

Learn to better manage your ranch resources

Dr. Jim Gerrish, well-known rancher, researcher, grazing educator, and co-founder of the Missouri Grazing School, returns to Kansas this August to kick off Amazing Grazing II for Ruminants Great and Small. A workshop entitled "Ranch Management for Successful Winter and Year Round Grazing of Beef Cattle" will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 13-14 at Topeka Ramada, 420 SE 6th St. Topeka, KS.

Better management of ranch resources will lead to increased performance of the grass and forages, and Dr. Gerrish will be able to help producers make better choices for their pasture situation. Many ranchers are currently being forced to de-stock due to drought conditions and lack of forage. Ranch managers will learn valuable grazing information and management skills that will improve production and profitability.

When asked why a producer should attend this meeting, Gerrish replied, "Winter feed costs are generally the biggest determinant of profitability in the cow-calf business, but they don't have to be. This workshop will get you well down the road

to planning for and implementing year-round grazing on your farm or ranch." Gerrish went on to say, "Throw off the hay addiction shackles of iron and oil and feel the freedom of grazing in the grass. We will explore alternatives for extending the grazing season in different environments, effectively grazing winter range and pasture, as well as livestock selection and management to make sure the cows work for you, rather than you working for your cows."

Topics to be covered include extending the grazing season, managing and planning for successful winter grazing including nutritional requirements, using winter annuals, effectively utilizing winter pastures for animal performance, managing animal costs, and how calving date effects profitability.

Program Director Mary Howell reports, "Amazing Grazing II was written specifically to address many of the issues livestock producers keep asking for. Two days spent with Jim will be well-worth the time and money invested." Howell goes on to say, "Ranch managers will learn valuable grazing information and management skills that will

improve production and profitability of their livestock enterprise."

Cost for the workshop is \$90.00, which includes lunch and handouts. Please register online at: www.AmazingGrazingKansas.com, contact Mary Howell at kfu.mary@gmail.com, or call 785-562-8726. A block of rooms is being held at the Topeka Ramada, call 785-234-5400. Please check the website often for other upcoming events, and to sign up for our news as it happens.

Amazing Grazing II Partners along with Kansas Farmers Union are: Kansas Natural Resource Conservation, Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Kansas State Research and Extension, Farm Credit, Kansas Grazing Land Coalition, and Kansas Graziers with funding from North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center and United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Pulling the weight



Throughout the fair week, many different events were going on keeping the town busy. Friday evening on the basketball court by the fair grounds pedal pull was held for children ages 3 - 12, with just around 50 participants. The top three winners out of each age division qualified to go on and participate in the State Fair pedal pull competition.

- Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in August

The 2014 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is set to be held on Aug. 23-24 in Manhattan on the Kansas State University campus. All Kansas 4-H members are invited to participate in the two-day livestock learning and competition experience.

4-H'ers can test their knowledge in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Prizes will be awarded in each contest, with the addition

of overall Sweepstakes, where belt buckles will be presented to the team placing the highest in all four contests.

For questions or if interested in participating, 4-H members should contact their local K-State Research and Extension office to register as an individual or as a team.

Postmark deadline for entry: Aug. 1, 2014

Extension agents must enter by this deadline even if their county fair qualifying contest is

after Aug. 1, 2014.

Registration is online with registration fees sent via mail to 4-H Foundation at 201 Umberger Hall on the Kansas State University campus.

Late registrations, including late post mark dates, will be accepted at an additional \$10 per individual added, with a cutoff date of Aug. 15, 2014.

Please go to: <http://www.cvent.com> to register.

2nd Annual Aviation Expo planned

After a successful inaugural event last year, state aviation officials are gearing up and partnering with the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education to host the 2nd Annual Kansas Aviation Expo, Sept. 22-26.

This year's Expo will feature a week's worth of events, including the Fly Kansas Air Tour, two around-the-world pilots and business seminars. Last year's inaugural event featured several leading industry speakers and left attendees requesting an annual event.

This year our theme will be "where dreams come true" because there is something for everyone when it comes to aviation," said Jesse R. Romo, Director of Aviation for the Kansas Department of Transportation. "One of our goals this year is to reach out and engage as many school kids as possible to encourage them to pursue their dreams and consider a career in aviation."

During the air tour, pilots will fly their aircraft throughout the state carrying the message that aviation is for everyone. For three days, three stops a day, the group will barnstorm in aircraft that range from a vintage Stearman to a modern Cessna 182. Each stop will highlight a different aspect of Kansas aviation and draw in several local school kids. Day 1 kicks off Sept. 22 in Wellington, moves to Hutchinson for lunch and ends in Dodge City with an evening event. Day 2 begins in Scott City, continues to Salina and ends in Topeka. The third day will go through Pittsburg and Independence before ending in Benton.

Following the air tour on Sept. 25, Barrington Irving, the

youngest person to fly around the world solo, will bring his Flying Classroom to Wichita and demonstrate to high school students how Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is used in aviation. The Flying Classroom event will include a career fair at which hundreds of high school students will learn about all the options aviation has to offer.

On the evening of Sept. 25, Amelia Rose Earhart will talk about her around-the-world flying trip and her Fly With Amelia Foundation that helps high school girls learn how to fly. Amelia Rose, who is not related to her namesake, recreated the route the earlier Amelia Mary Earhart had charted for her ill-

fated 1937 attempt to fly around the world.

The schedule for Sept. 26, will include speakers from the Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and more.

"Kansas is proud of its history in aviation," said Gov. Brownback. "The popularity of this event highlights the importance of aviation and the contributions Kansas and Kansans continue to make in this critical industry."

For more information on the event, go to the website at www.flykansas.org/ or visit the event Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KansasAviation-Expo.

COLLEGE NOTES

The 49th annual commencement ceremonies at Colby Community College were held on May 16, 2014 at the Colby Community Building.

There were many students who graduated this year from all over the United States. A list of degree candidates and their hometowns are listed below.

Associate of Applied Science Degree Recipients

Almena
Steven Anderson-Brown, Tamara Haussermann, and Joanna Martin.

Clayton
Megan Wentz.

Lenora
Andrea Day.

Norton
Heather Bausch, Emily Juenemann, Mary Lyles, Tye Nickell, Kynzie Stevens, Casey Temmel.

Rexford
Victoria Wark.

Associate of Arts

Logan
Katie Becker.

Selden
Angel Mellott

Certificates
Dresden
Gage Reichert
Logan
Mika Cary, Nichole Mainville.

Long Island
Norma Redburn
Norton
Ashley Bailey, Marissa Baker, Angela Ndhlovu, Panji Ndhlovu, Jason Shannon, Amber Simmons, Charla Sprigg, Lindsey Tacha, Crystal White, Amanda Wiltfong.

to receive this recognition are: Baker University (Baldwin City), Bethel College (Newton), Friends University (Wichita) and Ottawa University (Ottawa).

and is one of five in Kansas to receive this honor. The Colleges of Distinction™ designation recognizes select schools for excellence in student-focused higher education.

The other schools in Kan-

Over 14,000 applicants for concealed carry licenses

The attorney general's office received more than 14,000 applications for concealed carry licenses in the recently ended 2014 fiscal year, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

Between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014, the Concealed Carry Licensing Unit received 14,205 applications. This was the second-highest year on record, following the 25,316 applications received during the 2013 fiscal year. Since the licensing program first began in 2006, the office has received more than 90,000 applications.

"The concealed carry program continues to be popular for Kansas citizens interested in becoming trained and licensed to protect themselves and their families," Schmidt said. "Our office will continue to administer this program in an efficient manner as the Legislature intended."

Currently, more than 83,000 Kansans have active concealed carry permits. More information on the concealed carry licensing program is available on the attorney general's website at www.ag.ks.gov.

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