

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind around 15 mph.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. East wind around 10 mph.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83.
Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Thursday: High, 99; Low 63
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Month: 2.41 inches
Year: 16.91 inches
Normal: 16.41 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:56 a.m. 8:41 p.m.
Sunday 6:57 a.m. 8:40 p.m.
Monday 6:58 a.m. 8:38 p.m.
First quarter moon Monday (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 2,402,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Sheriff's deputy prevents suicide in Sheridan County

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zon back directly, and then we drove to several farms in the area that had been pinpointed, and was fortunate to finally discover where she was. We discovered her around 1:30 a.m.... in the process of doing what she had said she was going to do.

"We arrived in time to stop her. We talked to her and then took her into protective custody. Then we brought her in to Citizens Medical Center in Colby where she had a mental evaluation. And now she's in the process of getting help."

Sheriff Rod Taylor said, "in law enforcement after taking calls after calls, it's easier sometimes to take the initial information, do some preliminary investigation, file a report and go to the next case.

"Administrators in law enforcement want individuals who can take that initial information, follow up on it, and not be satisfied until all avenues have been covered.

"That's what Tom Graham did in this particular case as he has on many cases. This was a case that ended on a positive note because of Tom's willingness to keep all options to working for him and it's a privilege to work with someone like that."

Taylor added that all the road officers, under sheriff, detention officers, and office personnel go beyond what is asked of them.

"It's a pleasure to work with all of them," he said.

The night of July 29, the deputy may have averted a burglary at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. He said he was on security watch that night, and was sitting at a picnic bench in the northwest section, near the livestock barns, keeping an eye on the grounds and on the farm equipment exhibits.

"While I was sitting at the picnic table, I saw a subject enter the west end of the livestock barns," Graham said. "He was wearing a black shirt, black stocking cap and black gloves, and was carrying a crow bar."

Graham said the man would walk a ways, then stop, then walk and stop again, and it appeared that his goal was to break into the ticket booth.

"I called out for him to stop, but he started running, so it turned into a foot chase," he said. "While I was running, I called for two city units to assist, and kept repeating all the proper warnings to the subject, but he didn't stop, and would not heed my warnings.

"He just kept running. Then he jumped a fence, and I was forced to use the Tazer, but it was ineffective. He made it into a corn field and got away. However, the possible burglary was averted."

Graham said he has been working for the county for about two years. Events like these are just some of the things that happen in the life of a law enforcement officer, he said.

Cops follow leads in vandalism case

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Police have also stepped up their surveillance of Beulah and Sacred Heart Cemeteries. At 2:45 a.m. Wednesday morning an officer spotted a 21-year-old man wearing black with a black cap at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Jones said the man ran when police tried to confront him. He ran through several yards and was eventually found by a sheriff's deputy hiding in a backyard on East Eighth Street.

dence tying the man to the Beulah Cemetery vandalism and there was no damage found at Sacred Heart. The man said he had an argument with his girlfriend and that's why he was out at that time of night. He was taken into custody for obstruction.

The cemetery board is still planning to have monument companies come to town Monday to start putting the headstones back up. Volunteers are encouraged to come to the cemetery at 10:30 a.m. to help.

Green rally to stop here

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day.

Rally organizer Bill Buchholz said on his web site that the event grew out of the Automotive X Prize, a design and construction contest for 100 mile per gallon cars. A cross-country race had been an initial part of the competition, but it was eliminated and Buchholz decided to stage his own.

on a diesel tractor engine. Builder Jack McCornack built the car with a \$10,000 budget. He custom built a fiberglass and metal frame.

The race's organizer also has a car to enter. The Maine Automotive X Team is entering what they have nicknamed the "Dirigo Car," a three-wheel, wood and fiberglass car powered by a three-cylinder diesel engine. It seats two and has a top speed of 75 miles per hour. It gets anywhere from 89 to 99 miles per gallon.

State expects \$179 million from bill

By John Hanna Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA - New federal legislation has prevented a new financial crisis in Kansas, but questions remained Thursday about how long the state's current budget would stay balanced.

Officials estimate Kansas will receive \$179 million from legislation enacted this week to help states and prevent layoffs of teachers and government workers. Without it, the state would have faced a \$131 million shortfall in its \$13.7 billion budget.

But the relief isn't exactly what state legislators anticipated when they drafted Kansas' spending blueprint for the fiscal year that began July 1. Some officials wonder whether some of the funds will come with rules limiting how Kansas can use the money.

Even if the bailout preserved the state's finances for now, as Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson contends, prominent Kansas Republicans expect problems later this year.

"I still believe we have a very fragile budget," Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jay Emler, a Lindsay Republican, said Thursday. "If there's a problem in any one month, then we have to worry about how we're going to balance it at the end of the year."

The state expects to receive an additional \$87 million in funds for Medicaid, which covers medical services for the poor and disabled. Another \$92 million would go to public schools.

Legislators assumed in their budgeting that Kansas would receive \$131 million, all of it Medicaid funds.

U.S. Department of Education officials said they plan to release guidelines Friday for how states can use the new education dollars. They said flexibility for individual states will depend on how well they've maintained education funding at pre-recession levels.

Parkinson's administration believes Kansas will be able to substitute federal dollars for state school aid, freeing up state dollars for other parts of the budget - and perhaps leave a small cushion.

But other budget gaps still could emerge, depending on how well the state's tax collections meet expectations.

State officials also anticipate that a statewide property tax levy helping to finance public schools could raise from \$25 million to \$30 million less than anticipated this year because property values have declined.

"I think our kind of best guess from what we hear is that this may simply be a wash all around," said Mark Tallman, a lobbyist for the Kansas Association of School

Boards. Democrats have promoted the \$26 billion federal legislation as saving thousands of teachers' jobs nationwide.

Parkinson's office said the state could have avoided as many as 3,600 layoffs, depending on how it would have responded to a budget shortfall of \$131 million.

"There was no way education was going to be protected with that size of a hole," Parkinson spokeswoman Amy Jordan Wooden said. "There's just no math that gets you there without teachers being laid off."

But the state Department of Education had no figures on potential layoffs, and Kansas House Appropriations Committee Chairman Kevin Yoder, an Overland Park Republican, was skeptical.

Kansas law requires school districts to sign teacher contracts by mid-May, meaning teachers generally can't be laid off before the end of the next school year. Tallman said support staff and part-time workers would be the most likely targets of layoffs, and districts would have looked for savings elsewhere.



Dr. Steven Bear Welcome Reception

Please join Citizens Medical Center, Inc. in welcoming Dr. Steven Bear and his family to Colby. A community come-and-go welcome reception will be held on Wednesday, August 18th from 5:00PM - 8:00PM at the Lon Frahm residence, 18 Cottonwood Dr., Colby.

Dr. Bear is available for appointments at Family Center for Health Care.



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