West Nile found in 26 Kansas counties, but none here

had a case of the West Nile Virus, according to information the Kansas Department of Health and Environment released late last week.

However, the state did say that an additional probable human case of West Nile Virus did occur in Johnson County with a 19-year old hospitalized with probable neuroinvasive disease, said Dr. Gail Hansen, acting state epidemiolo-

A probable West Nile Virus case is one in which the symptoms are consistent with the virus, but not all of the relevant tests are performed or available, Hansen said.

In addition to this newest case. Hansen said previous released information on human cases included Sedgwick County with one confirmed case involving a 46-year old hospitalized with West Nile Virus neuroinvasive disease; Wyandotte County involving a probable case of a 68 year-old hospitalized with probable neuroinvasive West Nile Virus; Morris County with a 64-

So far, Thomas County has not year old (not hospitalized) but probable case; Barton County with a 43year old with probable West Nile Virus fever (non-neuroinvasive).

With cases be reported, the state's sicians to report West Nile Virus cases to the state by calling (877) 427-7317.

Hansen said. Those previously con- Pratt, Reno, Saline, Sedgwick, firmed in birds were located in the Shawnee and Wyandotte counties," following counties: Barton, Butler, Hansen said. Chase, Douglas, Edwards, Harper, Harvey, Franklin, Johnson, Kearny, Kingman, Labette, Lincoln, Lyon, Marshall, Osborne, Pratt, Reno, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee and DEET and draining standing water Wilson counties, Wyandotte, and a mosquito pool in Riley and Wallace counties.

In counties where two reports of the virus have been confirmed, no coming infected." additional bird testing will be conducted and telephone reports are not take personal precautions including needed.

from Barton, Butler, Douglas, breeding grounds.

Kansans who find dead birds should heath department is reminding phy- call the West Nile Virus Information Line."

The state has confirmed West Edwards, Franklin, Harper, Harvey, Nile Virus activity in 26 counties, Johnson, Kingman, Lyon, Morris,

> "With West Nile Virus found in many Kansas counties, everyone should be taking precautions including using insect repellent with where possible to reduce the breeding grounds of mosquitoes," Hansen said. "These actions will help us reduce our chances of be-

To be prepared against the virus, use of an insect repellant with "Birds are no longer being tested DEET, and reducing mosquito

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment also recommends the following to reduce the risk of the West Nile Virus.

• Use insect repellent with DEET and wear protective clothing when practical;

• Remove standing water - where mosquitoes breed (i.e. clogged gutters or unused tires); • Use larvicide in water that can-

not be drained or removed; • Change water every three days in bird baths, pet bowls, and wad-

ing pools; • Limit outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

West Nile Virus fever (nonneuroinvasive) cases involve which then transmit it to horses and

milder symptoms of the illness that people. The virus is not transmitted may include: fever, headache, rash, general muscle aches and weakness, gastrointestinal signs and inflammation of the lymph nodes with no other likely explanation for the symptoms. Since the symptoms are not specific, only special laboratory tests can confirm a diagnosis of WNV.

Neuroinvasive cases (West Nile Virus meningitis, West Nile Virus encephalitis, and West Nile Virus acute flaccid paralysis) involve more extreme symptoms including severe headache, high fever, difficulty walking and/or talking, coma and even death.

Most healthy people infected with West Nile Virus show either no symptoms of illness or only mild symptoms. About 20 percent of those infected show any symptoms, typically seen 3-15 days after the mosquito bite.

West Nile Virus is carried by birds and transmitted by mosquitoes that bite the infected birds,

by contact with infected people or by direct contact with infected birds or infected horses.

The state is asking Kansans who find dead birds to call the West Nile Virus Information Line at (877)-228-2287 and learn how to submit the bird to Kansas State University for testing. In counties where two reports of West Nile Virus have been confirmed, no additional bird testing will be conducted and telephone reports are not needed.

Birds being tested include: crows, blue jays, magpies, or birds of prey (hawks, owls, eagles), and must meet the following criteria for testing:

· Bird should not have been dead longer than 24 hours;

 Bird should be intact and should be placed in double plastic bags in freezer

Callers must leave their name and number and will receive a call back with further information on what to do with the dead bird.

K-State Extension agents will ship the specimens to a designated testing lab. Test results will not be released to individuals submitting birds, but birds testing positive will be reported on the West Nile Virus website.

For information on West Nile Virus, go to www.westnileks.com



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Thomas County Free Fair dog show results announced

County Open Pre-Agility Show during the fair included the following divisions, owners, and placement.

In the pre-agility 1 — (on leash) for small dogs 15" or less: Quinnlyn Woofter, red; Brady Rundel, blue, grand champion; Colton Rundel, blue, reserve champion, Tatym Rundel, red.

Results from this year's Thomas for medium dogs 15"-20": Kortney Bredemeier, purple, grand champion, Case Rundel; purple, Reserve Champion.

> In pre-agility 1 — (on leash) for large dogs 20" or more: Dustin Splattstoesser, blue; Joseph Huftles, purple, grand champion; Ouade Woofter, blue: Andy Huelsman, blue, reserve champion. In pre-agility (off leash) for small

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purple, grand champion.

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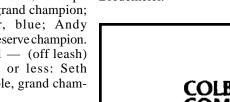
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Bredemeier, purple, grand cham-

pion. Overall grand champion agility dog was earned by Joseph Hutfles and overall reserve grand champion agility dog was awarded to Kortney

Bredemeier.



Two Colby students to Masonic band camp Jasmine Brown and April Band Campin Emporia with musi- East-West Shrine Bowl football by local lodges and other affiliated

High School, were selected to participate in the 21st Annual Kansas Masonic All-State High School through 31st.

cine in Kansas City is studying in

versity of Kansas School of Medi- tion on Aug. 2.

is participating in a rural family mentor for preceptors with the practice experience with Victor H. School's Kansas Rural Preceptor

McAdams, students from Colby cians from across the state of Kan- game on Saturday, July 31.

Marching Band Camp at Emporia Prof. Tracy Freeze and his E-State All-State High School Marching State University form July 27th band staff. The week-long band Band since 1984. camp ended with a parade in the

Colby for four weeks. Heather Male and Surgical Center, is a volunteer expose them to the practice of pri-

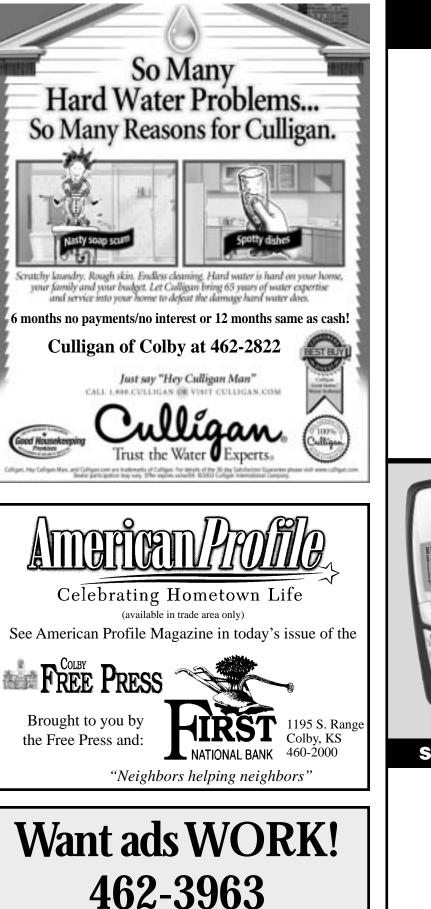
Brown and McAdams are two of Marching and musical instruc- over 3,200 young people who have tions were under the direction of performed in the Kansas Masonic

The marching band is a project of The two students from Colby at- morning and a pre-game and half the Kansas Masonic Foundation. tended the five day 225-member time performance at the Kansas Sponsorship for each student is paid for Children.

bodies in their communities. Monies left from band camp after expenses are donated to the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute located at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. Net proceeds from the East-West Shrine Bowl Game are donated to the Shriner's Hospitals

The Colby clinic has services of K.U. preceptor

A medical student from the Uni-Hildyard, MD. She began the rota-Program. The program places all mary care in non-urban areas and to fourth-year medical students increase their awareness of profes-Dr. Hildyard, of Colby Medical incommunities across Kansas to sional opportunities in rural areas.



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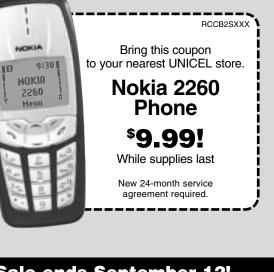
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