

Colby man graduates as physician's assistant

Adam Horinek of Colby graduated from the College of Health Professions at Wichita State University on May 13.

He is the son of Larry and Sherry Ummel of Colby and Ken and Patty Horinek of Atwood. His grandparents are Lynn and Helen Hagler of Colby, A.J. and Marjorie Horinek of Atwood



Adam Horinek

and Dean and LaVonne Ummel of Brownell. He is a 2005 graduate of Colby High School.

Horinek graduated with a Master of Physician Assistant degree and was inducted into the Pi Alpha National Honor Society for Physician Assistants. He will work in dermatology at the Dodge City Medical Center.

Some seed varieties better than others

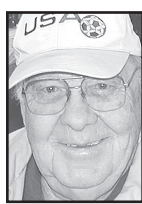
I cannot remember ever buying a packet of bad vegetable seed, but I have discovered during about seven decades of gardening that some packets contain seed that is better than others.

I have no idea how many times I have uttered or written those words. If there is a single facet of gardening that inspires my passion, it is the seasonal decisions we make when we select our seed and transplants. Without any doubt whatsoever, I have proven to myself that certain varieties of seeds and plants are more productive in my garden than others. Not only do I get higher production, but I get better taste, plus bred-in disease resistance. I doubt that I have convinced very many other gardeners of my varietal ideas, but I'm still trying.

Over the years, when trying to answer a question posed to me by a fellow gardener about a problem they may be having in their garden, I inevitably will answer their question with another question. (Back in fourth grade, Miss Dunn instructed me to never answer a question with another question). But it is important to me to know the variety of the species they are growing in their gardens before I try to answer their question.

The usual response to my question is that they have no idea. The seed packet said "sweet corn" so it must have sweet corn seed on the inside. The transplants they picked up at the big box store looked like tomato plants, so they must have been tomato plants. So I proceed to suggest to the inquirer that it is very important to know what you're planting. Some varieties have been proven to be better than others, not by me but by those whose job it is to develop more viable garden crops.

Here's a comparison I like to make. When I was a young farm kid, my Dad planted wheat varieties that today's wheat farmers wouldn't think of planting, even if the seed were available. I'm talking about varieties like Turkey, Tenmarq, Blackhull or Wichita.



Kay Melia

The Gardener

Vegetable varieties in those days included Rutgers and Sioux tomatoes, Black Seeded Simpson lettuce, and Early Alaska peas. There were few choices in those days, so you planted what you could get. Some of those old varieties are, unfortunately, still available.

So, you might ask, "OK smart guy - how do you know which varieties are tastier, disease resistant and more productive?" A good way to start is to read the label on the packet, or check the varietal information on the transplant. Read the description in your seed catalog to see if the seed offers some things that other varieties do not. Actually try something new!

If you've always bought Big Boy tomato plants at your friendly garden center, try buying one they are offering that you have never heard of. That's how I found Super Tasty and Northern Exposure tomatoes - although I bought the seed since I grow my own. Varieties such as Early Girl, Better Boy, and Best Boy cannot begin to match the production and quality of some of the new ones.

Or select an All-America winner, which has been proven to produce well in every section of the nation. Talk to a horticulturist or master gardener or a friend who always seems to have a better crop of cucumbers or cabbage than you do.

Or you can check out Chapter 3, page 13 of my book, and read very nearly the same thing that I have written in this piece. If, for any reason you are dissatisfied with the name or variety of what you are growing this year, then next year try something new!

I've never bought a packet of bad seed, but I've discovered beyond a shadow of a doubt that some varieties are better than others!

Hunter gets record goat

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - The Wyoming Game and Fish office has confirmed that a mountain goat killed by a Star Valley hunter last fall is the largest goat on record in the state.

Brian Tallericco is an orthopedic surgeon in Star Valley. He bagged the trophy Oct. 4 in Hunt Area 2 near Jackson.

The Jackson Hole News & Guide reports the odds of drawing

a goat license for that area in 2010 were nearly one in 200.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.96
Corn (bushel)	\$7.01
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.07
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.75

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.

Deaths

Gloria K. Ribordy

Gloria K. Ribordy, 59, Brewster, died Thursday, July 14, 2011, at Promise Regional Medical Center in Hutchinson.

She was born in Colby June 17, 1952, the daughter of Victor and Mary Ruth (Schroeder) Schultz.

On Aug. 19, 1989, she married R.J. Ribordy. Her father preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; her mother and stepfather, Mary Ruth and Marvin Garrett, Brewster; a daughter, Ronda Herrman (Nathan) Weirich, Plains; three brothers, Jim (Velma) Schultz, Guymon Okla.; Mike (Dawn) Schultz, Brewster;

and Bruce (Wendy) Schultz, Hutchinson; two grandchildren; and four stepchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Tim Rahn officiating and burial in the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Northwest Kansas Technical College Cosmetology Department, in care of the Brewster Bank or the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Kay Ross

Kay Ross, 75, Meade, mother of Donna (Darryl) Henry of Colby, died Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the Harry Hynes Hospice, Via Christi St. Francis, Wichita.

She was born Dec. 31, 1935, in Dodge City, the daughter of Byron Harrison and Olive Lorene (Randolph) Fisher. In 1953 she graduated from Meade High School.

On June 12, 1953, she married Wayne Robert Ross and they made their home in Meade.

For 22 years, she worked as the office clerk for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

A member of the United Methodist Church in Meade, she was a Sunday School teacher, the church secretary, bookkeeper and a choir member. She was a member of the Maia Club Federated and involved in many community efforts as well as sewing, reading, craft work and attending to her yard and flowers.

Preceding her in death were her husband, in 1997; a daughter, Jill Ann Ross, on Nov. 1, 1957; her

parents; a brother, Robert Max Fisher; and a sister, Anna Mae Fisher, on Aug. 19, 1931.

Survivors include four other children, Diantha (Gary) Partin, Amarillo, Texas; Teresa (Rocke) Ellis, Castle Rock, Colo.; Tim (Lori) Ross, Meade; and Cheryl (Chadd) Copeland, Plainville; a sister, Elaine (Alfred) Sawyer, Meade; 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the church, with the Rev. Susan Greene officiating and burial in the Graceland Cemetery in Meade.

Visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Monday at Fidler-Orme-Bachman Mortuary in Meade.

The family would welcome memorials to the church, in care of the funeral home, 212 S. Fowler, Meade, Kan., 67864.

Condolences may be given to the family at www.fidlerorme-bachmanmortuary.com.

National Guard school to have alumni reunion soon

The Officer Candidate School in Salina is inviting alumni from the program to a reunion breakfast in conjunction with the school's 55th graduation, which will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Kansas Regional Training Institute.

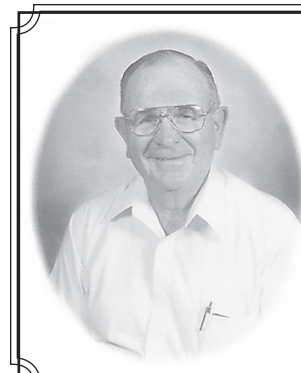
There will also be an induction ceremony for the school's Hall of Fame that day.

Contact Master Sgt. Nancy White at (785) 822-6612 for information or to preregister by Friday, Aug. 5.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Gail Vacca, first; Cookie Koenig, second; Mary

Molstad, third; Joy Davis, fourth; Jean Snyder, fifth; Kevin Taylor, sixth.



In Loving Memory

George Tubbs, Jr. • July 18, 2008

Our thoughts are ever with you
Though you have passed away.
And those who loved you dearly
Are thinking of you today.

We love you and miss you.
- Erma Tubbs & Family -

High Plains Lions Club

The High Plains Lions Club met last Monday at the Colby Community College Student Union with a potluck dinner beforehand.

President Melinda Morton called the meeting to order. Larry Brenn led in singing Happy Birthday to Sheryl Brenn and Norm Whittaker. Guests Kevin and Alex Juenemann were introduced.

Sheryl Brenn had the program and presented Alex Juenemann, the student the club sponsored to attend the State Lions Convention Band Camp in June at Baldwin. He told about the experience and gave a PowerPoint slide show of the camp and the band's performances.

A trombonist for the Colby High School Band, he said, "Playing with 191 band members was a thrill and very different from a small band." He would like to attend again next year.

The concert featured several songs as a tribute to the firemen who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attack on America.

Secretary Roger Hale read the minutes from the June 27 meeting; treasurer Larry Brenn gave the treasurer's report and said the club is in a good financial position.

Kevin Juenemann presented a framed certificate to the club from Boy Scout Troop 140. The club sponsors the troop, which has been chartered for 60 years.

A Lions Sweetheart Pin was presented to Mary Hurtt by Vice District Governor Elect, Sheryl Brenn, for the many hours of time she has donated to the club.

Hale read a letter from the Thomas County Fair Board inviting the club to have an entry in the parade. The offer was declined as the club will be busy preparing the trailer for concessions at the Thomas County Fair.

Hale and Sheryl Brenn reported on the fifth annual Fourth of July celebration. About 420 people were served. The entertainment was good and the games and trivia went well. Nancy Ohlrogge won the \$235 coin flip sponsored by the Colby Free Press.

The Whittaker supply trailer used for concessions needs tires, new floor and paint before the Thomas County Fair July 26 to 30. Saturday will be a trailer work day.

Morton passed around a sign-up sheet for members to work at the concession stand.

For announcements, Sheryl Brenn said the club will take part in the Colby Community College Block Party on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Hale had an advertisement from the Grainfield Lions Club for a dinner with entertainment by the High Plains Barber Shop singers on Friday, July 22, at the Opera House. Cost for the event is \$15.

The City of Damar's sixth annual car and motorcycle show will be Saturday, Aug. 6, with live bands, a barbecue cook-off and cash drawings all day.

Morton announced that amusement rides for the fair will be assembled and constructed on Monday, July 25.

- Roger Hale

Man survives lightning strike

INDUSTRY, Pa. (AP) - Police say a Pennsylvania man has survived a lightning strike while helping set up tents for a Boy Scout outing.

Police in the town of Industry say the 49-year-old man was standing by a tree when he was struck by a bolt of lightning.

Industry officer Aaron Lopez says the man and others were moving scouts and camping supplies off the site as a thunderstorm approached.

Lopez says no children were nearby when the man was struck. The man was up and walking around when police arrived.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Thursday

12:07 a.m. - Removed work cones from street in the 300 block of W. College.

1:06 a.m. - Vehicle door opened on the west of Twister's. Everything OK, subject sleeping inside.

1:27 a.m. - Call about a problem at business. Escorted vehicle to motel.

2:03 a.m. - Report filed for disorderly incident at business.

3:21 a.m. - Report filed for call at 1:27 a.m.

6:45 a.m. - Unlocked building at Fike Park.

8:57 a.m. - Caller reported dog at large in backyard, tried to bite

him. Dog returned to owner, notice to appear issued.

11:24 a.m. - Caller reported two subjects taking grease from trap. No report; notified Highway Patrol and Sherman County.

11:51 a.m. - Gas skip. No report; vehicle located, subject paid, not intentional.

2 p.m. - Caller reported raccoon in back yard. Animal disposed of.

4:35 p.m. - Thirrd party report of a dog chained to a tree that had no water. All OK; had food and water.

5:26 p.m. - Provided directions to a body shop.

7:12 p.m. - Puppy at large turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

10:53 p.m. - Locked restrooms at Fike Park.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Thursday

7:45 a.m. - Released Grant Lane Kahle.

7:59 a.m. - Took prisoner to Burlington, Colo.

1:15 p.m. - Report filed for insufficient funds checks.

1:41 p.m. - Brought prisoner from Denver to Law Enforcement Center.

2:45 p.m. - Booked Bonnie Jean Wood.

3 p.m. - Released Wood.

5:42 p.m. - Booked Brandon Boutte.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

2012

The governing body of
Wendell Township
Thomas County

will meet on August 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at The Rexford City Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Darrell Dible Residence, 2822 County RD 36, Rexford KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2012 Expenditures and Amount of 2011 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2012 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2010		Current Year Estimate 2011		Proposed Budget 2012		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2011 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	39,759	32.709	41,161	32.438	89,451	43,508	31.981
Debt Service							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	39,759	32.709	41,161	32.438	89,451	43,508	31.981
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	39,759		41,161		89,451		
Total Tax Levied	41,817		42,451		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	1,278,483		1,308,665		1,360,444		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2009	2010	2011				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	56,467	37,759	24,391				
Total	56,467	37,759	24,391				

Darrell Dible, Treasurer
Township Officer

Kit Carson County Fair Concerts

Kit Carson County Fairgrounds Grandstand • Burlington

MONDAY, JULY 25

7 P.M.
MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY

SATURDAY, JULY 30

5 P.M.
SHAWNA RUSSELL

FRIDAY, JULY 29

6 P.M.
THE LONG RUN
Colorado's tribute to the Eagles
PRCA RODEO TO FOLLOW AT 8 P.M.

6 P.M.
JOEL WARREN

PRCA RODEO TO FOLLOW AT 8 P.M.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
KIT CARSON COUNTY
FAIR TICKET BOOTH

SEE THE
WESTERNAIRES
THURSDAY FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY

TICKETS
CONCERT & RODEO
ADULT- \$15
CHILDREN 6-14 -\$8
5 AND UNDER FREE

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