On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Nov. 30

9:17 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle rolled into ditch. Assisted Highway Patrol, ambulance crew and rescue squad on injury accident.

2:12 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large. Caught them in the 1100 block of Summer Sun, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

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4:07 a.m. – Business check.

7:12 a.m. – Caller reported car alarm going off on pickup. Owner contacted; was stuck horn; all OK.

9:28 a.m. – Caller reported pickup parked illegally. Spoke to owner; will be moved.

10:54 a.m. – Caller reported concern over welfare of children. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.

11:08 a.m. – Caller reported barking dogs. All OK; spoke to reporting party and owner; dogs put inside.

3:17 p.m. – Theft report filed.

10:11 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious person. Spoke with subject; everything OK.

10:35 p.m. – Security check at Walmart.

Last Monday

2:02 a.m. – Security check at the B-Hive.

3:28 a.m. – Security check to business.

8:07 a.m. – Helped sheriff's office gather information about suicidal subject.

9:10 a.m. – Helped sheriff's office.

9:15 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew.

10:12 a.m. – Walk through at college.

11:55 a.m. – 911 caller requested officer in reference to being harassed. Spoke to both parties, civil matter.

4:06 p.m. – Theft report filed.

4:13 p.m. – Spoke with subjects about rental agreement.

4:53 p.m. – Caller reported damage to lawn that looks like a vehicle.

10:47 p.m. – Sign hit by vehicle.

Tuesday

7:25 a.m. – Responded on ambulance run on I-70 two miles west of Colby; disregarded when Highway Patrol found vehicle at mile 44.

2:13 p.m. – Code Enforcement reported trailer parked wrong direction; 48 hr. tow-away posted.

7:25 p.m. – 911 caller reported vehicle parked in driveway. Report filed for disorderly conduct

9:47 p.m. – Report filed for hit and run.

11:35 p.m. – Security check at the airport.

Wednesday

12:13 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.

1:22 a.m. – Caller reported catching a juvenile knocking on windows. Subjects spoken to, no report.

4:45 a.m. – Removed debris from street at Fourth and Franklin.

7:33 a.m. – Helped Highway Patrol locate semi with brake on fire.

8:40 a.m. – Walk through at Walmart.

9:45 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School.

10:05 a.m. – Walk through at Colby High School.

12:01 p.m. – Caller reported window broken out on vehicle. Report filed.

12:02 p.m. – Theft of wallet reported.

1:12 p.m. – Checked vehicle in reference to dogs in camper. Owner not found.

1:20 p.m. – Semi parked on Range by Pizza Hut; driver was told to move.

1:39 p.m. – Gather information for sheriff's office about lost tag.

2:08 p.m. – Caller reported two trailers. One trailer posted, owner to move the second.

8:12 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked in the roadway. Vehicle moved.

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4:44 a.m. – Business check OK.

8:28 a.m. – Walk through at Walmart.

9:48 a.m. – Walk through at Heartland Christian School.

9:55 a.m. – Walk through at Sacred Heart School.

10:33 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School.

12:29 p.m. – Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia report filed for traffic stop.

1:56 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew.

6:28 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.

8:30 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Dec. 1

7:28 a.m. – Helped Highway Patrol on traffic stop at eastbound I-70 mile 58.

11:54 a.m. – Manager of Budweiser on U.S. 24 called about possible abandoned vehicle in lot. Spoke to vehicle owner and reporting party; all OK.

11:59 a.m. – Caller reported being harassed by phone and text in Brewster. Report filed.

8:30 p.m. – Warrant served on David Anthony Barth.

Last Monday

10:12 a.m. – Report filed on incident in Menlo.

1:21 p.m. – Took subject to Rexford.

1:48 p.m. – Caller reported theft of copper from irrigation equipment last week. Report filed.

Tuesday

6 a.m. – Officers to Garden City to pick up juvenile and take to Topeka.

10:19 a.m. – Illegal dumping: items reported at County Rds. 11 and X. County shop advised the tires were being used by a utility company, all OK.

10:46 a.m. – Caller reported abandoned vehicle at Captain Jack's Pub I-70 exit 70, Oakley contact owner, all OK; called reporting party back.

10:59 a.m. – Highway Patrol broadcast a dead deer on I-70. At 11:08 received a call about vehicle hitting deer, deer removed, Patrol did accident report.

12:02 p.m. – Blocked traffic at K-25 and County Rd. W for farmer moving cattle.

1:18 p.m. – Insufficient funds report filed on Kathleen Arendt.

2:04 p.m. – Kari Trail arrested on Logan County warrant.

Wednesday

7:36 a.m. – Caller reported hitting deer at County Rds. 3 and I.

1:39 p.m. – Subject lost tag in Brewster. Report filed.

Aluminum trees making a comeback

By Meg Jones
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON, Wis. (AP) – Lucy Van Pelt coveted one in the Peanuts Christmas special. So did apparently a million people who bought an Evergleam to turn their living room into a space-age winter wonderland.

Like a TV antenna's wad of tinfoil magically coming to life, aluminum Christmas trees sparkled and glowed in living rooms and front windows during their heyday in the 1960s and '70s. No need to traipse out to a tree lot and wrestle one home tied to the car roof. No needles littering the carpet. No need to worry about the family dog drinking out of the stand.

Then, like any fad, they wore out their yuletide welcome and were forgotten in attics, tossed out in the trash or sold at garage sales for 50 cents.

Now, they're hip again in a retro "Mad Men" way. And sought after. Some aluminum Christmas trees are selling for $1,000 on eBay, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (bit.ly/17UUNR8) reported.

Tapping into nostalgia for a time when Christmas trees looked as silvery and shiny as an astronaut, the Wisconsin Historical Society Museum opened an exhibit Nov. 26 featuring 20 Wisconsin-made aluminum trees.

Billed as the largest public exhibition of Evergleam aluminum Christmas trees, the exhibit will include rare 2-foot tabletop trees, a selection of 4-, 6- and 8-foot aluminum trees, accessories such as rotating tree stands and multicolored light wheels as well as advertising and packaging. The exhibit also includes trees in gold, green and even pink – the holy grail of Evergleams. Because few people bought pink trees, few were made, which now makes them very rare and valuable.

"I'm pretty sure this is the largest collection of Evergleams since a 1960s Christmas tree show," said curator Joe Kapler, who hasn't seen a pink Evergleam come on the market since 2005.

Manufactured by Manitowoc, Wis.-based Aluminum Specialty Co., which made housewares and toys, Evergleam trees were designed to be light enough for women to lift boxes containing the stand, a wood pole covered in aluminum foil, 90 to 100 branches in paper sleeves and a colored light wheel. Adorned with the phrase "Aluminum For Lasting Beauty," the package proclaimed them the "safety tree" because they were nonflammable.

Maybe it's odd that a state with a ready supply of the real deal – Wisconsin is sixth nationally with 950,000 evergreens cut and sold each year – would be the leader in tannenbaums so fake they make no pretense of resembling anything that grows in nature. But that's what happened.

A Chicago company came up with the idea and began manufacturing aluminum trees in 1958. However, Aluminum Specialty already had lots of big customers, such as Sears, Woolworth's and Montgomery Ward, and when the Manitowoc firm started production in 1959, it quickly became the industry standard. Plus the Chicago company charged a steep $75 for a 4-foot tree. Evergleams flew off the shelves at 10 and 25 bucks a pop.

Aluminum Specialty "experimented with all kinds of new products every year, and it just exploded," said Kapler. "They were kind of like the Coca-Cola of aluminum Christmas trees."

Jerry Waak was working for Aluminum Specialty in 1959 when the company's engineering department came up with a working model, which was displayed at that year's New York toy show. The response was good and the Manitowoc firm went out on a limb, quickly ramping up production of Evergleams, scheduling round-the-clock shifts and filling a new 100,000-square-foot warehouse with aluminum trees.

"From the first year to the second year, sales increased four times. People, once they see it, they were like, 'Hey, we want one of those, too,'" said Waak, 83, who still lives in Manitowoc. "Originally we thought if we did three years, we'd get our money back."

Demand stayed strong and over a dozen years Aluminum Specialty churned out more than a million Evergleams. But like any fad, aluminum trees ran their course, and Aluminum Specialty stopped making them in the early '70s.

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