

**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE**  
**Friday**

12:17 a.m. – Check at Oasis.  
1:42 a.m. – Check at Walmart.  
11:24 a.m. – Walk-through at Colby Grade School  
11:56 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle with child unrestrained in the back. Located vehicle in the 1400 block of E. Fourth; verbal warning.  
12:35 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.  
3:27 p.m. – Two callers reported two vehicles parked for an extended period of time in the area of the 800 block of N. Court. Spoke with subjects, provided information.  
4:58 p.m. – Caller reported subject harassing store clerk regarding a monetary exchange. Left before officer arrived.  
5:15 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious incident, with two people leaving. One seemed to be forcing the other into a vehicle. Unable to locate.  
10:28 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.  
11:59 p.m. – Caller reported a pickup with loud pipes driving around the area of Garfield and Cedar. Unable to locate.  
**Saturday**  
12:09 a.m. – Security check at Twister's.  
1:19 a.m. – Vehicle written on while parked at Twister's.  
1:38 a.m. – Security check at Twister's.  
3:43 a.m. – Check at Walmart.  
2:30 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.  
3:31 p.m. – Caller reported individual walking around checking doors at Truck Town. Subject was window shopping; everything OK.  
3:39 p.m. – Caller found drug paraphernalia. Report filed.  
9:30 p.m. – Caller reported dog barking. Spoke with owner, who will keep animal inside and quiet.  
10:20 p.m. – Check at Walmart.  
11:43 p.m. – Check at Twister's.  
**Sunday**  
12:30 a.m. – Check at Walmart.

1:13 a.m. – Erratic driver northbound on Range from Fifth.  
1:18 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle from call at 1:13 a.m. following him southbound on N. Franklin. Stopped vehicle, everything OK.  
3:10 a.m. – Clerk reported intoxicated subjects trying to get into a room not registered to them. Subjects left after being spoken to.  
3:56 a.m. – Criminal damage to property: vehicle tire punctured.  
11:31 a.m. – Unable to catch dog at large at Fifth and Mission Ridge.  
12:39 p.m. – Clerk called 911 to report male shoplifter would be leaving store shortly. All OK. Items left inside store. Spoke to subjects, no report.  
3:24 p.m. – Subject came to station about daughter's attempted theft. Spoke with subjects, provided information.  
3:52 p.m. – Report of two children left alone in vehicle. Spoke with subjects. All OK.  
4:16 p.m. – Caller reported assault while trying to move belongings. Report filed.  
8:52 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol with car chase that ended 1/4 mile north of County Rd. S and County Rd. 2.  
**Monday**  
6:08 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.  
7:41 a.m. – Subject brought dog to Law Enforcement Center from area of Fourth and Range. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.  
8:12 a.m. – Assisted motorist at Maize Road and College Drive.  
8:48 a.m. – Report filed on harassment.  
10:47 a.m. – Security check at Colby Grade School.  
1:08 p.m. – Check at Walmart.  
7:10 p.m. – Community Building called needing vehicle moved from the handicapped parking stalls. Not found.  
8:03 p.m. – Colby Community College security needed subject escorted from the Community Building.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Last Wednesday**

8:23 a.m. – Released Heather Marie Binder.  
11:36 a.m. – Released Juan Benitez.  
4:38 p.m. – Taylor Linn Brown arrested on warrant.  
5 p.m. – Booked Taylor Linn Brown.  
5:45 p.m. – Released Taylor Linn Brown.  
7:06 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police on suspicious incident call at Walmart.  
**Thursday**  
9:01 a.m. – Vehicle inspection.  
10:59 a.m. – Vehicle inspection.  
11:16 a.m. – Vehicle inspection for Colby Dodge.  
1:12 p.m. – Caller having problems with adult son. All OK; gave subjects ride.  
2:28 p.m. – Arrested Jennifer Renee Freeman on warrant from Sherman County.  
2:59 p.m. – Booked Jennifer R. Freeman.  
3:31 p.m. – Report filed for narcotics violation.  
3:48 p.m. – Booked Jennifer R. Freeman.  
3:56 p.m. – Released Jennifer R. Freeman.  
4:05 p.m. – Released Jennifer R. Freeman.  
5:32 p.m. – Executed search warrant at Brewster in reference to TH11-016.  
6:03 p.m. – Booked Bonnie Leigh Petersen.  
**Friday**  
8:36 a.m. – Vehicle inspection.  
11:58 a.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 48 eastbound.  
12:01 p.m. – Two vehicle inspections at Tubbs & Sons.  
12:23 p.m. – Two vehicle inspections at MC Auto.  
1:23 p.m. – Booked Matthew Duane Fitzstephens.  
1:23 p.m. – Booked Shawn L. Roth.  
1:23 p.m. – Booked Jesse C. Dennis.  
1:23 p.m. – Booked Kevin King.  
2:10 p.m. – Vehicle inspection.  
2:28 p.m. – Released Shawn L. Roth.  
2:36 p.m. – Released Jesse C. Dennis.  
2:38 p.m. – Assisted motorist at Fike Park.  
2:45 p.m. – Released Kevin King.  
4:03 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew. Report filed.  
5:47 p.m. – Sheridan County called to report subjects shooting from vehicle at eastbound U.S. 24 and County Rd. 33. Vehicle had crossed into Sheridan County. Deputy on the way, Sheridan County called saying they were unable to locate vehicle.  
6:07 p.m. – Booked Douglas Ray Wilson.  
9:41 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle driving erratically and speeding up and down street at 240 Main Street. Unable to locate.  
**Saturday**  
7:13 p.m. – Civil standby.  
8:27 p.m. – Caller reported flashing lights in the area of westbound I-70 mile 54 and wondered if road was closed. New cell tower lights causing confusion.  
9:53 p.m. – Collision involving a deer in the area of 400 block of County Rd. 11.  
**Sunday**  
12:09 p.m. – Released Matthew Duane Fitzstephens.  
12:45 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police on theft call at Bosselman's.  
2:39 p.m. – Booked Gregory Wayne Isreal.  
4:04 p.m. – Booked Jacob Ruben Cano.  
6 p.m. – Released Douglas Ray Wilson.  
6:52 p.m. – Caller reported daughter was involved in a domestic situation at Brewster. Report filed.  
7:56 p.m. – Booked Mason Wheeler Favre.  
8:06 p.m. – Released Mason Wheeler Favre.  
8:34 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol with car chase ending 1/4 mile north of County Rd. S and County Rd. 2, north of Brewster.

**Match de-icer to conditions, needs**

De-icer products seem to tempt homeowners to adopt the approach of "if some is good, more should be better." That excess use is what has given de-icers a bad name for injuring plants and damaging concrete.  
"When homeowners think they need to apply 'extra,' the real problem may be that they don't know the limits of the product they're using," said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. "For example, their product of choice may not work well when the temperature is below 20 degrees."  
To help homeowners make informed decisions, Upham summarized the characteristics of the ingredients used in de-icers:  
• Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) – an acceptably "green" and typically more costly product made from dolomitic limestone and acetic acid (the principal compound of vinegar). Its performance decreases below 20 degrees, but it does not form a slimy brine as some other de-icers do. It helps prevent snow particles from sticking to each other or the sidewalk/road surface. It has little effect on plants or concrete surfaces.  
• Calcium chloride – recent decades' traditional product. It will melt ice to about 25 degrees below zero. It gets to work quickly, because it attracts its own "solvent" and then gives off heat as it reacts to the water. It does form a slippery surface on concrete, but probably won't hurt plants unless homeowners apply excessive amounts.  
• Sodium chloride (rock salt) – the oldest, cheapest option. It remains effective down to about 12 degrees. Whether splashed or melted onto nearby surfaces, it can seriously damage not only plants but also metals and soils (i.e., "saw salt"). On concrete, it increases the impact of freeze-thaw cycles, which can be particularly damaging.  
• Potassium chloride – a naturally occurring material also used as a food-salt substitute and a fertilizer. It can melt ice when temperatures are in the teens. It's not widely available as a de-icer, however, because the high salt index can lead to serious plant injury.  
• Urea (carbonyl diamide) – a fertilizer sometimes used to melt ice in temperatures down to 21 degrees, only about one-tenth as corrosive as sodium chloride. It's less likely to burn plants than potassium chloride, but it can contaminate water with nitrates.  
"Obviously, there is no perfect choice. The key is to match the product you use to your current needs, so you're never tempted to apply more than recommended," Upham said. "Of course, whenever feasible, an even better option is simply to shovel snow early enough and well enough that using a de-icer isn't necessary."  
"As its name implies, a de-icer can help you clear away ice. It is not a snow-shovel substitute."

**He says he traded meth for car**

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) – West Virginia state police say they pulled over a man who told them he used methamphetamine to pay for the car he was driving.  
Officers in South Charleston say Jerry Wayne Means said he gave a woman two grams of meth for the car.  
WSAZ-TV reports that Means was pulled over on U.S. 119 on Saturday night in the car, which police said had been reported stolen. He was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, delivery of a controlled substance and other counts.

**Medical center plans continuing education for professionals**

Hays Medical Center has planned several continuing education programs for medical professionals in upcoming weeks.  
"Recognition of Sepsis and Early Treatment" will be offered for doctors from 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, with registration beginning at 6:30 a.m.  
A separate program by the same name for nurses and other professionals will be offered several times that day and Wednesday, Feb. 2. Tuesday sessions begin at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
The speaker will be Dr. Steven Q. Simpson, associate professor of medicine, pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.  
Both programs offer two hours of continuing education credit. All will be held at Hays Medical Center, Hadley Conference Room No. 1, 2220 Canterbury.  
Cost is \$10 for doctors and \$20 for others not affiliated with the medical center.  
The second programs is "12-Lead EKG Interpretation for Health Professionals," on Tuesday, Feb. 22, and repeated Wednesday, Feb. 23. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. both days and the program will from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hadley Conference Room No. 2.  
Michael L. Wallace of the Cen-

tral Jackson County Fire Protection District, Blue Springs, Mo., will speak.  
The program is for nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists and other professionals. Five hours of continuing education credit are available.  
Cost is \$50 for nonassociates.  
To register, call (800) 248-0073, extension 5500 or e-mail debbie.mclaren@haysmed.com.

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Basketball action begins  
Thursday & Friday at 3:00  
Saturday @ noon.  
Tournament brackets available at [www.colbyeagles.org](http://www.colbyeagles.org)  
**FCA SPEAKER**  
**KARL MECKLENBURG**  
Former Denver Bronco and NFL All-Pro speaking to the Public on Saturday, Jan. 22 @ Community Building at 9:00 a.m. FREE ADMISSION  
**COLBY 1ST ROUND GAMES:**  
Thursday, Jan. 20  
6:30 – Colby Girls vs. Liberal @ CB  
8:00 – Colby Boys vs. Sunrise Christian @ CB  
GIRLS TEAMS: Colby, Holcomb, Hugoton, Liberal, McCook, Palmer Ridge, Scott City & Sunrise Christian  
BOYS TEAMS: Colby, Hays, Holcomb, Hugoton, Liberal, McCook, Palmer Ridge & Sunrise Christian

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