

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
 2:48 a.m. – Damage to stop sign on Pine and Franklin.
 8:37 a.m. – Lots south of 595 Kings Court torn up overnight by unknown vehicle. Spoke to reporting party and suspect; no report.
 10:19 a.m. – Third-party report of a dog bite at 555 E. Summit. Spoke to subjects; no report.
 1:14 p.m. – Theft of money at 1150 W. Sixth. Spoke to reporting party; no report wanted.
 1:25 p.m. – Child abuse report.
 3:22 p.m. – Piece of drive shaft in roadway in the 200 block of W. Fourth not found.
 4:22 p.m. – Young child alone down under bridge at Pine, just west of Franklin not found.
 7:02 p.m. – Subject came to station about earlier dog incident at 555 E. Summit.
 7:49 p.m. – Welfare check. Subject has moved temporarily.
 8:38 p.m. – Stolen cell phone at 440 Arrowhead. Report filed; item returned to owner.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Thursday
 8:24 a.m. – Subjects who were towed out of ditch acting strangely. Not found.
 9:02 a.m. – Oakley police reported transient wanting ride from Mittens to Colby. Not found.
 9:12 a.m. – All OK regarding two semis stuck in mud in the

2500 block of County Rd. K; had help coming.
 10 a.m. – Cattle in wheat field in the 1700 block of County Rd. AA. Well off roadway; not found.
 10:37 a.m. – Possible phone scam call received. Information provided.
 12:37 p.m. – Bad check warrant served on Jacqueline Dovie Shandy.
 12:57 p.m. – Bad check warrant served on Michael Ernest Plumisto.
 1:59 p.m. – Bad check warrant served on Dawnelle Lynnetta Umberger.
 2:09 p.m. – Cow loose at K-25 mile 201. Chased into pasture away from roadway; all OK.
 2:25 p.m. – Bad check warrant served on Ty Layne Koon.
 3:34 p.m. – Sheridan County arrest warrant served on Jason Scott Force.
 4:43 p.m. – Cattle out at mile 200 K-25. Contacted owner; cattle back in.
 6:50 p.m. – Vehicle purchased emitting suspicious smell from engine compartment. Traces of illegal substance found; advised to wash out.
 8:15 p.m. – Missing cattle possibly a few miles north of Colby. No disposition.
 8:57 p.m. – Possible gunshot fired at 517 Main, Brewster. Sheriff advised not found.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met at 10 a.m. May 11, at the United Methodist Church. They worked on individual projects and then ate lunch together at Pizza Hut.
 The members returned at 1 p.m. to hear Mike Baughn, a representative of the Thomas County 125th anniversary committee, talk about the upcoming celebration. He shared about the history of the county and invited the club to attend planning meetings at 5 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Prairie Museum. The main celebration will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Community Building.
 Baughn said the committee plans to have a float in the fair parade and needs volunteers to help. He encouraged everyone to attend the Chautauquay programs at the museum Wednesday to Sunday, June 2 to 6.
 Hostess Bev Kern served refreshments.
 Tom Peyton, program chairman for the day, presented a program on construction of paintings and how to make them more pleasing to viewers. He demonstrated various ways to organize a painting.
 President Marlene Carpenter called the business meeting to order. Secretary Marj Brown passed around information on workshops in the area and Kern told about one being held by the Palco Art Club. Carpenter was asked by the Elks Training Center for the Handicapped for items they could sell at a craft sale to make money for the organization.

Kern, Ruth Hughes and Peyton entered paintings in the Oberlin ArtFest show. Peyton received second place on two paintings and Kern and Hughes both received a Juror's Merit Award on their paintings.
 Brown discussed the club's show to be June 17 to 20 at the Northwest Kansas Art Gallery in the Frahm Theater at the college. All members are bring their paintings to the gallery at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, and help hang them for the show.
 Paintings should be picked up at 1 p.m., Monday, June 21, and members should help clean up the room. Margaret Denneler and Hughes agreed to make a poster for the front door of the theater, and Brown will make several on her computer to hang around town.
 The club will also have a show at the Colby United Methodist Church during the United Methodist Women's Christmas Homes Tour in December.
 Carpenter reported that Elaine Ptachek has not made a decision on the mural. Members voted to donate \$20 to the museum in honor of deceased member Merry Lewis.
 Fritz Ostmeyer will host the June 8 meeting at 10 a.m. at her home, 1445 W. Fifth St. She asked everyone to bring a sack lunch and a drawing pad and pencils. Drinks will be furnished. The club will be doing black-and-white drawings. All area artists are invited.
 – Marj Brown

Card game decides Nebraska sheriff's race

BRIDGEPORT, Neb. (AP) — A deck of cards and a bit of luck helped decide the who will likely be the next sheriff of Morrill County.
 The nine of hearts Milo Cardenas drew last Monday beat Travis Petersen's six of spades, giving Cardenas the Republican nomination for sheriff. Since no Democrats ran, Cardenas, the police chief in Bridgeport, looks like a winner in November's election.
 "I knew it was going to be close, but I didn't expect to be this close," Cardenas said.
 The two men agreed to cut a deck of cards

after Monday's recount confirmed that both finished at the top of a four-man race with 379 votes after balloting ended last Tuesday. State law requires tied elections to be settled by chance.
 "People wanted to revote and do a lot of things, but unfortunately, Nebraska law is very clear," said Morrill County Clerk Kathy Brandt.
 Cardenas said deciding the race with a card game seemed a little crazy, but also seemed like the best option.
 "I felt more comfortable with the deck of

cards," he said. "That way you pick your own destiny," Cardenas said.
 Brandt shuffled the cards seven times and spread them out on a table before the candidates drew simultaneously.
 Brandt said none of the candidates who lost in the primary is allowed to run in the general election.
 "For all those people that didn't vote, they should realize that one vote does make a difference," the clerk added.

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