

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the evening.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy in the morning; then partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. Highs around 90. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Monday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday Night through Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of thunderstorms 30 percent.

Thursday: Partly sunny with scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of thunderstorms 30 percent.

Thursday: High, 100; Low 68
Precip: Thursday 0.18 inches
Month: 3.58 inches
Year: 13.73 inches
Normal: 9.94 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise Saturday 6:19 a.m.
Sunset Saturday 9:15 p.m.
Sunrise Sun.-Mon. 6:20 a.m.
Sunset Sun.-Mon 9:15 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Implement employee named EMT of the month

Thomas County's emergency medical technician of the month for June is Zach Golemboski.

Golemboski said he has been around emergency responders his whole life. His parents, Mark and Jacque Golemboski, have been emergency medical technicians since he was little.

"My mom told me about the first-responder class that was being offered," Golemboski said. "I had just gotten out of college for diesel mechanics, when the class started. I thought it would be a good class to take to learn first aid and CPR, while I was in the class. I had gotten to know the EMT's on the squad and their families."

Golemboski said he heard people talking about how fun and rewarding it is to help people. He then went on to take the "EMT-B," or basic, class.

"I passed the state boards and then joined the squad," he said.

Golemboski has now been with Thomas County Emergency Medical Services for a year and said he wouldn't change that for anything. He recently joined the Colby Fire Department and has been working full time at Colby Implement the past three years.

"It has been very rewarding to help the people ..." he said. "I enjoy working with both departments and with the people I work closely with."



Zach Golemboski attends to a patient during a mock emergency exercise. Golemboski was named emergency medical technician of the month for June.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Wednesday
8:05 a.m. – Dog at large, owner found.
10:01 a.m. – Semi blocking roadway at Franklin and Fourth. Vehicle moved.
11:49 a.m. – Tractor stalled in roadway at Country Club and Fourth.
4:45 p.m. – Liberal police looking for possible wanted person.
5:03 p.m. – Accident at the swimming pool.

5:18 p.m. – Accident at Fourth and Franklin.
6:34 p.m. – Two transients on the roadside on Range.
10:09 p.m. – Dog at large at 405 W. Ash, turned over to Animal Clinic.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Wednesday
11:45 a.m. – Truck and trailer parked on grass. Vehicle moved.
11:22 p.m. – Flashers on on a tractor at the county shop.

U.S. Farm Service sets \$2.56 loan rate

The U.S. Farm Service Agency has set the Thomas County loan rate for 2009 crop hard red winter wheat at \$2.56 per bushel.

The Commodity Credit Corp. publishes an average posted county price, based on average market prices during the preceding 30 days, the agency said.

For wheat, the method reflects a 30-day moving average of all ter-

minal market prices, adjusted by the difference between the national average and county loan rates for each type of wheat.

The 2009 national loan rate for hard red winter wheat is \$2.58, said Ross Sloan, county executive director for the agency.

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Commissioners settle road right-of-way dispute

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there since 1975," Flipse said, "and the road is going to be where it is."

The commissioners asked the attorney to research state law, and if he comes to the same conclusion, then he is to draw up a statement to declare that the road stands as is.

Susan McMahan, emergency management director, came to the meeting to tell the commissioners about a program that's available to do a "reverse 911" notification system.

The reverse 911 system can send mass phone calls from emergency organizations and schools to homes and businesses about storm warnings, school closings, hazardous materials accidents, and any number of emergency situations, she said. Everyone involved would get the information at the same time.

She said there are 200 slots available in the system's call list for county employees.

"The program is also available

to the public," she said.

McMahan said the cost will be \$1.50 per person per year for county employees on a five-year contract, and \$5 per number per year on the same contract for the general public. The commissioners gave McMahan approval to sign an agreement for the reverse 911 service for \$300 per year for the county's share, with the num-

ber of additional people on the contract subject to public interest and participation.

McMahan said she is working on a 911 grant to upgrade the dispatch system to locate people when they call from a cell phone. She said they need support to be able to obtain a Next Generation grant for the upgrade.

In other business, the commis-

sioners:

- Agreed that they would ride in the Fair Parade on July 28.
- Granted two tax abatements, one for a boat that was being taxed in Wichita County, and one for a 1997 grain trailer owned by Galen Starkey that should be exempt.
- Announced that the county employee picnic would be Friday evening.

• Heard from County Clerk Shelly Harms that all county valuations are in except for two utilities, S&T Communications and MCI Communications, and that the estimated valuation is down \$2 million without those.

- Agreed to begin working on budgets this week.
- Set the July meeting dates as July 6, 13, 20 and 31.

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