

Valentines crowned



Falster and Aileen Johnson were crowned Valentine King and Queen at the Goodland Senior Center on Friday. The crowning had been postponed on Wednesday due to weather. The king and queen were voted on by people using the center. The Johnsons have been married 64 years and have lived in Sherman County that long.

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Most popular wheat changed from 2006

For the 2007 wheat crop, the variety seeded the most across Kansas was Overley. This is a change from last year, when Jagalene was No. 1.



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Jagalene slipped to the No. 2 position with 23 percent of the acreage. Jagger is still represented quite well in third at 17 percent of acres.

It is interesting to note that both Overley and Jagalene are direct descendants of Jagger. Overley has been comically referred to as "Jaggeron steroids." It was released from the wheat breeding program at Kansas State University in 2003 and seems to be best suited for production east of Russell.

Jagalene is an AgriPro variety that was released in 2001. The pedigree on Jagalene is Jagger and Abilene. Jagger was released from the Kansas State University breeding program in 1994 and has Karl in its parentage.

In northwest Kansas, the top variety was not Overley but was Jagalene. Just over 38 percent of all acres were planted to Jagalene. Sec-

ond was Jagger at 17 percent, and third was TAM 111 at nearly 9 percent of acres planted. Overley and Wesley round out the top five with 4 percent and 3 percent, respectively. Thunderbolt was in sixth place with 2.8 percent of acres in northwest Kansas.

Danby, the No. 1 white wheat, was planted on over 2 percent of acres in northwest Kansas. On a side note, the majority of the white wheat was planted in the western third of the state.

Blends accounted for 7 percent of the acres planted in northwest Kansas. Over 60 percent of these blends contained Jagger, and over 51 percent contained Jagalene.

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Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Jan. 21 — 5:56 p.m., 600 E. 6, a 1998 Jeep driven by Chamra D. Duell was traveling through the intersection at Sixth and Cherry and was struck in the driver's side rear door by an unknown vehicle. The unknown vehicle fled the scene leaving no information.

Jan. 22 — 4:34, 1500 Clark, a 1990 Ford driven by Nicole M. Popp was attempting to drive around a 1994 Dodge driven by Dale Murphy when the passenger side mirror on the Ford hit the driver side mirror on the Dodge. Popp said the car slid on ice into the side of the Dodge. The Ford was moved before the officer arrived.

Jan. 24 — 8:35 a.m., 1300 Harrison, a 1990 John Deer driven by Natividad Vasquez was removing snow from the street for the city and did not see a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Devin Wade Marx that was attempting to pass on the wrong side of the street.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Dec. 31, 2006 — Robert C. Provorose, \$85 for driving on closed roadway.

Jan. 2, 2007 — Jonathan R. Cook, \$132 for speeding.

Barry G. Klinger, \$144 for speeding.

Clarissa A. Montez, \$126 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Jan. 3 — Savanna M. Beaver, \$126 for speeding.

Lance K. Fitzsimmons, \$150 for speeding.

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Jan. 4 — Lacey K. Byington, \$120 for speeding.

William P. Ferebee, \$126 for improper parking.

Benjamin M. Grin, \$120 for speeding.

Luis A. Guillen, \$120 for speeding.

Bradley K. Lafoy, \$126 for speeding.

Robert E. Schumacher, \$120 for improper parking.

Jan. 5 — David R. Miller, dismissed for first conviction for driving while suspended and \$156 for speeding.

Jan. 8 — Alberto E. Frias, \$150 for speeding.

Taryn L. White, \$183 for speeding.

Jan. 10 — Donald P. Derusha, \$160 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Robert L. Ford, \$216 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Amanda B. Lensing, \$138 for speeding.

Jan. 11 — Clayton J. Allen, \$120 for improper parking.

Jimmy L. Sampson, \$216 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Jan. 12 — David Dodge, \$138 for speeding.

Jan. 13 — Margaret Wohl-schlaeger, \$126 for speeding.

Jan. 14 — Michael D. Branvold, \$120 for speeding.

Malerie Eva Ridder, \$291 for speeding.

Jan. 19 — Nathan T. Spitz, \$192 for speeding.

Jan. 28 — Evangeline T. Balik, \$126 for not yielding to approaching vehicle when turning left.

Snow thawing; at least it's not 12 feet

Well we've had another few days of thawing and then freezing overnight; maybe we will see the light at the end of the tunnel soon. We can be thankful we are not buried under 12 feet of snow like some of New York state. I just can't imagine that kind of snow.

We are glad to have Duane and Ruth Jones back home, and they are both doing well. It will be nice to have Frances Jones back home and Nettie Mills also. Our senior group has been rather small with so many away this winter.

I understand Wilma Burk will be going to a nursing home in Benkelman, Neb. We'll all miss seeing her for potluck, cards and bingo, but we will be thinking about you often.

Scott and Sara Gilley of Springfield, Mo., are the proud parents of a baby girl, Micaela Marie, born Feb. 7. She weighed 6 pounds, 13



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ounces. Great-grandmother is Carmelita Clark of Goodland.

Ed and Jana Hutton have adopted a new baby boy. His name is Benjamin Elias, born Feb. 1, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces. He has a sister at home.

Heath Baird, a 2005 graduate, was named King at the Cloud County Community College. Heath plays basketball at the college and is doing quite well.

I have been reporting that the primary election will be held on Feb. 27 in Brewster. This is not correct,

everything but voting on that day, April 3.

Erma and LaVelle Palmgren have moved from the farm into town. They are living in the former home of Leo and Muriel Palmgren. Welcome to the city life, Erma and LaVelle.

Can we just be blessed right now? Can we find something, some one thing to be happy about, satisfied with, excited over? It won't cost us anything to smile and pat ourselves on the back for what we have already done and overcome. If we re-

ally understood that right where we are is exactly where we need be, we would find the joy we convince ourselves we are missing.

Life is so much smarter than we are — it never moves too quickly, nor does it skip any steps. Life always shows up on time and in time to bless, teach, reward, heal, protect or guide us.

Life always knows exactly what we need, what we are ready for and when we are prepared to receive it. We are usually so busy looking behind or ahead, we miss the flow of life passing right before our eyes.

Fear, anxiety, guilt and shame rob our vision and cause us to miss the point, the lesson and the blessings that are present right now. Let us remember that right now is a blessing. When we understand that, we stop second-guessing life.

Cleaning up around fruit trees a messy job

Cleaning up around crabapple trees that drop fruit most of the summer is not a fun job. The fruit drop can be messy and hazardous.

Crabapple drop can be controlled by applying the common insecticide Sevin (carbaryl) soon after the blossoms have dried on the trees. Do not apply Sevin during bloom because it is toxic to bees.

Spray trees thoroughly with two tablespoons of Sevin per gallon of water. Check the label to make sure this use is present.

Stems on the fruit should turn yellow and wrinkle. The tiny apples should start to drop in seven to 10 days. If drop hasn't started in two weeks, a second application may be needed.



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Sevin remains effective for about 35 days after full bloom, but the fruit will become more difficult to remove as it grows. Sevin is not used to cause drop on other fruit trees.

Another product advertised to eliminate unwanted fruit is Florel. The active ingredient is ethephon, a chemical that releases ethylene, which causes fruit to drop before it sets.

According to the label, a foliar

application of Florel will reduce or eliminate undesirable fruit development on many ornamental trees and shrubs such as apple, cottonwood, crabapple, elm, flowering pear, horse chestnut, maple, oak, pine, sweetgum and sycamore.

How well it works and potential damaging effects depend on the dose and temperature. Activity slows if the temperature is below 60 or above 90.

Because Florel degrades quickly in water, applications should be

completed within four hours of mixing. Timing must coincide with full bloom, a stage that requires close observation with many trees.

Researchers at Kansas State's John C. Pair Research Center near Wichita have gotten mixed results using Florel on treated crabapples. With some varieties, fruit was thinned. Others showed no effect. We cannot make firm recommendations on the use of this product without research results on other tree species.

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Don't get bogged down in daily business functions

As the owner, do you often get buried in the everyday functions of your business? Is it hard to get away because your employees always have numerous questions on how to do things? Do you offer a consistent, quality product/service or does each employee do things their own way?

Developing and documenting systems on how you want your business to run can improve these



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issues and reduce your stress. This is the first step in establishing a "management-by-exception" op-

eration.

What could you accomplish if you didn't have to spend your time and energy handling the everyday functions of your business and could focus on growth and improvement? Take time to establish how you want things done, train your employees on your systems,

then let them do their jobs.

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