# Golden Plains junior wins trip to Washington

52nd annual "Government in Ac- where the decisions are made, is a ment is to 'build a brighter future tion" 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 Kylie Jones



state, to attend.

Midwest Energy has sent Gold- ment," Kylie said in her applica- ian Institute, Mt. Vernon and seven Plains High School junior Ky- tion for the competitive program. eral memorials. lie Jones to Washington for the "To experience Washington, D.C.,

great honor."

Youth Tour. During their ture community leaders." week-long stay in Wash-

"I have a drive to better our and representatives, and tour sites community, society, and govern- including the Capitol, Smithson-

"Midwest Energy's vision statefor our customer-owners," said Once in Washington, Earnie Lehman, president and the Kansas delegation general manager. "This tour enjoin high school students ables that by giving very bright from across the nation on students insight into the political the Electric Cooperative process, helping them become fu-

The tour is coordinated by Kanington, these youths will sas Electric Cooperatives, the see "Government in Ac- statewide service organization for tion." They will meet and the rural electric cooperatives in visit with U.S. senators Kansas.

for agriculture financing field modity markets and questions surrounding the quality of credit for various agricultural sectors,

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.

information about the current

and future state of agricultural

financing is in high demand by

those interested in agriculture.

"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 today's volatile com- with our industry partners and cultural loans.' colleagues at K-State to conduct this survey.'

Markets mean high demand

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

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-

This is especially relevant because survey respondents said farm loan volumes rose and are expected to rise in the shortterm. 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.

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.

### 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 ve-

hicle 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

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

#### Sunday

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

lots of screaming and yelling. No hicle at I-70 mile 59 eastbound. 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 Ani-

2:30 p.m. - Found debit card charges. brought to station. Contacted

Services.

appear issued. 6:30 p.m. – Caller reported car not shut off correctly. driving erratically. Not found, car

## was parked at owner's residence.

12:52 a.m. – Caller reported

1:52 a.m. – Two officers assisted in the jail. 6:22 a.m. – Provided informa-

9:21 a.m. – Anonymous caller of K-25. reported dog barking. Not barking upon arrival.

tion to motorist.

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 traf-

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8:09 p.m. – Caller reported dog

at large. All OK; turned over to filed.

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 report filed on traffic stop in Rexp.m. Monday.

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

6:24 a.m. - Removed a dead opossum from the 100 block of N. hicle for police department's case. 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 arrested on warrant by Ellis Counrefuses to return. Spoke with sub-

music. Not found.

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.

bumper in road at I-70 mile 59 eastbound. Removed item.

12:37 p.m. - Caller reported 2:15 a.m. - Officer advised of tires from vehicle striking his ve-

#### **Saturday**

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

11:32 a.m. - Animal cruelty/ criminal damage to property: 3:52 p.m. – Provided traffic caller reported her cat was shot by blocks for Emergency Medical subject in Levant. Report filed.

1:04 p.m. – Off-duty clerk 5:11 p.m. – Spoke to owner called Oakley police about posabout two dogs at large, Notice to sible theft of fuel at J&J Oil. Civil matter; subject pre-paid and pump

### Sunday

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

1:09 p.m. - Alarm at Golden marijuana smell. Unable to locate 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

## Monday

1:38 a.m. - Incident from inmate involving items. 1:52 a.m. – Jail incident: report

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

8:13 p.m. – Took one inmate to Sherman County Sheriff's Office. 9:54 p.m. - Checked for a ve-Tuesday

12:08 a.m. - Accident in the 900 block of W. College. 24/7 towed vehicle. 8:17 a.m. – Jason Keala Lazaro

ty Sheriff's Office. 11:57 a.m. - Subject came to 9:27 p.m. - Caller reported loud station asking if a women's bi-

cycle had been recovered in the 11:38 p.m. - Management 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 12:18 p.m. - Caller reported 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

# Men protest by working in skirts

muters 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.

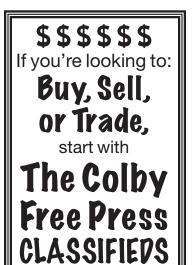
Train driver Martin Akersten says he and more than a dozen others at the Roslagsbanan line the train line, hasn't stopped the

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Com- have started wearing skirts in the drivers. Arriva spokesman Tomas summer as a protest against the Hedenius says the company wants train company's uniform policy, its staff to look "nice and proper," which doesn't allow shorts.

> The 30-year-old Akersten said Sunday the response from cus- they want because it would be distomers has been only positive.

Arriva, the company that runs

but can't stop men from wearing "women's clothes" if that's what crimination.



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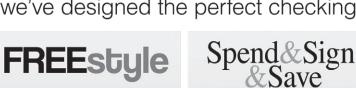


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