

Agency issues burn advisory

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director of U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Eric B. Banks, State Conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas have issued a joint burn advisory.

Kansas landowners and operators enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program contracts with prescribed burns planned or scheduled to be completed should be aware that persistent drought conditions across Kansas are creating conditions unsuitable for completing burns. Dry soil conditions, wind speeds, low relative humidity, continued drought and current

weather are all ongoing factors that are producing unsafe conditions for burns and will produce results outside the defined objectives for which the practice is planned.

Areas designated as D1 or higher on the U.S. Drought Monitor map or where similar conditions exist should not be completing a prescribed burning practice. U.S. Drought Monitor can be located on the internet at: droughtmonitor.unl.edu/. Completing a burn under these conditions may increase the potential for unfavorable results such as severe wind erosion or place personal property or safety at risk.

Prescribed burning is an im-

portant component in most plant communities across Kansas. Equally as important as the need for continued prescribed burning activities is the message of use only during safe and predictable climatic conditions.

Conservation Reserve Program participants should contact their local USDA Service Center and visit with employees at the FSA or the NRCS office to discuss modifying the time frame for completing the planned prescribed burn practice. Also, Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program Participants should contact their Local NRCS office to discuss planned prescribed burns.

Self-regulation vote will be in May

Midwest Energy is conducting a vote of its 49,000 customer-owners in May to become self-regulated, returning most decision-making authority from the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to its member-elected Board of Directors.

"Self-regulation would benefit members by returning most decision-making authority on rates, rate design, and terms of service to our member-elected Board of Directors, who share a common ownership interest with all customer-owners," said Pat Parke, Midwest Energy's Vice President for Customer Service. "We will be more efficient and transparent, at a lower cost. But, customers will still have an appeals process to the KCC on rate decisions."

Members of 27 of the 29 Kansas electric cooperatives have voted to self-regulate since the legislature first allowed it in 1992.

Midwest Energy has mailed informational brochures to inform its members on self-regulation, and is hosting a series of member meetings to discuss it in the coming weeks. The schedule is:

Great Bend: Tuesday, Mar. 26, 6:30 p.m.: Barton Community College, Fine Arts Bldg., Room F30.

Colby: Thursday, Mar. 28, 6:30 p.m.: Colby

Community College, Student Union, Room 108.

Scott City: Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m., Scott County Library, 110 W. 8th St.

Hays: Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., Robbins Center, One Tiger Place, Fort Hays State University.

Members with questions are encouraged to attend one of the meetings, where members can address questions to management and the Board of Directors.

"By being self-regulated, we can respond faster to the changing needs of our customer-owners and the changing nature of our business," said Earnie Lehman, Midwest Energy's President and General Manager. "Our Board can make decisions faster as well as better than a regulatory agency with no local ties."

Lehman added that ballots will be going out to all Midwest Energy customers, after the last member meeting in April.

"If you pay a Midwest Energy bill, you have an ownership stake in our cooperative," Lehman said. "We encourage our members to exercise their rights and vote 'yes' when their ballot arrives," he added.

Program gives students law experience

Students get to spend one week at KHP Training Academy.

High school students interested in law enforcement will have the opportunity this summer to see what law enforcement training and careers are like through the Cadet Law Enforcement Academy. The Cadet Law Enforcement Academy program is hosted by the Patrol, and sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Cadet Law this year will be held from June 9-June 14.

The goal of Cadet Law is to give young men and women an opportunity to learn more about what law enforcement jobs entail-the duties, training, and discipline that go along with a career in the field. It teaches high school students a great deal about leadership, and about coming together as a team.

"Cadet Law was what ultimately made me decide that I wanted to be a state trooper. It showed me a small part of what every trooper has to go through to be where they are today. It teaches high school kids re-

sponsibility and to respect the job state troopers have. For me, it gave me a goal to work towards," said current KHP Trooper Lindsey Murphy, a Cadet Law graduate. "I knew that getting through the academy would not be easy, so I started working on getting in shape mentally and physically. If I hadn't gone to Cadet Law, I don't think I would have been so motivated and determined to do everything I could to become a state trooper."

Students at Cadet Law are coached by KHP troopers who spend the week in Salina, encouraging the students, and helping them develop. College students who have attended the KHP Collegiate Law program will help mentor the high school students throughout the week.

Throughout the week the cadets have a rigorous schedule to follow. The students experience a variety of classroom instruction, and the real-world activities of a trooper. Cadets go to the firing range to practice using firearms. They also practice pursuit driving at the driving

range, ride with the Patrol's pilots in agency airplanes, and see presentations from the Patrol's canine handlers. Car stop scenarios are practiced. Physical training and attention to detail are both emphasized throughout the duration of the training.

In order for a student to be eligible to attend Cadet Law, students must be in the summer between their Junior and Senior years of high school and must have a "C+" academic average. Students must be deemed medically fit to participate in all activities. Students will need to fill out an application to attend, including writing a brief essay on why they would like to participate in the program. Applications are due by March 31, 2013. Students should contact the American Legion at (785) 232-9315 for an application and further information. There is no cost to the cadet, but there is a \$300 sponsorship fee by the local American Legion Post or American Legion Auxiliary Post. Lodging, food, and uniform are provided for the week.

Salvation Army offers low-cost summer camps

Enrollment is going on now for several Salvation Army summer camps, to be held at Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center in Kansas City, Mo. The camps are open to children throughout the Kansas and Western Missouri division of The Salvation Army. The division includes every county in Kansas and Platte, Clay, Ray, Jackson, Cass, Buchanan, Andrew, Holt, Nodaway and Atchison counties in Missouri.

The 2013 schedule includes a music camp, a teen camp, a sports camp and Christian oriented camps for children of all

ages. Camps run anywhere from three to six days and generally cost between \$10-\$25 per child for the entire session. Transportation to and from 3 Trails Camp is provided for participants.

The Salvation Army also offers several specialized camps for children of prison inmates, senior citizens and low-income families.

For more detailed information on each camp or to sponsor a child's camping experience, visit www.salvationarmy.us or call your local Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army has been providing memorable camping

experiences for youth throughout Kansas and Western Missouri for more than 100 years. Salvation Army camps meet high standards in housing, nutrition and safety and are conducted by competent staffs of dedicated Christians.

Legion scholarships available

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Harmonson-Redd Post 63 of the American Legion, Norton, is again offering a scholarship to a graduating senior girl of the Class of 2013. The scholarship may be used at the post secondary level of education of the recipient's choice.

Information and application forms are available from the Norton Community High School

counselor. Applications must be received by April 15. Send applications to American Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 1, Norton, KS 67654.



World-wide Quilting Day



Saturday was World Wide Quilting Day and Stitch Up A Storm had many activities to celebrate the day. Judy Luft showed table runners decorated with buttons and Lynn Tacha is seen here teaching how to embellish their projects to really make them their own. A bed turning showing off several quilts was another activity enjoyed by all in attendance.

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HONOR ROLL

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| Northern Valley High School
2012 - 2013 3rd 9 Nine Weeks
Honor Roll
Highest FRESHMEN
Sarah Baird
Michaela Sorenson
Shayna Vincent
SOPHOMORES
Clint Cole
Macy Kasson
JUNIORS
Ian Vincent
SENIORS
Brittanie Larison
Alex Tharman
HONORS I FRESHMEN
Brooke Baird | Trey Hall
Brianna Martin
Dalton Smith
SOPHOMORES
Shilo Cline
Brant Cox
Morgan Hawks
Tea VanPatten
JUNIORS
Jordan Baird
Hunter Chandler
DaKota Hilburn
SENIORS
Erika Chandler
Phillip Compton
McKinsey Evans
Haley Graham
Honors II FRESHMEN
Jesse Courtain | Camden Cox
Allison Keith
Eli Lowry
SOPHOMORES
Lance Armbrister
Ame Baird
Alyssa Bryant
Philip Rupp
MaKayla Smith
Khrissanna VanPatten
JUNIORS
Aaron Pinzenscham
Mike Siard
SENIORS
Tyson Callaway
Jon Compton
Harley Rupp
Morgan Speer |
| Northern Valley Junior High
2012-13 3rd Quarter
Honor Roll
Highest 4.00
8th Grade
None
7th Grade
Chaylee Lowry
Katie Johnson
6th Grade
Zoe Cox
Kale Cox
Ross Cole
Micah Kasson
Paige Baird
Honors I 3.50-3.99
8th Grade
None | 7th Grade
Makensy Schroeder
HalLee Linner
Brianna Johns
6th Grade
David Peete
Amy Leroux
Riley Sides
Brianna Sammons
Honors II 3.00-3.49
8th Grade
Johnathan Towery
Carson Wallace
Damian Wellman
Kylie Kinderknecht
Gia Laurin
7th Grade
Caden Kinderknecht | Keegan Smith
Morgan Wright
6th Grade
Makenna Hammond
Aidan Baird
Kim Lowry
Caden Bach
Shayna Speer
Jaden Smith
Eden Combs
Nicholas Stutsman
Dezirae Williams |

You're Invited
For **Friend Day**
Saturday, March 23 and
Sunday, March 24
Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Services at 8 & 10:40 a.m.
Norton Christian Church
208 N. Kansas - Norton, Kansas

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
VOTE
FOR
Robert Bowman
CITY COUNCIL
WARD 3
PAID POLITICAL AD BY ROBERT BOWMAN

FHSU Kansas Small Business Development Center in partnership with Norton City/County Economic Development is offering the following FREE workshops:

•Marketing Workshop
Thursday, March 28, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
The workshop will cover marketing basics that can help your company grow. Marketing is more than just advertising. Discover how these 'best practices' can generate more lead, repeat business and higher sales numbers!

•Social Media Marketing
Thursday, March 28, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Learn about the three largest social media networks and how to utilize them in your business. This class is about the ins and outs of inbound marketing giants: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn. Attend to see how your company can generate MORE leads while spending less money!

All classes will be held at the Colby Community College Norton Campus, at 711 N. Norton, Norton, KS. Pre-registration is required! Register online at: <http://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/Conferences.action>. In the 'Center' box select FHSU KSBDC Bird City Outreach Center, then click on Search, Sign Up and enter your registration information. For questions or additional information about these classes contact: Megan Horinek (785) 734-2592 mlhorinek3@fhsu.edu

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
TRUNK SHOW

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Family Eyecare
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785-877-5115

You're invited to join us for
Cole Family Eyecare's
Trunk Show with Kenmark Optical!
Our frame representative will be on hand to show frame collections in all colors, shapes, and sizes. Please stop in from 2-6 p.m. to see the collections, receive discounted pricing, and sign up for door prizes including free frames and free lenses.