



Nora Elizabeth Nolan

Noxious weed director attends Kansas conference

Justin Lohr, Cheyenne County Noxious Weed director, recently attended the Kansas Weed Conference. He brought back important information on 2,4-D herbicide. The chemical is used to control noxious weeds in the county.

Since its discovery in 1945, 2,4-D has had an enormous impact on increasing world food production while reducing food production costs.

The benefits of 2,4-D is it provides users with a time-proven, low cost and resistance-free product for a wide variety of uses Mr. Lohr said. Some of the uses include:

- Protecting and increasing the yield in crops.
- Allows an increase of no-till farming practices which reduces soil erosion.
- Safely controls weeds in turf grass and other areas.

- Eliminates broadleaf weeds from range and pastureland without damaging grasses that livestock feed on. It also protects native grass species against invasive weeds.

Mr. Lohr said the U.S. Geological Survey found that some \$20 billion in damages each year can be linked to invasive weeds. This affects not only those who make their living directly off the land, but also the citizens of cities, suburbs and rural America. The herbicide helps control or eliminate these plants.

It is important, he said, to note that not all non-native plants are invasive but those that are can cause significant and costly consequences. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that when noxious or invasive weeds enter new ecosystems, they can grow, adapt and spread, causing ever

increasing economic and environmental damage.

Some of the myths vs facts of 2,4-D include:

- Myth: 2,4-D causes cancer. Fact: A study over several decades found that not a single regulatory agency in the world mandated with protecting public health identified 2,4-D as a human or animal carcinogen.
- Myth: 2,4-D is banned in some countries. Fact: 2,4-D is registered for use in over 100 countries. The most recent country to approve its continued sale and use was Canada in May 2008.

After rigorous analysis of scientific data, expert panels and government agencies mandates with protecting human health and the environment that 2,4-D is acceptable for use according to label directions.



Tobias Dirks - Holly Hicks

Couple announce wedding plans

Holly Rebecca Hicks and Tobias Glenn Dirks announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Catherine Hicks, Centennial, Colo., and Max and Irene Dirks, WaKeeney.

Grandparents of the couple are Russell Hicks and Evelyn Hicks, Connecticut, and the late George Gear and the late Jane Barnes, Glenn and Darlene Cookson, WaKeeney, formerly of Howard, and Tobias and Ann Dirks, St. Francis, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Cherry Creek High School and a 2010 graduate of Colorado

State University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is currently employed by the Douglas County Schools in Denver.

The prospective groom is a 2007 graduate of Trego Community High School and will graduate in May from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and begin pilot training in Del Rio, Texas.

A June 12 wedding is planned at Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs.

Obituaries

Viola Helena Peck

Jan. 21, 1918 - March 20, 2011

Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Viola Helena Peck, 93, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society Prairie Manor in Sharon Springs.

She was born Jan. 21, 1918, at Bird City, the daughter of Fredrick and Gisenia (Ommen) Kehlbeck. She graduated from Bird City High School.

On April 5, 1939, she and Kenneth Lloyd Peck were married at Bird City. In 1951, they moved from Atwood to Goodland.

Her memberships included Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran Ladies, Goodland Elks Lodge 1528, and Promenaders Square Dance Club. Activities that she enjoyed with her family and friends included fishing, traveling and playing cards.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Kenneth Peck, who died Dec. 21, 2006; grandson, Brian VanAllen; great-grandson David Baney; her parents; three sisters, Edna Curry, Bernadine McCumber, Adeline Childers; six brothers, Henry Kehlbeck, Ernest Kehlbeck, Alvin Kehlbeck, Leonard Kehlbeck, Fritz Kehlbeck, and John Kehlbeck.

Surviving family includes son, Doug Peck and his wife, Cheryl of Goodland; son Kenneth Peck Jr. and his wife, Patty of Winter Springs, Fla.; daughter, Barbara Van Allen and her husband, Robert of Wheeler; daughter, Rebecca Baney and her husband, Rick of Des Moines, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, March 26, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Darian Hybl officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends could share their respects on Friday, March 25, at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Memorials may be designated to the Viola H. Peck Memorial, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Joette Lindstean Carmona

Sept. 22, 1950 - Dec. 17, 2010

Joette Lindstean Carmona died Dec. 17, 2010. She was born Sept. 22, 1950, in Goodland, Kan., to John W. and Velma E. (Peter) Lindstean with St. Francis as her childhood home.



Carmona

Three years later, to Joette's delight, her twin sisters, Joyce and Janice, were born. On May 23, 1970, Joette married David Yahne in Great Bend and to this union were born her beloved daughters, Gretta Beth and Abby Beth. On July 4, 2009, Joette married John Carmona in San Antonio, Texas.

Joette was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend! She cherished her family and friends. Her grandchildren, Brody, Gavin, Jaydon, Isaac and Caysha were her precious blessings.

Joette was passionate about photography, collecting antiques, and writing in her unique penmanship. She was an animal lover and rescuer. She loved to laugh and make others laugh as well. As a last act of kindness, she became an organ donor. Although Joette is no longer here, she will always be in the hearts of her family and friends!

Those missing her are her husband, John Carmona of San Antonio; her daughter, Gretta Beth Johnson (Michael), twin grandsons, Brody and Gavin and granddaughter, Caysha of San Antonio; her daughter, Abby Beth Williams (Josh), grandsons, Jaydon and Isaac of Hays; her sister, Joyce Proctor (Kent) of Broken Arrow, Okla.; nephew, John Rexroat (Keri), sons, Johnny, Joe and James of Republic, Mo.; niece, Sarah Rexroat of Manhattan, N.Y.; her sister, Janice (Jan) Owen (Michael) Hutchinson; nephew, Weston Owen of Eudora and many other relatives and friends.

Joette was preceded in death by her father and mother, John and Velma Lindstean. A memorial service was held on Dec. 19, in celebration of Joette's life. Cremation was chosen.

Bowling News

Ladies Night Out 2/24

Team standing: Yehas, Wray Meat Packing, Strikers, Bier's Maids, Bankwest, Dundy Ag, Wright Carpet.

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(scratch): Renea Mathies, Tammy Overlease; (handicap): Mathies, Victoria Windell.

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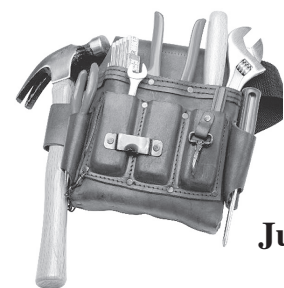
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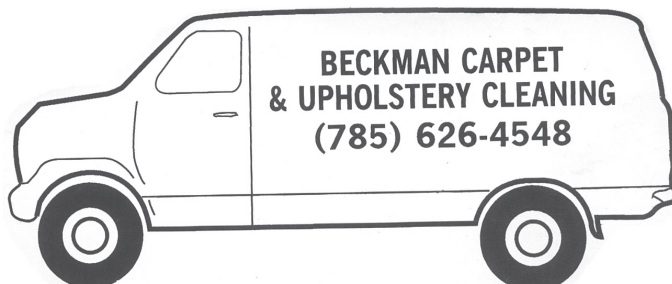
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