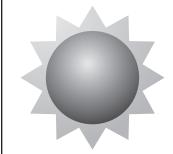
Area/State

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 94. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Isolated thunderstorms before 4 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 96.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Friday: High 88. Low 64

Friday: High, 88; Low 64	
Saturday: High, 83; Low 55	
Sunday: High, 80; Low 57	
Monday: High, 88; Low 59	
Tuesday: High,	91; Low 63
	1.03 inches
Saturday	0.00 inches
Sunday	0.00 inches
Monday	0.20 inches
Tuesday	
Month:	1.31 inches
Year:	15.15 inches
Normal:	13.76 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	
Sunrise and Sunset	
Thursday 6:26	
(U.S. Naval Observatory)	
Colby water use	
ThursSun. 2,02	
Monday 1,80	
Tuesday 1,9	
(Colby Public Works)	

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Pickin' on the Plains festival to kick off on July 17

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rado, Nebraska and other states. "There is a young woman who comes from California just to attend the three-day festival here." The festival will kick off with

a community potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds, she said. Festival goers are asked to bring a covered dish, and their own tableware. There will be some "pickin' and singin'" warmups during that time, with a chance to hear some good music for free, McLemore said.

Seating will be available under the canopy, she said, however, people may prefer to bring their own lawn chairs for a little more comfort.

City will emcee the three-day event.

marshal from Dodge City, widely known and is extremely entertaining, funny, and talented," McLemore said. "He also gives the message at the community gospel sing and "Cowboy Church" on Sunday

Bluegrass festival events schedule

for Pickin' on the Plains festival:

McLemore's; 6:35 p.m., Larry Booth; 7:15 p.m., Sappa Strings; ores; 7:50 p.m., the Martins; 7:55 p.m., the New Old Timers; 8:35 p.m., the Martins; 9:25 p.m., Sons and Brothers; 10:15 p.m., Kenny and Amanda Smith Band.

a.m., open stage; 11:30 a.m., p.m., Driven; 1 p.m. Ozark Alli-Larry Booth; 12:05 p.m., Sappa Strings; 12:45 p.m., the Martins; 1:35 p.m., Ozark Alliance; 2:25

Marshal Allen Bailey of Dodge morning is always an awesome winners. event.

"He is 'the' Marshal Allen Bai-"Bailey is a real, appointed ley of Western Swing and Other Things of High Plains Public Radio fame. The area under the canopy is always packed on Sunday morning."

Headliners for this year's lineup of musical stars will be the Kenmorning to the biggest crowd of ny and Amanda Smith Band, the Pickin' on the Plains, and Colby's the entire event ... and Sunday 2008 Gospel Music Dove Award own Larry Booth and the McLem-

p.m., Driven; 4:55 p.m., Kenny Fridav, July 17: 6 p.m., the and Amanda Smith; 6:10 p.m., Ozark Alliance; 7 p.m., McLem-8:40 p.m., Sons and Brothers; 9:30 p.m., Driven; 10:20 p.m., Kenny and Amanda Smith.

Sunday July 19: 9:30 a.m., Cowboy Church and gospel sing; Saturday, July 18: 9:30 11:10 a.m., Sappa Strings; 12:05 ance; 1:55 p.m., McLemores. Saturday Workshops

11 a.m.: 4-H building: lead/

Ozark Alliance, from Salem, Mo.; the Sons & Brothers, from Colorado, who have been together for 10 years; and the Martins. Also performing will be two widely known groups, the New Old Timers and the Sappa Strings. Driven, a new group, will have its debut at

Here's the schedule of events p.m., Sons and Brothers; 3:15 rhythm guitar, Jake Workman, or Pickin' on the Plains festi- p.m., New Old Timers; 4:05 Dale Martin, Alex Vaughn. Shed: fiddle - Jimmy and Jordan Vincent.

Noon: 4-H building: mandolin, Jenny Vaughn and Joe Wolking. Shed: banjo, Jimmy Campbell, Dennis Vaughn, Suzie McLem-

1 p.m.: 4-H building: band, Sons and Brothers;

2 p.m.: 4-H building: bass, Blake McLemore. Shed: fingerpick guitar, J.F. Stover.

A series of free workshops will

"The workshop is an awesome

to learn to play or who have ques-

opportunity to get tips and instruc-

tions from professionals for free,"

The festival will be taking dona-

tions for a drawing on a Blueridge

guitar, donated by Bill and Karen

Nonperishable food donations

for Genesis-Thomas County Food

Bank can be left at the ticket booth

McLemore said one of the most

amazing things about the three-

day event is the sponsorships from

any time during the three days.

Summers, McLemore said.

tions about their instruments.

McLemore said.

the community.

"The festival committee is absolutely humbled and overwhelmed by the generous and eager support of merchants and individuals," she said. "I think this giving attitude is what makes such a difference about Colby.

"They realize and welcome what family events do for a community, and we can't begin to express our appreciation for what they do for this festival. Besides the music groups, this tremendous support helps to make it the growing success it is today."

McLemore said there will be food booths available on the grounds. The canopy covers 4,000 square feet with shade, and there will be between 10 and 15 cool water misters in case the weather is really hot, so people can stay comfortable.

McLemore encouraged people to check out the festival website for information and music samples at www.colbybluegrass.org

Tickets are on sale at the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau office, in the county office complex at 350 S. Range. Advance prices are \$30 for adults for the entire weekend and \$10 for youths 12-16. Adult passes will be \$35 at the gate.

Tickets for Friday or Sunday only are \$15; Saturday only, \$25; and Saturday night only, \$15. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets, including advance tickets, are also available at Plum Creek, 475 N. Franklin, or the Farmers and Merchants Bank branch in the Dillons store, 1605 S. Range.

For information, call (785) 460-7643 or the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 611-8835.

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College student wins Cointest

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Grable said he had just started summer school, and planned to major, maybe, in engineering. He moved here from Maize, but is familiar with Colby from visits to his grandfather, Dr. Max Pickerill, a longtime chemistry instructor at the college. His mom, Beverly Grable, moved here this spring.

Anthony Grable and his grandfather were among about 300 people who showed up for the High Plains Lions Club's Fourth of July hotdog-and-watermelon feed.

Later, a much larger crowd gathered for the Kiwanis Club fireworks display at the grandstand. The pyrotechnics were shot off by Colby firemen.

At the Lions' feed, music was provided by Leon-

ard Hopper and the Bugbee Sisters, who came on after most of the group had eaten. The two women brought the crowd to its feet twice, with "God Bless America" and the National Anthem.

Free Press Publisher Steve Haynes talked a little before the contest about the importance of the Bill of Rights, which he said give Americans freedom almost unknown anywhere else. These rights are a precious gift from the Founding Fathers, he said.

Haynes said newspapers are a vital part of the American system, because without them, the people would have no way to know what their government officials were doing.

"None of this would be possible without the Bill of Rights, for which we should all be thankful," he said.

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ores round out the schedule. Back by popular demand is the "These are all top-notch music groups," McLemore said. Besides make-and-take arts and crafts for kids, there will be

pony rides; Lon Sowers will have his Scottish Highlander steers and wagon for rides; and Wilbur Henry will have his team of horses there to give buggy rides. be open to any and all who want

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