

Car seats required for kids under 7

Starting Saturday, a new law in Kansas requires every child under 7 who weighs less than 80 pounds to ride in a child safety seat.

The current law in Kansas requires safety seats for children under 4.

Most children between 3 and 8 are being moved into an adult seat belt, said the Partners for Child Passenger Safety, even though they are not big enough to be safe in them.

Using a belt-positioning booster seat with a seat belt reduces a child's risk of injury by 59 percent, officials say.

The law passed the Legislature on March 17 and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed it March 27. A warning citation will be issued for the first year, until July 1, 2007, the state says.

After that time, a ticket will cost \$60. There are exceptions, for instance, if only lap belts are available in the vehicle, or if the number of children being hauled in the car is more than the number of locations for the booster seats and all are being used.

A person can only be ticketed once even if more than one child doesn't have a booster seat, officials say.

Cut marks Cowboy corn maze



Daniel Snow (left) and Jim Lowe of Idaho, employees of the Maize, a company that cuts corn mazes, picked up the flags that marked the path they "cut" for a maze in Bryce and Jessica Cole's field last Tuesday. As the corn grows, a Goodland Cowboys Logo will appear in the field. Last year, the Coles debuted the maze with a picture of the Van Gogh sunflower painting. It drew over 2,000

visitors from Aug. 20 to Oct. 31. The Coles said they will probably open the maze around Labor Day or after, since it was too hot to draw many visitors when they opened last year. About 70 percent of the maze's business was in October, they said.

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Goodland grad led tractor designers

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News The Kansas State University Powercat Tractor Design Team, led by a 2002 Goodland High School graduate, won the quarter-scale design competition for the sixth time in eight years.

Jace Chipperfield, team captain, said he enjoyed being part of the team in his four years at K-State.

Chipperfield, who is back to farming with his family west of Goodland, graduated in May with a degree in designing agricultural equipment. He said that includes tractors, combines and other farm gear.

"It was lots of fun in the competition," Chipperfield said. "It was stressful doing the building and getting ready. We had to meet deadlines and keep inside the budget."

He said the team starts with a budget of \$12,000, and \$4,000 of that is for travel expenses, including hotels and hauling the tractor.

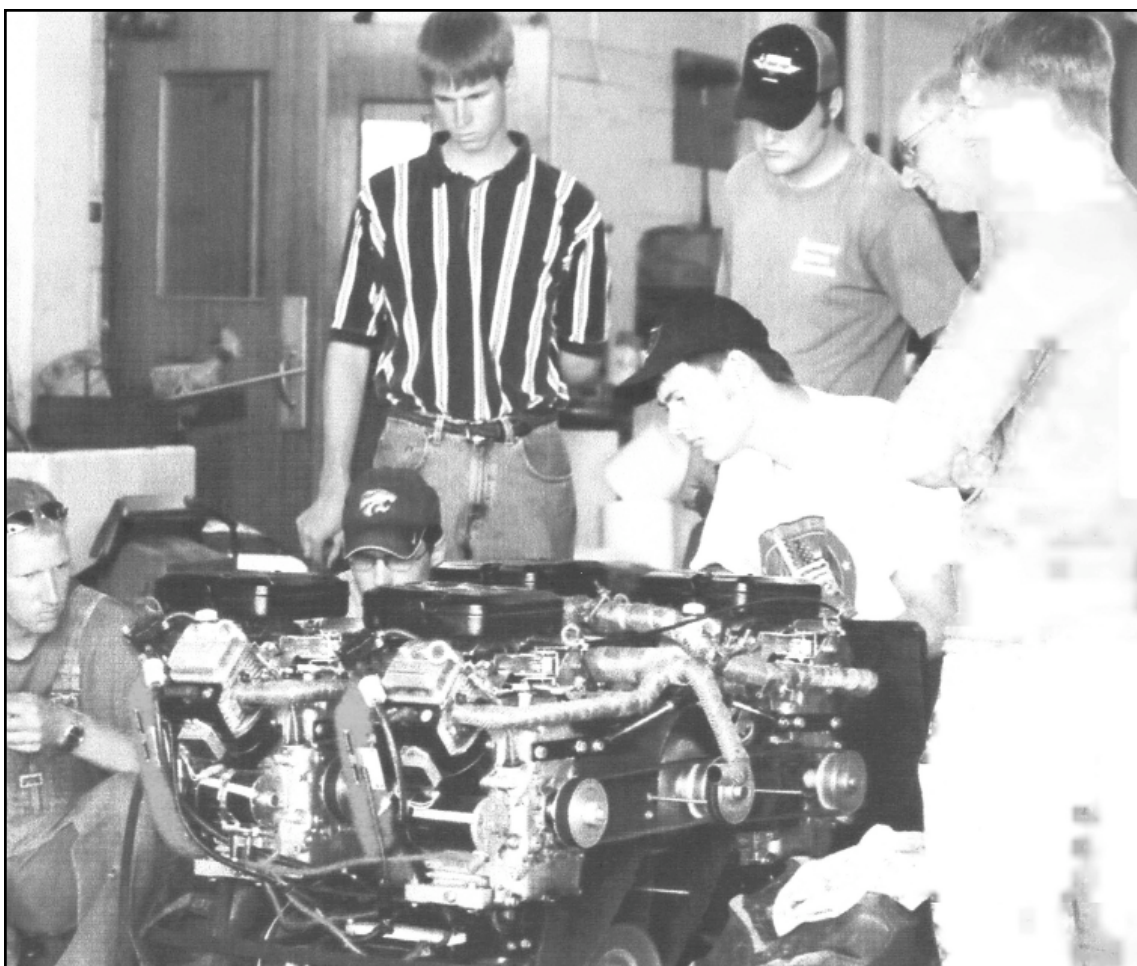
This is the first year the competition has allowed the teams to use more than one engine, he said. The machines use unmodified 16-horsepower Briggs and Stratton gasoline engines like those found on riding lawnmowers. The maximum weight of the tractor is 900 pounds, he said.

The Powercat team chose to use four engines all tied together with a common shaft, and Chipperfield said the design weighed in at 875 pounds.

He said they had some help from the Agriculture Technical Management department with testing and building the tractor.

"The analysis showed that the four engines was the only way we could get the performance we wanted," Chipperfield said.

He said the competition, held in Peoria, Ill., drew 28 teams from the U.S. and Canada. Each had 20 members and there were four from northwest Kansas, Chipperfield; Jeff Wessel, Dresden; Bradley Stewart, Hoxie; and Eric Bussen,



Jace Chipperfield, Powercat team captain, was in the driver's seat while other team members did tests of the four 16-horsepower engines that helped the team win the overall tractor competition held in Peoria, Ill., in June.

Wallace.

Before the competition, each team has to provide a written design report in April. At the competition, Chipperfield said, there is an oral presentation that is sort of a pitch to tractor manufacture representatives.

The performance competition tests pulling ability and maneuverability.

"We were ninth in the maneuverability," he said. "We did OK out of 28 teams, but that was only 100

points, and we did not design the tractor with that in mind.

"We won the pulling competition, the written and the oral. We won the overall competition."

He said firms like John Deere, Case IH, Caterpillar and others sponsor the competition to give students experience in designing ag equipment from the beginning to the sales pitch.

"I am back to farming," he said. "I went to college as a backup. My first choice is farming."

He said he made some good friends on the team, and the training will help him maintain the farm equipment. He said some of the graduates go to Hesston and work for AGCO, which makes Gleaner, Massey, Challenger and AGCO-Allis farm equipment.

Chipperfield was on the team four years, and the K-State team has been on top all four. The competition has been held for nine years, and K-State has been in the top three since 1999.

Bicyclists visit emergency room

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Bicyclists from New Haven, Conn., on a cross-country mission stayed an extra day in Colby over the weekend, thanks to a pesky virus that left many of them dehydrated.

Twenty-six bikers on the cross-country trip to raise money and awareness for Habitat for Humanity stopped in Colby for an overnight Saturday.

This is the 12th year the group has stayed at the Colby United Methodist Church. Carolyn May, missions chair at the church, who organizes the stay each year, said this time the cyclists got an extra night in town.

Seven of the bikers went to the emergency room at Citizens Medical Center with viral infections and dehydration over the weekend. The group finally left for Cope, Colo., this morning with help from the church.

May said some of the bicyclists were riding in their own van, and their bikes are being hauled on a trailer. The rest were back on their bikes for the journey.

"They're on their way," she said.

Sunday, only 11 of the bikers were healthy. May said despite illness, the cyclists enjoyed their stay in Colby and the hospitality and generosity here.

She said Dillon's donated food for their stay, as did church members. Dr. Gary Slavens treated the bikers at the emergency room and also threw them a barbecue.

Daniel Weisfield, one of the trip leaders, said the group is on a nine-week ride from New Haven to San Francisco. The group

is one of three traveling the 4,400 miles to raise awareness for Habitat.

The group that stayed in Colby is on the southern route. Two other are on their way to Portland, Ore. and Seattle, Wash.

Weisfield said they depend on their relationships like the one they have with the Methodists here.

"We built contacts in the community," he said. "We look forward to coming back every year."

All of the riders are college students or recent graduates, many from Yale. Before coming on the ride, they must raise pledges for \$4,000, a dollar for each mile ridden, Weisfield said.

The group rides 70-100 miles a day, leaving early in the morning to beat the heat.

Harry Flaster of Phoenix, one of the trip leaders, said this was his first Habitat ride and the longest trip he has done. Before, he said, his longest ride was 30-50 miles.

Flaster said he has enjoyed meeting people along the way and seeing the differences among the states. The biggest challenge has been dealing with all of the unforeseen things that happen along the way, he said.

"Those are fun to overcome," Flaster said.

He said planning the trip and getting the riders and everything they need to their destination is a day-to-day challenge.

The group expects the trip to end July 30 when they cross the Golden Gate Bridge.

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