

Family

Extension agents work for answers

"Is my hay safe to feed to my cows?"
 "I heard that you can substitute flax seed for oil in baked products; is that true?"
 "What is a good wheat variety to plant?"
 "What is wrong with my tree?"
 "How do I join a 4-H Club?"
 "At what age should my baby be sitting up and what are other developmental milestones should I look for?"

These are the type of questions that we as extension agents receive everyday. We are here to provide you with research-based information at little or no cost. We cover a lot of different topics within the fields of agriculture, family and consumer science, youth development and economic development.

I'm the agriculture and natural resources agent for Thomas County and Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent. I can help you with your agronomy, livestock, farm management and horticulture questions. Diann can help you with questions on food preparation and preservation, nutrition, health, sewing, household cleaning, child development, and family finances. Both of us can answer questions about youth development or 4-H. We also provide programs that help you gain "Knowledge for Life."

Agents work for K-State Research and Ex-



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• Knowledge for Life

tension, which is a short name for the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Stations and Cooperative Extension Service, a partner in the nationwide land-grant system of universities created by Congress in the 1860s to educate people from all walks of life and to generate and distribute useful knowledge to the public. K-State scientists and extension faculty can draw on the expertise and accumulated studies and discoveries of the land-grant university system, other universities, state and federal agencies and industry.

Here is a summary of our mission:
 K-State Research and Extension is dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families and youth through integrated research, analysis and education. To accomplish this, K-State Research and Extension focuses its efforts on five core mission themes:

- Natural resources and environmental management.
- Healthy communities: youth, adults and families.
- Safe food and human nutrition.
- Competitive agricultural systems.
- Economic development through value-added products.

If you are having trouble solving a problem or need some advice on an issue, feel free to contact us. We may not always know the answer, but I bet we know someone who does and can get that information for you. We have a vast network of minds that we can poll for help. We are a reliable, unbiased resource, unlike some you may find on the Internet and other places.

Look for an article every Wednesday for the latest topics presented by the agents. Sometimes, we can't put all the information in one short article, so we will provide more in-depth information on our website at www.thomas.ksu.edu. For information or to ask a question, call (785) 460-4582 or email us at th@ksre.ksu.edu.

We are looking forward to "chatting" with you each week.

Deaths

Esther F. Woofter

Esther F. Woofter, 70, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at her home in Colby. She was born Nov. 9, 1940, in

Menlo. Services are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby, 462-2331.

Documentary to screen at Sternberg museum

Smoky Hills Public Television is offering a free screening of its latest production, "Work Pays America" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.

The documentary takes a look back at the 1930's Works Projects Administration. From parks to community buildings to swimming pools, the administration provided relief for a Depression-struck America, employing millions of people across the country to carry out public works projects.

"The WPA has left quite a legacy in Kansas that some may not realize and can appreciate to this day. I hope the viewers will see some familiar sites as well as learning about new ones," said SHPTV Senior Producer, Les Kinderknecht.

Highlights include visits to several WPA projects across Kansas,

WPA poster art from the era, archival film and interviews with popular Hays stone sculptor, Pete Felten.

Kinderknecht, who also produced the documentaries "Placing Out: The Orphan Trains," "Stories From the Dustbowl," and "Bombers on the Prairie: The B-29 in Kansas," said he is pleased with the outcome of the documentary and really enjoyed the process.

"I liked making new discoveries and finding similarities from across the state," said Kinderknecht.

The documentary premieres on Smoky Hills at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Smoky Hills is a non-profit organization that provides programming and services for 71 counties in central and western Kansas. For information call (800) 337-4788 or visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

Review winter weather forecast terms, warnings

The National Weather Service and its state partners designated today as Winter Weather Awareness Day in both Kansas and Missouri.

Mary Knapp, Kansas state climatologist, says the day can be a good time to review weather terms that may appear winter forecasts.

• Winter storm or winter weather: conditions can include a mix of snow, wind, ice, poor visibility and cold temperatures.

• Winter weather outlook: storm conditions are possible in the next three to seven days. Stay tuned for updates, and plan ahead.

• Winter storm watch: odds are favorable for significant and hazardous winter weather to develop within the next 12 to 48 hours. Prepare now.

• Winter weather advisory: A mixture of freezing precipitation (snow, blowing snow, sleet, freezing rain, freezing drizzle) is likely within the next 12 hours.

• Winter storm warning: Life-threatening, severe winter conditions with more than one hazard (such as snow and wind, snow plus ice, a sleet-ice mix, etc.) have already begun or will arrive within the next 24 hours. People, prop-

erty and livestock will be at risk. Protect pets. Avoid being out in the storm on foot or in a vehicle.

"The subcategories that you also may hear tend to explain themselves - ice storm warning, sleet advisory, heavy snow watch," Knapp said. "You just need to remember that an advisory isn't likely to be as severe an event as a warning. And you've got some time to prepare during a watch."

The subcategory that tends to be the worst, however is a blizzard. Blizzard watches and warnings merit special attention, she said. A blizzard combines snow

with winds or frequent gusts of at least 35 miles an hour. That means hours of blowing, drifting snow; limited visibility and dangerous wind chill readings.

"Straight ice storms can cause lots of property damage," she said, "but blizzards are the storms that can send you driving off into a ditch that looked like the road."

Knapp maintains links to and information about current forecasts and ways to stay safe during bad weather online at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.50
Corn (bushel)	\$4.58
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.83
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.84

National Association of Federal Employees

President Mary Reitcheck conducted the Nov. 10 noon meeting of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees at Montana Mike's. Others present were Vice President Florene Messamore, Secretary-Treasurer Maxine Nelson, Wanda Davis, Alvin Volk, Mike Mikesell, and Joann Oelke.

Nelson gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute. Minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Offices elected were president, Reitcheck, vice-president, Oelke, and secretary-treasurer, Nelson. Others appointed were membership chair, Davis; public relations, Volk; Alzheimer's chair, Oelke; national association political action committee chair, Reitcheck; legislative chair, Volk.

The Christmas party will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Montana Mike's. Members are to bring a wrapped white elephant for bingo and another for fun. All

retired and current federal employees are invited and guests are welcome.

- Maxine Nelson

Corrections

An anniversary announcement for Dan and Margaret Denneler on Page 4 of the Monday, Nov. 15, edition of the Colby Free Press incorrectly said the Dennelers were married Nov. 16, 1960. It should have stated Nov. 26, 1960.

This was a reporter's error. ☆☆☆☆☆

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.

Community Thanksgiving Service

"The Virtue of Gratitude"

Sunday, November 21st
 6:00 PM CHS Auditorium

A free-will offering will be received to go toward benevolent help in Thomas County.

Any questions - call Jarrod Spencer - 785-443-2403

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Joan Delores Franklin Young

Joan Delores Franklin Young was born in Tulare, California on March 30, 1933, and passed into the arms of her Father on November 15, 2010 in Colby, Kansas.

Born to Henry and Myrtle Franklin, farmers in the San Joaquin Valley of California, Joan attended elementary school and high school in Woodlake, California. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and was baptized at the age of 12. In 1951 she graduated from high school and was awarded the "Best Personality" of her senior class; this was one of her proudest moments.

A childhood dream to become a nurse was fulfilled after high school. She attended nursing school in Fresno, California, graduating as an X-ray Technician.

In 1956, while working in the emergency room, she met a young firefighter named Robert Rainey Young. They were married. She was blessed with four children and raised her family with continuous love and encouragement, while nurturing her career in nursing. She worked for 25 years in the field of nursing.

The first 73 years of her life, Joan resided in Tulare County and in 2006 she relocated halfway across the United States moving to Colby, Kansas to be near her daughter, Linda Young-Vap, and son, Jake Parnell. While in Colby she was an active community member of the Colby Care Center and Colby Church of Christ. She created many close friends and lasting memories. While living in Colby she learned to use a computer, communicating with friends locally and in California.

Her hobbies were sewing, cooking and Scrabble (an avid and talented opponent). She always cooked from scratch and used creativity in her meals to bring smiles to all who ate! She was passionate about sewing and with that passion she created a quilt for each member of her family.

She loved the Lord and lived a good Christian life, setting example for others in the way she lived. Joan had the gift of being present for each and every person who entered her life. She was always available to lend an ear, a hug, and necessary advice!

Joan was preceded in death by her husband Robert Rainey Young and her son Robin Rainey Young. Survivors include son Jake Parnell of Atwood, Kansas, son Randy Young and wife Denise of Springville, California, daughter Linda and husband Jeff Vap of Atwood, Kansas, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a large extended family with numerous friends and loved ones.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Colby Care Center by the Colby Church of Christ. Officiated by Jarrod Spencer, Minister of the Colby Church of Christ.

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