

Club news

District governor to visit Lions Club

Lions District Gov. John Lee of Kismet will conduct his official visitation to the Brewster Lions Club at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hunter Hall. All club members are encouraged to be present. Mr. Lee is district governor for the 2008-09 year, which began July 1. He and his wife, Stephanie, also a Lion, attended the Lions International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, in late June, where he was sworn in as the first governor for the new Lions District 17-L, which covers the entire western half of Kansas. Gov. Lee is a native of eastern New Mexico and a graduate of New Mexico State University with a de-

gree in agriculture education. He worked for DeKalb Corp. before starting a 6,000-head contract swine finishing unit near Kismet. The Lees attend the First Baptist Church of Plains. They have three grown children and one grandchild. Mr. Lee is a member of the Kismet City Council and the Seward County Fire Board. Lions International is the largest community service organization in the world, with 1.4 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in 202 countries around the globe. District 17-L has 1,650 members in 72 clubs, all dedicated to serving the needs of their communities.

Pittsburg State counselor to be at Colby High School

A Pittsburg State University admissions counselor, Penny Cook, will visit Colby High School on Thursday to talk with students about the university, starting at 9 p.m. Cook says she will answer questions about Pittsburg State

and about college in general. The students will get a "view book" showing several aspects of Pittsburg State life. For information, call the Office of Admission at (800) 854-Pitt, or visit the school's website at www.pittstate.edu.

Atwood resident finishes basic training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Sarah E. Molstad has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, she studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training ex-

ercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an Associate of Applied Science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Molstad is the daughter of Julie Molstad of Wichita and Jerry Molstad Atwood. She graduated from Rawlins County High School in 2007.

Kansas attorney general is offering identity theft kit

By Steven Six
Kansas Attorney General
Identity theft continues to be a serious problem for Kansans, as well as many people across the country. In an effort to help people victimized by identity theft, I created the Kansas Identity Theft Repair Kit, an educational brochure aimed at preventing identity theft and repairing the damage it causes. Identity theft can be crippling to its victims, both financially and emotionally. The road to recovery can be complicated and time consuming. The Identity Theft Repair Kit offers victims a step-by-step guide to repairing their credit. The goal is to simplify the process and speed up recovery. This kit also reviews a consumer's rights and liabilities under Kansas and federal laws and offers tips for protecting personal information. It gives consumers prevention tips and a road map for minimizing damage to their identity and credit. The brochure describes the signs of identity theft and tips to combat fraud. It is always important to edu-

cate consumers about fraudulent schemes and provide them with the tools needed to prevent fraud. My office issues Consumer Alerts when scams are reported to increase awareness and prevent loss. Once a citizen is victimized, we also do everything we can to help them recover and repair their credit history. Identity theft occurs when someone steals personal information and uses it to commit financial fraud or other crimes. Personal information includes your name, address, driver's license number, Social Security number, mother's maiden name, birth date, bank account, credit card or PIN number. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft, call police right away to file a report. This will document the crime and help in the recovery. Kansans should also contact the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division online at www.ksag.org or by phone at (800) 432-2310. Kansans can download the Repair Kit online at: www.ksag.org/files/shared/ID%20Theft%20Repair%20Kit.pdf.

Baird descendants hold family reunion

Descendants of B.W. Baird, who homesteaded in Thomas County in 1893, gathered at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Goodland on Sept. 20. They spent the day visiting and taking pictures, with music and a skit by two women who portrayed themselves as candidates for president, Lorraine McPain and Priscilla Hotomama. (They may be what our country needs.) A buffet was served to 74 at noon by the staff of the restaurant. Items that everyone brought were

sold to the highest bidder by family auctioneer, Bruce Baird, to raise money to pay for the next reunion. Attending were LaVelle and Erma Palmgren; Betty Jo Baird; Bruce and Donita Baird, J.R. and Heath; Jaylen Reid; John Faber; Jack and Mary Faber; Darrell and Jackie Jorgensen; and Jace and Alicia, Lyman and JoAnne Gotsch, all from Brewster; Robert and Gertie Zweygardt, St. Francis; Rodney Baird and Roger and Paula Brughelli, Salem, Ore.; Ben and Sue Baird, Liberty,

Mo.; Jim and Sue Baird, Perry and Terry Baird and Julia, Mike and Denecey Bahe and Hayden, Mike and Lorie Garrett, Tanae and Devon, Goodland; Pauline Baird, Winona, Stephen and Debra Bear, Brittany and Austin, Levant; Mike and Autumn O'Brien, Colby; Casey and Tesha Osborn and Alex Sheridan, Wyo.; Greg and Lynette Colvin, Wiley, Colo.; Trevor Colvin, Buena Vista, Colo.; Harold Baird and Mike, Hanford, Calif.; Ron and Kathy Thompson, Almena;

Bob Knake, Syracuse, Neb.; Gene and Shirley Moherman, Manhattan, Eileen Baird Kennedy and Linda, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Kellie Kirchner and Kristi Nissen and Erik, Chanda Grogan, Madison and Cameron, and Elizabeth Eckert, Wichita; Doug O'Neal, and Jeff and Phoebe Ferland, Thea, Bryce and Jessie, Hays; and Billi Forrester and Kellie Plessinger, Aurora, Colo. The next reunion will be in September 2011 with Chanda Grogan and her brothers as hosts.



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