

## Bookings

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Keith Scott Kuder, 24, Colby, Nov. 6, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Department, released the same day on supervised probation.
- Tanner Lee Wallace, 22, Cimarron, Okla., Nov. 8, driving under the influence, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Nov. 9 on notice to appear.
- Tyson Wade Berens, 25, Colby, Nov. 13, domestic battery, Colby Police Department, released Nov. 14 on notice to appear.
- Patrick Michael Backus, 26, Colby Nov. 15, battery, Colby Police Department, released Nov. 19 on supervised bond.
- Roy Sherman Ballew, 50, Colby, Nov. 18, failure to appear, Russell County Sheriff Office, released same day on cash/surety bond.
- Kari Anne McDowall, 28, Colby, Nov. 18, failure to appear/citation in contempt, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Cody Samuel Lilly, 23, Colby, Nov. 19, failure to pay/contribut-

ing to a child's misconduct, Colby Police Department, released same day on bond.

- Ronald Lee Page, 63, Colby, Nov. 20, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released Nov. 21 on notice to appear.
- Eric Levi Pitcher, 23, Goodland, Nov. 21, driving under the influence, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Nov. 22 on notice to appear.
- Kelly Ryan Zweygardt, 26, Nov. 21, driving while suspended, Colby Police Department, released Nov. 22 on notice to appear.
- Neftali Trujillo Castro, 26, Nov. 22, possession of marijuana, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.
- Antonio Avila Gracia, 21, Nov. 22, possession of marijuana, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.
- Andrea Nicole Medina, Nov. 22, possession of marijuana, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.
- Israel Perez Ocana, 31, Nov. 22, possession of marijuana, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.

## Colby Comets 4-H Club

New members were welcomed into the Colby Comets 4-H club on Nov. 17. Newly installed officers are President Rachel Juenemann, Vice President Kaylee Keck, Secretary Andrea Dizmang, Parliamentarian Olivia Wetter, Treasurer Madisyn Haggard, Reporter Ariel Severson, Council Representative Dustin Reed, Song Leaders Trinity Pfeifer, Karissa Singer and Madison Zimmerman,

and Recreation Leaders, Aaron Dizmang, Seth Hutfles and Evan Olsen. Julia Hutfles, Kyle Finley and Juenemann gave project talks. Haggard and Severson gave demonstrations. The club will meet to go caroling on at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, with the Christmas party to follow.

— Ariel Severson

## Holdings must be reported

Ross Sloan, Thomas County executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, says that foreign investors who buy, sell or hold any interest in agricultural land in the United States are required under the Agricultural Foreign In-

vestment Disclosure Act to report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. secretary of agriculture. For details, stop by the county office at 915 E. Walnut in Colby, or call (785) 462-7671.

## Unique gifts at open house

The Kansas Originals Market Gallery is kicking off the holiday season with a Christmas open house from noon to 3 p. m. on Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Wilson exit on I-70. One of the artists, Michelle Weigel, specializes in ceramic Christmas ornaments, bells and teacup bird feeders. Others who will be present are authors Angela

Bates and Carolyn Hall, harpist Rojean Loucks, and crafters Paul and Mary Roper. Troy Thompson of T & T Food Service will have available a sampling of his line of condiments and artist Mary Moore McKown will be showing her paintings. Customers can shop on-line at kansasoriginals.com.

## Public Notices

### Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2008 Budget

The governing body of Colby Recreation Commission will meet on the 8th day of December, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building, 285 East 5th, Colby, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the Colby Community Building Office and will be available at this hearing.

## Public Notices

### Summary of Amendments

Fund	2008 Adopted Budget			2008 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
General			223,946	268,946
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0
0			0	0

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## Matthew Michial Grove

(April 29, 1987 - November 21, 2008)  
Matthew Michial Grove was born April 29, 1987, in Colby, Kansas. He attended Colby schools and graduated with the 2006 class. He passed away November 21, 2008, at the Jewell County Hospital, Mankato, Kansas, at the age of 21. During high school Matt was active in football and was a pole vaulter in track. After graduation, Matt was employed at Red River Commodities, Inc. of Colby, as a mill operator. His favorite food was spaghetti. He enjoyed fishing and camping, and spending time on his 4-wheeler. He spent time staying in touch with friends, with e-mail and text messages. Matt kept his family in a special place in his heart. He always had time for family, especially his three nephews. During his illness, Matt was strong and never complained about being ill. His courage was the beacon that helped his family deal with the everyday challenges of cancer. Survivors include his parents, Mike and Debbie of Mankato; sister, Kelly Senner and husband, Tracy of Concordia, Kansas; brother, Sam of Wichita; three nephews: Carson, Aidan, and Ryan Senner of Concordia; and grandmother, Marlene Grove of El Dorado, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Darrell and Margie Bartlett and Jack Grove.

A celebration of life services was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at the Harmony United Methodist Church, Mankato, Kansas, with Pastors Tessa Zehring, and Stan Seymour, officiating. Mr. Lyle Dauner was the pianist, organist, Rosalie Menhusen. Casket bearers were: Sam Langdon, Chris Haefner, Tyson Plumisto, Brandon Helus, Cale Farber, and Adam Cope. Honorary casket bearers were: Shea McKee, Connor Moses, Corry Reed, Jada Koenig, Levi Grove, Jason Grove, and Jacob Cope. Interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Mankato, Kansas. "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes by Aaron Turner. The family request memorials to: Matthew Michial Grove Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Melby Mortuary, Mankato, Kansas, was in charge of arrangements.



## Public Notices

Comparison of Levies				
DISTRICT	Valuation	2007 Levy	2008 Levy	Change
State	81,019,019	1.500	1.500	Err:522
County	81,019,019	34.685	34.523	Err:522
<b>CITIES</b>				
Brewster	2,485,590	41.794	43.373	1.579
Colby	36,773,280	32.755	32.564	-0.191
Gem	313,182	14.718	15.019	0.301
Menlo	290,787	13.123	14.083	0.960
Oakley	151,205	76.929	78.953	2.024
Rexford	693,452	35.005	34.607	-0.398
<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>				
Barrett	2,328,191	20.944	22.417	1.473
East Hale	1,617,061	15.854	21.391	5.537
West Hale	1,446,399	11.600	12.075	0.475
Kingery	3,101,809	16.853	19.383	2.530
Lacey	1,109,721	20.044	18.700	-1.344
Menlo	1,813,240	20.300	23.853	3.553
Morgan	8,793,813	12.533	12.187	-0.346
North Randall	3,824,665	15.660	15.795	0.135
South Randall	6,066,363	12.124	12.069	-0.055
Rovohl	2,694,958	17.530	17.569	0.039
Smith	1,682,962	11.897	13.601	1.704
Summers	4,435,394	17.405	18.563	1.158
Wendell	1,396,947	25.830	29.929	4.099
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>				
USD 274-General	8,012,046	20.000	20.000	0.000
USD 274-USD Gen	7,755,229	18.614	21.618	3.004
USD 275-General	1,655,527	20.000	20.000	0.000
USD 275-USD Gen	1,613,681	22.309	23.789	1.480
USD 291-General	640,576	20.000	20.000	0.000
USD 291-USD Gen	615,533	11.508	9.816	-1.692
USD 314-General	7,591,982	20.000	20.000	0.000
USD 314-USD Gen	7,080,367	22.252	27.337	5.085
USD 315-General	58,026,618	20.000	20.000	0.000
USD 315-USD Gen	52,607,885	26.657	27.985	1.328
USD 316-General	5,092,270	20.000	20.000	0.000
USD 316-USD Gen	4,717,039	16.521	17.721	1.200
C.C.C.	81,019,019	33.400	33.275	-0.125
<b>CEMETERY DISTRICTS</b>				
Colby Cemetery	56,968,245	1.598	1.953	0.355
Gem Cemetery	2,253,872	0.857	1.171	0.314
Fairview Cemetery	2,104,027	2.253	2.353	0.100
Rexford Cemetery	2,942,392	0.828	2.988	2.160
<b>FIRE DISTRICTS</b>				
Rural Fire Dist. #1	9,298,434	2.557	2.215	-0.342
Rural Fire Dist. #3	22,658,958	1.946	1.980	0.034
Rural Fire Dist. #4	3,773,361	1.406	1.532	0.126
Rural Fire Dist. #5	3,676,880	1.539	1.737	0.198
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
NWKL Library	44,094,534	0.942	0.975	0.033
<b>RECREATION DISTRICTS</b>				
City of Colby	36,773,280	2.999	3.008	0.009

CITIES	General 12-101a	Special Fire Equipment	Library	Rec.	Nox. Weed	Special Fire/Police	Special Liability	Employee Benefit	Bond & Interest	Economic Development	Street Lighting	Sub-Total City Levy	Twp. Gen. Levy	Total City Levy
Brewster	28.326	2.671						3.429	6.772			41.198	2.175	43.373
Colby	10.239		5.014	3.008	0.156	0.655	0.385	6.848	4.759	1.500		32.564		32.564
Gem	8.347										4.617	12.964	2.06	15.019
Menlo	11.648											11.648	2.44	14.083
Oakley	66.686		11.000						0.669			78.355	0.6	78.953
Rexford	32.107											32.107	2.500	34.611

I, Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk of Thomas County, Kansas, hereby certify the foregoing are the legal levies of Thomas County for the year 2008 as shown by the records on file in my office.  
Shelly A. Harms, Thomas County Clerk

### 2008 LEVIES BY TOWNSHIPS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CITIES

WENDELL TOWNSHIP			
010	\$150.890	USD #315, Gem Cemetery, Fire #4	
011	\$142.443	USD #316, Rexford Cemetery, Fire #4	
012	\$140.626	USD #316, Gem Cemetery, Fire #4	

ROVOHL TOWNSHIP			
020	\$139.760	USD #315, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	

BARRETT TOWNSHIP			
030	\$141.764	USD #314, Fire #5	
031	\$144.608	USD #315, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
032	\$143.960	USD #314, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	

WEST HALE TOWNSHIP			
040	\$131.422	USD #314, Fire #5	

EAST HALE TOWNSHIP			
050	\$143.582	USD #315, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
051	\$142.934	USD #314, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	

MORGAN TOWNSHIP			
060	\$134.378	USD #315, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
061	\$133.730	USD #314, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	

LACEY TOWNSHIP			
071	\$129.845	USD #316, Gem Cemetery, Fire #3	
072	\$140.109	USD #315, Gem Cemetery, Fire #3	

SMITH TOWNSHIP			
080	\$126.115	USD #316, Rexford Cemetery, Fire #4	

MENLO TOWNSHIP			
090	\$134.200	USD #316, Fairview Cemetery	
091	\$126.295	USD #291, Fairview Cemetery	
092	\$138.097	USD #274, Fairview Cemetery	
093	\$144.464	USD #315, Fairview Cemetery	

NORTH RANDALL TOWNSHIP			
100	\$137.986	USD #315, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
101	\$131.619	USD #274, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
102	\$136.033	USD #315, Fire #3	
103	\$129.666	USD #274, Fire #3	
104	\$125.769	USD #316, Fire #3	
105	\$127.722	USD #316, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
106	\$129.901	USD #274, Fire #1	

SUMMERS TOWNSHIP			
112	\$130.454	USD #274	
113	\$132.669	USD #274, Fire #1	
114	\$134.387	USD #274, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	
115	\$132.434	USD #274, Fire #3	
116	\$134.622	USD #274, Colby Cemetery, Fire #1	
120	\$132.625	USD #275	
121	\$134.840	USD #275, Fire #1	
122	\$134.605	USD #275, Fire #3	
123	\$136.821	USD #315	
124	\$138.774	USD #315, Colby Cemetery	
125	\$138.801	USD #315, Fire #3	
126	\$140.754	USD #315, Colby Cemetery, Fire #3	

The 1997 Legislative session approved Senate Bill #41 which provided an exemption of \$20,000 appraised value or \$2,300 of assessed value for the USD General Fund levied against all residential properties. Your tax statement reflects the reduction if you have a residence on the property

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## Public Notices

2008 Thomas County Tax Levies		
Valuation of Thomas County is: 81,019,019		
Levies shown are taxes per \$1000 valuation		
<b>STATE LEVIES</b>	<b>K.S.A.</b>	<b>Levy</b>
State General		
Education Building	76-6b01	1.000
State Institutions Bldg.	76-6b04	0.500
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.500</b>

COUNTY LEVIES		
General	79-1946	7.862
Road & Bridge	79-1946	8.479
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.930
Employee Benefit	12-15, 102	6.980
Ambulance	65-6113	0.052
Svc Program for Elderly	12-1680	0.768
Direct Election	25-2201a	0.316
Historical Society	19-2651	0.885
Extension Council	2-610	1.428
Free Fair	2-132	0.775
Mental Health	19-4011	0.486
Mental Retardation	19-4011	0.891
Sanitary Landfill	65-204	1.718
County Health	65-204	2.010
Building Maintenance	19-15, 116	0.943
<b>Total</b>		<b>34.523</b>

NWKL LIBRARY		
General	76-6b01	0.921
Employee Ben.		0.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.975</b>

SCHOOL DISTRICTS	General 72-6431	Cap. Outlay 72-8801	Bond & Int. 10-113	Recreation 19-1927	Supp Gen 72-6433	Total
USD 274	20.000	3.994		1.748	15.88	41.618
USD 275	20.000	4.000		0.07	19.72	43.789
USD 291	20.000	4.000			5.82	29.816
USD 314	20.000	5.000		1.023	21.31	47.337
USD 315	20.000		6.445		21.540	47.985
USD 316	20.000	4.000	3.566		10.155	37.721