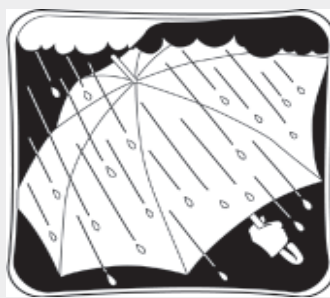


**Weather Corner**



**Rain possible, highs about 65**

**Tonight** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Increasing clouds with a low around 57. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Saturday** — Occasional showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

**Saturday night** — Showers likely. Mostly cloudy with a low around 54. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Sunday** — A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 72. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 53.

**Monday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 75.

**Monday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 52.

**Temperatures**  
Thursday's high, 83  
Low this morning, 50

Records for this date, 103 in 1971, 34 in 1909

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

September's precipitation, 0.65 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling 899-7119.

**Briefly**

**Church youth activities planned**

All area youth are invited to take part in Wednesday evening AWANA youth programs at Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin Ave., beginning Sept. 13. AWANA programs are designed to help youth learn the teachings of the Bible and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Activities are planned for 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday through spring. Activities include Bible stories, scripture memory, games and fellowship. Youth from 3 through fifth grade are invited. For questions, call Daniel O'Brien at 460-7530.

**Scrapbooking event Saturday**

Heartland Christian School is sponsoring a charity scrapbooking event from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, at the school, 1995 W. Fourth St., Colby. To register, call Tonya Winger, coordinator, at 462-367.

**Childcare training Sept. 21**

Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Colby Community

College Resource and Referral are sponsoring a training for anyone interested in becoming a licensed childcare provider. The training is from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Colby College library basement, room 253. To register or for questions, call (888) 634-9350, ext. 250.

**Preschooler moms to meet**

Mothers of Preschoolers will have its first meeting of the fall Thursday at Colby United Methodist Church. Registration will be at 9 a.m., followed by the meeting from 9:15 to 11 a.m. The group is for expectant mothers to mothers with children up to 6 years old. Childcare will be provided. The group meets the second Thursday of each month. Donation would be appreciated for scholarship funding. For information, call Michelle Mettlen at 460-3310.

**Food donations sought**

Colby High School Service Club is asking all fans to bring non-perishable food items to the homecoming football game,

Friday, Sept. 15. All donations will be given to Thomas County Genesis, a food bank for those needing help. Club officials are asking fans to drop items off at the pass gate, where tickets are sold. "Your kind donations will be deeply appreciated," said Counselor Doug Finley, club advisor.

**Childbirth classes scheduled**

Citizens Medical Center in Colby will hold childbirth classes from 7 to 10 p.m., each Thursday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, said Jeanene Brown, RN, MS, coordinator. Future dates include all Thursdays during the months of January, April, July and October in 2007.

**Share signup continues Saturday**

Prairie Land Food (formerly Heartland Share) signup will continue through noon, Saturday, said Gene Griffin, co-coordinator. Anyone wanting to participate in this month's food shares are encouraged to stop by State Farm Insurance, 904 E. Fourth St. or call Griffin at 460-8640.

**Man guilty of selling drugs sentenced to boot camp**

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

An Oakley man was ordered to boot camp by a local judge Thursday for violating the terms of his probation.

District Judge Glenn Schiffner listened to more than two hours of testimony by witnesses in favor or against sending Jason George to prison. George was sentenced in January for a 2004 charge of selling marijuana in Logan County.

Darin Organ, intensive supervi-

sion probation officer with Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, testified George violated his probation more than one time.

Organ said the violations included George's failure to make payments on a fine and court costs and have permission to leave Logan County.

Organ also said George tested positive for drugs four times, had contact with someone else on probation and was unsuccessfully discharged from a drug treatment program. George's attorney, Caleb

Boone of Hays, asked two of George's former employers to testify on his behalf.

Despite testimony by two — Vel Brown of Colby and Frank Henn of Hays — the offers of support for his reliability and work ethics as an employee failed with Schiffner.

Dan Crotinger, executive director of Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, testified George failed to complete both outpatient and inpatient programs, had an attitude problem and difficulty following orders. He said both

negative and positive attitudes could be fostered in a center like ADAC.

"In my line of work, an attitude and problems breed an attitude and problems," he said.

And even George's plea for leniency failed with Schiffner.

"I now realize what it's like to live sober and it's better than using drugs or alcohol," George said.

Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick asked Schiffner to support Organ's motion to revoke George's probation. Schiffner accepted

George's apology for violating his probation, but the judge told him probation was a "privilege, not a right." Schiffner ordered George to apply to Labette Correctional Facility boot camp for a term of six months. He said if George is not accepted to the LaBette facility, he would have to serve out the sentence handed down in January. That sentence, substituted by the probation, was an underlying prison term of 18 months, 24 months post-release probation and fines and court costs of \$1,102.

**Monument man enters into diversion**

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Monument man has entered a diversion agreement stemming from an incident involving a squabble about animals.

Dennis R. Baalman, 56, has agreed that he will not violate any local, state or federal laws and report to directly to his attorney, Cal Williams, for a period of six

months. He will also have to pay \$502 in fines and court costs.

Baalman was charged in June with one count of criminal threat against his neighbor's sister for an incident which reportedly took place on June 16. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

At the time, Logan County Sheriff Pat Parsons, Heather Stoltenberg and Baalman were neighbors, and while Stoltenberg's 19-year-old sis-

ter, Kayla, was house sitting for her sister, Baalman threatened her during an argument about animals.

Parsons said Baalman claimed Heather Stoltenberg's dogs were trying to attack his cats. He said she "got scared and called the authorities." Court documents filed said Baalman understands the nature of the charges against him and should he violate the diversion agreement could face incarceration.

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**For the Record**

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**Thomas County Sheriff Wednesday, Aug. 27**

• **Driving under the influence:** Amanda Marie Dice, 34, of Colby, was arrested at 1:48 a.m. by Colby police in the 700 block of South Franklin Avenue. She was charged with driving under the influence and battery against a law enforcement officer. She was released at 2:51 a.m. with notice to appear Tuesday, Sept. 19 on both charges in the Thomas County District Court.

• **Driving under the influence (Third offense):** Michael Shawn Miller, 47, of Selden, was arrested at 2:22 a.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol on U.S. Highway 24 (milemarker 59). He was charged with this third or subsequent driving under the influence and a traffic violation of failure to maintain a single lane.

**Thursday, Aug. 28**

• **Service rendered:** A deputy provided a ride to a man who fell off a bicycle in the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue to his residence in the 200 block of North Garfield.

**Friday, Aug. 29**

• **Erratic driver:** Sherman County dispatch advised the Thomas County Sheriff's office at 6:10 a.m. about a vehicle going east bound in the west bound lane of I-70 between Levant and Brewster. The deputy located the vehicle at Levant. The driver said he was tired.

• **Animal complaints:** Thomas County deputies responded to three separate incidents involving three loose steers next to the roadway in the 1500 block of County Road Pat 1:15 p.m.; a dog at large at 7:15 p.m. and an individual saying the animal was coming after him; and at 8:19 p.m., two calves were out about one-half mile north of Thomas County Feeders. All owners were located and spoken to.

**Saturday, Aug. 30**

• **Probation violation:** Dale Alan Quast, 38, of Colby, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. at Norton County jail and held for the Northwest Kansas Correctional Center. Quast was charged with probation violation on possession of methamphetamines with intent to sale.

• **Burglary:** A sheriff's deputy assisted Colby police in looking for a person at Wal-Mart regarding a bur-

glary at Burger King. The officers were unable to locate the individual.

**Colby Police Department Wednesday, Aug. 27**

• **Raccoon complaint:** Police were advised by a resident in the 200 block of North Garfield at 3:16 p.m. that a raccoon was caught in a cage. Officers removed the animal.

• **Service rendered:** Police were called at 3:26 p.m. by an individual asking for help in removing a person refusing to leave the 1200 block of West Second Street. Police provided civil stand-by (keeping the peace) for both.

• **Theft:** A bicycle was reported stolen at 5:31 p.m. in the 600 block of South Lincoln Avenue. The officer filed a report.

**Thursday, Aug. 28**

• **Harassing telephone call:** Police were advised at 9:24 a.m. of a harassing phone call by the manager of Vanderbilt's, 1917 S. Range Ave.

• **Theft:** The manager of McDonald's, 2000 S. Range Ave., advised police at 1:23 p.m. of money stolen from their safe. The amount of money was not available, but a

report was filed.

• **Suspicious person:** A clerk at the Oasis Travel Shop advised police at 7:22 p.m. of a transient begging for money. Officials found the individual later at Interstate 70 and Kansas Highway 25. The person was told to stay out of travel shop.

• **Criminal damage to property:** Police were advised at 8:14 p.m. of a leaking gas meter in the alley behind a residence in the 900 block of West Second Street. Midwest Energy was called to repair.

**Friday, Aug. 29**

• **Suspicious incident:** An anonymous caller informed police at 7:09 a.m. about a small child standing by herself at a bus stop in the 700 block of South Franklin.

• **Service rendered:** The manager of Arby's, 2005 S. Range Ave., called police at 10:38 a.m., about a hitchhiker asking for food. The individual left when officers arrived.

**Saturday, Aug. 30**

• **Suspicious subject:** Police were called at 4:18 a.m. about an individual hanging around the McDonald's restaurant. The caller said the person was last seen walk-

ing across South Range Avenue toward one of the motels. Officers were unable to locate the suspicious person.

• **Burglary:** The manager of Burger King called police at 5:06 a.m. advising the restaurant had been broken into. A report was filed.

• **Suspicious person:** Police were called at 2:17 p.m. to the 2000 block of South Range Avenue regarding a transient that would not leave the property. The person had already left when police arrived.

• **Child in need of care:** Police were called to the 1100 block of Zelfer at 7:10 p.m. reference a child not breathing. Thomas County Emergency Medical personnel were also called. The child was taken by ambulance for help.

• **Suspicious person:** Police were called at 9:18 p.m. to say a vehicle in the Wal-Mart parking lot had no steering wheel on the car.

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Thanks to everyone for helping promote a very successful carnival and fair. See you next year.

- Kerry Wark, President
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