

Family

Drive with caution during harvest time

As the wheat turns golden and the harvest begins, the Kansas Highway Patrol says drivers need to exercise extra caution and patience around farm trucks, tractors and combines.

Every year, the patrol and local agencies work crashes involving farm vehicles, many of which could have been prevented, Superintendent Terry Maple said.

“Located in the heart of the nation, Kansas is known for its farming operations,” Col. Maple said. “Agriculture is an important industry. During harvest, it’s important that we drive responsibly to ensure the safety of the farmers and other motorists on the roads.”

Most farm equipment is not designed to travel at highway speeds and may move at 15-25 mph, the patrol says. It is often wider, sometimes wider than the traffic lanes, so allow extra room near a farm implement on the road. Watch for unmarked rural intersections.

“As harvest season moves into full swing over the next several weeks, rural roads and other roadways in Kansas will see an increase in slow moving vehicles and farm equipment,” Maple said. “It’s so important that drivers practice patience to aid in everyone’s safety/ There have already been a few serious crashes in western Kansas involving farm implements and other vehicles, and the patrol would like nothing more than to see crashes of this sort end, and our residents and travelers safe.”

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when sharing Kansas roads with farmers:

- Don’t assume the farmer knows you’re there. Most operators will check to see if there is a vehicle behind them, but most of their time must be spent looking ahead. Farm vehicles are loud, hindering the farmer’s ability to hear your vehicle.
- Pass with care. Do not pass a farm implement unless you can see clearly ahead of both your vehicle and the farm equipment you are passing. If there are any curves or hills blocking your view of oncoming traffic, wait to pass until you can see the area you’re passing in.

Don’t pass in a designated “No Passing Zone,” even if you are stuck behind a slow vehicle. Do not pass within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, narrow bridge, elevated structure or tunnel.

- Allow extra room when following farm equipment. A car can close in on a slow moving vehicle much more quickly than with regular traffic. Also, remember that just because a farm vehicle pulls to the right side of the road does not mean it is turning right or allowing you to pass. Due to the size of some farm equipment, a farmer must execute wide left turns, so when following a farm implement, allow it plenty of room and time to turn, and be alert to see if there might be a driveway or field into which the driver is turning.
- Be patient. Don’t assume that a farmer can move aside to let you pass. Shoulders may be soft, wet, or steep, which can cause the farm vehicle to tip, or the shoulder may not support the weight of a heavy implement. The farmer understands you are being delayed and he or she will move over for you to pass at the first safe location.
- Think of the slow-moving vehicle emblem as a warning to adjust your speed. When you see the bright orange emblem, slow down. While the emblems are visible from a distance, it can be difficult to judge the speed at which you are closing in, especially at night.
- Pay attention. Don’t allow yourself to be distracted by the radio, cell phone or other electronic devices, or anything else. When you are not focused on the road, you increase your chances of a collision, especially if you should come upon a slow-moving farm vehicle.
- Always wear seat belts and use child-safety seats. This is the best defense against injury and death should you be involved in a crash. And it’s the law.

Corrections

The “On the Road Again” column in the Monday issue of the *Colby Free Press* incorrectly said that the Thomas County Rodeo Queen contest and fashion show will be on Friday, July 10. These events will be on Saturday, July 11. The contest will begin at 9 a.m. and the fashion show will begin at 7 p.m., both in the 4-H building. The error was due to incorrect information supplied to the newspaper.

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Pi Gamma

Pi Gamma Club members honored their husbands for a beginning-of-summer get together at the Fred and Susan Haines home on May 22. The evening was spent eating and visiting.

The group noted the absence of Caro Baker, Tom Wallsmith and Gene Kriss. They also expressed a fond farewell to Sharon and Joel Kriss, who moved to Manhattan.

The group heard about the flower bed planted in Fike Park, and was led by the club’s own master gardener, Bev Eicher.

The club will meet again the beginning of September at the home of president Joanne Calhoon.

— Susan Haines

Alma V. Adams

Alma Velva Plympton Adams was born on a farm near Burr, Nebraska, on September 9, 1919. Her parents were Frederick D. Plympton and Daisy Rumbaugh. She had two brothers, Ivan and Robert, and a sister Bessie. At age 13 she moved to Gem, Kansas and graduated from Gem High School with the class of 1937.

She married Ward Adams on January 15, 1939, in Norton, Kansas, and to this union four children were born; Barbara, Bill, Charles, and Dick.

Alma lived her entire adult life in Colby caring for her family and working in many restaurants. She was very close to her mother-in-law Elva Adams and through this association became a life long, very active member of the First Christian Church. She served as a Sunday school teacher and held many offices in the Christian Women Fellowship. She was also a graduate of the Menninger Bible Study.

She enjoyed reading, sewing, embroidery and was particularly proud of her yard filled with beautiful flowers.

In January 1989 Ward and Alma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

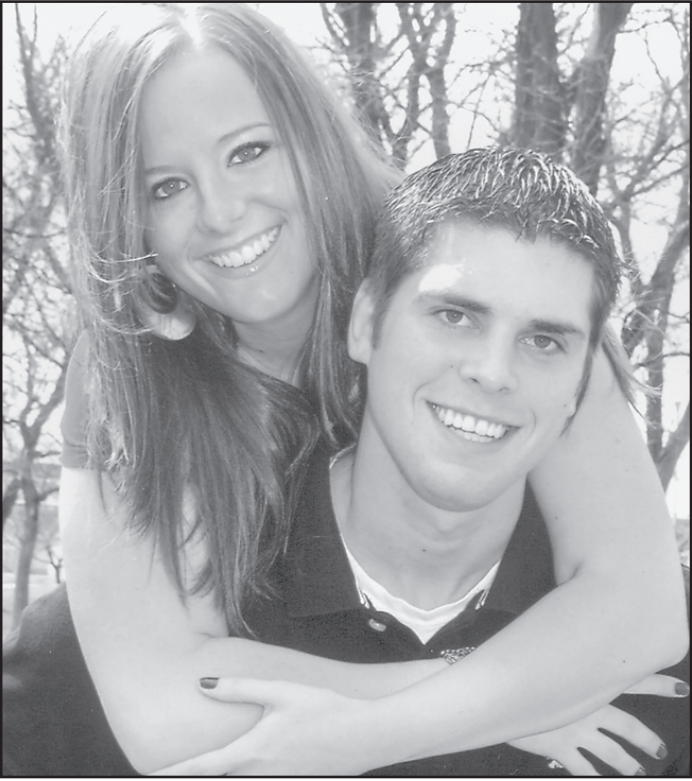
In her later years she enjoyed her children, grandchildren and a host of friends. When her health began to fail, she spent her last years living in the Prairie Senior living center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward, on June 17, 1989; a son-in-law Robert Sprinkle, Jr.; a grandson Dan Sprinkle; and a great-granddaughter Jennifer Augustus.

Alma passed away peacefully on June 22, 2009 in Colby, Kansas. Survivors include three sons, William (Carolyn) Adams of Urbana, Ill.; Charles (Janice) Adams of Orlando, Fl.; Dick (Karen) Adams of Colby; a daughter Barbara Sprinkle of Cassville, Mo., a brother Robert Plympton of Houston, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, June 26, 2009, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

The family suggest memorials to the Colby First Christian Church, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kansas 67701.



Cortney Leeann Moser and Matthew David Schippers

Colby rites planned for college graduates

Cortney Leeann Moser and Matthew David Schippers plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Cortney is the daughter of Dan and Kristy Moser of Winona. She is a granddaughter of Sharon Murray, Garden City; Archie and Verla Moser, Winona; and the late Charles “Jock” Murray and the late Betty Murray.

A 2004 graduate of Triplains High School and a 2008 graduate of Colby Community College, she is a dental hygienist for the Dental Health Group, Manhattan.

The groom is the son of David and Stephanie Schippers of Hoxie. He is a grandson of Howard and Carol Baalman, Menlo, and George and the late Lillian Schippers, Hays.

He graduated from Hoxie High School in 2004 and Colby College in 2006.

He is a student in the construction science and management program at Kansas State University, where he will graduate in 2010.

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Deaths

Norman L. ‘Pete’ Sharp

Norman L. “Pete” Sharp, 79, a Colby High graduate and longtime Sharon Springs resident, died Monday, June 29, 2009, at the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune.

He was born April 10, 1930, in Colby to Norman and Kathleen (Robinson) Sharp. He attended school in Colby and graduated from Colby High School.

He worked for several cities before moving to Sharon Springs in 1970, to be the city superintendent. He had been a fireman in Sydney, Neb., and Sharon Springs.

Mr. Sharp married Shirley Morris on Dec. 24, 1959, in Colby.

He was a member of the Sharon Springs Masonic Lodge, the Kansas Shrine Club, the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency board, and the Kansas Municipal Utilities board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Cheri and two grandchildren.

Survivors are his wife Shirley,

Sharon Springs; six sons, Norman Leonard Sharp and James Sharp of Colby; Dennis (Jean) Sharp and Jay Sharp of Sharon Springs; Jon (Brenda) Sharp of Kingman; and Kenneth Sharp of Sterling, Colo.; a daughter, Kathleen Burchfield of Alton; four brothers, Lloyd (Maryland) Sharp of Arizona; Bill Sharp and Kenneth (Melanie) Sharp of Colorado; and Deroy Sharp (Jody) of Oregon, and two sisters, Greta (Beryl) Hemstrom of Colorado, and Karen (Bob) Lawson of Missouri; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at noon (Central Time) Friday, July 3, 2009, at the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Park Improvement Fund, Sharon Springs, in care of the Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.06
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Group to meet

Sherman County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday at the Rock House, Sixth and Caldwell, in Goodland.

For information, call Tatum Teels at (785) 899-8180.

Thank You!

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who offered sympathy, thoughts and prayers to comfort us in our time of sorrow over the loss of our beloved son, brother, and uncle, Timothy Lee Anderson.

May God bless you and may kindness be returned to you in your time of need.

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Timothy Lee
Anderson**

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