

Hospital seeking angel tree support

There are over 80,000 medical services sought annually at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, and donations make a difference in providing those services, said Tama Unger, director of fund development and community relations at Citizen Medical Center.

In announcing the hospital's annual year-end angel tree fund campaign, Unger said the donations are used to support patient and resident care given at Citizens Medical Center, Prairie Senior Living Complex, and Family Center for Health Care.

She encouraged those who plan

to donate to indicate how they would like their names to appear in the hospital's quarterly publication.

"We will look very different this time next year, once the expansion of the north side of Citizens Medical Center is complete. We are excited that the need to grow is necessary, and it's gratifying to know we will be able to continue to deliver quality health care to the community and surrounding area," said Unger.

Donations may be mailed to Citizens Foundation, 100 East College Drive, Colby, Kans. 67701.

Stylist learns meaning of 'pay phone' today

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a Los Angeles hairstylist accepted a collect call from a customer, she had no idea it would run more than \$45. And no idea that's just what collect calls from pay phones cost in the mobile age.

Barbara James gladly accepted the call from 84-year-old client Pat Devine, who said she was running late and called from a pay phone because her cell phone had died.

James' bill from Network Communications International showed about \$37 for the quick call, about \$5 in regulatory fees and taxes,

and about \$3 for a "billing cost recovery fee."

President Bill Pope says the tiny number of collect calls makes such prices inevitable.

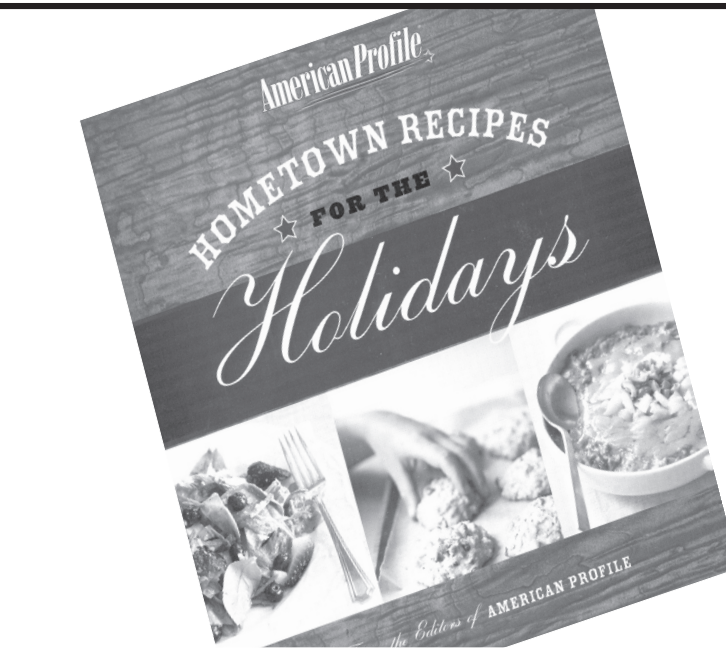
Federal Communications Commission spokeswoman Rosemary Kimball says collect calls are largely unregulated since most major phone companies left the business.

Laying the groundwork



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Construction on Phase I at Citizens Medical Center is pretty much on schedule, with only a few delays because of snow and rain. The facility has outgrown available space for many services. When the current phase is completed it will increase the size and capacity of rehab services and laundry. It will also give room to replace the outdated and aged heating, ventilating and air conditioning system. The new energy efficient mechanical system will have the capacity to hand any needs for future expansion.



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