

4-H kids showing off all their skills at county fair this week

It's Fair Week! The county fair is the Grand Finale for 4-Hers. It is an opportunity for 4-Hers to display their projects and have a judge, an adult expert in their area, look at the work they have done since last year's fair. We try to schedule conference judging for most projects so it is once again a learning event. Judges critique the project pointing out things that are done well as well as things that could be improved. Learning to take constructive criticism and practice good sportsmanship is part of the total learning experience. Conference judging also provides 4-Hers the opportunity to practice communication skills, explaining the work they have done and answering questions about their project.

I hope you have already been out to the fair, if not, come on out and see all the hard work. These kids are learning life skills. Skills they may need for basic life survival such as food preparation, clothing construction and maintenance, and financial decisions in purchasing clothing. Some skills may lead to professions, future DIY skills or many hours of enjoyment as a hobby. Some of these projects include: welding, woodworking, all livestock, entomology, fiber arts, visual arts, horticulture, crops, and photography. Record-keeping is



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shown in the notebooks, teamwork, cooperation and leadership are learned in the building of club booths and helping each other fit and prepare animals for showing. These are just a few of the many lessons learned preparing for and during the fair.

Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that have sponsored one or more of the Grand Champion awards. At the fair, 4-Hers will receive the Grand Champion Rosettes but instead of a trophy they will receive a green sweatshirt blanket. A few years back the 4-H council decided to choose useful items instead of trophies. We have given large duffel bags, hoodie sweatshirts, sweat pants and wind jackets. The items are awarded to the 4-Hers at the annual 4-H banquet held in the fall.

Remember when you see a 4-H family they may have already survived the public fashion revue, endured several late nights finishing an art project, a rocket, poster, or a

number of other items to be judged, prepared and presented a demonstration, helped build a booth and/or float, participated in the open class and 4-H Horse show, prepared foods for judging, washed and fitted

their animals, and shown their animals, all but beef which is tomorrow! Their home probably looks like a tornado has gone through and the laundry and dirty dishes are starting to pile up. But most will greet you with a weary smile knowing it is all worth it and given a few weeks will be excited to contemplate the Thomas County Fair 2014!

Don't forget that tomorrow night is the 4-H livestock sale that starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by a buyer's appreciation meal. Crop Production Service is always great to provide and prepare some of the best meat you will ever eat. A big thank you to Bill and crew and an advance thank you to those who come out to the sale and support the 4-H livestock projects.

See you at the Fair!

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You'll make a great wig!



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Ryanne Meyer eyed her hair – 13 inches of it – donated to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for kids suffering from cancer who lost their hair. It was only the second time she donated her hair, her dad is not a fan of her cutting it.

Deaths

Shona Marie Herrington Ballard

Shona Marie Herrington Ballard, 44, Norman, Okla., formerly of Colby, died Monday, July 29, 2013, at her mother's home in Comanche, Okla., following an extended illness.

She was born May 16, 1969, in Duncan, Okla. In 1977 she moved with her family to Colby where her parents, Leroy and Joyce (Coffey) Warren, owned the IGA store, along with the IGA store in Oakley.

On Oct. 13, 2007, she married James Arthur Ballard in Comanche.

Preceding her in death were her

father; a son, Talon Dale Minshall Grover; and a stepsister, Kate Warren.

Survivors include her husband, and a daughter, JessieMae Marie Temaat, of the home; her mother, Comanche; two brothers, Ronnie (Melody) Herrington, Comanche; and Ben Herrington, Duncan; two stepbrothers, David (Donalea) Warren, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Doug (Pam) Warren, St. Charles, Mo.; and a stepsister, Connie (Hayden) Jones, Eufaula, Okla.

Services were to be today, July 31, 2013, at the Ray of Hope

Church in Comanche, with pastors Mike McCord and Dow Pannell officiating and burial in the Fairlawn Cemetery of Comanche.

The family suggests memorials in her name, in care of the Carter-Smart Funeral Home, 1316 Oak, Duncan, Okla., 73533.

Wanda B. Hicks

Wanda B. Hicks 60, of Springdale, formerly long time resident of Colby, Kansas, died July 24, 2013 at her home in Springdale. She was born January 11, 1953 in Salina, Kansas to Melvin and Thelma Marsh Yingling. She was a maintenance supervisor with Colby Housing Authority. Wanda enjoyed camping and dancing and her get togethers with family.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Page, daughter, Joyce Page, two brothers, Donnie Yingling and Chancey Yingling and sister, Barbara Carlson.

She is survived by her husband Ron Hicks, two daughters, Stacie Giesenhagen and husband Michael and Brandy Schippers and husband Andy all of Colby, KS, step-son, Jason Hicks of Ellsworth, KS, two step-daughters, Teasha Choitz and husband Dave and Jessica Johnson all of Ellsworth, KS, three brothers, Victor Yingling of Springdale, AR, Richard Yingling and Ronnie Yingling both of Hutchinson, KS, one sister, Connie Harvey of Salina, KS, eleven grandchildren and twenty-three nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 10:30AM at the Colby Methodist Church in Colby, Kansas with Pastor James Mardock officiating.

Memorial may be made to Circle of Life Hospice 901 Jones Rd., Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Online condolences may be made to www.sisfuneral.com

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Maxine Hopper Randall

Maxine Hopper Randall, 92, died Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at Presbyterian-St. Luke Medical

Center in Denver, Colo. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.86
Corn (bushel)	\$6.25
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.88
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.08

Jerry & Donna Mangus are leaving this community after living here for over 40 years.

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