

# Maze growing in corn

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available from noon to dark every Saturday and Sunday until Halloween. The couple will take reservations for special engagements of 25 people or more. The Coles will have a garden with squash, gourds and five types of pumpkins, including red ones, white ones, 25-30 pound ones and minis. People like the white ones to paint on, Bryce Cole said.

There will be a mini maze of straw bales for kids, Cole said; it will have a castle of bales at the end, and parents can watch their kids go through and take pictures. And there will be a gift shop in the farm building.

For the finale, Cole said, there will be a haunted maze the night before Halloween. People will go in with flashlights, and there will be others inside scaring them. He said they may do a night maze sometime before that to practice, since this is their first year with the maze.

"We're experimenting," he said. Throughout the maze, Cole said, there will be "maze passports." You will come to a point where you have to answer a question, he said, and if you give the right answer, you will be pointed in the right direction.

Companies like to use mazes for team-building exercises, Cole said, and it will be good for 4-H groups, church groups and schools.

They plan to have the maze again next year but with a different picture. It may be a Cowboy, Cole said, to tie in with the high school reunion.

The maze is in a 10-acre field, but people won't be left to just wander through the whole field. There are usually people inside the mazes, Bench said, to make sure no one's too lost. Besides, the mazes are divided into sections, he said, and they have escape routes.

Why did the Coles decide to cut a maze in their field? Not to make a bunch of money, Bryce Cole said; it was a way to incorporate their kids into farming.

"I'm out farming all summer," he said. "I don't see my kids much."

The kids, Grace, 7; Henry, 3; and Eve, 16 months, can help with the maze on weekends, Cole said; it's a family affair.

Nonetheless, it is a business, and the Coles went to an agritourism workshop to get pointers on running it. Bryce Cole said they have been working with Donna Price, Convention and Visitors Bureau director, and with an agritourism group.

The Maize has its own web site at [www.cornfieldmaze.com](http://www.cornfieldmaze.com) that promotes all the mazes they cut, he said, but the agritourism group recommended setting up their own. They are working on the web site that will be at [colegfamilyfarms.com](http://colegfamilyfarms.com).



Dan and Dawn Brenner checked out the 2005 Ford GT that was delivered to Dan Brenner Ford-Mercury last Wednesday. The special limited-edition car had a price tag of \$156,500.

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## Special Ford GT arrives at Goodland dealer

Anticipation was high last Wednesday afternoon as a 2005 Ford GT rolled off the transport at Dan Brenner Ford-Mercury.

The car is one of just 700 of the racing design model to be produced this year, and as a Ford Presidential Award winner, Brenner has the opportunity to sell one of these cars.

Brenner said the President's Award is the company's highest honor for sales and service. "Our dealership is the only winner in Kansas west of Hays," he said, "and of the 450 total winners, there were four in Kansas."

Brenner said about 5,000 Ford dealerships nationwide participated in the competition.

The dark blue Ford GT will not be on the lot long; Brenner said it was sold long before it arrived to a man from Canon City, Colo. He is expected to arrive over the weekend to pick up the car, which has a sticker price of over \$156,500.

Brenner said each car of the new GT series is being numbered and the one delivered to Goodland is No. 321. It has a supercharged V-8 engine that produces 550 horsepower and a top speed of 205 mph.

The 2005 model is built on the design that made the Ford GT famous in the endurance racing at Le Mans in the 1960s, he said. The GT stands for Gran Turismo or Grand Touring.

The GT is Ford's first production supercar, and has been compared by Car and Driver magazine to the \$401,000 Saleen S7 which the writer said is about as quick as the GT, and the Ferrari Enzo at \$659,000, which is the only supercar that would outrun the Ford.

The Ford GT Mark IV won the grand prix race at Le Mans, France, in 1967, and in 1968 and 1969 a Mark I GT40 won Le Mans under Gulf Oil sponsorship.

The Le Mans win in 1969 was one of the most exciting in endurance racing history with a two-second margin of victory after 24 hours of driving.

## Cutting a great summer job

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then created the largest corn maze in the western United States. After it drew 18,000 people in only three weeks, the company was born.

The company set a Guinness record for the world's largest corn maze in 1999, and in nine years has grown from one maze in Utah to over 170 mazes this year in five countries.

Stars mark the mazes' sites on maps on the web site. The map shows mazes across the United States, including the one in Goodland, along with nine in Canada, one in Mexico, one in Great Britain and one in Italy.

The company web site says it designs mazes and cuts them; has a video to train people to cut their own; provides networking, conferences and newsletters; gives maze owners a training guide that includes

a marketing plan; and agrees not to cut their own maze in the area where they cut a maze for a customer.

Usually, Bench said, the designs have something to do with the area. Mazes are divided into phases, he said, so people can get out and rest if they want. They can go back in or not, he said; no one is required to go through the whole thing.

The corn maze gets them to the farm, Daybell says, but side attractions are what keeps them coming back. Kids love the other things, he said; they will often spend only a half an hour in the maze but will play for over two hours. He said mazes usually become an annual thing.

Bench, Herbst's brother-in-law, is cutting mazes as a summer job while in college. He said it's a fun job. He gets to see the country and has been to most of the states except the northwest corner.

## City agenda

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Kemp Sugar Company property to the City of Goodland. Volk said annexation of property outside the city limits is allowed under state law.

The commission plans to adopt an ordinance which changes how the city deals with vendors of Kansas-grown produce, Volk said.

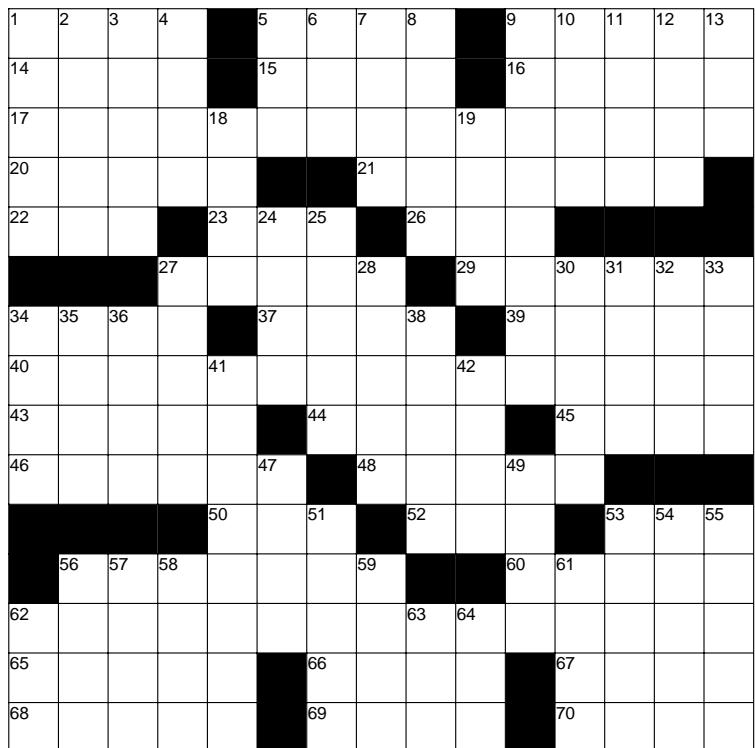
Volk said a law passed by the Legislature this session goes into effect today, which says that cities cannot charge "investigative" fees to people selling produce or animals grown in the state.

Under the manager's report, Volk said there is a notice from City Attorney Perry Warren that he will retire Aug. 1.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission room at the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. Push the button inside the main doors to get into the building.

## Crossword Puzzle

Hoofing It



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DOWN

1. Skater Hughes
2. Draw forth
3. Gets a flat, maybe
4. Green Gables girl
5. \_\_\_ Ysidro, Calif.
6. Smoke, slangily
7. They may be fine
8. Joy on "The View"
9. Sired
10. Oil of \_\_\_ (skin care product)
11. All the \_\_\_ (immaterial)
12. Poker variety
13. "Is it soup \_\_\_?"
18. Inventor's start
19. Grounded birds from down under
24. Hall of Famer Musial

25. Suit material
27. "Whoopee!"
28. Fiber made from cellulose
30. A computer language
31. Lens holders
32. List ender
33. Slots site
34. Commotions
35. Mentally sound
36. "But \_\_\_ art?"
38. Lisa of "The Cosby Show"
41. Immeasurably large
42. Snail mail org.
47. Drescher of "The Nanny"
49. Flight: Prefix

51. Texas A & M athlete
53. In flames
54. Oktoberfest vessel
55. Black-ink entry
56. \_\_\_ avail (fruitless)
57. Frozen waffle brand
58. Swelled heads
59. Jane Austen classic
61. Some Wall St. traders
62. Morrison of the Doors
63. Attendance fig.
64. Calendar pgs.

## Freedom Fest 2005

Goodland, Kan.

Friday, July 1

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sizzlin' Summer Sales (In-store) -- Downtown Goodland

5 p.m. Chili Cookoff -- 11th and Main

Saturday, July 2

Sizzlin' Summer Sales (In-store) -- Downtown Goodland

City-wide Garage Sale -- Begins at 8 a.m.

Freedom Pagent -- Gulick Park 10 a.m., ages 2-7 boys and girls

\*\*\*\*To enter contact the chamber at 785-899-7130

At the Sherman County Fairgrounds

4 p.m. Vendor Booths open

**Tracy Lawrence Concert -- Gates Open at 5 p.m. and Concert begins at 8 p.m.**

\*\*\*\*For concert tickets contact Courtney at 785-899-7130\*\*\*\*

Sunday, July 3

3 p.m. - Parade kick off -- 17th Street to Sherman County Fairgrounds

Events at the Sherman County Fairgrounds

4 p.m. - Carnival Rides open -- Tickets 50 cents each

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dinner served by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce  
The Biggest Fireworks Display between Kansas City and Denver begins at dark!

**Hope to see ya there!**

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