# After great year, start fresh with busy Colby January

New Year's is always a great time to reflect on the past and anticipate the fu-

This has been an active year for Colby with the 125th Birthday Celebration for Thomas County. The Smithsonian Journeys exhibit opened in January at

the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Chautauqua, with stories from the Dust Bowl days, came to Colby in June with four evenings of tent shows and many workshops. Area youths portrayed some of the historical figures from Thomas

Finally, the grand 125th Birthday celebration was held in October with a free lunch, a historical fashion revue and video from early Thomas County.

These were just the special events added to our schedule of events held each year. We saw the opening of two new hotels and an increase in transient guest tax collection. It was a very good year.

We now look forward to 2011, and it appears that we have come full circle. Again we have a special exhibit opening at the museum in January: "Anne Frank: A History for Today" will be in Colby from Tuesday, Jan. 18, to Tuesday, Feb. 15. There will also be a new companion permanent exhibit, "Over Here! Over There! Honoring Those Who Serve." A Business After 5 will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, called "In the Mood, A Red Cross Canteen" at the museum, where you may view both exhibits. It sounds like a great evening.



• On the Road Again!

Basketball is big news during January. The Harlem Ambassadors will be taking on the Colby Challengers in a slam-dunk, high-energy game at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Community Building. The players will also be talking about drug use in an assembly for Colby schools.

More amazing basketball will take place during the Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Classic Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 20-22. Sixteen high school basketball teams will vie for the championship. This is a popular tournament and we encourage you to support this event.

Pheasants Forever is holding its annual dinner and auction at City Limits Convention Center at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

Northwest Kansas Travel Council members will be working two special shows during January. The Pheasant Fest is being held in Omaha from Thursday to Sunday, Jan. 27-30. I will be working the Denver Travel and Sports Show from Thursday to Sunday, Jan. 6 through 9 at the Convention Center. It is always crowded and a great show for promoting our northwest Kansas area.

So it's "out with the old" – it was a great journey, but now we anticipate "in with the new."

We wish each and every one of you a blessed

healthy and happy New Year. Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

## University dean's honor roll released

released names of undergraduate John Siebert, senior, mathematstudents who have been named to ics; Jennifer L. Thompson, senior, the fall 2010 Dean's Honor Roll. organizational leadership; Jordan To qualify, a full-time student must have a 3.60 or better grade average for the semester.

**Thomas County** Brewster: Avery Dawn Schultz, laboratory-medical biology.

senior, art education. Colby: Ryan D. Baalmann, senior, justice studies; Alexandra Jolen Barton, freshman, accounting; Tisha Noelle Bieker, senior, accounting; Laura A. Dougherty, junior, organizational leadership; Joshua Wayne Faber, junior, education; Jenna L. Johnson, senior, communication; Jordan E. Krzycki, freshman, psychology; Amanda Lynn McIlnay, senior, early childhood education; Shea Matthew A. Perdue, junior, sociology; Ashley Michelle Schriner, studies.

Fort Hays State University has senior, general studies; Trevor Keith Voss, freshman, chemistry; Lindsey Leann Wilson, sophomore, agricultural business; Taylor Suzanne Young, sophomore, education; Holly Lynn Younger,

Menlo: Caitlyn J. Moss, junior,

Rexford: Brandy L. Bussen, senior, elementary education; Melissa Lynae Rall, junior, physical

**Sheridan County** 

Hoxie, Nicole R. Brown, senior, radiologic technology; Brian John Feldt, senior, nursing; Carissa Anne Heim, senior, political

Selden: Isaac. J. Broeckelman, Justine McKee, junior, education; freshman, mathematics; Stephanie Mae Spresser, senior, general management.

Logan County Oakley: Linley J. Andersen, senior, radiologic technology; Megan Marie Baalman, junior, early childhood pre-education; Brittany A. Brenner, senior, nursing; Mallory L. Joseph, senior, business junior, English; Jackie A. Zerr, senior, elementary education.

Winona: Jordan Russell Barrett, senior, recreation and sports management; Amberly L. Gfeller, sophomore, biology; Jerri D. Williams, freshman, health and human performance.

**Rawlins County** 

Atwood: Sara A. Miller, radiologic technology; Lacey Lee Sramek, senior, elementary education; Heidi Lynne Vrbas, junior, psychology; Carolyn Ann White, junior, tourism and hospitality

Golden Plains High School aces drug test By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School is a drug-free school. That was reinforced early in December when the Thomas County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Highway Patrol joined to conduct a random, unan-

nounced search of the school in Rexford. Superintendent Mary Ellen Welshhon said it was live drug-free," Welshhon said.

just a routine search under school policy and that Golden Plains High School nothing had happened to prompt it. No one was suspected of having drugs at the school, she said.

> During the search, students were in their classrooms as the drug dog, accompanied by officers, checked the vehicles in the parking lot, the locker rooms and gymnasium, lockers and student book

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## On the Beat

## **COLBY POLICE**

Tuesday, Dec. 21 8:39 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Grade School.

10:59 a.m. - Tool box in street in the 1100 block of S. Country Club Dr. Owner arrived; returned

11:09 a.m. - Accident Monday at Colby High School.

11:57 a.m. - Wesley Louis Phillips arrested on warrant in Logan

12:06 p.m. – Caller requested attempt to locate sister. Report

1 p.m. - Suspicious person reported walking around Uptown Style and then Colby Bearing. Not

6:18 p.m. - Items stolen from vehicle at Dillon's.

10:14 p.m. – Caller reported subject aggressively approaching them. Unable to locate.

## Last Wedesday

9:05 a.m. - Provided information to caller about incident in Wichita.

9:51 a.m. - Criminal damage to

1:27 p.m. - Burglary/theft: subject came to station reporting lost wallet, check used in Hays. Re-

4:29 p.m. – Two subjects at Villa High Park walking on frozen pond told to stay off of ice and where to safely park vehicle.

5:13 p.m. – Vehicle driving erratically in 1600 block of W. Fourth St. Unable to locate.

6:38 p.m. - Caller reported red vehicle equipped with emergency lights and sirens spotlighting house. Unable to locate.

9:46 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.

10:59 p.m. – Caller reported group of teenagers dressed all in black in the area. Unable to lo-

11:09 p.m. – Security check at the B-Hive.

## Thursday

1:01 a.m. – Security check at Twisters.

4:18 p.m. – Christmas lights cut. No report.

6:34 p.m. – Report filed for computer theft related to complaint Wednesday about lost wallet.

7:19 p.m. – Report filed on traf-7:43 p.m. - Report filed on

parking complaint at 1310 E. 8:25 p.m. – Harassment: caller reported subject threatening

someone else. No report, information provided. 8:50 p.m. - Feline caught in

trap. Turned over to Colby Animal 11:05 p.m. - Caller reported

formation provided.

## **Friday**

Twister's.

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suing threats. Report filed.

11:09 a.m. - Caller reported subject with sign in southwest corner of Walmart parking lot. Checked, I-70 at mile 53 eastbound. gave directions to Law Enforcement Center for assistance.

12:33 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.

1:32 p.m. – Caller reported man in the 1100 block of S. Court asking for money. Made contact; he moved on.

1:57 p.m. - Provided information to caller about child custody.

2:07 p.m. - Provided information to caller about traffic laws.

2:39 p.m. – Hit-and-run accident at Franklin and College Dr. 2:59 p.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on above ac-

6:04 p.m. - Hit and run accident in the 1900 block of S. Range.

Saturday

12:20 p.m. – Caller reported three people on the ice at Villa High Pond. Spoke to them.

9:11 p.m. – Vehicle with lights on north of main gate inside Beulah Cemetery. Located vehicle; all

### Sunday

10:44 a.m. - Woman transient and dog in ditch eastbound I-70 on-ramp at K-25. Spoke to her; all

1:27 p.m. - Provided phone numbers for tire repair to motorist at Walmart

3:12 p.m. – Suspicious person; caller requested officer. All OK.

4:47 p.m. – Walk through at 4:47 p.m. – Caller requested

welfare check on brother. Report 5:18 p.m. – Caller reported

Christmas lights cut again. Spoke to reporting party. 7:07 p.m. - Assisted Citizens

Medical Center. Caller advised subject trying to leave; connected to call at 4:47.

### Report filed. Monday

10:22 a.m. - Michael D. Archer arrested on warrant.

11:25 a.m. - Barking dog complaint. Spoke to subjects. 12:10 p.m. - Dog at large be-

tween the 500 and 700 block of N. Copeland not found. 7:28 p.m. - Notified vehicle

owner of flashers on at Village 9:25 p.m. – Caller reported two juveniles playing. Unable to lo-

11:39 p.m. - Security check at

## **THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF** 24/7 towed vehicle. Tuesday, Dec. 21

three vehicles parked in private large bull uncontained in the area Rd. 37. Report filed. driveway. Spoke with subject; in- of County Rds. 23 and Z. Unable to locate.

8:17 p.m. - Sherman County 2:11 a.m. - Security check at advised of vehicle spotlighting in cotics violation. in the area of the Sherman County 3:14 a.m. - Report of subject is- line and Brewster. Handled by

## Sherman County.

Last Wednesday

11 a.m. - Assisted motorist on

11:58 a.m. – Assisted motorist. 4:29 p.m. - Two people at Villa High Park walking on frozen

pond. Assisted Colby Police. 4:46 p.m. - One vehicle rollover injury accident at K-25 mile

7:16 p.m. - Caller reported cat was dead from gunshot wound on

9:52 p.m. - One-vehicle rollover accident on U.S. 24. Turned over to Highway Patrol.

12:13 a.m. - Sheridan County Sheriff's Office called requesting a deputy at Citizens Medical Center to assist in injury accident case. Items given to Highway Patrol.

3:31 p.m. – Arrested James But-

3:54 p.m. - Jeffrey Weiss arrested on warrant.

peared someone had been trying to enter house. Report filed. 8 p.m. – Caller reported concern

for malnourished horse across the

8:50 a.m. - Employee reported fence cut and item taken from Nex-Tech tower site at County Rds. S and 5. Report filed.

11:26 a.m. - Theft of fourwheeler from pasture reported. **Saturday** 

Patrol at I-70 mile 64.5 west-

2:14 p.m. - Assisted Highway

4:08 p.m. - Gave transient a ride from Colby to Mitten's Truck Stop, Oakley.

## Sunday

11:21 a.m. - Caller ran out of 8:14 p.m. - Protective custody: fuel on eastbound I-70 and mile 44. Gave ride into Colby and back with fuel.

5:11 p.m. - Assisted Colby Police on S. Franklin.

6:32 p.m. - Report of vehicle

8:38 p.m. - Caller needed help with flat tire on I-70 westbound 10 miles east of Colby. Highway Patrol arrived first, at mile 66.

## Monday

12:24 a.m. - Report filed for driving under the influence on traffic stop on U.S. 83 at mile 178.

4:12 p.m. – Report filed for narcotics violation.

8:01 p.m. – Report filed for nar-

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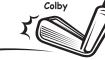
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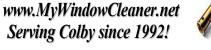
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3:31 p.m. - Arrested Donald Rasmussen on warrant.

ler on warrant.

7:17 p.m. - Caller said it ap-

street. No report. **Friday** 

driving in Rexford with loud music. Not found.

8:52 p.m. - Caller advises that vehicle from call at 6:32 was back driving in Rexford with loud music. Deputy given vehicle descrip-

2:08 p.m. - Theft of fence bat-7:07 p.m. - Caller reported a teries in the 1800 block of County

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