

Remember safety during harvest time

The wheat has progressed rapidly this year. We are about two to three weeks earlier than normal.

Many will harvest earlier than they ever have and even earlier than their father or grandfather ever did.

The Thomas County Wheat Plot Tour was held Tuesday. Sixty producers and businessmen participated in the tour. Topics covered were variety selection, disease control, soil fertility and farm management wheat summary data. Wheat test plot results will be posted to the Thomas County Extension website at www.thomas.ksu.edu.

Wheat harvest is something we all look forward to and plan for and around. This is a very busy time of year where many large trucks, combines and implements will be on the roadways. Safety is a big concern not only for yourself but to look out for others, whether you are the farmer or the citizen in the car.

With the dry conditions, dust will be a big concern. Drive with your lights on and slow down when you approach another vehicle. We need to watch out for each other and be courteous to each other. Here's to a successful and safe harvest.

Safety Tips from the National Safety Council

Harvesting equipment is a necessity on farms to gather the crops for a bountiful harvest. Harvest time is primary revenue time on many farms and is also one of the peak periods for farm injuries and deaths. Many of these injuries can be prevented through effective farm safety management.

- Develop a "safety first" attitude. Follow safe work practices all the time and set a good example for others.
- Be physically and mentally fit before operating equipment. Fatigue, stress and worry can distract



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• Knowledge for Life

you from safely operating equipment. Take frequent breaks.

- Pay attention to all safety information. Read operator's manuals and warning decals.

- Inspect the equipment and correct any hazards before operating.
- Identify hazardous areas on equipment and make sure you stay away from moving parts. Beware of pinch points, shear points, wrap points, pull-in areas, thrown objects, crush points, stored energy hazards and freewheeling parts.

- Make sure everyone who operates the equipment has the appropriate training and is physically able to operate it safely.

- Shut down equipment, turn off the engine, remove key and wait for moving parts to stop before dismounting equipment.

- Keep bystanders and others away from equipment operation area. Do not allow extra riders, especially children.

Inspection

- Are power take-off shields in place?
- Are guards and shields in place?
- Are safety locks operational?
- Are there any leaks in hydraulics?
- Is reflective "Slow Moving Vehicle" signage in place?
- Are lights working properly?
- Is a 20 pound "ABC" fire extinguisher in place?

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Soybean association seeks young leaders

The American Soybean Association and Pioneer Hi-Bred are seeking applicants for the 2013 Young Leader program. The program has a longstanding tradition of identifying and cultivating the producer-leaders who are shaping the U.S. soybean industry. 2013 marks the 29th year of the program.

"The Young Leader Program is an exceptional leadership training program," said association President Steve Wellman. "The knowledge gained from this program can be put to use immediately - not only in business, but personally as well. Soybean producers who are looking to take on future leadership roles at the state and/or national level should pursue this training as the first step on their journey."

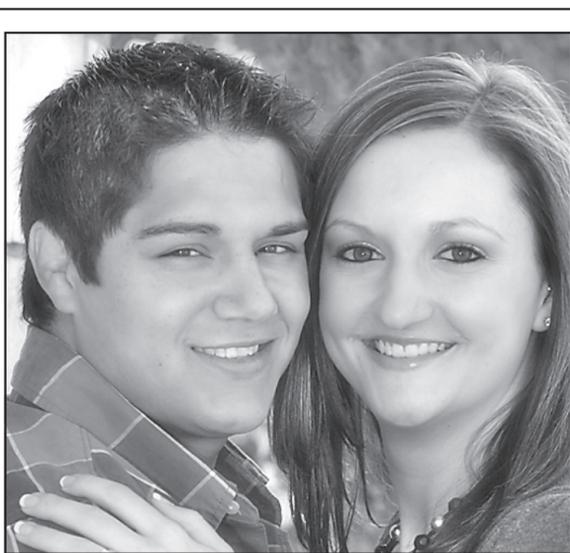
The 2013 class of Young Leaders and their spouses will meet Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 27 to 30, at Pioneer headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, and Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 26 to March 2, in Kissimmee, Fla., coinciding with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show. This program offers the opportunity for participants to build leadership skills, as well as meet and learn from other young leaders from around the country. Applications are being accepted online at www.SoyGrowers.com/dyl until Oct. 1. One couple or individual per state will be chosen to participate. For questions or to obtain a hard copy application, please contact Michelle Siegel, leadership and corporate program manager at (314) 754-1328 or msiegel@soy.org.

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Taylor Cole Garcia and Sarah Kristine Redmond

Sacred Heart planned for Saturday wedding

Sarah Kristine Redmond and Taylor Cole Garcia, both of Colby, plan to marry Saturday, June 9, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Sharon Redmond of Colby. Her grandparents are Agatha and the late Bert Lang of Claremore, Okla., and Marjorie and Charlie Moos of Grinnell.

She is a 2006 graduate of Colby High School, a 2008 graduate of Colby Community College with an associate degree in business management and a 2009 graduate of Hays Academy of Hair Design.

She works as the municipal court clerk at the Thomas County courthouse and at Up-

town Style as a cosmetologist.

The groom is the son of Joe and Denise Garcia of Colby and Alicia Riedel of Hays. His grandparents are Josephat Garcia of Brownfield, Texas, the late Pressley and Dorthea Piner of Colby, Kenny and Bertha Brungardt of Victoria and Ron Ribordy of Larned.

He is a 2006 graduate of Colby High School, a 2008 graduate of Colby Community College with an Associate of Arts degree and a 2012 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in physical education.

He is working at Western Sprinklers in Colby.

The couple plans to live in Colby following the wedding.

Dekalb award winner named from Colby High

2012 Colby High School graduate Katera Harter has been named the 2012 Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award winner, the school's highest agricultural honor sponsored by Monsanto Company, said FFA Advisor and agriculture instructor Tom Rundel.

Harter, the daughter of Lowell and Sue Harter, received the award for her academics, leadership and agricultural work experience. She has been Miss Teen Rodeo Kan-

sas, along with membership in FFA, National Honor Society, student council, Young Humanitarians, Catholic Youth Organization and dance team.

This year the award celebrates its 65th anniversary. In 2011, over 2,000 students were recognized with the award.

As the winner of the 2012 award, Harter's name will be recorded on a permanent plaque at Colby High School.

Government sponsors safety app contest for students

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is having a contest to challenge student software developers to use the agency's raw performance data on commercial bus companies to create new apps and online solutions that help consumers to make smart safety decisions when booking bus travel.

It is hoped that the challenge will raise public awareness about the availability and usefulness of the safety data.

The administrations's Motor-

coach Safety Data Utilization Student Challenge is open to all U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are 18 years or older and enrolled at a fully-accredited higher education institution, or planning to enroll this fall or winter. Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, Aug. 1. Winners will be announced Sept. 20. For complete details on contest eligibility requirements and rules, visit www.Challenge.gov.

Deaths

Berniece Halle

Berniece Halle, 76, Mission Viejo, Calif., sister of Mildred (Jerry) Green and aunt of Tim (LeiAnn) Barnett of Colby, died Monday, May 28, 2012.

She was born Aug. 12, 1936, in Dresden, the daughter of John and Margaret Heim of the Leoville and Hoxie area.

Her parents preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, Alan Halle, of the home, and four sons.

Memorial services will be at the St. Kilian Catholic Church in Mission Viejo.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met at Colby Community College on May 29 with 23 members and guest Christy Rocca.

Leilani Thomas had the program. Her guest was Rocca, Thomas County Economic Development director. She presented information on the newly adopted Neighborhood Revitalization Program for Thomas County.

Rocca said 80 out of the 105 Kansas counties are participating in the program, which was established by the Kansas legislature in 1994. Its intent is to promote revitalization and development

in Thomas County by stimulating new construction of residential, commercial and agricultural properties with the incentive of a property tax rebate over a 10-year period.

To qualify for the program, an application must be completed and the construction or improvements must result in a minimum increase of \$25,000 in the appraised value.

Nick Wells won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary meets Tuesdays at the college in Room 106 of the student union.

— Relda Galli

Colby, Oakley grads win 4-H scholarships

Students selected for scholarships being awarded by the Kansas 4-H Foundation this year include Rachel Juenemann of Colby, with a Pierre C. Henry scholarship, and Leigh Ann Maurath of Oakley, with a Clara L. Dubbs 4-H scholarship.

The scholarships can be used to fund post-secondary education next year, and were to be awarded at the 2012 Emerald Circle Banquet, May 31 in Manhattan.

"Education - and the building of life skills and lifelong interests in many disciplines - is an integral part of Kansas 4-H programs," said Gordon Hibbard, president of the 4-H Foundation, "and it is our pleasure to make academic awards to extend educational opportunities."

While there are more than 30 different project opportunities in 4-H, each supports learning in science, engineering and technology,

and promotes citizenship, leadership, service and healthy living, Hibbard said.

Scholarship recipients are 4-H members selected through an application and review process. Many donors are former 4-H members, he said.

"We are fortunate to have generous donors willing to support Kansas 4-H through the contribution of these scholarships," said Barbara Stone, assistant director, K-State Research and Extension and state leader, Kansas 4-H. "These types of gifts reward hard work, achievement and outstanding leadership, which are invaluable outcomes in Kansas 4-H's program efforts to grow Kansas leaders."

Information about educational opportunities with Kansas 4-H is available at www.Kansas4-H.org and at K-State Research and Extension offices.

Corrections

On Page 1 of the Friday, June 1, *Colby Free Press*, the article "County told storm causes vast damage" said the landfill processed 280,000 tons of storm debris in one day (Tuesday). It was actually only 160 tons, including 47.63 tons of trees, which are processed separately. Wednesday, they had 95 tons total, not 170,000 tons, including 27.42

tons of trees. This was a reporting error.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.80
Corn (bushel)	\$5.67
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.77
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.19

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY To Pat, the toughest kid on the block!



Card Shower June 13th
Please send cards to Pat Wolf, 655 N. School, Colby, KS 67701

OAKLEY VFW LADIES AUX. 2981

Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday June 9th, 2012
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

VFW Ladies Serving Lunch



Thank You Gary & I appreciate Susan, Emergency Management Director and Rory for braving the storm to check on us when the roof next door landed on our home & outbuildings Saturday night. Thank you Ronnie, Richard, Rory, Lacey, Paula, Eidree, Jim, Jeanne, Herb and Brenda for your help in picking up debris and patching our roof. We couldn't have done it without you all.
- Gary & Caroline Bird

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Set of keys on Sunday, May 27th at Kansas Quick Lube in Colby

Reward for Return

If found please bring to the Colby Free Press, 155 W. 5th Street

Come check out Colby's Newest Business!

GRAND OPENING

Monday, June 11
Business hours are Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Whistle Stop RV & Antiques

Located at 155 Willow Road, Colby, KS (in the old Colby Depot)

We will also be selling items from **York Street Studios** (designer silk arrangements and longarm quilting) and **The Middle of Nowhere Farm** (country crafts)

BEAD SHOW

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

June 8 & 9
Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-4

FREE ADMISSION

COLBY COMMUNITY BUILDING

New colors of Chinese crystal, now over 450 colors of Japanese seed beads, more choices of semi-precious stone, vintage West German beads and buttons, lampwork glass pendants, lots and lots of good beads! Betsy Beader wire and tools, closeouts... demonstrations.
INFO: 520-907-5124 • BEAD HELPER WANTED • WE BUY OLD BEADS AND JEWELRY

Due to shipping issues

American Profile

will not be distributed until Thursday, June 7th

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"THE MARKET PLACE"

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH • 2012 ▶ 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Colby United Methodist Church
950 South Franklin • Colby, KS
Parking Lot - South Side

HUGE VENDOR SHOW!
• OVER 50 •
(south parking lot)

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE!
(inside church)

HUGE BAKE SALE!
(inside church)