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Warmer  
weather returns

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows near 60. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 85 to 90. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65 to 70. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

Thursday night and Friday: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs 85 to 90.

The extended forecast from Friday night through Sunday: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs 85 to 90.

Saturday's low, 60; high 77

Sunday's low, 63; high, 86

Weekend water usage: Unavailable

Three consecutive days over 3.5 million gallons will mean a water watch;

Three consecutive days over 4.0 million gallons will mean a water warning and possible restrictions;

Three consecutive days over 4.5 million gallons will be a water emergency and require restrictions in watering.

Current temperatures are available by calling (785) 460-8367.

# Sherman commissioners decide against airport hanger

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City commissioners agreed last Monday to scrap plans for a new hangar at Renner Field, and told the engineer to thank the two contractors who bid.

Airport boosters touted the plan as an economic development move, but commissioners said they thought it was too much money to spend on an improvement that

wouldn't produce much income. Members of the city airport board and Darin Neufeld, an engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who handles the city airport projects, had come to the commission in May asking the city consider building a hangar estimated to cost about \$350,000.

During a budget work session in July, the commissioners said they wanted to wait on the project until the status of the 1934 barrel hangar had been decided.

Neufeld and Larry Dickey, chairman of the airport board, told commissioners that Monday was the last meeting before the deadline on the bids on the new hangar would expire.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said he was against building a hangar at this time.

"I think we need a community hangar," Commissioner Dave Daniels said, "and by selling the barrel hangar, we don't have one." Mayor Rick Billinger said he did not think

the new hangar was a good idea because the city was not going to generate any revenue.

Daniels said all the existing hangars are privately owned, and that the city needs a community hangar to continue to have the best airport between Denver and Hays.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she could see good points and some bad points.

"It is a lot of money to spend," she said. "I don't know. I guess I am undecided." Daniels said a han-

gar is like the city swimming pool. "We don't make any money on that, either," he said.

Dechant asked who would get the fees for the overnight storage of airplanes. Neufeld said if the city builds the hangar without using federal money, the rent would come to the city, minus any share for the airport operator — John Collett — for towing the aircraft. Neufeld said a lot of towns set the income up to pay the utilities and minor upkeep.

## Colby man charged with threatning spouse

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A Colby man has been charged with threatening his wife with a weapon, driving under the influence of alcohol and multiple other charges relating to the incident.

Harold A. Tubbs, 49, was arrested shortly after 8 p.m. on July 29 after allegedly assaulting his wife and then driving to the country while drunk. This is the second time Tubbs has been charged with driving under the influence, according to court records.

Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn on Wednesday said Kathleen Tubbs called the sheriff's office reporting she and her husband had gotten into an argument in the 1800 block of Sagebrush in Colby. Baughn said Tubbs is alleged to have slapped his wife and then gone and gotten a shotgun and threatened to hurt her with the gun.

Tubbs has been charged in

Thomas County District Court with one count each of aggravated assault, domestic battery, criminal threat, driving under the influence and disorderly conduct.

Tubbs could face 11 to 34 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000 for the aggravated assault charge.

He faces five to 17 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000 for the criminal threat charge, and six months in the county jail and a fine of \$1,000 for the domestic battery charge.

Tubbs also faces one month in jail and a fine of \$500 for the disorderly conduct charge of having allegedly used "offensive, obscene or abusive language" toward his wife. He was arrested three miles west of Colby on County Road 16, and he faces six months in jail and a fine of \$1,000 for the second driving under the influence of alcohol charge.

A preliminary hearing has been set for 10 a.m. on Sept. 9 in Colby.

## Two children die in hot car

TOPEKA (AP) — Two 3-year-olds died after being inside a car in northeastern Kansas for more than two hours, investigators said Monday.

The children, a boy and a girl, were found two hours after being reported missing on Sunday near Topeka. The children, whose names were not released, were found inside the vehicle parked in

the driveway of the home.

A spokesman for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Jay Simecka, said officials initially thought the children were twins, but after checking birth records they discovered that the girl was born Sept. 29, 2004, and her brother Aug. 2, 2005.

No other details were immediately available.

Thomas County  
Economic Development Alliance

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW EMPLOYER COMING TO COLBY

Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm

Colby Community Building

Potential to become the  
Third Largest National Medicare Database in the Nation

Featured on the Local Edition of CNN Headline News for August 7, 2008:

At 7pm on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Colby Community Building (285 E 5<sup>th</sup>, Colby KS) Embark Healthcare, Inc. will present its plan to create 130 above-average wage paying jobs, in Colby, for what could be **the third largest database of Medicare members in the world**, behind only CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and AARP (American Association of Retired Persons).

Featured August 7th on CNN Headline News' Local Edition (<http://www.news2.com/>), this national data repository may also eventually provide work for several hundred employees of peripheral vendors who will serve its operational needs.

Out of a total population of over 300 million, 44.2 million Americans are over the age of 65. Many in the "over 60 crowd" have accumulated exceptional wealth and are concerned about it being needlessly consumed by brutally expensive medical treatment that fails to prolong the quality of life at significant cost to human dignity and to the patient's loved ones. Even those with relatively minor financial assets to protect must beware of healthcare directives that are often missed or purposely ignored.

In addition to concerns about healthcare directives, there is equal concern about the location and disposition of the deceased or soon-to-be-deceased's assets. Embark Healthcare has a universal solution for both challenges.

Because it is often beneficial for a business's interests to be strongly aligned with its home community Embark Healthcare founder, Michael Brouthers and a representative of private investment banking advisor Point-of-Reference, LLC will provide information about the company's plans plus general information on how Colby's citizens can participate, financially, with this enterprise. **This meeting is for informational purposes only. If you would like to attend, please contact Gerry Fulwider at 785-460-4511.**

If you would like more information about this event, or to schedule an interview with Michael Brouthers, regarding Embark's plans, please call Michael at **210-863-6001** or e-mail him at [mbrouthers@msn.com](mailto:mbrouthers@msn.com)

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