

### On the Beat

#### COLBY POLICE

**Wednesday**  
 4:48 a.m. – Clerk reported man appeared to have passed out in vehicle parked near fuel pumps. Spoke to subject in passenger seat; vehicle was moved.  
 5:15 a.m. – Clerk reported man moved car from front of store back to the pumps. All OK.  
 7:27 a.m. – Caller reported possible stalled vehicle in the 400 block of North Range. Everything OK; state employee was counting traffic.  
 11:32 a.m. – Assisted Ambulance crew on call.  
 11:52 a.m. – Walkthrough at Colby Middle School.  
 12:09 p.m. – Walkthrough at Colby High School.  
 2:01 p.m. – Caller reported erratic driver on U.S. Highway 24 mile 61. Unable to locate.

3:30 p.m. – Report filed for referencing recovered gun.  
 7:18 p.m. – Will have report filed on theft.  
 9:52 p.m. – Caller reported dog barking. No owner home at this time.  
**Thursday**  
 11:26 p.m. – Subject called about information in civil matter. Provided information to reporting party.  
 12:31 a.m. – Motel clerk reported loud party complaint to the southeast side of their property. Spoke to subjects inside; told to keep it down.  
 1:37 a.m. – Juvenile teenager walking; all OK.  
 2:26 a.m. – Protective custody subject came to about problems.  
 7:31 a.m. – Caller reported speeding car in school zone. Unable to locate.

5:07 p.m. – Will have theft report filed.  
**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**Wednesday**  
 10:14 a.m. – Served warrant on Mikel Shipman.  
 10:14 a.m. – Served warrant on Sean Lassiter.  
 3:09 p.m. – Booked Kollyn Schippers.  
 5:28 p.m. – Released Shipman.  
 5:29 p.m. – Released Lassiter.  
**Thursday**  
 12:58 a.m. – Released Tanner Hull.  
 3:43 a.m. – Booked Murel Bradley Schroeder.  
 7:14 a.m. – Released Karlee Wilson.  
 12:21 p.m. – Released Schroeder.

## Prizes offered for yield contest

Yields might be low this year, but the stakes are as high as ever in the annual Kansas Soybean Yield and Quality Contests this fall. Thanks to the Kansas Soybean Commission, the highest dryland and irrigated yields in the state each will receive a \$1,000 award. In each district, first place will win \$300, second will earn \$200 and third will receive \$100. Entry fee is \$10 per entry for non-members. Entries must be postmarked by Nov. 30. No-Till on the Plains will supply additional awards for the no-till districts. Managed by the Kansas Soybean Association, the contests are open to anyone involved in farming. Farmers may enter multiple categories, but there is a limit of

only one entry per field. All entries must be entered in the same district, however. Farmers may enter the quality contest without entering the yield contest. A complete set of rules is available at [www.KansasSoybeans.org](http://www.KansasSoybeans.org) and in K-State Extension offices. K-State Research and Extension is a contest sponsor. Gary Kilgore, an emeritus professor of agronomy, coordinates the project. "Maintaining yield and quality in a drought year will go a long way toward U.S. food security," he said, "and Kansas soybean farmers are using the technologies that help accomplish that. They deserve recognition for their efforts, and the Kansas Soybean contests provide just that."

The Kansas Soybean Commission, headquartered in Topeka, includes nine volunteer farmer-commissioners who oversee investments of the soybean check-off. Checkoff funds are invested in research, consumer information, market development, industry relations and farmer outreach. The Kansas Soybean Association, also headquartered in Topeka, is the voice and advocate for soybean farmers on local, state, national and international issues of importance. Its advocacy efforts are made possible through the voluntary memberships of nearly 500 farmers. It also is the primary contractor to the Kansas Soybean Commission.

## Letter protests government livestock program

Organizations representing family farmers, ranchers, and consumers are fighting to protect drought-stricken livestock producers from a new costly regulatory program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Traceability system, originally known as the National Animal Identification System, remains a contentious issue because of the burdens it will impose on livestock producers and costs that will be passed down to consumers, contributing to higher food costs. In a letter to the Congressional Office of Management and Budget, 63 organizations have written to urge that the program be halted

in part due to the nation-wide drought and the resulting challenges for farmers and ranchers. "This is the worst widespread drought since the 1930s Dust-bowl," said Gilles Stockton, a Montana rancher and member of the Western Organization of Resource Councils. "As our ranchers struggle to keep the herds alive through this disaster, they cannot afford to take on new regulatory burdens." The letter states that the department's fiscal analysis underestimated the cost impacts of its rule to cattle and poultry producers. The organizations contend, "while the agency claims that the

costs are under \$100 million annually, independent studies indicate that the costs could be three to five times that high for cattle producers alone." "The USDA's cost analysis is riddled with flawed assumptions," asserted Judith McGeary, executive director of the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, who serves as vice-chair of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health. "Along with severely underestimating the costs to cattle producers, the agency wholly ignored the costs that will be imposed on tens of thousands of people who own poultry, from small diversified farmers to back-

yard poultry enthusiasts." The organizations claim the regulatory impact analysis focused almost entirely on the benefits to the export market that will allegedly occur. "The new regulations do nothing to improve food safety for consumers," said Patty Lovera of Food and Water Watch. "Instead this proposal would allow large meatpackers easier access to export markets, at the expense of U.S. livestock producers." The Kansas Cattlemen's Association, Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska, Western Colorado Congress and the Missouri Rural Crisis Center all signed the letter.

## Utah resident experiences face-to-face encounter with moose

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, Utah (AP) – Lenora Johnson says the recent visitor to her suburban Salt Lake City neighborhood was about her height – 5-foot-7. She knows because she looked the moose in the eye.

Johnson started out her front door in Cottonwood Heights when she saw the moose walking down the street. It started up her driveway so she retreated inside and found her camera. Johnson told the *Deseret News*

([bit.ly/Uvjf38](http://bit.ly/Uvjf38)) the moose got so close it left nose prints on the window. That's when she called animal control officers, who shot it with a tranquilizer dart when it went in a ravine. Later, they reversed the drug

and the moose wandered off on its own. Cottonwood Heights animal control officer Tony Kassapakis says they're optimistic it's safe and bound for the mountains.

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Per K.S.A. 25-204 you are hereby notified that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, 6th day of November, 2012. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election.

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 ONE candidate for State Senate - Districts to be determined  
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 ONE candidate for Member, State Board of Education - Districts to be determined  
 ONE candidate for District Court Judge, 15th District, 1st and 2nd Divisions  
 ONE candidate for District Magistrate Judge, 15th District, 5th Position  
 ONE candidate for County Commissioner, District #2  
 ONE candidate for County Commissioner, District #3  
 ONE candidate for County Attorney  
 ONE candidate for County Sheriff  
 ONE candidate for County Treasurer  
 ONE candidate for County Register of Deeds  
 ONE candidate for County Clerk  
 ONE candidate for Township Treasurer of each Township  
 ONE candidate for Township Trustee of each Township

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal, this 25th day of September, 2012.

Shelly A. Harms  
 Thomas County Election Officer

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### Public Notice

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Eldora E. Biggs, Deceased. 2012-PR-32

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 27, 2012, a petition was filed in this Court by Errol L. Biggs, an heir, devisee and legatee and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Eldora E. Biggs," deceased, dated February 24, 2009, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as executor without bond; he be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 22, 2012, at 10:00 AM, in the District Court, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

ERROL L. BIGGS, PETITIONER

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