

# Two plead guilty to robberies

Three Johnson City residents were arrested in March for two armed robberies on Feb. 14 in Tribune and Syracuse and two have pleaded guilty and the third is scheduled for a jury trial in September.

Kristina Pauline Lashmet, 23, Johnson City, and Ryan Wesley Swisher, 28, Johnson City, have pleaded guilty in connection with armed robberies in Hamilton and Greeley counties, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said in Wichita.

Lashmet and Swisher both pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting the discharge of a firearm during a robbery. In their pleas, they admitted that on Feb. 14, they agreed with co-defendant John Grant Shore, 23, Johnson City, to commit an armed robbery.

Initially, the three defendants drove to Loves Country Store at 208 E. Highway 50 in Syracuse. Seeing a police car parked nearby, they drove instead to Eagle Travel Plaza, 215 W. Kansas, in Tribune.

At the Eagle Travel Plaza, Shore went into the store alone, pointed a gun at the store clerk and demanded money. Shore opened the cylinder of the gun and showed the clerk the bullets, telling her that if she did not open the safe he would shoot her in the foot. He took some cash and several packages of cigarettes.

Back in the car, the three defendants drove again to the Loves

Country Store in Syracuse. Shore and Lashmet went into the store. Shore showed the clerk a gun, demanded money, and fired a single shot in the clerk's direction. Then Shore fired four times at the locking mechanism of the store safe. Shore and Lashmet took cash, two cartons of cigarettes and 40 lighters before leaving the store.

The investigation subsequently led to a search warrant being served March 9, at Shore's residence at 302 Nipp in Johnson City, and the arrest of the three.

Swisher and Lashmet's sentencing is set for Nov. 10. They face a penalty of not less than 10 years and not more than life in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000, as well as restitution.

Shore is set for jury trial on Sept. 21.

Attorney Grissom commended the Greeley County Sheriff's Office, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the Stanton County Sheriff's Office, the Seward County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster for their work on the case.

In all cases, defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. Indictments merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

# Camp out in Salina celebrates 100 years

More than 4000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and adult leaders will converge at the Salina Bicentennial Center, Oakdale and Kenwood Parks, and the Salina Family YMCA from Friday to Sunday, October 8 to 10, for a Centennial Camp out to celebrate 100 years of Boy Scout history in America.

"But while there will be tents and backpacks, this won't be like any campout you have ever seen," said Wayne Pancoast, Coronado Area Council assistant Scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The entire weekend will be a celebration of scouting's centennial anniversary featuring a variety of hands-on activities, demonstration areas, and entertainment.

Opening ceremonies on Saturday morning kick off with the American and Kansas flags delivered via helicopter by Salina Mayor and Eagle Scout, Aaron Peck and K-State President and Eagle Scout, Dr. Kirk Schulz.

Following the opening, participants will be set loose to enjoy a variety of events that include the world's largest pinewood derby, bands, jugglers, zip line, zoo animals, climbing walls, carnival-style games, native style dancing, a BMX show, shotgun shooting, SCUBA, mountain biking, laser guns, archery, food vendors, rappelling, Scout skills, swimming and much, much, more!

"Our goal is to create an exciting environment where there is more to do in a day than scouts will have time for," said Robert Russell,

Chairman of the Centennial Camp committee.

The closing ceremonies program, to which the public can purchase tickets, will feature nationally known musical acts. National recording artist Danny Gokey, a rising country music star, who recently performed at the Country Stampede in Manhattan, will headline the evening. Performing will be Jennette McCurdy, a popular teen actress on one of the hottest cable shows for kids who is releasing a new album in October. Tickets for the closing show are available for purchase by the general public through the Bicentennial Center box office for \$25.

Nearly 200 volunteers are involved in putting on this event, and special attention is being paid to safety.

"Really we are creating a city within a city for the weekend. That means planning for sanitation, security, water, food, medical and communication" said Pancoast.

Centennial camp is being organized by the Coronado Area Council, which operates the Boy Scouts of America in a 32 county region stretching roughly from Manhattan, Kansas west to the Colorado border and from Interstate 70 north to the Nebraska border. The area includes Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace Counties. Youth participation in scouting within the council has grown by 5 percent in the last year and the council currently serves over 4,500 youth and 1,000 adult volunteers.

# matters of record

## District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

**July 15:** Eddie Popwell, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Matthew T. Wolles, no seat belt, \$5.00.

**July 16:** Artem Altman, speeding, \$168.50.

Paul F. Hill, speeding, \$168.50.

Wade D. Ricker, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$193.50.

Michael D. Cooper, speeding, \$168.50.

Henry L. Crandall, no valid commercial driver's license, \$193.50.

**July 18:** John C. Chicariello, unlawful parking, \$168.50.

Justin P. Davis, speeding, \$168.50.

Ryan P. Stewart, unlawful parking, \$207.50.

**July 19:** Lorrin J. Eick, improper number of driving lamps, \$138.50; improper tires, \$45.00.

Mary L. Ferguson, fail to yield

to emergency vehicle, \$288.50.

Marie L. Ybarra, speeding, \$198.50.

Adam S. Mayhew, improper stop lamp or turn signal, \$138.50.

Erin K. McGovern, speeding, \$192.50.

Tyler Mercer, no seat belt, \$5.00.

**July 20:** Raymond M. Aiken, speeding, \$180.50.

John R. Pfister, speeding, \$138.50.

Eric W. Whitehead, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Nicolas W. Defrancisco, speeding, \$207.50.

**July 21:** Eldon K. Lenth, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Phillip G. Ruffin, Jr., speeding, \$180.00.

Terence J. Thomas, no seat belt, \$5.00.

**July 22:** Sarimento Feliciano, no seat belt, \$5.00

Jennifer M. Hagan, speeding, \$168.50.

Bradley W. Ruble, speeding, \$180.50.



Golfers Connie Livengood (above left) and Cara Daise (above right) practiced putting at the putting green at the Maverick Madness Benefit Golf Challenge on Saturday morning at the Sugar Hill Golf Course. Livengood made the women's longest drive and

Daise made the shot closest to the Maverick. Randy Topliff (below) got warmed up at the driving range. Topliff was a member of the team that placed third.

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# Mavericks have golf benefit

The Maverick Madness was held on Saturday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. This was the first Northwest Tech Athletic Golf Challenge Benefit for sports teams at the college. The college offers wrestling, rodeo and women's golf. Steve Lampe is the athletic director and wrestling coach, Lester and Brenda Cress the rodeo coaches and Travis Jones women's golf.

Ninety-six players making up 24 teams competed in the event.

The team that came in first was Tom Livengood, Bruce Livengood, Jim Livengood and Tyson Livengood. The second place team was made up of Brad Bergsma, Travis Daise, Terry Daise and Jason Johnson. The team of Randy Topliff, Chuck Wilkens, Mike Sieck and Albert Rall was third.

Mona McGinley made the women's longest putt and John Geisinger made the men's longest putt. Cara Daise made the shot closest to the Maverick.

Connie Livengood made the women's longest drive and Jeff Williams made the men's longest drive.

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