



Kids portray 'Stuart Little'

Chloe Goodwin, who played Stuart Little's mother in the Little City Productions play, "Stuart Little" by E. B. White, tore pages out of a songbook as Stuart's father (T.J. Freeman) and brother George (Dane Frazier) watched. They were removing all references to mice from the songbook to make sure Stuart felt like a member of the family. Stuart (played by Hazen Deeds) retrieved a "ping-pong ball" that George lost behind the dryer, proving that a tiny member of the family can be helpful.

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Peonies are perennial favorite due to beauty

Peonies are a favorite perennial of gardeners because of their beauty and low maintenance.

In Kansas, peonies provide a beautiful display of flowers each spring before Memorial Day.

Though peonies can be left in place indefinitely, many gardeners like to increase their plantings, so they divide the bulbs and replant them. Fall is the traditional time to divide these plants.

The first step is to dig out the entire plant. Shake and wash off as much soil as possible so that the pink buds or "eyes" are visible.

Peony roots are tough, and a sharp knife is needed to cut the roots into separate pieces. Make sure each division has three to four buds.

Make sure the location chosen for planting receives at least a half day of full sun; the more sun, the better. Space the plants so that there is at



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least two feet from dwarf types and four feet from the standard types.

Follow the same rules for planting these divisions as you do for new plants. Make sure the pink buds

are about one inch below the soil surface. If they are set more than two inches deep, flowering may be delayed or completely prevented.

As you set the plants, firm soil often as you add it around the plant. If the soil is not firmed, it can settle and pull the plant down with it.

It is often a good idea to add a mulch to the new planting to protect it from heaving. The alternate freezing and thawing that commonly occurs during Kansas winters can "heave" weakly-rooted plants out of the ground.

Add a mulch of straw, leaves, compost or other material after the soil freezes. Remember, it is not the cold that harms these plants but the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Aug. 20 — Kathy J. Smith, 25, Joplin, Mo. was fined \$196 for improper parking.

Yuhiet D. Correoso, 23, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. was fined \$330 for speeding.

Angel Martin, 25, Englewood, Colo. was fined \$120 for improper driving.

Larry M. Cox, 45, Ellis, was fined \$210 for motor carriers violation.

Clenisha R. Yarbrough, 18, Goodland, was fined \$120 for failure to yield.

Aug. 23 — Evois A. Mencia-Villeda, 22, Lynnwood, Wash. was fined \$144 for speeding.

Marsha A. Freeman, 49, Austin, Texas was fined \$126 for speeding.

Andrew D. Frame, 24, Breckenridge, Colo. was fined \$126 for speeding.

Christopher M. Beckham, 24, Morrison, Colo. was fined \$213 for speeding.

Jessica R. Cunningham, 18, Littleton, Colo. was fined \$150 for speeding.

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