

**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE  
Thursday**

5:38 a.m. - Caller reported items left at business. Report filed.  
 7:35 a.m. - Caller reported barking dogs in yard. Spoke to owner.  
 10:14 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Grade School.  
 11:05 a.m. - Funeral block for Baalman's Mortuary from Methodist Church to Beulah Cemetery.  
 11:18 a.m. - Walk through at Colby High School.  
 1:45 p.m. - Collision in parking lot. Report filed.  
 1:53 p.m. - Reports filed for four instances of criminal use of a financial card.  
 2:02 p.m. - Caller reported subject made a possible suicidal statement. No report at this time.  
 5 p.m. - Protective custody report filed.  
 5:05 p.m. - Caller reported kids on roof of building. Juveniles spoken to.  
 6:50 p.m. - Caller reported keys to vehicle being taken. Report filed.

**Friday**

7:41 a.m. - Caller reported stalled vehicle at Pine and Franklin. Not found.  
 10:14 a.m. - Caller reported dump truck on a trailer has an open door heading northbound in the 2000 block S. Range. Not found.  
 10:19 a.m. - Provided directions.  
 10:46 a.m. - Subject came to station with question about windshield cracks. Spoke to reporting party; turned over to highway patrolman.  
 12:22 p.m. - Woman holding sign asking for assistance.  
 12:22 p.m. - Caller wanted officer to locate subject, get address and phone number. Civil matter.  
 12:42 p.m. - Child in need of care: caller reported juvenile complaint. Report filed.  
 2:37 p.m. - Walk through at Citizens Medical Center.  
 2:53 p.m. - Walk through at Oasis Travel Center.  
 3:44 p.m. - Caller wanted dead cat removed from alley. Animal removed.  
 9:52 p.m. - Caller caught dog

at large at Sunflower Apartments. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.  
 11:58 p.m. - Security check at Walmart.

**Saturday**

12:15 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.  
 12:17 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Provided a walk through.  
 12:43 a.m. - Caller requested officer to assist a walk through.  
 2:53 a.m. - Caller reported a fight outside at business. No report.  
 3:54 a.m. - Security check to residences.  
 4:09 a.m. - Caller reported dorm room broken into and damaged.  
 11:26 a.m. - Helped subject with stalled vehicle at Willow and Range.  
 11:52 a.m. - Spoke to driver; got stalled truck moved in the 1000 block of E. Willow.  
 12:14 p.m. - Caller reported possible harassing calls from subject. Spoke to subject, no report this time.  
 2:05 p.m. - Possible computer scam. Provided information.

**Sunday**

12:09 a.m. - Security check at Twister's  
 3:14 a.m. - Caller reported medical alert. Turned over to Emergency Medical Services.  
 4:05 a.m. - Burglary-criminal damage to property: caller reported damage to dorm room. Report filed.  
 4:41 a.m. - Caller reported two suspicious persons. Unable to locate.  
 10:22 a.m. - Caller locked out of residence. Provided assistance.  
 10:31 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle slid into ditch. At 10:34, reporting party advised to disregard; had help getting out.  
 11:02 a.m. - Juvenile complaint. Spoke to subjects; all OK.  
 1:13 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.  
 3:19 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.  
 3:53 p.m. - Caller reported collision.  
 5:01 p.m. - Driving under the

influence report filed on above collision.  
 9:44 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle. Vehicle left before arrival.  
 10:13 p.m. - Welfare check. Everything OK.  
 11:06 p.m. - Security check at Walmart.

**Monday**

1:03 a.m. - Motorcycle with lights on at the airport.  
 3:01 a.m. - Vehicle lights on. Vehicle locked.  
 4:34 a.m. - Security check to residences.  
 7:46 a.m. - Stranded motorist on Range; stayed with vehicle until moved.  
 8:42 a.m. - Subject advised of stop sign down at Country Club Dr. and Willow. No report at this time.  
 8:48 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious looking bill. Bill checked OK.  
 10:57 a.m. - Spoke to subject on phone about shoplifting. Report filed.  
 11:47 a.m. - Caller reported lost tag on work vehicle.  
 3:07 p.m. - Collision at Cedar and Grant.  
 4:52 p.m. - Minor in possession report filed.  
 8:43 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew.  
 10:33 p.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF  
Thursday**

7:39 a.m. - Brought inmate from Sherman County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.  
 9:18 a.m. - Report filed for llama at large call from last Wednesday at 4:49 p.m.  
 10:12 a.m. - Took inmate from Law Enforcement Center to Sherman County Sheriff's Office.  
 11:18 a.m. - Assisted fire department on ditch fire on westbound U.S. 24.  
 2:36 p.m. - Report filed for lost or stolen license tag.  
 7:20 p.m. - Caller reported incident at Rexford Schools. Report filed.

# Not much food given during drive for Genesis

A food drive at Dillons to stock the Genesis-Thomas County food bank ended last week, but only a little food was collected.

"We did get some food, but not a lot," said a store official said. The "Neighbor to Neighbor" food drive started Feb. 18 and wrapped up last Tuesday, which was Kansas Ag Food Day.

The drive was organized by Dillons, the Kansas Food Bank, the Kansas Department of Agriculture

and the group Harvesters, a Kansas City-area food bank. The food donated at the store here is to be collected by the statewide food bank, then go to Genesis-Thomas County.

When the drive started, said Debi Krutzman, community relations manager for the Kansas Food Bank, the group had been looking for some of the same staple items Dillons collected, namely peanut butter, cereal, soup, canned fruit

and canned meat, like tuna or chicken.

Wynn Duffey, president of Genesis-Thomas County, noted that both demand for food and prices are up this year, but when the drive ended, she was not sure what had been donated.

Krutzman said the bank has done similar drives in Wichita, where the Kansas Food Bank is based, but never in Thomas County.

# Accounting firm promotes two employees to be managers

Michelle Spence and Chris Halbleib, certified public accountants with accounting firm Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, have recently been promoted to positions as managers.

"Both Michelle and Chris have shown a strong commitment to the firm as well as their clients," said Brian Staats, partner in charge of the Colby office and managing partner elect of the company. "They share a positive attitude, great work ethic and leadership ability that will benefit this firm for years to come."

As managers, Spence and Halbleib will be responsible for completing state, federal, corporate

and individual tax returns, along with business consulting, estate and tax planning as well as performing audits for a variety of clients. In addition to this promotion, Spence will also take over the role of office manager for the Colby office, effective May 1.

Spence joined the firm in 2008. She is a graduate of Kansas State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in business administration and Master of Accountancy degrees. Spence is a member of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants Western Kansas Chapter, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Rotary Inter-

national and the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. She was also recently selected for the 2013 Society of Certified Public Accountants 20 up to 40 Leadership Group. She lives in Colby.

Halbleib has been with the firm since 2009. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance. Halbleib is a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Kansas Society. He lives in Colby with his wife and daughter.

Founded in 1945, today the firm maintains 12 offices throughout the state. For information, go to www.abbb.com.

# Number of deaths and accidents at railway crossing in Kansas fell

Collisions at highway-rail grade crossings in Kansas fell by 16 percent in 2012, and rail trespass casualties (deaths and injuries) fell by 18 percent, according to the nonprofit rail safety education organization Kansas Operation Lifesaver, (www.ksoli.org).

The group cited preliminary 2012 Federal Railroad Administration (www.fra.dot.gov) statistics.

"We are relieved to see the reduction in highway-rail grade crossing collisions," said Kansas Operation Lifesaver Executive Director Julie La Combe. "However, educating a distracted public and overcoming photographer behavior in order to reduce trespassing injuries and fatalities requires constant vigilance. Despite the reduction in grade crossing collisions, the 20-year average for fatalities on railroad rights-of-way

in Kansas is unchanged, primarily due to an average increase of trespassing behavior," said La Combe. "The downturn in 2012 is a great start, but we can't give up."

Across the U.S., vehicle-train collisions and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings were lower in 2012, crossing-related fatalities were flat and rail trespass deaths and injuries rose from 2011, La Combe said.

Overall, Kansas crossing collisions were down from 44 in 2011 to 37 in 2012, crossing fatalities fell to seven, while injuries at crossing rose 37 percent to 18. Fatalities to persons trespassing on railroad tracks and property were unchanged at 4. Trespass injuries fell 28 percent from 2011 to 5.

For information on free safety trainings and presentations in Kansas, contact Kansas Operation

Lifesaver at (785) 806-8801 or jalacombe@ksoli.org.

Operation Lifesaver's mission is to end collisions, deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and along railroad rights of way. A national network of trained volunteers provides free presentations on rail safety. Learn more at www.oli.org.

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 Thursday, April 4th • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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American Family Insurance.....	Candy Bouquet.....	Joslyn Food Store.....	Gift Certificate.....
American Implement- Colby/Oakley/Goodland.....	Kids Gator.....	Kansas Quick Lube.....	Oil Change and Car Wash Certificate.....
Amy Bertrand.....	8 1/2" x 11" Ink Drawing.....	Kansas Quick Lube.....	Oil Change and Car Wash Certificate.....
Atwood Country Club.....	2 Rounds of Play w/ Cart.....	Karl Neuschwander, DDS.....	Lampwork Bead Bracelet.....
Bartlett Grain.....	120 Acres of Sprayer Application.....	Ken and Sheila Frahm.....	Framed Beatles Album Signed by Ringo and Paul.....
Blue Ribbon Tree Farm.....	5 ft Austrian Pine Balled and Burlap.....	Lang Diesel.....	Adult Hesston Belt Buckle.....
Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts.....	EZ Puller.....	Made of Iron.....	Iron Flower.....
Carolyn May.....	Branson Condo (week Stay at the Grand Crowne Resort in Branson).....	Main Impressions.....	Pedicure.....
Channel Seed.....	Cirque de Sole Denver Package.....	McCarty Dairy.....	2 Beef Halves w/ Processing Included.....
Colby Dodge.....	4 Oil Changes.....	McDonald's.....	Extra Value Meal Once a Week for a Year.....
Colby Lumber.....	Gift Certificate.....	Michael H. Haas Attorney.....	Child's Quilt.....
Colby Rec Department.....	1 Yoga Session.....	Owens True Value Hardware.....	Garden Case.....
Colby Women's League.....	Basket w/ Big Ed's Certificate.....	Palace Drug Store.....	Garden Statues.....
Cornay Art.....	Cornay Art Framed Print.....	Pioneer Seed.....	Certificate for 6 Bags Round-Up Ready Seed Corn.....
Country Cottage Flower & Gifts.....	Gift Basket.....	Pizza Hut.....	2 Buffets Per Month for a Year.....
Crop Production Service.....	160 acres Custom Application at any CPS Location in NW KS.....	Ken & Sheila Frahm.....	Danbury Mint Silver Ingot Presidential.....
Crop Production Service.....	6 Bags of Dyna-Gro Corn Seed.....	Riverside Recreation.....	Commerative Set (Washington-Nixon).....
Darrel and Deanna Pabst.....	Cornay Art Framed Print.....	Riverside Recreation.....	2- 18 Hole Green Fee and 1 Cart.....
David N. Heskett DC.....	Certificate for 20 min. Aqua Massage- Used within 2 Months.....	Riverside Recreation.....	2- 18 Hole Green Fee and 1 Cart.....
Doggone Critters Pet Grooming & Day Spa.....	1 Full Pet Grooming.....	Ross Manufacturing.....	Receiver Hitch.....
Donelan Jewelry.....	Necklace.....	Schultz's Ltd.....	Gift Certificate.....
Farm Imp and Supply of Colby.....	New Holland T7.270 Pedal Tractor.....	Shari Oren.....	GC to The Neighborhood Nook.....
Fotogirl Photography.....	Free Session- Package C 16"x20".....	Someplace Special.....	Large Clock.....
Geihlsler Livestock.....	Beats Solo Headphones.....	Southwind Steakhouse.....	2 Prime Rib Dinners (6 months).....
Geihlsler Livestock.....	Kindle Fire HD.....	Stop 2 Shop.....	Cenex Gift Card.....
Goulsh.....	Framed Artwork.....	Sunflower Bank.....	1 oz. American Eagle Gold Coin.....
Great Western Tire.....	Park Bench.....	Sunflower Bank.....	KSU vs KU Football Package (2 tickets, 2 night stay).....
Grinnell Locker.....	1/2 Hog + Processing.....	Suzanne Schielke.....	Music Gift Basket.....
Hi Plains Co-Op.....	Lottery Ticket Basket.....	Tarbet Redi Mix.....	3 yards of Concrete (does not include delivery).....
Hoxie Feedyard.....	25# Hamburger Bundles.....	Taylor Implement Co.....	1/16 JD 7280R Toy Tractor.....
Hoxie Feedyard.....	25# Hamburger Bundles.....	Thomas County Speedway.....	2 Season Passes- Thomas County Speedway.....
Hoxie Flying Service.....	Gift Basket.....	Uptown Style.....	Kenra Shampoo/Conditioner Bag.....