



**WHAT TO CHOOSE?** Youngsters had a tough decision to make from all the things available at the kids table of prizes during the Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc.'s banquet held last Friday.

*Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

# District courts to furlough employees for four days

The Kansas Supreme Court has issued an order calling for involuntary unpaid leave for court staff throughout the state's judicial districts on four Fridays in April and May.

The furlough time is not as extensive as first anticipated Justice Lawton R. Nuss wrote in a letter to court employees on March 12. He said the courts had been looking at two days a week for all of April, May and the first Thursday and Friday in June. The furloughs affect all judicial staff except judges and justices.

"In the very beginning of the talks of furlough time, the state was considering closing the courts for a week at a time, and now it has come down to Fridays," said Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial District Glenn Schiffner.

The difference in days is a result of other budget cuts the judicial branch has made and more money coming in from other sources, he said. The judiciary has a hiring freeze that began in December of 2008, resulting in 100 vacancies, and has eliminated temporary hours of 193 employees who were performing necessary services, restricted travel and got approximately \$800,000 in federal stimulus funds through a grant program.

The new order, handed down by the court on March 12 and signed by Justice Nuss, details the days of involuntary unpaid days as Fridays April 9, 16, 23 and May 7, unless otherwise approved in advance in writing by the Supreme Court.

Nuss said, "while forced leave was unavoidable, the judiciary tried to minimize the lost income for their employees."

"In Thomas County, seven people from the district court office will be affected by the order," Schiffner said, "with 23 or 24 court employees being affected throughout the district."

In Sherman County the order will affect seven people including three in the clerks office, two in court services and one secretary to District Judge Scott Showalter.

In Cheyenne County the furlough will affect two full time people and one part-time.

The Cheyenne court clerk said she felt sorry for the young mothers who are depending on that income, but said at first they were telling the employees it would be a 30 days cut so four days seems pretty good.

The 15th Judicial District is made up of seven counties, Thomas, Sheridan, Logan, Wallace, Cheyenne, Rawlins and Sherman. "We will continue to hear critical functions cases with no clerical help," Schiffner said.

Critical needs include criminal issues, child in need of care/juvenile offender, care and treatment,

protection from abuse orders and other miscellaneous hearings concerning temporary orders or those of an emergency nature.

Each judge has a long list of duties he will be responsible for on furlough days, Schiffner said, such as ensuring telephones are answered with a recorded message notifying the caller of the duration of the court closure, making available how to contact a judge for performance of critical functions, explaining that judges will not process receipts of any money, making sure fax machines are operating and are maintained during closed periods and making arrangements for secure mail storage.

# Gardening tips offered in town

**By Karen Krien**

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Spring is here. The days are longer and warmer. The grass is greening up and early flowers have popped through the soil.

To help those gardeners and those who want to have a nice, healthy lawn with touches of creative color, the K-State Extension and Master Gardeners are presenting a series of programs.

Programs are geared toward several different areas of gardening, not only to benefit the yard but the community as well.

The programs will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening, starting April 6, at the St. Francis Equity meeting room.

The April 6 program deals with Kansas healthy yards and communities. It is presented by Dana Belshe, horticulturist with the Sunflower District 6.

The Colorful Containers and More program will be held on April 13. It will be presented by Carol Topliff, Reva Bauman and

Anita Coleman.

April 20 will find Jim Strine, Kansas State Forester, talking about trees for Northwest Kansas.

Beginning Your Vegetable Garden will be presented by Candace Douthit, Master Gardener, on April 27.

Bonnie Zweygardt, Master Gardener, will be presenting a program on creating and maintaining wonderful water gardens.

For more information or question, call the extension office at 332-3171.

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# Program cut off approaches

June 1 is the deadline for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), according to Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Kansas Farm Service Agency. This is a mandatory deadline for all participants and department will not accept any late-file applications.

"It is critical for producers to begin their enrollment process as soon as possible," Mr. Polansky said.

Over 99,566 farms in Kansas were enrolled in Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election (DCP/ACRE) during 2009. All required signatures must be obtained by the June 1 deadline.

Mr. Polansky also reminds producers that March 31 is the final date to request a marketing assistance loan on 2009-crop wheat, oats and barley. May 31 is the final date for 2009-crop cotton, feed grains, soybeans, and minor oilseeds.

Producers with livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather must

file a Notice of Loss within 30 days of when loss is apparent. Proper documentation of loss must be provided.

To remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 payments, producers must properly complete the Commodity Credit Corporation-927 (CCC-297) for individuals and Commodity Credit Corporation-928 (CCC-298) for entities, including partners, stockholders, and members to the fourth level of the entity. These forms must be mailed to Internal Revenue Service-United States Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 24033, Fresno, CA 93779.

Do not submit the form to Farm Service Agency. For Internal Revenue Service to accept the form, the following must be completed: producer's name and address used on tax return, tax identification number, mark the boxes for 2009 and 2010, signature of person that belongs to tax identification (ID), and date the form with the current date. Only one person or one entity per form...multiple persons must submit multiple forms.

This form will allow Internal

Revenue Service to notify the Farm Service Agency whether the producer's tax records indicate Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) compliance. The forms must be received by Internal Revenue Service no later than June 15. You can obtain the form at the local Farm Service Agency county office or on-line at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

May 31 is the final date to report small grain acreages.

Signup for Supplemental Revenue Assistance is continuing for 2008-crop losses.

Other on-going programs include Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Farm Storage Facility Loans, Milk Income Loss Contract Program, and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program.

For more information please contact the Farm Service Agency county office at 785-332-2183 to make an appointment or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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