

student news

Heath Owens of St. Francis was nominated by U.S. Senator Pat Roberts for appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. The senator's Academy Screening Board, comprised of eight volunteers from across Kansas, recommended nominees after interviewing applicants and reviewing their applications, grade point averages and standardized test scores. The academies will choose which nominees with receive appointments and announce them in the spring.

birthday

Lucille (Hicks) Walters, formerly of Goodland, is celebrating her 85th birthday Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Her family is requesting a card shower. Send cards to her at 2734 Hall, Apt. 112, Hays, Kan. 67601.

area events

Colby singles dances will be from 8 p.m. until midnight this **Friday** and Friday, Jan. 6, at the City Limits Convention Center. Couples are also welcome. There is a charge, which includes line dance lessons, which start at 7 p.m. Call Darline Freytag at 785-890-3243.

Kappa Upsilon is holding a **Holiday Home Tour from 2-5 p.m. Central Time Saturday in Colby.** Tickets can be bought at any of the five homes, 935 S. Range, 350 E. Plum, 1325 W. Cottonwood Dr., 1880 County Road O or No. 20 Cottonwood Dr.

Cal and Cindy Turner of **C.C. Turner Music Ministries** will perform at **4 p.m. Central Time Saturday** at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College, **St. Francis.** They will be doing their new holiday program, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," which will include music, humor, gift giveaways and Christmas cookies. Donations are appreciated.

"Red, Hot and Blue! White Christmas!" a popular attraction at Branson, Mo., will be performed at **3 p.m. Central Time Sunday** at the **Colby** High School auditorium. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association Passes or can be paid at the door. The cast will offer a 40-minute educational **workshop on musical theater techniques at 1 p.m. Central Time** in the auditorium. There is no charge for the workshop.

The 29th annual **meeting of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development Inc.** will be **Wednesday, Dec. 7**, at the Bison Club, former Elks Club, in Hill City. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. Central Time, and dinner will be served at 7, followed by the evening's speaker. A Power Point presentation will be made, showing the past year's business loan, grant and housing activities for northwest Kansas. **Call Kathie Terry at 785-421-2151 by Monday to register.** Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1-5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Wednesday: Blood pressures 10 a.m. at the Kanorado Senior Center and the Goodland Senior Center. **Thursday:** WIC in Colby. Scheduled appointments. **Friday:** Scheduled appointments.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adult's immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Assistance is available for the new prescription drug program, and Sharps containers are available free. Call 890-4888.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

The group charges a \$50 letter of intent fee (similar to a permit) which is good for one year. It is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems in the protection group's area.

The group will continue to offer free testing to private individuals. However, if you are selling, purchasing or refinancing any property that requires an inspection, the group will charge a \$90 inspection fee. The inspection includes site evaluations on well and septic systems and testing the water. The group will also charge a \$25 fee for child care and foster care inspections.

the calendar

calendar

The **Sherman County Economic Development Board** will meet at **noon today** at Gambino's and will select two new members.

Free matinees will be held at **1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays** at the Sherman Theatre. **"Madagascar"** will be **this weekend.** "Elf" will be Dec. 10 and 11, and "Christmas with the Kranks" will be Dec. 17 and 18.

For most **APO/FPO zip codes, the deadlines for Christmas delivery** to military personnel are Saturday for Parcel Airlift Mail, Dec. 10 for Priority Mail or First Class letters and Dec. 19 for Express Mail Military Service.

The Goodland Elks Lodge is having a **Memorial Service** for departed Elk members at **1 p.m. Sunday** at 1523 Arcade. The fourth annual **Blue Star Banner Ceremony** will be at **2 p.m. Sunday** at the Elks Lodge.

SHARE sign up for the December distribution of food will be until **Monday** at the Sherman County Health Department, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Get a 6-6 1/2 pound ham, potatoes, sweet potatoes, celery, carrots, egg noodles, apples, oranges, frozen strawberries, pears and a thaw-

and-serve pie for \$21 and two hours of volunteer service. Pick up will be **Saturday, Dec. 17**, for the December distribution.

Sheryl Davis of the **Small Business Development Center** will be available for **business checkups on Friday afternoon, Dec. 9.** Call the Sherman County Economic Development Office at 890-3743 or stop at the office at 1208 Main to make an appointment.

Shores Bumper to Bumper is holding a **Toys for Toddlers Toy Drive.** Drop off new, unwrapped toy donations at 1615 Main **by Thursday, Dec. 15**, and they will be given to local charities to distribute to needy children in Sherman County.

The **Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter** has **2006 calendars** available featuring dogs that have been adopted and stories written by their new owners. Contact board members or call 899-6464 and leave a message.

school calendar

Today: Black day. Seminar — FCCLA Varsity Scholars Bowl 3 p.m. at Greeley County High School. Goodland Activities Center basketball 6 p.m. in the high school gym.

Wednesday: Gold day. City/

county recreation sports 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Black day. Mid-term. Seminar — GAA and G-Club. First day of competition for basketball. Varsity Scholars Bowl 3 p.m. at Atwood High School.

Friday: Gold day. Boys/girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball 5:30 p.m. at Chase County Schools. Varsity and junior varsity wrestling 5:30 p.m. at Hoxie.

Saturday: High school Kansas Music Educators Association competition at Fort Hays State University. FCCLA high school dance. Varsity wrestling, St. Francis Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Junior varsity wrestling tournament 9 a.m. here.

school menu

Wednesday: Corn dog, French fries, pickle spear, rosy applesauce and milk.

senior center menu

Wednesday: Swiss steak, cheesy broccoli, garden rice, bread and peach cup. **Thursday:** Bierock casserole, seasoned carrots, ambrosia fruit salad and cherry cobbler. **Friday:** Harvest turkey soup, 1/2 sandwich, Jell-o with banana, bread and crackers and applesauce crunch.

obituary

Lelia Rigor

Lelia Marie (Teed) Rigor, 79, Weskan, a retired bookkeeper, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2005, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

She was born Feb. 19, 1926, in a sod house on what is now Stan and Tonia Townsend's farm northwest of Weskan, the daughter of Earl Edward and Maude Mae (Mathena) Teed.

She was baptized at an early age in the Smoky Hill River and became a member of the Weskan United Methodist Church, which she faithfully supported and attended until her death.

She attended the Weskan Consolidated School, graduating with the class of 1944, and Kansas State College (now Kansas State University) for two years, studying home economics.

On Feb. 16, 1947, she married her childhood sweetheart Glenn E. Rigor in the church. They celebrated their 55th anniversary before he died on Sept. 24, 2002. They had two children.

Rigor began working at an early age, first as bookkeeper for the C.D. Clark Elevator and then the Weskan Elevator. She also worked with the U.S. Post Office in Weskan.

For several years, she prepared income taxes for many in the Weskan area. She was an agent for Cimarron Insurance Company, for whom she wrote crop, hail and fire

insurance coverage to many of the area farmers in eastern Colorado and western Kansas.

She also kept books for her husband during the time that he was a consignee for Mobil Oil Corporation, and later she was secretary and treasurer for Rigor Oil Company, until he retired in 1989.

Rigor played the piano for church services for several years and was involved in the women's organizations and activities in the church, such as the United Methodist Women.

She also supported the school and its music and sports activities, even long after her own children had graduated. She was a member of the Weskan Willing Workers and the Goodland Order of Eastern Star, of which she was a life member, having received her 50-year pin two years ago.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; and a sister, Carol Ann Walker.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda (Milt) Uribe of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a son, Brad Rigor of Naples, Florida; and six grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at the church with Pastor Gary Davison officiating. Burial followed in the Weskan Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Weskan United Methodist Church in care of Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs or Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

lincoln larks news

The Lincoln Larks Family, Community and Education Club and the Sunflower Extension District held a "Dip for the Holidays" tasting party Friday, Nov. 18, at the 4-H Building.

It was presented by Melinda Daily. She had made several different cheeses, one shaped like a pumpkin. There was a carrot and a spinach dip in bowls. They were served with different crackers.

A chocolate/caramel dip was made for fruit, which was apples. A hot cheese dip with sausage was served with tortilla chips.

The tables were set up and decorated in fall decor. Those attending enjoyed the dips and chatter that was included.

The Lincoln Larks met afterward and discussed next year's lesson and adjourned to meet in December.

Submitted by Arbutus Topliff

Mild weather, low wind made fall color last

We have had a mild fall, about like the last five or six, but different in little ways.

We have had low winds, though we have had one or two windy days lately. However, the winds remained low during the fall coloration of the trees, and we got to see more color than we normally see in this part of the world.

Conversely, the eastern third of the state did not get to see as much fall color as they normally do, also because of the weather.

Leaf pigments come from a substance in the leaves that when triggered causes a development of an abscission layer at the base of the petiole, the leaf stem. This layer allows movement of water up, but none of the sugars can escape.

This buildup of high sugar content in the leaves produces the seasonal colors. The pigments responsible for fall color are actually present for most of the growing season. We don't see this because the chlorophyll, the green color of summer, masked them.

Weather conditions have many effects on fall colors. I see colors affected by stress and growing conditions through out the year.

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- ag notebook



Western Kansas weather is variable to say the least, while the areas we think of as having the best colors are in New England, which have more stable weather throughout the year.

In fall, bright, sunny days with cool nights are ideal for good leaf color. Night temperatures need to fall below 45 degrees to slow the transpiration process. This slowed process ensures that sugar will build up the color display instead of being consumed.

When the leaves start turning, then weather determines the length of time they stay attached to the trees. Wind and precipitation strip trees of their leaves.

Until we had our windy days a couple of weeks ago, we were really enjoying the fall colors. As you look around now, the trees have dropped their leaves.

Even the brown needles of the pines are gone, which was the natural needle drop we see every fall. It was more noticeable this year, again, because of a mild fall and low wind.

Farmers who planted late may apply nitrogen

Farmers who planted wheat late, directly into row crop stubble or residue, need to decide when and how to apply nitrogen.

The best approach is to apply as much of the crop's total nitrogen requirements as possible below the soil surface at or before planting time, said Dale Leikam, Kansas State nutrient management specialist.

While urea nitrogen volatilization is not a big concern for winter wheat production, applying nitrogen below the soil surface eliminates any potential for volatilization and minimizes immobilization of



jeanne falk

- agron notes

primarily to dryland or flood-irrigated wheat. Nitrogen can be applied to pivot-irrigated wheat any time it's warm enough to run the sprinklers.

In general, on medium-to fine-textured soils, the best approach is to topdress the wheat as soon as possible after it has tillered. This provides the maximum opportunity for the nitrogen to move into the root zone with precipitation.

It also improves the chances of the wheat taking in the nitrogen at an early enough growth stage to

maximize yield. For wheat grown on sandier soil, where leaching may be a concern, it might be better to apply part of the nitrogen (about 30 pounds of nitrogen per acre) in the fall and topdress the rest during the winter.

By applying nitrogen in the fall through the winter, farmers will avoid weather-related delays that could occur later in the season. If the weather is unusually wet during the late winter or early spring, they may not be able to get into the field to apply the nitrogen until after the wheat has jointed, too late to maximize yield.

matters of record

District Traffic

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

July 10 — Gina R. Ross-Harris, fines reinstated \$168 for improper parking.

July 13 — Leona K. Trujillo was fined \$213 for speeding.

July 14 — Robert T. Hoven, fines reinstated \$138 for speeding.

July 21 — Andrew T. Haight, fines reinstated \$132 for speeding and fines reinstated \$10 for failure to wear seat belt.

July 23 — Margarito J. Zuniga was fined \$150 for speeding.

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