

No-till winter conference deadline coming next week

For the latest on no-till farming, plan to attend the Cover Your Acres winter conference this month in Oberlin. The conference starts with registration at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17 and 18, at The Gateway civic center, presented by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance. Early-bird registrations are due Tuesday. The price is \$30 for Tuesday and \$25 for Wednesday,

or \$45 for both. After the deadline, the fee will be \$50 a day. To register, go to www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveryouracres, or send your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and fee to Kansas State University, Northwest Area Extension Office, attention Jeanne Falk, Box 786, Colby, Kan., 67701. The program will be held regardless of weather, so no refunds will be given. "This is the latest and greatest

information on no-till farming," said Byron Hale Decatur County agent for the Twin Creeks Extension District. There is always a great turnout, he said, usually about 300 people. Hale said a similar conference, called No-Till on the Plains, is held in Salina. For questions or information, call (785) 462-6281 or go to the website.

Senior Progress Center

Tuesday there will be a domino game at the Senior Progress Center. Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. domino game. **Wednesday:** cookie day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinocle game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game. Menus for the week: **Monday:** ground beef stroganoff, broccoli, mixed fruit, noodles, cook's choice complement. **Tuesday:** baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, dinner rolls, rosy pears. **Wednesday:** chef salad, strawberries and bananas, bread sticks, crisp rice bar. **Thursday:** sloppy joes, hash brown casserole, corn, apricots. **Friday:** smokies, macaroni and cheese, winter mix vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older to lunch at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 1:45 p.m. blood pressure clinic; 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 1:30 p.m. RBG practice; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter. **Saturday:** 7 p.m. bingo.

Kansas' First Daughter marries

Abby Brownback, the oldest daughter of Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and First Lady Mary Brownback, married Eric Teetsel in a Saturday afternoon ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Topeka. It is the same church where her parents married 29 years ago. The bride is an education re-

porter for *The Gazette*, a weekly newspaper in Prince George's County outside Washington, D.C. She received her undergraduate degree in journalism at Kansas State University and a Master of Journalism degree in public affairs reporting from the University of Maryland, College Park. The groom is a program man-

ager at American Enterprise Institute. He earned his undergraduate degree in interpersonal communication from Wheaton College and a Master's in Education from Azusa Pacific University. He is the son of Bob and Cheryl Renee Teetsel. The couple will live in the Washington, D.C., area.

Warm, dry weather stresses landscape plants

After months to years of surviving drought, landscape plants may soon find that life is getting worse. If they're lucky, their owners watered deeply in late fall, to ensure the plants were well-hydrated before winter set in. "Since then, however, we've had so many warm spells that trees and shrubs have been losing moisture much faster than they normally would," said Ward Upham, horticulturist with K-State Research and Extension. The ornamentals likely to be affected first and worst are the evergreens and young deciduous plants, Upham warned. They'll be

particularly vulnerable if dry when the season started. "Fortunately, wintertime balmy spells can also be long or warm enough to create the conditions needed to irrigate," he said. "Frozen soil can't absorb water. Cold soil can." A number of factors - including cloud cover and nighttime temperatures - can affect how fast topsoil thaws, Upham said. So, he recommends that plant owners start testing after two to three mild days in a row. The easiest approach is to try to push a rod, piece of rebar or long screwdriver into the ground.

"Gardeners are more familiar with doing this in summer, to test how deeply they've watered. Once a rod reaches dry soil, you can't push it in any further," he explained. "But, a rod will also stop when it reaches frozen soil." Irrigating a few inches of thawed soil might be a waste of water, Upham said. Supplying a root zone-wide drink that reaches 8 to 12 inches deep could save a tree's life. "You have to irrigate slowly, even if that means putting out water buckets with holes in their bottom," he advised. "Also, water at least as far out as the leaf canopy's drip line."

Student News

Colby Public Schools
Activities: Monday: college registration and new student orientation; 4 p.m. grade school site council, grade school cafeteria; 4 p.m. scholar's bowl seventh and eighth grade at Colby Invitational; 5 p.m. girls C-team basketball vs. Burlington; 6 p.m. girls C-team basketball vs. Burlington; 7:30 p.m. basketball area supervisors meeting; 7:30 p.m. boys C-team basketball vs. Burlington. **Tuesday:** college classes begin. 4:45 p.m. girls junior varsity, boys C-team basketball, Scott City High School; 6:30 p.m. girls varsity, boys junior varsity basketball, Scott City High School; 8 p.m. boys varsity, girls C-team basketball, Scott City High School. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. Great West Activities Conference league meeting, Scott City; 3:45 p.m. coordinating council, administration building; 5 p.m. music boosters, high school workroom. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. scholar's bowl, Hugoton. **Friday:** debate, state; 11 a.m. varsity wrestling, Newton; 4:45 p.m. girls junior varsity, boys C-Team basketball, Ulysses; 6:30 p.m. girls varsity, boys junior varsity basketball, Ulysses; 8 p.m. boys varsity, girls C-Team basketball, Ulysses. **Saturday:** debate, state; 9 a.m. varsity wrestling, Newton; 9:30 a.m. junior varsity wrestling, Hays High. **Menus: Monday:** breakfast: French toast, syrup, orange juice; lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, sliced pears. **Tuesday:** breakfast: breakfast sandwich, grape juice; lunch: marzetti, corn, mandarin oranges. **Wednesday:** breakfast: Rice Krispies, pineapple chunks; lunch: turkey wrap, broccoli with cheese, sun chips, pineapple slices. **Thursday:** breakfast: cinnamon tasters, apple juice; lunch:

tostado, lettuce,salsa, green beans, applesauce, pumpkin chocolate chip squares. **Friday:** breakfast: long johns, orange juice; lunch: cheese pizza, tossed salad, breadsticks, strawberries. **Sacred Heart**
Activities: Monday: 6:30 p.m. home and school; 7:15 p.m. school council. **Menus: Monday:** chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, jelly, apricots. **Tuesday:** pigs in a blanket, potato wedges, broccoli with cheese, apples, pumpkin bar. **Wednesday:** Italian spaghetti, meat sauce, garden spinach salad, French garlic bread, sliced peaches. **Thursday:** taco salad, tortilla chips, salsa, refried beans, cinnamon puffs, pineapple rings. **Friday:** chicken wrap, lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, steamed carrots, tropical fruit. **Heartland**
Activities: Tuesday: 7 p.m. HOPE meeting. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. junior high basketball vs. Cheylin. **Friday:** 6 p.m. high school basketball, Ransom. **Golden Plains**
Activities: Monday: Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Brewster - 6 p.m. girls, 7:30 p.m. boys. **Tuesday:** Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Brewster. **Wednesday:** middle school gifted seminar. **Friday:** Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Colby; ACT registration deadline for Feb. 11 test. **Saturday:** Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Colby. **Menus: Rexford: Monday:** breakfast: pancake sausage; lunch: wiener wrap. **Tuesday:** breakfast: bagels; lunch: chicken noodle. **Wednesday:** breakfast: breakfast combo; lunch: junior class menu. **Thursday:** breakfast: grilled ham and cheese; lunch: bierocks. **Friday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito;

lunch: cheeseburger. **Selden: Monday:** breakfast: burrito; lunch: chicken noodle. **Tuesday:** breakfast: muffin; lunch: ham and cheese pocket. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit, gravy; lunch: tacos. **Thursday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: Frito pie. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: Frito pie. **Brewster**
Activities: Monday: Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Brewster. **Tuesday:** Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Brewster. **Friday:** Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Colby; no school. **Saturday:** Western Kansas Liberty League basketball, Colby. **Menus: Monday:** breakfast: sausage cheese biscuit; lunch: grilled chicken sandwich, baked beans, fries. **Tuesday:** breakfast: breakfast pizza; lunch: smothered burrito, corn, veggie sticks, peaches, orange slices. **Wednesday:** breakfast: pancakes, sausage; lunch: beef and noodles in gravy, peas, cooked carrots, mandarin oranges, apple half. **Thursday:** breakfast: grilled cheese sandwich; lunch: soft shell taco, tomatoes, lettuce, veggie sticks, applesauce, orange slices. **Colby Community College**
Activities: Monday: 8 a.m. student orientation, faculty workday. **Tuesday:** spring semester classes begin. **Wednesday:** 6 p.m. basketball vs. Dodge City, Community Building. **Saturday:** indoor track, Concordia, Seward, Neb.; wrestling, Mines Open, Golden, Colo.; 5:30 p.m. basketball, Garden City. *E-mail colby.society @ nwkan-sas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.*

Parking spot worth a lot

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Pittsburgh residents are up in arms over a new countywide reassessment that has seen some property values triple or quadruple for tax purposes, but real estate attorney Richard Milesky Jr. thinks he can top them all. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (<http://bit.ly/vebhr9>) reported that his 18-by-10-foot parking space in his condominium complex has been valued at \$5,000

in past years, but now it's supposedly worth \$287,800. For the record, Milesky's condo is being assessed at just \$228,700 - despite a \$55,000 increase. Milesky plans to appeal the parking spot reassessment he assumes is a simple mistake. The city can't legally collect more taxes and schools can only receive a small increase under anti-windfall laws, so both are expected to lower mill-

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