

On the Beat

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Last Wednesday

Only routine activity recorded.

Thursday

9:34 a.m. — Assisted other agency: report filed on National Crime Information Center hit.

11:05 a.m. — Assisted motorists at I-70 mile 71.

11:44 a.m. — Assisted ambulance crew.

1:27 p.m. — Booked Ryan Moore.

1:47 p.m. — Narcotic violation report filed for traffic stop.

3:19 p.m. — Report filed for lost license tag.

3:09 p.m. — Booked Jeffrey S. Rummel.

6:03 p.m. — Oakley police reported stranded motorist on eastbound I-70 near Mingo exit. Not found.

Caller reported stranded motorist on westbound I-70 mile 40. All OK, subject got vehicle fixed and would get it into Goodland.

7:50 p.m. — Booked Sarah Lenchner.

10:51 p.m. — Assisted Colby Police on alarm call.

Friday

12:36 p.m. — Escort for funeral convoy from Sherman County line to Colby.

12:57 p.m. — Civil standby.

4:02 p.m. — Gregory Thomas Mead arrested on warrant.

4:11 p.m. — Booked Mead.

4:22 p.m. — Gave directions.

4:44 p.m. — Released Mead.

5:40 p.m. — Arrested Jeffrey S. Rummel on warrant.

5:40 p.m. — Arrested Ryan Lesley Moore on warrant.

6:08 p.m. — Released Moore.

6:54 p.m. — Caller reported semis speeding. Not found.

8:34 p.m. — Stalled semi at County Rds. 2 and U. All OK, subject had help coming.

Saturday

5:57 a.m. — Booked Jonas Mai.

6:12 a.m. — Released Mai.

2:52 p.m. — Assisted fire department with recreational vehicle fire

at eastbound I-70 mile 62.

7:32 p.m. — Caller reported sign partially torn off post in the 1600 block of County Rd. 15. Took down, note left for County Road Department for Tuesday.

11:36 p.m. — Caller reported hitting a deer on east U.S. 24 before the landfill road.

Sunday

3:16 a.m. — Booked Daniel L. Eatherly.

8:19 a.m. — Assisted Colby Police.

9:50 a.m. — Caller reported male walking southbound at K-25 Mile 191. Spoke with subject, everything OK.

9:56 a.m. — Released Eatherly.

10:02 a.m. — Booked Nathaniel Raye Horinek.

7:04 p.m. — All OK with subject changing a flat tire on vehicle at County Rd. 11 and U.S. 24.

9:07 p.m. — All OK with building check at Frontier Ag, Rexford.

10:04 p.m. — Released Horinek.

10:53 p.m. — Caller reported truck towing trailer had no lights on trailer.

11:58 p.m. — Report of carcass in roadway in the 2000 block of N. Range. Debris removed.

Monday

10 a.m. — Assisted ambulance crew.

10:57 a.m. — Break in at residence. Report filed for criminal damage, burglary and criminal trespass.

8:42 p.m. — Evergreen tree on fire. Got it out.

9:17 p.m. — Provided security at Thomas County Fairgrounds for fireworks display.

9:52 p.m. — Caller reported trucks speeding. Sheriff advised.

11:22 p.m. — Child locked in vehicle. Unlocked vehicle, child OK.

11:41 p.m. — Caller reported subject walking on K-25 about 1/2 mile south of Oasis who is very hard to see. Spoke with subject.

and other organizations can apply. Several types of projects are available that will allow engines to burn cleaner and reduce idling time.

Organizations that can contribute matching funds and those located in high population density areas are scored higher during the selection process.

For information about the grants and how to apply, go to the Bureau of Environment website www.kdheks.gov/bar/air-monitor/diesel-grant.html, or contact Joyce Barrett at jbarrett@kdheks.gov.

The deadline for applications is Monday, Aug. 15.

Diesel fleet grants offered

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has received funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to use in a new round of Diesel Emissions Reductions Act state grants in Kansas.

The department will be awarding more than \$250,000 to Kansas diesel fleet owners, and is now accepting applications.

The new competition is open for the owners or operators to apply for financial assistance to improve their diesel equipment and reduce the amount of emissions given off by diesel fuel use.

Schools, construction and trucking companies, municipalities

Cathedral votes founder out

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — The Rev. Robert H. Schuller has been voted off the board of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, the church he founded more than 50 years ago, the pioneering televangelist's son said Sunday.

Schuller wanted to enlarge the ministry's board of directors but members voted him off instead, said Robert A. Schuller, who was his father's designated successor but himself was ousted from the church by family members in 2008.

"It's a very sad day and unfortunately, I know how that feels," the younger Schuller told the *Orange County Register*. "A majority of that board consists of paid employees of the church, and that's a serious conflict of interest."

Schuller and the *Register* did not give details on the vote, but he said his mother, a board member, voted with the minority to keep the senior Schuller.

The move is the latest of several that have brought a diminished role in the California megachurch for the elder Schuller. It is not clear what role, if any, he'll have.

The Associated Press was unable to reach Robert A. Schuller, and Crystal Cathedral spokesman John Charles declined to confirm the move or offer comment.

Robert H. Schuller has been at odds about the church's direction with his two daughters, including

Sheila Schuller Coleman, who has served as senior pastor since 2008. The church has seen problems since then, including succession fights, dwindling attendance and bankruptcy brought on by debts.

Onions, the sweetest crop growing



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

As long as I live, I shall always view the common garden onion with amazement, wonder, surprise, astonishment, admiration, and curiosity. And if I could think of another synonym, I would use it to describe the uncommon growth and production of the plain old slicing garden onion.

Oh yeah — I like to eat 'em too! It goes without saying that I love to grow them. Nothing in my garden gets as much TLC as the six rows of onions, amounting to about 180 feet of row, that I plant each year. In past years, the resulting crop has amounted to many pounds more than my family can absorb, even with winter storage, so we share them with others and offer a few at the farmer's market. This year's crop will be a little short because of light hail and heavy wind-driven rain that broke off some of the very large leaves.

There are some very definite do's and don'ts that must be observed when growing prize-winning onions. First, do not plant the little bulbs or sets if you expect to harvest big slicing onions. Bulbs and sets are to be planted if you wish to harvest green onions, sometimes called scallions.

You must plant the little onion plant that is usually available in bunches of 60 to 75 onions in twine-tied or rubber-banded bunches. This the most serious misunderstanding a gardener can have when trying to grow the big slicers, probably because the little bulbs look like they should mature into bigger bulbs, while the green plants resemble scallions. Ah, the

mysteries of a backyard garden. Another serious oversight by onion growers is failing to get their plants into the ground early enough. The earlier the better should be the rallying cry of all those who plant onions. Onion plants are very hardy, ignoring temperatures as low as 22 degrees, and generally thrive on the coolness of early spring. March 20 is a good planting date in northwest Kansas. Wait until May 15 and the crop just won't produce the big ones in the heat of summer.

After the onion plants are in the ground, every effort should be made to keep them weed free. If onions have serious competition from weeds, you'll likely be disappointed with undersized onions. Because of the short distance between plants, (generally between 4 and 5 inches) you must lay the hoe aside and utilize the thumb and forefinger to rid the row of

weeds.

But the absolutely most important aspect of growing 15 to 20 ounce onions is to never let them get dry. Never! Water them the day after you plant them, and be sure the soil around them is always damp. In the heat of summer, an everyday drink would be appreciated.

For every leaf on the onion plant, there will be a ring of onion in the bulb. The larger the leaf, the thicker the ring, the larger the onion. There will be a ring form for every leaf. When they are mature, the top will fall over, of its own accord. Don't force it. It will do the job without your help.

Plant the plants instead of the bulbs or sets. Plant early. Remove the weeds. Water incessantly. Harvest the big sweet ones. Be amazed!!

Herbicide damage is not always direct

Spray drift isn't the only way herbicides can cause unintended damage away from the treatment site.

K-State Research and Extension horticulturists say the following are also routes to plant injury.

• Homeowners want to prevent plant growth along fences and sidewalks or in concrete cracks and gravel drives. Their longest lasting options for "liquid edgers" are soil sterilants.

In home landscapes, however, sterilants are almost impossible to use without also having a toxic effect on valued plants' underground roots. Tree roots, in particular, extend far beyond their canopy's drip line. Depending on

the amount of permanent damage that results, sterilant-exposed roots can lead to everything from yellowed leaves to a woody plant's death.

• Some tree species send up sprouts from far-flung roots, such as the honeylocust or the western soapberry. Applying herbicide to those sprouts puts the parent tree at risk. Homeowners can safely use such products as Monterey Sucker Stopper and Fertilome Prune Smart Sprout Inhibitor RTU.

• Unless carefully applied, stump killers can contaminate soil. If a treated stump's roots are intertwined with or "grafted to" another woody plant's roots, that connection can lead to her-

bicide transfer. It's particularly likely where same-species trees are growing close together.

• Picloram (Tordon) is a broad-leaf weed and woody plant herbicide that can remain active for up to two years. So, it can end up in the prairie hay cut from a treated pasture. From there, it can enter cattle manure. If that manure becomes a vegetable garden fertilizer, the plants could sicken and die.

• Quinlorac is a crabgrass killer that remains effective as long as picloram does. So, saving a quinlorac-treated lawn's clippings to use as mulch can be like moving the applied herbicide elsewhere, to continue doing its job.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

• Kyle Louis Lebling, 28, Del Mar, Calif., June 21, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, Kansas Highway Patrol, released June 23 on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Ricci Jay Welter, 43, Colby, June 23, domestic battery, theft,

criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released June 26 on recognizance bond.

• Seth Ryan DeHart, 18, Colby, June 27, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services of Thomas County, released Friday with probation continued.

Inmate sues over porn

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan jail inmate says he's being subjected to cruel and unusual punishment because he can't have pornography.

In a handwritten lawsuit, 21-year-old Kyle Richards claims his civil rights are being violated at the Macomb County Jail. Richards says denying his request for erotic material subjects him to a "poor standard of living" and "sexual and sensory deprivation."

The Michigan Department of Corrections tells the *Detroit News*

that prisons allow some pornographic material, though it's banned at the jail. The American Civil Liberties Union says prisons have a lot of leeway.

Richards was charged with bank robbery after police followed a trail of snowy footprints and dropped money to his apartment from a bank robbery scene in January in Fraser, north of Detroit.

Richards pleaded guilty. Sentencing is Aug. 2.

Mistake leads to stash of pot

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Authorities say a northern Kentucky condo owner who opened the wrong garage door by mistake found a drug stash that put two of his neighbors behind bars.

Benjamin Bingham and Nicholas Mann entered not guilty pleas in Kenton Circuit Court to conspiracy to traffic in marijuana.

Police said their neighbor, Mike Finke, had just purchased a condo in the complex and went to clean out the unit's garage. When the key jammed and the lock pulled out of the wall, Finke opened the door and found two duffel bags and a suitcase containing 48 pounds of marijuana, according to the *Kentucky Enquirer*, which cited police reports.

After Finke called police, he realized he was in the wrong garage.

Police say the garage belongs to Bingham and Mann.

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