

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Thursday

2:10 a.m. - Subject called 911 about a fight. Report filed.
9:45 a.m. - Civil standby.
11:07 a.m. - Caller reported theft of medicine. Spoke to subject on phone; burglary/theft report filed.
12:46 p.m. - Provided traffic control for city crews working on stop lights.
12:50 p.m. - Collision in front of Sears.
1:48 p.m. - Provided traffic control for city crews working on stop lights.
2:01 p.m. - Assisted U.S. Treasury.
2:12 p.m. - Caller reported motor home parked; blocking view of traffic. Check with code enforcement, vehicle was parked legally.
2:17 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large Mission, Plum, and Cedar area. Not found.
2:27 p.m. - Dog at large at Country Club and Fourth. Unable to catch; Colby Animal Clinic also on scene.
4:35 p.m. - Collision at Fourth and Country Club Drive.
5:13 p.m. - Callers reported dog at large in the 900 block of S. Franklin. Unable to catch.
5:38 p.m. - Caller reported she has been keeping dog for subject who was out of town, today he wanted it back and she wanted to be compensated. Civil matter; spoke to subjects.
7 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large at 1150 S. Franklin. Owner

there trying to catch.
10 :23 p.m. - Caller had questions about how officers handle certain incidents; incident involved adult son. Provided information to reporting party.
Friday
12:25 a.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.
7:44 a.m. - Subject found possible drug paraphernalia. No report; item had been used with tobacco only.
7:55 a.m. - Employee reported criminal damage to property. Report filed.
12:13 p.m. - Report of lost cell phone. Report filed, complaint number given.
12:18 p.m. - Caller reported subject got out of a patrol-type vehicle; did not look like an officer at 115 W. Willow. All OK.
2:52 p.m. - Caller received possible scam call. Provided information to reporting party.
3:17 p.m. - Caller reported missing vehicle tag. Report filed.
7:15 p.m. - Caller reported gun shots. Everything OK, sound was further south.
9:07 p.m. - Helped male subject who had fallen.
9:17 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew with call.
11:08 p.m. - Collision with fixed object at Montana Mikes.
11 :36 p.m. - Collision at Range and Williams.
Saturday
1:39 a.m. - Criminal damage to property; caller advised vehicle rear ended them. Report filed.

1:39 a.m. - Caller reported subject refusing to leave residence. Report filed.
2:44 a.m. - Report filed for incident.
8:20 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew and fire department with house fire.
1:09 p.m. - All OK with possible transient at 115 W. Willow; subject had a recreational vehicle there that was broken down.
4:34 p.m. - Subject at 115 W. Willow advised a customer reported theft of wallet from cart. Wallet was recovered, no report.
4:36 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
5:22 p.m. - Caller caught dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
6:50 p.m. - Subject called, then came to station about woman almost causing an accident at Second and Franklin. Spoke to subject.
7:45 p.m. - Semi went into ditch in the 2300 block of S. Range. Provided traffic control.
8:25 p.m. - Provided ride from Law Enforcement Center to motel.
11 :49 p.m. - Caller reported stolen items. Report filed for criminal trespass and theft.
Sunday
12:30 a.m. - Criminal trespass: caller reported a male subject in her back yard. Report filed.
2:56 a.m. - Open door. All OK; shut door.
8:04 a.m. - Caller reported two juveniles possibly left unattended.

Spoke to subjects; no report at this time.
10:29 a.m. - Caller reported several large rocks in roadway at Range and Webster. They were just dirt clods; broke them up, all OK.
11:18 a.m. - Caller reported three or four subjects trying to sell items from vehicle. Spoke to subjects; they left town.
12:20 p.m. - Drawing weapon on another: female called 911 to report male stole items from her. At same time, male called 911 to report female threatened him with gun. Report filed.
9:11 p.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol.
9:47 p.m. - Secured door.
10:17 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver on I-70; individual stopped at Walmart. The individual was OK.
11 :54 p.m. - Clerk reported a subject purchasing item and using a card that was electronically switched. No report.
Monday
12:29 a.m. - Security check at the B-Hive.
9:57 a.m. - Caller reported receiving harassing calls from subject and wanted to report theft of items. Report filed.
11:23 a.m. - Caller reported receiving e-mail scam. Spoke to subject.
11:33 a.m. - Four officers assisted fire department on smoke call at 1995 W. Fourth.
2:36 p.m. - Battery: report filed.

iPad saturation gets national recognition

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For example, means that the virtual backpack can now be a one-pound electronic device, rather than a big, heavy load of paper to carry around.
'There are all kinds of apps and customized uses which students and faculty are exploring, from auto mechanics to cosmetology,' Stiles said. 'I think Apple was interested in seeing how their iPad would do in a rough environment such as the diesel shop. And because of the high quality camera on the iPad, students can develop an e-portfolio of their work to show to potential employers.'
Apple filmed a documentary about Northwest Tech's work which will be featured on the Apple Education website. Each year the company features six colleges out of 200 proposals.
Stiles is evaluating educational outcomes, but there is clearly excitement around this equipment.
'The change in the commitment of faculty to using technology in their teaching is incredible,' Mills said. 'The change in students to use technology as a part of the learning process here is amazing.'
The City of Goodland (with the motto 'Kansas Begins Here!') also adopted an iPad initiative.
'We are the first or among the first to implement the usage of iPads for a paperless agenda,' said Doug Gerber, Goodland city manager. 'We use an application called Dropbox which commissioners can access electronically. This saves lots of paper, time, and money.'
Other municipal functions benefit as well. For example, a building inspector can use the iPad's high-definition camera to take a digital picture of a code enforcement issue, which the computer can identify through a global positioning system. In the municipal electric system, the city plans to use iPads to manage distribution which would allow delinquent accounts to be cut off at the touch of a button - reducing what had been a daylong process to literally seconds.
Northwest Tech is on the high-tech college list because of the iPad Learning Initiative. We commend all those in Goodland who are making a difference with this pioneering use of technology in education and community.

Think safety when taking kids on holiday travels

With the holidays just around the corner, many families will be traveling to visit friends and relatives, whether by road or by air. Safe Kids Kansas offers tips to families to ensure their holidays are safe days.
Infants and toddlers on airplanes are safest in a car seat with a harness in case of turbulence. 'A child who rides in a car seat on land should optimally ride in that car seat on a plane,' said Cherie Sage, director for Safe Kids. 'Air turbulence can be dangerous and can appear suddenly without warning.'
'You need your child's car seat to travel to and from the airport anyway,' said Sage. 'Car rental companies sometimes have car seats available, but the car seats they have on hand may not fit your child, or they may not be reliable. Your kids are better off in their own car seats.'
Make sure your child's car seat is labeled 'certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft' on the label. It is also recommended to call ahead to check on the policies of the airline.
Booster seats cannot be used on airplanes because they require shoulder belts and airplane seats have only lap belts. Children who have outgrown car seats should sit directly on the airplane seat and, like all passengers, keep the lap belt buckled across their thighs or hips. You can gate-check your child's booster seat so you have it handy at your destination.
The Federal Aviation Administration advises travelers with small children to reserve a pair of seats by a window. Car seats are not allowed in aisle seats or exit rows where they could block emergency escape routes; they must be installed at a window seat. Some airlines may offer a discount for children under 2 when a seat is purchased.
Whether on a plane or in a car, adult travelers should buckle up. 'You're a role model,' said Sage. 'Children learn safety behavior by watching parents and caregivers.' A study in 2005 showed a strong correlation between adult safety habits and children's safety behavior. 'Also, if you will be driving through other states, be sure to check their state laws in advance so you can be sure you are in compliance and avoid an unnecessary ticket.'
For information about child passenger safety on airplanes, visit the 'Flying with Children' page at www.faa.gov/passengers.
For information about car seats and child passenger safety in general, visit www.safekids.org.
For information about booster seat use and the Kansas booster seat law, visit www.kansas-boosterseat.org.
At Your Destination: Be Wary of Hotel Cribs
Safe Kids Kansas also cautions travelers to take a close look at cribs provided by hotels. Several surveys from 2001 to 2006 found many hotel-issued cribs to be defective, damaged or even recalled from the market.
'If you can bring your own folding playpen, that's better than relying on borrowed cribs,' said Sage. 'If you must use a hotel's crib, inspect it carefully for broken or missing parts and look up the model on www.recalls.gov to make sure it isn't subject to any safety notices.'
For information about crib safety, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at (800) 638-2772 or www.cpsc.gov.

Giant pumpkin raised in prison garden

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) - A Rhode Island inmate has grown a 260-pound pumpkin on the grounds of the state prison.
WPRI-TV reports (http://bit.ly/r7Yr7x ) inmate Elena Hall has been tending to the pumpkin that she nicknamed Miss Demeanor.
Correction officers planted the pumpkin seed in March and charged Hall with taking care of it. She already was entrusted to mow the lawn.
When the pumpkin got big enough, Hall put headphones on it and pumped in country music. A face with eyelashes has been painted on the pumpkin.

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