

**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE**

**Friday**  
 4:34 a.m. – Water spraying in the air at Farmers and Merchants. Sprinkler broke.  
 10:30 a.m. – Funeral block.  
 1:24 p.m. – Spoke to subject at Range and Third about missing dog.  
 1:46 p.m. – Juveniles on skate boards at Franklin and Hill, not found.  
 2:28 p.m. – City employee flagged down, advised of accident behind Someplace Special.  
 3:48 p.m. – Opossum in window well at 1060 Maize Road.  
 3:50 p.m. – Assistant manager at Walmart reported shoplifter caught. Report filed.  
 5:36 p.m. – Subject called about case at 3:50 p.m. wanting to know what options he has. Provided information.  
 8:39 p.m. – Fireworks complaint: loud boom heard west of the 100 block of S. Garfield. Spoke to subjects at 165 S. Grant.  
 9:05 p.m. – Four to six juveniles wading in creek in the 900 block of Brookside Drive. Spoke to subjects and parents.  
 9:22 p.m. – Suspicious male subject walking back and forth between Days Inn, Motel 6 and Colby Cinema in the 1900 block of S. Range. All OK.

**Saturday**  
 12:04 a.m. – Secured gate at Roofmasters.  
 7:28 a.m. – Theft from vehicle at 1240 W. Fifth.  
 5:28 p.m. – Caller reported receiving harassing text messages from suspect and a family member. Spoke to both subjects.  
 6:07 p.m. – Caller reported female bothering her ex-husband outside Twister's. Spoke to subjects; no report.  
 10:06 p.m. – Clerk at Subway reported white car circling parking lot; now at 24/7 Store. Not found.  
 10:46 p.m. – Walk through at TNT-Jones Auction.

**Sunday**  
 12:06 a.m. – Helped motorist change a tire at Colby Lumber.  
 2:58 a.m. – Items out in street on Hill by Plains with three subjects taking pictures. Items removed from street, unable to locate subjects.  
 3:55 a.m. – Transported subject for sheriff's office from Van's to Budget Inn.  
 5:57 a.m. – Barking dog at 560 W. Sixth. Unable to locate.  
 12:03 p.m. – 911 report of three subjects and a vehicle by an anhydrous tank at I-70 exit 54. It was a propane tank and all OK; subjects taking a break from driving.  
 2:25 p.m. – Call that a dog jumped back fence and wouldn't leave at 960 E. Ninth. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.  
 7:40 p.m. – Hit and run accident: caller witnessed a semi back into friend's car at Willow and Country Club Drive; followed semi which went on westbound I-70. Victim's vehicle not found, no report.  
 11:21 p.m. – National Crime Information Center hit: report on stolen vehicle out of Rice County. Wagons towed vehicle.  
 11:25 p.m. – National Crime Information Center hit: report filed on wanted person out of Hutchinson Correction.

**Monday**  
 4:56 a.m. – Report of McDonalds crew blocking the driveway at 24/7. Spoke with management who was to inform other shifts.  
 8:11 a.m. – Radio stolen from vehicle while parked overnight at 1160 W. Third.  
 1:09 p.m. – Credit card number stolen. No actual theft occurred, since transaction was stopped; no report at this time.  
 1:44 p.m. – Boom truck parked illegally in the 400 block of N. Walker. Tow away notice posted.  
 4:24 p.m. – Child left alone in vehicle while running at Maurice's.  
 5:16 p.m. – Narcotics violation incident at Colby House.

6:46 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Jesse Pollard.  
 9:57 p.m. – Vehicle damaged siding on Crown Inn.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Friday**  
 10:30 a.m. – Funeral block for Harrison Chapel.  
 1:53 p.m. – 911 hangup from Jokers in Rexford. Police contacted business, children playing on phone.  
 3:15 p.m. – Third-party report of cattle out on roadway in the 800 block of County Rd. Z. Contacted owner.  
 6 p.m. – Cattle on roadway in the 800 block of Old U.S. 24. Police contacted owner. Not found.  
 7 p.m. – Overheard Hays State Patrol dispatcher advise Sherman County troopers of an erratic driver westbound on I-70 from Colby. Not found.  
 7:25 p.m. – Removed tire debris from roadway at eastbound I-70 mile 51.  
 7:26 p.m. – Dropped combine head in roadway in the 2900 block of County Rd. R. All OK; subject moving it.  
 10:41 p.m. – Hays State Police officer advised of hitchhiker at westbound I-70 mile 55 on shoulder. Provided ride for subject to Bosselman's; had truck break down east of town.

**Saturday**  
 2:47 a.m. – Driving under the influence report on incident at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 11.  
 8:54 a.m. – Vehicle hit deer on U.S. 24 two miles west of Colby.  
 12:26 p.m. – Child in need of care report on injury accident on private property last evening in the vicinity of the 300 block of County Rd. F.  
 3:57 p.m. – Semi driving erratically on westbound I-70 at mile 58. All OK at traffic stop on westbound I-70 at mile 35.  
 5:51 p.m. – Tandem truck full of wheat overturned approximately two miles north of Levant on

County Rd 11. Report filed.  
 10:02 p.m. – Stalled pickup on westbound I-70 at mile 65. At 10:06 p.m. reporting party advised the truck was running again.  
 10:16 p.m. – Cow in ditch just off County Rd. 27 near County Rd. W chased back into pasture.

**Sunday**  
 2:10 a.m. – Subject came to the Law Enforcement Center reporting that he was receiving suicidal messages from subject. Unable to contact anyone.  
 2:30 a.m. – Numerous calls that vehicle rolled over laying in the westbound lane of traffic at mile 45 on I-70. Report filed.  
 9:32 a.m. – Assisted motorist at I-70 mile 63 eastbound.  
 10:09 a.m. – Raymond Nundz reported burglary and criminal damage to property at 515 Main, Rexford. Report filed.  
 12:03 p.m. – Assisted Colby police at I-70 exit 54.  
 2 p.m. – Truck took out a large chunk of asphalt on K-25 at County Rd. F. Provided traffic control. Kansas Department of Transportation notified.  
 6:44 p.m. – Two subjects on motorcycles driving erratically southbound on U.S. 83 at County Rd. Y. All OK; followed from U.S. 24/U.S. 83 junction to Colby.  
 8:28 p.m. – Removed debris from roadway on southbound U.S. 83 at County Rd. 32.  
 9:23 p.m. – Four calves in roadway in the 2300 block of County Rd. Q. Police contacted owner. Not found.  
 11:21 p.m. – Assisted police units with wanted subject and stolen vehicle at 170 W. Fourth.

**Monday**  
 3:20 a.m. – Call wanting a welfare check on son who's in Nebraska. Spoke to subject, information provided.  
 11:20 a.m. – Credit card used illegally in Brewster.  
 8:13 p.m. – Theft at U.S. 83 and County Rd. X.

**Kansans nominate outstanding trees**

Long ago, landmark Kansas trees guided Plains Indians, then the U.S. Army, traders and pioneers to their destinations. So, the fact that big trees can be a magnet in the Plains state today is no real surprise.

One difference, however, is that Kansans now can nominate the outstanding ones for the official Kansas Champion Trees list, maintained by the Kansas Forest Service. Foresters measure each nominee's height, trunk circumference and crown spread. Only the largest example of a species – native or introduced – can make the list.

Links to the nomination form and a record of the current champs' size and location are posted online at [www.kansasforests.org/community/champion/index.shtml](http://www.kansasforests.org/community/champion/index.shtml).

**Enjoy the garden, but be on the lookout**

It's that time of year when gardens are flourishing, but in addition to enjoying flowers and vegetables, gardeners should carefully inspect their plants each day.

"Look the plants over to make sure that they look healthy," advised Kansas State University horticulturalist Rebecca McMahon. "When you're looking for insect problems, you'll want to get in close and look at the leaves. Remember to get down and look at the bottom of the plant, because insects may start near the bottom and work their way up."

McMahon encouraged gardeners to check both sides of the leaves if they find holes. "Often-

**Inmate playing role gets lost**

CAPSHAW, Ala. (AP) — The Limestone Correction Facility in Alabama might want to start handing out GPS devices with its prison-issued jumpsuits.

Officials there say an inmate playing a fugitive during a dog training exercise vanished into the woods Thursday.

Warden Dorothy Goode says 37-year-old David Hopkins was helping out the canine unit by playing an escapee but never showed up for head count.

A "be on the lookout" warning went out and Hopkins was found within about an hour. Goode says he got lost and was not trying to escape. He's serving a life sentence for theft.

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