

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday

2:01 a.m. – Suspicious vehicle parked at Smith Park. All OK.
 3:57 a.m. – Dog at large at Colby Community College taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
 8:14 a.m. – Theft of trailer reported. Civil matter, no report.
 10:36 a.m. – Hit-and-run accident in parking lot at 1625 S. Franklin.

3:14 p.m. – Officer spoke to subjects at Pine and Franklin, provided information.
 5:05 p.m. – Accident reported at Fourth and Range.
 6:31 p.m. – Report of disorderly conduct earlier in the day. Report filed.
 6:55 p.m. – Caller reported subjects harassing, refusing to leave. Spoke with subjects. Information provided.
 8:26 p.m. – Caller reported individual had left wallet at Starbucks. Able to contact, owner, will pick up wallet tomorrow, no report.
 11:16 p.m. – Criminal damage to vehicles at 1150 S. Franklin.

Saturday

1:06 a.m. – Vehicle blocking road at Copeland and Fifth. Owner contacted; vehicle moved.
 2:16 a.m. – Security check at Meadow Lake.
 8:59 a.m. – Assisted ambulance

crew on call.
 10:44 a.m. – Caller reported two subjects may be ready to start fighting. All OK; verbal argument over a dog.
 10:45 a.m. – Received numerous cell 911 calls from juvenile playing with phone. Not found.
 1:27 p.m. – Pickup partly in roadway in the 100 block of E. Cherry. Spoke to owner; will get it moved.
 5:38 p.m. – Disorderly conduct; female called 911 twice needing help. Report filed.

Sunday

8:41 a.m. – Removed a great deal of trash from roadway at 100 block of E. Pine.
 9:28, 9:29 a.m. – Two officers assisted ambulance crew.
 9:42 a.m. – Caller reported subject having trouble walking, almost stumbling into traffic. Unable to locate.
 1:03 p.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 2:27 p.m. – Two dogs at large in the 400 block of W. Eighth. Notice to appear issued.
 2:45 p.m. – Caller reported approach by individual in silver SUV in the area of Third and French. Subject told permit needed to solicit.
 5:56 p.m. – Caller reported her daughter and a friend saw two

young men with guns in Buffalo Park. Not found.
 6:56 p.m. – Subject flagged over officer at 700 W. Horton needing information on renting a car. Provided information.
 8:10 p.m. – Complaint of subject at trailer who would not leave. All OK; subject left.
 8:51 p.m. – Caller reported a man leaning against a post for about a half hour at 700 S. Franklin. All OK.
 8:58 p.m. – Caller reported erratic driver, possibly drunk, west-bound on Pine from Franklin. All OK on traffic stop.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Friday

10:10 a.m. – Provided traveler's aid.
 12:57 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on accident at U.S. 83 mile 174.
 5:07 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police at Fourth and Range.
 6:59 p.m. – Caller reported semi-trailer truck stopped in roadway working on vehicle. Provided traffic control; able to get truck moved.
 8:42 p.m. – Caller reported gas meter was hit and leaking at Center and Main in Gem. No report; spoke with subjects.
 9:40 p.m. – Casey Denneker ar-

rested on warrant.
 10:50 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
Saturday
 10:47 a.m. – Assisted Colby Police on dispute call at Pine and Garfield.
 12:41 p.m. – Provided traveler's aid.
 5:44 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police on Zelfer Ave.
 8:12 p.m. – Vehicle at east-bound I-70 mile 58 with flashers on. Traffic control as driver changed tire.

Sunday

12:34 a.m. – Alarm; everything OK.
 5:15 a.m. – Sheridan County reported a disabled vehicle three or four miles east of Colby on U.S. 24. Unable to locate to County Rd. 27.
 3:55 p.m. – Caller said semi almost ran him off roadway by passing in no-passing zone on U.S. 24. Written warning given to semi driver on traffic stop.
 7:48 p.m. – Provided traveler's aid.

Monday

9:13 a.m. – Report filed for no driver's license on traffic stop at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 26.
 12:39 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police looking for possible drunk driver.

Lunch program looks at war years

The last Food for Thought of 2010 will be at noon Thursday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin.

Everyone is invited for a light lunch while listening to speaker Sandra Reddish talk about the founding of Fort Riley.

Reddish's program marks the opening of a new exhibit in January called "Over Here, Over There: Honoring Those Who Serve." It will center on the early days of the fort, established in 1853 to protect settlers moving west.

She will also discuss the role of the post during World War I and how the soldiers influenced changes in the state.

She says her interest in the first World War began with a postcard showing an American machine gun squad. As she read about the war, she said, it became clear to her that it became the catalyst for ushering in the 20th century.

Reddish is a museum technician for the 1st Infantry Division collection at Fort Riley. Her research interests include the personal papers of World War I soldiers.

Food for Thought will continue after the first of the year, at noon on Jan. 20, Feb. 17 and March 17, every third Thursday of the month through March.

For information, call (785) 460-4590.

Registration deadline nears

In the season of giving, Kansas farmers can get into the holiday spirit by registering to win \$2,500 for their favorite nonprofit organizations through the America's Farmers Grow Communities program sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. One farmer in Thomas County will win.

The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 31. Farmers can apply online at www.growcommunities.com or by calling (877) 267-3332 for the chance to direct funds to organizations such as 4-H, FFA, local libraries or fire departments.

Anyone actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres, is eligible.

Pilot programs in 10 states resulted in \$1.2 million being donated to nonprofit organizations in

rural communities. Now, farmers in 38 states are eligible.

Local United Way chapters will receive a \$1 donation from the fund with each farmer sign-up.

Visit www.growcommunities.com to sign up and to learn more about the program. Winning farmers and recipient organizations will be announced in February.

Bridge Club

Dec. 7 winners at Meadow Lake bridge were first, Pat Criss; second, Mary Molstad; third and fourth, tie between Sarah Jane Barrett and Margaret Denneker; fifth, Thelma Shalz.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John D. Kriss, a/k/a Jack Kriss, Deceased

CASE NO. 2010-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition was filed on November 30, 2010, in said Court by the undersigned, Co-Executors of the Will of the decedent, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of Co-Executor's acts, proceedings and accounts, allowance of costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 23, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, in said Court, in the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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Medicare open enrollment has changed options

Medicare's open enrollment period runs from Nov. 15 until Dec. 31. This gives beneficiaries a chance to evaluate their plans and see what options might better serve their needs.

This year's enrollment is especially important because passage of the Affordable Care Act created new benefits and several new options for seniors.

Those in original Medicare will be allowed one free wellness visit to their doctors each year. Some preventive services, such as mammograms or colonoscopies, will now be free.

In 2011, those in the prescription drug coverage gap will receive a 50 percent discount on covered brand-name drugs. Seniors also can choose from numerous plans according to budget and circumstances. In Kansas, 33 prescription plans are available. As with any insurance purchase, seniors need to check deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance to de-

termine the full cost of coverage.

Beneficiaries who use Medicare Advantage managed care plans also have options. Most in Advantage or prescription drug plans can stay in the same plan they have today. A few plans, however, are not returning and beneficiaries need to change their coverage.

Several resources are available to help seniors through the process.

Many seniors start with the handbook, "Medicare & You," which was mailed to the homes of all beneficiaries. It offers a comprehensive guide to Medicare benefits.

Medicare's website - www.medicare.gov - also provides a wealth of information for searching for new drug or health coverage.

For seniors who would rather talk to a live person, Medicare offers a toll-free help line at (800) 633-4227. One-on-one counseling is also available through the State Health Insur-

ance Counseling for Kansas program at (800) 860-5260.

A program called Extra Help covers much of the premium, deductible and co-payment for seniors with limited means. Extra Help benefits depend on participants' income and available resources. It is open to married couples with savings, investments and real estate worth no more than \$25,010, not including the value of their home, vehicles or personal possessions. Single persons can qualify if their assets do not exceed \$12,510.

In Kansas, 28 percent of beneficiaries with drug coverage now participate in Extra Help. To determine eligibility, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp or call Social Security at (800) 772-1213.

The enrollment period runs until the end of the year, but it's smart to make changes early to ensure a smooth transition on Jan. 1.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Emilio Bugarin, 19, West Valley, Utah, Nov. 4, paraphernalia possession with intent to manufacture, cultivate, plant, conspiracy to commit felony, no drug tax stamp, using communication facility to arrange sales, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Nov. 24 on \$100,000 bond.
- Orlando Perales-Loez, 28, Magna, Utah, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, conspiracy to commit felony, using communication facility to arrange sales, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 24 on \$100,000 bond.

- MacKenzie Alan Shields, 20, Grinnell, Nov. 4, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Court Services of Thomas County, released Nov. 17 to responsible party.
- Nathan Benjamin Stephenson, 23, Russellville, Ark., Nov. 7, sale/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 9 on \$25,000 bond.
- Samuel Alexander Knutson, 18, Lakewood Colo.; Nov. 12, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Sheriff's Office, released same day on notice to appear.
- Melissa Ann Miller, 25, Denver, Nov. 16, possession of mari-

juana with intent to sell, conspiracy, no drug tax stamp, unlawful use of communication facility, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 18 with charges dismissed.

• Christopher David Sears, 25, Avon, Colo., Nov. 16, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, conspiracy, no drug tax stamp, using communication facility to arrange sales, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 18 on diversion.

• Gary Eugene Allen, 29, Willits, Calif., Nov. 17, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, conspiracy, no drug tax stamp, unlawful use of communication facility, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 19 on \$100,000 bond.

• Laurie Louise Cipriani, 35, Willits, Calif., Nov. 17, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, conspiracy, no drug tax stamp, unlawful use of communication facility, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 19 on \$100,000 bond.

• Roberto Flores-Rios, 50, Ivanhoe, Calif., Nov. 17, possession of marijuana with intent to sell/distribute, Highway Patrol, released Nov. 19 on \$100,000 bond.

• Joaquina Marquez, 40, Ivanhoe, Calif., Nov. 17, possession of marijuana with intent to sell/distribute, Highway Patrol, released same day on authority of court.

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