

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
Midnight – Report of flames and smoke coming from the area of Bamboo Gardens and Budget Host. Turned over to Fire Department. Report filed for arson at 485 Walker No. 4.
12:09 a.m. – Loud noise coming from 215 N. Lake No. 7. Spoke with subject.
7:37 a.m. – Two vehicles entered but nothing taken at 1175 Terrace Drive.
7:43 a.m. – Dog at large caught at 1150 S. Franklin. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
7:44 a.m. – Recovered property, burglary, theft: Red bag with medical items found at 920 Mentlick Dr. Owner located; report filed for theft of iPod from vehicle on Mentlick.
9:52 a.m. – Item taken from vehicle last Monday or Tuesday night at 1111 Court Place.
9:59 a.m. – Van parked watching fire department crew from Phillips Park at 1941 W. Fourth. Not found.
5:30 p.m. – Dog bite at 1830 W. Fifth; no report at this time.
7:50 p.m. – Cell phone found at Quizno’s returned to owner.
8:20 p.m. – Report of suspicious person wearing helmet and football pads on Davis by Orscheln’s. Gave a ride to Colby Cinema.
8:30 p.m. – Items stolen from vehicle at 860 S. Garfield.
Friday
1:01 a.m. – Secured door at Meadow Lake Golf Course.
3:38 a.m. – Crown Inn having problems with customer. Report filed for possession.
8:08 a.m. – Provided escort to Great Western Tire at 1170 S. Country Club Drive for vehicle with flashers on in the 1600 block of S. Range.
10:12 a.m. – Possible abandoned trailer at 1150 S. Franklin No. 67. Unknown where tenant might be.
11:25 a.m. – Juvenile appearing to be sneaking around outside of residence. Was mowing back yard.
1:39 p.m. – Stalled vehicle in median in the 1800 block of S. Range. All OK, subject had help coming with fuel.
2:23 p.m. – Subject called about dispute with neighbor. Spoke to subjects, all OK.
2:59 p.m. – Accident at Fifth and Country Club Dr.
3:58 p.m. – Live opossum at 215 Lake.
5:47 p.m. – Assisted with child exchange at law enforcement center.
6:15 p.m. – Vehicle blocking traffic on Fourth Street; directed traffic adv vehicle was towed.
6:29 p.m. – Hawk in tree all day at 1000 E. Eighth Street. Turned over to Wildlife and Parks.
6:40 p.m. – Provided motorist at Service Oil directions to recreational vehicle park off of Willow.
6:41 p.m. – Provided motorist at Service Oil directions to I-70
8:59 p.m. – Attempt to locate requested for disoriented subject in Colby. Located by family.
Saturday
4:30 a.m. – Subject came to station to report possible suicidal person. Everything OK.
5:52 a.m. – Subject called 911 to report issues with Country Club Motel. Report filed.
6:40 a.m. – Citizens Medical Center advised subject in emergency and needed to know if a

report needed done. No report needed.
8:56 a.m. – Stalled vehicle at Franklin and College Drive OK, had help coming.
9:35 a.m. – Road rage incident. Provided information; no report filed.
10:48 a.m. – Funeral block for Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel to Beulah Cemetery.
11:11 a.m. – Removed debris from roadway at Hill and Country Club Drive
5:31 p.m. – Alarm went off; building clear.
6:10 p.m. – Injured falcon in Montana Mike’s parking lot. Officer was able to move animal; turned over to Wildlife and Parks conservation officer.
6:55 p.m. – Dog at large at 1300 Lue Dr. taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
10:20 p.m. – Domestic 911 call. Turned over to sheriff’s office unit.
11:42 p.m. – Report filed on vehicle burglary that occurred at 1:30 a.m. Friday on E. Brookside.
Sunday
12:41 a.m. – Assisted sheriff’s office in jail booking room.
11:07 a.m. – Dog at large at 1720 W. Fifth.
11:08 a.m. – Assisted several motorists at Horton and Range. Vehicles moved, working on truck.
12:43 p.m. – Rawlins County requested assistance on a chase and rolling domestic. Disregarded at 12:52.
2:39 p.m. – Escorted motorist from Eighth and Mission to an unknown address on S. Mission.
5:21 p.m. – Assisted transient at K-25 and I-70.
6:12 p.m. – Report of violation of protection from abuse order. No order in effect; no contact with reporting party.
6:49 p.m. – Walk-through at Ninth and Thompson.
10:21 p.m. – Debit card taken from vehicle at the Wesleyan Church. Report filed.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Thursday
12:06 a.m. – Assisted police and fire units in the 400 block of Walker.
11:21 a.m. – Damage to door at 107 First, Brewster. No report at this time.
6:52 p.m. – Made arrest in rape case from Aug. 17.
7:58 p.m. – Report on incident at 2115 County Rd. 12, Levant.
Friday
3:38 a.m. – Assisted Colby Police at Crown Inn.
6:12 p.m. – Served arrest warrants.
8:33 p.m. – Bull in ditch of I-70 westbound at mile 42. Turned over to Highway Patrol; owner contacted.
Saturday
11:47 a.m. – Subject ran out of fuel on eastbound I-70 at mile 59. All OK; wrecker contacted to get fuel for subject.
11:55 a.m. – Kevin James Morgan arrested on warrant by St. Francis Police Department.
2:16 p.m. – Met Rawlins County Sheriff’s Office and transported inmate from K-25 and County Rd. EE to law enforcement center.
3 p.m. – Brought prisoner from Greeley County to Colby.
10:20 p.m. – Assisted Colby police at Country Club Dr. and Horton. Report filed on above incident. Wagoner’s towed vehicle.

Add insurance to college checklist

Settling in to college life can be stressful and financially challenging to any student – and to parents. That’s why Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger believes it’s important to check changing insurance needs as the fall semester begins.
“College students across Kansas want their school experiences to be positive and rewarding,” Commissioner Praeger said, “and that includes knowing what their insurance coverage needs are before they run into a problem.”
Two of the important insurance concerns for a Kansas student are renter’s and auto insurance, she said. Commissioner Praeger and the Kansas Insurance Department offer these tips in reviewing student insurance needs.
Renter’s Insurance
Personal items – such as electronics, computers, textbooks, clothes, furniture or a bicycle – are college necessities. And, in many cases, expensive ones. Whether a student is living on or off campus, it’s a good idea to review the family homeowners policy to see whether a student’s personal items will be covered.
If the policy does not extend to students who rent dwellings while away at school, parents might want to consider renter’s insurance to protect the student’s personal property in the event that it is damaged, destroyed or stolen.
“Many renters mistakenly believe that a landlord’s policy on an apartment will protect them in case of a problem,” Commissioner Praeger said. “A landlord’s policy doesn’t cover a renter’s personal belongings. A personal renter’s policy will pay to replace stolen or destroyed property ... as long as the cost doesn’t exceed the coverage limit.”
Student renters and those living in college housing should also check their auto policies to see if property is covered while it is in vehicles.
Making a comprehensive list of possessions – including purchase prices, model numbers and serial numbers – will help determine

how much renter’s insurance a student needs.
“It’s also a good idea to have a detailed property inventory, because it helps if a student has to file an insurance claim,” Commissioner Praeger said. “Make sure to take photos or video of the possessions and keep the inventory in a secure, off-site location. Parents should also keep a copy of the inventory and photos.”
To print an easy-to-use home inventory checklist and get more tips about insurance preparedness, go to www.ksinsurance.org and print the Personal Home Inventory found under “Publications.”
Auto Insurance
A move away from home can have a big impact on a student’s auto insurance policy. With a student vehicle at school, students and parents should check with their agents about existing policies. Ask about the rates for the college’s city and state before deciding whether to keep the student’s car on the family auto policy.
In addition, notify the insurance company or agent each semester if the student maintains good grades. Maintaining a certain grade average often makes the student eligible for premium discounts.
In the event of an accident away from home, a student can help avoid frustration and confusion by doing the following:
• Call the police immediately.
• Get the name, address, phone number and driver’s license number of the other driver. If the other driver isn’t the owner of the vehicle, get the owner’s name, address, tag number and insurance information.
• Use your cell phone or camera to take photos of the vehicle damage and the surrounding scene.
• Ask the officer how to get a copy of the accident report for your insurance company.
• Notify your insurance agent or company as soon as possible.
For more auto tips, download the publication “Kansas Auto Insurance and Shopper’s Guide” from www.ksinsurance.org.

Safety checks essential for school bus preparation

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School buses across the state are inspected annually before school starts, and Golden Plains is no exception.
Golden Plains bus driver Gary Hibbs has been driving for Rexford schools for 17 years and is head of the bus barn.
“The buses go under two inspections,” said Hibbs. “First, a local mechanic checks everything to see if the bus runs properly and then the Kansas Highway Patrolmen come in and check all the safety equipment on the bus. All buses are required to pass the inspections or

they cannot be used on the routes until they have met the standards and have been rechecked by a trooper.”
The school leases buses so they get new ones every five years, which is helpful because after a bus has been used for 25 years they are required by law to find a replacement. The leases help avoid the problem of buying replacements.
Not running bus routes in town also helps save money for the school.
“The school transports kids from surrounding areas like Selden, Colby and Menlo. Kids from Rexford usually walk or drive themselves to school, Says Hibbs. “However, we do bus the elementary and middle school kids

back and forth between Selden and Rexford in the morning and after school.”
Golden Plains currently has four bus drivers, Carl Barnett, Richard Shaw, Joey Labato, and Hibbs. They have another driver waiting to be approved.
“Although we have people available to drive the buses sometimes we are short on substitutes,” said Hibbs.
Golden Plains has four route buses, an activity bus, and an extra bus in case of emergency, as well as three Suburbans. Hibbs says all the buses and Suburbans this year have passed.
Hibbs believes that with all the buses and Suburbans approved Golden Plains is ready for another successful year.

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