

**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE  
Friday**

10:31 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.  
 10:46 a.m. – Suspicious incident: subject called about Facebook post. Spoke to reporting party.  
 12:15 p.m. – Subject asked about laws pertaining to mopeds. Provided information.  
 1:55 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large. Turned over to owner.  
 10:03 p.m. – Caller reported barking dog on Brookside. Spoke with reporting party.  
 11:14 p.m. – Caller reported subject passed out in back yard. Took to residence.  
 11:47 p.m. – Caller reported loud music. Everyone leaving when officers arrived.  
**Saturday**  
 12:30 a.m. – Narcotic violation report filed on incident.  
 4:20 p.m. – Caller reported subject needed help getting up. Provided assistance.  
 4:25 p.m. – Caller reported man possibly mistreating dogs. Not found; spoke to clerk who did not see anything out of the ordinary.  
 5:12 p.m. – Caller wanted to speak to an officer about selling a vehicle. Civil matter; provided information.  
 5:26 p.m. – Caller reported car parked for at least four days in front of residence. Provided information.  
 5:44 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to owner.  
 8:11 p.m. – Caller saw a subject chasing a child, unknown problem. All OK, subjects just playing.  
 8:15 p.m. – Callers reported car seen speeding northbound on

Franklin from College Drive, then entered Friendly Acres. Spoke to subject.

**Sunday**

2:17 a.m. – Report filed on narcotics violation.  
 8:45 a.m. – Caller reported unknown subject left containers for used clothing donations on private property without permission. Provided information; civil matter.  
 9:15 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large in backyard. Not found.  
 9:26 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.  
 2:28 p.m. – Caller reported child did not come home last night. Spoke to reporting party.

**Monday**

9:35 a.m. – Assisted stalled motorist at Second and Range.  
 2:15 p.m. – Warrant arrest by Sheridan County Sheriff's Office.  
 2:30 p.m. – Warrant arrest for Shawnee County Sheriff's Office.  
 7:54 p.m. – Theft of vehicle.  
 7:54 p.m. – Theft of gas.  
 8:42 p.m. – Welfare check: caller reported possible suicidal subject. Spoke with subject.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF  
Friday**

7:03 a.m. – Battery: subject called 911, advised ex-boyfriend took child to a sitter, wants deputy to go pick up. Also, said he punched her. Report filed.  
 9:36 a.m. – Booked Roque Salazar-Tepepa.  
 9:49 a.m. – Released Salazar-Tepepa.  
 9:58 a.m. – Released Robert Lee Nathaniel Adams.  
 12:44 p.m. – Child in need of care report filed for call at 7:03 a.m.  
 4:06 p.m. – Booked Matthew Wilson.

4:23 p.m. – Released Wilson.  
 5:19 p.m. – Booked Ryan Eugene Seiwert.  
 5:43 p.m. – Caller reported theft in Rexford. Report filed.  
 7:09 p.m. – Served warrant on Kelly Smith.

**Saturday**

2:27 p.m. – Booked Scott Vincent Chalmers.  
 2:58 p.m. – Released Chalmers.  
 4:45 p.m. – Highway Patrol reported motorist stranded at east-bound I-70 mile 57. Not found.  
 8:48 p.m. – Caller reported semi without reflectors or lights parked on side of roadway in the 1100 block of County Rd. 35. Spoke to driver; all OK.

**Sunday**

2:17 a.m. – Helped Colby Police unit with a narcotics violation.  
 3:00 a.m. – Booked James K. Sontag.  
 3:34 a.m. – Booked Walter R. Gariffo.  
 11:36 a.m. – Caller reported concerns over trash problem in Gem. Report filed.  
 10:42 a.m. – Released Sontag.  
 1:11 p.m. – Caller reported five sheep out north of the Free Breakfast Inn. Contacted owner to handle.  
 4:45 p.m. – Released Seiwert.  
**Monday**  
 8:59 a.m. – Assisted highway patrolman on traffic stop at west-bound I-70 mile 64.  
 9:40 a.m. – Alan M. Goetz arrested on warrant by Salina police.  
 3:10 p.m. – Booked Liscia L. Lawrence.  
 4:03 p.m. – Released Lawrence.  
 7:46 p.m. – Booked Micheal Schommer.

**Kansas Highway Patrol starts giving out electronic citations**

The Kansas Highway Patrol began issuing citations in electronic form last week in part of the state. Officers hope to expand the use of these citations late next week, barring problems that they discover with the electronic system.

All officers who are part of the Kansas Highway Patrol, including state troopers, motor carrier inspectors and Capitol Police officers, will eventually be using electronic citations, rather than the typical hand-written copies. With support from the district courts throughout Kansas, the patrol will make the switch to electronic citations in the northwest region soon, and will switch the other six regions of the state over in the next few months.

"The e-citation system is an extremely efficient platform that will further our goal to provide professional, quality service to the motoring public, as well as to the courts throughout Kansas," said Capt. Scott Harrington, commander of the patrol's public and governmental affairs section. "This endeavor is another positive step in the right direction. We are pleased to be able to further

enhance our partnership with the Kansas judicial system."

An important thing for motorists to be aware of is that for the new electronic citations, no signature is required. Motorists should not notice much of a delay if they are being issued a citation, and the new electronic citations will not change the fine amounts for violations.

Switching to electronic citations will allow for better efficiency in the patrol's way of doing business. Some benefits include:

- Grant tracking for particular initiatives – seat belt enforcement, construction zone, saturation patrols, etc.
- Improved internal statistics to provide more consistency in training and oversight.
- Citations will be easier to read, resulting in more accurate entry of information over handwritten copies.
- The citations will be integrated with the Kansas Law Enforcement Reporting system, which the patrol uses for accident and arrest reports.
- No new hardware was required to implement the system in patrol

vehicles. The patrol leveraged existing equipment, which was already in place in vehicles. Courts have the option to purchase an additional interface for electronic file transfer, or can continue to manage information through manual data entry.

• Reduced lag between the time the ticket is issued and the time the information is available to the courts, improving customer service to the public.

• Reduced time to process tickets for the courts moving to electronic file transfer.

• Tickets will now include Citipay information so those who were cited can pay online. The citations also include court contact information.

• The ability for courts to manage court dates electronically, allowing better management of traffic court dockets.

• Ability to report on traffic citations and warnings issued in a given county.

• Green initiatives – reduced number of duplicate copies will be required. Violations and warnings can be printed on a single page.

**Breakthrough in soybean genetics could lead to disease-resistant crops**

Research funded by the United Soybean Board and the soy check-off has made a breakthrough that could strengthen soybean plants' resistance to soybean cyst nematode. This disease is U.S. soy farmers' biggest yield robber, causing over \$1 billion worth of losses annually.

"SCN has been devastating soybeans ever since I've been involved in the industry," says Jim Schriver, chair of the board's production program and a farmer from Indiana. "This is a great use of biotechnology that can help farmers break through yield barriers so we can continue to increase production and meet demand."

For years farmers have been planting soybeans containing a genetic structure called Rhg1, the top defense against the disease. But scientists could not find ways to further improve that resistance.

In a study recently published in the journal *Science*, however, researchers reveal that Rhg1 is actually three genes located next to each other on the chromosome. Resistant varieties carry multiple copies of this block. This discovery allows researchers to quickly find soybean varieties that include

these repeated three-gene blocks, allowing them to work with those genes to develop new resistant varieties.

Andrew Bent, professor of plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the finding "opens the gate for us to walk in" and take resistance to the next level.

"It's been a goal of biologists for nearly 20 years to identify this Rhg1 gene," says Bent, who has been working on the project for about six years. "The real value of the work will be seen in the next few years."

**Bulbs should be stored for spring**

Gardeners should store bulbs that are not winter hardy and save them for planting next year.

K-State Research and Extension horticulturalist Ward Upham recommended digging up gladiolus, caladium, dahlia, tuberous begonia, calla lily and canna lily bulbs after frost browns the foliage.

"Allow them to dry for about a week in a shady, well-ventilated site, such as a garage or tool shed," Upham said. "Then remove any excess soil and pack them in peat moss, vermiculite or perlite."

To prevent decay, make sure the bulbs do not touch each other during storage. Upham said dust-

ing the bulbs with a fungicide also prevents rotting.

Most bulbs should be stored at about 40 degrees Fahrenheit, except for caladium, which should be stored between 50 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

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