

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Rustin Lee Leiker, 28, Wallace, April 23, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released April 24 on recognizance.
- Evan Drew Mainus, 23, Colby, April 24, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services of Thomas County, released May 4 to responsible party.
- Dylon Michael Braun, 19, Colby, April 25, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police Department, released April 26 on notice to appear.
- Padro Garcia Jr., 19, Colby, April 25, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Dylan Ray Helberg, 19, Colby, April 25, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- James Kane Lovvorn, 20, Colby, April 25, minor in possession, Colby Police, released April 26 on notice to appear.
- Taylor Linn Brown, 23, Colby, April 26, failure to appear/show cause hearing, failure to appear/citation to appear/show cause, released May 9 by court order.
- Shanelle Renee Sharp, 20, Syracuse, April 26, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Michael Vincent D'Angelo, 24, Modesto, Calif., April 28, theft, Colby Police/Gove County Sheriff's Office, released May 8 to other agency.
- Dusty Lee Hutchison, 33, Harrisburg, Pa., May 1, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on recognizance.
- Jose Valdez, 58, Colby, May 1, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Jessica Faith Luna, 20, Colby, May 2, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Todd Gregory Freeman, 35, Colby, May 3, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Lucas Troy Ruth, 23, Goodland, May 3, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Brent A. Bandy, 18, Colby, May 4, protective custody/mental, Colby Police, released same day to other agency.
- Keith Benjamin Hemeyer, 53,

Morrison, Mo., May 4, driving under the influence, Highway Patrol, released same day on recognizance.

- Gary Kyle Candelaio, 26, Colby, May 5, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.
- Bryce Clair Clark, 25, Colby, May 5, possession of drug paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released May 7 on recognizance.
- Michael Burdell Packard, 61, Oakley, May 6, driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day to responsible party.
- McKayla Dawn Curry, 20, Colby, May 7, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Lea Ann Froetschner, 30, Colby, May 5, possession of drug paraphernalia, transporting open container/alcohol, Highway Patrol, released May 7 on recognizance.
- Jocelyn Dinah Tech, 49, Atwood, May 7, harassment by telephone, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Ricardo Torres Jr., 23, Colby, May 7, failure to report an accident, obstruction of official duty, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.
- Larry Christopher Turner, 23, Colby, May 7, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Alexia Faith Blake, 19, Holyoke, Colo., May 9, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Tanesha Marie Davis, 19, Colby, May 9, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Marshall William Carson, 29, Goodland, May 10, driving under the influence, transporting open container, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Katie Janet Clancy, 20, Colby, May 10, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Eric Eugene Holub, 21, Atwood, May 10, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.
- Carlos B. Martinez, 23, Goodland, May 10, transporting open container/alcohol, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

Certificates offer occupation choices

In recognition of an expected wave of worker retirements in both the natural gas pipeline industry and the municipal water quality treatment field, the Kansas Department of Commerce is set to offer two demand occupation certificate programs starting in mid-May.

The Department will work with Barton Community College in Great Bend, Salina Area Technical College, the Kansas Municipal Utilities and Kansasworks to offer a Gas Measurement Techni-

cian Certificate program at Barton Community College and a Certificate of Career Exploration in Water Quality program at Salina Area Technical College.

Students registering for the programs who are unemployed, underemployed, veterans or economically disadvantaged may receive a full scholarship through Kansasworks under a State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant.

"This is a great opportunity for someone just entering the work-

force or for someone looking to make a career change into two growing and dynamic fields," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "Gas measurement technicians can earn a median starting wage of \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year, while gas measurement specialists can earn \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year.

"For recent or new high school graduates looking to learn specific skills and focused training to enter two fields with plenty of expected job openings and career advance-

ment potential, these certificate programs could be a good fit."

For information or to enroll in the Gas Measurement Technician program, contact Mike Baugh, Barton Community College, (866) 813-2462, or go to www.bartoncc.edu/instruction/programs/naturalgas.html. For information or to enroll in the Water Quality program, contact Salina Area Technical College at (785) 309-3124.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1102, the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Thomas County Sheriffs Office. These vehicles will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder after June 2012 on Purple Wave Auction.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas, or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification Number Verification Form will also be required to obtain title of any vehicle purchased and will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification and pay the costs involved.

The Thomas County Sheriffs Office reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the described vehicles prior to the time of the sale. No implied warranty of condition shall be understood by such sales.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicles and contents within ten days of the date of the second publication of this notice by paying the removal and storage charges incurred.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Thomas County Sheriffs Office and all sales must be settled at the time of the sale. Titles will be transferred to buyers, if available. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale and Proof of Publication.

VEHICLES TO BE SOLD

- 1986 Oldsmobile sedan 4-door**
VIN- 1G3CW69B1G1323612
Registered Owner- Kelly Duval
 - 1999 K3A sedan 4-door**
VIN- KNAFB1210X5813963
Registered Owner- Randy Reichle
 - 1997 Ford Ranger pickup**
VIN- 1FTDR15X8VPA40134
Registered Owner- Chad Wacker
 - 1986 Honda Accord sedan 4-door**
VIN- JHMBA5441G117688
Registered Owner- Darrell Heckman
 - 2002 Hyundai utility 4-door**
VIN- KM8SC73D22U239581
Registered Owner- Clifford B. Malone
 - 1995 Lincoln Mark VIII 2-door sedan**
VIN- 1LNLM91V3S5627551
Registered Owner- John McCormick
 - 2001 Buick sedan 4-door**
VIN- 1G4HP54K61U159750
Registered Owner- Candy A. Rowe
- (Published in the Colby Free Press on Monday, May 7, 14, 2012)

Field bindweed no easy yard enemy

Field bindweed produces an almost delicate-looking vine with arrow- or shield-shaped leaves. Until its trumpet-like flowers bloom in pink or white, it's adept at blending in with lawn or shrub.

The vine's top talent, however, is its ability to multiply. Field bindweed is a non-native that spread to millions of acres of Kansas crops before it reached town, according to Ward Upham, K-State horticulturist.

"You'd be telling the truth if you said that in Kansas - as elsewhere - it's officially noxious," Upham said. "Fortunately, this year homeowners have another weapon in their arsenal of controls."

Bindweed can form tangled mats, run along the ground, twist and twine around other plants, plus climb up and over all kinds of things, he explained. Each plant can produce up to 500 seeds that remain viable for 50 years.

But, bindweed's strength is underground, where the roots grow deep into the ground, while extending out far enough to reach into neighbors' yards. Any break

or bud on those roots can produce another plant.

"This isn't a weed you can control by hand-pulling unless you're willing to devote years to the task. Trying to hoe it up simply helps bindweed spread," Upham said. "The recommended control has always been glyphosate - a non-selective herbicide that kills any green plant tissue it touches. In shrub borders, for example, you have to spray on a still day. You probably should put up cardboard shields, too, to protect the shrubs from any drift."

Recently, however, a herbicide for lawns has come onto the market and sold under the trade name Drive (active ingredient: quinclorac). It is also an ingredient in such combination herbicides as Ortho Weed-B-Gon Max + Crabgrass Control, Fertilome Weed Out with Q, and Bayer All-in-One Lawn Weed and Crabgrass Killer.

"Drive is very stable on grass clippings. You can let treated clippings fall into the lawn. If you bag them, though, you should discard them, not add them to

your compost pile," the horticulturist warned. "You'll be making a big mistake if you assume that because it won't harm turf, Drive can't harm other plants.

"If you were to convert an area of treated lawn into a vegetable garden, Drive could still damage any tomatoes you planted there within the next 24 months. Drive can injure exposed tree and shrub roots, too. In fact, to help homeowners avoid possible damage, I recommend not spraying beneath the leaf canopy of any trees."

For instructions on how to control bindweed as well as other pests without chemicals, Upham suggests homeowners look at the photo series and instructions for No. 15 in the University of Illinois Extension program called "57 Ways to Protect Your Home Environment," on the Web at www.thisland.illinois.edu/57ways/57ways_15.html. Called soil solarization, the organic approach bakes the invaded soil, covers it with clear plastic and lets it "cook" for two months during the heat of summer.

Demolition crew discovers cabin inside house

FARR WEST, Utah (AP)—A Utah man who started to demolish what he thought was a frame house discovered it was built around a pioneer-era log cabin.

Now, Randy Chambers plans to restore the cabin, which a history sleuth determined was built by an ancestor of his in the 1860s.

KSL reports (bit.ly/J15ml1) that the cabin is a piece of history Chambers decided he'll keep.

Workers discovered the larger frame house was built around the log cabin after tearing down wall-board and finding more walls of hand-hewn logs.

The heavy logs were hidden from the outside by siding and additions.

The start of demolition also revealed an odd feature of the century-old frame house. It had two front doors.

What started out as a demolition has now turned into a mission by Chambers to preserve a piece of history.

He wanted to demolish the frame house adjoining his office to make space for a storage yard.

But as contractors started ripping out the plaster-board, they found more walls of a log cabin - and immediately recognized that demolition was going to be a much tougher job.

At first, "I thought it was a liability - because we didn't know how sturdy it was," Chambers said.

He began to wonder who built the cabin and when, and enlisted some help from somebody who collects property records and local history.

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