

Family

Opinions change on climate change

It seems like just about everyone has an opinion about something called “global warming,” that phenomena referred to by some as “climate change.”

There are other names attached to the idea that Mother Earth doesn’t have much time left unless rather drastic steps are taken to prevent a catastrophic end.

I suspect you have your own opinion. I certainly have mine. About half of the world’s scientists who study such things will tell you to prepare for the worst, while the other half seem to absolutely believe that there is no danger and that “change” happens on a regular basis.

Farmers and gardeners pay close attention to politicians, meteorologists and scientific experts on whom we depend for information about possible climate change, but we seem to get mixed messages of what is in store for us in the coming years. And as a result, the word “green” that is constantly bandied about seems to have taken on a new meaning as we try to sort through what is real and what is imagined.

I used to subscribe to *Organic Gardening* magazine, which today is the epitome of worry when it comes to suggesting what we must do to save the world. I have recently enjoyed reading a few back issues that I have somehow managed to save for decades. The edition dated December 1973 proved especially interesting. On page 106 was a story written by Maurice Franz on “Climate Change.” I want to quote you a few lines from this article, written nearly 36 years ago:

“The big gardening news as we come to the end of 1973 is that we are now going through the great-



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est change of climate that has occurred in 300 years – since the mid 1600s? The publication *Science News* reports that the rain is moving away from the northern hemisphere to the southern, that the north polar ice cap is expanding south, while arctic temperatures are setting new record lows.

“Whatever the explanations, the question is are we throwing too much particulate into the air and cutting off sunlight needed to keep us warm? The symptoms of a protracted and enduring weather change extend all the way north to the polar cap, and temperatures are setting record lows.”

In other words, global cooling seemed to be the big worry in 1973 and now the opposite cyclical problems are being bounced about. At least one scientist recently told us that we have less than 50 years to get our things together. Or was it Al Gore who made that pronouncement?

It has been an almost perfect spring and summer, weatherwise, for our northwestern Kansas farmers and gardeners. The crops have been good. Temperatures have been below normal.

Attitudes seem to be on a high now as we prepare for the unknown, commonly called winter. All is well. We now concentrate our worries on the National Football League and the Denver Broncos. Josh McDaniels and Brandon Marshall are indeed something to worry about.

Rotary Club

Thirty-seven members of the Colby Rotary Club met Aug. 25 at the college student union. Guests were Mark Scheopner, Deanna Smith, Sacha Sanguinetti and Freddy and Sidney Bryan.

Nick Wells introduced three new Colby Community College coaches Carey Jones, head volleyball coach; James Oritz, cross-country and men’s track; and Dustin Pfeifer, men’s head basketball coach. Pfeifer, who is from Colby, and

the other coaches gave an overview of their programs and players. They answered questions about their expectations for the upcoming seasons.

Members signed up to serve coffee and greet Honor Run motorcycle riders from 7 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

The August collection was taken by passing the Polio Plus cup. Jeff Horlacher won Roto-Lotto.

– Relda Galli



Nicholas and Karen Prochazka

May wedding rite unites Colby couple

Karen Davis and Nicholas Prochazka were married May 2, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Father Dana Clark officiated and the Rev. Carol Rahn presented the blessing.

Parents of the couple are Connie and Loyde Davis of Colby and Pat and Jim Prochazka of Atwood.

Grandparents are Frances and the late Donald Smith, Colby; the late O.L. and Virginia Davis, Salina; the late Sam and Aldea Arnold, Colby; and the late W.E and Bertha Prochazka, Atwood.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Lisa Ritter. Bridesmaids were Jessica Kistler, Kayla Wilson and Melissa Lock.

Best man was Marc Prochazka.

brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Nick Howard, Jay Skiles and Sam Kogl.

Flower girl was Avery Loucks and ring bearer was Parker Merz; the groom is their uncle.

A reception and dance followed at the Colby American Legion.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Colby High School and a 2003 graduate of Colby Community College. She operates Karen’s Pet Salon in Colby.

The groom graduated in 2001 from Atwood High School and attended Colby Community College. He works for Cornerstone Ag in Colby.

The couple lives in Colby.

Alumni reunion coming in Rexford

The Golden Plains/Rexford Alumni Reunion will be held this weekend. The first event will be the Golden Plains High School vs. Quinter football game at 7 p.m. Friday.

Saturday afternoon there will be activities and a barbecue supper at the Rexford City Park. Registration from 3 to 6 p.m. at the park, with carnival games and prizes. Tickets will be 25 cents each. At 5 p.m., there will be live music by



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local talent. Supper will be catered by Big Boys BBQ, owned by Lad and Lori Truetken. A business meeting at 7 p.m. and a free street dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Main Street by Complete Music will cap the evening.

Red Barn happenings: Monday: Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study.

Thursday: Come on Down, 2 to 5 p.m.

Fridays: Koffe Klatch, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Fugitives fall for scam

MIAMI (AP) — Police in Florida are using the promise of a stimulus check to make some arrests.

Authorities in Fort Lauderdale say they sent letters to fugitives offering stimulus money. They were asked to set up an appointment to pick up a check from an auditorium where “South Florida Stimulus Coalition” banners hung.

When the fugitives arrived, they were identified and about 75 were arrested on offenses ranging from grand theft to attempted murder.

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Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.08
Corn (bushel)	\$2.75
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.08
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.90

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August 28th - September 3rd

A PERFECT GETAWAY

Genre(s): Adventure/Thriller
R 1 Hour, 38 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

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Genre(s): Adventure/Science Fiction
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Sunday -Thursday 7:00

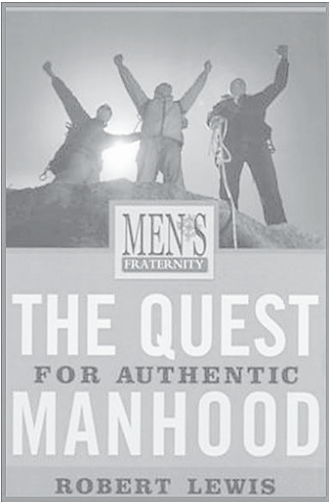
COMING SOON

The Time Traveler’s Wife
District 9
I Love, You, Beth Cooper
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What is a Real Man?



Men's Fraternity is a service to the community by the Colby Berean Church. Participants include men from other churches and those who do not attend church.



The Quest for Authentic Manhood begins **Wednesday, September 9, 2009.**

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 AM

Location: 1115 S. Franklin (the former Pirate’s Den building)

Topics studied will include:

Seasons of a Man’s Life
Uncovering a Man’s Wounds
Defining Manhood
The Marriage Relationship
Raising Sons and Daughters
Developing a Manhood Plan

The only cost for these twenty-four weekly lessons is **\$10 for a workbook.**

To register call: 462-7997 or email: coachdaddy2@sbcglobal.net

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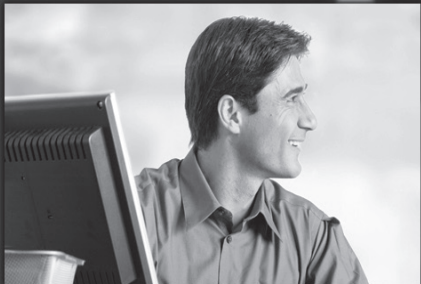
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