

## Training scheduled for young farm hands

A Hazardous Occupations Training session for teens will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Colby Implement.

The training is required by law for youth 14 and 15 years old to work in agricultural jobs for someone other than their parents.

In 1970, the U.S. Department of Labor declared agricultural tasks as hazardous for children under the age of 16. With certain exemptions, this made employment of youth under the age of 16 at these jobs illegal for anyone other than parents or legal guardians.

The long-standing tradition of kids finding summer employment on farms prompted the development of the Hazardous Occupations Training program for tractor safety to train and certify youth 14 and 15 years of age to work in agricultural occupation for someone other than their parents.

Recent interpretations of the law also require youths to have this certification to work for family partnerships, family corporations and grandparents. In family partnerships and corporations, even when one partner is the parent the youth technically works for the corporation and therefore must have the certification. This training is also available for youth working on their parent's farms as well as any rural resident or farm worker who desires a refresher course on farm safety.

To register, provide your name, address, social security number, date of birth and a check for \$10 to your local county extension office by Monday <cm28>.

The registration fee includes the manual and materials. Refreshments for breaks and a pizza lunch will be provided by the Farm Bureaus of Thomas, Sherman, Rawlins, Logan, and Cheyenne counties.

# 4-H leader focuses on basics

Barbara Stone, a former Thayer County, Neb., 4-H member and career advocate for youth development, is the new state leader for Kansas 4-H programs and assistant director, Kansas State University Research and Extension.

"Barbara has personally experienced the power of positive youth development and, as her career has evolved, become a proven leader with experience in strategic planning, fine-tuning the vision, identifying resources and building relationships to enhance youth development," said Daryl Buchholz, associate director of K-State Research and Extension.

For Stone, the move to Manhattan in early May will be a move closer to the fifth generation family farm in Davenport, Neb., where she grew up.

And, with Kansas 4-H headquartered on Kansas State University's Manhattan campus, it will be a return to her educational roots as well, as Stone earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture therapy at Kansas State University to begin her career.

She subsequently earned a master's degree in horticultural science at the University of Nebraska, and began an Extension career that combined her expertise in horticulture with youth development education.

Her Extension work included assignments with 4-H youth development, and sparked further interest in – and a passion for – youth development and the land-grant mission, she said.

"The land-grant mission, educating the people, is appealing because it offers accessible, research-based educational opportunities to improve the quality of life," said Stone, whose career has included Extension assignments in Nebraska, Oregon, Texas and North Carolina, and eight years of senior leadership experience at National 4-H Headquarters, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Institute for Food and Agriculture and National 4-H Council.

Stone has experience in curriculum, program and professional development, evaluation and strategic planning. She is particularly proud

of developing state and local training materials for the National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century, which were distributed to all Extension offices and led to \$6.5 million in rural youth development funds annually. As a member of the senior leadership team for National 4-H Council, Stone assisted in developing a successful \$5 million proposal for funding youth mentoring programs.

She was, she said, "attracted to the leadership role in Kansas because the state's 4-H programs have a strong legacy – and a compelling future."

Stone describes herself as someone who has a deep and abiding interest in engaging others in the basics: trust, focus, consistency and communication so that people find meaning and value in the work of youth development, and, through their involvement, bring dignity to the people whom we serve.

The goal, she said, is to nurture timely – and effective – educational opportunities for Kansas youth as our society and culture evolve.

## Scholarships awarded by Hansen Foundation

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, Kansas has named 250 high school seniors from 59 Northwest Kansas schools as winners in its 36th annual scholarship competition. In addition, 11 scholarships have been awarded to Kansas Community College students who are planning to continue their education at a Kansas four-year college or university.

The scholarship committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills, along with academic records, test scores and community service.

Fifty Hansen Scholar winners were selected, receiving \$3000 for one year. This year's winners include Sara Martin and Tera Raymond, Colby High School, and Joshua Llewellyn, Oakley High School.

One hundred Hansen Student winners were selected to receive \$2,000. This year's winners include Matthew Lambert and Anna Taylor, Colby High School; Avery Spresser, Golden Plains High School; Merabeth Corbett and Patrick Loftus, Oakley High

School; and Cody Green, Rawlins Co. High School.

Fifteen scholarships were made available to Kansas community college students of the current school year who plan to continue their education at a four-year Kansas college or university. These awards are for \$2,000, of the 11 qualified applicants, 10 were from Colby Community College, including Jay Wessel, Jared Bixenman, Brittany Kammer, Haley Kistler, Lindsay Hoff, Tyson Miller, Anna Zillinger, Jessica Leiker, Cade Carter and Chelsie Gausman.

For students interested in vocational training, the Foundation offered 90 one-year awards of \$2,000 each. Winners include Sheena Rall and Whitney Schultz, Brewster High School; McKayla Albertson, Brandy Gilbert, Devin Ritter, Melissa Ritter, Rilee Spresser and Marissa Mosier, Golden Plains High School; Hannah Wildeman, Hoxie High School; and Carleigh Kelly and Floralee Rumbach, Oakley High School.

## Goodland artist has photos at museum here

Roxie Yonkey, a photographer based in Goodland, will exhibit a selection of her photographs at the Prairie Museum of Art and History through April.

Yonkey's exhibit touches on both rural and urban themes, the museum says. Her celebration of High Plains subjects, such as barns, sunflowers and windmills comes through in several. Trips to New York and

Boston provided inspiration for a selection of city scenes.

An informal reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, will allow people to meet the artist and learn more about her work.

The museum is at 1905 S. Franklin Ave. For information, go to [www.prairiemuseum.org](http://www.prairiemuseum.org), call (785) 460-4590 or e-mail [museum@st-tel.net](mailto:museum@st-tel.net).

## Golden Plains announces high school honor roll

Here is the Golden Plains High School honor roll for the third quarter. Superintendent's honor roll is for those with a perfect 4.0 average (all A's), while the principal's honor roll is for those with at least a 3.0 average (B or better).

### Superintendent's

**Seniors:** David Hunt, Devinn Ritter, Melissa Ritter.

**Sophomores:** Angela Ritter.

**Freshmen:** Jordan Christensen, Macayla Easton, Kylie Jones, Leea Juenemann, Tristan Schwarz, Hailee Spresser.

### Principal's

**Seniors:** McKayla Albertson, Evelin Aragon, Rachel Bomba, Randi Cressler, Aaron Emigh, Brandy Gilbert, Brady Ginther, Marissa Mosier, Jacy Moss, Lucas Phillips, Tate Preston, Yajaira Ramirez, Avery Spresser, Rilee Spresser, Arianna Valdez.

**Juniors:** Hannah Antholz,

Jacquelyn Armstrong, Viridiana Beltran, Cole Christensen, Sandra Galvan, Katrina Griggs, Julia Rogers, Trey Schwarz, Tyler Stevenson, Emily Wachendorfer, Ethan Walter.

**Sophomores:** Jose Bermudez, Haydyn Best, Camron Spresser, Colten Wachendorfer, Morgan Walz.

**Freshmen:** Jacob Antholz, Joshua Barnhart, Emmy-Marie Fringer, Jacob Griffith, Tiffani Hapke, Chance Hoeting, Cheyenne Miller, Grant Spresser, Zachary Spresser.

## Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Jean Snyder; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Gail Vacca; fourth Barb Ulmer; fifth, Mary Kersenbrock; and sixth, Dave Ulmer.

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