



BED RACES were held on Main Street Saturday to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

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Across the County

Hazardous occupations training April 21

In 1970, the United States Department of Labor declared agricultural tasks as hazardous for children under the age of 16. With certain exemptions, this law made employment of youth under the age of 16 at these jobs illegal for anyone other than their parents or legal guardian. The long withstanding tradition of youth finding summer employment on local farms prompted the development of the Hazardous Occupations Training (tractor safety) program to train and certify youth 14 and 15 years of age to work in agricultural occupation for someone other than their parents. Recent interpre-

tations of the law also require youth to have this certification to work for family partnerships, family corporations, and grandparents. In the case of 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 meet the requirements of the law, youth should plan to attend a multi-county Hazardous

Occupations Training to be held Saturday, April 21, at Colby Implement in Colby. The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. There is also required reading to do and assignments to complete prior to the class, so early registration is encouraged. To register, provide your name, address, social security number, date of birth, and a check in the amount of \$10 payable to the Cheyenne County Extension office by Monday, April 16. The registration fee includes your manual and materials. Refreshments for breaks and a pizza lunch are being provided by Farm Bureau of Thomas, Sher-

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Association to hold show in Oaklay

Honkey Tonk Angels is slated to be the next Western Plains Arts Association show in Oaklay on Monday. The entertainment starts at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It happens every day of the year! Somewhere in America, a girl quits her job, kisses her loved ones goodbye and climbs aboard a Nashville-bound Greyhound. And every day those girls arrive in Music City USA with little more than a dream to sustain them. In Ted Swindley's Honkey Tonk Angels, the raucous and touching hit country musical, three attractive and talented young women make their way to Nashville de-

termined to "make it." Hear the classic tunes of Tammy Wynette, Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn as they were meant to be sung. Follow the adventures of these three sassy gals as they pursue their Music City dreams. "Stand By Your Man," "Coal Miner's Daughter," "9-to-5," "Harper Valley PTA," "Rocky Top," "I'll Fly Away," "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" and "Ode to Billy Joe" are some of the country favorites that make the production the biggest sure-fire musical theater hit of the year! Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season pass or at the door.

The Gardener

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It's the week we've waited all winter for! Spring is here. Rototillers are receiving special attention. Garden hose leaks are being patched. Radish and lettuce seeds are jumping off the seed racks. The National Weather Service people are keeping an eye out for a cloud... any kind of a cloud, any kind of a cloud that might bring us a bit of much need moisture. I would guess that a number of gardeners all over the High Plains took advantage of the unusually warm weather of the last couple of weeks and proceeded to bury a few seeds. In my opinion, it's still a little early to do that, but when you have three or four straight days of near 80 degree temperatures this time of year, it's the natural thing for a

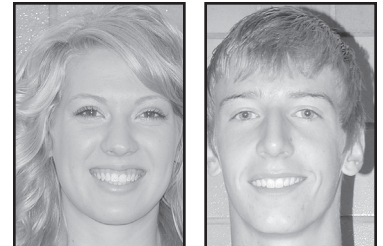
gardener to do. And really, there are a few of the so-called cool weather crops that thrive when planted in a cool soil. Take peas for instance. Peas must be planted early in the season so that they can reach maturity before the hot weather kicks in. They'll sprout in soils that are as cool as 40 degrees, and most varieties require at least 60 days growing time until that first picking. When you consider the fact that we usually have some 90 degree temperatures by June 10 when peas simply will not produce, then the earlier the better to get them in the ground. Much the same scenario plays out for spinach, radishes, and lettuce. All the aforementioned crops can safely withstand a light frost, including onion plants.

Potatoes? I'll wait until about April 15 to plant those, and hope for no frost after they emerge. I am very much aware that many good gardeners plant potatoes in mid-March, and then watch them freeze back a couple of times. Usually, they recover nicely from that, but I prefer to wait a couple of weeks and not have to worry about them. To each his own. On the other hand, we must wait until after May 1 to plant all those warm weather crops, after soil temperatures reach at least 60 degrees and preferably 65 to 70. We're talking cucumbers, tomato plants, peppers, green beans, okra, sweet corn, cantaloupes, and of course, those poor old zucchini. In the book I wrote several years ago, the final chapter listed my "Don't Do Thats" that offer some important rules for a new gardening season. Here they are:

1. Don't choose a low lying area
2. Don't plow your garden plot when the soil is too wet.
3. Don't plant a garden that is larger than you can take care of.
4. Don't plant most of your garden too early
5. Don't plant the seeds too thickly.
6. Don't plant the seeds too deeply.
7. Don't move your transplants into the garden without a proper "hardening off" period.
8. Don't mulch your growing plants too early.
9. Don't water your plants too much or too often.
10. Don't plant the same thing every year... try a new variety.

It is indeed an exciting time of the year! Enjoy!

Students named all-league



Figgins Schiltz

Basketball players have been chosen for the Northwest Kansas League All-League teams. Seniors Isaac Schiltz and Kaitlin Figgins were chosen for the first team, while junior Dylan Peter and sophomore Mason Schiltz received honorable mentions. Isaac averaged 21.2 points and

4.2 rebounds per game, Kaitlin averaged 15.8 points and 9.2 rebounds per game, Dylan averaged 10.7 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, and Mason averaged 10.2 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

Club Clip

Ramblers

Ramblers met March 14 at Cheyenne Manor for the regular meeting. There were 16 members and one guest in attendance. Rose-Mary Bierig, president, welcomed everyone to the meeting. When the regular order of business was completed, Sherry Schultz introduced Mary Lou Douthit who presented a very informative lesson about photography. She encouraged all to take pictures and to keep a few things in mind, when doing so, like the rule of thirds, don't center the subject of the picture, and pay attention to the light. The best

light for pictures is from sunrise to 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Take your pictures at eye level. Mary Lou has been involved with the 4-H photography program for approximately 30 years. She holds project meetings as well as helps with the display at the Cheyenne County Fair. Cheyenne County 4-Hers enter from 200 to 300 photos at the fair. The Extension office has all the guidelines for Open Class Photography and she encouraged us to enter pictures at the fair. The next meeting will be April 11 at Cheyenne Manor.



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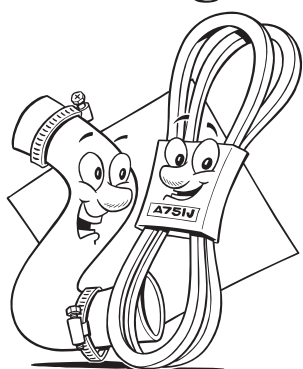
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