

# Horticulture sessions, take 3: tree care comes Thursday evening

Third time is a charm. The educational horticulture sessions that were to be held at the Better Home and Living Show and cancelled due to weather, then scheduled again for April 23, again cancelled due to snowy weather, have been rescheduled for two different evenings. We dare Mother Nature to mess up both.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, at the Thomas County Office complex, Jim Strine, northwest area extension forester, will demonstrate tree pruning and tree planting. The Canadian red cherry tree he will be planting in the Master Gardener Garden in front of the Extension Office will be in memory of Sharon Steele, long time Thomas County master gardener.

The Thomas County Master Gardeners will conclude the session with a reception honoring Strine on his retirement from the Kansas Forest Service. Strine has



**Diann Gerstner**

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served Northwest Kansas for 35 years in the Kansas Forest Service. He began his forestry career with the Department of State and Extension Forestry, Kansas State University on June 18, 1978. His first assignment was northwest area extension forester, Hays. His title changed to northwest district forester, Kansas Forest Service in 1997.

Strine has a long professional association with Thomas County. Throughout his career, he has promoted the value of trees and educated the public on how to establish and care for trees in northwest

Kansas. Strine has made many visits to homes and businesses in the county and has participated in many learning activities for kids as well as presented many educational sessions.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend Strine's educational session and to stay and wish him well. For those not able to attend Thursday, greetings will reach him at 1232 240th Ave., Hays, Kan., 67601-9228 or jstrine@ksu.edu, (785) 625-3932, Ext. 220.

On Tuesday at the Thomas County Extension Office, the sessions will be on tomatoes and annual flowers. At 6 p.m. John Beckman, Scott County extension agent will share tips and tricks for successfully growing tomatoes. Immediately following that

session, Julie Niehage, Golden Prairie Extension Agent, will talk about the top 40 annuals for growing in Kansas.

We hope to see you at these sessions. For more wonderful horticulture information, go to the website: [www.hfr.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=980](http://www.hfr.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=980). What better than hearing the information but to see it also. At this site you will find many horticulture "How To" videos. The "General" topics with many subtopics under each are: Community Gardens, Flowers and Ornamental Grasses, Fruit, Indoor Plants, Landscaping, Lawns, Trees and Shrubs, Vegetables and Herbs, and Wildlife.

Check it out!

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## Deaths

### Rae Mona Lampe

Rae Mona Lampe, 86, St. Marys, mother of Jay (Cindy) Black of Colby, died Friday, April 26, 2013, at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka.

She was born March 17, 1927, at Vliets, the daughter of Ray and Florine (Isaacson) Floyd. She grew up in Vliets and Frankfort and graduated from Frankfort High School in 1944.

She was married to Berney Black; they divorced.

On Sept. 21, 1965, she married Lawrence P. Lampe at Marysville.

A waitress and homemaker, she was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys and a 60-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was currently a member in Topeka. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the St. Marys Senior Center and the Pottawatomie County Aging

Committee. Rae had been an avid bowler and loved to fish.

Preceding her in death were her husband on Nov. 11, 2010, her parents, two sisters, Marilyn Weaver and Betty Brott, and a son-in-law, Robert Wilson.

Survivors include three daughters, Berna Wilson, Shawnee; Rita (Roger) Keller, Edwards, Mo.; and Janel Daake, Grand Island, Neb.; three other sons, John Black, Kansas City, Kan.; Terry (Linda) Black, Pleasanton; and Jeff (Robin) Lampe, Topeka; two brothers, Glen Floyd, Beattie; and Galen Floyd, Topeka; a sister, Lois Jasko, Wilburton, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were to be Monday, April 29, 2013, at the church in St. Marys, with burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Marys.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of the Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple St., St.



Rae Lampe

## Reception to celebrate wedding

In honor of the wedding of Lynzea La Von Hetrick of Springfield, Colo., and Ronald Grant Ralphs-Wright of Colby, who were married Dec. 12, 2012, there will be a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013, at the home of Katie and Andy Rose, 11 Cottonwood Dr. in Colby.

If the weather is bad, the reception will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 1145 S. Franklin.

The couple is living in Colby, where the bride works for Walmart and the groom works for Stripe and Seal of Hays.



Ronald and Lynzea Ralphs-Wright

## Tribe faces ultimatum on sale of site

By Kristi Eaton  
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A small patch of prairie sits largely unnoticed off a desolate road in southwestern South Dakota, tucked amid gently rolling hills and surrounded by dilapidated structures and hundreds of gravesites — many belonging to Native Americans massacred more than a century earlier.

The assessed value of the property: less than \$14,000. The seller's asking price: \$4.9 million.

Tribal members say the man who owns a piece of the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is trying to profit from their suffering. It was there, on Dec. 29, 1890, that 300 Native American men, women and children were killed by the 7th Cavalry in the final battle of the American Indian Wars.

James Czywczynski, whose family has owned the property since 1968, is trying to sell the 40-acre fraction of the historic landmark and another 40-acre parcel

for \$4.9 million. He has given the Oglala Sioux Tribe until today to agree to the price, after which he will open it to outside investors.

Earlier this month Czywczynski said he had three offers from West Coast-based investment groups interested in buying the land for the original asking price. He didn't return calls this week to The Associated Press seeking information about the prospective buyers.

The ultimatum has caused anger among tribal members and descendants of the massacre victims.

"I know we are at the 11th hour, but selling this massacre site and using the victims as a selling pitch is, for lack of a better word, it's grotesque," said Nathan Blind-

man, 56, whose grandfather was 10 when he survived the massacre. "To use the murdered children, the murdered teenagers, the unborn, women screaming and running for their lives, using that as a selling pitch ... that has got to be the most barbaric thing ever to use as a selling pitch."

Czywczynski acknowledges the historical significance adds value to each parcel of land, which have each been appraised at less than \$7,000 apiece.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.54
Corn (bushel)	\$6.70
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.34
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.49

**TREE TRIMMING MAINTENANCE BEGINS**

The City of Colby will be conducting our annual tree trimming maintenance beginning immediately as weather permits. If you have any questions or concerns about this or the areas that will be trimmed, you can either call Public Works at 460-4420 or visit our website at [www.cityofcolby.com](http://www.cityofcolby.com).

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## Daughters of the American Revolution

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met last Wednesday at the Oakley library. Members Gayle Bremenkamp, Cheryl Goetz, Frances Mann, Sharon Maurath, Kay Weber and Eva Lee Wheeler were present along with guests Detta Anderson, Leona Feldt and Donna Kelley.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Maurath.

Reports given were: President General's, National Defense, American Indian, Constitution, National Library Week, Conservation and Insignia.

Bremenkamp and Goetz were welcomed in as new

members.

Members answered roll call with a literary media each would recommend.

The group wished Wheeler a belated happy birthday. She is 96.

Oakley librarian Vicki Halbleib showed what is available at the Oakley library for genealogical research, including old issues of various Logan County newspapers, census reports and the equipment is available for reading these sources.

The group ate lunch at the Neighborhood Nook in Oakley.

—Kay Weber

## Marijuana law changes in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — People caught with small amounts of marijuana in St. Louis will soon be penalized the same way as those who get a traffic ticket.

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (bit.ly/117w16w) reported that aldermen voted 22 to 3 in favor of a law giving officers the option of moving some marijuana cases to the municipal court system. Violators would generally be given a summons to appear in municipal court rather than being handcuffed and booked at the police station. The law takes effect June 1.

"I think this is a good step for the city of St. Louis," said Alderman Shane Cohn, sponsor of the bill. "It doesn't legalize marijuana, but it gives fairness."

Under state law, possession of

35 grams or less is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. But the penalty for violating the city's ordinance is a fine of up to \$500 and up to 90 days in jail.

Other Missouri cities also have reduced marijuana penalties. Voters in Columbia approved a law similar to Cohn's plan in 2004. The Springfield City Council last year approved an ordinance reducing marijuana-related penalties after a citizen initiative. But

the council repealed it less than a month later as critics said it made the city look "drug-friendly" and would put it at odds with the federal stance against marijuana.

John Payne, director of the pro-legalization group Show-Me Cannabis, lauded the St. Louis vote and said he hopes it leads to legalization of marijuana in Missouri.

"The state has some of the most draconian laws in the nation," Payne said.

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## Clarification

A Briefly item on Master Gardener classes which has run several times on Page 2 of the *Colby Free Press* included a location which has been changed due to scheduling conflicts. Both classes will now be at the Thomas County Office Complex, the first in the conference room and the second in the Extension office.

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## Thank You

To all who came to help celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, sent cards, telephoned, attended Mass or in thoughts and prayers. Thank You - What a Great Day it was!

Al & Kit Gerstner

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