

*Sand in my shoes. Ohhhh, sand in my shoes.*



EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press

Sometimes fun is found in unexpected places. Jett Rush, son of Clay and Jessica Rush, was either multitasking or disinterested in the music as he concentrated on putting dirt in his shoe during a Triple L performance at Pickin' on the Plains last weekend.

**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE  
Last Wednesday**

2:06 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle backing into a parked vehicle. Report filed.  
 6:09 a.m. – Provided directions for motorist at Oasis.  
 6:22 a.m. – Subject sleeping in the northeast part of parking lot at City Hall checked.  
 7:44 a.m. – Accident at Fourth and Country Club.  
 8:20 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked behind Culligan with no tags and flat tire since May. Checked on vehicle.  
 11:28 a.m. – Caller caught dog at large. Dog returned to owner.  
 12:35 p.m. – Caller reported neighbors ruining their property. Spoke with both subjects.  
 12:42 p.m. – Caller reported front door being open when she came home. Security check done.  
 5:12 p.m. – Lost or stolen property report filed for incident.  
 6:04 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles fake fighting in the field across from Colby Aquatic Park. Report filed.  
 10:39 p.m. – Welfare check. Everything OK.  
 11:25 p.m. – Several 911 calls of a man banging on doors at residence. Report filed.

**Thursday**  
 12:39 a.m. – Caller reported a suspicious incident. Spoke with reporting party at Dillon's.  
 1:35 a.m. – Unable to turn lights off on semi north of Colby Ag as it was locked.  
 2:33 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop. 24/7 towed vehicle.  
 3:19 a.m. – Door propped open. Owner inside, everything OK.  
 5:58 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle yard being TPed and vehicle and house being egged. Report filed.  
 7:28 a.m. – Dead badger on side of roadway in the 1900 block S. Franklin disposed of.  
 10:30 a.m. – Caller reported large box in roadway in the 600 block of N. Country Club Drive. Was being removed when officer arrived.  
 11:07 a.m. – Funeral block to Beulah Cemetery.

12:03 p.m. – Caller reported management of motel would not return items to him which were left in room accidentally. Spoke to subjects; all OK.  
 1:08 p.m. – Criminal damage to property: subject came to station about sugar placed into fuel tank of vehicle. Report filed.  
 2:07 p.m. – Subjects came to station with ring found in lawn. Report filed.  
 3 p.m. – Provided information to subject about moving trailers from roadway.  
 3:37 p.m. – Caller reported needing officer at Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for arrest.  
 5:30 p.m. – Provided information about child custody, civil matter.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF  
Last Wednesday**

7:44 a.m. – Assisted Colby Police unit with accident at Fourth and Country Club.  
 9:59 a.m. – Caller reported people riding dirt bikes in Levant. Unable to locate.  
 10:44 a.m. – Accident in Levant.  
 10:20 a.m. – Released Gordon Parrish.  
 10:26 a.m. – Released Terrell Lamb.  
 1:45 p.m. – Released Kily Miller.  
 1:58 p.m. – Released Thomas Leming.  
 11:42 p.m. – Helped Colby Police units with suspicious incident call at Colby House.

**Thursday**  
 1:01 a.m. – Caller reported a subject going to harm himself north of Levant. Made contact, everything OK.  
 3:13 a.m. – Booked Cody W. Minium.  
 3:21 a.m. – Released Minium.  
 7:43 a.m. – James Charles Nelson arrested July 14 on warrant by Sherman County Sheriff's Office.  
 11:06 a.m. – Helped Colby Police provide funeral lead from Baalmann Mortuary to Beulah Cemetery.  
 4:05 p.m. – Booked Kody Huff.  
 9:05 p.m. – Caller reported accident with deer on I-70.

**Blood drives coming in Oakley, Colby**

With extreme heat keeping some donors at home and severe storms forcing the cancellation of dozens of blood drives earlier in the month, the American Red Cross continues to have an emergency need for donors of all blood types. If at least two additional donors give at each blood drive through the end of July – above what the American Red Cross already expects to collect – the blood supply would be sufficient to meet patient needs.  
 Red Cross blood donations are at the lowest they have been in 15 years. Public support from the organization's late-June appeal helped temporarily stop a decline in the blood supply. However, the mid-week Independence Day and extreme summer weather have con-

tributed to a decrease in donations lately.  
 "We cannot say 'thank you' enough to the blood donors who have already rolled up a sleeve this summer," said Terri Dunaway, head of the Central Plains Blood Services Region. "...We're encouraging all eligible donors who didn't have a chance to give yet to step up and help patients by making an appointment, as well as those who gave earlier in the spring and are now again eligible."  
 Upcoming blood drives are scheduled next Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 317 Center St. in Oakley, and on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 15 and 16, in Colby.

The Colby community blood drive will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the 15th and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 16th. This will be the Battle of the Badges. Vote for your favorite civil servants – firefighters, rescue worker or law enforcement.  
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