

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

**Tuesday**  
 4:23 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.  
 11:06 a.m. – Funeral blocks from Colby United Methodist Church to Beulah Cemetery.  
 12:54 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report a person refusing to leave. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.  
 1:24 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report lost tag. Report on file.  
 2:35 p.m. – Funeral blocks from Kersenbrock Funeral Home to Beulah Cemetery.  
 4:05 p.m. – Warrant arrest on Matthew Bowen.  
 7:51 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.  
 10:59 p.m. – Subject reported vehicle in ditch in the 1900 block of S. Range Ave. Contacted 24-7 Towing.

**Wednesday**  
 12:06 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.  
 12:46 p.m. – Report that semi-truck/wide-load at K-25 and I-70 overpass appeared to have struck overpass; turned over to Highway Patrol.  
 2:29 p.m. – Items missing from residence. Officer assigned.  
 8:10 p.m. – Subject left wallet in Colby. Spoke to subject, no report. Subject had already called businesses where he had been.  
 8:35 p.m. – Injured cat. Officer assigned.  
 11:01 p.m. – Flagged down by motorist.  
 11:34 p.m. – Security check at the B-Hive.  
 11:44 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.

**Thursday**  
 11:24 a.m. – Subject wanted information on landlord-tenant issues.  
 11:35 a.m. – Subject reported a soiled diaper was wiped on her vehicle windows. No damage; window cleaned. No report.  
 12:27 p.m. – Lost cell phone somewhere in Colby. Complaint number given to reporting party.  
 5:12 p.m. – Vehicle stopped in the middle of the road at 1995 W. Fourth St. moved prior to arrival.  
 8:16 p.m. – Juvenile stealing items from others. Spoke with subjects, information provided.  
 9:08 p.m. – Neighbors throwing chocolate over fence to harm dogs. Spoke with subjects, information provided.  
 10:11 p.m. – Garrett Scott Hurt

arrested on warrant.  
 10:57 p.m. – Nicholas Haggard arrested on warrant.

**Friday**  
 12:27 a.m. – Walk-through at B-Hive.  
 2:17 a.m. – Removed item from roadway in the 800 block of S. Range.  
 12:21 p.m. – Criminal damage to mailbox.  
 12:44 p.m. – Caller wanted officer to take duffel bag to another subject. Provided information to reporting party; will do civil stand-by.  
 1:40 p.m. – Two dogs at large in the 600 block of S. Franklin. Not found.  
 2:13 p.m. – Accident in parking lot at 100 E. College Drive. No report; was door ding.  
 3:05 p.m. – Dog at large at Franklin and Cherry. Unable to locate.  
 4:02 p.m. – Subject advised of middle school-aged boy bloody and spitting up blood. Unable to locate subject.  
 4:52 p.m. – Two black dogs at 1221 Court Place turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.  
 9:29 p.m. – Subject reported receiving harassing text messages. Spoke with subjects, information provided.  
 10:19 p.m. – Security check at Walmart.

**Saturday**  
 2:11 a.m. – Security check at Twisters.  
 0216 a.m. – Welfare check on clerk.  
 0256 a.m. – assisted ambulance crew on call.  
 1047 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.  
 1416 p.m. – Vehicle parked at Dillons with deer in the trunk; driver located and had tags.  
 1458 p.m. – Hit and run accident reported Friday night at Colby High School.  
 1451 p.m. – Provided information for subject on phone.  
 1653 p.m. – Report filed for driving while suspended.  
 1934 p.m. – Assisted Sheriff's Office.  
 2054 p.m. – Domestic battery; Subject reported fight between parents. Report filed.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Wednesday**  
 8:17 a.m. – Served warrant on on Melanie Blevins.  
 8:34 a.m. – Transported Melanie Blevins from Oakley Police

Department to Thomas County Sheriff's Office.  
 10:25 a.m. – Served warrant on Thomas Alvis.  
 11:04 a.m. – Report on file for identity theft.  
 1:59 p.m. – Served warrant on Craig Overbay.  
 6:16 p.m. – Subject requested welfare check on children. All OK.

**Thursday**  
 8:54 a.m. – Six men hunting deer without hunter orange on in field not found.  
 5:58 p.m. – Helped motorist push car out of roadway at Range and Davis.  
 10:11 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol at westbound I-70 mile 54.

**Friday**  
 12:05 a.m. – Transported subject from Law Enforcement Center to Motel 6.  
 10:42 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Ronald Edward Crowell.  
 11:15 a.m. – Accident at Brewster school.  
 3:39 p.m. – Several cattle fell out of stock trailer at westbound I-70 mile 52. Sheriff advised cows contained.  
 5:07 p.m. – Cow out at westbound I-70 mile 51. Animals secure sale barn en route to pick up animals.  
 6:28 p.m. – Highway Patrol advised of debris in roadway at westbound I-70 mile 69 1/2. Debris removed.  
 9:30 p.m. – Two vehicles driving erratically and continuously passing one another at eastbound U.S. 24 mile 50. Spoke with subjects, everything OK.

**Saturday**  
 10:32 a.m. – Report filed on traffic stop at I-70 mile 58 eastbound.  
 12:04 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 70.  
 6:50 p.m. – Tractor broken into and damaged at County Rds. E and 17.  
 7:31 p.m. – Fight in progress at City Limits.  
 8:54 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police Department at City Limits parking lot.

## Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Nov. 30 were first, Larry Barrett; second, Margaret Denneker; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Ken Ptacek; sixth, Mary Molstead.

## Senior Progress Center

Tuesday the Thomas County Health Department will be at the Senior Progress Center to do blood pressure checks.  
 Activities for the week: **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. health department blood pressure checks; board meeting following lunch. **Wednesday:** cookie day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; do-

nation day – paper items. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.  
 Menus for the week: **Tuesday:** tater tot casserole, peas and carrots, bread, ambrosia fruit salad. **Wednesday:** salmon patties, broccoli, cheese and rice casserole, beats, bread, applesauce bar. **Thursday:** open face turkey

sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, apricots, bread, cookie. **Friday:** liver and onions in gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread, cooks choice fruit.  
 The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center.

## Kansas part of collaborative program

Kansas is one of six states selected to participate in a national effort to encourage positive youth development strategies in schools, youth groups, sports teams and community programs.  
 The Kansas Building Partnerships for Youth Development program is being paid for with a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in cooperation with the National 4-H Council, said Elaine Johannes, Kansas State University Research and Extension youth development specialist.  
 The goal, she said, is to build collaborations that bring schools, youth organizations and community groups – teachers, advisors, volunteers and others who work with youths – together to reinforce positive development and life choices.  
 Other participating states are Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois and Minnesota, said Johannes.  
 The initial effort is directed at middle-school kids, age 9 to 13, who are experiencing growth and development and beginning to make some of their own decisions. Other projects workin with high school students will follow.  
 Some decisions kids make may involve risky behaviors, and it's important for them to be aware that sexual activity can lead to pregnancy and grown-up responsibilities, Johannes said. It is also important for teens to understand that not applying yourself in the classroom or choosing to drop out of school, rather than earn a degree, may lead to a lifetime of poverty. Experimenting with drugs, alcohol or tobacco may lead to lifetime addictions that diminish quality of life and cause early death.  
 The programs are inspired in part by 4-H youth development programs and the land-grant university system that is charged with providing research-based

education to citizens through the national Extension network, she said. As part of that network, extension agents throughout the state work to develop community collaborations and also work with youth, Johannes said.  
 In Kansas, statewide partners include representatives from the Departments of Health and Environment and Education; the Kansas Drop-In Initiative; the Kansas Mentors Program, Kansas Communities in Schools, the Kansas Enrichment Network, school, community and public health groups – and K-State Research and Extension, which has offices in each of the state's 105 counties.  
 "We all want to be on the same page," Johannes said, "and to encourage positive behaviors that will lead to personal growth and development, leadership, citizenship and community betterment."  
 "Today's youth can be overwhelmed with choices. Many will mature at an earlier age, and may face poverty or hunger in addition to struggling with perennial issues in the growth, development and maturation process."  
 Providing meaningful activities in safe environments with consistent messages that support the development of positive competence, care for others, community involvement and self-confidence, is an important goal of the effort.  
 "If a school, club, team and community can come together and work together to provide positive youth development, youth, their families and the whole community will benefit," Johannes said.  
 For information, contact Johannes at (785) 532-5773. A national website about the effort is maintained at the University of Arizona at [byp.arizona.edu](http://byp.arizona.edu).

## 4-H leaders study global positioning systems

JUNCTION CITY – Volunteers from 10 Kansas communities have completed the initial training in a new GeoTech Community Service Learning Program.  
 The goal is to engage kids in using global positioning system and geographic information system technology that will contribute to community improvement, said Beth Hecht, Kansas State University Research and Extension associate specialist in geospatial literacy.  
 "As we educate youth and adults about GIS and spatial thinking," she said, and teach them various applications of the technologies,

they can become more confident in applying the technologies to study and evaluate community-based issues and needs, such as land use and management."  
 For example, the initial training session, held at the Rock Springs 4-H Center, south of Junction City, provided adults a chance to learn and apply the technologies to map making and collection of data.  
 Once adults attending the session have mastered the technology, she said, they should be able to help youths learn through the same processes.  
 Mastering the technologies also should expand employment

opportunities in careers such as public safety and health, natural-resource management, climate change, community management and development, she said.  
 The technology-based educational opportunities are made possible by a partnership between the K-State Research and Extension Department of 4-H Youth Development and Fort Hays State University Department of Geosciences. The effort is being financed by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.  
 For information, contact Hecht at [bhecht@ksu.edu](mailto:bhecht@ksu.edu) or call the Kansas 4-H Office at (785) 532-5800.

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