

Put tractor on cruise control

Wheat and water will, as far as everyone can see, always be inextricably linked to the well-being of our community.

In fact, there are probably very few people in northwest Kansas right now that don't have an eye on the wheat crop this week. The library staff wishes a safe and productive harvest to all the farmers in Thomas County and northwest Kansas.

With the latest and greatest GPS technology, some farmers will now be able to read a book while putting in a long day's work on the tractor. Can it still be said that the times of open-air tractors were the good ol' days? I say let technology work for you while you catch up on your reading. Here are a few reads that you can probably finish in one long day in the field. (If you do not have a tractor that is GPS enabled, please just drive!)

Even today, many farming operations are a family affair. With children around, the busy-ness of harvest can turn into a family circus, which is not necessarily a bad thing. Perhaps you can relate all too well to the comic strip Family Circus.

Cartoonist Bill Keane has been creating Family Circus cartoons since 1960. Always before, his cartoon selections in book form have been a result of his personal editorial efforts. This time however, he took requests from his readers. The title of the book is aptly named "The Family Circus: By Request" and includes a compilation of 200 keepsake cartoons about Billy, Dolly, Jeffy, and PJ. Approximate reading time: two hours.

About 3 p.m., the munchies hit hard. This is about the time you reach for your stash. While you are scrounging for munchies in your stash you can read the western "Stash" by Robert H. Redding.

The main character Stash arrives at his foster parent's general store one day to find them shot dead during an attempted robbery. Overcome with grief but vowing revenge, Stash moves to the next town to escape the horrors of his past. He

Arkansas town limits hens in homes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Linda Bishop supplements her small disability income by raising chickens behind her home and selling their eggs. But a new city ordinance in her hometown of Rogers might change that.

Acting on complaints from residents disturbed by their neighbors' fowl — particularly crowing roosters — the northwest Arkansas community put new restrictions on the practice of keeping birds in non-agricultural zones in the city limits.

The ordinance goes into effect July 13.

Bishop's flock of 23 hens and a rooster is too large under the terms of the ordinance, which limits hens to four per home and outlaws roosters. She says she's kept chickens for 10 or 12 years and thinks that's unfair.

"I've never had no problems or no complaints from any of my neighbors," Bishop, 57, said in a telephone interview.

The 8-0 city council vote last week reflects Rogers' expanding population, said city council member Buddy Wright. Census estimates show the city's population is about 48,000, up from about 39,000 in 2000.

"I mean, I'm a native of northwest Arkansas and I'm accustomed to hearing a rooster crowing in the middle of the night, and it doesn't bother me," Wright said. "But it's something that to a lot of people moving in here from other areas and not being used to having that ... I think it was more of a concern for them."

Northwest Arkansas is home to numerous commercial chicken farms and poultry processing plants, including Springdale's Tyson Foods, the world's largest meat company. Wright said he voted for the measure because his constituents wanted it, but he sees the irony of the situation.

"It is an unusual ordinance because the city of Rogers was more or less built on the chicken industry," he said.

The ordinance puts in place several other restrictions, including a requirement that the birds be kept in a clean, secure enclosure at least 25 feet from the nearest neighbor's home. Slaughtering birds outside is prohibited. The resolution also requires people to obtain a permit and pay a \$5 annual fee to keep fowl.



Jeff Friesen

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takes up employment at a ranch under the direction of foreman Stan Bonner. Stan always seems to have a burr under his chaps. The fact that Stash is cottoning to his daughter certainly isn't making things any easier between them either. Approximate reading time: six hours.

You should just about be able to get a mystery read in before the last lap in the field. The book "Before the Last Lap" by Joyce and Jim Lavene is a quick, down-and-dirty read.

Things get interesting when a speed boat harboring a bloody pocketbook flies over the pier and on to the street in Diamond Springs, N.C. Sheriff Sharyn Howard begins an intense investigation after discovering the pocketbook in the boat is owned by her missing assistant, Trudy Robinson. Trudy however, shows up at the local speedway shaken up but unharmed at about the same time that racing legend Duke Beatty is shot and killed. The prime suspect is Trudy Robinson until her husband confesses to the crime. Except that, it appears as if he only confessed to protect his wife. Sheriff Howard has a lot of sorting out to do. Approximate reading time: six hours.

Put in a 14 hour day and get all these books read! Have a great week.

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INVITATION TO BID
CONTRACT NO. 00893-1
H-FRAME REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CITY OF COBY
Colby, Kansas

Bidders are invited to submit sealed bids for the project: H-FRAME REPLACEMENT PROJECT. The Contract consists of furnishing all materials and labor.

The H-FRAME REPLACEMENT PROJECT consists of installing approximately 0.53 miles of two new overhead 3 Phase parallel double circuit 12 kV and 4 kV distribution lines constructed to 12.5 kV standards along a 25 foot wide corridor out of the substation. The construction will also consist of removing and changing out transformers, service conductors, H-frame poles, lightning arrestors, hardware, switches, transferring line taps and etc., as needed and specified on the construction drawings and staking sheets. The entire line will consist of removing 6 circuits existing open primary conductor and replacing it with 4 circuits 4/0 ACSR conductor and 1/0 ACSR neutral conductor. All work may involve working on energized conductors. Construction activities will include the topping of poles, transferring existing conductors to hot arms maintaining conductors energized. Some work may have to be performed after standard working hours and/or Saturday, Sunday, and/or holidays. Construction is to be substantially completed by September 30, 2006.

There will not be a mandatory Pre-bid Conference at the office of the OWNER; however, all bidders will be required to visit the project site in person. Bidders will be required to register the site visit with the City's Public Utilities Office. No bids will be accepted without a documented site visit. All exceptions or clarifications to the Contract Documents shall be presented to the Engineer for consideration by the OWNER for inclusion by Addendum during the bid period.

The City of Colby will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on June 29, 2006, at the following address:

City of Colby
585 N. Franklin
Colby, KS 67701-2399
Attn: Mr. Marc Gilman, Director of Public Utilities
(785) 460-4420 Fax (785) 460-4425 Email: pubworks@cityofcolby.com

Please indicate your interest in bidding by contacting the office of the ENGINEER at the following mailing address or by e-mail to reserve a bid set:

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Documents will be made available to Contractors and CONTRACTOR's representatives upon receipt of a non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first set and Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per additional set.

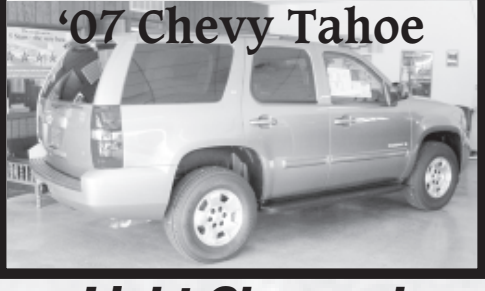
Bids shall be clearly marked as "Bid for City of Colby, H-FRAME REPLACEMENT PROJECT".

The CONTRACTOR shall acknowledge all addenda on the outside of the envelope. The successful bidder shall provide proof of insurance and bid security as specified in the General Conditions and Supplemental Conditions.

The City of Colby reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject Bids. The City of Colby also reserves the right to award any and/or all parts of this Bid.

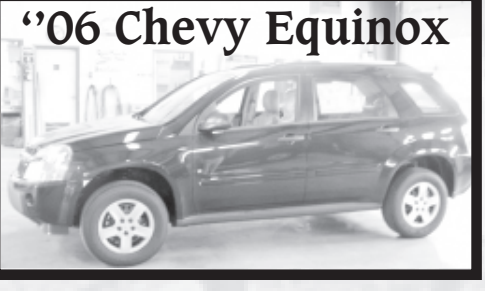
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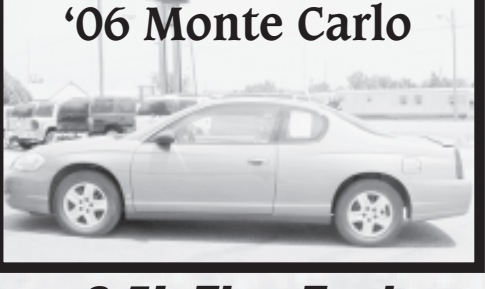
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'06 Chevy Equinox

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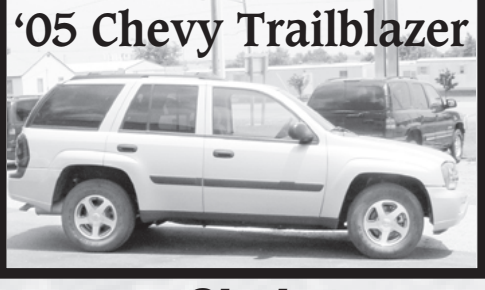
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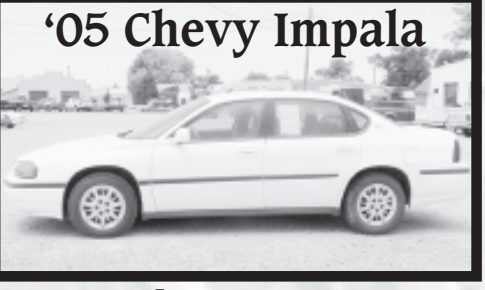
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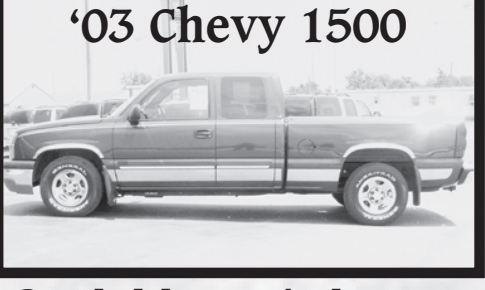
'05 Chevy Trailblazer

Cloth
16,000 miles




'05 Chevy Impala

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