



Last year during Week of the Young Child Keely Gear colored grocery sacks for customers use at the local grocery stores. This year's week-long activities begins with a balloon launch at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Travis Field.

— File Photo

'Week of the Young Child' busy

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 • Friday — Dinner and Movie Night. The children in daycare will get a special blue star to wear to supper, which will reward them with a special treat at participating restaurants. Daycare providers have a list of the restaurants. At 7:30 p.m. everyone will be able watch the movie, "Alvin and the Chipmunks" at the Methodist Church. Children are allowed to wear pajamas and bring blankets and pillows.
 • Saturday — Track Meet day from 3 to 4 p.m. at Travis Field in Elmwood Park.
 Mrs. Puga said they will also be having trivia on the growth and development of children on KQNK Radio during Party Line all week. Friday, after the regular

trivia question, a "tough" question will be asked. The person who answers the "tough" question correctly will get a goodie basket, which was donated by participating daycare providers. The basket may be picked up at Mrs. Puga's home, 314 W. Pearl.
 To celebrate the week, parents can also thank their child care provider, thank their child's preschool teacher, hug and kiss their child everyday, go to the park, play a game, play dress-up with dolls, make cookies or a meal, tell their child about the day they were born, write a story with their child, and enjoy how unique their child is.
 Mrs. Puga said if the weather doesn't cooperate with the weeks events, she will first tell the day-

care providers and then have it announced on KQNK Radio.
 "I want to thank those daycare providers who helped," she said. "I, personally, am very excited for next week. We, as daycare providers, give more than just a place for the kids to play while parents work. We provide a fun, loving and, most importantly, learning environment. I truly think we have the most rewarding job besides being a parent."
 Participating daycare providers are Libby Hartwell, Kerri Donahy, Suzi Brooks, Angie Hager with Norton County Head Start, Joanna Chesterman, Amy Coffee, April Bashford, Mona Coffee, Debbie Lawson with home-based Head Start and Mrs. Puga with Holly's Play House.

Election machines caused headache

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 posed to pay for the updates but he had a good idea of who was going to get the bill.
 "What's cost to update," Mr. Lang asked. Mr. Wyatt said that

he didn't know. He said he had the best maintenance plan available but he suspects that updates are not included in it.

Accident kills one

A Colby woman died as the result of a motorcycle accident Friday near the Thomas and Logan County line.
 Brandi Layne McConnell, 42, was northbound on Kansas Highway 25 about 16 miles south of Colby riding a 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle when she drifted to the east shoulder of the roadway and overturned into the east ditch, according to a Kansas Highway Patrol report.
 McConnell was ejected from the motorcycle and struck a sign post before she and the vehicle came to rest in the east ditch.

Oakley readies for Jerichon '08

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN
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 Fans of the former prime time television show *Jericho* will get to meet principal parties of the show at Jerichon 2008 in Oakley over Memorial Day Weekend.
 Marilyn Morey, chairman of the Guardians of Jericho, on Wednesday said confirmed guests of the event include on-set dresser, Mike Loomer, and series writer, Matt Federman.
 "2008 will celebrate the crew who worked so hard to bring us this quality drama," Morey said. "Our guests will host panels, sign autographs and answer questions from those who attend Jerichon."
 Morey said others planning to attend will be Blog Talk Radio's Shaun Daily, who will broadcast live from Jerichon, and fan artist Jason "Rubberpoultry" Moore, who will present a workshop on how to create computer graphics and videos.
 Despite the prime time television show *Jericho* being cancelled by CBS, residents of Oakley for the second time will turn their town into a replica of the make believe community.

"I think it benefits the town," Mayor Frank Munk said. "Last year we had a lot of out of town people here and I think they enjoyed themselves. I think it could grow into something. Just like anything, it can start small and grow."
 Logan County Development Director Dan Hartman said his predecessor, Jamie Bell, conceived the idea for a convention so fans of the CBS prime time drama could share ideas about the show. Based on a fictitious city replicating Oakley, the show depicts residents' activities of northwest Kansas following a nuclear blast.
 While laid out differently than Oakley, Jericho is where Interstate 70, US Highway 83 and US Highway 40 intersect. During Jerichon 2008, experts in the field of nuclear energy will address scientific and social issues raised in the show. Issues such as how to prepare a community to live without outside input from state or federal government.
 On the job since Jan. 21, Hartman said while Jerichon 2007 was spearheaded by residents throughout the community, this

year's event is being directed by CBS corporate officials. Corporate officers were not available for comment.
 Scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, activities for Jerichon 2008 will run from May 23 through May 26, according to the Jerichon 2008 website of www.guardiansofjericho.com. Jerichon will take place in the 4-H building, 217 Kaler Ave.
 If registered before May 15, admission will be \$20 for one day; \$30 for two days; \$60 for the full convention; and \$70 at the door. Children 5 and under are free and the price for students 5 to 15 will be \$20.
 Prices include a complimentary Guardians of Jericho membership. Anyone wishing to opt out of the membership forfeits the right to attend the annual meeting, which will be held at the Jerichon, or vote on any issues including the election of new board members. Should an attendee "opt out" or resign and later wish to join the Guardians of Jericho, the normal membership fee of \$25 will apply. No food, beverages or vendor prices are included in these costs.

Levant man dies in rollover mishap

By PATTY DECKER
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 A 43-year old Levant man died sometime early Sunday morning in a rollover accident on County Road 15 four miles west of Colby.
 Marty R. Crampton was pronounced dead at the scene from injuries he suffered when he was ejected from his 2003 Ford pickup, said Thomas County Sheriff Ken Patton.
 The accident happened when his pickup went into the west side of the ditch near the intersection of County Road 15 and County Road T, about one mile north of U.S. Highway 24.
 After going into the ditch, the pickup rolled, coming to rest 100 feet into a field on its wheels.
 The driver, Patton said, was thrown from the pickup and found 65 feet away from it.
 "There was considerable dam-

age on the driver's side where it caved in," Patton said.
 Based on the condition of the pickup, Patton believes Crampton died even before being ejected. Other damage included both tires on the passenger side being off their rims following the rollover.
 "It looks like from the accident, he fell asleep," Patton said.
 "He was 65 feet away from the truck and it probably happened so quick he died instantly."

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Parents are asked to stay with your child if you attend any event

Come to Have Fun!!

- ☉Monday — Balloon launch at the football field, 6:30 p.m. Hot dog stand available.
- ☉Tuesday — Craft Night at the Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- ☉Wednesday — Play Night at Elmwood Park, 6:30 p.m.
- ☉Thursday — Side Walk Chalk at the Courthouse, 6:30 p.m. (if we should have bad weather this will be moved to Saturday after the track meet. Listen to KQNK for changes)
- ☉Friday — Dinner and a Movie, those who attend programs in Norton, will be given a blue star to wear to local business for a special treat. Then we will be watching Alvin and the Chipmunks at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Children are allowed to wear pjs and bring blankets and pillows.
- ☉Saturday — Track Meet at the football field, 3-4 p.m.