

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- James Edward Hook, 52, Oakley, May 19, probation violation, Oakley Police Department/Court Services of Thomas County, released June 21 to other agency.
- Craig L. Hillman, 43, Kansas, May 21, domestic battery, probation violation, criminal possession of a firearm, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Colby Police Department, released June 20 to other agency.
- Ladana Carol Boleware, 27, Lyons, June 7, attempt to distribute opiate/opium/narcotic/stimulant within 1,000 feet of school, conspiracy to distribute opiate/opium/narcotic/stimulant within 1,000 feet of school, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, no drug tax stamp, Thomas County Sheriff, released June 20 on supervised probation.

- Kirt Alan Dugger, 21, Colby, June 17, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police, released June 21 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Jason Randall Davis, 30, Colby, June 18, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Shalon Francis Miller, 29, Gem, June 18, driving under the influence, speeding, failure to maintain lane, wearing of seat belt required, Kansas Highway Patrol, released June 19 to treatment facility.
- Aaron Lee Nichols, 18, Colby, June 18, probation violation, Colby Police/Court Services, released June 20 for time served.
- Michelle Renay Dehart, 39, Colby, June 19, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Timothy Wayne Uhrich, 44,

Oakley, June 20, driving under the influence, driving with license suspended or revoked, transporting open container/alcohol, Highway Patrol, released June 21 to other agency.

- James David Hickert, 28, Colby, June 21, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on unsupervised probation.
- Dee Petty, 51, Brewster, June 22, driving with license suspended or revoked, expired registration, Colby Police, released June 23 on notice to appear.
- Lawrence Dean Hapke II, 36, Colby, June 24, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Steven M. Burdick, 43, Colby, June 25, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

Health and safety risks stem from hot dry weather

Kansas Division of Emergency Management officials are urging Kansans to take extra precautions due to the extreme temperatures and dry conditions across the state this week.

Heat dangers

The extreme heat and rising heat indices poses a danger to both people and their pets.

"Plan ahead to stay out of the extreme heat as much as possible," said Angee Morgan, the deputy director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. "If you must work outside or be out for an extended period, drink plenty of water, use sunscreen, and wear light colors and a hat. Take frequent breaks and know the signs of heat exhaustion. Keep a close eye on children and check on elderly neighbors. And remember your pets. Ensure they have plenty of water and shade."

Morgan noted it's also important to have a plan for where your family can go if there is a power outage, and to take time to ensure your emergency preparedness kit is readily available.

Wildfire dangers/fireworks safety

In addition to the heat, many areas of the state are experiencing extremely dry conditions, setting the stage for potential wildfires. With the approach of the July 4th Independence Day holiday, emergency management officials are urging Kansans to take precautions as they prepare to celebrate.

"We want everyone to have a good time celebrating," said Morgan, "but dry, windy conditions mixed with fireworks are the perfect combination for uncontrolled fires."

Morgan said simple precautions can help reduce the chances of wildfire and help keep everyone safe.

"Limit who is in control of setting off the fireworks," she said. "It's easier to keep track of potential fire hazards if you have only a few people in charge of the matches and other materials."

"Keep a hose handy and turned on, ready to put out any small fires that may begin. Also, keep an eye on changing weather conditions. If it's windy, wait until later to set off fireworks, particularly aerial displays."

Additional heat safety recommendations are provided below from the National Weather Service, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and American Red Cross. Additional wildfire prevention/fireworks safety guidelines are provided below from the National Council on Fireworks Safety.

Heat Safety Guidelines

The following heat safety guidelines are advised by the National Weather Service at www.nws.noaa.gov/os/heat/index.shtml:

- Slow down. Reduce, eliminate or reschedule activities until the coolest time of the day.
- Dress for summer. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight.
- Drink plenty of water, non-alcoholic and decaffeinated fluids.
- During excessive heat periods, spend more time in air-conditioned places. If you cannot afford an air

conditioner, go to a library, store or air-conditioned location for part of the day.

- Don't get too much sun. Sunburn reduces your body's ability to dissipate heat.
- Do not take salt tablets unless specified by a physician.

- Watch for signs of heat-related illness:

- **Sunburn:** Redness and pain.
- **Heat Cramps:** Painful spasms usually in the muscles of legs and abdomen.

- **Heat exhaustion:** Heavy sweating; weakness; cold, pale, clammy skin; fainting and vomiting but may have normal temperature.

- **Heat stroke (or sunstroke):** High body temperature (106° F or higher), hot dry skin, rapid and strong pulse, possible unconsciousness. Summon emergency medical assistance or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal. While waiting for emergency assistance, move the victim to a cooler environment, reduce body temperature with cold bath. Remove clothing, use fan/air conditioners. Do not give fluids.

For additional information on what to do regarding extreme heat conditions go to www.kdheks.gov/beh/extreme_heat.htm.

An Excessive Heat Events Guidebook is available in PDF format at www.epa.gov/heatisland/about/pdf/EHEguide_final.pdf. Additional information is available from your local American Red Cross Chapter.

Heat safety for pets

- Ensure your pet has water and plenty of shade.
- Check on your pet frequently to ensure they aren't suffering from the heat.
- Don't leave your pet in an enclosed vehicle. Temperatures rise quickly inside vehicles.

For additional information, go to www.redcross.org/www-files/Documents/pdf/Preparedness/checklists/HeatWave.pdf

Fireworks safety tips

National Council on Fireworks Safety

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Always have water handy (a hose or bucket).
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives.
- Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department in your community.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday

10:37 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large at 1150 S. Franklin. Was inside upon arrival; spoke to owner.

12:19 p.m. – Caller reported possible drunk driver all over roadway in the 900 block of S. Franklin. At 12:25, reporting party advised vehicle made it to address; all OK.

1:29 p.m. – Subject came to station about lost driver's license. Spoke to reporting party, no report.

2:15 p.m. – Caller wanted officer to meet him to do welfare check. Provided information to reporting party.

3:17 p.m. – Provided motorist assistance on S. Range just south

of Davis Ave.

6:11 p.m. – Caller reported shoplifting occurred yesterday. Report filed.

6:17 p.m. – Caller reported a semi parked on W. Willow in front of Taco Johns. Spoke with owner; semi moved.

9:59 p.m. – Caller reported snake in her yard. Service rendered.

10:50 p.m. – Accident at Budget Inn Hotel.

11:02 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.

Saturday

6:47 a.m. – Caller reported dog in back yard. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

1:06 p.m. – Caller reported transient panhandling in parking lot. Spoke to subject; had help and

was leaving; all OK.

6:54 p.m. – Assisted Citizens Medical Center.

7:43 p.m. – Business called requesting subject to be removed from building. Spoke with subject.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Friday

7:49 a.m. – Helped Rawlins County Sheriff's Office transport blood work from county line to Citizens Medical Center.

8:53 a.m. – Provided four vehicle identification number inspections for Motor Town.

11:48 p.m. – Booked Dee Petty.

Saturday

10:16 a.m. – Caller reported possible phone harassment.

Heat risks higher for children

With temperatures expected to exceed 100 degrees the rest of the week, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Secretary Phyllis Gilmore warned against leaving children in cars, even for brief periods.

"Children cannot regulate their body temperatures as well as adults can," Gilmore said. "Safety should be on the minds of everyone as we deal with extreme heat in the upcoming days and weeks."

Gilmore encouraged parents to leave reminders for themselves that their children are in the car, such as putting a briefcase or purse in the backseat. A distracted parent combined with a sleeping infant can result in tragedy. Children should not be loaded into

cars without air conditioning running or windows down, and should not be allowed to play in or around parked cars.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, hyperthermia warning signs include a high temperature above 103 degrees, hot, red, dry or moist skin, a rapid and strong pulse, and possible unconsciousness. Children exhibiting those signs should be moved to a cooler environment and bathed with a cool wet cloth. The center advises not to give them fluids, rather call 911 and treat the situation as an emergency.

"Alert and informed parents are the best measure for keeping children safe and healthy," Gilmore said.

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