

'Honey, let's clean the garage'

Warm weather and longer days equal yard work, softball and barbecues. With school out, the dog days of summer are prime time for parents, grandparents and friends to make their home less dangerous for kids with time on their hands.

If you're a do-it-yourself person, you probably have developed quite a collection of different pint, quart and gallon containers of who-knows-what. If you really take a look in the corners of your kitchen, bathroom, basement and garage, you may find yourself wondering if it has really been that long since the dangerous chemicals were cleaned out.

Unless handled properly, many products used around the home can pose threats to human health and the environment. Products with potentially dangerous ingredients are used for a wide range of household tasks. They include such everyday items as drain cleaner, oven cleaner, polish, bathroom cleaner, paint stripper, medicine, used motor oil, brake fluid, auto antifreeze, contact cement, herbicides and pesticides.

We know what many paint thinners and other solvents do to skin, but their vapors alone can be hazardous to your health. Think what might happen if someone accidentally swallowed them. Many are a real fire hazard too — both of which are reasons for label warnings about not smoking while working with such products.

Labels are the key to safe household product management. That's true from the time the product is placed on a store shelf until it's used and becomes a "leftover" at home.



Home Time

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You've got to read before you buy. Look for the product that best meets your needs, but also look to see if there are safer alternatives. For example, some paint strippers are more hazardous than others.

Then find out whether the product is dangerous to children and what the best way to store it is. Pay attention to product safety measures. Before you buy, look into how you can safely dispose of leftovers if you buy more than the job requires.

Health effects from misuse of household chemicals — including children at play — can range from minor problems such as irritated skin or watery eyes to bad stuff such as burns, difficulty breathing or poisoning. Whether planned or accidental, repeated or prolonged exposure to certain chemicals can cause time-delayed health problems or set the stage for an explosion or fire.

First aid instructions on the label will give you an idea of the potential for harm. Signal words such as "caution," "warning," and "danger" will direct your attention to important human safety information.

Disposal is often the point at which a household hazard becomes

a community hazard. If you get rid of old motor oil or last year's pesticides by pouring them on the ground, the soil itself could be contaminated for a long time. Rain runoff would carry the problem further, likely adding to the pollution of your drinking water or the nearby pond where you take your kids to fish. Pouring such products directly down the sink or into a gutter simply gets them into your water resources faster and in more concentrated form.

By law, products with ingredients that could cause environmental damage as well as health problems must carry signal words like "danger," "flammable," "poison," "vapor harmful," "contains petroleum distillates" or "fatal if swallowed".

To learn more about disposal of hazardous household waste, get a copy of the brochure "Household Product Disposal Guide" (MF-965) from your county extension office.

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Wheat test plot results given

Wheat harvest has wrapped up and preliminary yield results have come in from the K-State experimental stations at Colby and Hays.

Here are results of the tests, with hard red wheats designated with an (R) and hard white wheats designated with a (W).

At the Colby irrigated wheat test, Jagalene (R) topped the test with a preliminary yield of 105.4 bushels per acre. General Mills GM10005 (W) came in a close second with 105.1. Rounding out the top five were a blend of Jagger (R) and 2137 (R) with 93.7 bushels per acre, Jagger (R) at 93.1, and Tam 110 (R) with 91.9.

Jagalene, a cross between Jagger and Abilene, is a new wheat variety from AgriPro that has done well in both irrigated and dryland situations.

As for dryland yields, preliminary results at Hays indicated that General Mills GM10005 (W) topped the plot with 107.6 bushels per acre, followed by Jagalene (R) at 97.8. Cutter (R) came in a close third with



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97, and Burchett (W) and Wesley (R) were fourth and fifth with a yield of 95.4.

At Colby, Harry (R) won the test with a preliminary yield of 81.9, followed by Cisco (R) at 80.7, Ankor (R) at 80.5, Prairie White (W) at 80.3, and Wahoo at 80.1. Harry is a new hard red from Nebraska while Burchett and Prairie White are white wheat varieties from Farmer Direct Foods, formerly the American White Wheat Producers Association.

For a complete list of the results, the Wheat Variety Crop Performance Tests will be printed by the

first part of August. A copy can be downloaded at the Web site www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 under the Kansas Crop Performance icon, or visit your local county extension office to pick up a copy. Local wheat plot test results will be in the paper next week.

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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: July 17 - Edna Schiltz, Vickie Bainter; July 18 - Mark and Lori Miller, Jeff Shaw; July 19 - Art and Karla Wessel; July 20 - Jean Bruggeman, Sumner Schlenk; July 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sulzman; July 23 - Karl Wessel, Clarence Becker.

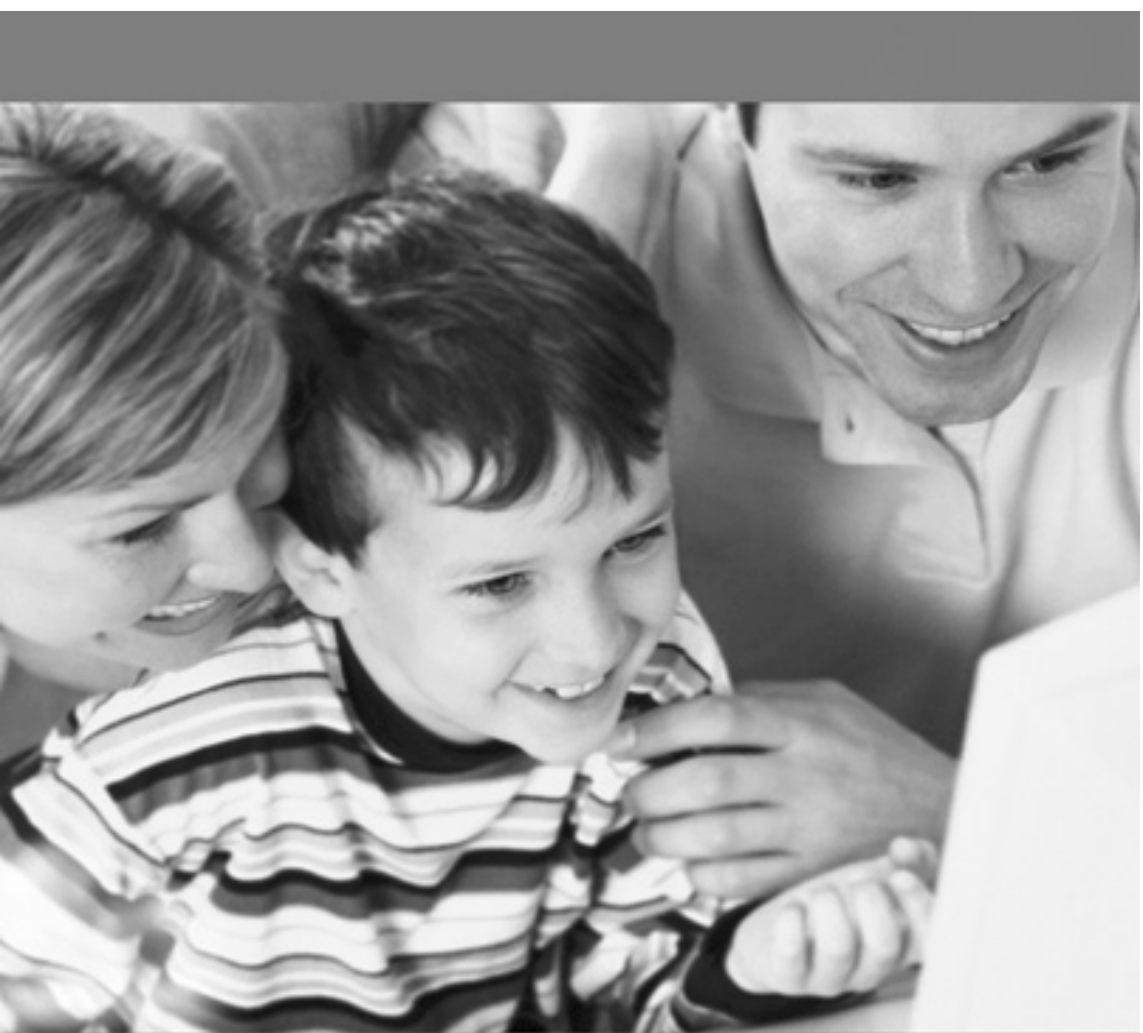
On July 10 at Senior Citizens, Carol Shaw won high, Lola Cook took second, Don Smith got low and Vesta Shea had the most kings. Members present included: Betty James, Cecelia Ottley, Catherine Campbell, Dorothy Lovin, Irene

Kruse, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Royce Cook, Don Shaw, Paulie Neff and granddaughter Jennifer James, Harold Schiltz and Gene Rogers.

On Monday, July 14, at 6 a.m., B&H paving out of Scott City pulled into town and started sealing the streets. Things were a little inconvenient for the day, trying to figure out what streets to drive on. But the city has spent major dollars to have new streets put down, and now those streets have to be taken care of. A big thank you to everyone for helping

make this process go smoothly.

Also, for those who have not noticed, the speed limit on the highway is now 45 mph. Over the past few months the city has been trying to convince the state to leave the speed limit through Selden alone, but with all the great wisdom of the state, the limit has been raised. Within the first week of the speed limit change, there were two wrecks. Thankfully there were no serious injuries. Everyone should note this increase in speed and be aware traffic will be coming faster than in the past



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