Weather Corner



Wind gusts up to 30 mph

The forecast

Tonight — Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. Blustery with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 53. West wind around 10 mph. Friday **night** — Mostly clear with a low near 26. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 60. Southwest wind around 10 mph. Saturday night — Mostly clear with a low around 27. Sunday

 Mostly sunny with a high near 60. Sunday night — Partly cloudy and blustery with a low around 26. Monday — A chance of snow or rain. Mostly cloudy and breezy with a high around 40.

Temperatures

Wednesday's high, 74 Low this morning, 23 Records for this date, 81 in 1953, -28 in 1912

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.0

January's precipitation, 0.03 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Bonding plan clears another legislative hurdle

TOPEKA (AP) — Department of Transportation officials won a key legislative endorsement Wednesday for a plan to issue \$210 million in bonds this spring to prevent already-promised highway projects from being canceled.

The department drafted the plan after concluding the state won't receive enough federal highway funds to sustain the state's 10-year highway program, which started in 1999 and is committed to spending \$13.2 billion.

The House Transportation Committee voted unanimously to approve \$150 million of the bonds, and its Senate counterpart also will have to give its approval under a 2004 law that contemplated the bonding but set a slower schedule for issuing them.

The joint Legislative Budget Committee approved the other \$60 million in bonds in December. The council is scheduled to meet Jan. 19.

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GED, degree in Human

Services preferred

Briefly

Foundation workshop next week

A three-day foundation workshop will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex conference room, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. Dr. Don Udell, workshop instructor, will focus on helping participants by creating local foundations as one option in looking at state and federal money. For those who have already started a foundation, the workshop can also help. There is a cost for the three-day workshop. For details or to register, call Western Prairie RC&D, (785) 462-2602.

Scouts plan feed Saturday

Boy Scout Troop 141 is sponsoring a pancake and sausage feed from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building. Free-will donations will be accepted. Proceeds from the event will help buy troop equipment and support activities, said Alan Sager, scoutmaster.

Heartland Share delivery Jan. 21

Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Sacred Heart School gym. The food menu is smoked

deli sliced roast beef, popcorn chicken, cauliflower, lettuce, potatoes, apples, oranges, grape fruit, pears and American sliced cheese. There are a few shares left. If interested, call 460-3579. A share is \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer time

Dog training classes begin

Dog training classes, sponsored by the Thomas County 4-H Dog Program, began this week with an orientation meeting at the 4-H Building in Colby. For this first meeting, participants were asked to bring current vaccination papers on their animals and a \$60 registration fee, but no dogs, said Carrie Bredemeier, 4-H dog leader. For those unable to attend the first meeting, but would still like to participate should

Deadline near for farmer's program

Farmers with irrigated cropland in areas of Thomas County might want to take advantage of a conservation provision by converting to non-irrigated croplands, but the deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 20. In addition to the regular Environsausage, chicken thighs, 18 ounce fish stick filets, bacon, mental Quality Incentives Program, producers across the

state may apply for financial assistance through the Ground and Surface Water Conservation provisions of EQIP, said Andrew Burr, district conservationist with the United States Natural Resource Conservation Service in Colby. For details or to apply, either call Burr at 462-7482 or stop by the conservation service office, 915 E. Walnut in Colby. Information is also available on the Web site: http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2006.

Rep to help Meadowlark Manor

Rosalie Seemann, helping with tax programs, will be at Meadowlark Manor on Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to assist persons with Food Sales Refunds, Homestead and Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Those that have booklets are asked to bring them to the Manor.

German shorthair needs home

The Colby Animal Clinic, 810 E. 4th St., has a female german shorthair, liver and white in color that is either lost or in need of a home. If someone knows who the dog belongs to or is interested in adopting this purebred, clinic officials are urging they stop by the facility or call 460-8621.

Colby to host Central Plains Irrigation Conference

MANHATTAN — Colby will tion/Grain Sorghum School in search and Extension statewide agricultural conferences and field be held in different locations.

event in Colby, call (785) 462-7574. Seedstock Showcase and Confer-

include: Monday, Jan. 16, Ag Prof-

host the Central Plains Irrigation Leoti; Wednesday, Jan. 18, Limited Conference and Expo, Tuesday and Irrigation School in Garden City Wednesday, Feb. 21-22, as part of and a No-Till, Reduced Till, Drythe Kansas State University Re- land Cropping School in Minneola.

Monday, Jan. 23, two events will

One is Indepth Nitrogen School For questions or details about the in Lakin and the other Cattlemen's Other conferences or expositions ence in Phillipsburg; Tuesday, Jan. 24, Ulysses will host Dryland Cropitability Conference in McPherson; ping School; Wednesday and Tuesday, Jan. 17, Limited Irriga- Thursday, Jan. 25-26, McPherson

plays host to a two-day Precision Ag Conference; Thursday, Jan. 26, a Sprayer Technology/Drift School in Greensburg is scheduled and on Friday, Jan. 27, Lewis will host an Ag Profitability Conference and Lakin plans to present a Sprayer Technology/Drift School.

In addition to the conference and exposition in Colby, other February agricultural event are Tuesday, Feb. 7, a Swine Profitability Conference in Manhattan; Wednesday, Feb. 8, Ag Profitability Conference in

Pratt; and three other ag profitabil- scheduled Women Managing the ity conferences on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 and 10 will be held in Pratt, WaKeeney and Jewell respectively.

Mid-February will continue with an ag profitability conference in Goodland, Thursday, Feb. 16 and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18, Manhattan will host a two-day Sustainable Ag Conference.

Farm Workshop and on Friday, Feb. 24, Ag Profitability Conference is planned in Scott City with a Kansas Farmers' Market Workshop in Wichita, also on Feb. 24.

In March, two other Ag Profitability Conference will be held with the first in Girard, Wednesday, March 1 and the second in Ness City, Thursday, March 9.

Value-added grants available

provide working capital for operat-

ing a value-added business venture,

marketing value-added agricultural

products and for farm-based renew-

cants are independent producers,

the development of renewable energy and value-added agricultural for an agricultural product, or to business ventures, said Chuck Banks, state director, USDA Rural Development.

The agency's Value-Added Producer Grant Program is part of a able energy projects. Eligible applicomprehensive energy strategy to help farmers and ranchers mitigate the impact of high energy costs and develop long-term solutions. "Value-added projects under this

year's program will bring new opportunities for agricultural producers to develop alternative energy sources, as well as create additional value-added products that provide needed investment in our Kansas communities," Banks said. 'These funds will provide valu-

able support in the areas of renewable energy and value-added development where the agricultural sector continues to be a leader in forging important new solutions." Informational meetings cover-

ing the Agency's Value-Added Producer Grant Program will be held in February. Under this year's program, he

said, the amount that can be awarded to a producer in the form of a working capital grant has been doubled to \$300,000, and \$1.5 million is also being allocated to provide grants of \$25,000 or less to eligible producers.

The grants may be used for planning activities, such as feasibility

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based business ventures.

For question or details on any of In Wichita also on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18, Wichita has the events, call 462-7574. **Boy Scout Troop 141**

January 14th \sim 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

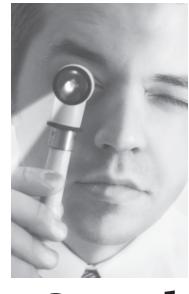
Pancake & Sausage Feed

Colby Community Building

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Proceeds to be used for troop equipment & activities.





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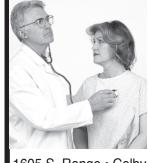
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