

On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**Friday**  
10:31 a.m. – Caller reported subject took her paycheck. Spoke to subjects; situation resolved.  
11:32 a.m. – Caller reported two juveniles carrying newspapers into a wooded area. All OK; spoke to parent; mess cleaned up.  
11:42 a.m. – Caller reported theft of small utility trailer.  
12:18 p.m. – Caller reported subjects selling door to door. Spoke to subjects; told to contact City Hall for permit.  
12:50 p.m. – Caller concerned over children left outside and in a vehicle unattended. All OK; was a teenager and her brother.

2:48 p.m. – Caller reported drunk pedestrian causing problems. All OK; situation handled.  
5:19 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles with skateboards under I-70 bridge on S. Range. Unable to locate.  
5:36 p.m. – Spoke with juvenile's parents at station about incident at 11:32 a.m.  
10:02 p.m. – Caller reported loud party blocking the roadway. Everything OK; nobody outside.  
**Saturday**  
9:50 a.m. – Caller reported recovered speed limit sign and post in back yard. Had been there for more than a month, no report.  
11:32 a.m. – Caller reported theft of cell phone. Recovered phone, victim did not want to file charges.  
12:55 p.m. – Helped stranded

motorist at eastbound I-70 exit 53 off ramp.  
4:07 p.m. – Caller reported animal bite victim. Report filed.  
11:38 p.m. – Caller reported a fire. Subject were told burn ban still in effect, put out the fire.  
**Sunday**  
9:21 a.m. – Checked on transient in Walmart parking lot.  
1:28 p.m. – Caller reported three dogs at large. Owner recovered dogs.  
6:21 p.m. – Accident in parking lot at 1927 S. Range. No report wanted.  
9:41 p.m. – Caller wanted officer to attempt to stop possible subjects who may have snuck into the races. Not found.  
9:52 p.m. – Caller reported eight to 10 teenagers playing in roadway. Not found.  
10:38 p.m. – Provided directions to Walmart for subject in semi in the 1500 block of S. Franklin.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Friday**  
12:10 a.m. – Booked Craig Edwards at 11:50 p.m. Thursday.  
12:21 a.m. – Booked Cody Younklin.  
6:15 a.m. – Released Younklin.  
9:33 a.m. – Released Edwards.  
10:14 a.m. – Caller reported subject possibly burning something during county wide burn ban. All OK; was accidental, taken care of.  
11:38 a.m. – Released Eric Scott Schiltz.  
2:33 p.m. – Caller advised of

third party report of accident with deer in the 3200 block of County Rd. C. No damage, no report.  
Po5:04 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Mark Enos.  
8:19 p.m. – Booked Adonte Fountain.  
8:32 p.m. – Booked Terrell Lamb.  
9:33 p.m. – Caller reported cow out at U.S. 83 and U.S. 24. Contacted owners; cow put back in fence.  
11:04 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle problems at the fuel depot in Brewster.

**Saturday**  
12:04 p.m. – Released Mark Edward Enos.  
4:07 p.m. – Oakley Police Department reported subject being harassed on I-70. Spoke with both subjects; everything OK.

**Sunday**  
1:45 a.m. – Booked Kyle L. Brogan.  
1:58 a.m. – Released Brogan.  
2:27 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 13.  
3:55 a.m. – Booked Kelsey N. Mann.  
4:10 a.m. – Released Mann.  
5:27 a.m. – Booked Laura K. Joseph.  
10:27 a.m. – Released Joseph.  
7:02 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Paul R. Hayes.  
7:02 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Terrell R. Lamb.  
10:24 p.m. – Caller reported accident with deer at southbound U.S. 83 mile 170.5.

Trading cards used to teach about early history of Kansas

Fort Larned National Historic Site has introduced the first of five Civil War trading cards, "Moving the Mail on the Santa Fe Trail," with a program by Dr. David Clapsaddle at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Fort Larned Visitor Center.

The mail station at Pawnee Fork was one of many established on the trail. These stations provided fresh mules as well as forage for trail weary animals. Some mail stations, called home stations, provided meals for passengers.

In the summer of 1859, safety became an issue along the central portion of the trail between Walnut Creek and Fort Union, N.M. Increased commercial traffic along the trail, as well as a flood of prospectors headed to the gold fields of Colorado, had stirred up the Kiowa and Comanche in the area. They were especially unhappy about attempts to set up a mail station at the Pawnee Fork of the Arkansas River, about 25 miles west of Walnut Creek.

At the time, mail was carried by private companies contracted by the Post Office Department. Hall and Porter, the company responsible for the mail run between Independence, Mo., and Fort Union, N.M., had tried to build a mail station at Pawnee Fork in the spring only to have their crew chased off by Kiowas and Comanches. Without a station at Pawnee Fork, the carriers faced a long stretch of trail without a relay stop to change horses or mules.

Company partner Jacob Hall went to Washington and convinced Postmaster General Joseph Holt of the need for a mail station at that location along the route. Holt convinced Acting Secretary of War William Drinkard to take action on the request who in turn informed



A trading card released by the Fort Larned National Historic Site is meant to help educate people about the Pawnee Fork mail station, established in the 1800s.

Col. Edward Sumner, commander of the military Department of the West, of the situation. Sumner sent a cavalry company to Pawnee Fork on Sept. 1. Aware that troops were on their way to provide protection, Jacob Hall again sent a crew and materials to build the mail station at Pawnee Fork.

In late September, a mail wagon traveling west out of Pawnee Fork without an escort was attacked by a band of Kiowas. Two out of the three men on the wagon were killed, spurring the

Army to establish a more permanent presence in the area, as well as provide regular escorts for the mail wagons. On Oct. 22, Capt. George Steuart of Company K, 1st U.S. Cavalry, arrived at Pawnee Fork along with 75 troopers to establish a camp on Pawnee Fork which would eventually become Fort Larned.

The site is six miles west of Larned on K-156. Information on visiting is on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/fols](http://www.nps.gov/fols), or by calling (620) 285-6911, or e-mail to [fols\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:fols_superintendent@nps.gov).

Farm Service Agency offering loans to cover drought losses

Farm Service Agency emergency loans are now available at a 2.25 percent interest rate to farmers who have suffered crop or livestock losses due to the drought since Jan. 1.

"This rate was previously at 3.75 percent," said Adrian J. Polansky state executive director of the agency, "and had remained unchanged since 1993."

These counties became eligible under a more flexible rule announced by Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on July 11. Regulations had not been revised since 1988. The new final rule allows 66 primary counties in Kansas to be eligible for low interest rate emergency loans who suffered a drought intensity value of at least D2 (Drought-Severe) for eight or more consecutive weeks or D3 (Drought-Extreme) or high

at any time during the growing season according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, which may be seen at [droughtmonitor.unl.edu/](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/).

Included among the affected counties are Thomas, Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman.

Applications for assistance will be accepted by Farm Service until Tuesday, March 12. "Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 2.25 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," said Polansky.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

Loans covering production losses

es may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. "Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Polansky said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loans, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying loss.

Farmers, who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers who think they may eligible should contact the Farm Service Office – Farm Loan Programs for their respective counties.

We want your local news!  
Call Vera at 462-3963

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

To have your ad placed in the Business Directory call Sharon or Kathryn today at 462-3963



Auto | Home | Life

Call today to see how I make insurance simple and can help you protect what matters most.



FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES  
Insurance • Investments

Securities & services offered through FBL Marketing Services, LLC\*, 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877/860-2904, Member SIPC. Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company\*\*, Western Agricultural Insurance Company\*\*, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company\*\*/West Des Moines, IA. \*Affiliates \*\*Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services PC026-ML-BC (2-12)

ROOFMASTERS

Serving Colby for over 30 YEARS!

<b>RESIDENTIAL</b> Heritage Shingles Wood Shingles IR Shingles Stone Coated Steel Metal Panels	<b>425 East Hill, Colby, KS</b> <b>785-462-6642</b> Licensed Bonded Insured <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL</b> EPDM Rubber White TPO Single Ply Modified Systems Built up Systems Elastomeric Coating
---	--	---

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

NEW SYSTEM  
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING  
(800) 611-6735  
[www.MyWindowCleaner.net](http://www.MyWindowCleaner.net)  
Serving Colby since 1992!

Commercial • Residential • Free Estimates

NEED EXTRA MONEY?

Be a Newspaper Carrier!



COLBY  
FREE PRESS

155 W. 5th Street • 785.462.3963

Call us or stop by!

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mobile Home  
Lots for Rent  
\$175 Month  
(includes water, sewer & storage shed)

FREE Month with approved application

Friendly Acres  
Mobile Home Park  
1150 S. Franklin, Colby  
Call 785-462-6445

Dr. Tom Barlow  
DENTIST

785-460-7538

Appointments  
Readily Available

505 H N. Franklin, Colby

Meadow Lake  
Restaurant & Lounge

Monday Nights  
\$1 Draws

Saturday Nights  
Prime Rib



785-460-6443  
1085 E Golf Club Rd. • Colby, KS



THOMAS  
County INSURANCE AGENCY  
Serving NW Kansas for over 100 years.

Representing many companies to provide all your insurance needs:

- Home, Auto, Boat, Motorcycle, RV
- Farm and Crop Insurance
- Commercial Property, Automobiles
- General Liability, Workers Compensation
- Inland Marine, Builders Risk
- Auto Service Shops
- Body Shop and Collision Repair
- Contractors
- Restaurants
- Salons and Day Spas
- Strip Malls, Condominiums
- Churches, Schools, Day Care Centers



Dennis R. Tubbs/Agent

P.O. Box 506 • 490 N. Franklin  
Ph: 785-462-3939 • Fax: 785-462-3752  
[dtubbs@thomascountyins.com](mailto:dtubbs@thomascountyins.com) • [www.thomascountyins.com](http://www.thomascountyins.com)

\* For great coverage and customer service contact me!

Baalmann Mortuary

190 S. Franklin • P.O. Box 391 • Colby, KS 67701  
(785)462-2331

"Family Serving Families"

- Funeral & Cremation Services
- Monuments & Prearrangements

All Harrison Chapel Prearrangements will be honored

High Plains  
RV Resort



Live at the resort in your  
RV Oakley/Colby!

Live in your RV at the #1  
rated RV resort in Kansas.  
\$495 monthly rent - includes  
water, sewer, electric & cable TV!

Swimming pool, hot tubs, clean restrooms, Propane available, clubhouse and laundry room, and store!

We only have a few sites available for monthly guests, so call us now.  
High Plains RV Resort • (785)672-3538 • [www.HighPlainsCamping.com](http://www.HighPlainsCamping.com)  
We sell PROPANE PROPANE PROPANE!