

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Saturday
 3:52 p.m. – Report of possible harassing cell phone calls. Spoke to reporting party; just hang-ups.
 4:56 p.m. – Assisted fire department on accidental fire alarm.
 10:28 p.m. – Request for civil standby Sunday morning. Provided information.

Sunday
 12:39 a.m. – Security check at the B-Hive.
 2:53 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.

10 a.m. – Joe Louis Garcia arrested on warrant.
 12:23 p.m. – Subject abandoned without any belongings at Bosselman's. Report filed.
 1:37 p.m. – Trailer blocking alleyway at 745 N. Martin. Made contact with owner, agreed to move trailer.

3:10 p.m. – Subject reported 3-year-old son missing, last seen 20-30 minutes earlier. At 3:12, reporting party found child playing.
 4 p.m. – Driving under the influence: woman in pickup driving all over roadway northbound in the 200 block of S. Range, then westbound on Fourth. Report filed on traffic stop in the 400 block of Smith Drive.

5:46 p.m. – Vehicle possibly broke down in the 100 block of West Pine. All OK; owner there getting it moved.

6 p.m. – Subject reported her dog was bit by another dog while out walking in the 1100 block of Summer Sun. Report filed.

9:20 p.m. – Barking dog complaint to the west or south of 240 N. Court. Not found.

Monday
 1:12 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.

1:41 a.m. – Subject reported possibly finding drugs in a dorm room at the college. Report filed for narcotics violation.

8:33 a.m. – Puppy seen running loose approximately 15-20 minutes earlier in vicinity of Franklin and Cherry. Not found.

10:24 a.m. – Criminal damage to vehicle parked at 700 S. Franklin.

12:57 p.m. – Bag with a handgun inside left in a room at Quality Inn. Report filed.

2:11 p.m. – Subject needed officer for landlord-tenant dispute. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.

2:52 p.m. – Principal at Sacred Heart School reported dog on playground. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

6:50 p.m. – Animal complaint turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

10:09 p.m. – Noise complaint at Julia Apartment No. 6. Spoke with subjects.

Tuesday

6:26 a.m. – Barking dog in the 400 block of Convesse.

8:25 a.m. – Barking dog in the 300 block of W. Third. Spoke to reporting party on phone, dog owner not found. Message left to call Law Enforcement Center.

9:58 a.m. – Protection from abuse violation: subject reported daughter having problem. Report filed.

10:52 a.m. – Dog at large 100 block S. Garfield not found.

11:44 a.m. – Clerk reported subject took grocery cart from Dillons southbound on access road. Made contact, subject took cart back.

12:14 p.m. – Assisted subject on Court Terrace.

1:17 p.m. – Clerk received counterfeit \$20. Report filed.

2:41 p.m. – Dog at large in the 1100 block of Summer Sun. Returned to owner, notice to appear issued.

4:57 p.m. – Young juveniles at Fike Park without an adult. Adults were sitting in car watching.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Saturday
 2:26 p.m. – Subject needed help changing tire on eastbound I-70 at mile 52.

5:02 p.m. – Deputy flagged over at Love's with landlord-tenant problem. Civil matter.

5:11 p.m. – Subjects came to station about case at 6:26 p.m. Friday; wanted further information.

7:07 p.m. – Two calls reporting a cow and calf in south ditch in the 2900 block of U.S. 24. Police contacted owner.

7:42 p.m. – Sheridan County Sheriff's Office advised of a 911 report of 20-25 head of cattle out in the 1800 block of U.S. 83. Contacted owner.

11:58 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.

Sunday

12:39 a.m. – Security check at the B-Hive.

2:22 a.m. – Report of receiving harassing text messages in Levant. Left voice mail.

4:54 p.m. – Report filed on criminal damage to property.

6:06 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol with noninjury accident between two semis on westbound I-70 mile 38.

7:06 p.m. – Pickup partly on road in the 1600 block of East College Drive. Not found.

7:35 p.m. – Escort for subject with rear taillight problems from eastbound I-70 mile 51 to Colby.

Monday

7:41 a.m. – Injured deer in roadway in the 1200 block of N. Range was dead on arrival. Removed from roadway.

1:43 p.m. – Caller with question about driving a vehicle without a title, but with bill of sale. Provided information.

Tuesday

Only vehicle identification number inspections, serving civil process papers and jail care recorded.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Freshman Christy Shinogle from Plains dried one of the dogs that was groomed during the "Pet Wash" by veterinary technology students on Oct. 9 at Colby Community College.

Vet Tech event not a washout at all

A Pet Wash by freshmen members of the Student Veterinary Technician Association on Oct. 9 at Colby Community College earned about \$500 to help members of the group to attend seminars, bring speakers to campus and travel to events.

They groomed 41 dogs and one cat at the event.

The program, said to be the first in the United States, is based on American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines and approved by the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association. It was examined in September 1974 and accredited in December of that year.

The program includes director Dr. Jennifer Martin, Dr. Cathy McMulkin and registered veterinary technician Sadie Kenney. Students must take a licensing exam following graduation. All of the 2010 graduates passed this year's test, the college says.

Kansas trees have varied zones

MANHATTAN – One reason Kansas has nine official and diverse types of forest is that the eastern third of the state is an ecotone – the name that ecologists give to a zone of gradual transition.

Looked at from its shared border with Missouri, eastern Kansas

marks the end of the forests that basically extend from the East Coast to the nation's central states. Looked at from Colorado's border, central and western Kansas are the beginning of the Great Plains.

Source: Kansas Forest Service, K-State Extension

Pests attack branch tips of oak trees

Every year, some oak trees develop dead branch tips. Often, however, a closer look reveals the branches also have little light-brown, lumpy bumps of Kermis scale.

"This gall-like insect may lead to a shortening in shoot growth. In some instances, it can be responsible for oak trees' dead branch tips, but it's not always the cause," warned Bob Bauernfeind, entomologist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

He recommends tree owners take these steps before deciding what's wrong:

1. Check whether an affected branch also has scales on its remaining live tissue. If so, see whether the scales look healthy, while those on the brown-leaved branch tip look dead (wrinkled, starved).

"Both factors are signs that Kermis scale isn't likely to be your culprit," Bauernfeind said. "Even if it is, though, K-State doesn't recommend spraying to control this insect."

2. See whether an actual "break point" (sideways crack) separates the live and dead branch tissues.

"That can be the work of a female beetle called the oak twig girdler," he said. "If so, all you can do is regard the browned tips as an aesthetic problem that won't have any major impact on the tree host."

3. Look for a definite "line of demarcation" between the colors of the living and dead branch sections. To double check, carefully scrape away the area's outer bark. Healthy inner bark is light green. Diseased inner bark is dark-brown to black – and may have lengthwise cracks.

"These are signs of a fungal disease. Trees infected with Botryosphaeria canker will exhibit wilting or flagging twigs throughout the canopy," Bauernfeind said. "But, the damage the disease causes won't merit your spraying. You can remove the dead twigs from small trees; otherwise, don't bother."

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Sept. 20 to Oct. 18

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- Thursday, Heartland Christian Schools Inc. to Edward G. and Kathryn Currier; .31-acre tract of Block 4, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.
- Thursday, Heartland Christian Schools Inc. to Steven E. and Marilyn L. Friesen; .20-acre tract of Block 4, Colby Lunsway Sub-

division.

• Thursday, Heartland Christian Schools Inc. to Michael J. and Cindy M. Hake; .25-acre tract of Block 4, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

• Thursday, Heartland Christian Schools Inc. to Chad A. and Amanda J. Lanning; .15-acre tract of Block 4, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

• Thursday, Heartland Christian Schools Inc. to William D. and Deann K. Shields; .16-acre tract

of Block 4, Colby Lunsway Subdivision.

• Thursday, William E. and Karen G. Summers to Rosa Maria Moreno and Aida A. Mapula; Lots 2-3 and north 15' of Lot 6, Block 1, Original Colby.

• Thursday, Lonnie D. and Lori A. Wilson to CWC Enterprises LLC; SW/4 of Sec. 33, T7, R33.

• Friday, Dan D. and Kristy L. Moser to Rory S. and Lacey A. Henry; north 70' of Lot 13, Colby Villa Vista Addition.

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