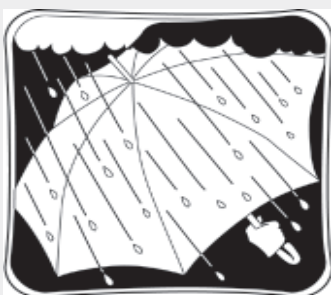


Weather Corner



Windy

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Increasing clouds with a low around 46. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph. **Thursday** — Mostly cloudy through mid-morning, then gradual clearing with a high near 66. Breezy with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Thursday night** — Clear with a low around 39. West wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 73. Breezy with a north wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 49. **Saturday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 74. **Saturday night** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 44. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 66.  
**Temperatures**  
Monday's high, 73  
Tuesday's high, 55  
Low this morning, 33  
Records for this date,  
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
April's precipitation, 0.79  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Lawrence smoking ban discussed

TOPEKA (AP) — Nearly three years ago, the city of Lawrence banned smoking in such public places as bars and restaurants. Next week, the Kansas Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether the city exceeded its authority. At issue is an appeal by Dennis Steffes, owner of two nightclubs in Lawrence. He argues the ordinance illegally supersedes state law and is unconstitutionally vague. The case, with arguments slated for April 25, is being closely watched by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The league believes that if the ordinance is struck down by the state's highest court, it would have an impact on similar smoking bans around the state. "The authority they all are drawing from is the same authority, and if the court rules against Lawrence, they are potentially ruling against other ordinances," said Don Moler, league executive director. The league, which represents cities and towns throughout the state, has filed a brief with the court urging the ordinance be upheld.

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Prairie Land Food delivery

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Historical society annual meeting set

The Thomas County Historical Society's annual meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, with a business meeting to elect board members. Following the meeting, Dr. Phillip Thomas, a professor at Wichita State, will have a program on Charles J. 'Buffalo' Jones, a buffalo hunter who became famous for the preservation of the American bison in the 1860s. In addition, he was also one of the founders of Garden City and later appointed as a game warden in Yellowstone Park by

President Theodore Roosevelt. For questions, call 460-4590.

Relay for Life kickoff set

Organizers of this year's Relay for Life, a fundraising event to benefit the Amercian Cancer Society, are inviting past and present team captains to a come and go kick-off from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, at City Limits, 2227 S. Range Ave. in Colby. The event will be an opportunity to distribute team packets, food, and prizes. For questions, call coordinators Carla Sharp, 460-4881, or Tiffany Mader, 462-2414.

Housing Authority reception

The public is invited to a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Housing Authority Complex, 600 S. Mission, Colby, to honor outgoing Executive Director Jodi Hurst and welcoming incoming Director Shirley Skolout. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For questions, call 460-6763.

Space, personnel limit expansion of Colby charter school

From "SCHOOL," Page 1

grade. However, personnel and space issues placed a limitation on how many students they can have. The academy's classrooms at the middle school have space for up to 30 students. Two teachers are needed to handle that number of students. Work on the charter school began in 2004. Thomas County Academy opened fall 2005, under the direction of Kristin Eberle. The district received about \$250,000 from the state to start the school. All of that money has been spent.

During 2005-2006, the charter school received \$76,800 from the state. It received that amount this year. Most of that amount was for teacher salaries and operating costs. Costs for 2006-2007 are \$82,000. Costs for 2007-2008 are expected to be about \$80,000. Board president Tracy Rogers said money is his concern. "We're in our eighth year now without a capital outlay," he said. Capital outlay is a portion of the district's budget used for building improvements. He said he is fine with continuing with the charter school as long as

they have the money for it. However, the district also needs new buses and computers. "Hopefully they can find some grant money and make it work and let it grow," Rogers said. He said he doesn't want the school to be a draw on the district's resources, and would like to see more outside students enrolled. "I would like to see it go forward," he said. "If we quit it would be a step backward." Eberle said it ultimately comes down to what is best for the student. "The charter school is a step to the future," said Kyle Shively, middle

school counselor. She said if the charter school closes, the district would be taking a step backward. Velma Goodheart and daughter Alyssa, a student at the charter school, both spoke in favor of keeping it. "TCA has been nothing but a positive influence," Velma said. She said it has challenged Alyssa, and she has almost finished sixth grade. Alyssa said the charter school has allowed her to learn at her own pace, and also learn about technology. "The school is on the cutting

edge," Velma said. "It's always a challenge to be a leader." Christy Guy has two daughters in the charter school, Kristin, and Kaylee. This is the second year for Kristen, a seventh grader, and the first for Kaylee, fifth grade. Guy said both children have benefited from the school, and it has catered to both their learning styles — helping build confidence by working at their own pace. "Students have options," she said. "Kids are responsible for their goals in class." Guy hoped the school would go on.

Reluctance to change hinders efforts to curb global warming

From "NADER," Page 1

And there is a reluctance from the American people to give up their SUVs, minivans and big cars because they are "hooked." It is a myth that cars have to be small to be fuel efficient. The truth is it is more a matter engine technology than the size and

weight of the car. "It's an element, but not an impediment." He said global warming can be turned around by building more efficient cars and using alternative energy sources. Solar energy is a "free lunch" that makes life possible. Wind power is another option,

which he favors. Wind can generate almost all the power one would need. Windmills do require land, but he said it is worth it. "Some people think it's a scar on the landscape, but I think it's one of the most beautiful sights in America," he said. Windmills also signify the ab-

sence of coal and nuclear plants, and strip-mined land. "That's why I think wind power looks beautiful," Nadersaid. "Wind power is the future." He also talked about biomass ethanol, and said people need to be cautious with both. Ethanol looks good on paper, but as it drives corn prices up, super-

markets use it as an opportunity to raise food prices. He explained there are other sources of ethanol, such as sugar cane, that are easier to produce and don't have an effect on food prices like corn. Nader also talked about how people can fight what they do not like. He said they need to develop their civic life by getting involved and organized. And corporations are not the future of the country. "They are not going to be the leaders — we are going to be the leaders," he said. People have the right to vote, not corporations, Nader said, people need to remember that.

Vaccination clinic planned for county schools

From "COUNTY," Page 1

chase \$17,000 in vaccine for the clinics, which the commissioners approved. Commissioner Paul Steele said he is impressed with Molstad's plans, and explained how they came about. They had heard a report about a

pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak at Brewster and suggested Molstad check and see if the schools had adequate procedures to get children immunized. The clinics will also include homeschoolers. Also, the vaccinations are not mandatory, but they hope people take advantage.

"We feel it's important children have the opportunity, and hope parents agree," Steele said. Maintenance and safety issues at the Law Enforcement Center were discussed. Sheriff Mike Baughn asked for permission to get a quote from Colby Glass for a bulletproof window and steel plates for the front on the sheriff's side at the center. He also brought a proposal on jail lock maintenance. The county just completed a three-year mainte-

nance agreement with Integrity Steel of Colorado Springs, Colo. Baughn said a new agreement would cost \$1,159 a year for three years. The commissioners agreed to extend the contract.

School sees challenges

From "GRINNELL," Page

"I saw great things with these kids and the two districts did great things and the kids did a great job with it." Superintendent Rose Kane was in meetings Tuesday and not available for comment about Monday's meeting. Gena Stanley, superintendent in Grainfield, said she supports moving forward with the agreement. "It's set up to be for the best interest of the students," Stanley said. "The high school kids would get a

better selection of classes and the lower grades would have larger classes." Stanley said she sees challenges for Grinnell's school should the newly elected board members reverse the agreement. "If they break it," she said, "and they don't have teachers in place (by July 1) they'll have to find a way to have school." Stanley said should Grinnell's school board decide to stay with the cooperative agreement for sports only, both school districts will proceed as separate districts.

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Tract 2	SW 1/4 of 8-5-32	160	54.65	93.25	11.90	21.6/33	8.9/45	3.0/41	.8/38	Est. \$248.13
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