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Family

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday, July 2

12:15 a.m. - Barking dog reported with no food or water chained to trailer. Dog has water, unable to contact owner.

1:15 a.m. - Dog in above complaint 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 information for Mittens Truck Stop.

6:12 a.m. – Truck driver locked keys in vehicle at rest area. Contacted 24-Hour Towing.

7:33 a.m. - Lost or stolen license plate off pickup.

12:53 p.m. - Assisted ambulance on call.

1:04 p.m. - Employee at Visitor's Center reported traffic backed up from Range to Holiday Inn Express. All OK

 $1{:}52\,p.m.-Undersheriff\,of\,Ness$ County called about female subject harassing subject on phone. Spoke to reporting party.

2:09 p.m. - Assisted Fire Department 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 information 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 Walmart reported customer lost money in store.

10:11 a.m. - Report of dogs attacking 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 sient from Thomas/Rawlins Coun-

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.

Stopped at mile 56; driver agreed

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 shooting 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 fireworks 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 driving 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 reported an erratic motorcycle I-70 westbound mile 88. Not found.

5:53 p.m. - Erratic vehicle eastbound 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.

Corrections 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-County, N.D. Sheriff's Office. ty line on K-25 to McDonald's to

Parker McKee and Whitney Adams August wedding planned by couple Whitney Adams and Parker by. The groom is a 2001 gradu-McKee plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 1, at Sacred Heart ate of Colby High and a 2003 graduate of Independence Catholic Church in Colby. The bride, a 2004 graduate

Community College. He graduated from Rockhurst University 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.

Bridge Club

Tuesday winners at Meadow The Colby Free Press wants to Lake Bridge were: first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Lyle Worthy; third, Katie Melvin; fourth, Sarah or lack of clarity in a news story Jane Barrett; fifth, Jean Snyder.

presents...

Kitchen appliances vary little in energy

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 depends upon several variables, including the price of electricity versus gas, and the relative efficiency 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 microwave'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 otherwise. The magazine's researchers discovered that an electric burner uses about 25 percent less electricity than a microwave in boiling a cup of water.

That said, the difference in energy saved by using one method over another is negligible: Choosing 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 replacing one light bulb with a compact fluorescent lightbulb ...," says consumer advocate Michael Bluejay.

Although a microwave may not save much energy or money over is not the way to save electricity a stove burner when heating wa- [at home]," says Bluejay. "You ter, it can be much more energyefficient than a traditional full-size lighting and laundry instead." oven when it comes to cooking

Honors go to Colby graduate

member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, organization at Kansas State University.

The group says it promotes and rewards academic achievement for community service, personal

Dear EarthTalk: How does the 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 program, which rates appliances based on their energy-efficiency, cooking or re-heating small portions 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 energy efficiency around the kitchen when cooking. For starters, keep the inside surfaces of your microwave oven clean to maximize the amount of energy reflected toward your food. On a gas stovetop, make sure the flame is fully below 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 appropriate size pan for the job at hand, as smaller pans are more energyefficient 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 another. According to his analysis, for someone who bakes three hours a week the cheapest cooking method saves only an estimated \$2.06/month compared to the most expensive method.

> "Focusing on cooking methods should look at heating, cooling,

Courtney Elizabeth Ress of development and lifelong profes-

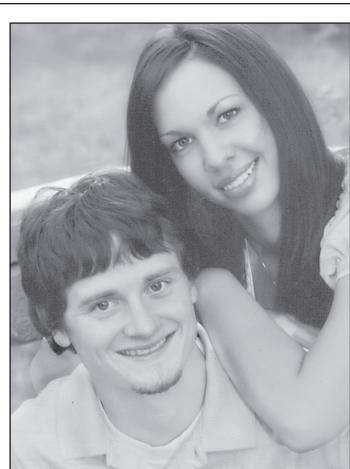
Ress is a 2008 graduate of Coljor, she plans on pursuing a law degree

She is the daughter of Judge Rick and Melanie Ress of Colby.

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The couple plans to live in She is the daughter of Rich-Colby. ard and Peggy Adams of Col-

College, with plans for gradua-



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Refer to noon attempt to contact. 4:39 p.m. - Fireworks reported

at Villa High Pond.

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 shooting 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. child in need of care.

catch bus.

Saturday, July 4

12:41 p.m. - Cattle out at Coun-5:51 p.m. - Assisted ambu- ty Rds. 11 and E. Contacted owner, 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 interchange. OK, spoke with owner, cattle put back.

7 p.m. - Header fell off combine; 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 object at County Rds. 29 and CC.

10:07 a.m. - Transported juvenile to Wakeeney Juvenile Detention Center at 3:10 a.m. on July 3. 10:43 a.m. - Report filed for



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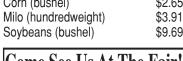
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