



Family

Food preservation a season of its own

The county fairs are over. The primary election is dutifully concluded. School will be called back into session soon. Footballs will soon be flying through the air.



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The Gardener

And good gardeners all around northwest Kansas have dusted off their pressure cookers and hot-water-bath canners. We have slightly rearranged the freezer in preparation for some new occupants.

airly place for a couple of weeks. Never cut off their tops until you're ready to use them or until they have become extremely dry.

The true food preservation season is here! The potatoes and the onions need to be dug, cleaned up a bit and stored. The cucumbers and okra need to be pickled. The cabbage is almost ready to be transformed into sauerkraut. The sweet corn needs to be frozen.

A nice touch is to braid them into ristras while their tops are still on, hang them in a garage or other shady place and just clip them off as you need them. Otherwise, a cool dark dry spot is the best storage area.

Tomatoes need to be juiced, sauced, converted to salsa or canned for all kinds of uses later. Some of your herbs need to be dried and labeled carefully. The peppers need to be roasted, frozen or dried. Cantaloupe and watermelon need to be closely observed, day and night, in case of sudden ripening or theft.

Carrots are best stored in the same spot where they are now growing, unless you decide to can a few. Just leave them in the ground and let them grow and mature. When freezing weather threatens, put a couple of bags of leaves or a bale of straw over them. Pull them as you need them all winter, and remember to replace the cover as you harvest them.

And the zucchini needs to be sprayed with a strong herbicide to inhibit further growth, although that's not guaranteed.

Check out the pressure canners at your favorite retail outlet. Canning is safe and a canner is the best investment a gardener can make. Also buy yourself a "Blue Book," the bible of the canning process. And remember this: food preservation is a natural extension of gardening. It allows you to enjoy the food from your garden all winter.

It must be August. With all the harvesting we are doing out in the back yard now, we must also continue to find time for weeding and watering. We must continue to nurture the remaining crops that we have tended through the early season. The payoff for all the effort we have expended throughout the summer now comes to fruition, and we should enjoy it.

Bridge Club

Let's review a few ideas for the season. When preparing potatoes for storage, remember it's not a good idea to wash them, which tends to induce the rotting process. Simply brush as much soil off as possible and store in a slatted box or netted sacks in a dark, cool environment. Basements are best, unless you have a root cellar.

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Ken Ptacek; second, Pat Criss; third, Cookie Keonig; fourth, Al Keonig; fifth, Gail Vacca; sixth, Mary Molestad.

Onions should be pulled a week or two after the tops have fallen over. As soon as you pull them, let them lie in a shaded, preferable

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.60
Corn (bushel)	\$3.46
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.71
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.69

Corrections

A story on Page 1 of the Friday, Aug. 6, edition of the *Colby Free Press* gave the wrong name for Fair Board President Mark Anderson. This was an editing error.

The *Colby Free Press* wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.



The family of Lindy A. Bretz want to thank Dr. Hildyard and his staff at the Colby Medical and Surgical Clinic, the Logan County Hospital and Therapy Department, Dr. Rainwater and his staff at the Denver St. Joseph Hospital. Pastor Sheryl Johnson, relatives, neighbors and friends for their loving care and concern given to our loved one. Also, a thank you goes to the Winona United Methodist Church for the bountiful dinner and their support. We have been blessed during this difficult time. May God bless you, also.

Lola Bretz, Rhonda & Jerry Nichols, Shonda Pinley, Granddad's Grandchildren, Granddad's Great-Grandchildren.



Horineks To Celebrate 30th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Tony and Anita Horinek would like to congratulate the couple on 30 years of marriage. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby on August 8, 1980. The couple has two sons, Clint and Aaron. Clint and Sarah are the parents of four children, Gianna, Edward, Cecilia, and Zelic. Aaron is married to Elisa. Tony and Anita farm west of Colby with their sons.

Dance to celebrate Atwood couple's 50th

Rich and Janice Hayes of Atwood will celebrate their 50th anniversary from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at the American Legion Hall, 112 S. Third in Atwood. A dance will follow from 8 to 11:30 p.m.



The Hayes at their wedding

The couple married Aug. 13, 1960, in Norcatgur.

They are the parents of Machelle (Ron) Brown and Rocky (Lisa) Hayes, all of Atwood, and Missy Knopp of Oskaloosa. The couple has seven grandchildren.

The family requests no gifts.

Retiree opens shop for Oakley quilting fans

Donna Smith recently opened the Smoky River Quilt Shop in downtown Oakley after moving from Lincoln, Neb., with her husband to retire.

Before she moved, she said, she ran a shop in Lincoln while working as a secretary at an insurance office.

The couple has five children and seven grandchildren. In her spare time, Smith said, she enjoys sewing and restringing jewelry.

Smith said she thought that opening the shop would not only be a nice addition to the town, but a fun renovation project as

well. She has a variety of fabrics and says she provides friendly service, with fresh coffee always available.

As business picks up, she said, she hopes to expand to a full sewing center offering group or individual quilting classes to all ages. Smith said she encourages everyone to visit her shop to see what they have.

The shop is at 307 Center Ave. in downtown Oakley. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Record hailstone falls in S.D.

VIVIAN, S.D. (AP) - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says a giant hailstone that fell in central South Dakota has broken U.S. records, even though the man who found it says it melted some while waiting to be evaluated.

The NOAA's National Climate Extremes Committee says the hailstone found in the town of Vivian on July 23 measures 8 inches in

diameter and weighs 1 pound, 15 ounces. The committee says the South Dakota ice chunk broke records set by hailstones discovered in Nebraska and Kansas.

Ranch hand Leslie Scott says the hailstone was about 3 inches larger when he found it. Scott says he put it in the freezer but that he couldn't prevent some melting because of an hours-long power outage that followed the storm.

Babies

Thomas Cole Johnson

Thomas Cole Johnson, son of Rachael and Jeff Johnson of Colby, was born Thursday, July 22, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Siblings Roland and Elana Johnson welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Richard and Mary Keller of California and Jesse and Linda Johnson of Texas.



Thomas J.

Karis LouAnn Nordgren

Karis LouAnn Nordgren, daughter of Kjell and Laressa Nordgren of Atwood, was born Friday, July 23, 2010, at the Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Kiah Rain, 4, and Justus Jerik, 1 1/2, welcome her home.

Grandparents are Eric and Barbory Nordgren of Topeka, and Mike and Cindy Friesen of Meade.

Great-grandparents are Carol Nordgren of Topeka, and Mick and Hilda Friesen and Pete and Janet Bartel of Meade.

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at noon with 30 members and special guest Dr. Luke Tubbs.

President Nick Wells thanked members who ran the Plinko game during the fair and Gary Schuette was recognized for his "worker friendly" revision to the Plinko game.

The monthly collection for Genesis-Thomas County was taken.

Janice McCart gave an update on the medical clinic in Ghana, West Africa, sponsored in part by the club. The clinic is to open

late this fall and the next step is to gather over-the-counter items it will need to treat patients. A list of supplies was distributed to members and a club photo was taken which will hang in the clinic when it opens.

Winning door prizes were Marilyn Unger, Paul Steele, Sacha Sanguinetti, Carolyn Armstrong, Jerry Arendorf and Terrell Harrison.

Ron Evans won Roto-Lotto. The club meets every week at the Colby Community College Student Union.

Poster contest targets highway safety issues

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce traffic fatalities, encourages kids ages 5 to 13 in Kansas to enter their poster contest.

Three statewide winners will receive family packages at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City. Statewide winners will also receive \$50 gas cards.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and 11-13) across the state will each receive a

bicycle donated by Walmart stores in Kansas as well as a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

All entries must be sent by Friday, Sept. 3, to: AAA Kansas, Public Affairs, 3545 SW Sixth Street, Topeka, Kan., 66606. On the back of the paper entry must be the child's full name; age; mailing address; county; parent name; and contact phone number.

For information, go to the Kansas Department of Transportation's website at www.ksdot.org.

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125 Years of Thomas County

The first settlers came to Colby in 1879. At the time, Thomas County was mostly cattle country, with most of the inhabitants either ranchers or hunters.

The Colby Post Office was built in 1881, near the present-day location of Village Inn, next to the homestead of the postmaster, J.W. Irwin. J.R. Colby, who had fought in the Civil War, got government permission to officially set up the town in 1884. He wanted to start the town near the post office, south of where Colby is today. However, the Colby Townsite Company had other ideas.

Spearheaded by J.M. McGonigal, the company was created to purchase land for the new town, and they decided to move the new town three miles north. In exchange for letting them move the town, the company named it after J.R. Colby.

By 1886, the town was thriving. It had hotels, banks, hardware stores, stables, billiard halls and many other stores. Colby was officially incorporated in July, 1886.

Later that year, officials from Union Pacific Railroad came to town with a proposition. If the town provide land for a depot, Union Pacific would bring the railroad there. By October, 1887, rails for the Oakley-Colby Branch would be laid. Two more railroads would build lines through Colby by 1887.

The first three churches were the Christian Church and Methodist Church in 1886 and the Presbyterian Church in 1887.

The first school was a two-story brick building built in 1888. It was built on School Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets near where the Pioneer Memorial Library is today.

Colby hit some hard times in the 1890s, losing half its population by 1892. Drought, poor crops and a bad economy were chiefly responsible. Conditions improved at the turn of the century. In 1905, the first million-bushel wheat harvest helped bring prosperity back.

Colby got a taste of things to come when severe dust storms hit the county in 1911 and 1912. More than 200 people fled the town during that time, seeking better weather.

The town got another boom after World War I, with new businesses like a J.C. Penney store and new events such as the Thomas County Fair and Colby Tractor Show. The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce was established in 1925.

Like many towns, Colby was hit by the Great Depression. Drought, bad crops and more dust storms hampered agriculture and salaries plummeted. Even so, a new school building was built in 1935.

Colby, along with the nation, emerged from the depression to grow again throughout the rest of the century. A new hospital opened in 1941, KXXX began broadcasting in 1947, the Community Building was completed in 1955 and Colby Community College was established in 1964.

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