

Family

Top seeds labeled for special notice

The All-America Selections symbol seen in many seed catalogs this time of year is something we should all give our undivided attention to.

The symbol – a red, white and blue shield – is not difficult to see, and it's beside some of the very best vegetable and flower selections. All-America Selections is a 75-year-old nonprofit organization that evaluates new seed-grown flowers and vegetables from around the world. Only those proving to be significantly improved over comparable varieties receive All-America Selection honors.

The process begins when plant breeders, who work several years to develop a new vegetable or flower, believe they have found one that's exceptional. They will then submit their new product to the All-America Selections committee. Maybe it's a unique green bean or carrot or any other vegetable that a grower has been able to breed with unusual sweetness or disease resistance. Maybe it's a new multi-colored columbine, a sunflower or a hardy marigold with a brighter color or later blooming reliability.

In all regions of North America, some 35 volunteer plant growers are asked to nurture these new plants over a three- or four-year period. These are carefully tested for all the traits necessary to produce a better-quality vegetable or flower. If, for any reason, these individual tests do not produce a su-



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

perior product at all of the test locations, they are eliminated. They might appear in the seed catalog or on the rack at the store, but they cannot display that red, white and blue shield. It becomes rather obvious, I think, that any All-America selection would be worthy of your garden or mine. We should look carefully for that symbol as we buy our seed this year.

Some of the more noteworthy All-America vegetable winners over the years has been Melody Spinach (1977), Derby green beans (1990), Sweet Success cucumbers (1983), Super Star onions (2001) and Salad Bowl lettuce (1952). A few of the flower offerings of Profusion zinnias (2000 through 2010) and the gorgeous new Mesa Yellow gaillardia (2010).

Some garden experts criticize the All-America Selections organization for not appointing and utilizing more test locations, and I'm sure that would be nice. However, there are indeed test locations in every single hardiness zone of North America, and that's good enough for me.

I'll continue to buy All-America Selection seed and plants and I highly recommend you do the same. You simple cannot go wrong when you do!



William Kinderknecht and Kimberly Beagley

Oakley graduate to marry in April rite

Kimberly Beagley and William Kinderknecht plan to marry Saturday, April 10, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays.

Parents of the bride are David and Helen Herl, Grainfield, and Monte Beagley, Oakley.

The groom's parents are Lynn and Vera Kinderknecht, Hays.

Grandparents of the couple are Dorothy and Wilcid Racetta and Norma Beagley, Oakley; the late Farrell Beagley; Caroleta Herl, Colby; Lee Herl, Hoxie; Carole Kinderknecht, Ellis; the late William Kinderknecht;

and the late Lillian and Joseph Wishnuck.

The bride, a 2005 graduate of Oakley High School and a 2009 graduate of Fort Hays State University, is working toward a master's degree in bioethics at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

The groom, a 1998 graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, graduated from Fort Hays in 2007, and earned a Master of Arts in bioethics in 2009 at the university. He is working on a medical degree.

Deaths

Donna Peterson Handy

Donna Peterson Handy, 42, Wellington, Colby, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, in Las Vegas. Services are pending with the Harrison Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-2331. She was born Aug. 29, 1967, in

Michael A. Thompson

Michael A. Thompson, Wichita, Aurora, Colo., 27, formerly of Colby, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, in Wichita. Services are pending with the Harrison Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-6242. He was born Jan. 22, 1983, in

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday

1:24 a.m. – Fight at Twisters. Report filed.

7:42 a.m. – Pat Sloan reported damage at 380 W. Third. No report, civil matter.

8:55 a.m. – Provided information to Colby Housing Authority Director about criminal history.

9:33 a.m. – Assisted motorist at Quality Inn.

12:14 p.m. – Head Start called about subject not picking up child. Made contact at 700 S. Franklin; subject en route to school to get child.

2:54 p.m. – Civil standby at 915 Brookside.

3:33 p.m. – Large dog running in traffic at 100 S. Range not found.

4:09 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Jesse Ray Pollard Jr.

4:53 p.m. – Possible Western Union cashiers check fraud at Law Enforcement Center.

5:48 p.m. – Assistance to motorist at Pioneer Memorial Library.

6:05 p.m. – Mud cleanout grate open at Carwash at 800 S. Franklin, possible kids opening and going inside. Closed grate.

7:28 p.m. – Protection from abuse order violation.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$3.90
Corn (bushel)	\$3.05
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.91
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.27

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Family requests a card shower for Mary M. Oard.

Happy 89th Birthday Celebration

Feb. 24, 2010
Mary Oard
1225 E. Eight St.
Colby, Kan. 67701

Chilling out in extreme igloo

AQUILLA, Ohio (AP) — It's quite the man cave.

Jimmy Grey says he's been out of work for almost a year and needed a project to stay busy, so with the heavy snowfall this winter, the 25-year-old laborer got to work on an extreme igloo in his family's yard in Aquilla, about 30 miles east of Cleveland.

His four-room creation has 6-foot ceilings and an entertainment room. He powers the TV with an extension cord plugged into an outlet in the garage. He also ran wires for cable television

with surround-sound stereo.

Grey says candles help add ambiance for nighttime get-togethers with friends, and the freezing temperatures mean that the beer never gets warm.

Doctors to discuss diabetes

Diabetes is the topic for this week's *Doctors on Call* program on Smoky Hills Public Television. Dr. Timothy Crater, Hutchinson, and Dr. Jon Richards, Salina, will answer questions in this live viewer call-in program.

The program will air at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, with an encore performance at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Smoky Hills Public Television provides programming for 71 counties in central and western Kansas. For information, visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

MOVIES

NOW SHOWING
February 19th - February 25th

WHEN IN ROME
Genre(s): Comedy/Romance
PG-13 1 Hour, 31 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

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Genre(s): Drama/Science Fiction/Thriller
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Sunday - Thursday 7:00

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Senior Parents & HOMESCHOOLERS

**Hurry in parents!!
Deadline is April 26, 2010!!!**

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

Call Andrea, Heather or Shaly @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.

WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS

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I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball

PARENTS:
Richard & Peggy Adams

It's been a real hoot, Whitney get em girl, and Godspeed. Love, Mom & Dad

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In Association With the Spine Surgery Program at Hays Medical Center...

Vivek Sharma, MD Spine Surgery

Hays Medical Center is pleased to announce the association of Vivek Sharma, MD with the Spine Surgery Program.

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