Family

Charity check

Sources available to verify authenticity before giving

Dear Attorney General Kline: My husband and I are retired and even though we are on a fixed income, we enjoy supporting a variety of charities. But there are so many charities to choose from these days that we're afraid some of them might not be legitimate. What's the best way to determine if we're giving to a bona fide charity?

Dear Kansas Consumer: You are correct in that there are many very worthwhile charities in Kansas that perform valuable services for the vulnerable and needy

And as a matter of fact, many needs would not be met if not for the tireless work of charitable organizations and the volunteers who give

so much to help their neighbors. Here are a few suggestions to help ensure that your charitable contributions actually go to reputable groups and causes:

1. Decide in advance the types of charities and causes you are interested in supporting. Take the time to thoroughly investigate charities that promote those causes and serve those needs. A reputable charity welcomes questions from potential donors, so be suspicious if a fundraiser or solicitor refuses to answer your questions.

Check the income and expense cat-

Markets

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egories and the amount spent for fundraising. Compare the percentages spent carrying out the programs of the organization and the cost of fundraising and the day-today operation of the charity.

3. If you purchase merchandise make sure you know what portion of the price paid actually goes to the

4. Beware of solicitations that appear to be bills or invoices. No matter what they say, you are not obligated to respond to these.

5. Carefully note the names of the organizations to which you are asked to contribute. Many bogus charities choose names designed to sound like reputable charities.

6. Beware of something that sounds too good to be true. While many reputable charities use contests and giveaways to encourage contributions, many bogus charities may encourage you to send in a few dollars for the chance to win a large

Again, if it sounds too good to be 2. Ask for financial statements. true, it probably is.

7. Ask if the organization is registered with the Secretary of State's Office in Kansas.

While there are exemptions, most charitable organizations are required to register.

Visit the Web site at www.kscharitycheck.org or call 785-296-4564 to see if the charity and Geri Landry of Colby. is properly registered.

Blood pressure check date changed Blood pressure check at the Seboard members. Donuts and coffee

nior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, has been changed to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Please mark your calendar for this change.

Student News

through sixth grades. Winners in

Division II for grades three and four

were Andrew Taylor, first; Lauren

Bell, second; Jennifer Mick, third.

Madelyn Grace Landry

Greencastle, Ind. announce the

birth of their daughter, Madelyn

Keith and Jamey Landry of

She was born at the Putnam

County Hospital in Greencastle,

Ind. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at

and was 16 inches long.

and the late Dave Akin.

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Dodge

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She weighed 3 pounds, 10 ounces

Maternal grandparents are Sandy

Paternal grandparents are Francis

and Dave Ellis of Vincennes, Ind.

Babies

Grace Landry.

There are plenty of other activities scheduled at the center for the week of May 9-13, including Chewing Gum Day on Monday,

Progress

Farm Bureau announces scholarship winners

Thomas County Farm Bureau Matt Augustine of Colby High

Association recently awarded its School; Andrie Baird of Brewster

annual scholarships to three Tho- High School and Amy Wilson of

mas County seniors. The students Pleasant Hill Home School. The

represent three schools in the scholarships are for \$500 per year

Safety poster contest winners announced

annual safety poster contest for Andrew Wood, first; Cheyenne

Thomas County students in first Sowers, second; Rachel Myers,

Thomas County sponsored the Division III, grades fifth and sixth,

county. Receiving the awards were up to four years of college.

pick your choice of flavors. It's also Popcorn Day. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and don't forget the blood pressure check. There will also be a board meeting at 1 p.m. for all Day.

Andrew Taylor and Andrew

Wood's first place posters were en-

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center. Friday exercise is at 9:30 The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests

to attend daily luncheons in Colby

with Danielle from the Community

Foundation will be at 11:30 a.m.

She will be discussing the future

needs of the center. Exercise will be

at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and it's also

Toilet Tissue Day. Help supply the

Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day be-

Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working who would like to pick up a meal.

Those meals are available at noon to be picked up.

For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those under 60 years of age to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week ina.m. and it's Lucky Day and Denim cludes: Monday - hamburger steak, hash brown casserole, peas, bread, peach cup. Tuesday - chicken fajita salad, cantaloupe, chips, cherry cobbler. Wednesday - barbecue meatballs, baked potato, corn, bread, fruit mix. Thursday - bierock casserole, cook's choice vegetables, orange juice, cottage cheese, pears. Friday - ham and beans, seasoned carrots, cornbread, strawberries and bananas.

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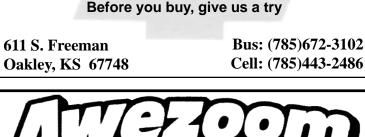


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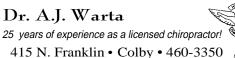
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