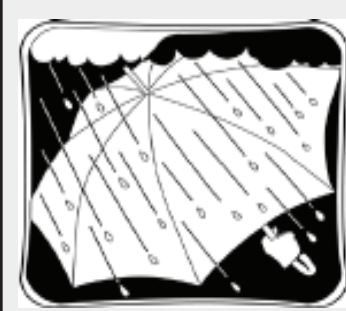


**Weather Corner**



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** A chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 69. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-west.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.  
**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 43.  
**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 68.  
 Friday: High, 79; Low 47  
 Saturday: High 85, Low 50  
 Sunday: High 69, Low 55

**Driver in bus crash under investigation**

WILLIAMS, Calif. (AP) — The driver of a casino-bound charter bus that crashed and killed eight people was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs, the California Highway Patrol said today.  
 “We believe he was driving under the influence of something that’s why we placed him under arrest,” patrol spokesman Robert Kays said today.  
 The bus, which had an invalid license plate, drifted off a rural two-lane road before the driver “overcorrected” and swerved

back, patrol spokesman Patrick Landreth said. The bus went into a ditch, ejecting some passengers as it rolled and crushing others, police said.  
 “The roof was collapsed down, the windows were broken out, and the bus was not only rolled over onto its side, it rolled completely over,” Landreth said. “It was facing the opposite direction and it was on its wheels.”  
 The accident was at least the fifth this year involving buses carrying people to and from casinos that caused deaths or injuries.

The driver, who has not been identified, had a valid commercial driver’s license but the patrol is looking into whether he had the proper permits to drive a bus in California.  
 Kays said the bus had a Texas license plate that was “not valid.” He said other registration serial numbers also came up invalid.  
 The bus, which left from Sacramento, crashed 10 miles short of its destination, the Colusa Casino Resort.  
 “It looks like they were going up to the casino to have a good

time.” California Highway Patrol Commander Fran Clader said today. “Unfortunately, it resulted in tragedy.”  
 Don Kennedy, marketing director at Colusa Casino Resort, said the bus was not scheduled, but he added that the casino accepts unscheduled visits from charter buses.

**Group plans trail ride on Sunday**

**By Karen Krien**  
*Saint Francis Herald  
 karenk@nwkansas.com*  
 Round up your horse and saddle up for the 17th Cheyenne County Trail Ride. The ride starts at 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 12, and will last about 2.5 hours. It will be held on the Kelly and Penny Gienger farm, 10.2 miles north of St. Francis.  
 Last year, the weather turned cold and was rained out. The coordinators of the ride are hoping for better weather this year. If the weather is bad on Oct. 12, the ride will be held the following Sunday, same place, same time.  
 The ride is planned each year on the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and trees are turning colors.  
 Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this will be a ride with more rough terrain than some of the other rides.  
 “There will be very little flat land and one water crossing,” he said.  
 Those on the ride will also be able to donate to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.  
 “Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can’t,” said Sharon Olofson, coordinator.

Two years ago, the trail ride held northeast of St. Francis, had fewer people but Mr. Cooper said that was probably because of the cool, damp weather and the price of gas. He is hoping for more people this year — possibly anywhere from 90 to 124 riders, this year.  
 To reach the starting point from St. Francis, turn north on Benton Street off U.S. 36 and travel 3 miles (to transformers), around the curve northeast, then north 7.2 miles to Road H (about 10 miles). Turn east for 1/2 mile, then turn left and follow the lane to the parking area.  
 From Benkelman, go 13 miles west on U.S. 34 to Road 15 (Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south 7.8 miles to Road Y, turn east and go 1/2 mile, then turn left and fol-

low the land to the parking area.  
 From Haigler, go 8 miles east on U.S. 34 to Road 15 (Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south approximately 7.8 miles to Road Y, turn east and go 1/2 mile then turn left and follow the lane to the parking area.  
 Signs will be posted at various points.  
 During the ride, the members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide refreshments. Afterward, the 4-H Horse Club will be serving a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.  
 For information, call Mr. Cooper, (785) 332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, (785) 332-2248, Gail Yonkey, (785) 332-2488; Joe Hoffman, (785) 332-2154 or Todd Krien, (785) 332-3246.

**Public Notice**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Martha Darlene Stephens aka M. Darlene Stephens  
 Case No. 2008-PR-\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:  
 You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Curtis Stephens, as surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Martha Darlene Stephens, deceased, praying:  
 Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Thomas County, Kansas:  
**Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Ten (10) South, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 6th P.M.**  
 and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.  
 You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.  
 Curtis Stephens  
 Petitioner

**Public Notice**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of KENNETH W. DIBLE, Deceased  
 Case No. 08-PR-40  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
 You are hereby notified that on September 17, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Rhelda E. Dible, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the “Last Will and Testament of Kenneth W. Dible,” deceased.  
 All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.  
 Rhelda E. Dible, Petitioner  
 Bruce Flipse, 410897  
 FLIPSE & FLIPSE LAW OFFICE  
 485 West Fourth Street  
 P.O. Box 606  
 Colby, Kansas 67701  
 (785) 460-3365  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 (Published in the Colby Free Press September 22, 29, and October 6, 2008)

**Fair Board to meet Thursday**

The Thomas County Fair Board will be talking about ways to make repairs on the grounds and upgrade and enhance next year’s event when it meets at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building.  
 The board will go over committee reports on building and grounds including pest control in the barns, fence repairs and enlarging the tie out area for cattle.  
 Clair Schrock will report on the chances of having a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association event in the future and on the children’s events of ranch rodeo and “Mutton Busting.”  
 There will be reports from the committees dealing with the parade and entertainment, fair book, advertising and exhibits and premium checks.  
 The board will go over what to do about those sponsors who have


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