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## Open house to honor 50th

The children and grandchildren of Jim and Shirley (Poage) Malcolm plan to mark the parents' 50th wedding anniversary with an open house and reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the Colby United Methodist Church. The Malcolms graduated from Almena Rural High School and Fort Hays State University. They were married on June 3, 1962, at the Almena Methodist Church.

Shirley Malcom taught music for 35 years for the Logan and Colby Public Schools systems. Jim Malcolm taught science and math for 37 years at both Logan and Colby and continues to work as a crop adjuster for Rural Community Insurance Services, while Shirley enjoys baking and playing the piano at church and for special events.

The couple enjoys attending car

traces and traveling to Colorado to their grandchildren's events.

Their children and grandchildren are Angie and Nori Hughes, Torianna and Teagan, of Colorado Springs, and Jim Jr. and Holly Malcolm, Maverick and Madelynn, of Denver.

The couple requests no gifts. Cards may be sent to 1015 E. Ninth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Golden Plains graduates announce future plans

Golden Plains High School counselor Elaine Ptacek announced the Class of 2012 scholarship awards and post-secondary plans at the annual awards banquet on May 10. These plans include:

**Hannah Antholz** plans to attend Kansas Wesleyan University majoring in music education. She has accepted a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$1,000, Kansas Wesleyan presidential scholarship of \$12,000, Kansas Wesleyan Music award for \$4,000, Residence Hall award of \$2,600, Kansas Comprehensive Grant Award of \$3,500, a Ronald McDonald Charities house scholarship of \$1,000, a Hazel Kirchner scholarship of \$250 and a Neff Seeds LLC scholarship of \$500. She was also awarded a Thomas County tuition grant, a Dane Hansen vocational scholarship of \$2,000, a Colby Community College band scholarship of \$400 and a vocal scholarship of \$400, a Colby College Road Trip scholarship of \$300, a Fort Hays State University Black and Gold Scholarship of \$1,200 and a scholars award of \$1,000.

**Jacqueline Armstrong** is majoring in business and accounting and plans to attend Colby Community College. She has accepted a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$750 and a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Viridiana Beltran** plans to attend Colby Community College and major in nursing. She has accepted a Pete Henry Foundation grant for \$1,000, a Dane Hansen vocational scholarship for \$2,000 and a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Alexia Campbell** is undecided about her major, but plans to attend Colby Community College. She has accepted a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Cole Christensen** is planning to attend Fort Hays State University and is undecided about his major. He has accepted a Dane Hansen



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains Middle School

Eighth graders (from left) Maddy Walz, Tayler Petersen, Kami Miller and Kade Wessel hugged several of the seventh-grade girls who were wishing them well as they graduated from Golden Plains Middle School on May 14. The high school graduation was May 13.

vocational scholarship of \$2,000 and a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$1,000. He was awarded a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Raquel Garcia** plans to attend Colby Community College and major in administrative professional assistant. She has accepted a Pete Henry Foundation grant for \$750 and a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Sandra Galvan** plans to major in nursing at Garden City Community College. She has accepted a Dane Hansen vocational scholarship of \$2,000 and a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$750. She was awarded a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Katrina Griggs** plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in nursing. She has accepted a Dane Hansen vocational scholarship of \$2,000 and a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$1,000. She was awarded a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Julia Rogers** is planning to attend Colby Community College.

She is undecided about her major. She has accepted a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$750 and a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Trey Schwarz** is planning to major in pre-medicine at Kansas State University. He has accepted a K-State \$4,000 First in the Class award and a Pete Henry Foundation grant for \$1,000. He was awarded a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Tyler Stevenson** is undecided about his future plans. He was awarded a Dane Hansen Foundation Scholarship of \$2,000, a Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$1,000 and a Thomas County tuition grant.

**Emily Wachendorfer** is planning to major in nursing at Colby Community College. She has accepted a Thomas County tuition grant, Pete Henry Foundation grant of \$1,000 and a Dane Hansen vocational scholarship of \$2,000. She was awarded a Fort

## Early fungicide use works for some – not all – needs

Early applications of foliar fungicides to corn: a good idea?

Recently, there has been interest in making early season fungicide applications to corn at the V5 to V7 stages. This concept has been promoted by some fungicide manufacturers. There has been some research on this by universities in the Corn Belt, but not much.

There is little question that fungicide applications made at the traditional time, VT – R1 (tasseling through brown silk), will usually have a much greater effect on corn yield than an application at V5 to V7 – assuming disease pressure is heavy enough to justify a fungicide application at all.

But early fungicide applications are made using low rates and can be done at comparatively little cost, especially if they are combined with a post-emergence herbicide application. So the question is whether producers would get enough of a yield increase from a low-rate, early application of fungicide to justify the low cost and potential disease resistance risk. Corn producers looking at this option would probably be thinking about using it as a supplement to a



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VT/R1 application, not a replacement.

To address the question of early fungicide applications to corn, we have to start by looking at what is going on with corn plants at that stage of growth, and what diseases might be expected to be present early in the season in Kansas.

Kernel row number determination of the uppermost ear begins shortly after the ear shoot is initiated (V5 to V6) and continues through at least V8. Anything from about V5 to V12 that severely limits photosynthesis, such as loss of leaf tissue, can result in fewer kernel rows or, more likely, fewer kernels per row. Although such early stress can be important, it will have much less potential to reduce yield than the same level of stress that occurs shortly before or shortly after pollination.

From this perspective, it might seem to make some sense to apply a low rate of fungicide to help protect the plants from disease stress at V5 to V7, and for the time following application consistent with the level of residual activity from the fungicide being used.

But what diseases might be present at these stages of growth? The most common early season diseases on corn in Kansas would be anthracnose leaf blight and possibly common rust.

Anthracnose leaf blight is most commonly found in continuous

corn fields under no-till or strip till residue management systems. The disease infects corn most often in the seedling stage, prior to V5, so a fungicide application made at V5 will usually be too late to help control an-

thraxnose leaf blight. Contrary to popular thinking, controlling anthracnose leaf blight will not help reduce the incidence of anthracnose stalk rot since the pathogen overwinters in corn residue.

Anthracnose stalk rot typically occurs later in the season, since the stalk rot pathogen is caused by an infection through the roots, not the leaves.

Common rust has not been shown to cause any yield loss in field corn, and like anthracnose stalk rot, generally infects the plants after the V5 stage of development.

The disease that is responsible for most of the yield loss to corn in Kansas – gray leaf spot – typically occurs later in the season. Fungicides do have some residual activity (about 21 days for strobilurins and 14 days for triazoles), and would protect the leaves on which they were applied against any early infections. But since fungicides are not translocated from one leaf to another, an application made at V5 to V7 would not protect leaves emerging later, when protection against gray leaf spot may be most needed.

The bottom line is that an early season application of fungicide to corn would primarily be used to help control anthracnose leaf blight, but would have limited effect on other diseases.

Clint Milliman is the Thomas County agriculture and natural resources agent with Kansas State Research and Extension. A native of Illinois, Milliman works with area 4-H clubs, farmers and ranchers.

## Corrections

A story in the Friday, May 18, issue of the Colby Free Press incorrectly identified Tracey Galli as commander of the Colby American Legion Post. He is commander of the Sons of the American Legion. Monte Lewis is commander of the Legion post. This was a reporting error.

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.53
Corn (bushel)	\$6.92
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.13
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.52

### 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of James L. and Wilma Jean (Burkhead) Baughn. They have three children, Michael of Brewster, KS, Janice Volk and her husband Martin, Colorado Springs, CO and Karla Stupka and her husband Chris, Concordia, KS. They have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In honor of their anniversary, friends and family are invited to send cards to the couple at 1801 Harvey Court, Colby, KS 67701.

### Ronald R. Stramel

Ronald R. Stramel, 74, a Colby farmer and stockman, died Monday, May 21, 2012, at the Hays Medical Center. He was born March 12, 1938, in Gove County.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Stramel, of the home; two sons, Todd (Melissa) Stramel and Bert (Lisa) Stramel, and two daughters, Tami (Lynn) Goossen and Lori (Lonnie) Wilson, all of Colby; two brothers, Monty Stramel, Winona, and Rocky Stramel, Ontario, Ore.; two sisters, Judy Gfeller, Winona, and Ida Robb, Osage City; and 14 grandchildren, Shawna (Bob) Holloway, Clint Goossen, Kayla (Justin) Finley, Amy Wilson, Brenda Wilson, Sally Wilson, Dana Wilson, Brent Wilson, Nathan Stramel, Anna Stramel, Emilie Stramel, Trey Stramel, Brody Stramel, and Sophia Stramel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 25, 2012, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with Pastor Tom Peyton of Mingo officiating and burial with military honors in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the church or the Thomas County Amusement Association, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

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