

Governor aids in drought relief

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback has extended an order that temporarily suspends certain motor carrier rules and regulations in order to expedite efforts to transport hay to livestock in drought-stricken areas.

This order applies to individuals hauling hay to livestock in drought-stricken areas of Kansas and to those driving through Kansas to make deliveries in Oklahoma and Texas.

Executive Order 12-06 temporarily suspends the requirements to receive over-dimensional permits from the Kansas Department of Transportation,

registration and fuel tax permits from the Kansas Department of Revenue and permits from the Kansas Corporation Commission. Motor carriers participating in the relief efforts are not permitted to travel during nighttime hours or during inclement weather conditions.

Oversize or overweight loads are not to be transported when visibility is less than one-half mile or when conditions of moderate to heavy rain, sleet, snow, fog or smoke exist, or when highway surfaces are slippery because of ice, packed snow, or rain.

Participating motor carriers are limited to a load that does not exceed 12 feet in width and does not exceed a height of 14 feet, six inches. Under normal circumstances, haulers are required to get a permit for loads exceeding 8 feet in width and/or 14 feet in height. All other applicable state and federal regulations continue to apply, including the requirement of having a valid driver's license.

Executive Order 12-06 becomes effective upon the expiration of Executive Order 12-04.

Safety of Kansas beef and milk affirmed

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and Agriculture Secretary Dale Rodman called on Kansans to continue to show their support of the agriculture industry by continuing to buy beef and dairy products.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed recently that a single case of Bovine Spongiform

Encephalopathy has been identified in a California dairy cow. The condition is a neurodegenerative disease found in cattle.

Milk does not transmit the disease. Additionally, it is not found in bovine muscle tissue.

"The surveillance system worked," Agriculture Secretary Rodman said. "This case was identified in an animal that did not enter the food supply."

Program deadline approaches for producers

The 2012 deadline to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment program is June 1.

The program provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for any of the 2008 through 2012 crop years. There are two types of payments: direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are calculated using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. The program is authorized by the Food, Conser-

vation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

In addition, other programs also have enrollment deadlines approaching:

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program: Check with the service center for dates; GRAZE-OUT - March 31 for calendar year 2011 crops; Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-up 43 - April 6; Average Crop Revenue Election - June 1; Supplemental Revenue

Assistance Payment Program - June 1, 2012 for crop year 2010; 2011 ACRE Production Evidence - July 15; Certification of Planted Acres - Various deadlines, but no later than July 15; Farm Reconstitutions (changes) - August 1, 2012 for the 2012 crop year; MILC -Sept. 30; Crop Insurance - Contact a crop insurance agent or the regional RMA office.

Grants available for disadvantaged farmers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting grant applications to assist small, socially disadvantaged agricultural producers and cooperatives in rural areas to spur job creation.

For fiscal year 2012, approximately \$3 million in grants are available through Rural Development's Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program, which was authorized in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill). It is part of the Department's ongoing effort to expand outreach to rural residents to ensure that all communities have equal access to programs and services. Funding is available to cooperatives or

associations of cooperatives where at least 75 percent of the governing board or membership are small, socially disadvantaged producers. Grants can be used for product improvements, business plan development or economic development activities. The maximum grant award per applicant is \$175,000.

Applications for Rural Development's Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants are due July 24. Application materials may be obtained at the Rural Development website www.rurdev.usda.gov/ or by contacting the nearest Rural Development State Office.

Stuff for kids



A "My Kidz Stuff" children's consignment sale was held Saturday at the 4-H building in Norton. The sale featured children's clothing, toys, and supplies for children of all ages. Pictured, Courtney Smith and Ray Rojas, both of Norton, look through some of the items at the consignment sale.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

POLICE LOG

- April 23**
(2) Two vehicle stops
Report of someone ringing bells
Took DNA samples from individual
Report of dead smell coming from back yard
Transported prisoner to municipal court
Two vehicle accident
Report of semi-truck damaging property
Report of someone putting tire in yard
Welfare check
Request to speak to officer concerning civil issues
Report of counterfeit money, was not counterfeit
Noise complaint
- April 24**
(3) Three vehicle stops
Report of house that was shot with paintballs
Child removed from home
Report of erratic driver
- Report of individual having problems with their child
April 25
Found open door, cleared building
Barking dog complaint
(2) Two vehicle stops
Report of abandoned vehicle
Found property in Elmwood Park, returned property to owner
April 26
(3) Three vehicle stops
Activated alarm, Dollar General
Property dispute, vehicle 6 inches over center on shared driveway
Keys locked in vehicle
Report of individual throwing yard waste into street
Report of criminal threat
(2) Two keys locked in vehicle
April 27
(3) Three vehicle stops
Report of theft
Report of individual driving and has no driver's license
Report of intoxicated individual in yard yelling
Report of individuals fighting
Report of two vehicle accident
April 28
(3) Three vehicle stops
Doorbell ringing
Activated alarm, J&R Liquor
Parking complaint
Report of kids throwing water balloons out of vehicle

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Costs \$76.

April 8-Samuel Batson, Norton; Charge: Battery; Other action: Dismissed without prejudice by city prosecutor for court costs, can be re-filed if Mr. Batson causes or participates in anymore trouble; Sentence: Costs \$76.

April 10-Jacob Nuzum, Norton; Charge: Obstructed rear window; Other action: Dismissed/obstruction removed; Sentence: Costs \$76.

Oct. 30-Jon Stanton, Norton; Charge: Dog at-large, no tags; Other action: Guilty at trial; Sentence: Fine \$25, costs \$76, total \$101. Fines suspended if dogs registered and electric dog fence installed by May 31.

March 28-Samuel Gomez-Chavez, Garden City; Charge: Speeding 40 in 30; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

April 26
March 9-Samuel L Hendrickson, Jetmore; Charge: Expired registration; Found: Guilty; Fines: \$173.

Jan. 30-John J. Kawa, Omaha, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$167.

March 26-Matthew Robert Wyatt, Norton; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$155.

Anonymous donor endows scholarship

The Grant and Anna Lea Dohm Memorial Endowed Scholarship was recently established at Fort Hays State University with an anonymous donation of \$11,000.

The donors wished to honor the Dohms' strong ties to western Kansas. They spent their entire married life in Gove County. Anna Lea attended the university but did not graduate before she started teaching in a one-room school house south of Grinnell. Grant was a Kansas state representative from Gove County for several terms and was always supportive of the university. He did

not attend college, but he felt it was important for young people in western Kansas to obtain a college education.

The recipient of this scholarship must be an undergraduate student properly enrolled in any curriculum at the university. The annual available earnings from the principal will be the basis for the award.

For more information or to make a contribution, please contact us at 785-628-5620 or visit the Foundation website at foundation.fhsu.edu.

STUDENT NEWS

St Francis of Assisi has recently given the following Scholarships:

- Brae Bigge, daughter of Pam Bigge \$1000 Fredde
- Erin Terrell, daughter of Jennifer Boller \$500 Tweed
- Mitchell Shelton, son of Jay and Pam Shelton \$500 Tweed
- Brooklyn Winkel, daughter of Darin and Joanie Winkel \$500 Brantley
- Anthony Wente, son of Deena Wente \$750 Meschner

Clayton Esslinger, son of Scott and Shannon Esslinger \$250 Parish

- Jordan Wahlmeier, son of Jennifer Porter and Mark Wahlmeier \$500 Wahlmeier
- Riley Kaus, son of Rod and Tara Kaus \$250 Hickert
- Kelsie Morel, daughter of Joyce Morel \$1000 Fredde
- Marissa Baker, daughter of Mark and Juli Anna Baker \$500 Meschner

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Schedule: 5:15 p.m. Youth Forum and Pizza
7:00 p.m. Free Movie at Theatre (PG Rated Movie)
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