

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Tuesday

11:31 a.m. – Subject came to station about trailer parked on roadway that trash constantly blows out of. Tow away posted; spoke to owner.

12:09 p.m. – Caller reported combine with header traveling north on Range from College Drive. Caught it in the 400 block of N. Range still northbound; would be out of the city shortly.

12:33 p.m. – Caller reported dog on lease in sunshine on E. Ash.

4:41 p.m. – Assisted motorist at I-70 mile 53 eastbound.

5:49 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked at business for 1 1/2 to 2 weeks. Officer en route, got another call. Reporting party called back, will call in the morning.

5:55 p.m. – Attempted suicide,

report filed.

6 p.m. – Subject came to station, advised of juvenile pulling a knife on him yesterday. Spoke to subject; matter was resolved.

10:15 p.m. – Third party report of subject being harassed and kicked. No abuse, no report.

10:31 p.m. – 911 open line. Subject located and was OK.

11:36 p.m. – Caller reported barking dog. Not found.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Tuesday

2:55 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center about lost or stolen trailer tag. Report filed, entered in National Crime Information Center.

10:42 p.m. – 911 caller dodged a deer and hit a pole off County Rd. K at Mingo.

## Start seed with help

No one is quite sure why more gardeners are thinking about growing plants from seed. The reason may be the economy – gardeners wanting to save money. It may be some sort of “get back to the basics” trend.

In some cases, it may even be a practical application of the research that shows children are more likely to eat vegetables they’ve helped to grow.

No matter the reason, K-State Research and Extension horticulturists have assembled practical guides on how to start gardening with seeds. Three videos are among their newest releases:

- “Easy-to-Make Grow Light” (www.kansasgreenyards.org/p.aspx?tabid=37&itemID=273) Youth gardening specialist Evelyn Neier shows how to make a collapsible tabletop stand for an indoor grow light, using a 10-foot length of 1-inch PVC pipe, some plumbing fittings, hooks and chain. No special light’s needed – an ordinary fluorescent shop light

will get the job done.

- “Growing Plants From Seed” (www.kansasgreenyards.org/p.aspx?tabid=37&itemID=26) Horticulture specialist Charles Barden demonstrates how to get a jump-start on the season by starting seeds indoors. He shows container options, discusses planting soil and talks about lighting.

- “Planting Flowers From Seed” (www.kansasgreenyards.org/p.aspx?tabid=37&itemID=120) Wichita-based horticulturist Bob Neier shows how gardeners can stretch their plant investment – plus test “the rules” – by starting plants from seed outdoors.

Information on growing plants from seed is now available at any county or district K-State Research and Extension office. K-State’s Web-based Horticulture Information Center (www.hfr.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=583) also connects gardeners to all kinds of useful resources for successfully growing healthy plants in and around the home.

## Gun found in donated piano

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) – Police say an unloaded gun has been found inside a piano that was donated to a southeast Michigan nursing home years ago.

AnnArbor.com reports (bit.ly/xWHdtA) that staff at Whitehall Healthcare Center in Pittsfield

Township, 5 miles south of Ann Arbor, found the gun in a case inside the piano.

Pittsfield Township deputy police chief Gordy Schick says he suspects the Ruger .22 caliber pistol was hidden long before the musical instrument was donated to the home.

# Spring brings changing events

This is the time of the year when we begin to think of Easter, spring flowers and outdoor activities. It is also the time of year when we begin to think of proposing our budget to the city, making recommendations for board members, submitting our program of work for 2013 and filing an activity report for 2011.

Highlights of the activity report include distribution of 1,032 welcome packets, traveling 5,502 miles for bureau business, welcoming 7,646 registered visitors at the Colby Visitor Center and providing specific convention services for 25 groups. We were represented at travel shows in Omaha, Denver, Wichita and Pheasant Fest; attended the Sampler Festival in Leavenworth and the Tour Kansas Show Case in St. Louis for motor coach leaders and planners. It was a busy but worthwhile year and we are on our way for 2013.

Congratulations to J.L. Evins and David Keck for their appointment to the Leadership Thomas County Board of Directors. We thank Shawn Hankin for his many years of service to this board and look forward to continuing to work with him in the future. The board of directors has been meeting with Troy Unruh of Garden City who has been leading the board through strategic planning. The directors have determined they will field an adult leadership class this year. Stay tuned for more.

The youth are close to finishing their class project of updating and refurbishing the park equipment in Rexford, Brewster and Colby. They’ve painted, added new basketball nets and are replacing a bench at Rexford.

By the time you read this, Ralph Fischer and I will have returned from Lawrence where we are attending a Visitor Center meeting hosted by the State Tourism Division. There are 19 visitor centers throughout the state which have been given the honor of being officially approved by the state for the work that they do.



**Leilani Thomas**

### • On the Road Again!

We are proud of our center and the volunteers which greet those visitors.

April is a very busy month. Pioneer Memorial Library is celebrating National Library Month April 9 through April 14 with their *Booked for Lunch* held daily at noon. You won’t want to miss hearing several authors discuss their books and other books being reviewed by local readers.

The college will have the Dr. Max Pickerrill Lecture at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. Richard Horan, author and educator, is the speaker.

Colby Community College is holding its Fiesta on the Plains Foundation Scholarship Auction and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday April 14, at the City Limits Convention Center.

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce banquet and annual meeting will be Saturday, April 28, also at the convention center. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and entertainment by Tumble Weed Chorus and Prairie Rose Harmony will follow presentation of awards.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is also holding its annual meeting at a luncheon on Thursday, April 19, at the museum. The *Food for Thought* presentation is “Sons and Daughters of the Soddis.”

The junior-senior prom will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the City Limits Convention Center.

The Art Walk will be between 6 and 8 p.m.

## Church fight appealed to Supreme Court

By Russ Bynum

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. – A Savannah congregation that split from the Episcopal Church in a dispute over homosexuality has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its case over who owns the \$3 million property of Georgia’s “Mother Church.”

The breakaway congregation has been fighting for years for ownership of Christ Church’s downtown Savannah sanctuary, built in 1840. The church was established by Georgia’s colonial founders in 1733.

The congregation’s leaders confirmed Friday they had appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court after

exhausting their legal options at the state level. The breakaway group held onto the downtown Savannah property for more than four years after it left the Episcopal Church in 2007 for affirming its first gay bishop. A long court battle followed, with the Georgia Supreme Court ruling Nov. 21 that the church property rightfully belongs to the Episcopal Church under its governing hierarchy and bylaws.

It’s uncertain whether the nation’s highest court will hear the case. Leaders of the breakaway group say it warrants attention because there have been more than 50 similar church cases litigated in other states.

“You’ve had different rulings

from different jurisdictions,” said John Albert, board chairman for the breakaway congregation. “We’ve always felt like this was going to have to get settled at the Supreme Court level.”

The group returned the sanctuary on Johnson Square to the Episcopal diocese in December, but did not rule out further appeals. It has since been holding services and meetings at another Savannah church.

While the breakaway congregation has insisted the fight was mainly one of theological differences, saying it finds the denomination’s policies on homosexuality to be at odds with biblical teachings, the court arguments have focused tightly on matters

of Friday, April 20, downtown and at the college. Watch for locations for the special artwork on sidewalks as well as art work which will be on display.

There is a steak feed beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the American Legion.

Music is also on the calendar for April. KGCR radio is presenting a concert with Sidewalk Prophets and Josh Wilson at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, at the Community Building.

The Sacred Heart School kindergarten and first grade music program will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17.

Music State Large Groups will be held Thursday, April 19, at Colby High School.

Western Plains Arts Association is presenting the Dallas Brass Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at Colby High School.

The kindergarten musical will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at Colby Grade School.

Sporting events include the Colby Community College All-Star Basketball Game on Sunday at the Community Building. The college will be holding the Allen Wolf Softball Tournament Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. Farmers and Merchants Bank is holding the Celebrity Dinner again this year with proceeds to go to sports programs. It will be Thursday, April 26, at the American Legion.

Car races begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, at the Thomas County Speedway. There are many softball and baseball games, track meets, tennis and golf – opportunities to enjoy the spring weather and support our local teams and athletes.

Enjoy the spring weather, the activities and a very happy Easter to all of you.

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of which group legally owned the title to the property.

The Rev. Frank Logue, spokesman for the Georgia’s Episcopal diocese, noted all three Georgia courts that heard the case ruled in favor of the diocese.

“We believe the U.S. Supreme Court, if it decides to take this up, will rule as the three Georgia courts did,” Logue said.

British Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe, who founded Georgia as the 13th British colony in 1733, set aside the land for Christ Church on Johnson Square in his original plans for Savannah and attended its first worship service. It has long been known as the “Mother Church of Georgia.”

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