

Flamingo flock raises money for Big Brothers

The final flamingo flock was planted on May 15th, realizing a fun and profitable fund raiser. We appreciate all the positive comments that we received during the project and look forward to the next Flock Operation.

May also provided dates that gave Wallace and Sherman County their first Golf For Kids Sake tournaments. Each enjoyed success with their respective tournaments and both enjoyed great weather.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Kansas would like to thank the respective Golf Clubs for allowing us to host the tournaments.

Last month, I shared some comments that Representative Tom Osborne provided in a speech on April 4, 2006. Allow me to continue on some of his points.

Osborne continued with some



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facts concerning underage drinking and alcohol abuse: "There are roughly 3 million teenage alcoholics, which is by far the largest number of those who are addicted to some kind of substance. The average first drink in our country is at 12.8 years of age, and that age is declining."

Following the alcohol abuse, Osborne continues with the problem of methamphetamine abuse. Meth not only is highly addictive, and ages the user incredibly fast, the

abuse of children that happen to be within a family that is involved with meth increases greatly.

"A study done by the University of Arkansas found that methamphetamine users cost their employers about \$47,500 annually due to increased absenteeism and loss of productivity. If you took \$47,500 costs, and that is fairly conservative, times 22,000 individuals addicted, you have over \$1 billion in costs in the state of Nebraska," Osborne said.

Those statistics are of another state but it is no less dramatic than in Kansas or surrounding states.

This is another example of the importance of mentoring children in our communities. The odds of a child not having someone assist them in their choices will ultimately reflect upon their community either in a positive or negative way. Their choices will affect each of us.

Osborne continues, "Developmentally delayed children can require up to 3/4 of a million dollars in special care during the child's first 18 years of life. So to get one of these meth babies from birth to age 18 in some cases will cost \$750,000."

The next topic Osborne covers was the impact of video games and society: "More than 90 percent of America children play video games every day, and 1/2 of the top sellers contain extreme violence. Some teach stalking and killing of vic-

tims, similar to military training and video games; and pornography is sometimes a reward for hitting a target in one of the video games. The young man who was a school shooter in Kentucky had never fired a gun before the day that he went to school and started picking off his classmates, but he had been trained and trained on video games, shooting lifelike people, and he became remarkably accurate."

To finish, Osborne continues by sharing how "the value system in our country has certainly shifted."

Many folks may have read a book by Steven Covey called "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People." Covey points out in his book that over the first 150 years of our nation's history, success was defined primarily in terms of character traits.

And so a successful person was "honest, hard working, faithful, loyal and compassionate — success now is viewed as acquiring material possessions, acquiring power and prestige. And so success is no longer a link to character traits, rather it is linked to those things which are powerful, impressive and have to do with monetary advantage."

From that Osborne notes that "We have seen certainly a discouraging lack of integrity, sometimes in government, sometimes in athletics, sometimes in the business world."

That is some serious commentary. Please think of how you can impact your community in a positive way.

Why are trees dropping leaves?

We have had lots of calls about trees dropping green leaves. Thus far, we have had reports of sycamore, maple, pin oak, dogwood and birch being affected.

With some trees, especially sycamore, we also often see anthracnose, and in many parts of the state, that has been severe as well. In some cases, we have seen anthracnose attack the petiole (leaf stem) and leave the rest of the leaf untouched.

However, some of what we are seeing is not due to disease but appears to be environmental, as the



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leaves show no evidence of disease on the leaf blade or petiole.

We often see leaf drop when we transition from cool to hot weather in the spring. The tree will drop some leaves as it becomes stressed by heat and/or drought because it cannot support all the leaves it has.

This year, the leaf drop is much

worse than normal. We have had reports of sycamores losing 80 percent of their leaves. This is most likely due to a combination of anthracnose and heat shock.

This is probably related to the cool weather we had earlier this month followed by the heat last week. The winter drought probably didn't help much either, especially in those areas that have again become dry. Regardless of the cause, healthy trees should be fine.

Hot weather hard on winter wheat

Winter wheat is a cool-season crop, and it thrives in cool environments. "Cool environment" does not describe our recent weather.

As the wheat in our area progresses into flowering and grain fill stages, it's important for the wheat to be free of heat and drought stress.

The ideal temperature range during those critical stages of development is between 68 and 72 degrees, said Jim Shroyer, Kansas State University wheat specialist.

At higher temperatures, wheat plants may abort flowers, resulting in fewer kernels per mesh.

If temperatures are very warm for more than three consecutive days during grain fill, plants will senesce early and speed through these critical stages. High temperatures in the



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grain-filling stage will slow or stop formation of starch and protein.

The kernel can be shriveled, resulting in low kernel weight and lower yield. The effect will be most pronounced if nighttime temperatures are in the 60s or higher. If nighttime temperatures dip down into the low 50s or lower, then wheat plants can tolerate high daytime temperatures better.

Other factors in the field, such as wheat streak mosaic, can com-

pound the stress from heat and drought, resulting in a rapid deterioration of the crop. Wheat streak mosaic is characterized by patchy yellow and green mottled appearance on the leaves. It is

spread by the wheat curl mite. It is likely a greater problem this spring due to good over-winter survival of mites.

Unusually high temperatures this last week may hurt the wheat here, but any rain and cool temperatures that we have this week will help the plants through the critical flowering and grain-fill stages. This will help preserve the number of berries per mesh and aid in good test weight at harvest.

Brewster's Christian radio station to broadcast on the Internet

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Hoping to improve reception for its Christian music and talk shows and widen its listener base, an area radio station is moving onto the Internet.

Tri-State Praise Radio KGCR, four miles west of Brewster, will begin broadcasting on the Internet on Thursday through a link posted on its web site at www.kgcr.org. The station will continue its regular format over the air at 107.7 mhz FM.

"Our goal through providing this stream is to reach areas that currently have marginal reception around the Tri-State area," station

manager James Claassen said. "It's also to make our broadcast available to friends who have left the area, missionaries, and others looking for a Christian broadcast around the world."

For the past month, Claassen said, some regular listeners have been testing the web site link.

"We've had several people call in and say it's really helpful to listen to it on their computer," he said.

The online link is available to users of both Windows and Macintosh computers.

"It's simple," Claassen said. "Once you get on the web site and click on the link box, it should start playing."

He said computers users who don't have Windows Media Player will be able to get the link through Real Player.

"It should be a matter of one or two clicks, and be sure and have your speakers turned on," Claassen said.

Listeners who don't want to be restricted to the confines of a desk can listen to the radio link through a transmitter available from KGCR for \$42.50.

"The transmitter comes with all the supplies you need," Claassen said. "We've purchased the transmitters in bulk, allowing us to get a

special discounted rate that we want to pass along to listeners."

Claassen said by simply plugging the transmitter into the sound card of a computer, the signal will be re-broadcast to other radios in the building. He said the transmitters have one downside: whatever is playing on the computer at the time also transmits over the radio.

"Any games children are playing that have audio in the background will be broadcast as well," he said. "It's something to keep in mind, especially if you have children who regularly use the computer while you are listening to the radio in an-

other part of the house."

Claassen suggested purchasing a second or used computer to broadcast the KGCR station link to the transmitter and other radios.

"All it needs is a modem, or an

ethernet connection if you use high speed Internet, and a sound card," he said.

For questions, call KGCR at (785) 694-2877 or email kgcr@kgcr.org.

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