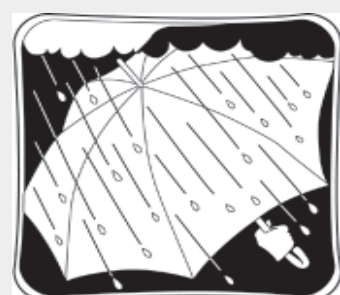


Weather Corner



Rain forecast

The forecast
Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 43. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Increasing clouds with a high near 73. Northeast wind to 15 mph becoming south. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 51. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday** — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy with a high near 77. Windy with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. **Saturday night** — Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy and windy with a low around 45. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. **Sunday** — Mostly cloudy with a high near 66. **Sunday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 41. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 69.
Temperatures
 Wednesday's high, 69
 Low this morning, 38
 Records for this date, 92 in 1946, 19 in 1953
 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.

Canada firm testing vehicle in Kansas

TOPEKA (AP) — A Canadian firm is coming to Kansas next month to conduct further tests on an unmanned aerial vehicle being developed for use by the military to drop cargo to troops in the field. Officially called the CQ-10A "SnowGoose," the new UAV built by Ottawa, Canada-based Mist Mobility Integrated Systems Technology Inc. is designed to help the military get supplies to units in remote locations with minimal risk. "This is a brand new machine. Traditionally, they are used for reconnaissance and communications. This is the first time for cargo," said Chuck Jarnot, a consultant for MMIST in Kansas. Next month, the company will spend three days testing the SnowGoose at the Kansas National Guard's Great Plains Joint Training Center west of Salina. It is the first project to take advantage of an offer made last fall by Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, the state's adjutant general, for companies to consider Kansas to come test and develop UAVs. "We meant what we said and they took us up on it," Bunting said. "It's our airspace that's a national treasure." The UAV has a payload of 1,400 pounds, including six bins capable of holding 500 pounds of supplies, communications, sensors or cameras. The range can be extended by reducing the cargo amount and increasing the fuel load. A complete system with two aircraft and launch system runs \$800,000. The SnowGoose is designed to be air launched from the back of a military cargo plane, either a C-17 or C-130. It also could be launched out of the back of a modified Humvee. A parachute deploys and a 110-hp engine kicks in. The SnowGoose then flies to within a few hundred feet of the ground and drops supplies to awaiting troops. "It doesn't need a runway, just a relatively short run on a road or the ground," Jarnot said. The SnowGoose is supporting an Army research project and not for the company's own benefit.

Briefly

Cub Scout meeting Monday

The Colby Cub Scout Pack 140 monthly pack meeting is at 6 p.m., Monday, at Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin. Boys in kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to attend and receive information about scouting. For questions, call Jan Barnum, (785) 462-6503.

Endowment Foundation meeting

The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation annual meeting is set for 6 p.m., Monday, May 14 in the Robert Burnett Student Union on campus. For questions, call Foundation Director Nick Wells, (785) 460-4684.

Orchestra to perform Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is presenting "Dance Into Spring," at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, in the Colby Community College Frahm Theater with Bradley Herndon, conducting. Tickets are available at the door or with Friends of the Orchestra membership.

Prairie Land Food delivery

Prairie Land Food delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart School gym. The menu this month is one pound

bacon, 20 ounces of barbecue beef burger, franks, one pound center-cut pork chops, Philly sandwich beef steaks, turkey fillet, potatoes, cucumber, salad mix, tomatoes, celery, cabbage, bananas, oranges and apples. If interested in a food package for \$20.50 plus two hours of volunteer service of choice, call Margurette Edmundson at 460-8640 or Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

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.

'Memory Walk' Saturday

The Alzheimer's Memory Walk begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, with registration, at Fike Park. The walk is an important fundraising event so that when people who know someone with Alzheimer's or families that could use a break from

caring for the patient can get assistance. The money also goes to other needs.

If interested in learning more about services, call (785) 673-3149 or E-mail: thedepot@ruraltel.net. For those wanting to help by walking or donating, call Marsha Hills of Wichita in the central and western Kansas office at (800) 272-3900 or E-mail: marsha.hills@alz.org

Relay for Life kickoff set

Organizers of this year's Relay for Life, a fundraising event to benefit the American 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 packet food, and prizes. For questions, call coordinators Carla Sharp, 460-4881, or Tiffany Mader, 462-2414.

Housing Authority reception planned

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.

Sheridan board unsure how to handle resignation

By Jan Katz Ackerman
 Colby Free Press

State statute is unclear about how Sheridan County officials are to handle resignations from the local hospital board. When voters decided in 2000 to move from an appointed to an elected board of trustees for Sheridan County Health Complex, questions arose about how to fill open positions. "Statute does not define exactly how to proceed from point A to point B on filling a position on non-partisan positions," County Clerk Paula Bielser said. Bielser said in the past, the Hoxie officials and hospital board trustees have made their selections using two different methods. "They advertised in the official

county newspaper for persons who would be interested in filling that position, or the hospital board or commissioners looked at the most current election and taken the next name of the person receiving the next highest amount of votes," she said. At the close of Monday's hospital board of trustee meeting, Allen Neal, re-elected April 3, resigned. Neal said the failure of his vigilant stance on reinstating Dr. John Rand Neuenschwander to a full-time position with the complex's medical clinic prompted his resignation. "I was getting lonesome," Neal said. "I'm the only one representing the major part of the community." Neal's resignation makes the second of two this month, following Shirley Slover's due to her move

from Hoxie to Topeka. Neal and Slover's resignations follow Bette James' in August of 2004. So far, Sheridan County Commissioners have determined who will fill open seats on the hospital board of trustees. When James resigned, three months after being elected, Sheridan County Commissioners Keith Kennedy, John Karls and Ron Schamberger appointed Craig Cooper. Cooper, with 234 votes, was the fourth highest vote recipient in the April 2004 general election. In that election, James received 317 votes; Mary Karnes received 253 votes; and Neal received 249. Neal was the only person to file for office for the election which took place on April 3. He received 295 votes, followed by Cooper who received 219 write-in votes which didn't count because he is currently on the board with 196 votes. Should Commissioners Kennedy, Schamberger and Doyle Kauk do as done in the past, they will look to former hospital trustee Ross Carder who got 100 write-in

votes, followed by Don William's 77 write-in votes to fill Neal and Slover's vacancies. Should either of them not be appointed, the next highest vote recipient was former trustee Max Kennedy with 62 write-in votes. Others who received write-in votes were Anna Marie Johnson with 37 votes, and those receiving six votes or less were Ross Cressler, Don Mense, Kay Weber, Michelle Foote, Pam Washington, Wayne "Red" Taylor, David Stithem, Dan William, Sharon Munk, Niceta Farber, Pam Erwin, John Schamberger, Ron Haffner, Art Richmond, Bernard Ritter, Lane Patmon, Lucille Heim, Mitchell

Baalman, Mary Karnes, Margery Haas, Keith Caldwell, Harold Hartzog, Jan Andregg, Gene Deines and Dick Mowry, along with current board members Charles Schwartz, Richard Krannawitter, Randy Farber. Bielser said she would like to see Kansas Legislators define one way for open seats on elected boards to be filled in instances like occurring in Sheridan County. "As I said, there is nothing definite in the statutes, but maybe there should be to remove the burden from these city, hospital and school boards. I guarantee you, that whatever method you choose, somebody will get upset over it," she said.

Software issues lead to tax filing extension

WASHINGTON — Taxpayers who were unable to e-file their tax returns Tuesday using Intuit Inc. software products have until midnight on Thursday to file their returns, the Internal Revenue Service announced Wednesday. Potentially up to several hundred thousand last-minute tax filers were affected by company server problems on Tuesday evening, and they or their accountants may have been unable to electronically file returns. Intuit confirmed Wednesday that those problems had been resolved, and it was successfully accepting e-file returns on Wednesday. The company said affected taxpayers and tax professionals include those using "TurboTax," "ProSeries," "Lacerte" and Intuit's Free File offering, "TurboTax Freedom."

Intuit product users who were unable to file their returns through the company's servers Tuesday should e-file as soon as possible. The IRS will not apply late filing penalties to taxpayers who were affected by this problem. Overall, the IRS has seen a strong year for e-filing. Taxpayers filed more than 75 million returns electronically through April 17, shattering last year's record of 73.2 million. E-file and Free File will remain available through Oct. 15, 2007, to taxpayers who have requested a six-month filing extension.

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 The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.
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Call Crystal, Emily or Kristi @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.

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