

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday
 1:42 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
 4:37 a.m. – Spoke with subject about legal advice.
 10:13 a.m. – Puppy at large at 1750 Lynda turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
 10:24 a.m. – Assisted Social and Rehabilitation Services on call.
 2:12 p.m. – Five officers provided traffic control for Colby High School homecoming parade.
 2:22 p.m. – Manager of Motel 6 reported having problems with customer, who was now at Super 8 Motel. Spoke to subjects; civil matter.
 3:31 p.m. – Vehicle driving recklessly in vicinity of school zones. Spoke to subject on traffic stop in the 600 block of E. Pine.
 3:50 p.m. – Possible identity theft. Spoke to reporting party; provided information; No report at this time.
 4:10 p.m. – Subject came to station about expired temporary tag. Provided information.
 4:20 p.m. – Assistant manager of Walmart reported possible forged check on a closed account. Report filed.
 8:49 p.m. – Domestic call: no report, sibling argument.

Saturday
 4:16 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
 7:02 a.m. – Vehicle reported stolen from 1150 S. Franklin No. 71 had rolled out of Friendly Acres and down the street.
 7:23 a.m. – Vehicle in the middle of roadway on Country Club between Eighth and Brookside stalled. Towed at owner's expense.
 7:31 a.m. – Removed dead opossum from roadway at Eighth and Country Club.
 10:49 a.m. – Four officers and two Highway Patrol officers provided traffic control for Special Olympics Truck Convoy through Colby.
 1:59 p.m. – Assisted sheriff's officer at 2160 E. Fourth.
 2:44 p.m. – Dog at large at 535 N. Court Ave returned to owner.

3:09 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
 4:23 p.m. – Provided information to motorist at Fike Park.
 7:18 p.m. – Report filed on suspicious incident.
 10:35 p.m. – Walk-through at Twister's.
 10:51 p.m. – Subject called 911, advised he was having a relapse and wanted to return to hospital. Took to Citizens Medical Center.
 11:04 p.m. – Call about suspicious incident at Sleep Inn and Suites. All OK.
 11:55 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.

Sunday
 12:12 a.m. – Dog at large by People's State Bank. Unable to locate.
 12:38 a.m. – Loud music being played southeast of the 1000 block of Court Terrace. Unable to locate, possibly coming from Twister's.
 1:09 a.m. – Request for an officer to stop by in reference to earlier complaint.
 1:24 a.m. – Assisted Citizens Medical Center with intoxicated subject who was brought in.
 1:29 a.m. – Loud party at 210 N Country Club No. 5. Unable to locate and no one would answer door.
 2:26 a.m. – Noise complaint at 580 S. Mission. Spoke to subjects.
 5:30 a.m. – Security check at Southwind Plaza.
 5:40 a.m. – Security check at Colby Airport.
 5:58 a.m. – Security check to residence.
 9:20 a.m. – Lifeline Alarm Co. reported medical button pressed. Accidental; all OK.
 11:22 a.m. – 911 call about ex-husband causing problems. All OK. No report; information provided to both parties.
 12:16 p.m. – Walk-through at Dillon's.
 2:30 p.m. – Provided ride from Law Enforcement Center to Walmart.
 6:02 p.m. – Report that individual stole skateboard at Fike Park. Skateboard found and returned to owner.

8:19 p.m. – Caller believed someone had tried to break in to residence at 700 S. Franklin. Report filed.
 10:02 p.m. – Person parking on the wrong side of the 600 block of Martin. Vehicle only picking up someone; all OK.
 10:35 p.m. – Subject hit gas meter in alley between S. Range and Mentlick.
 10:41 p.m. – Loud dog reported at 1160 E. Tenth. Unable to locate any barking dog.
 11:23 p.m. – Billfold found in the Walmart parking lot returned to owner.

Monday
 2:53 a.m. – Security check to businesses at Southwind Plaza.
 3:16 a.m. – Security check at the airport.
 9 a.m. – Escort from Oasis Travel Center to Colby Automotive.
 10:11 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
 3:30 a.m. – Driving while suspended report on traffic stop in the parking lot of Prairie Senior Living Complex.
 5:28 p.m. – Call about a break-in at 945 E. Eighth. Spoke with subject; no report.
 10:09 p.m. – Call about custody issues. Spoke with all parties; everything OK.
 11:05 p.m. – Management from Holiday Inn called about a subject sitting in a car out in the parking lot. Subject was texting girlfriend, staying there.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Thursday
 10:08 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop at 1150 S. Franklin.
 11:48 a.m. – Vehicle being driven recklessly northbound on U.S. 83 about eight miles north of Oakley; not found.
 4:53 p.m. – Cattle out off U.S. 24 two miles west of town. Contacted owner; owner able to contain cow.

Friday
 1:42 p.m. – Theft/criminal use of financial card: subject reported her wallet was stolen back on Aug. 27. Report filed.

Manage 'waste area' for timber harvests

Midwest landowners often have an out-of-the-way tract or two that they refer to as waste areas – ground with little to no economic value.

"Geography usually decides the spots, and that puts many of them in riparian areas," said William Beck, riparian forester with the Kansas Forest Service. "To move cattle or equipment across a stream, for example, a producer needs more reason than just five acres of land. Another producer may simply get tired ... quit trying to fight the river or plant the oddly shaped parcel where the creek bends."

The real problem is that the areas don't fit into farmer's primary business plans, Beck said, but, that doesn't mean they have to remain unused.

"Particularly in the eastern half of the state, if you don't manage an area, it will gradually turn into forest," he said. "It probably will contain mostly low-value timber species – hackberry, sycamore, elm and Eastern red cedar.

"With relatively low input costs and a little management, though, that same land could produce highly valuable tree stands. You could develop a fine asset for yourself, your children or your grandchildren."

District and state foresters can help.

"After one of us walks the property with you, that person can provide a forest management plan designed to meet your specific goals," Beck said. "Your forester also can teach you the skills you need and help direct you to a variety of cost-share programs that may apply to your project."

In addition to producing valuable timber, he said, a well-managed riparian forest protects the soil and water quality. With some planning, it can also create wildlife habitat and a natural kind of beauty.

Go to the forestry website at www.kansasforests.org for information about growing timber and contact information for district foresters.

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Engaging your child in conversation is an art, says specialist

Talking with your child is key to building and maintaining successful family relationships, yet parents who ask direct questions may miss finding out what's really going on in their child's life.

Asking "How was your day?" often will prompt a flat "Fine."

End of conversation? Not exactly, said Charles A. "Chuck" Smith, Kansas State University child development specialist, who encourages parents to begin sharing something unusual or interesting about their day in a way a child can understand.

"Once the story telling has begun, a child often will raise a hand, or interrupt, to share something about his or her day," Smith said.

"Engaging a child in conversation, rather than asking questions, takes the pressure off," said Smith, who explained that a child will be likely to tell you about what's happening in his or her life while doing something else, such as riding along on an errand, helping to prepare a snack, working on a yard or garden project or helping to wash the car.

Listen for openings that invite casual conversation, and

then follow-up, without passing judgment, said the child development specialist, who noted: "Building community with your child also helps to build memories."

Information about building and managing successful family relationships is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state and online: www.ksre.ksu.edu. Smith also maintains a Web site for parents: www.ksu.edu/wwparent/ and an additional site in relation to his book: "Raising Courageous Kids: Eight Steps to Practical Heroism" at www.raisingcourageouskids.com.

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Evolution versus Creation

College View Baptist Church, located at College Drive and Wheatridge, has invited **Robert Martin from Topeka, KS** to speak at our morning service, Sunday, September 19th, starting at 10:45 a.m.

Martin, the founder and president of the Institute for Research and Origins, has thoroughly researched the issues and theories that support both creation and evolution. Martin will explain the reasons for his belief in creation. All who are interested in this subject are invited to attend.

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