

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Friday
 12:21 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle was vandalized. No report filed; needs owner to call.
 10:49 a.m. - Third-party report of possible suicidal person. Made contact with subject; all OK.
 4:24 p.m. - Caller reported subjects trying to damage property at Fike Park; officer spoke with subject, information provided.
 6:09 p.m. - Dog at large in the area of Eighth and Chickamauga. Unable to locate.
 6:57 p.m. - Caller advised of subject on bicycle possibly armed with handgun in the area of the 200 block of W. Webster. Located subject, soft air gun, everything OK. Four officers responded.
 7:26 p.m. - Stalled vehicle causing traffic congestion in the area of Fourth and Range. Everything OK; help en route.
 8:24 p.m. - Sheriff's officer reported semi-truck stuck in the ditch beside Walmart parking lot.
 10:38 p.m. - Caller advised of domestic battery.
 11:34 p.m. - Caller reported subject drunk and walking out in front of vehicles.

Saturday
 12:57 a.m. - Walk-through at Twisters.
 5:02 a.m. - House checks.
 7:35 a.m. - Two-vehicle collision in the area of the 500 block of N. Franklin.
 12:38 p.m. - Assisted sheriff's officer with dispute. Spoke with subject; information provided.
 12:58 p.m. - Security check at Colby Community Building.
 1:35 p.m. - Wallet brought to Law Enforcement Center found in the area of 600 block of N. Court.
 1:38 p.m. - Theft of money.
 3:38 p.m. - Criminal damage to vehicle.
 3:50 p.m. - Caller reported pick-up driving erratically around Fike Park. Second call advised parked on Hill St. Located vehicle, spoke to subject.
 11:11 p.m. - Security check at Meadow Lake.
 11:51 p.m. - Owner contacted about lights on in vehicle.

Sunday
 12:40 a.m. - Management requested extra patrol at business.
 1:03 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.
 3 a.m. - Time change.

6:06 a.m. - Security check to residences.
 9:23 a.m. - Disturbance: caller reported very angry patron. Spoke with subjects, situation remedied.
 10:31 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.
 12:08 p.m. - Two officers assisted sheriff's office.
 5:05 p.m. - Burglary/theft: subject called 911, advised of items stolen from vehicle at Community Building. Eight officers, including the chief, responded.
 9:10 p.m. - Caller reported someone entered and vandalized her house. Report filed.
 9:38 p.m. - Clerk requested officer to help with unruly guest. Spoke to clerk and subject.
 11:32 p.m. - Security check at Bosselman's.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Wednesday
 10 a.m. - Took inmate home.
 11:18 a.m. - Contained dog for Colby Police to transport in animal control truck.
 12:55 p.m. - Assisted Colby Police.
 3:45 p.m. - Booked and released Janet Tabor.
 4:28 p.m. - Released Frankie Stevens.
 11:59 p.m. - Caller reported money taken.

Thursday
 3 p.m. - Provided escort for Golden Plains boys basketball team from Rexford to County Rd. 35 to U.S. 24 east.
 6:22 p.m. - Arrest warrant served on Seth DeHart. Booked.
 8:43 p.m. - Arrested Laura Murphy on warrant. Booked and released.

Friday
 9:37 a.m. - Booked Kelly Kay Licking.
 10:28 a.m. - Report filed on transport order by court.
 10:42 a.m. - Released Kicking.
 11:09 a.m. - Assisted Colby Police at 1255 S. Range.
 12:40 p.m. - Released Seth Ryan DeHart.
 2:31 p.m. - Caller found pills in a student's backpack. Spoke to reporting party. Information provided; nothing criminal.
 7:24 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle hit deer near U.S. 24 and County Rd. 26.
 7:41 p.m. - Subject called and came to Law Enforcement Center

to report another collision with deer near 2100 block of U.S. 24.
 8:19 p.m. - Semi truck stuck in the ditch at Walmart parking lot. Towed by Butch's.
 9:42 p.m. - Oakley Police officer advised of medical emergency. Spoke with subjects; medical help on scene.
 11:24 p.m. - Booked Thurman McDonald.

Saturday
 5:35 a.m. - Released McDonald.
 7:37 a.m. - Dead deer in roadway at K-25 mile 201 removed.
 10:31 a.m. - Suspicious incident: Caller unable to wake sleeping subject. Deputy woke subject, told to leave the premises.
 11:56 a.m. - Request for civil standby. Information provided.
 11:58 a.m. - Caller reported red van without any tag driving around. Unable to locate.
 12:38 p.m. - 911 caller reported subject trying to take vehicle. Handled by Colby Police.
 2:13 p.m. - Report of items found in the area of 2200 block of K-25. Spoke with subjects, information provided.
 3:45 p.m. - 911 caller reported pickup and trailer at I-70 mile 41 eastbound; truck was smoking underneath. Subject was in median; had help coming.
 6:22 p.m. - Call reported kids on go-carts in Brewster. Not found.

Sunday
 12:23 p.m. - Took inmate to Larned State Hospital.
 12:24 p.m. - Booked Ofelia Betancourt.
 2:49 p.m. - Released Betancourt.
 5:05 p.m. - Multiple officers assisted Colby Police with burglary.
 9:21 p.m. - Booked John Fredy Prieto.

Monday
 1:38 a.m. - Booked Anthony J. Tupper.
 2:25 a.m. - Booked Penny B. Lane.
 7:12 a.m. - Released Tupper.
 7:33 a.m. - Released Lane.
 2:48 p.m. - Caller reported neighbor's horses out at County Rd. 7 and 2.
 4:33 p.m. - Released Mark Dulaney.
 7:44 p.m. - Caller reported trailer brake fire on I-70 at mile 57. Assisted subjects.

Help stop pine wilt spread; check trees for infection often

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The past few months you have probably heard or read more and more about pine wilt. What is it and how do I know if I have it?
 The first and foremost question - is pine wilt here in Thomas County? The answer is no, at least for right now. I have sent in a few samples suspected of pine wilt; all have come back negative.
 Jim Strine, northwest area forester, and I are monitoring the encroachment of pine wilt towards Thomas County. Some may remember one case of pine wilt in Thomas County in 2006. That specimen was eradicated and did not spread to surrounding trees. The vector was believed to be brought in by infested firewood from the eastern part of the state.
 Pine wilt is caused by the pinewood nematode. The pine sawyer beetle, a long-horned borer, spreads the nematode, which feeds and multiplies in the tree's resin canals, causing wilting and death in several weeks to several months. The nematode and beetles winter in the infected tree. The beetles emerge around May 1, carrying nematodes to new trees and continuing the cycle of infection.
 The disease is common in the eastern half of the state, and is spreading west naturally about 10 miles a year. The western edge of the infestation at this time is a line from Beloit to Hays to Medicine Lodge. However, there are a few scattered specimens just to the west of this line.
 Scots pines are particularly susceptible, and Scots pine plantings in eastern Kansas have been devastated. Austrian, white, and mugho pines are also hosts, but are not as susceptible as Scots pine. Western Kansas is not yet infested, but there are occasional introductions on firewood or infested nursery stock.

Symptoms
 In Kansas, new pine wilt infections are most apparent from August to December. Trees wilt and die in a short period of time, from several weeks to a few months.
 In the first stages, the needles turn grey or green, then yellow and brown. The discoloration sometimes occurs branch by branch, sometimes all at once. The

brown needles stay on the tree for up to a year after the tree has died.
 Another key symptom is reduced resin. During part of their life, the nematodes feed on plant cells in the tree's resin canals, stopping the flow of resin. On a healthy tree, sticky resin bleeds from the site of a wound. If a tree has pine wilt the resin is often reduced or absent, and branches become dry or brittle.

- Control**
- 1. Sanitation.** The most important step is sanitation. If a tree is suspected to have pine wilt, take a sample to your local K-State Research and Extension office for submission to the K-State Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab. A sample should be a branch at least 2 inches in diameter and 6 to 8 inches long, taken from right against the trunk. Another option is a wedge or cross-section of trunk.
 If the test is positive, the tree should be cut down as soon as possible - by May 1 at the latest - before the beetles emerge. April 1 is a better deadline to make sure no beetles emerge. Cut the tree to the ground; do not leave a stump. Chip or burn the wood immediately to destroy the beetles and nematodes. Do not save the wood for firewood.
 - 2. Avoid stress.** The beetles are attracted to drought-stressed trees. If possible, provide water during dry periods to prevent stress.
 - 3. Prevent new infestations, especially in western Kansas.** Do not import pine firewood from contaminated areas. Be wary of pine nursery stock from infested areas, and monitor nursery stock carefully. If pine wilt is introduced, remove the tree and continue to monitor surrounding pines to make sure it has not spread.
 Careful scouting and sanitation can eliminate sporadic outbreaks before they get out of control. Contact K-State, the Kansas Forest Service, or Kansas Department of Agriculture for assistance.
 - 4. Avoid planting Scots pines.** Choose an alternative tree. Scots pines are highly susceptible to pine wilt.
 If you suspect you may have pine wilt or other problems with your pine trees, give Agriculture Agent Clint Milliman a call at the Thomas County Extension office, 460-4582, to get you trees assessed.

March webcast focus is soil health

A one-hour webcast on "The Soil Health Paradigm: A Holistic Approach to Managing Manure in Agroecosystems" will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 25.
 The webcast is free to livestock producers, extension educators and others interested in the topic. Attendees should go to www.extension.org/pages/Live_Webcast-Information on the day of the webcast to download the speaker's presentations and connect to the virtual meeting room.
 First-time viewers also should follow the steps at www.extension.org/pages/How_Do_I_Participate_in_a_Webcast%3F.
 Ray Archuleta, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service conservation agronomist, will lead a discussion on the science of soil. The webcast will be moderated by Bill Boyd, manure management team leader with the service.
 The webcast is part of eXtension's Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center Educational Webcast Series. eXtension is an educational partnership of land grant universities across the country, including Kansas State.

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