

# All come together for fair's success

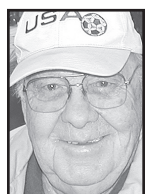
Most of the county fairs are over now, although a couple of them are just getting started, and there even may be one or two next week. I sincerely hope that you took the opportunity to attend or exhibit at your very own county fair.

County fairs have unceremoniously become the major summer social event of nearly every county in our great nation. Fairs began as celebratory functions honoring farmers for their contributions to the food chain of America. Now, in addition to that important community function, the county fair has become a meeting place for farmers and city folk alike.

We not only honor those who provide the foodstuffs for our dinner table, but we also sit down somewhere on the fairgrounds and visit with friends and neighbors we may not have seen for awhile.

It is a time to take note of the efforts of those who are considered the producers of ag products in the county, and also to see the home-made food, clothing, gardening exhibits, crafts and 4-H project results, created by people we know.

The great fun and merriment of county fairs does not happen by accident. There surely is no other event in our respective counties that require so many hours of effort by volunteers. We all know who they are, don't we? They are



**Kay Melia**  
• The Gardener

Joe and Charley, Doris and Fran, Steve and Jack, Nadine and Janet, or in other words, you and me. If all the volunteers who help put on the county fair were paid minimum wage for their effort, the County would be broke. The effort is truly an American story.

I have a tendency to give a lot of the credit for a successful county fair to a group of people known as the County Fair Board. Do you know who the members of your fair board are?

Probably not, because about the only time you see their names in print is in the fair book, and not everyone has access to a fair book unless you are an exhibitor.

I would love to see this paper print the names of their fair board following this column, so that everyone would know who the people are that ramrod the work it takes to have a fair. And now that just about every county fair has its own home-owned carnival, it takes even more volunteers who find themselves involved on our behalf.

No county fair would exist with-

out those who place the results of their hard work on view for all of us to see. 4-Hers and adults alike bring in their livestock for us to see. And then there is home constructed clothing, gardening exhibits, rocketry and woodworking projects, poultry and food preservation items. Friendly competition among friends and neighbors helps create the excitement of every county fair.

I was 7 when I first exhibited at the county fair, and I haven't missed too many since then, which was about 75 years ago. I hope you enjoyed the fair in your county. You were probably involved in

more ways than just attending.

Editor's note: We do appreciate the hard work of the Thomas County Fair Board. They are: Austen Moser, president; Clair Schrock, vice-president; Audrey Hines, secretary-treasurer; Ron and Cheryl Kogler, ground managers; Sam Bienhoff; Mark Bredemeier; Darrel Dible; Karla Haggard; Janet Hopson; Leland Jones; Bret Mariman; Bryce Mariman; Nancy Rundel; Bill Shields; Brad Skolout; Stan Strange; and Kathi Wright.

## Fort Hays awards scholarships

Agricultural scholarships from Fort Hays State University's Department of Agriculture for the 2012-2013 school year include several students from northwest Kansas.

**Brewster:** Brittany Kammer, a 2009 Brewster High School graduate and a Fort Hays senior, accepted a \$200 Paul W. Boxberger Memorial Scholarship and a \$200 Herbert L. Fought Scholarship. She is an agricultural business major.

**Colby:** Lindsey Wilson, a 2009 Colby High School graduate and a Fort Hays senior, accepted a \$1,250 American AgCredit Scholarship and a \$250

Herbert L. Fought Scholarship. She is an agricultural business major.

**Oakley:** Jay Ostmeier, a 2010 Wheatland High School graduate and a Fort Hays junior, accepted a \$1,000 Farm Credit Scholarship. He is an agricultural business major.



## Check emergency plans

With higher-than-normal temperatures and drought in the forecast, residents in affected areas are being advised of increased risks from excessive heat and danger of fire.

Tornado season isn't over, either, said Mary Knapp, Kansas'

state climatologist, who explained that March through June is considered prime time for tornadoes; and, while the threat of tornadoes can be less likely in July and August when there are fewer contrasts in frontal weather systems, tornado season stretches into September and October, when weather systems become more active.

Knapp suggested August as a good time to check and rotate non-perishable foods, beverages, medications, batteries, update documents in an emergency shelter and evacuation kit and review plans with the family and other members of the household.

Information about stocking an emergency shelter and preparing a household inventory is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state, and online at: [www.ksre.ksu.edu](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu) or at the National Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) at: [www.eden.lsu.edu](http://www.eden.lsu.edu).

## Send cards for birthday

The family of Erma Eileen Vette of Colby invite friends and family to join them in celebrating her 88th birthday today with a card shower.



Erma Vette

Cards may be mailed to her at Deseret Health and Rehab, 1625 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701.

## 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.

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## Deaths

### Jerold V. Laurent

Jerold V. Laurent, 90, a retired general laborer formerly of Colby, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, at the Smoky Hill Rehabilitation Center in Salina.

He was born July 17, 1922, in Thomas County, the son of Charles F. and Nellie A. (Kiefer) Laurent.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Vera R. Laurent, on Oct. 2, 1999; a daughter, Vicky L. Cyphers; and three sons, Joseph Laurent, Jerold V. Laurent Jr. and Ronald Laurent.

Survivors include a son, Terry L. Laurent, Nexa, Mo.; four daughters, Barbara J. Long, Gypsum;

Sandy Carpenter, Calcium, N.Y.; Sharon Helm, Salina; and Connie Smith, Bennington; a sister, Treva Fite; many grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior program, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.27
Corn (bushel)	\$8.15
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.80
Soybeans (bushel)	\$15.46

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF CANVASS DATE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3104, 3107, notice is hereby given that the official canvass of the Primary Election returns for Thomas County will be Monday, August 13, 2012. The canvass will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Thomas County Commissioners room of the Thomas County Courthouse.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of August, 2012.

Shelly A. Harms,  
Thomas County Clerk/Election Officer

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## Public Notice

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ERNEST E. SHULL, Deceased.  
CASE No. 2011-PR-16

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Judith A. Shull, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Ernest E. Shull, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Ernest E. Shull, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before August 28, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Judith A. Shull Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

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## Public Notice

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Max A. George, aka Max Albert George, Deceased.  
No. 2011-PR-42

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Sharon Kriss, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Max A. George, a/k/a Max Albert George, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Max A. George, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 23, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock AM, in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

SHARON KRISS, PETITIONER

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