.

Following his arrest, Denneker was charged with rape, obstruction of duty, aggravated indecent solicitation of a child and contributing to a child's misconduct or deprivation.

At the time of the alleged incident, Denneker shared an apartment with Kristopher Kobus at 1170 S. Franklin Ave. Kobus kept police officers out of the apartment long enough for Denneker to help the child get out of the apartment, said former police detective Gary Shull at the time of Denneker's arrest. Kobus was arrested for telling the officers the girl was not in the apartment when they arrived looking for her. No charges were filed against Kobus.

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