

No horsing around



A 4-H/Open Class horse show was held Saturday morning at the Norton County Equine Facility at the Norton County fairgrounds. Organized by Nancy Hager and Samantha Hager, show participants were asked to contribute money or food items for God's Pantry. About 50 exhibitors participated in 42 show classes and prizes were awarded to the top two exhibitors in each class. Exhibitors came from as far away as Nebraska, Beloit, Goodland and Hays. Judges for the show were Clint Milliman and Jessica Milliman. Pictured, Jana Zillinger of Logan shows off her equine skills with her horse, Tuffy, at the horse show.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Emergency grazing approved

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency announced recently that emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage has been approved for Ellis, Graham, Lane, Trego, Osborne, Rooks and Wallace counties in Kansas.

Emergency grazing is allowed through Sept. 30. Participants shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous fields un-grazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this grazing period.

Participants in approved counties shall contact the local Farm Services Agency county office to request emergency grazing on an individual contract basis prior to grazing. Participants will work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. If the cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at their own expense to remain in compliance with the program contract.

Participants must also accept a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually grazed.

Life seems a little cooler with a garden

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At this ripe old age, I don't go outside very much when the thermometer registers 100 degrees or better. It shot up to 110 the other day as I ventured out to retrieve my mail. It's only about 130 steps out and back from my mailbox out in the driveway, but I swear I was sorry I didn't have my affairs in order when that shot of super-charged heat hit me in the face! Today, I will wait until the mercury settles down to about 95 before I venture out there to rescue my bills and other junk mail.

Most of us have never witnessed such an onslaught of heat! In most of the communities where these words are printed, we have had seven or eight consecutive days when the temperature has exceeded 100 degrees, and there doesn't seem to be a whole lot of relief in sight, as they say down at the coffee shop. It's not a pretty sight, but we'll probably survive, just as they did last summer in Southwest Kansas when residents there witnessed over 30 days of at least 100 degrees.

So I'm sitting here in air conditioned comfort, trying to

assess the damage in my approximately 3,500 square foot garden after I went out there very early this morning to apply the daily dose of precipitation to just about everything. You know what? I couldn't see any serious deterioration. Sure, the cabbage wasn't in very good shape due to the cabbage worms. A large cucumber vine had mysteriously died almost overnight, and the sweet corn was hurting, which is a problem that haunts me almost every year, heat or not. But the tomatoes look great, despite the lack of fruit set when daytime temperatures are over 90 degrees and it never gets below 70 at night. The plants are doing well as they reach for the tops of their cages. The green beans are setting on nicely, as are the cucumbers, cantaloupes, and watermelon. The potato vines are beginning to show some brown-ness, right on schedule, and the beets and carrots look good. The earliest of the big slicing onions are flopping, just as they are supposed to, and the zucchini, unfortunately, is extremely fruitful.

I'm amazed at the steady growth of nearly everything, despite the searing heat. It just

goes to show you what happens, even under adverse conditions, when you tend, on a timely basis, the necessities of a vegetable garden. Those requirements include constant water application, a careful and complete mulching program, instant awareness of those troublesome little (or big) insects, and a forced desire to keep the garden as weed free as possible.

I remember the indescribable summers of 1935, 1936, and 1937. Everyday, nearly all summer, saw temperatures over a hundred. There were scarcely any crops because there was no irrigation and very little rain. There was no air conditioning, and no money to buy some even if it had been available. There were few cattle on the farm, because pastures were incapable of producing forage and there wasn't any grain to feed them.

But EVERY family had a garden, usually a large well-tended garden that produced most of the year-around family food supply. It may be too hot this summer, but if you have a productive vegetable garden, life seems just a little cooler.

Grace period for tags extended to July 13

The Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles has asked law enforcement to extend a two week grace period for drivers with tags expiring June 30.

The grace period will extend to July 13, and will apply to those with last names starting with H or I, or vehicles with 30-day temporary tags expiring June 30.

Because most Kansas counties do not have a backlog of renewals and have seen their lines

return to normal, local law enforcement will use their professional discretion in applying the grace period in their counties.

The state system experienced a widespread slowdown where counties were able to process some transactions but fewer than normal. The last day of any month is typically the busiest day for counties as people renew their vehicle tags before those expire.

Long family holds 'Camp Out Reunion'

By Betty Otter

The family of Lorraine Long and the late Marion Long held their annual "Camp Out Reunion" at Webster State Park, June 5-10. Some of the families were there from June 1-10. The week was spent visiting, fishing, playing games and young cousins getting re-acquainted. Different groups prepared the evening meals which were all served in the big family tent, that offered a respite from the predominate Kansas wind. At 1 p.m. on Saturday, everyone gathered for a pot luck dinner with the men in charge of the turkeys and other meat. At 4 p.m., Father Henry Saw Lone, parish priest at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill City came and set up an altar in the corner of the tent, and celebrated Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday. What a beautiful way to end the week of remembering, reuniting and resolving to be back next year.

Those attending this year's reunion were Lorraine Long, Hays; Joe and Rose Ann Long, Climax Springs, Mo.; Jeff and Christie Dirks, David and Ben, Elizabeth and Joe Tillery, Overland Park; Will and Raegan Long, Harper and Quincy, Shaw-

nee; Bill and Rita Barker, Hays; Donna Mukherjee and Oscar, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sue Molnar, Wichita; Dennis and Rhonda Johnson, Lindsborg; Tom and Jan Long, Phillipsburg; Laurel and Weston Christensen, Orleans, Neb.; Bob McClelland, Almena; Floyd, Karen and Sammy Long, Tim Long and friend Bill, Kimball, Neb.; Roger Scheiferecke, Hays; Doyle and Imogene McDougal, Jeff and Sheila Newland and Nicholas, Valentine, Neb.; Frank, Letty and Jonathon Long, St. Elizabeth, Mo.; Jennifer Geike, Blake and Isabella, Elm, Mont.; Fred and Mardie Long, John Long and Katie Long, Independence; Gary and Carolyn Long, Kyle and Traci Jilka and Beckett, Hill City; Adam Long, Hutchinson; his fiancée, Sarah Logan and her sister, Katie Logan, both of Wichita; Leonard and Joan Long, Alaina Long, Logan; Zach Long, Hays; Mark and Gerry Baalman, Grinnell; Justin and Michelle Baalman, Maggie, Julianne and Logan, Hays; Chad and Mandy Baker and Adaly, Kansas City. Roger Long surprised everyone when he showed up for dinner on Saturday, as he had been out of the States during the week.

POLICE LOG

June 25

Questions regarding parking citation
Keys locked in vehicle
Individual requesting drug test on another individual
Individual having problems with their child
Report of fight, N. Graves
Request to have spouse arrested
Report of individuals having an upcoming fight

Request for extra patrol

June 26

Report of intoxicated individual ripping AC unit out of window
Report of knife fight
Report of phone scam
Court paper service
Keys locked in vehicle

June 27

Investigate open door
Vehicle stop
One vehicle accident, Elmwood Park
Report of phone scam
Complaint of go-cart on West Main
Report of verbal altercation
Individual wanted Police to evict tenant from residence

June 28

Two vehicle hit and run accident
(6) Six vehicle stops

Court paper service
Individual having trouble with their child

June 29

Advised residence that their horse needed put back in pen
Report of criminal damage to property
Report of suspicious person
Request to remove vehicle from 4-H barn, Elmwood Park
Keys locked in vehicle
(5) Five vehicle stops
Request to speak to officer concerning child
Keys locked in vehicle
Report of fireworks being shot

June 30

Intoxicated individual wanting to know if they could drive home
Speak to officer concerning expired tags
Questions concerning being evicted

July 1

Killed and removed rattle snake at commons on Kennedy
Report of unlocked and open door
Removed hit dog on KQNK road
Request to speak to officer concerning items stolen from Decatur County cemetery
Report of transient
Request to speak to officer concerning minor child at party in Decatur County
Report of fire, Archer and Washington

PUBLIC RECORD

June 14

May 30-Jacob Nuzum, Norton; Charge: Speeding 48 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$48, costs \$76, total \$124.

June 21

March 24-Robert Readle, Norton; Charge: 1. Disobeyed stop sign, 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: Not guilty; Other action: 2. Dismissed/proof, 1. Trial; Sentence: 1. Dismissed for costs at trial, total \$76.

March 24-Kala Blatt, Lincoln, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 47 in 35; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$42, costs \$76, total \$118.

May 17-Jesus Vega, Still-

water, Okla.; Charge: No valid driver's license; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$250, costs \$76, total \$326.

June 8-Hanna Pollack, Norton; Charge: Vehicles turning left; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Community service in lieu of fine and costs. Pull all weeds and grass on both sides of East Washington Street.

Jan. 1-Sara Lentz, Kearney, Neb.; Charge: 1. Left of center, 2. Basic speed, 3. DUI; Other action: Diversion with city prosecutor; Sentence: 1 year diversion, costs \$76, assessment \$500, KBI Lab fee \$400, diversion fee \$100, total \$1076 and 1 year probation.

June 20-Valentina Silan, Norton; Charge: No proof of insurance; Other action: Dismissed/proof.

May 30-Daniel Franco, Clayton; Charge: Loud stereo system; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

June 15-Kristine Reneberg, Kensington; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

May 16-Jacob Hickman, Norton; Charge: Speeding 40 in 30; Plea: Not guilty; Other action: Trial; Found: Guilty at trial; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Relish what's coming this month!

(Look for it right here July 6th.)



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