

Maintaining the power



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Linemen Will Erwin and Brandon Bane of L&S Electric hung a transformer on a newly replaced utility pole Tuesday afternoon on Range Avenue north of Eighth Street. The project extends along Eighth east of Range and Seventh Street west of Range and includes adjacent north-south blocks as well.

Water temperatures rising in Lake Michigan

CHICAGO (AP) — Here’s an odd fact about the spate of hot weather in Illinois: The water temperature of Lake Michigan has reached 80 degrees.

The National Weather Service says that’s “unprecedented” for this early in the summer season. Meteorologists say monthly air

temperatures have been above normal for nine consecutive months in Chicago. That translates to warm water temperatures across the lake. The heat wave drove up the temperature farther in the lake. The water temperature rose 10 degrees between Sunday and Friday.

The 80-degree water was recorded Friday at the south buoy on Lake Michigan, which is 43 nautical miles east-southeast of Milwaukee. The water depth at the south buoy is 528 feet, and the temperature is measured about two feet below the surface.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
1:19 a.m. — Security check at Twister’s.
2:24 a.m. — Caller reported subjects fighting, civil standby assigned.
11:44 a.m. — Spoke to subject in reference to rental property.
11:49 a.m. — Provided a civil standby.
3:51 p.m. — Caller reported a vehicle bouncing off the curb on S. Franklin; unable to locate.
5:44 p.m. — Caller reported someone chalking her vehicle.
Friday
1:25 a.m. — Report filed.
2:15 a.m. — Battery report filed in reference to subject who came to station.
7:04 a.m. — Caller reported keys and child in vehicle. Locksmith contacted.
11:49 a.m. — Assisted Court Services Officer.
12:45 p.m. — Helped subject at station with fix-it ticket from Nebraska.
2:55 p.m. — Caller requested officer contact family member. No one home; all appeared OK.
2:55 p.m. — Caller reported subject having problems with another subject. Report filed.
6:59 p.m. — Subject called about subject who left items at residence more than a year ago threatening to have officers retrieve. Provided information; civil matter.
7:37 p.m. — Helped ambulance crew on call.
10:04 p.m. — Spoke to subjects about panhandling in parking lot; provided escort to Law Enforcement Center for aid.
Saturday
1:34 a.m. — Driving under the influence report filed.
1:34 a.m. — Served arrest warrant out of Ford County.
2:13 a.m. — Business called requesting vehicle be checked for drugs and alcohol. Everything OK.
9:14 a.m. — Subject came to station in reference to accident occurring in March at Sonic.
10:06 a.m. — Caller reported pig out at the sale barn. Unable to locate.
10:15 a.m. — Caller reported vehicle parked at corner of Garfield and Ash for over 30 days. Tow-away tag posted.
3:11 p.m. — Caller reported male used screwdriver to enter back yard gate; claimed to be there to change electric meter. Subject not found, no damage to gate.

4:02 p.m. — Caller wanted to report child as a runaway. Spoke to reporting party; provided options.
5:46 p.m. — Caller reported possible drunk driver ran stop sign at Second and Franklin. At 5:50, another caller reported vehicle parked. Not found.
5:48 p.m. — Helped ambulance crew on call.
6:43 p.m. — Accident in parking lot at 1950 S. Range.
7:24 p.m. — Caller reported possible drunk pedestrian. Not found.
7:39 p.m. — Caller wanted lockbox and residence checked because of above incident.
9:31 p.m. — Caller reported two dogs at large in the 500 block of W. Seventh. Not found.
10:11 p.m. — Caller reported dogs barking. Owners not found; left warning hanger on door.
10:47 p.m. — Helped with stalled vehicle in the 900 block of E. Eighth.
11 p.m. — Caller reported a strange animal in yard. Spoke with reporting party.
Sunday
12:03 a.m. — Security check at Holiday Inn.
12:10 a.m. — Security check at Motel 6.
1:12 a.m. — Clerk from Love’s called about a stray dog. Dog taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
9:39 a.m. — Provided traffic control for subject moving a small shop building at Range and Webster.
10:01 a.m. — Caller reported hit and run accident.
12:41 p.m. — Caller reported a neighbor owing him money. Information provided.
3:17 p.m. — Asset protection manager at Walmart reported shoplifter left store. Report filed.
7:01 p.m. — Burglary report filed on complaints about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
9:18 p.m. — Caller reported subject got mad, smashed TV, and left in pickup. Spoke to reporting party; subject returned; report filed.

1:56 p.m. — Served arrest warrant on Luiz Ziller.
3:46 p.m. — Caller reported possible drunk driver on U.S. 83 near Selden. Everything OK, negative drunk driver.
Friday
2:24 a.m. — Booked juvenile.
2:25 a.m. — Released juvenile.
7:25 a.m. — Took juvenile to Garden City.
11:49 a.m. — Assisted Court Services Officer at the courthouse.
12:36 p.m. — Booked Thomas Earl Leming.
3:50 p.m. — Caller had physical argument with subject in vehicle in Sheridan County; wanted to speak to deputy at a residence in Rexford. Neither subject wanted report filed; provided ride for subject and daughter back to Colby.
4:38 p.m. — Sheridan County Sheriff’s Office called about two speeding vehicles southbound on U.S. 83 near Selden. Unable to locate.
6:06 p.m. — Caller reported dog at large acting aggressive in Levant. Provided options to reporting party.
9:15 p.m. — Caller reported neighbor burning trash in violation of burn ban in Gem. Spoke to subjects; fire put out.
10:30 p.m. — Provided traveler’s aid.
Saturday
5:09 p.m. — Helped ambulance crew on call in Brewster.
5:45 p.m. — Subject came to Law Enforcement Center about incident in Brewster. All OK, extra patrol ordered.
7:48 p.m. — One vehicle accident in the 1700 block of County Rd. R. Assisted rescue squad.
11:58 p.m. — Vehicle reported stolen July 1 recovered in Wichita.
Sunday
11:21 a.m. — Caller reported vandalism at rest area west of Colby.
1:15 p.m. — Provided motorist assistance on north K-25 at mile 200.
3:22 p.m. — Helped Colby police officer on shoplifting call from Walmart. Traffic stop at Franklin and Pine.
3:51 p.m. — Booked Judith Leah Tippets.
3:53 p.m. — Gave traveler’s aid.
5:43 p.m. — Caller reported three cows out on roadway at County Rd. 20. Contacted owner.
9:39 p.m. — Helped highway patrolman on accident with deer at eastbound I-70 mile 57.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Thursday
12:28 a.m. — Caller reported thefts from the eastern part of the county.
10:22 a.m. — Caller reported burglary and criminal damage to property in Rexford. Report filed.
11:04 a.m. — National Crime Information Center hit on wanted person from Florida.
11:53 a.m. — Booked Melissa Joy Swafford.

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