

Family

On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**Thursday, July 2**  
12:15 a.m. – Barking dog report-  
ed with no food or water chained  
to trailer. Dog has water, unable to  
contact owner.  
1:15 a.m. – Dog in above com-  
plaint reported without shelter  
from rain. Dog had shelter.  
2:29 a.m. – 911 call requesting  
assistance on westbound I-70 for  
a problem with vehicle alignment  
and ruining tires. Provided infor-  
mation for Mittens Truck Stop.  
6:12 a.m. – Truck driver locked  
keys in vehicle at rest area. Con-  
tacted 24-Hour Towing.  
7:33 a.m. – Lost or stolen li-  
cense plate off pickup.  
12:53 p.m. – Assisted ambu-  
lance on call.  
1:04 p.m. – Employee at Visi-  
tor’s Center reported traffic backed  
up from Range to Holiday Inn Ex-  
press. All OK.  
1:52 p.m. – Undersheriff of Ness  
County called about female sub-  
ject harassing subject on phone.  
Spoke to reporting party.  
2:09 p.m. – Assisted Fire De-  
partment at Colby Implement.  
3:32 p.m. – Noise complaint of  
semis using jake brakes in town.  
5:49 p.m. – Dog at large at 700  
S Franklin, not found.  
6:36 p.m. – Assisted sheriff’s  
office at Oasis Travel Center.  
6:48 p.m. – Provided informa-  
tion to motorist at Oasis.  
6:54 p.m. – Provided ride from  
Summit and Range to motel.  
9:52 p.m. – Report neighbors  
are shooting off fireworks and  
trash landing in yard.  
10:06 p.m. – Dog at large taken  
to Colby Animal Clinic.  
**Friday, July 3**  
1:36 a.m. – Assisted sheriff’s  
office.  
3:50 a.m. – Check at Walmart.  
7:11 a.m. – Manager from Wal-  
mart reported customer lost mon-  
ey in store.  
10:11 a.m. – Report of dogs at-  
tacking at 1150 S. Franklin.  
Noon – Attempt to contact for  
Nelson County, N.D.  
12:15 p.m. – Dog at large at  
1150 S. Franklin.  
2:28 p.m. – Van blocking mail  
boxes. Owner told to move.  
3:08 p.m. – Semis using jake  
brakes at Eighth and Franklin.  
3:40 p.m. – Deputy following  
subject he knew had suspended  
license. Report on file for traffic  
stop at 245 W. College Dr.  
4:09 p.m. – Arrested James  
Patrick Garber Jr. off bus at Mc-  
Donald’s on warrant from Nelson  
County, N.D. Sheriff’s Office.  
Refer to noon attempt to contact.  
4:39 p.m. – Fireworks reported  
at Villa High Pond.  
5:51 p.m. – Assisted ambu-  
lance.  
6:58 p.m. – Loud music from  
vehicle. Spoke to subject.  
8:45 p.m. – Street flooding  
downtown due to storms; assisted  
stalled vehicle at Fifth and Court.  
9:13 p.m. – Suspicious male  
acting weird. Not found.  
9:34 p.m. – Incident of driving  
under the influence.  
10:07 p.m. – Spoke to subjects  
about illegal fireworks.  
10:18 p.m. – Theft of handgun  
last night.  
11:19 p.m. – Spoke to subjects  
about fireworks.  
**Saturday, July 4**  
12:56 a.m. – Check at Twisters.  
1:58 a.m. – Driving under the  
influence: traffic stop at Country  
Club and College Dr.  
2:22 a.m. – Complaints of shoot-  
ing fireworks at Super 8.  
3:38 a.m. – 911 call on sleepy  
driver on I-70 westbound mile  
44; no deputies or highway patrol  
out; stayed in contact by phone.

Stopped at mile 56; driver agreed  
to pull off at Oakley to rest.  
9:31 a.m. – Two dogs at large  
heading north on Franklin.  
7:17 p.m. – Accident on lot at  
265 W. Fourth.  
8:10 p.m. – Fireworks debris in  
roadway causing traffic hazard.  
Spoke to subjects who would get  
it removed; all OK.  
9:02 p.m. – Juvenile riding dirt  
motorcycle in alleyway.  
9:13 p.m. – 911 call about shoot-  
ing bottle rockets at people.  
9:29 p.m. – Threatening text  
message. Information provided.  
10:39, 10:44, 10:52 p.m. –  
Spoke to subjects about using fire-  
works in street.  
11:19 p.m. – Van parked on the  
shoulder of S. Range by Dillons.  
Vehicle out of fuel, moved.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Thursday, July 2**  
4:16 a.m. – Suspicious vehicle  
parked on County Rd. 34 and U.S.  
83. Unable to locate.  
11:28 a.m. – Arrested Richard  
Bachman Jr. on warrant.  
1:39 p.m. – Semis reported driv-  
ing at too-high speeds bringing in  
grain to elevators from north of  
Colby. Not found.  
3:03 p.m. – Arrested Darci  
Elaine Brown on warrant.  
5:35 p.m. – Hays State Patrol re-  
ported an erratic motorcycle I-70  
westbound mile 88. Not found.  
5:53 p.m. – Erratic vehicle east-  
bound on I-70, mile 45.  
6:36 p.m. – Damage to vehicle  
on I-70 five miles west of Colby.  
9:19 p.m. – Kids walking on the  
railroad tracks throwing fireworks  
at Eighth and Franklin.  
10:47 p.m. – Caller wanted  
someone removed.  
11:52 p.m. – Disorderly conduct  
report filed on above call.  
**Friday, July 3**  
1:36 a.m. – Trespassing in house  
at county address.  
8:53 a.m. – Cow on I-70 at mile  
40. Cattle put back inside fence.  
11:08 a.m. – Tree branch in road  
at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 21.  
Noon – Attempt to Contact for  
Nelson County, N.D.; not found.  
1:18 p.m. – Assisted State Patrol  
with fatality report.  
3:43 p.m. – Assisted police on  
traffic stop.  
5:27 p.m. – Caller reported he  
was threatened earlier in the day.  
10:19 p.m. – Assisted Sheridan  
County Sheriff’s Office looking  
for gas skip vehicle from Hoxie.  
11:11 p.m. – Transported tran-  
sient from Thomas/Rawlins Coun-  
ty line on K-25 to McDonald’s to  
catch bus.  
**Saturday, July 4**  
12:41 p.m. – Cattle out at Coun-  
ty Rds. 11 and E. Contacted own-  
er, who was putting cattle in.  
3:14 p.m. – Someone fell; need-  
ed assistance.  
11:55 p.m. – Subjects asked to  
clean up fireworks in Rexford.  
**Sunday, July 5**  
7:41 a.m. – Cattle out on K-25,  
mile 198.  
1:16 p.m. – Cattle out at County  
Rd. 11 and south of I-70 inter-  
change. OK, spoke with owner,  
cattle put back.  
7 p.m. – Header fell off com-  
bine; combine rolled over it and  
struck a pole damaging a power  
line at County Rds. 15 and I.  
10:21 p.m. – Accident with deer  
in the 2100 block of U.S. 24.  
**Monday, July 6**  
9:09 a.m. – 911 report of injury  
accident, collision with a fixed ob-  
ject at County Rds. 29 and CC.  
10:07 a.m. – Transported juve-  
nile to Wakeeney Juvenile Deten-  
tion Center at 3:10 a.m. on July 3.  
10:43 a.m. – Report filed for  
child in need of care.



Parker McKee and Whitney Adams

August wedding planned by couple

Whitney Adams and Parker  
McKee plan to marry Satur-  
day, Aug. 1, at Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church in Colby.  
The bride, a 2004 graduate  
of Colby High School, gradu-  
ated from Colby Community  
College in 2006. She gradu-  
ated in 2007 from Xenon In-  
ternational College in Omaha  
with a degree in esthetics, and  
is currently a dental hygiene  
student at Colby Community  
College, with plans for gradua-  
tion in 2010.  
She is the daughter of Rich-  
ard and Peggy Adams of Col-

by.  
The groom is a 2001 gradu-  
ate of Colby High and a 2003  
graduate of Independence  
Community College. He gradu-  
ated from Rockhurst Univer-  
sity in Kansas in 2006 with a  
degree in business administra-  
tion and management.  
He works for McKee Inc.  
and is the Colby High girls  
basketball coach.  
He is the son of Tim and  
Pam McKee of Colby.  
The couple plans to live in  
Colby.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to  
maintain an accurate record of  
our town. Please report any error  
or lack of clarity in a news story  
to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.75
Corn (bushel)	\$2.65
Milo (hundredweight)	\$3.91
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.69

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Kitchen appliances vary little in energy

Dear EarthTalk: How does the  
microwave compare in energy  
use, say, to using a gas or electric  
stove burner to heat water for a  
cup of tea? – Tempie, Dexter, MI  
The short answer is that it de-  
pends upon several variables,  
including the price of electricity  
versus gas, and the relative effi-  
ciency of the appliances involved.  
Typically, though, a microwave  
would be slightly more efficient at  
heating water than the flame on a  
gas stove, and should use a little  
less energy. The reason: The mi-  
crowave’s heat waves are focused  
on the liquid (or food) inside, not  
on heating the air or container  
around it, meaning that most if not  
all of the energy generated is used  
to make your water ready.  
Given this logic, it is hard to  
believe that a burner element on  
an electric stovetop would be any  
better, but an analysis by Home  
Energy Magazine found other-  
wise. The magazine’s researchers  
discovered that an electric burner  
uses about 25 percent less electric-  
ity than a microwave in boiling a  
cup of water.  
That said, the difference in en-  
ergy saved by using one method  
over another is negligible: Choos-  
ing the most efficient process  
might save a heavy tea drinker a  
dollar or so a year. “You’d save  
more energy over the year by re-  
placing one light bulb with a com-  
pact fluorescent lightbulb ...,”  
says consumer advocate Michael  
Bluejay.  
Although a microwave may not  
save much energy or money over  
a stove burner when heating wa-  
ter, it can be much more energy-  
efficient than a traditional full-size  
oven when it comes to cooking

food. For starters, because their  
heat waves are concentrated on  
the food, microwaves cook and  
heat much faster than traditional  
ovens. According to the federal  
government’s Energy Star pro-  
gram, which rates appliances  
based on their energy-efficiency,  
cooking or re-heating small por-  
tions of food in the microwave  
can save as much as 80 percent of  
the energy used to cook or warm  
them up in the oven.  
The website Treehugger.com  
reports that there are other things  
you can do to optimize your en-  
ergy efficiency around the kitchen  
when cooking. For starters, keep  
the inside surfaces of your micro-  
wave oven clean to maximize the  
amount of energy reflected toward  
your food. On a gas stovetop,  
make sure the flame is fully be-  
low the cookware; likewise, on an  
electric stovetop, make sure the  
pan or kettle completely covers  
the heating element to minimize  
wasted heat. Also, use the appro-  
priate size pan for the job at hand,  
as smaller pans are more energy-  
efficient to heat up.  
Despite these tips for cooking  
greener, Bluejay reiterates that  
most of us will hardly put a dent  
in our overall energy use just by  
choosing one appliance over an-  
other. According to his analysis,  
for someone who bakes three  
hours a week the cheapest cook-  
ing method saves only an estimat-  
ed \$2.06/month compared to the  
most expensive method.  
“Focusing on cooking methods  
is not the way to save electricity  
[at home],” says Bluejay. “You  
should look at heating, cooling,  
lighting and laundry instead.”

Honors go to Colby graduate

Courtney Elizabeth Ress of  
Colby has been recognized as a  
member of Sigma Alpha Lambda,  
a national leadership and honors  
organization at Kansas State Uni-  
versity.  
The group says it promotes and  
rewards academic achievement  
for community service, personal

development and lifelong profes-  
sional fulfillment.  
Ress is a 2008 graduate of Col-  
by High School. An English ma-  
jor, she plans on pursuing a law  
degree  
She is the daughter of Judge  
Rick and Melanie Ress of Colby.

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