

Golden Plains junior wins trip to Washington

Midwest Energy has sent Golden Plains High School junior Kylie Jones to Washington for the 52nd annual “Government in Action” Youth Tour, which runs through Thursday.

Jones, the daughter of Alan Jones and Sally Graham of Rexford, is one of five students selected by Midwest Energy, and one of 34 Kansas high school students selected by electric cooperatives throughout the state, to attend.

“I have a drive to better our community, society, and govern-

ment,” Kylie said in her application for the competitive program. “To experience Washington, D.C., where the decisions are made, is a great honor.”

Once in Washington, the Kansas delegation join high school students from across the nation on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. During their week-long stay in Washington, these youths will see “Government in Action.” They will meet and visit with U.S. senators and representatives, and tour sites including the Capitol, Smithsonian



Kylie Jones

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Last Friday

11:04 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle blocking fire hydrant. Contacted owner, vehicle was moved.

Noon – Subject advised of vehicle stolen. Civil matter.

8:49 p.m. – Caller reported possible erratic drivers southbound on Range. Not found.

Saturday

12:54 a.m. – Caller reported domestic situation. Everything OK.

2:09 a.m. – Caller reported loud kids and vehicles. Not found.

6:06 a.m. – Removed debris from the roadway in the 900 block of W. Fourth.

10:10 a.m. – Assisted deputy on fight call at westbound I-70 mile 53.

10:05 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle partially blocking driveway. Message left for owner to move car.

12:33 p.m. – Caller reported child custody complaint. Civil matter; all OK for now.

10:53 p.m. – Caller reported injured rabbit in roadway. Unable to locate.

Sunday

1:37 a.m. – Caller reported a barking dog. Unable to contact owner.

2:15 a.m. – Officer advised of lots of screaming and yelling. No disposition given.

9:22 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Spoke with owner.

1:21 p.m. – Caller caught dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

2:30 p.m. – Found debit card brought to station. Contacted owner.

3:52 p.m. – Provided traffic blocks for Emergency Medical Services.

5:11 p.m. – Spoke to owner about two dogs at large, Notice to appear issued.

6:30 p.m. – Caller reported car driving erratically. Not found, car was parked at owner’s residence.

Monday

12:52 a.m. – Caller reported marijuana smell. Unable to locate anything.

1:52 a.m. – Two officers assisted in the jail.

6:22 a.m. – Provided information to motorist.

9:21 a.m. – Anonymous caller reported dog barking. Not barking upon arrival.

12:47 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large.

5:17 p.m. – All OK with stalled semi westbound at I-70 mile 53 off-ramp; driver went to business for fuel filter; semi was not a traffic hazard.

8:09 p.m. – Caller reported dog

at large. All OK; turned over to owner.

9:27 p.m. – Caller reported possible break in. Report filed.

Tuesday

12:08 a.m. – Helped locate an accident related to case at 9:24 p.m. Monday.

3 a.m. – Security check to downtown businesses.

6:24 a.m. – Removed a dead opossum from the 100 block of N. Franklin.

10:32 a.m. – Caller wanted officer to help retrieve property. Civil matter; spoke to reporting party.

3:15 p.m. – Caller needed information about property subject refuses to return. Spoke with subject.

9:27 p.m. – Caller reported loud music. Not found.

11:38 p.m. – Management called 911 about subjects being loud and drinking. Party dispersed, cleaning up mess.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Last Friday

10:33 a.m. – Brought prisoner from Rawlins County to Colby.

12:18 p.m. – Caller reported bumper in road at I-70 mile 59 eastbound. Removed item.

12:37 p.m. – Caller reported tires from vehicle striking his vehicle at I-70 mile 59 eastbound.

Saturday

10:02 a.m. – Greyhound bus driver called 911 about a fight on the bus at westbound I-70 mile 64. Spoke to subjects at stop at Exit 53; no one wanted to press charges.

11:32 a.m. – Animal cruelty/criminal damage to property: caller reported her cat was shot by subject in Levant. Report filed.

1:04 p.m. – Off-duty clerk called Oakley police about possible theft of fuel at J&J Oil. Civil matter; subject pre-paid and pump not shut off correctly.

Sunday

12:34 p.m. – Collision with deer on I-70 at westbound mile 50.

1:09 p.m. – Alarm at Golden Plains School in Rexford. Contacted keyholder.

3:26 p.m. – Assisted Kansas Highway Patrol, emergency medical services and rescue squad on injury accident in the 2400 block of K-25.

Monday

1:38 a.m. – Incident from inmate involving items.

1:52 a.m. – Jail incident: report

filed.

3:35 p.m. – Took inmate to Rawlins County Sheriff’s Office.

4:55 p.m. – Took inmate to Citizens Medical Center and back.

5:54 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop in Rexford.

8:13 p.m. – Took one inmate to Sherman County Sheriff’s Office.

9:54 p.m. – Checked for a vehicle for police department’s case.

Tuesday

12:08 a.m. – Accident in the 900 block of W. College. 24/7 towed vehicle.

8:17 a.m. – Jason Keala Lazaro arrested on warrant by Ellis County Sheriff’s Office.

11:57 a.m. – Subject came to station asking if a women’s bicycle had been recovered in the 1800 block of E. Fourth near the railroad tracks in the last month. Party left before deputy arrived.

2:32 p.m. – Served arrest and detain order for Thomas County Court Services on Kyle Kendall Hernandez.

3:05 p.m. – Booked Hernandez.

8:59 p.m. – Supplement report filed for theft of school bus from Gem May 27. Recovered bus in Oberlin.

11:30 p.m. – Sheridan County Sheriff’s Office called about a motorist running out of fuel about 10 miles east of Colby on U.S. 24. Handled, subject en route to Colby.

Markets mean high demand for agriculture financing field

With today’s volatile commodity markets and questions surrounding the quality of credit for various agricultural sectors, information about the current and future state of agricultural financing is in high demand by those interested in agriculture.

However, information about these evolving credit conditions is somewhat limited, especially on the short- and long-term outlook. To track and forecast these developments, agricultural economists at Kansas State University have created the K-State Agricultural Lender Survey.

“A recurring question asked by farmers is, ‘What does the future hold for agricultural credit conditions?’” said Allen Featherstone, professor of agricultural economics and program director of the master in agribusiness degree at K-State. “We set out to find answers to this and other questions for the agricultural lending industry by working

with our industry partners and colleagues at K-State to conduct this survey.”

The idea is to not only answer questions about agricultural credit, but also to provide a broader overview of all agricultural lenders, he said. While information about agricultural financial conditions does exist, most of it is from the commercial bankers’ viewpoint and limited information is available on expectations or forecasts of the short- and long-term evolution of credit conditions. Ultimately, the survey should help producers, agribusinesses and lenders make more informed and sound financial decisions, Featherstone said.

While the March survey results provide many insights into agricultural credit trends, one really stands out – competition for agricultural loans is rising. One respondent went as far as to say, “Competition is fierce for agri-

cultural loans.”

This is especially relevant because survey respondents said farm loan volumes rose and are expected to rise in the short-term. In addition, large lending institutions, those with more than \$50 million in agricultural loans, reported the largest gain in farm loan volumes, with the expectation for further increases in the near-term.

The survey can be found at www.AgManager.info/lenders.asp.

This survey was developed by the Department of Agricultural Economics’ Brady Brewer, a doctoral candidate; Brian Briggeman, associate professor and director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center; Featherstone; and Christine Wilson, professor and assistant dean, academic programs, for the College of Agriculture.

Men protest by working in skirts

STOCKHOLM (AP) – Commuters on a train line in northern Stockholm were met with an unusual sight as the weather warmed up: male train drivers and conductors wearing skirts to work.

Train driver Martin Akersten says he and more than a dozen others at the Roslagsbanan line

have started wearing skirts in the summer as a protest against the train company’s uniform policy, which doesn’t allow shorts.

The 30-year-old Akersten said Sunday the response from customers has been only positive.

Arriva, the company that runs the train line, hasn’t stopped the

drivers. Arriva spokesman Tomas Hedenius says the company wants its staff to look “nice and proper,” but can’t stop men from wearing “women’s clothes” if that’s what they want because it would be discrimination.

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