Family

Rexford News

The fall season is pushing her way through the summer and giving evidence with the nights and morning temperatures this past area and the farmers are thankful planting their winter wheat crop.

The fall season is also the time to be thinking about flu and pneumonia vaccinations. Connie Walden, registered nurse, the Thomas County Health Department, will be in Rexford, Monday, Oct. 6. She will be at the school 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then at the Red Barn Senior Center. We ap-

preciate the service coming to our

Guests of Vesta Roth Wednesday evening were James Cameron week. The rainfall cooled the and wife Marie from California. James is a nephew. Also visiting for the moisture received prior to were Vesta's son, Dan and his son Eric of Stockton.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 to 10:30am.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Anniversary

hosting an open house to honor are invited. their parents 67th wedding anniversary.

The event is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, aforementioned address.

The children of former Colby at their residence: 6201 Normal residents, Duane and Ethel Jean Blvd. (Apt. 327), Lincoln, Neb. (Schonberner) Woofter, are 68506 and family and friends

> The children are also requesting a card shower.

Cards may be sent to the

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 297

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BREWSTER, KANSAS:

Section 1. That, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Brewster Kansas, and its inhabitants, hereinafter called "City", there is hereby granted to Midwest Energy, Inc., hereinafter called "Grantee" or "Company", its successors and assigns, the right to use and occupy the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places within the City of Brewster, Kansas, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating and maintaining electric transmission and distribution lines and all necessary facilities and appurtenances fo use in the transmission, distribution and sale of electricity for all purposes to said City and its inhabitants for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of passage of this Ordinance through the 9th day of September, 2028.

Section 2. The Company is hereby given the right, under the supervision of the Governing Body of the City, and within the City limits, to trim and cut such trees and foliage as may be reasonably necessary to prevent the same from interfering with the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of its transmission lines, distribution system, street lighting equipment, and to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of its

Section 3. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of electrical energy will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company's service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City or to any other person, firm or corporation for any damages resulting from such temporary

Section 4. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall locate its distribution lines in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such manner as not to interfere with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places within the City that are occupied by Company's electric facilities, Company shall, at City request, relocate its electric facilities at Company's expense to conform to the City's planned improvement. If said Grantee is required to move, alter or rebuild any of its electric facilities not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving, altering or rebuilding said facilities shall be borne by which Company facilities are located, or planned to be located, the Ordinance vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide City granted easement to Company

Section 5. It is further agreed by the City and the Company, that the rates now in effect or such rates as may be approved by the proper governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Company, shall be deemed to be a reasonable schedule of maximum rates charged the City and its inhabitants for the service provided by the Company.

Section 6. Subject to any restriction placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company in consideration of and as compensation for the granting of this franchise by the City of Brewster, Kansas, and in lieu of any licenses, fees and occupation or other revenue taxes, Company shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of electric power and energy within the corporate limits of said City, such payment to be made to the City monthly for the preceding monthly period.

If and when retail wheeling becomes an option, this ordinance may be opened so that a franchise tax may be collected on such electric energy that is being wheeled through Midwest Energy's local distribution system in the city limits of Brewster, Kansas. The option to reopen this provision of Section 6 will not effect the other terms of this ordinance.

The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records and documents of Company necessary to verify the correctness of said payments

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 6 shall not become effective within any area annexed by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law, and a map of the city detailing the annexed area

Section 7. Without affecting the other terms of this Ordinance, as further consideration for the rights and privileges hereby granted Company and subject to any restrictions placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over Company, Company agrees that the City will have the option to open the provision of Section 6 relating to the percentage applied to gross receipts derived from applicable electric sales. Six (6) months prior to the end of each 5-year period that this Ordinance is in existence, the Company and the City may renegotiate the percentage to be paid to the City during the succeeding 5-year period. If the Company and the City cannot reach a mutual agreement on said percentage during such 6-month period, this Ordinance shall become null and void

<u>Section 8.</u> That the Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of its electric transmission, distribution and street lighting system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of Brewster, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants

Section 9. It is further provided that should any section or sections of this Ordinance be held null and void, or void or illegal by any court having jurisdiction in a proper action, such decision by such court shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance not passed upon by such court.

Section 10. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed

Section 11. This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 20, Chapter 12, Kansas Statutes Annotated.

Section 12. The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and

publication in the Colby Free Press, the official city newspaper. FINAL ADOPTION AND PASSAGE by the Governing Body of the City of Brewster, Kansas,

this 9th day of September 2008.

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(S) Michael L. Baughn Mayor

Earnest A. Lehman

President, Midwest Energy, Inc.

ATTEST: (S) Daryl Ann Jorgensen City Clerk

(SEAL)

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ATTEST: Sharon K. Dreher Assistant Secretary, Midwest Energy, Inc.

(SEAL)

Tips offered to remove scum from vases

Dear Heloise: Is there anything that will remove the scum from inside some of my nicest vases? After leaving flowers in them for a couple of days, the scum gets cloudier and cloudier. When not in use, I've filled them with vinegar for several days, but that didn't help. Any ideas? -- Jan Sullivan,

There are several hints you can use to clean your vase:

- Fill the vase with hot water, add a denture tablet or two (depending on the size), let it sit for several hours, then scrub and rinse
- Sprinkle some baking soda into the vase and follow with a little bit of vinegar. It will foam when mixed together.

Use a plastic or synthetic scrubber or brush made for glass to scrub the inside of the vase to remove the buildup.

• Mix about 1/3 cup of salt and several tablespoons or more of vinegar to form a paste, and use this to scrub inside the vase. Vinegar is one of my favorite green, mul-Public Notice tipurpose cleaners to have around the home, and you probably have some in your pantry. Vinegar is a great deodorizer; in fact, it will help remove the smell of paint from a room. Simply place some small, shallow dishes around the room for this money-saving hint to work. — Heloise

Fast facts

Dear Heloise: Here are some ways that I use hair conditioner:

- On hands prior to changing the oil in the car, to make cleanup
- On outdoor tools to keep them from rusting.
- To loosen a tight ring.
- Mix with warm water for a nail and cuticle conditioner or foot
- On a pet's fur to remove burrs

Hints from Heloise

and tangles while deodorizing. A Reader, via e-mail

Rubber gloves

Dear Heloise: It seems I always tear the same rubber glove every time. When I get two leftovers, I just turn one inside out, and I have a new pair. — Billie, via e-mail

No mess

Dear Heloise: When opening cans of vegetables or fruit, especially with an electric can opener; the juice tends to slosh out. I use a bottle-cap opener to punch a large and small opening (on opposite sides) in the can lid. Then I can dispose of the liquid before opening the can. This prevents a big mess. — Dolores D. Crispen, Oceanside, Calif.

Sound off

Dear Heloise: I wish there was a standard size for coupons — not too big, not too small. A coupon was on the small size and must have gotten lost by the cashier somehow! Frustrating! If the cou-

fit in my coupon holder. — Carol L. Gonzalez, South Orange, N.J.

Economy Takes Bite Out of Pets

Dear Readers: Believe it or not, the slipping Economy is affecting household pets! How, you ask? Well, with home foreclosures on the rise and people moving because of job loss, household pets are being left or surrendered to shelters.

Many times, they are taken to shelters because families cannot afford to pay deposits for pets at new housing, or for other financial reasons. This is extremely sad and no fault of the pet. So please keep in mind, if you are looking for a pet for your household, check the shelters in your area. You just might save a life and add someone special to your home. — Heloise

Cool bunnies

Dear Heloise: I thought I'd share a hint that I learned at a county fair. I recycle 2-liter soda bottles pons are too big, they are hard to by filling them with water, freez-

ing them and putting them in my outdoor rabbit hutches to keep the bunnies cool. I keep extra bottles frozen, so I always have a supply during the heat of the day. We also have the hutches under shade trees to keep them cooler. — Gail

No so itty-bitty

M., Jackson, N.J.

Dear Heloise: Because we already had two cats, we had no intention of keeping the tiny, abandoned kitten that my husband brought home three years ago. We called him the itty-bitty kitty to distinguish him from the other two. As I write, a really large and lanky gray tiger cat is stretched out on the coffee table. He answers to the name Itty-Bit.

Marge in Iowa A rescue or "found" cat can make your life interesting! -He-

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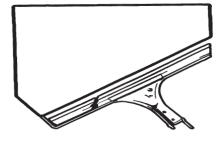
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