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Fashion 'Revued' by 4-H'ers **By CAROLYN PLOTTS**

cplotts@nwkansas.com "Harvest of Fashion" was the theme for this year's Norton County 4-H Fashion Revue held Saturday evening at the 4-H Building. The models' runway was appropriately decked out with miniature farm equipment and stalks of corn set in gallon jars of kernels

of corn. Moderators for the evening were Katrina Wentz and Amanda Brandyberry.

Only eight 4-H'ers participated in the construction phase of clothing projects. They were Kaitlyn Bohl, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Quentin Wentz, David Cressler, Jade Cressler and Wyatt Wentz.

In the Junior Division, Rebecca Wentz was awarded the grand champion ribbon with Quentin Wentz taking reserve. Megan Wentz won grand champion of the Intermediate Division and David Cressler was named reserve grand champion. It was a clean sweep for Carissa Wentz in the Senior Division. She was the only entrant, so took home both grand champion and reserve.

Participating in the Buymanship phase of clothing projects were: Christopher Maddy, Skylar Davis, Travis Cressler, Tony Anderson, Johnnye Ruder, Molly Maddy, Wyatt Cressler, Lauren Mordecai, Kelsey Mordecai, Katrina Wentz, Diedre Kramer, Kaitlyn Bohl, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Quentin Wentz, David Cressler, Jade Cressler and Wyatt Wentz.

Quintin Wentz won grand champion in the Junior Boys Division with Tony Anderson taking reserve. In the Intermediate Division, Wyatt Wentz was declared the grand champion winner with David Cressler taking reserve. Christopher Maddy was the sole competitor in the Senior Division, thus claiming both grand champion and reserve.

In the Girls Junior Division, Lauren Mordecai was named grand champion and Molly Maddy took reserve. Johnnye Ruder claimed the title of grand pion title and Diedre Kramer Kindler and Regina Stark.



Katrina Wentz showed her grand champion winning style in the Senior Division of the Buymanship style revue. – Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

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Prepping car can reduce risks

Drivers who are diligent about preparing their car for winter driving may think they can skip maintenance in preparation for spring and summer road trips, but they shouldn't.

With the weather warming and sun shining, there's a temptation to get in the car and go. To make sure your vehicle is road-worthy ahead of this summer's temperatures near the century mark, begin by reading the owner's manual to make sure that you are current on routine and periodic recommended maintenance. Consider these tips:

• Check the oil and, if not quite due for an oil change, consider changing the oil prior to a long trip. Changing the oil, as recommended by the manufacturer, every 3,000 to 5,000 miles will protect the engine.

• Check belts, hoses, radiator and heater/air conditioner every six months. Newer cars are increasingly sophisticated and that may mean that changing a belt or hose is no longer a do-it-yourself job. Also, make sure the radiator mix is the same year round. Antifreeze is needed to reduce rusting, overheating and for lubrication of the water pump.

• Check tire pressure and adjust accordingly; uneven or low tire pressure can reduce gas mileage, cause excess wear and may cause a blowout. Look also for signs of uneven wear or damage to a tire; sible stops for a rest or restroom more information, contact the rotate and balance tires and align break and fuel, and allow time for *county extension office*, 877-5755.

Weather service to host 12-week class

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Temperature,

tional Weather Service Office will host a 12-week weather class in the fall semester at Colby Community College. The class will be held Thursday evenings from 5 to 7:30 p.m. MDT (6 to 8:30 p.m. CDT). Classes will begin Aug. 30 and end Nov. 15.

The two-credit hour class is en-Precipitation, Weather Radar Imtitled "PH161/Meteorology and agery, Weather Satellite Imagery, Weather Forecasting". It is de- Severe Weather and Tornado Forsigned to give students a better mation, Climatology and Longunderstanding of basic meteorology concepts as well as introduce the latest research and technology. Students will be taken from basic measurements of pressure, temperature and moisture, to concepts of airmasses, fronts and pressure systems. The course is designed to give the student a look at many different facets of meteorology, from observations and instruments, to precipitation types and forecasting. Discussion will include radar and satellite images, severe storms, climatology and career opportunities. Anyone with an interest in learning more about High Plains weather is encouraged to enroll. There are no prerequisite courses. Contact Colby Commu-

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wheels periodically, particularly after hitting a curb or pothole.

• Check lights, turn signals, power or manual windows.

 Check windshield wipers and replace, if necessary; fill washer ever possible, and, if you want to fluid reservoir.

· Check air conditioning, especially in older cars.

• Check the spare tire and to see if a jack is still in the car.

• Be alert to changes in gauges; consider carrying an empty gas can in the trunk.

• Assemble a car care kit, perhaps with a few wrenches, pliers, flashlight, extra can of oil, can opener, jug of water, and tire pressure gauge.

•Acellphone can be handy, but not always a guarantee, if a battery needs charging or signal is out of range.

• Gather some non-perishable food items, such as cereal bars, canned or dried fruit, jar of peanut butter and crackers, water, a few utensils, roll of paper towels and antiseptic wipes for long trips and store them in water-and bug-proof containers out of the sun.

Weekly topics will include:

Moisture,

Weather on the Internet, Pressure,

Airmasses, Fronts, Jetstreams,

Clouds, Weather Instruments, Set-

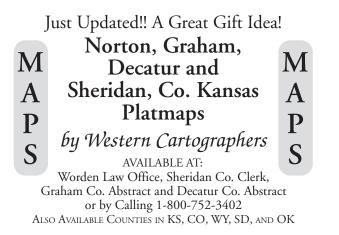
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tion, Large-scale weather systems,

The staff at the Goodland Na- nity College www.colbycc.edu to Range Forecasting and a National Weather Service Office Tour.

> A weather briefing will be given each week at the beginning of class using information from the Internet. This will be followed by a short discussion period before the weekly topic is presented.

For more information, contact the Goodland National Weather Service at 785-899-7119, or email Dave Floyd david.l.floyd@noaa.gov.



frequent breaks to refresh driver and passengers.

• Let others know the route you plan to travel and when you expect to arrive, so they'll know where to start looking if you fail to arrive.

 Carry your driver's license and health insurance information with you; verification of registration and car insurance also should be in the car.

· Wear a seat belt, and make sure passengers do the same.

· Choose a four-lane road whenlook at the scenery, stop at a scenic overlook with parking provided, rather than take your eyes off the road.

• Follow the rules of the road, which include allowing plenty of time and being patient, rather than passing another car, truck or farm vehicle when approaching a nopassing zone.

• Keep distractions to a minimum; plan a rest stop to let the kids use up some energy, and leave phone calls for another time.

For more information about personal safety and health, contact your local K- State Research and Extension Office.

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Prizes for the grand champion

Wheat	\$5.48
Milo	\$2.71
Corn	\$3.15
Wheat Milo Corn Soybeans	\$6.97

