In disaster giving, remember caution

In light of the devastating storm system that hit the East Coast last week, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt warns Kansans to be aware of possible scam artists or offers from charities to stop by seeking to profit from the generosity of others.

Schmidt warns the public to make sure they are donating to a reputable charity and to specify that a charity uses donations for intended purposes.

"When natural disasters strike, it is human nature to offer help," Schmidt said. "But please donate wisely to established, legitimate disaster-relief charities."

Here are a few simple tips for do-

nating, to avoid being scammed: Make donations to established organizations with a strong track record of organizing and providing disaster relief.

• Initiate the donation yourself, rather than responding to online or phone solicitations.

• Avoid door-to-door solicitors a consumer's home to pick up a check. These too could be fraudu-

• Do not fall prey to high-pressure pitches from solicitors. Legitimate charities allow you time to think about how much – and when - you choose to donate.

• Be wary of charities that ask for alternate forms of payment. Legitimate charities rarely if ever ask you to give by wire transfer.

The Kansas Attorney General's Office is dedicated to consumer protection. More information on avoiding charity scams is available on the Attorney General's website at www.ag.ks.gov.

NORTHERN CAMBRIA, Pa. nary hearing on charges from the

(AP) – Police say a man who robbed a western Pennsylvania bank handed tellers notes demanding only \$1 because he apparently

Federal Correctional Institution at Loretto, 50-year-old Jeffrey Mullen remained in the Cambria County Prison awaiting a prelimi-

Mullen must undergo a mental evaluation if he manages to post \$50,000 bail, or he won't be released from jail.

The Tribune-Democrat of John-

COLBY POLICE

On the Beat

Wednesday

2:36 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog. Unable to locate.

3:34 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog. Spoke to subjects. 7:39 a.m. – Helped ambulance

12:06 p.m. - Accident at 485 N. Chick.

2:23 p.m. – Battery/disorderly conduct/criminal damage to property: caller reported damage to dorm room. Report filed.

3:37 p.m. - Spoke to subject practicing parasailing in field west of 1950 S. Range. All OK.

6:19 p.m. – Caller reported domestic disturbance.

Thursday

12:20 a.m. – Halloween: caller reported picnic tables taken from gazebo at Fike Park and placed on top of each other. No damage.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported subject seen possibly being verbally and physically abusive to puppies. Spoke with subject, no report.

9:56 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Grade School. 11:26 a.m. - Caller reported possible problem between two subjects. All was OK. 11:40 a.m. - Caller reported

possible assault.

2:21 p.m. - Subject came to station wanting speed check done on his vehicle. Spoke to reporting

2:55 p.m. – Caller reported barking dog. Owner not found, will check back later.

3:35 p.m. – Rape report filed. 6:16 p.m. - Caller reported theft. Report filed.

6:54 p.m. – Caller reported barking dogs. Spoke with owner.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported two possible abandoned dogs. Made contact with owner; everything OK.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Wednesday

3:41 p.m. - Richard Joseph Mesisca Jr. arrested on warrant.

6:29 p.m. - Helped Colby Police on domestic call.

6:54 p.m. - Assisted highway patrolman on traffic stop at westbound I-70 mile 67.

Hunters Dinner arranged by Lions Yet another week of beautiful weather in Rexford! With the

opening weekend of pheasant season coming, I'm sure some of the hunters are wishing for snow, but it doesn't look like they will get

Whether or not you are a pheasant hunter, plan to come out to the Lions Club Hunters Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Lions Hall on Main Street. There is a fee for the dinner, but it is well Shepherd's Staff was host to

the Country Quilters again this weekend. Eighteen ladies hauled in their machines and material on Thursday afternoon and left Sunday afternoon with many completed projects. Area 4-Hers and their families

attended the annual 4-H banquet Friday night at the 4-H building in

Gwen Griffiths

Rexford Correspondent

Colby, and youth from Gem and

Rexford were recognized for their achievements over the past year. The Colby Gideon Camp met at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday evening. They enjoyed dinner and a

tour of the Historic Philip Hous-

ton House in addition to their meeting. I think that's it for news this week. Please feel free to call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@ gmail.com with important events or celebrations. I'd love to include

your news. Have a great week!

Man took wedding gift cards

MARIENVILLE, Pa. (AP) - name of the man because he's yet State police say they plan to file charges against a rather unwelcome wedding guest.

Troopers from the Marienville barracks say the 31-year-old Titusville man stole wedding cards from a basket for guest gifts at the money or what other gifts the reception at the Harmony Town- cards contained, or whether any of ship Community Center.

to be charged. But police say they plan to

charge the man with theft. Witnesses tell police they saw the man taking the envelopes.

Police haven't said how much that has been recovered.

Bank robbery just for a dollar

hoped to be sent to a federal pris-

But instead of being held in the

heist at the AmeriServ bank in his hometown of Northern Cambria.

stown (bit.ly/Ocdx17) says Mc-Mullen handed two notes to tellers spelling out his brief demands.

Snake removed from jail FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - (bit.ly/QRNT2Z) reported that an

Texas jail has been freed by a reptile-friendly deputy.

Cpl. Mike McNicholas of the helped remove the 5-foot-long rat snake from overhead pipe space.

An unwelcome visitor at a North inmate at the county's Greenbay jail facility had spotted the snake above his cell.

McNicholas blamed the non-Tarrant County Sheriff's Office venomous snake for the inside job, saying the creature probably got into the jail through exhaust The Fort Worth Star-Telegram fans or air conditioning ducts.

Police have yet to release the

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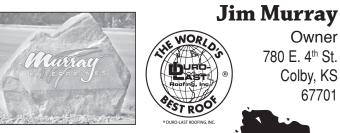
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