

Farmers, firefighters contain Colorado blaze



Area firefighters worked all day Sunday to try and contain a fire in Yuma County, Colo. Local farmers also brought their tractors to help fight the fire, using discs to cut barriers in the grass and crop stubble. Photo by Tony Ray/Yuma Pioneer

March heat wave sets new records

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to mostly sunny and breezy until Wednesday night, when there may be a 50 percent chance of rain. Highs are still expected to be in the 60s. Lundquist said that's still warm for this time of year, but a little more seasonable.

"We're still going to be above normal," he said, "but it's only going to be in the 60s."

This area is no stranger to a dry March. In 1935, high winds created five dust storms over six days in mid-March. Dust was so thick that it clogged engines and blotted out the sun.

By contrast, on March 15, 1933, Rawlins County reported 4 1/2 inches of rain. On March 16, 1912, it snowed so deep that the drifts were taller than the trains on the Rock Island and Union Pacific railroads.

Irrigation dealership wins national award

Hitchcock, Inc. of Goodland was named a Valley Performance Plus Dealer at the Valmont Irrigation 2012 national meeting. The award is based on excelling in areas of sales, service and aftermarket parts. This is the eighth time Hitchcock has won the award.

"Receiving the Performance Plus Dealer achievement represents a significant dedication to Valley products, sales and most importantly, the commitment to Valley customers and the service they expect from our company," said Rich Panowicz, vice president of North American sales, Valmont Irrigation.

Each dealership is scored based on departmental evaluation, annual customer satisfaction surveys and the achievement of their own dealership annual growth plan. Focusing on best practices, Valley dealers set the bar in their industry, delivering the highest standard of service and product support to their mechanized irrigation customers.

Panowicz continued, "The Performance Plus program honors Valley Dealers who met the challenges, albeit market driven or within their local environment, taking a head on approach to surpass their business goals."

County treasurer resigns after Tuesday meeting

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The study is a requirement for a \$4,000 grant.

The Health Department is applying for about \$65,000 worth of grants in areas like family planning and immunization, but Terry said they are not likely to get that much.

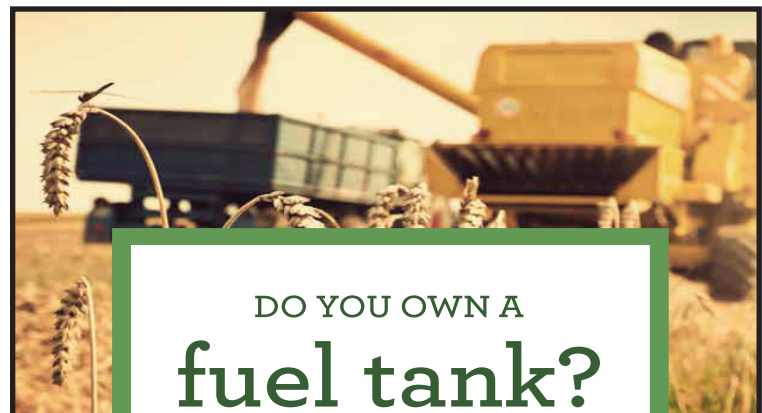
Terry is new to the department. This is her third month on the job.

•Shirley Weber from the Local Environmental Protection Program met with the commissioners to discuss cesspools.

Cesspools, essentially brick-

lined holes in the ground used to dispose of wastewater, have been illegal in Kansas since 1992. Existing pools have to be disposed of whenever they are not in use or not working.

A bill currently in the state Senate would allow wastewater systems installed before 1992 as long as they function properly. Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer is in favor of the bill, Shirley said, and the Local Environmental Protection Programs have a lobbyist working to get it passed. Shirley said she had been asked to update all the county commissioners in her area.



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Colby March 29th, 2012 City Limits Convention Center 22275 Range Ave. Colby, KS 12:00 p.m.	FREE MEAL	Hoxie March 30th, 2012 4H Building 1308 Main Hoxie, KS 12:00 p.m.

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