Weather Corner



The forecast

Tonight — Mostly clear with a high around 55. Windy with a northwest wind between 30 and 35 mph with gusts as high as 50 mph. **Tuesday** — Mostly clear with a low around 27. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Tuesday night

 Partly cloudy with a low near 36. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a high around 68. South wind around 15 mph. Wednes**day night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 37. Thursday -A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy and breezy with a high near 60.

Temperatures Sunday's high, 59

Low this morning, 31 Records for this date, 82 in 1989 -1 in 1931

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

March's precipitation, 12.7 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Blood drive Wednesday

Colby High School is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school commons area, said Jackie Stephens, co-coordinator. "March is Red Cross Month," she said, "which would be a great time to start giving the gift of life or to celebrate an already established good habit." Requirements for giving blood include weighing at least 110 pounds and being in generally good health. Donors must be 17 years old. Jackie Stephens, one of the organizers, said anyone with blood type O negative is especially needed to donate, as the Red Cross is experiencing a shortage. To make an appointment, call toll-free (800) 448-3543. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Public transportation available

The general transportation van is available to anyone in Thomas County for trips to the doctor, visiting friends, going to a meal site and more, said Shelly Harms, county clerk. The van services are provided to Colby, Brewster, Gem, Menlo, Rexford and a portion of Oakley as needed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For reservations, call

460-2901 or 443-9208 by 11 a.m. the previous business day if possible.

Childbirth classes begin in April

Citizens Medical Center is offering childbirth classes in April, July and October, 2006, said Jeanene Brown, RN, coordinating the program. The next series of classes will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27. All classes are held in the education room located in the lower level of Family Center for Health Care, 310 E. College Dr., Colby, Kan. For questions or to register, call Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Town meeting scheduled

The Thomas County Interagency Coalition is hosting a town meeting for all residents interested in curbing underage drinking. The event starts at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, at the Colby Community Building. The meeting is also being coordinated with many other towns across the nation. For questions, call Vicki Beiser or Diane Stithem at the Prevention Center, (785) 460-8177.

Library event rescheduled

The "Dance Dance Revolution" event for students in sixth through eighth grade to be held at Pioneer Memorial Library has been rescheduled. It will be from 3:45-5:15 p.m. Thursday at the library. Snacks and prizes will be part of the activi-

School plans information night

Enrollment information night for eighth grade students and their parents will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Colby Middle School cafeteria. Counselor Joni Clark-Leiker and Principal Robb Ross will present enrollment information for the 2006-2007 school year.

Workshop planned March 31

A two-day workshop, "Real Deal Building Local and Regional Business in Entrepreneurial Agriculture," will be held March 31 and April 1 in Atwood. The purpose of the workshop is to inspire producers to seek new markets through entrepreneurial agriculture, direct sales and agri-tourism.

loxie woman to be write-in candidate for board

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN Colby Free Press

Sheridan County Health Complex something to work out well, you board of trustees.

Slover is running for the seat currently held by Ross Carder who decidedlast year not to seek re-elec- the table eight years of experience

The at-large board of seven members is an all elected one.

"There was no third candidate Hoxie resident Shirley Slover is and because there was none I put my running as a write-in candidate for name in," Slover said. "If you want can't just sit back and talk about it you have to get involved."

> If elected, Slover would bring to in hospital management having

officer at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka.

"I worked with materials and budget management for the physicians' clinic," she said.

Slover is seeking one of three positions up for grabs in the nonpartisan election April 4.

According to Sheridan County Clerk Paula Bielser ballots for that

worked as a materials management election will display the names of names of people who they want current trustees Randy Farber and Richard Krannawitter who filed for three blank lines on them under Farber and Krannawitter's names.

> lines for the number of positions up whoever filed they can write in the

elected." The three people who receive the

re-election. Ballots will also have most amount of votes will serve on the board of trustees of the complex. Sheridan County Health Complex "You have to have the number of consists of a hospital, long-term care facility, assisted living apartfor election," Bielser said. "That's ment wing and a medical clinic. The because if voters don't want to elect complex is located at 826 18th St.

Topeka resident leads Catholic C harities organization

TOPEKA(AP) — On the nonde-cold and converted the board room universal and really a world view." script corner of Central and Topeka, in the shadow of St. Mary's Cathe- could move inside. dral, Janet Pape has a window on the

open: poor people walking up the meetings is always up in the air. concrete sidewalks to the offices of Catholic Charities, the organization she heads, for food.

At one point she could no longer stand to see them wait in line in the Trustees, a post she will hold for two

The move is aimed at reducing

Cargill's fuel costs but also at gain-

antibiotic use — or not — and

in its business plan was the resis-

counties have passed, and others are

considering, health ordinances that

control for odor and particulates,

and require bonds, fees and annual

The rules, Cargill says, act as a

deterrent to farmers and the banks

that lend them money to build hog

barns and waste systems — about

\$500,000 for a 2,500-head hog op-

"We've not seen anything like

what we've seen here, this domino

effect of counties establishing de

facto moratoriums," Cargill

spokesman Mark Klein said.say.

eration like Windmann's.

tance from northern Missouri.

What Cargill hadn't counted on

into food storage so the people Canned goods are now stacked along elegantly papered walls, and

Her view when the blinds are the location for monthly board Pape's view of the world recently widened. At the end of last year, she was elected chairwoman of the

Catholic Charities USA Board of years. The board oversees 1,700 Catholic Charities service groups across the country. "It's a way of ensuring that the

entire network continues to be successful in its mission to serve people in need," Pape said of the national board, which is based in Alexandria, Va.

The board oversees the national work of Catholic Charities: lobbying in Washington, networking, providing training and technical help to the local groups, working to improve delivery of services, and acting as a funnel for disaster relief aged well and allocated properly.

One of her first duties as chairwoman of the board was to go to the Vatican for the unveiling of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical,

"It was my first international More than a dozen Missouri meeting where I was in a room of 200 people who represent the church worldwide: Africans, and South Americans, and Asians, along with the American face," Pape said.

Faced with a Drinking Problem?

Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help Meetings are Open to the Public

Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m

A couple of weeks ago, Pape's view expanded again when she visited New Orleans for Catholic

Charities. She was left nearly

speechless in the face of the ghost

'I thought I was informed, but when I saw this and it was six months later... You go into these neighborhoods and the silence is

"I would stand there and think, where do you begin? I mean the garbage and the debris they have hauled out of this city. I about can't get my mind around it."

palpable.

The trip gave Pape a better handle on the need for volunteers. One of her roles will be to try to keep the disaster in front of people who can

'It's one of the church's finest hours, the way everyone has rallied to come to the aid of those people," Pape said. "For Catholic Charities, it's stretched the limits in terms of people still going down. It's stretched the resources.

help for a long time to come.

In Wichita, Pape has led Catholic Charities for 14 years now. She's seen the number of needy people

MOVIE

grow, and families become more left the Gray Nuns in 1981 after 20 fragile.

"The face of homelessness has changed," she said. "It's more the family face. I see more children in our shelters. One of her most profound expe-

riences, she said, was "the time I walked into the (Anthony Family) shelter and a newborn was coming home from the hospital, and this is where he was coming."

one of security. Her family, Italian-Americans living in Buffalo, N.Y., included lots of cousins, aunts and "I was raised at a time when

moms stayed home. I look back and I grew up with a lot of emotional comfort, not wondering whether I was going to eat or have a place to sleep."

a religious community — the Gray Nuns of the Sacred Heart in New York. As a nun she taught school, then went to work in Catholic Social Services and then in the crimitravel the country visiting their far-"They're going to need a lot of nal justice system in Georgia. She flung relatives.

years with them. She was 38 years

"As you grow and develop, I believe sometimes you end up going in another direction," said Pape, who still keeps in touch with the sisters. "I had some new insights about where I thought God was leading me." Pape, then Janet Valente, contin-

ued to work in the Georgia Depart-Pape's own childhood world was ment of Corrections for four more years. In 1984, she renewed the acquaintance of Harry Pape, a man she had first met in the mid-1970s in Georgia. Harry Pape had moved to

Wichita, and Janet followed in 1985, working for the state's parole office in Sedgwick County. They married in 1986.

Harry Pape is vice president for When Pape was 18, she went into operations at Newman University, a gourmet cook and a father who has widened Janet's family to include stepchildren and grandchildren. The Papes live in west Wichita and

hog farm battleground MARK TWAIN LAKE, Mo. to raise company-owned hogs (AP) — Dick Lawler says he won't closer to Cargill processing plants surrender Mark Twain Lake, a rec- in Ottumwa, Iowa, and

18,000 hogs a day.

weight for market.

inspections.

Northeast Missouri latest

reation and drinking water resource Beardstown, Ill. Each slaughters for 21 communities in northeast Missouri, to a hog farm proposed The real estate agent and resident ing control of the hogs and end

is leading the fight to stop what he product, all to appease the tastes of calls a "declared war on our lake" the Asian market, a significant exby corporate interests. He fears conport niche. community's quality of life. But if Lawler's camp fears large-

scale hog farms would spoil the air, water, aesthetics and property values, young farmer Jared Windmann sees corporate hog farming as sal-

His family raises thousands of hogs under a contract with Minnesota-based Cargill Inc., an agreement that has allowed them to stay on the farm and build a business.

"Why do a contract?" Windmann asks. "Sheer risk. The rent is set for 10 years, even if the market is terrible."

Northeast Missouri is one of the nation's latest flashpoints over corporate hog farms as the agribusiness giant aggressively markets opportunities to farmers looking to hold

Cargill said it wants to sign up 30 farmers a year in northern Missouri, western Illinois and southern Iowa

money, making sure that it is man-Under the firm's plans, contract We're very much on the front farmers like Windmann do the raislines with (Hurricane) Katrina," ing, while Cargill owns the hogs, Pape said. provides the feed and controls for

"God Is Love."

"It was quite an experience. It really gave me a sense of the church

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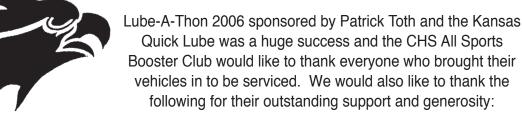
Kids who drink before age 15 are 5 times more likely to have alcohol problems when they're adults.

To learn more, attend

TOWN HALL MEETING MARCH 28, 2006 AT 7:30 PM **IN THE COLBY COMMUNITY BUILDING** or call

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