

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

June 28

10:43 a.m. – Report filed on incident.
 12:09 p.m. – Assisted Social and Rehabilitation Services; no report.
 12:39 p.m. – Caller reported sleepy driver on I-70 westbound at mile 57 and pulling off exit 54. Assisted Highway Patrol, vehicle located at Arby's.
 1:44 p.m. – Complaint of kids shooting fireworks at Fike Park. Subjects were spoken to.
 4:08 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles riding skateboards on the sidewalk in front of business. Not found.
 6:20 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
 9:48 p.m. – Fireworks being shot off in the 200 block of S. Lincoln. Spoke with subjects.
 10:55 p.m. – Loud music at Friendly Acres. Unable to locate.

June 29

12:47 a.m. – Assisted disabled vehicle in front of Travel Shoppe. 24/7 contacted and vehicle taken to Tubbs and Sons.
 6:17 a.m. – Vehicle taken from Fike Park. Report filed and vehicle entered into National Crime Information Center. Area law enforcement notified.
 4:54 p.m. – Phillips Lifeline reported lifeline alarm. Made entry.
 7 p.m. – Accident with fixed object behind 445 N. Riddle.
 8:30 p.m. – Domestic call; report filed.

Last Thursday

2:04 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 2:25 a.m. – Caller reported a car alarm going off in the area of Friendly Acres. Unable to locate.
 2:31 a.m. – Closed doors at Meadow Lake.
 11:44 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.
 12:25 p.m. – Caller reported possible scam in the city limits of Colby. Spoke with subject, information provided.
 1:29 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center about possible scam in the city limits of Colby. Spoke with subject, information provided.
 2:16 p.m. – Report filed on incident.
 3:57 p.m. – Caller reported goat being kept in back yard. Notice to appear issued; report filed for violation of city ordinance.
 6:37 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.
 7:58 p.m. – Dog at large captured at 535 S. School. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
 9:23 p.m. – Spoke to subjects about fireworks.
 11:02 p.m. – Report of fireworks. Made contact.
 11:30 p.m. – Crown Inn called to report accident with their canopy.
 11:51 p.m. – Caller reported

dog at large. Not found.
Friday
 5:30 a.m. – House checks.
 10:01 a.m. – Stray dog at large in the area of 400 E. Hill. Unable to contain.
 12:19 p.m. – Subject came to station to report subjects using identity and bank account information to make purchases on line. Report filed.
 12:44 p.m. – Funeral block at Fourth and Country Club.
 1:01 p.m. – Caller reported subject soliciting for money and food; called back to say subject had moved. Unable to locate subjects.
 1:03 p.m. – Caller needed assistance to regain mobility. Helped subject.
 6:21 p.m. – Two dogs at large on Range at Cedar. Not found.
 7:19 p.m. – Two dogs at large in the 1300 block of W. Third. Turned over to owner.
 8:52 p.m. – Theft of iPod from vehicle parked earlier at 1610 S. Franklin. Report filed.

Saturday

12:03 a.m. – Shut water pump off at ball diamonds.
 1:03 a.m. – Report filed for incident.
 2:47 a.m. – Report of fireworks at Julia Apartments. Not found.
 2:51 a.m. – Provided directions for motorist.
 2:56 a.m. – Caller reported subject refused to leave residence. Reporting party said subject left before officers arrived. Subject not found.
 3:15 a.m. – Report filed for domestic call.
 7:25 a.m. – Criminal damage to property; caller reported mailbox damaged by fireworks. Report filed.
 7:25 a.m. – Stray dog contained. Turned over to animal clinic.
 10:16 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large in the area of 1900 S. Range. Reporting party called back after talking to animal clinic; possible owner was en route.
 2:16 p.m. – Feline remains in roadway at College and Maize removed.
 4:13 p.m. – Stalled vehicle in the 2100 block of S. Range. All OK, got vehicle moved.
 5:11 p.m. – Recovered property: 911 caller reported scooter skateboard left in yard for a week. Was a toy; no report.
 7:02 p.m. – Clerk advised woman and child locked in bathroom. Provided assistance.
 8:17 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.
 9:48 p.m. – Tree branch on power line, causing a fire at 455 W. Sixth. Assisted fire department and line department on call.
 10:38 p.m. – Stop lights flashing red and yellow only at Fourth and Franklin; provided traffic control.
 10:39 p.m. – Cleared blockage from storm drain at Fike Park.
 11:05 p.m. – Caller reported

fireworks going off south of Cedar on Grant. Spoke with subjects about ordinance.
 11:18 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks going off south of Cedar on Grant. Spoke with a different group of subjects about ordinance.
Sunday
 12:27 a.m. – Semi stuck near Bosselman's. Provided traffic control; Butch's contacted.
 1:46 a.m. – Caller reported a fight. Report filed for aggravated assault.
 5:56 a.m. – Removed tipper can from the 500 block of S. Franklin.
 6:11 a.m. – Caller reported a very large dog in her backyard. Dog taken to animal clinic.
 8:10 a.m. – Caller reported subject in running vehicle appeared to be asleep. Spoke with subject.
 8:35 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on welfare check.
 12:37 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked blocking alleyway. Spoke with owner; vehicle moved.
 2:18 p.m. – Caller reported damage to utility box on back of building. No intentional damage; everything OK.
 6:34 p.m. – 911 caller reported problems with male subject. At same time, that subject call 911 to report problem with original reporting party. Report filed.
 7:12 p.m. – Caller reported a cow chained to a tree just off alleyway. Spoke to owner.
 8:19 p.m. – Dog at large caught in the 400 block of W. Sixth. Turned over to animal clinic.
 9:47 p.m. – Spoke to subjects at Fireworks stand for possibly selling bottle rockets. Not found.
 10:18 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles using fireworks unsupervised in the street. Had supervision; spoke to subjects.
 10:31 p.m. – Caller reported subjects shooting fireworks onto rooftops. Spoke to subjects; all OK.
 11:03 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks around Cedar and Lin-

coln and Cleveland area. Spoke with subjects, cleaning up mess.
 11:17 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks going off west of S. Mission. Unable to locate.
 11:37 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks east of Brookside and Donelan. Spoke with subject about ordinance.
Monday
 12:02 a.m. – Security check at Bosselman's.
 12:34 a.m. – Security check at Aquatic Park.
 1:42 a.m. – Helped subject looking for his dog at Colby Ag, somewhere in the implements. Unable to locate.
 3:29 a.m. – Helped motorist change a tire at Love's.
 12:42 p.m. – Clerk called about wallet found in parking lot at Burger King. Picked up item, will try to locate the owner. Owner came to station at 1:29 p.m. to pick it up.
 7:30 p.m. – Caller had accident earlier in parking lot at 1615 W. Fourth. Report filed.
 8:44 p.m. – Assisted deputy on tree fire.
 8:57 p.m. – Spoke to subjects about using fireworks in street.
 9:23 p.m. – Caller wanting officer in reference to tree fire. Reporting party said subjects will not stop using fireworks in the area. Spoke to subjects; no criminal intent shown; no report.
 9:29 p.m. – Caller reported subjects using fireworks. Not found.
 10:17 p.m. – Caller had argument with girlfriend; wanted civil stand-by so she could get belongings. Provided stand-by.
 10:34 p.m. – Fireworks complaint: caller had fire in garbage can. No report.
 11:07 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks going off. No disposition given.
 11:17 p.m. – Subject came to station, advised of husband hitting her. Report filed.
 11:45 p.m. – Clerk called about fireworks going off. Spoke with subjects.

Emergency loans available to farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency is making emergency loans available to help qualified producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural disasters.
 Disaster Designation S3121 for drought, excessive heat and high winds on Jan. 1 and continuing made a number of primary counties in Kansas eligible. Those in this area are Norton and Phillips. Contiguous counties also eligible are Decatur, Gove and Sheridan. Producers in these counties have until Feb. 23 to apply for an emergency loan.
 Disaster Designation S3117 for drought, and related disasters, including wildfires and high winds on Jan. 1 and continuing made primary counties eligible including Logan, Gove, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace. Contiguous counties Cheyenne and Rawlins are also eligible. Producers in these counties have until Jan. 10 to apply for an emergency loan.
 Loans may be used to restore or replace essential property and pay production costs associated with the disaster year. Applicants can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses not to exceed \$500,000. The current rate for these low-interest loans is 3.75 percent. Each loan application is considered on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.
 Producers in these counties may also be eligible for 2011-crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments. Signup for 2011 losses will be held in a future year.
 Contact the local Farm Service office at 462-7671 for information.

Sheep get mowing job

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — A central Pennsylvania school has a woolly plan to keep its grass neatly trimmed.
 The Carlisle Area School District says it can save up to \$15,000 a year by turning over some landscaping chores to sheep.
 The Patriot-News of Harrisburg reports the district is using the sheep to keep the grass near its solar panels neatly trimmed. The sheep nibble grass in the morning and take refuge in the shade of the panels in the afternoon.
 With the food already on hand, the district need only supply the sheep with water.
 A middle school assistant principal is providing the sheep. Eric Sands says he's still trying to figure out exactly how many sheep he needs to use to keep the area clear.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given a petition has been filed with the Gem City Council by Steve Bugbee and Larry Higerd of Gem, Kansas, praying for the vacation of all of Hovey Avenue North of Lacey Road and West of Chambers Street. All of Summers Street North of Lacey Road. All of 7th and 8th Streets lying North of Lacey Road including the portion lying west of lot 10, Block 33 in the original City of Gem, Kansas. And All of Roosevelt Street lying between Elm Street and Cottonwood Street in Block 40 of Eaton's Third Addition.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held on July 21, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the Gem Community Building, at 415 Elm Street, at which time the Gem City Council may approve or disapprove the request for the vacating of said streets.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2011.

Pete Ziegelmeyer II,
Gem City Clerk

(Streets to vacate →)

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Rural Maine couple lives in two shipping containers

ELLSWORTH, Maine (AP) — A rural Maine couple calls home a pair of former shipping containers bought online for \$1,500.
 Trevor Seip and Jennifer Sansosti have spent a year modifying the containers on their 63-acre property in Ellsworth, where they hope to eventually build a conventional home.
 Each container measures 20 feet long, 8 feet high and 8 feet wide. One is insulated, plumbed and wired. It boasts a bed and table that fold against the wall, a sink, a camp stove, a propane heater, a shower and a composting toilet. The other has a closet and a folding futon.
 Sansosti tells the Bangor Daily News every inch of the 160 square feet of floor space was used.
 Seip lived in Stroudsburg, Pa. Sansosti is from New York City. They say Maine is more tolerant of their unconventional housing choice.



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