



Dennis Tubbs at his new desk.

Agency adds familiar face

Although he's not a new face in Colby, Dennis Tubbs is a new face at Thomas County Insurance Agency, where he is now an insurance consultant.

Tubbs said he has a long background in sales, having managed Tri-Central Office Supply, a former Colby business, for 12 years. He has spent the past eight years as a salesman for S&T Communications.

"I've always been a people person," Tubbs said, "and I look forward to my association with Thomas County Insurance Agency. Travis Oliver, owner of the agency, and I have been friends since high school, and it will be good to work for his company."

"Oliver and his wife Sara (the former Sara Har-

kins of Colby) also own Jefferson County Insurance and Douglas County Insurance (with offices in Osaloosa and Lawrence). They're one of the largest farm writers in the Midwest, and he is the managing agent for Kansas Public Entities, which insures over 190 cities, townships, water districts and fire departments."

Tubbs, a native of Thomas County, graduated from Colby High School in 1984. He and his wife Robin have three sons, Spencer, 17, and a senior at Colby High School, and Jake, 10, and Wyatt, 8, both students at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

He can be reached at (785) 462-3939. The office is at 490 N. Franklin Ave.

Women's farm conference coming

The 2011 edition of the Women Managing the Farm Conference will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita.

The annual conference is recommended for women who are independent agricultural producers, farm and ranch partners, managers or record keepers, agribusiness professionals and farm helpers, said Helen Norris, chair of the speakers committee.

Norris, who grew up in Wichita and married into farming, attended her first conference in 2006.

"I've learned so much," said Norris, who considers the conference "a must because it touches on many aspects of agriculture and, also, allows time for networking with others who share similar challenges and concerns."

The 2011 conference will feature four keynote sessions:

- Stewart Kennedy, an agriculture educator, entrepreneur and motivational speaker, will present "Thinking Outside the Jar," on cultivating creativity and the

entrepreneurial spirit important to building a successful business.

- Dr. Ashley Simmons will present "Change of Heart" and introduce new heart health programs and tips for early detection and reducing the risks of cardiovascular disease.

- Anne Burkholder will present "Sharing Your Personal Story of Agriculture - How to Do It and Why It Is so Important" and explore how agriculture producers can connect with consumers.

- Ed Bell, a strawberry grower, will present "Dealing With Change and Other Four Letter Words" and offer tools for meeting challenges and overcoming adversity.

Break-out sessions will complement keynotes and social/networking opportunities, Norris said.

The cost is \$125 before Friday, Jan. 28, or \$150 after. Registration includes conference sessions, materials, socials and most meals. Some scholarships will be provided by a grant from the Kansas Soybean Commission.

Information about the confer-

ence, including scholarship applications, is available at www.togpartners.com/wmf/. Hotel rooms are available at the conference rate of \$94 plus tax. For hotel reservations, call (888) 421-1442.

The low cost for conference is made possible with the help numerous sponsors, including the Kansas Soybean Commission, Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, Kansas Wheat, Kansas Agri-Women, the U.S. Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Kansas State University College of Human Ecology, School of Family Studies and Human Services, and K-State Research and Extension.

"Early registration is recommended," said Norris, as the conference typically draws more than 300 women and is expected to fill quickly.

"Attending empowers women to become more confident leaders and more active in agriculture," she said.

New energy courses available for college's second semester

Colby Community College will begin spring-semester classes Tuesday, with several new courses added to the catalog, including online classes for the Sustainable/Renewable Energy program.

The college offers traditional, hybrid and online classes. Hybrid classes feature a combination of in-class and online instruction. Online classes are taught by college instructors in many areas of study. College residence halls will open at 10 a.m. Sun-

day. Students may check in throughout the day.

Enrollment finalization will be Monday. Students with last names beginning with A to L will complete enrollment from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Those with last names beginning with M to Z will finish their enrollment from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For information or to enroll, call the admissions office at 460-4690 or check the website at www.colbycc.edu.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Last Wednesday

4:04 a.m. - Security check at Cornerstone Ag.

4:55 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

8:50 a.m. - Hit-and-run injury accident: 911 caller reported vehicle had struck him while walking in parking lot behind 205 E. Fifth St.

10:35 a.m. - Report of vehicle parked on the south side of the 100 block of E. Hill for extended period. Tow-away posted.

11:24 a.m. - Provided subject with directions to business in Goodland.

12:12 p.m. - Old blue vehicle reported parked behind Community Building for extended period. Tow-away posted; owner later located.

1:26 p.m. - Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report being threatened on Dec. 18.

6:15 p.m. - Employee reported hit-and-run accident at Oasis.

7:57 p.m. - Caller reported subject trying to sell steaks. Checked subject, who did have a city permit, but would quit making contacts.

11:28 p.m. - Security check at the B Hive.

11:52 p.m. - Security check at Twister's.

Thursday

12:24 a.m. - Man came to the Law Enforcement Center because he had lost his apartment keys. Unable to contact manager. Got subject into apartment.

5:15 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

7:43 a.m. - Security check at Dillon's.

8:44 a.m. - Caller reported driver failed to stop after exiting I-70 on S. Range and appeared to race another vehicle northbound on Range. Spoke with subject.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported child in street. Information provided. Everything OK.

4:29 p.m. - Assisted Social and Rehabilitation Services.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported dog barking continuously. Spoke with owner, who promised to take care of problem.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported customer harassing, acting belligerent. Spoke with subjects; customer told not to return.

11:13 p.m. - Walk through at Walmart.

11:25 p.m. - Two vehicles cutting kitties in parking lot at Colby High School, gone when officer arrived.

Friday

12:37 a.m. - Two vehicles cutting kitties in the Sacred Heart School parking lot. Located both in the 400 block of W. Fourth, talked to them.

8:02 a.m. - Assisted Sheriff's Office south of Colby.

8:13 a.m. - Helped with stalled vehicle at Fourth and Range.

11:48 a.m. - Subject turned over purse found at McDonald's. Highway Patrol was to help return property to owner.

4:30 p.m. - Dog at large in the area of Fourth and Range impeding southbound traffic. Unable to contain dog.

6:01 p.m. - Alarm company and caller reported water-line break at Colby Community College, new dorm building. Able to get water shut off.

7:49 p.m. - Assisted motorist at Oasis.

8:58 p.m. - Walk-through at American Legion.

10:11 p.m. - Walk-through at City Limits.

11:08 p.m. - Possible gunshots to the northwest of 600 S. Mission. Nothing found.

11:41 p.m. - Walk-through at Meadow Lakes Golf Club.

Saturday

12:07 a.m. - Spoke to subjects about using fireworks

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12:12 a.m. - Bar check at Twister's.

12:38 a.m. - Walk-through at Colby Bowl.

12:54 a.m. - Bar check at American Legion.

1:30 a.m. - Bar check at the B-Hive.

2:16 a.m. - Secured door.

2:30 a.m. - Bar check at Twister's.

3 a.m. - Possible fight reported. Subjects spoken to.

5:33 a.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

6:21 a.m. - Assisted motorist on S. Country Club Dr.

7:55 a.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.

9:41 a.m. - Two dogs at large at

1150 S. Franklin Lot 27. Unable to locate.

9 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle on Range shined laser at them. Located vehicle in the 3400 block of W. Fourth; spoke to occupants.

9:06 p.m. - Spoke to subjects at Oasis about possible drunk driver. Not found.

9:13 p.m. - Assisted Sheriff's Office on County Rd. R west of Range.

10:38 p.m. - Caller reported possible drunk driver northbound on Range from College Dr. Not found.

11:14 p.m. - Spoke with subjects at Walmart about parking in fire lane.

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

Sunday

12:53 a.m. - Security check at the airport.

3:05 a.m. - Criminal damage to property: subject came to the Law Enforcement Center to report someone punched his vehicle.

5:51 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

10:24 a.m. - Subject brought credit card to Law Enforcement Center found in parking lot.

11:20 a.m. - Report of someone selling magazines. Unable to locate, will keep watch.

11:50 a.m. - Located subjects selling magazines in the 800 block of S. Court. Subjects were told they must have city permit.

3:45 p.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

4:56 p.m. - Kids on Villa High Pond. Spoke to two teenagers.

6:03 p.m. - Subject selling magazines inside Walmart. Not found.

7:19 p.m. - Subject selling magazines on Court Place. Not found.

7:35 p.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

Monday

3:11 a.m. - Spoke with driver of semi at westbound on ramp Exit 54 of I-70, going to truck stop to sleep.

3:17 a.m. - Security check at the Sleep Inn.

7:55 a.m. - Vehicle in street at Cherry and Lincoln. Owner contacted.

12:34 p.m. - Injury accident at Range and Zeller.

1 p.m. - Accident in front of court house.

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