

4-Hers accept challenge, unusual fair events result

4-H is more than cows and cookies. As the Thomas County Fair approaches you may be thinking about going to the fairgrounds to view the livestock and exhibits in the 4-H building, but what else might you see there? I will get to that in a moment.



Clint Milliman

• Knowledge for Life

The projects at the fair are all representations of a year's hard work by our Thomas County 4-Hers. The 4-Hers develop skills caring for and showing their animals, constructing an outfit, taking photos and baking those cookies. Those are all great skills learned, however, they are not the focus of this article. What I want to share with you is a challenge set before the five Thomas County 4-H Community Clubs by the County Extension Agents, Diann and myself.

4-Hers gain many life skills while involved in the 4-H program. One of those is presentation skill. This is a skill used throughout their lives. They will use it in the classroom, in an interview, and in their future jobs. This also helps them to become better communicators. We feel this is an important skill to learn and practice.

With that said, Diann and I set forth a challenge to the five 4-H clubs to have 90 percent of their membership give a project talk or demonstration sometime between Oct. 1 and July 1.

With challenges there have to be consequences both ways. When the challenge was first initiated by the agents and accepted by the 4-H Clubs; if the clubs did not meet the challenge they would have to do some sort of embarrassing skit in front of a crowd at the fair and if they met the challenge then

the agents would have to do something at the fair chosen by the clubs.

Three of the five clubs met the challenge. The other two clubs were darn close. So, being the nice agents that we are, we negotiated with the two clubs to do a 4-H promotional activity at the bar-ecue on Wednesday night of the fair instead of an embarrassing skit.

On the other hand the other three clubs – who met the challenge – were a little less forgiving to us agents on what we are to do at the fair. So, what else might you see at the fair?

One club had us dress up and dance disco at the fashion revue Tuesday. John Travolta would have been proud, but we aren't quitting our day jobs! Another club has us dressing up like each other (Diann like Clint and Clint like Diann) at the swine show next Wednesday. And another club has us singing a sappy song at the buyers' meal after the 4-H Livestock Auction on Thursday, July 28 – earplugs optional.

Who thought they would pull it off? Oh yeah, they are 4-Hers, we should have known better. So there will be more than exhibits to see at this year's Thomas County Fair because of the dedication of the Thomas County Extension Agents are very proud of their 4-Hers and their accomplishments.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

President Anita Theil chaired the July 13 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The meeting opened with roll call, prayer, patriotic instructions, flag salute and the national anthem. Prayers were offered for prisoners of war and missing in action veterans, hospitalized veterans and women veterans.

Minutes were read and approved; the treasurer's report was given.

Tamara Goldsworth's application for membership was accepted.

Correspondence included General orders, notes of thanks from the Fort Dodge and Winfield veterans' homes and the Leavenworth veterans hospital for comfort items. A letter of introduction from district president Connie Rooney was also read.

Membership chairman reported two new members.

Publicity chairman reported the meeting notes were published in the *Colby Free Press*.

Donations were allowed for Kiwanis and Colby Swim Club.

Florence Whisnant reported activities from the department con-

vention and awards received.

National Home prayer was offered and the meeting closed with ritual prayer.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Post Home.

Corrections

On Page 18 of the Thomas County Free Fair section of the Monday, July 18, *Colby Free Press*, name of Tylor Todd was misspelled. This was a transcribing error.

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The story, "City to make big splash in energy competition" on Page 1 of the Monday *Free Press*, state the location of the Big Splash event. The Learning Tree portion of the event will be at the Colby Community Building, with the barbecue to follow at the Colby Aquatic Park. This was an error in information given to the *Free Press*.

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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.

Colby woman graduates from Cornell College in Iowa

Elizabeth Erickson of Colby graduated from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, on May 28 with a Bachelor of Arts in geology and environmental studies – environmental sciences concentration.

Cornell College conferred degrees on approximately 250 students in 2011.

Erickson was also named to the Dean's List for the spring 2011 semester, earning High Honors, which are awarded to students

with 3.8 to 3.99 averages. Cornell is a national liberal arts college with a distinctive one course at a time, or block, academic calendar. The calendar provides intellectual immersion, academic focus, and freedom to study off campus, pursue research or accept an internship without missing other classes.

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Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded July 1 to July 11

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- April 19, quit claim deed, Lorraine and Jerry D. Downing to B. Lorraine Downing Trust; Lot 12, Block 1, Colby Ferguson Subdivision.
- May 27, quit claim deed, Debra A. Waites to Alan B. Waites; east 60' of Lots 11-15, Block 68, Colby West Addition.
- June 3, Christopher Kent Studer to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 6, Luke J. Studer and Janet A. Laurinec-Studer to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 8, Patricia A. Follils to Vanessa Gray; west 4.5' of Lot 5, Lot 6 and east 23.5' of Lot 7, Block 75, Colby West Addition.
- June 13, Kim L. and Dominga E. Studer to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 14, Edward Kersteins to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 15, Kelly Kersteins to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 15, Susan K. and Ulrich Pelz to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 15, Robert Lee Weiss to Ronald E. and Rhonda L. Hurtt; Lot 1, Block 2, Colby Foss Sub-

division.

- June 16, Keith-Philip and Sandra D. Studer to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 21, quit claim deed, Bruce G. and Nancy Cochener to Curmudgeon Revocable Trust; 45 5/7-acre tract of SW/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R33.
- June 24, Wayne A. Horlacher Trust to Deborah R. Shuler; Lot 2, Block 21, Original Colby.
- June 24, Naomi H. Ward to Naomi H. Ward Trust; Lot 4, Block 4, Colby El Chaparral Subdivision.
- June 27, Cheryl Lynn Cooper to Jeanette R. White; Lot 7, Block 1, Colby East Annex.
- July 27, Todd G. and Kylie Freeman to Michelle R. Spence; Lot 5, Block 4, Colby Indian Hills Addition.
- June 27, Jill Kersteins to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 28, Irven Paul Jr. and Carrie Ann Cheney to Timothy P. Cheney; E/2 of Lot 5 and Lots 6-7, Block 104, Colby North Addition; Lots 1, 4-5 and 8, Block 35, Original Colby.
- June 28, quit claim deed, George C. Dumler to Beard-Dumler Revocable Trust; NE/4 of Sec. 10, T10, R33; SW/4 of Sec. 16, T10, R33.
- June 28, quit claim deed, Janet L. Kauk to Bruce Kauk; SW/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R34; two tracts of N/2

- of Sec. 17, T8, R34; tract of SE/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R34; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T8, R34 less tract; N/2 of Sec. 35, T9, R33; Lots 8, 9, 11-20 and A-B, Block 31, Original Colby; Lots 8-9, part of Lot 10 and Lots 11-20, Block 32, Original Colby.
- June 29, Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby to Wooden Inc.; 1.45-acre tract of SW/4 of Sec. 7, T8, R33.
- June 29, conservator deed, Gray Charles Kersteins to David M. and Loretta A. Studer; SE/4 of Sec. 9, T6, R35.
- June 30, Solomon State Bank to Serenity D. Tech; Lots 9-13, Block 13, Levant.
- July 2, Daryl J. and Leigh Karren Strecker to John and Marietta Strecker; Lot 7, Block 3, Colby Lunsaw Subdivision.
- July 7, Preston and Breann Mackley to Jason D. and Amber D. Smith; Lots 6-8, Colby South Park Addition.
- July 8, Gerald J. and Darline B. Hutfles to Gerald R. and Karen D. McGown; Lot 5 and north 67.5' of Lots 6-10, Block 2, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.

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