

Weather



National Weather Service Red Flag Warning Heat Advisory

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. East wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 105. South wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Monday: High, 109; Low 62
Tuesday: High, 109; Low 72

Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: 0.61 inches
Year: 5.88 inches
Normal: 9.84 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 6:20 a.m. 9:15 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 67 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Monday 3,770,000 gal.
Tuesday 4,005,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Helping out



STEPHANIE DeCAMP/Oberlin Herald

Volunteers aided firefighter Steve Chestmore who was suffering from heat exhaustion Tuesday after he was fighting a fire that broke out in Decatur County.

Field fire outside Colby burns 150 acres

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The smoke was so heavy that he was worried about his breathing protection.

Hankin said the heat of the day, as well as the fire and all of the smoke, caused the engine to stall, but once they got the trucks out of the heat and back to the station, everything was running fine.

"But everyone was OK," he said. Another issue facing the Colby crews was refilling their water supply.

"Anyone refilling with water had to go back to Colby," Hankin said.

So he asked for additional tankers and trucks to get more water to the scene, and he said each of the out-of-town trucks brought a substantial supply of water with them.

Hankin said they finally put the fire out at about 4:15 to 4:30 p.m.

"It took us an hour to an hour and a half

to bring it under control and have it extinguished," he said.

Hankin said the cause of Monday's fire is one that's hard to control, but the public should be careful in their activities to help prevent fires.

"Right now, extreme care needs to be used in anything they're doing," Hankin said, "but there's some instances like yesterday, where there's nothing you can do. Even when everyone is being careful, there are still forces acting against us."

He said other things to be wary of are automobile exhaust and catalytic converters.

The Thomas County commissioners put a burn ban in effect until Friday, but they will meet for their end-of-the-month meeting Friday morning and may decide to keep the ban in effect.

The weather this week has contributed to fire danger as well, with the high tempera-

ture at 109 Monday. Tuesday's high was also 109 and today was expected to reach 106.

A red flag warning, which means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or are imminent, is in effect until 10 p.m. tonight for most of northwest Kansas. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures will create explosive fire growth potential.

A heat advisory is also in effect for our area until 10 p.m. Thursday. The National Weather Service in Goodland says to take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside, and when possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. It says to know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, wear light weight and loose fitting clothing when possible and drink plenty of water.

Undersheriff accused of misspending money

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while he was there because the one Finley took "was shot." The laptop, Taylor said, was a free one the department seized which was later given to them.

Finley said he is looking forward to getting the money issue behind him so he can begin sharing all of the information and knowledge from Quantic with his fellow officers.

"I was very pleased with all of my instructors," he said, "who are all experts in the field. The educational experience really opened my eyes. What we see here as being normal, really isn't normal."

"Looking back, I was very naive. Now, I can apply the knowledge we were taught there to the cases here."

Finley explained that in addition to learning about many new subjects, he was also able to share law enforcement perspectives from rural Kansas with others. He said the idea of tackling

a case in a department of four officers that covers an entire county is unheard of to many of the people he trained with.

He said the norm for many of them is to work in task forces. They were equally surprised to hear Finley's theories on agro-terrorism and how great the risks are on Kansas' economy from the threat of hoof and mouth disease.

"The whole experience was fascinating," he said, "both sharing my perspectives and hearing about how other departments work, their cases, and case studies presented by the instructors."

He said one of his instructors lived in a tough part of the city, had been in the Special Forces in the army and had worked undercover narcotics and in gangs with the FBI. This same instructor has also been on the television show "Gangland" on the History channel.

"He is one of those people that you just hung on everything he

said," Finley recalled. "He talked about terrorism, organized crime, gangs, illegals and cartels coming to rural America."

"What he said makes you more observant, and it reminded me of a time that my brother and I went to Walmart in Colby," he said. "We saw some MS 13 people there. At the time, we just noticed them, but now I am able to identify them and I know more about the gang."

Information about gangs and organized crime was of special interest to Finley, he said. As a lot more people move into the area because of new business, he said, he is interested to see if any of the information he learned at training becomes useful here.

"A lot of the knowledge I've learned is for preventive measures, so we can be prepared," he said. "Hopefully, we won't have to take action, but at least I know now who I can call if I need more information, and I am aware of what could happen."

Along with what he learned,

Water watch expected

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rized as needed.

The water conservation plan also includes:

Stage 2. Water Warning: three consecutive days with over 4.0 million gallons used.

Stage 3. Water Emergency: three consecutive days with over 4.5 million gallons used.

Monday, 3,770,000 million gallons were used. Tuesday's use was 4,004,000 million gallons.

The Colby Free Press reports daily water use during the summer in the weather box on Page 2.

Briefly

Trinity Lutheran to hold car wash Saturday

The Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group will be having a car wash and lunch stand from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Kansas Quick Lube. Donations will be accepted. For information, call Rudy Neiermeier at 460-3034.

Church to relocate services to new place

Celebration Community Church will relocate services to the Colby Community Building beginning Sunday. The time will remain the same at 10:45 a.m. For information, call Debbie McNinch at (785) 824-8038.

Kiwanis Club asks for donations for display

The Kiwanis Club of Thomas County-Colby is seeking donations for the annual public fireworks display next Wednesday. Donations can be sent to Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 501, Colby, Kan., 67701. For information, call Rick Dickman at 460-4410 or 460-3219.

High Plains Lions plan July 4 celebration

Everyone is invited to the Colby High Plains Lions 4th of July celebration at the air-conditioned Thomas County 4-H Building. Entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. Free hot dogs, chips and watermelon will be served beginning at 7 p.m. and bingo will start at 7:30. There are lots of prizes to be given away. Topping off the evening, the Kiwanis club will have fireworks at sun down. For information, contact Roger Hale at 460-8785.

All veterans invited to be Grand Marshals

All Thomas County veterans are invited to serve as Grand Marshals for the fair parade on Tuesday, July 31, riding on a float leading the parade. Veterans will meet at the Senior Progress Center at 4:45 p.m. Military uniforms or hats are requested. Contact Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401, for information or to get on the list.

Commodities to be given out next week

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Commodities could include corn, chicken, beef stew, fruit mix and macaroni. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Fair books available at extension office

Fair books for this year are available at the Thomas County Extension office in the county office complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 16, during business hours, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call Jody McCain at the office, 460-4580.

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Friday Evening June 29, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		20/20				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	2 Broke G					Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	U.S. Olympic Trials	Saving Hope					Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	House							Bones	Local	

Cable Channels	A & E	AMC	ANIM	BRAVO	CMT	CNN	COMEDY	DISC	DISN	E!	ESPN	ESPN2	FAM	FOOD	FX	HGTV
A & E	Storage	Storage	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter
AMC	The Matrix															
ANIM	Whale Wars															
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ
CMT	Redneck Vacation	Terry Fator	Blue Collar Comedy	True Blue: Ten Years	Them Idiots											
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight											
COMEDY	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy Central Roast	Tosh.0	Super Troopers										
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	Flying Wild Alaska	Deadliest Catch	Flying Wild Alaska										
DISN	Vampire	ANT Farm	Gravity	Gravity	Jessie	Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie	ANT Farm	ANT Farm						
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Fashion Police	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea						
ESPN	Softball		X Games													SportsCenter
ESPN2	NASCAR Racing															Baseball
FAM	Count	Prince-Persia														Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners						Diners
FX	Mr. & Mrs. Smith															
HGTV	My Yard	House H.	Homes	House	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Homes	House						

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Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Hollywood Heights	George	Friends	Friends	Hollywood Heights									
WWE SmackDown!		Insane or Inspired?		School Spirits	Insane or Inspired?										
Wild Hogs	Wild Hogs			Diamond Divers	Diamond Divers										
Payne	Payne	Payne	Diary-Black												
Woman in Hiding			Julie												
Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy to the Rescue	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Randy to the Rescue							
The Sum of All Fears															
Cartoon Planet	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid							
Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	The Dead Files	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures									
Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King						
NCIS	Burn Notice	Suits	Royal Pains	Burn Notice											
Hollywood Exes	Greatest R&B Songs		Single Ladies	Single Ladies											
MLB Baseball		WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos	Chris	Chris										