

## Senior Progress Center

The Senior Progress Center will be closed for the Fourth of July Independence Day holiday Wednesday.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 9 a.m. commodities pick up; 10 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. health department; after lunch – board meeting. **Wednesday:** center closed. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinocle game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches. **Tuesday:** pasta salad with ham, cantaloupe, breadsticks, brownie. **Wednesday:** closed. **Thursday:** chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, coleslaw with carrots, cook's choice fruit. **Friday:** Swiss steak, parslid potatoes, corn, gelatin

with fruit.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

## Red Barn

Activities for the week:

**Sunday:** Gail Williams and Sue Hayes, birthdays.

**Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows.

**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. July 4 Picnic in the Park.

**Thursday:** 2 p.m. "Come On Down."

**Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. "Stitch and Chatter."

## Woman gets monstrous bill

ABILENE, Texas (AP) – A lot of people gripe when they get high summertime electric bills. But Kristin Harriger's bill was nearly \$1.4 million.

The Abilene, Texas, woman immediately called her provider, Potentia Energy. She quickly learned that her bill was an error.

The utility provider also excused a \$66,000 late fee on the bill.

Potentia told the *Abilene Reporter-News* (bit.ly/LIdYBn) it had flagged the bill and had marked it

to be held, but the bill mistakenly got sent out.

The bill said Harriger was being charged 100,000 cents, or \$1,000, per kilowatt hour. The normal rate ranges from 8.2 cents to 12.1 cents.

Carmen Balver, director of the nonprofit group Consumer Watchdog, recommended contacting state officials if people run into difficulty while trying to settle a dispute about an over-the-top bill.

# Early calf weaning could be a good idea

Dry conditions through large swaths of the Plains states are forcing management decisions on cattle operations. Among them may be the decision to wean calves earlier than usual.

"Most areas have gotten a reprieve from the 2011 drought, but others are still feeling the lingering effects of low rainfall and high feed costs," said Kansas State University animal scientist Chris Reinhardt. "Early weaning is an effective way to save on summer pasture and preserve cow body condition going into the winter. In fact, weaning earlier may be worth considering every year regardless of summer pasture conditions."

Reinhardt, who is a beef specialist with K-State Research and Extension, said a calf's rumen begins to develop at the first opportunity to consume solid food.

Although calves rely on milk as their primary nutrient source as long as the supply is abundant, they also will begin to graze at a few weeks of age, when their mother teaches them what to eat and what to avoid.

The grass consumed early in life enters the rumen and begins to be fermented by bacteria the calf picks up from its mother and the world around it, he said. As this progresses, and the calf consumes greater quantities of grass, the rumen grows and develops to aid in

nutrient uptake. So the suckling calf is actually a fully functioning ruminant by 90 days of age.

In addition, the six- to seven-month weaning age window may have disadvantages compared to weaning at a younger age, Reinhardt said.

The passive immunity provided by colostrum wanes after three to four months, when the calf must rely completely on its own immune system. But in many cases its system is not fully competent to battle all antigens that attack the newly-weaned calf, such as viruses, bacteria, dust and internal parasites. So the 90-day-old calf may have an immunological advantage to the 205-day-old calf in battling pathogens.

"Weather also plays a large factor in weaned calf health," he said. "If we could guarantee sunshine and moderate temperatures throughout the fall weaning season, calf health would not be an issue."

"But cold temperatures, precipitation, wind and mud in the fall further suppresses an already incompetent immune system – a perfect recipe for respiratory disease."

Finally, the elimination of milk production after weaning allows the nutrients consumed by the cow to go back into rebuilding body condition. This could result

in substantial reductions in winter feed requirements because nutrients harvested by the cow are nearly always lower cost than

feeds harvested and transported to the cow, and forage quality in late summer and fall is nearly always greater than during the winter.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

#### Monday

12:23 a.m. – Caller reported a cat running around Walmart parking lot. Unable to locate.

8:29 a.m. – Tagged vehicle for parking too close to stop sign in the 900 block of E. Eighth.

9:06 a.m. – Accident in parking lot at 770 S. Range.

9:40 a.m. – Employee at 1195 S. Range called about van parked near sign since Sunday afternoon. All appeared OK; no one around.

1 p.m. – Caller reported dogs in kennel in back yard not having shade. Spoke to owner.

1:56 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.

2:45 p.m. – Caller reported subject trying to take kids in violation of court order. All OK, spoke to subjects, no report.

3:37 p.m. – Caller requested information on protection from abuse order. Spoke with all subjects.

3:58 p.m. – Caller reported theft of prescription pills. Spoke with subject; owner found.

4:15 p.m. – Subject came to sta-

tion about window chalk on vehicle window. Report filed.

8:41 p.m. – Report filed for vehicle taken.

10:07 p.m. – Subject came to station about assault. Report filed for domestic battery.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

#### Monday

12:31 a.m. – Booked Steven M. Burdick.

12:51 a.m. – Released Burdick.

1:58 a.m. – Caller reported a vehicle fire at County Rd. 3 and U.S. 24. Turned over to Brewster Fire; ambulance paged for a victim.

2:02 p.m. – Helped subject with stalled vehicle at County Rd. 11 and I-70.

2:51 p.m. – Driving under the influence/child endangerment report filed.

3:03 p.m. – Helped fire department on call in the 2000 block of County Rd. Z.

3:34 p.m. – James House arrested on warrant.

3:41 p.m. – Booked House.

## Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

In the Matter of the Adoption of JAMIE ANN VIEGRA, A Minor Child Case No. 12 AD 3

### NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: THE STATE OF KANSAS, ANDREW JACKSON, THE NATURAL FATHER, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the District Court of Logan County, Kansas, by Douglas Hemken praying for an Adoption Decree and you are hereby required to respond to said Petition on or before 23rd day of August, 2012, in said Court at Oakley, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR CITY OF OAKLEY

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at Oakley Fire Station at 215 Hudson Avenue, Oakley, Logan County, Kansas, on the 2nd day of July, 2012 at 7:15 o'clock p.m. to consider whether City of Oakley, Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF OAKLEY  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

BY: Gerald Robben, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Rose Wessel, City Clerk

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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR ROVOHL TOWNSHIP

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at 350 S. Range, Ste 12, Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 9th day of July, 2012 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. to consider whether ROVOHL TOWNSHIP Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ROVOHL TOWNSHIP  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
BY: Trustee – John Schroeder

ATTEST:  
Clerk Of ROVOHL Township

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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR NORTH WEST KANSAS LIBRARY

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 West 4th Street, Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 11th day of July, 2012 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. to consider whether NORTH WEST KANSAS LIBRARY Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NORTH WEST KANSAS LIBRARY  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
BY: Karen Gillihan, Chairwoman  
ATTEST:  
Secretary of NWKL

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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR SMITH TOWNSHIP

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at 350 S. Range, Ste 12, Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 9th day of July, 2012 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. to consider whether SMITH Township, Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SMITH TOWNSHIP  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
BY: Trustee – Tom McCarty

ATTEST:  
Clerk of SMITH TOWNSHIP

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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR RURAL FIRE #1

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at Logan County Courthouse, 710 W. 2nd Street, Oakley, Logan County, Kansas, on the 2nd day of July, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. to consider whether RURAL FIRE #1, Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RURAL FIRE #1  
THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BY: Chairman- Carl Uhrich

ATTEST:  
Logan County Clerk-

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