

Weather Corner



Three-digit highs are back

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 66. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday** — Partly cloudy and hot with a high near 100. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 69. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday** — Partly cloudy and hot with a high near 101. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 72.

**Sunday** — Partly cloudy and hot with a high near 102.

**Sunday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 73.

**Monday** — Partly cloudy and hot with a high near 101.

**Temperatures**  
Wednesday's high, 93  
Low this morning, 62  
Records for this date, 108 in 1931, 51 in 1950  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.20  
July's precipitation, 1.68

**Water Use Report Wednesday, July 26**  
• 3,378,500 gallons  
3.5 million = Water Watch.  
4 million = Water Warning  
4.5 million = Water Emergency

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Voting equipment test Friday

The Thomas County Clerk's office will hold a public testing of the new voting equipment at 8 a.m., Friday, in the commissioners room at the Thomas County Courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave., Colby. The public is invited to attend this test, said Clerk Shelley Harms, and have one last opportunity before the election to see how the machine operates.

Nine-Run-Run Saturday

The Thomas County Emergency Medical Services is sponsoring its annual Nine-Run-Run, starting with an 8:30 a.m. registration, Saturday, at Fike Park. Participants can register the day of the race or call the EMS office, 460-4585 to pre-register. As in year's past, there are four events to choose from to include the 2K fun walk, 2K fun run, 5K run and 10th annual 10K race with age divisions, to include 2-

9; 15-24; 35-44; 55-64; 10-14; 25-34; 45-54; 65 and up and wheelchair. Walks start at 9:30 a.m.; runs start at 9 a.m.; and the award ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. For questions, call Kenneth Gatlin, EMS director, or stop by the office, 1275 S. Franklin Ave. Proceeds will go toward buying needed equipment for the emergency services department.

Book sale begins Saturday

Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., Colby, is planning its annual book sale beginning Saturday, July 29 through Saturday, Aug. 5. The sale starts at 9 a.m., Saturday and during the week and 1 p.m., Sunday. For questions, call 460-4470.

Volunteers needed at fair

The Thomas County Free Fair scheduled from Tuesday,

Aug. 1 through Saturday, Aug. 5, is almost here and the Amusement Association needs volunteers to work games during the fair, said Holly Stephens, executive director of the Thomas County/Colby Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers are needed for the Ball of Chance, shooting gallery and bell ringer. Each game requires two people per shift. Help is needed all five days of the fair at 6:45 to 9 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. For those interested in volunteering, call Stephens at (785) 460-3401.

Extension office closes during fair

The Thomas County Extension Office, 350 S. Range Ave., will be closed from Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4. The reason for closing the main office is so the staff can be on the fairgrounds during the fair, said Jan Poore, office manager.

Alakazaam



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Sheridan County Public Library's summer reading program concluded with a magic show Wednesday featuring Dan Dan the Magic Man, above, otherwise known as Dan Heath, Great Bend High School drama instructor, who for the past 25 years has performed magic. Heath and daughter, Ashton, right, along with his wife, Kim, an English instructor at the school, have taken their show on the road to rural public libraries for the past five years. He said his philosophy is to help rural libraries which might otherwise not be able to afford entertainment options such as the one he and his wife have created. "Have rabbit will travel," he said.

High wheat quality may offset flour prices

WICHITA (AP) — The extraordinary quality of this year's winter wheat harvest in the Southern Plains states may help offset the high cost of flour for millers and consumers, while bringing higher crop prices for drought-plagued growers this season, preliminary data shows.

Results compiled from harvests in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma show the quality of the hard red winter wheat crop is so high that flour mills will be able to offset shortages of the crop by combining it with other, more plentiful wheat types, said Mike Woolverton, a grain marketing economist at Kansas State University.

"To me, this is the good news in this really tough year for wheat producers," he said. "In many places, yield was way down, but the quality of this was for an exceptional wheat crop to come in many years. This is the bright spot."

Kansas State University conducted the wheat quality survey this year in the nation's hard red winter wheat production area in the Great Plains. So far, results have come in

from harvests in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Because those three states produce two-thirds of the nation's hard red winter wheat crop, the preliminary composite data is not expected to change much after additional information is collected from Colorado, Nebraska and North Dakota, Woolverton said.

The results from the winter wheat harvest in the Southern Plains mean those growers will likely receive premium prices for their crop. And the high quality of the wheat means millers will be able to use more of other types of wheat in their flour blends than they normally would, helping to moderate prices consumers pay for their flour and some baked goods.

"This will allow millers to use soft red winter wheat — which is in abundant supply this year — and blend flours together to come up with an acceptable level for bakers," Woolverton said.

The nation faces a shortage of good quality milling wheat this year because of the smaller harvests in states that produce hard red winter wheat.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department.

All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by Colby, Oakley, Logan and Thomas counties.

- Colby Police Department Friday, July 21**
- **Illegal dumping:** A Colby business called police regarding an unknown individual dumping metal and ceiling tiles in their dumpster at 7:48 a.m.
  - **Animal complaint:** Officers removed an opossum from the roadway in the 500 block of South Franklin at 9:27 a.m.
  - **Suspicious person:** Police were advised of a man at a downtown business wanting a hair salon to change his hair and appearance at 11:06 a.m. The man appeared to be acting strange.
  - **Protective custody:** Officers were advised of a man with possible mental problems near a business on West Fourth Street at 11:28 a.m.
  - **Disorderly conduct:** Police were advised by a third party that a landlord in the 700 block of East Fourth was having problems with a tenant at 1:47 p.m.
  - **Lost child:** A Colby business reported at 5:26 p.m. having a 9-year-old child who appeared to be lost. The mother was later found.
- Saturday, July 22**
- **Dog complaint:** Police contained a dog that had gotten loose and tried attacking another resident's dog at 9 a.m. in the 300 block of South Franklin.
  - **Fire:** An off-duty police officer called in a fire at 8:22 p.m. in the 700 block of East Eighth Street. The Colby Fire Department determined the fire was the result of leaves in a barrel.
  - **Service rendered:** An officer was called to assist Thomas County Emergency Medical Services at 9:53 p.m. in the 700 block of South Franklin involving a person choking.
- Thomas County Sheriff Saturday, July 22**
- **Driving under the influence:** Keith Irvin Downing, 51, of Colby, was arrested at 1:35 a.m. at County Club Drive and College Drive by



the Kansas Highway Patrol for driving under the influence.

He was released from custody at 2:40 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 25**

- **Theft, criminal trespass:** Michael Taney Coberly, 24, of Scott City was arrested at 7:31 p.m. by the



Gove County Sheriff's Office at the Logan County Sheriff's office. He was charged with theft of more than \$1,000, but less than \$25,000 and criminal trespass. He was released at 10:50 p.m. on \$10,000 bond for each count and on his own recognition.



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**Monster House**

Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:15 (PG)  
Sun - Thurs. : 7:15 1:35

**COLBY THEATRE**

**JULY 21 - JULY 27**

**Lady in the Water**


Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:00 (PG-13)  
Sun. - Thurs: 7:00 1:50

**MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND**

Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:15 (PG-13)  
Sun. - Thurs: 7:15 1:40

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**AUG. 1, 2006**

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**Tall Men Short Sleeve Knit Shirts ..... Reduced 33%**

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**9:00-5:30, Fri. & Sat.**

