

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
1:15 a.m. – Security check at Twister’s.
1:59 a.m. – Caller reported an erratic driver in the area of Country Club and Eighth. Unable to locate.
3:09 a.m. – Gate closed.
8:59 a.m. – Caller found weapon in vehicle. Report filed; second officer assisted with search warrant.
9:03 a.m. – Caller reported problems with renters. Spoke to reporting party on phone; extra patrol.
9:08 a.m. – Caller reported dog left on her porch, not hers. Took dog to Colby Animal Clinic.
9:30 a.m. – Caller reported four-wheeler taken from vehicle. Report filed.
10:27 a.m. – Spoke to subject about city ordinances.
11:39 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
1:07 p.m. – Caller reported hit and run. No report.
1:09 p.m. – Caller reported hit and run.
1:15 p.m. – Provided information.

3:50 p.m. – Subject came to station in reference to stolen handicapped placard. Report filed.
6:15 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large outside of Animal Clinic. Turned over to Animal Clinic.
7:20 p.m. – Helped Thomas County Emergency Medical Services.
8:47 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Unable to catch.
9:06 p.m. – Caller caught dog from above complaint. Turned over to Animal Clinic.
9:56 p.m. – Caller needed an officer at customer service desk. Everything OK.
Friday
11:12 a.m. – Theft report filed.
2:33 p.m. – Subject came to station, was told by Colorado parole officer to check in here. Spoke to subject, all OK.
5:34 p.m. – Welfare check. Everything OK.
6:50 p.m. – Dog at large turned over to Animal Clinic.
6:52 p.m. – Dog at large, same complaint as above. Turned over to Animal Clinic.
10:22 p.m. – Caller advised of identity theft. Report filed.

10:27 p.m. – 911 caller reported domestic conflict. Report filed.
Saturday
11:10 a.m. – Caller wanted attempt to locate subject. Message delivered.
1:13 p.m. – Hit and run collision in parking lot.
3:50 p.m. – Provided information about rentals in Colby.
4 p.m. – Civil standby.
5:23 p.m. – Caller reported intoxicated subject in store. Provided ride home for individual.
8:17 p.m. – Gas skip.
Sunday
1:05 a.m. – Caller reported loud music coming from 770 Dylan Dr.
2:17 a.m. – Security check at Twister’s.
9:54 a.m. – Helped subject in vehicle with flat tire.
11:14 a.m. – Caller reported man in car acting strange, or possibly drunk. All OK.
12:09 p.m. – Caller wanted welfare check on child who was with possibly drunk subject. All OK.
12:48 p.m. – Caller reported concern over an animal. Civil matter; information given.
12:55 p.m. – Removed tree limb from roadway in the 100 block of S. Franklin.
1:19 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Dog turned over to owner.
1:28 p.m. – Caller reported custody matter. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.
3:20 p.m. – Caller reported a theft. No report.
10:22 p.m. – Caller requested an officer drive-by while subject visited. Provided service.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Thursday
7:29 a.m. – Caller reported gas siphoned from vehicles at Colby Fertilizer. Report filed.
12:52 p.m. – Warrant arrest: subject transported from Park to Colby.
3:32 p.m. – Booked Jason Lazaro.
5:42 p.m. – Removed tire debris from roadway on I-70 at mile 58 1/2.
7:33 p.m. – Released Albert G. Williams.
8:45 p.m. – Booked Marianna Christian.
Friday
10:07 a.m. – Caller reported theft of control module for skid steer from construction site at County Rd. 31 and U.S. 83. Report filed.
Saturday
10:32 a.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop at east-bound I-70 mile 40.
11:25 a.m. – Caller wanted deputy to assist in evicting subjects in Brewster. Spoke to reporting party. Civil matter; needs to contact District Court to start process.
2:52 p.m. – Everything OK with stalled vehicle just south of Lacey Road on U.S. 83, had help coming.
9:50 p.m. – Provided assistance to stranded motorist on U.S. 24 by Levant.
10:32 p.m. – Caller reported motor vehicle collision with deer near J&J Oil Station in Oakley.
Sunday
9:30 a.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop at east-bound I-70 mile 53.

Michigan woman stalked by aggressive tom turkey

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) – An Oakland County woman says she’s become a prisoner on her own property, stalked and harassed by a 25-pound wild turkey.
Edna Geisler calls the foul bird “Godzilla.” The 69-year-old told the *Detroit Free Press* (on.freep.com/xzbbJI) that the turkey wanders near her Commerce Township property each day from nearby woods. She recently couldn’t get to her front door after a trip to the grocery store.
“I have to go to the post office at 6 o’clock in the morning to avoid him,” said Geisler, who has been bumped and clawed.
She has tried changing her schedule but this turkey is no dummy. A friend, Rick Reid, said the turkey went after him, too.
“He tried to come right in the door,” Reid said. “He bit me on the elbow.”
Indeed, a video posted online by the *Free Press* shows Godzilla roaming the grounds like they’re his own. State wildlife expert Tim Payne said adult turkeys are known to aggressively defend

their territory.
“This bird has probably attacked, and the person retreats,” said Payne of the Department of Natural Resources. “What it tells the bird is, ‘What I’m doing is good.’ It reinforces the aggressive behavior.”

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Public Notice
LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to L. 1991, ch 279, 2.
Results of the Market Study Analysis for Thomas County for Assessment Year 2012.
A study of the residential real estate market indicates there is an upward trend in some areas, and stable market in other areas, based on price range of houses on the market. A study of residential and commercial vacant land indicates there is an upward trend. A study of the commercial real estate market indicated there is an upward trend downtown and an upward trend at the interstate area and industrial area.
Values on specific properties may change because of changes in the property, correction of descriptive information of calibration of values based on sales of similar properties in the area.
In accordance with the provisions in KSA 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to annually furnish each county the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the Use Value of agricultural land. Changes that can and do occur as a result of several factors include cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs.
The Study relating to Use Value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation indicated the following changes compared to the prior year:
All Grassland: Increased in value on certain soil types from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.
Dry Cropland: Increase or decrease in value depending on certain soil types from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.
Irrigated Cropland: Values will increase or decrease depending on the well depths and soil types. These values are from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.
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Sprinkler: Values will increase or decrease depending on the well depths and soil types. These values are from the study relating to use value of agricultural land completed by the Division of Property Valuation.
Beginning April 1, 2012, the Thomas County Appraiser's Office will begin notifying property owners of their property's current appraised value. Property owners of record will be receiving a Change of Value Notice in their mail.
THE CHANGE OF VALUE NOTICE IS NOT A TAX BILL. It serves only as the property owner's official notification of the county appraiser's estimate of value for their property.
Each Change of Value Notice will include the current appraised and assessed values of the land and improvements of each class of property on the parcel, a brief explanation of the notice, who to contact about questions, and a condensed outline of the appeal procedures that property owners must follow if they disagree with the values.
If property owners have questions or wish to appeal the classification or appraised value of their property, they must call the taxpayer service number listed on the Change of Value Notice within 30 days of the mailing of the notice.
Property owners must attend an informal meeting with the county appraiser as a prerequisite to formally appealing the change in their property's value.
In the Spring of 2012, farm properties and small towns will be physically reinspected by the appraiser's office to meet the requirement that one-sixth of the properties in the county be reinspected each year.
If anyone has questions relating to the Change of Value Notice, please call 460-4525 or visit the Thomas County Appraiser's Office between the hours of 8AM-5PM.
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