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Officials arrest man in 'road rage' incident

By **PATTY DECKER**

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While stories are conflicting as to what happened Saturday afternoon, five people were involved in what officials termed "road rage," ending later that day with one man being charged with aggravated assault and a second person charged with aiding and abetting a crime.

Colby police were notified of the incident at 1:34 p.m. after getting an emergency 911 call from a man who said he and two other men were threatened at gun point as they drove by in a residential area, said Gary Shull, investigator.

The incident started when James Benjamin Wilson, Jr., 34, and Selena M. Lee, 25, both of Colby, were stopped at the corner of Sewell and Davis talking with another person with the cars blocking traffic, Shull said.

As they were talking between vehicles, Christopher M. Grantz, 18, and Jess W. Long, 20, both of Brewster, said they had to maneuver their vehicle around the two

other cars in order to continue on to their destination to pick up Craig H. Grantz, 51, also from Brewster, who was getting off work.

"All four are accusing the other vehicle of shouting obscenities and flipping each other off," Shull said today.

In one account, apparently the vehicle Christopher was driving was being harassed by Wilson in his car as they left the area where Craig was picked up from work. In turn, Craig followed the Wilson vehicle in order to get the license tag number.

"Wilson then pulled into his driveway at 1790 Sewell Ave. with Craig (Grantz) stopping to write down the tag information," Shull said.

In the report from Grantz, Wilson then went into the house and came back out with a handgun, pointing the gun at the vehicle Grantz was driving.

It was at that point, when Craig (Grantz) drove away and around the block while calling 911.

Wilson and Lee who initially were talking prior to Grantz' car pulling around them, told police that after they stopped in their driveway, they drove by the Grantz vehicle in order to get the license plate number.

"Both parties involved are saying that the other side was still shouting obscenities and threats," Shull said.

Wilson and Lee deny that they had used a gun, nor that they owned a handgun. In an effort to find the truth, officials got a search warrant and at 5 p.m. went into the Wilson's Sewell residence.

The search resulted in a loaded handgun being found inside the house and located near the front door," Shull said.

Wilson was arrested after the discovery and booked into the Thomas County Jail on aggravated assault charges.

Lee was arrested, then booked and released for aiding and abetting a crime.

The charges were forwarded today to Allan Taylor, Thomas County Attorney, for action.

Prehearing conference set in Hildyard, state board matter

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Plans for a prehearing conference between the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and a Colby physician have been scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, by telephone.

The conference involves the presiding officer, Edward J. Gaschler, and Dr. Victor Hildyard, a family practice physician in Colby, who is alleged to have committed 12 violations of the healing arts board.

"The prehearing conference is an opportunity for all parties to get together with the presiding officer and consider a calendar of events (before the actual hearing)," said Mark Stafford, general counsel with the state board.

In this action, the parties include Hildyard and his attorney, Michael O'Neal, Hutchinson, along with the board of healing arts, which will serve as the petitioner and Judge. Stacy L. Cook and Diane L. Beliquist, both of Topeka, are both attorneys with the Kansas State

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on prehearing conference

Board of Healing Arts in Topeka and will be representing the board in this matter.

In a prehearing conference, Stafford said, both parties will consider dates and preparations for discovery or any evidentiary problems before the hearing is scheduled.

"This is not the time to prove or disprove the case," Stafford said, "and is normally an informal setting over the telephone."

The prehearing conference was initiated by the presiding officer, Cook said today, and after some suggested dates were conflicting, all parties agreed on Friday, Oct. 22.

Prompted by complaints to the

state board, which due to confidentiality are not made available to the public, the state reviewed the information and from there moved forward on disciplinary proceedings by filing a petition in mid-August against Hildyard.

The petition alleges unprofessional conduct and incompetency by the doctor.

The allegations range from disruptive, disrespectful and otherwise unacceptable behavior to negligence and failing to properly evaluate patients. The complaints submitted to the board of healing arts span a period of seven years starting in 1996.



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Mallory McKee and Austin Taylor, both freshmen at Colby High School, were among many students painting windows on Sunday in preparation for the school's homecoming activities. Another freshman student, Stephanie Albers (not pictured) said the committee divided the town into four groups between the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Homecoming events begin

By **TISHA COX**

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Homecoming week has arrived and students at Colby High School are getting ready for the big matchup against St. Francis on Friday.

Daytime activities are scheduled at the school for students and later in the week the public is invited to several of the evening activities before the game on Friday.

Student Council President Clarissa Unger said the theme for this year's event is "Annihilate the Indians," which is also the theme of Friday's parade.

Daily activities for the students include the chance to dress up each day. Unger said this year's days for the week are Bad

Hair Day today, Hippie Day on Tuesday, Western Day on Wednesday and Pirate Day on Friday. The students will also show their colors on Spirit Day on Friday.

She said many students participate in the theme days.

"We get a lot of students, about 50-75 percent depending on the day," Unger said, adding the Student Council also painted business windows around Colby to promote homecoming.

Evening activities start on Thursday and the public is invited to the Student Council football jersey auction, which starts at 7 p.m. at the Thomas County Fairgrounds, followed by a pep rally and bonfire at 8:30 p.m.

Friday's activities start when high school students will be dis-

missed at 1:30 p.m. and the homecoming parade will start at 2:30 p.m.

The route will start at Fike Park and end at Third Street.

The evening's festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. at Dennen Field with the FFA tailgate party and the football game at 7 p.m.

At half-time, the Colby High School band along with the dance team and 2-8 grade dancers will perform.

Homecoming ceremonies will take place after the game, with the coronation of the king and queen.

Unger said she didn't know who the king and queen candidates were yet but should know those names by the end of the day, as well as the homecoming attendants.

Speaker urges Muslims to vote in election

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Voting is a civic duty for all Americans and a religious duty for Muslims, speakers said at the Heartland Muslim Council's annual dinner.

"We want every adult who is an American citizen to register to vote," the council's president, Mahnaz Shabbir of Overland Park, Kan., told an audience of about 250 Saturday night at the University of

Missouri-Kansas City.

The dinner's keynote speaker, Imam Omar Hazim of the Islamic Center of Topeka, Kan., said the Quran's concept of "mutual consultation" has parallels in the political process.

"Anyone subject to the mutual consultation should have the ability to express themselves," Hazim said. "To conduct your affairs as a

Muslim without mutual consultation is a violation of the laws established by God."

The dinner also included a speech by Dick Kurtenbach, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Kansas and Western Missouri.

Muslims in America, Kurtenbach said, have had their civil liberties eroded by the USA Patriot Act

passed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The Heartland Muslim Council has been speaking out against terrorism and the loss of civil liberties.

On Saturday, Shabbir again denounced terrorist acts — especially those done in the name of Islam.

"We refuse to allow our faith to be held hostage by the criminal actions of a tiny minority," she said.

Briefly

Legion commander to Colby

Thomas P. Cadmus, the new National Commander of the American Legion, will be in Colby at the Colby American Legion Post 363 on Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. Members and the public in general are cordially invited to meet the Vietnam veteran and 36-year member of the American Legion. He will be in Colby for 45 minutes as he continues his tour of Kansas.

After Harvest Festival Thursday

The social problems class at Colby Community College will sponsor the 36th annual *After Harvest Festival* on Thursday, beginning at 3 p.m. The festival will be held in the Colby Community Building's Little Theater. The event is for those 55 years and older, said Larry Koon, instructor and organizer of the event.. Activities will include bingo at 3 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:15 p.m. and a dance beginning at 6:30 p.m. No reservations are required. Dinner will include beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, tea and coffee. Participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert. For transportation to the event or more information, call Deb Koon at 462-6617.

Wheelchairs and more available at VFW

Officials with the Colby VFW are urging anyone who has borrowed crutches, wheelchairs or other medical equipment and no longer are using these items to return them to the facility, 220 N. Lake Ave. Dale Deaver, one of the VFW members in charge of the equipment, said borrowing

medical equipment is free and available to anyone in need of these items for as long as necessary. The VFW is also looking for crutches, wheelchairs, and other medical equipment as donations. For those needing equipment, have donations or need assistance in returning items, can call Deaver at (785) 443-1113.

Homecoming mums available

The Colby High School cheerleaders are bringing back the tradition of homecoming mums this year. The cheerleaders are selling the flowers and are taking orders this week. They can be personalized and will be delivered on Thursday. Mums can be ordered through any Colby High School cheerleader or by calling 460-5303.

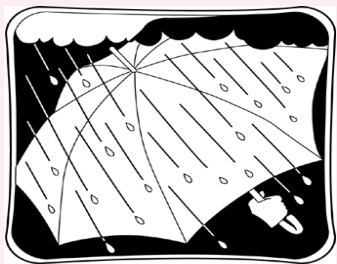
Donations sought for Hospice auction

Thomas County Hospice Services, Inc. has planned its annual fundraising auction for Saturday, Nov. 6 at the City Limits Conference Center in Colby. Persons interested in contributing to the auction or would like tickets to the November event, can call either, (785) 462-6710 or (800) 315-5122.

Rock-A-Chickamauga event planned

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is sponsoring "Rock-A-Chickamauga: Territorial Days on the High Plains," from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, at its location, 1905 S. Franklin Ave. in Colby. The day-long event, said Sue Taylor, director, is a great family day. Admission is free and everyone is invited. For questions, call (785) 462-4590.

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A good chance for showers

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with showers likely. Lows around 50. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 60 percent. **Tuesday...**Cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers. Areas of fog in the morning. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. **Tuesday night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. **Wednesday...**Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. **Wednesday night...**Partly cloudy. Lows mid 40s to around 50. **Thursday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s.

The numbers
Sunday's high, 77
Low this morning, 56
Records for Sept. 27, 96 in 1904 and 26 in 1908
Year ago today, 75 and 42
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
September total, 2.58
Soil temperature, 61

The sources:
The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Water use
• Sept. 24-25-26 = 1.281 million gallons.
Water advisories
• Water **Watch** is 3.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.
• Water **Warning** is 4.0 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.
• Water **Emergency** is 4.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

