

# Colby gearing up for the Holidays

After Halloween, we all look forward to the holiday season.

First, let us briefly review October. Thanks to all for your participation in the many events held this past year for our 125th birthday celebration. We hope it was a memorable year for all.

We just returned from Kansas City where the Travel Industry Association of Kansas annual tourism conference was held. The speakers were interesting and informative and it is important to hear the Travel and Tourism Division share their plans for the coming year. This is helpful in planning our marketing budget and shows to attend. While in Kansas City we also attended the association's board meeting, Kansas I-70 Association meeting, Community Travel Information Centers meeting and Tour Kansas meeting. It was a very intensive few days.

We hope you have noticed the new signs at the Colby Visitor Center.

We have a new hotel information sign with map to include our new hotels. The case that held that information before now has photos and a map of our attractions. The other side will be used for annual community events. We feel this will not only be helpful for visitors, but reminders for all of us living here as well.

Now for November. By the time you read this, we will already be working on the interior of Santa City. The theme this year is "White Christmas Dreams" and we have plans to put you into a winter wonderland. Santa City will open Friday, Nov. 26, which is the day after Thanksgiving. It will also be open Saturday



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### • On the Road Again!

and Sunday of that weekend from 1 to 5 p.m. each day.

Kansas Leadership Center is holding a leadership initiative summit Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 8 to 10, in Wichita. Colby will be represented by program facilitators Cindy Black and Leilani Thomas and Leadership Thomas County board members Sherry McDonald and Denise Stupka. Members plan to hone their skills and bring back new information for the Leadership Thomas County program.

We are also gearing up for the 2011 youth program. Letters have been sent to the principals and applications will be sent to the schools in November. We look forward to the youth program again to be held in January and February.

There are many sporting events scheduled for November. Colby Community College's Men's Basketball Western Sprinkler Classic will be Friday and Saturday at the community building. The college's Ambassador Classic Basketball Tourney is the next weekend with games at 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday for both men and women. The Fourth Annual 5K Turkey Trot, sponsored by the Colby Rec

Department, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, beginning at the community building. This is a predicted time race. The college's all-star volleyball game is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, at the community building.

Other special events which are not sports related, include the Wellness Fair which will be beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the college. Blood draws for the fair will be taken at the hospital the week prior to the Wellness Fair. A Women to Women Holiday Expo will be held at the community building Nov. 13. This begins at 10 a.m. featuring make-up, jewelry and fashions.

The Diplomats Ladies Luncheon is being held at noon Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Colby United Methodist Church. The theme this year is "Say Yes to the Dress." Paid reservations must be made by next Monday. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra has a concert scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Cultural Arts Center. The Colby High School Drama department will present their high school play in the high school auditorium at 7:30 on the 11th and 12th of November.

Obviously November is a very busy month. The highlight of the month of course will be Thanksgiving. As you gather with family and friends, please remember to give thanks for the abundance most of us have as Americans.

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## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Wednesday

1:37 a.m. – Report of water running at 275 N. Grant. Officer advised residents to contact a plumber, however it was found to be a water main break at Third and Garfield. Water department notified.

2:48 a.m. – Subject called 911, reported having a hard time with an intoxicated female by the B-Hive, wanting an officer.

7:10 a.m. – Late entry/deprivation of property; report filed on incident Sunday.

9:22 a.m. – Accident at Fourth and Country Club.

2:19 p.m. – Civil standby.

3:06 p.m. – Shoplifting from Walmart. Report filed.

7:20 p.m. – Advised subject of luggage hanging out of car door east on Horton.

7:52 p.m. – Landlord at Julia Apartments reported noise complaint in No. 6. Everything OK.

### Thursday

1:53 a.m. – Walk-through at Twisters.

4:09 a.m. – Landlord reported problem. Met; civil standby.

5:40 a.m. – Third-party report to officer of injured subject due to an accident. Contacted Citizens Medical Center, nothing found.

7:17 a.m. – Reset barricades knocked over at Fifth and Walker.

7:54 a.m. – Helped subject move stalled vehicle in the 700 block of West Third.

8:40 a.m. – Brought inmate from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.

9:20 a.m. – Report of suspicious incident. Information sent to local agencies; no report at this time.

10:31 a.m. – Brought three inmates from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.

10:45 a.m. – Subject came to station about hit and run accident yesterday at Walmart.

11:48 a.m. – Injury accident at

Fourth and Garfield. 12:01 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on accident above.

12:02 p.m. – Accident in drive through at Arby's.

2:53 p.m. – Five forgeries reported at 115 W. Willow.

3:32 p.m. – Subject reported giving property to another subject and not compensated. Information provided.

3:46 p.m. – Report of individual driving with child without proper restraint. Unable to locate.

4:56 p.m. – Hit and run accident during the day at 630 S. School.

7:54 p.m. – Report of subject trying to enter home. Residence secure, everything OK.

8:41 p.m. – Assisted motorists on S. Country Club just north of Willow. Subjects ran out of fuel; have help en route.

9:32 p.m. – Theft of belongings from room at Quality Inn.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday

8:40 a.m. – Irene Gleason arrested on warrant.

8:40 a.m. – Shirley Hoffman arrested on warrant.

9 a.m. – Report of possible violation of protection from abuse order from Arizona.

10:32 a.m. – Billy C. Brown arrested on warrant. In custody in Scott County.

11:16 a.m. – Jessy R. Newberry arrested on warrant.

11:16 a.m. – Neal D. Diemer arrested on warrant.

12:20 p.m. – Assisted Colby police on injury accident and driving while suspended at Fourth and Garfield.

4:04 p.m. – Report filed on found property.

4:27 p.m. – Assisted motorist at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 11.

8:02 p.m. – Joseph Abraham Coffman arrested on warrant.

8:44 p.m. – Security patrol at Rexford football field.

## Focus on time management this week

### Aries (March 21 – April 20)

With little down time, take responsibility for time management. Problems come from imbalance between home and professional lives. Some of your best ideas come when you're relaxed and not actively over thinking things.

### Taurus (April 21 – May 21)

Keep on your toes, with finances, relationships, work and career all vying for attention. Ditch "all or nothing" thinking. Keep communications and options open. Delegate and ask for help.

### Gemini (May 22 – June 21)

Your full attention could go to your personal life, but that's unlikely. Keep your schedule flexible enough to keep the spirit of adventure alive, with a chance to take a trip down memory lane.

### Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

In the past you learned balance between home and professional lives; now find a balance between work and play. This is the start of



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### • Weekly Horoscope

a busy period and the beginning of an active professional era that won't end until 2038. You can't put your personal life on hold. Find a balance between work and play.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** Focus on your home, despite all that's happening on the work, romantic and relationship fronts. New beginnings, second chances and communications leave no excuses. You're also busy at work, needing time management and boundaries.

### Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

You're on the brink of a turnaround for job and income. Tie up loose ends. If your job is impacting other areas of life, resolve things.

Home and family life call for balance you may have neglected.

**Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)** Clear the air. While it may feel argumentative to speak your mind, you're making up for lost time. Expect words and ideas to start flowing. In every situation communication is going to save the day.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

You're moving with a more confident attitude, professional instincts sharp and confidence high. Where you've not been getting what you deserve, your fighting spirit will be evoked. People will bend over backwards to cooperate.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

There's nothing to be gained by pushing things, other than working behind the scenes so that when the tide does turn, you're ready. Enjoy the week for personal and professional networking, engage as much as possible in friendship, teamwork and networking before some very busy professional

weeks.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

At the start of next week you'll be riding the wave of a turnaround. In the meantime, work behind the scenes so that when the tide does turn, you're ready. Enjoy networking, in the lead up to the weekend.

### Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)

This is an important and opportune professional week. Both new opportunities and second chances create some motivation. Keep your options open with your old assumptions being challenged.

### Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)

An adventurous vibe is strong, so keep your mind and options open, exploring before deciding what to commit to, on both personal and professional fronts. There is no point jumping the gun. Have fun finding out what does and doesn't excite you.

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