

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
 Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
 Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind around 15 mph.
 Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind around 15 mph.
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.
 Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.
 Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 72.
 Monday: High, 71; Low 37
 Tuesday: High, 76; Low 43
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
 Tuesday 0.00 inches
 Month: 3.39 inches
 Year: 4.57 inches
 Normal: 3.89 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
 Sunrise 6:57 a.m.
 Sun transit 1:43 p.m.
 Sunset 8:29 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

It's prom season



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School
 Seniors Randa Lewis and Tanner Moss were named the Golden Plains High School 2009 Prom queen and king at festivities Saturday. She is the daughter of Doug and Bonnie Lewis of Colby; he is the son of Kent and Kim Moss of Menlo. Students danced the night away in a "50s/60s malt shop." The theme was "Summer Lovin."

Sheriff goes without new cars

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two new cars. It's highly unlikely that there will be room next year for three new vehicles."

Commissioner Byron Sowers asked if buying three new ones a year would be something that would go on forever.

The problem with the budget now, the undersheriff said, is that drug forfeiture money was plugged in where it should not have been. Now that the criteria for its use has changed, he said, the security of those funds cannot be counted on.

"It has been more of a detriment to Thomas County than a help," Sheriff Taylor said.

Commissioners said they used to be able to count on a little help from interest, but because of the economy, the budget will be short about \$130,000 this year.

"We will be lucky to get \$20,000 (in interest) this year," Steele said, "compared to 2007, when we got \$220,000."

Commissioners told the sheriff to come back in October or November to see what the county has in accumulated sales tax money.

County Attorney Bruce Flipse presented a rough copy of an agreement to work out rights of way and roads for the proposed wind farm in Lacey, Morgan, North Randall and Summers townships.

In a telephone conference call with Bob Kringle, a Lincoln

County lawyer involved with the wind farm, they talked about how to proceed with a road maintenance agreement, nonbinding arbitration, boundary agreements and legal processes to protect the county.

They also discussed the merits of overhead versus underground power lines, and the life expectancy and danger of rodent damage for underground lines.

In other action:

- Flipse said he had filed 80 new cases since January and had wrapped up 150 old ones that were still on the books when he took office.

- Taylor talked briefly about problems stemming from the lions and tigers near Oakley but said he had nothing definite as yet.

In other business, commissioners accepted a low bid of \$37,514 from Tubbs and Sons Ford on two 2009 vehicles for the road department, \$15,805 for a two-wheel drive and \$21,708 for a four-door crew cab with four-wheel drive, pending availability; visited with High Plains Mental Health representatives about the upcoming budget; and heard a progress report from Dan Seymour, construction manager of Custom Energy, on the courthouse roofing project. If the weather holds, he said, the work will be done within the next two to three weeks.

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