

Weather  
CornerTemperatures  
to ease back up

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Clear with a low around 11. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 41. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 13. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 34. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 14. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 35. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 16. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 51.

**Temperatures**  
 Tuesday's high, 19  
 Low this morning, 3  
 Records for this date, 75 in 1932, 1 in 1983

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 1.5 inches of snow

## Briefly

## School warns of advertising scam

Colby school officials are reminding businesses to beware of out-of-town companies, groups or individuals soliciting advertisements using Colby High School, Colby Middle School or Colby Grade School and their athletic/activities programs to make sports calendars, seat cushions, foam fingers and other items. Larry Gabel, Colby High School assistant principal/activities director, said Colby Public Schools does not give any companies, groups or individuals permission to solicit advertisements for these promotions. If a business is contacted, Gabel recommends they call him prior to making any arrangements with these groups. "If I do give an outside company permission to sale ads or merchandise, I will give that company a letter stating they have permission to do such sales," he said.

For questions, call Gabel at 460-5300.

## Holiday cookie sale planned

Kappa Upsilon is sponsoring a holiday cookie sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Puddle Duck Preschool. Pro-

ceeds will go to community projects.

## Flag pole dedication Saturday

The public is invited to attend the dedication of the new flag pole at the Masonic Hall, 215 N. Franklin Ave., in Colby. The time of the ceremony has been changed to 2 p.m. Saturday and will be presented by the Grand Lodge officers of Kansas. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be performed inside the hall.

## Pancake feed Saturday

The Colby High Plains Lions Club is sponsoring a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. Drop boxes will be available for anyone willing to donate old eyeglasses and hearing aids.

## Remote controlled car races set

The RC Club, Racing for Christ, is sponsoring remote control car races from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist

Church of Colby, 615 W. Webster. The races will be held in the basement of the church and all middle and high school-age students are welcome to attend. R/C cars will be provided. Students may bring their own car or race one of the church's.

## Reception planned for Colbyite

A public reception is scheduled from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Ascension-on-the-Prarie Episcopal Church, College and Wheatridge Drives, for Steve Molstad of Colby in recognition of his recent appointment to the position of Grand Master of Masons.

## Santa Workshop, gift sale slated

The Thomas County Community Foundation will sponsor a Santa Workshop Christmas Gift Sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 9, at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 West Fourth, for children ages 3 to fourth grade. Each gift is \$4, with a limit of four per family. All proceeds go to benefit Thomas County non-profit organizations. For questions, call (785) 460-9152 or E-mail: tcfc@st-tel.net

## Colby men charged in vehicle theft

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Two Colby men have been charged with taking a city truck and sideswiping parked vehicles in Colby.

Stephen J. Mardock, 20, and Kyle D. Runnalls, 20, have been charged with using a pickup owned by the city of Colby to damage five other vehicles at 1:50 a.m. on Oct. 23.

According to police reports and court documents, Mardock and Runnalls entered the pickup and used keys which had been left in the vehicle.

Charged with felony theft, the two men, depending on criminal history and if convicted, face five to 17 months in prison and a fine up to

\$100,000.

According to Colby City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, city policy requires workers to remove keys from all vehicles when not in use.

She said the worker involved in not taking the keys out of the pickup had been working late and failed to remove the keys. Due to laws protecting the rights of personnel, Armstrong did not disclose the employee's name and punishment. "City policy has been reinforced," Armstrong said.

Besides the theft charge, Mardock and Runnalls have been charged with one count of obstruction of official duty for fleeing from an officer who was trying to arrest them. A Class A nonperson misde-

meanor, this charge is punishable by one year in the county jail and a fine of \$2,500.

Both men are charged with one count of minor in possession for having alcohol and being under age 21. A Class C misdemeanor, if convicted of the charge they face one month in the county jail and a fine of \$500.

Mardock is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol for a second time. A Class A nonperson misdemeanor, if convicted he faces one year in the county jail and a fine up to \$2,500 for this single count of which Runnalls was not charged.

Mardock and Runnalls each were released on a \$50,000 bond. Runnalls is being supervised by court services.

Former Colby student  
graduates basic training

Air Force Airman Jeff D. Bricker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, orga-

nization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Dennis Bricker of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and nephew of Amy Davis of Colby.



J. Bricker

## For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.

**Colby Police Department**  
**Monday, Nov. 20**

• **Suspicious incident:** An individual advised police at 1:54 a.m. of someone tapping on a bedroom window in the 100 block of East Walnut.

• **Recovered property:** A wallet found at Villa High Park was brought to the law enforcement center at 8:19 a.m.

• **Neighbor dispute:** An individual went to the law enforcement center at 9:08 a.m. about a fight with a neighbor. The person told police the argument happened Sunday at 7 a.m.

• **Lost/mislaid property:** A lost

cell phone was reported at 11 a.m. The phone was lost in October in the 1000 block of West Seventh.

**Thomas County Sheriff**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

• **DWS:** Shannon Alonzo Oats, 37, of Anthony, NM, was arrested at 4:46 p.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office on U.S. Highway 24. Charges pending included driving while suspended and no proof of insurance.

• **Disorderly:** James Lee Huff, 42, of Colby, was arrested at 3:40 p.m. by the Colby police in the 400 block of North Franklin. The charge pending was disorderly conduct.

• **Furnishing to a minor:** Wyatt Howard Green, 20, and Jacob Randell Stephens, 21, both of Colby, were arrested at 11:30 p.m. by Colby police in the 600 block of West Seventh Street. The charge pending was furnishing to a minor.

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

• **Disorderly:** Rene Junior Rodriguez, Jr., 21, of Monument, was

arrested at 2 a.m. by Colby police in the 800 block of Cherokee Drive. The charge pending was domestic disorderly conduct.

• **Failure to appear:** Melissa Ann Byerly, 36, of Oakley, was arrested at 1:55 p.m. by Thomas County Sheriff's deputy in the 300 block of County Road 36, Oakley. The charge pending was failure to appear in Thomas County on a contempt citation.

**Friday, Nov. 17**

• **Battery:** Kenneth Roland Weber, 27, of Colby, was arrested at 1:19 p.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office at the Menlo Bar. The charge pending was battery.

• **DUI:** Melody Jo Kuncirs, 40, of Norton, was arrested by the Kansas Highway Patrol at 12:20 p.m. on U.S. Highway 24.

The charge pending was driving under the influence.

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

• **Sale of marijuana, more:** Eddie Duane Mainus, 24, of Colby was arrested at 11:47 p.m. by the

Quad County Task Force in the 500 block of South Cherokee. The charges pending included sale of marijuana; possession of marijuana with intent to sell; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Faced with a Drinking Problem?**  
 Perhaps  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help**  
 Meetings are Open to the Public  
 City Hall Basement  
 Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

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