

Kansas, Puddle of Mudd signed

The list of events at the 2008 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson just got more rocking, exciting and crashtastic.

Classic rock band Kansas and modern rock outfit Puddle of Mudd have been added to the Sprint Grandstand lineup. Kansas will open for Styx on Friday, Sept. 5., and Puddle of Mudd will perform on Thursday, Sept. 11, said Shelley Straub, public relations spokesperson for the Greteman Group.

But that's not all for the Kansas State Fair. Monday, Sept. 8 will be a smashing good time as everyday vehicles go head-to-head in the Demolition Derby. Expect some gravity-defying moves as FreestyleMX, a professional mo-

tocross crew consisting of some of the best riders and tricksters this side of the X-Games, performs on Wednesday, Sept. 10, she said.

Tickets for the 2008 concerts go on sale in Hutchinson on Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m. and will be available at the Kansas State Fair ticket office, by calling 800-362-3247, or by visiting www.kansasstatefair.com.

Fans wanting a first chance at the best tickets for Sprint Grandstand concerts have the opportunity to join the Fair Fan Club. Members are qualified to purchase two tickets to any Sprint Grandstand show prior to the general public on-sale. Premier, reserved seating applies, as well as other benefits. Membership dues to the Fair Fan Club are \$100 per year. Tickets will go on sale for Fair Fan Club members beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, April 28. For more information on joining the club, visit www.kansasstatefair.com.

Styx with Kansas - Friday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. The rock band Kansas, appropriately from Kansas, was one of the most popular acts of the 1970s. Although their mix of progressive rock and heartland boogie did not gain immediate attention, relentless touring eventually earned them a sizable following and a record deal.

With their first two albums only moderate successes, Kansas' 1976 album, *Leftoverature*, thrust them into the mainstream. "Carry On Wayward Son" became a smash hit and helped the album sell over

3 million copies, catapulting it into the Billboard Top Five. Their follow-up album, *Point of Know Return*, was an even bigger success, largely due to the classic rock anthem "Dust in the Wind."

After the release of 1980's *Audiod-Vision* and two of its members becoming born-again Christians, tensions within the band came to a head, resulting in vocalist, Steve Walsh's exit. Only an LP and an album were released before Kansas decided to disband in 1983. However, this was relatively short-lived when the band reformed around original drummer, Phil Ehart, guitarist, Richard Williams and Steve Walsh in 1986.

Puddle of Mudd - Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. The Kansas City, Mo. four-piece Puddle of Mudd broke onto the airwaves in 2001 with their hugely successful major label debut *Come Clean*. They became mainstream rock staples with a string of hits that includes "Control," "She Hates Me" and "Blurry," which reached No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Formed in 1993, Puddle of Mudd didn't find success immediately. After numerous false starts and lineup changes, their demo finally landed in the hands of Fred Durst, front man for rap rock band Limp Bizkit and owner of Flawless Records, a division of Geffen Records. Although the band had broken up by this time, Durst decided to bring singer Wes Scantlin to California to reform the group.

Wheat: some potential exists

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There is some decent potential in some fields established last fall, before the winter hit, he said. Yields come harvest, said Mr. Olson, will depend on what Mother Nature gives the area in temperatures and moisture in the next couple of months.

With the price of wheat so high, he said, farmers could have a good year. The thing people have to remember about the price, said Mr. Olson, is that even if it's over \$10 a bushel, the costs for farmers is up quite a bit, since prices for fuel and fertilizer have shot up. Although the crop might be sold for more, he said, it will cost more and more to grow the crop.

The wheat, he said, is just weeks away from jointing, which will

probably happen around April 10 to 15. That means farmers need to start this next week putting top-dress fertilizer on the crop. They want to get that on before the wheat starts to joint, he said.

People are going to see a mix in the fields, from good stands to those that are thinner. With wheat that just came up, said Mr. Olson, there's no telling what will happen. Since the crop needs cold weather to go through its reproductive stage, it wouldn't be worth tearing those fields up and replanting them.

Those fields with a more erratic stand could take five to six days longer to be ready to harvest, but that will really depend on when the temperature gets to 100 degrees and stays there, he said. At that

temperature, the wheat will ripen quickly whether the plant is ready or not.

In Thomas and Sherman counties, said Mr. Olson, the wheat doesn't look as good and there are more fields with erratic stands. Although Colby got a half inch of rain recently, he said, there wasn't much before that and there just isn't much moisture in the soil.

The area has good soil, he said; there just isn't any moisture.

For both Oberlin and Norton, the weather is expected to stay in the high 50s to low 60s all week, with no rain or snow in the forecast

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Firemen: Latest fire consumed 10-15 acres

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wheat stubble fire.

The latest fire the rural fire department responded to was on March 21 south of the Dean Esslinger residence. Flying embers from a burn pit started earlier in the day, was the cause of a CRP grass fire that burned approximately 10 to 15 acres.

Firemen had control of the fire in about an hour and a half.

"Please be aware that even with the little bit of moisture the county has received, the grass and fall crop grounds are still very dry on top. Use caution when burning and be sure to call the sheriff's office with the location of controlled burns," said Steve Otter, Norton Rural Fire Chief.

City, county: Instructions for cleanup continued

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taken by owners directly to the county landfill.

Twice-a-week pickup begins the week of April 7. Regular household trash and recyclables will be picked up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Yard waste for Monday's route will be picked up on Thursday. Yard waste for Tuesday's route will be picked up on Friday. Yard waste for Wednesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday afternoon. Yard waste must be placed at the curb by 8 a.m. on your yard waste route day, and must be in a solid container.

If handicap accommodations are needed, please call the City Office at 877-5000. Other questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 877-5040.

Commission: Higher fuel costs hurting R&B budget

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taking part in a spring cleanup campaign on Tuesday-Thursday, March 31 and April 1 and 2. The cleanup is for houses only, he said, not businesses.

• Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that he is already over his fuel budget for the year because of the huge increase in costs.

He said that he had his fuel budgeted at \$3 a gallon. Prices are now \$3.52 a gallon, he said, which is a lot on 7,000 gallons. He said that he usually gets nine loads of fuel a year.

• Learned that the county has received a check from FEMA for \$57,481.

• Heard from Economic Development Director Diane Becker that there will be a job fair today and that a dozen employers had signed up plus representatives from community colleges and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

- (1.) Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
- (2.) Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds.

Additional information may be obtained from the Norton County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 901 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612.

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