

Briefly

Senator cancels listening tour stops

Sen. Jerry Moran has cancelled his Wallace and Greeley county stops - originally scheduled for Friday - so he can attend the funeral of a Kansas soldier recently killed in Afghanistan. The two events will be rescheduled. For information, call (202) 224-7784.

Premium checks for fair entries available

Premium checks from the Thomas County Free Fair are available now at the county extension office, 350 S. Range Ave. For information, call 460-4582.

Order fresh fruit from youth group

The annual Catholic Youth Organization fruit sale is under way. Reserve an order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday by calling Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart Parish rectory at 462-2179. Pick-up day will be at 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

School volleyball team to meet on Wednesday

The Colby Middle School volleyball team will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Practices begin next Thursday. For information, call coach Shirley Arnberger 462-6464.

Kids cooking class to teach pepper techniques

The "Kids-a-Cookin'" class for kids from third through fifth grades will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Community Building. Participants will learn about peppers and make pepper jelly. Sign up by calling the City Recreation Department at 460-4440 by Tuesday. There will be a minimum of five and maximum of 20 participants. For after hours reservations, call the Extension Office at 460-4582 and leave a message with the name of child and a contact number.

Finish hunter education at next week's class

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism will hold a hunter education course Friday at Colby Community College. The course is a wrap-up session to the online testing, which students must complete prior to the course. Anyone interested must pre-register by calling 462-7602, 462-3367 or 462-7793.

Students raising money to go to conference

Lynnsey Elling and Hayden Reinert will hold a spaghetti lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church basement to raise money to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. in September. For information, call James Elling at 443-0783.

Weather

Students go on tour of Europe

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The air just seemed to be especially clean, and the Alps were so beautiful," he said.

They also visited St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy, the home of the entombed body of Mark, one of Jesus' Apostles.

When the Voyager International tour ended, Keck and McNinch joined 50 to 60 other students who chose to remain in Europe for a four-day side trip to Greece.

"They were actually having a riot," McNinch said, "and they were protesting something about their debt, or bailouts, or something. We saw fires many blocks from our hotel."

"Greece was the best part of the trip," Keck said, "and I would do it again in a heartbeat. I'm making plans to visit there again after I finish college."

He said he always felt safe in Greece.

"We really had great sponsors," he added.

Keck enjoyed swimming in the Aegean sea, and although he got a good impression of the teenagers there, he thought they dressed a little crazy, with wild colors.

Greece was a trip highlight for McNinch as well. He mentioned the Parthenon, the enduring symbol of ancient Greece which overlooks Athens. It was built as a gift to the people of Greece. They stood at the Acropolis, one of the most widely recognized structures in the world, where St. Paul stood and preached to the people. It is also said to be the home of the world's first democracy.

"There was music about everywhere we went," McNinch



This memorial to Queen singer Freddy Mercury at Lake Geneva, Switzerland, was one of the highlights of the musical tour for Chace McNinch, who is planning a career in music performance.

Although Keck says he will not pursue music as a career,

Beef recalled from Dodge City plant

DODGE CITY (AP) - At least three major grocery store chains have recalled some of their ground beef packages because they could be contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

Winn-Dixie Stores Inc., Publix Super Markets Inc. and Kroger Co. announced the recalls mainly

in the southeastern U.S. and said they stem from problems at the National Beef Packaging Co. of Dodge City, Kan.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday that National Beef was recalling more than 60,000 pounds of beef after the Ohio Department

of Agriculture found the bacteria during routine testing.

The recalls affect products sold mainly in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina and Tennessee, but the meat was sent to several distributors and could have been repackaged for consumers and sold nationwide.

The agriculture department says there have been no reports of illnesses. A spokesman for National Beef said the company has never had a problem with E. coli. It is checking processes and procedures in an effort to find the cause and prevent it from happening again, the spokesman said.

E. coli can be deadly and can cause bloody diarrhea, dehydration and other problems. The agriculture department cautioned people to cook ground beef to a temperature of at least 160 degrees. The temperature should be checked with a food thermometer that measures internal temperature, the agency said.

The meat also was distributed to meat packing companies in Detroit and Indianapolis and to Walmart operations in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Wyoming, National Beef said.

At Kroger, the nation's largest traditional grocery store chain, the recalled products include ground chuck, ground beef patties, and meatballs and meat loaf made in the stores. Packages have "sell by" dates of July 29 through Aug. 12. At Publix, the products include meatballs, meat loaf, ground chuck patties, stuffed peppers, seasoned Salisbury steak and others with "sell by" dates of July 25 through Aug. 12. Winn-Dixie products include ground chuck and patties with "sell-by" label dates from July 31 to Aug. 12.

The companies said people should return the beef to their stores for a full refund.

Cell phone store moves to new building

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uct displays."

As the area's only dedicated Verizon dealer, Hometown Z Wireless also gives residents access to a wide selection of Verizon products.

"People have to stay in touch," said Oberheide. "But they also want to do so with the tools that fit them best. With a wider selection

and products you can feel and touch, we think we offer the best way for finding that fit."

To celebrate the move, Hometown Z Wireless is also offering one "ZBucks" card for anyone visiting the new store and mentioning this article by Saturday. The card provides \$10 off most of the store's phone accessories.

For information visit www.hometowncellphone.com.

National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. North wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. East wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Thursday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Friday: High, 79; Low 59
Saturday: High, 84; Low 62
Sunday: High, 90; Low 66
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 2.88 inches
Year: 20.38 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:58 a.m. 8:39 p.m.
Moon: waning 92 percent
Wednesday 6:59 a.m. 8:37 p.m.
Moon: waning 86 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Friday - Sunday 1,714,000 gal.
(average)
(Colby Public Works)

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