

Family

Rural tree plantings can be science at work

MANHATTAN — Tourists and urban dwellers may find it curious that rural Kansans plant rows and rows of trees alongside roads, fields and livestock facilities, as well as in windbreaks around their homes.

“In the past, rural dwellers may have been marking the edges of their property,” said Joshua Pease, conservation forester with the Kansas Forest Service. “Now, however, they’re usually applying scientifically proven principles.”

Trees that protect crops from Kansas’ winds, for example, not only reduce the odds for crop damage but also reduce soil erosion and moisture stress, Pease said. Tree stands also have a proven ability to promote livestock health and feeding efficiency.

Well-planned plantings provide wildlife habitat, cover and food, he said. They stabilize stream banks

and filter runoff — thus helping ensure the state has a good and dependable water supply.

“Of course, trees are pretty to look at, too,” Pease said. “For rural residents, though, they can provide a source of some extra income, which can range from selling quality timber to providing firewood, or fee hunting.”

The forest service provides low-cost tree seedlings twice each year to help Kansans continue these conservation efforts, he said. The 2008 Conservation Tree Planting Program began taking orders in December, with order forms available at any local U.S. Department of Agriculture or K-State Research and Extension office.

This year, the program also started offering its trees on the Internet. More information about the trees available is at www.kansasforests.org/conservation.

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

Twenty-seven members of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H club answered roll call at their first meeting of the new year on Jan. 5.

Brook Ziegelmeier told the club all about goats for his project talk.

Seth Bredemier’s project talk focused on his dog, whose name is Reggie.

Rachel Lamm showed club members how to correctly and neatly mount a photo for her photography project.

Club leader Donna Lamm announced a special meeting for students who are unable to attend regular meetings due to school conflicts. She also announced the 4-H Council will be giving prizes to the top five 4-H’ers in pizza sales.

The Abilene Hustlers will also give a monetary prize to the top five in pizza sales.

Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 2.

Booking Log

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Bradley James Buchanan, 33, Oakley, Dec. 19, battery, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released Dec. 30 on signature bond.
- Steven Jerald Greer, 39, Jones, Okla., Dec. 21, driving under the influence, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Dec. 22 on notice to appear.
- Justin Tanner Joslyn, 20, Hoxie, Dec. 30, contributing to a child’s misconduct or depravity, minor in possession, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Eric Scott Schiltz, 27, Oakley, Dec. 30, domestic battery, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Kelby Shane Horn, 38, Broad Run, Va., Thursday, driving while suspended/revoked, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, released same day on notice to appear.
- Zane Terry Zolinski, 47, Colby, Thursday, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Kyle Ole Stauffer, 25, Alva, Okla., Monday, failure to appear/giving a worthless check, driving while suspended/revoked, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day on bond.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Jan. 6 were first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Gail Vacca; third, Lyle Worthy; fourth, Sara Jane Barrett; fifth, Katie Melvin; sixth, Mary Molstad.

Corrections

In the Wednesday, Jan. 7, issue of the *Colby Free Press*, a photo of Stephanie Juenemann and Kyle Spreser was placed incorrectly with a story about the engagement of Mary Link and Justin Schwanke. This was an editing error. The story appears in today’s paper with the correct photo.

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Mary Elizabeth Link and Justin Charles Schwanke

Virginia to be site of couple’s wedding

Mary Elizabeth Link and Justin Charles Schwanke of Wichita plan to marry Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at the Cross Keys Vineyard in Mount Crawford, Va.

She is the daughter of Charles Link, Wichita; and Audrey Liskey, McGeheysville, Va. Schwanke is the son of Charles and Debbie Schwanke of Colby and the grandson of Louise Schwanke of Scott City.

A graduate of Spotswood High School in McGeheysville,

Link graduated in December 2007 from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is an accountant with Cargill in Wichita.

Schwanke, a 2001 Colby High School graduate, received a bachelor’s degree from Fort Hays State University in December 2004 in information networking and telecommunications. He is a senior business analyst with the same firm.

Soup benefits Humane Society

Soup’R Bowl XII, the annual fund raiser for the Humane Society of the High Plains will be held Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Schenk building at the Ellis County Fairgrounds west of Hays.

Over a dozen different kinds of soup will be available. Guests will be able to sample each soup and choose a large bowl.

A cookbook with the chefs’ recipes

will be available for \$1.

Serving time is 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with the Fort Hays State University men’s basketball team and coach Mark Johnson serving the soup and signing autographs.

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Deaths

Eloise Siegfried Holliday

Eloise Siegfried Holliday, 87, a former Cheyenne County treasurer, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 5, 1921, to E.G. and Emma Luedtke Siegfried in Lincoln, Neb. In 1925, the family moved to Traer, northwest of Oberlin, where her father was a mechanic. In 1927, the family moved to a farm between Traer and Herndon. She attended country school in District 39 until eighth grade. She went to her first year of high school in Houston, living with a cousin and here husband, who was transferred there for a 10-month job by the railroad. She later attended high school in Herndon during the Dust Bowl days.

She met Charley Holliday at Cedar Bluffs in the spring of 1938, and they married that fall. He worked on farms in the Traer area, and tried farming for himself for three years. In December 1949, they moved to St. Francis, where he worked for the concrete block company.

Mrs. Holliday worked at the courthouse from the middle 1950s until 1963, starting part time. When Martha Schultz became county treasurer, she was her deputy for four years and she was treasurer herself in the early ’60s. When her term was up, she went to work at the former Citizens State Bank for 14 years. She enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing and crafts.

She and her husband had a camper and liked top fish at area lakes. They took two trips to Yellowstone Park, and enjoyed fishing for cutthroat trout there. After retirement, they covered most of the United States and Canada

with their daughter Shari and husband Jim. Eloise always had lots of homemade cookies when her grandchildren came to visit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother, Larry Siegfried, and two sisters, Phyllis Smith and Carol Lou Siegfried.

Survivors include a son, Dennis (Sharon) Holliday, Lincoln; two daughters, Charlene Myers, Fremont, Neb., and Shari (Jim) Krentzel, Oskaloosa; two brothers, Gene Siegfried, Wray, Colo., and Delbert Siegfried, Arapahoe, Neb.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the St. Francis United Methodist Church, with Pastor Morita Truman presiding and burial in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Knodel Funeral Home.

The family suggests contributions to the Heart of America Hospice, 3715 SW 29th St., Suite 100, Topeka, Kan., 66614.

Emergency class starts

Thomas County Emergency Medical Services will offer classes for the emergency medical technician B certificate, with an information class at 7 p.m. next Thursday at the EMS garage at 1275 S. Franklin.

Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 19 and run for five or six months; financial assistance is available.

For information, call Dawnelle Umberger at 460-4585 or 443-0176.

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