

Across the County

Sheep and Goat Conference Planned in Manhattan

The Kansas State University Sheep and Goat Conference planned for Nov. 4-6 in Manhattan will have information for veteran producers as well as those new to the industry. "Our goal is to educate sheep and goat producers on current industry practices and trends, and to provide an introduction for producers who are new to the respective industries," said Brian Faris, sheep and meat goat specialist with K-State Research and Extension.

The conference begins with registration from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 and the formal program will start at 1:00 p.m. The conference ends at noon on Sunday.

Friday general sessions include Market Animal Evaluation and Breeding Animal Evaluation for

both species, concluding with dinner and entertainment.

Saturday's presentations include: Commercial Cross-Breeding Programs; Multi-Species Grazing; Predator Management and Guardian Dogs; Common Diseases and Abortion Storm Prevention and Treatment; Managing Internal and External Parasites; Use of Distiller's Grains in Sheep and Goat Diets; Fencing and Facilities; Reproductive Management and New Technologies; Disbudding, Hoof Trimming and Tattooing; and More than Meat: Milk, Cheese, Dips and More.

The Sunday presentations include: Marketing Value-Added Lamb/Chevron Products and Carcass Evaluation.

The fee for the full conference is

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\$100 per primary registrant if paid by Oct. 15; \$150 after that date. Additional participants from the same family can attend for \$75 if paid by Oct. 15 or \$100 after that date. The fee includes all conference materials, refreshments at breaks, Friday night dinner and entertainment, Saturday breakfast coffee and donuts, lunch and dinner. Also available is the option to register for Friday only at \$60 per primary registrant if paid by Oct. 15; \$70 after that date.

Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Until next week - Marty

Young ladies team has mixed results at tourney

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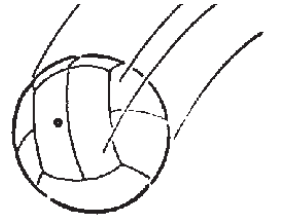
The junior varsity volleyball team had mixed results from the tournament on Saturday, losing against Holyoke (25-17, 11-25, 8-15) and Dundy County (12-25, 15-25) but winning against Dighton (25-18, 25-18).

This was a microcosm of the season, Coach Jeff Olofson said. The young Lady Indians would have streaks of great volleyball interspersed with poor play. It

comes down to consistency and to become a better team we need to do everything a little better.

The C-Team Lady Indians fared better, winning both matches against Holyoke (25-11, 25-11) and Dundy County (21-25, 25-15, 15-3).

These were the last matches for the C-Team and they played well as the scores indicate, Coach Olofson said. We were missing several players but the young ladies that played did an admir-



able job. The hallmark of this team has been excellent serving and Saturday was no exception. When we got in a jam, we got a side out and then scored points off of serve.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Germinating Wheat and Dry Soils

With soil conditions getting drier, wheat germination and emerging from the soil is on many producers minds. The wheat seed begins germination by absorbing water

and oxygen. Adequate soil moisture is needed for this to occur. As the seed takes in moisture, it begins to swell slightly. The embryo, or 'germ', gives rise to the seedling

root (radical) and the first leaf.

If the soil moisture runs out before the seedlings emerge, the survival often depends more on the stage of germination than the length of the dry period. Seedlings from seeds that have germinated for only one or two days can survive desiccation (lack of water) and resume growth when moisture occurs. However, seedlings that are 4 to 5 days old probably will not tolerate drying.

How do you know how old your seedlings are? Many start counting the age of the seedling from when the seedling root first emerges. Usually, the shoot (the second item to emerge from the seed) begins to emerge 2-4 days after the root emerges. This timeframe, however, can be altered by growing conditions. For example, the dry conditions can cause the root and shoot growth to occur over a longer period of days.

If some of your seedlings look like they are not going to make it; is your wheat stand still in the range for an optimum plant stand? The recommended seeding rates for western Kansas are 600,000 to 900,000. Considering an 80% germination, the plant population may vary from 450,000 to 750,000 plants per acre. For 7.5 inch rows, there should be between 7 and 10 plants per ft of row. For 10 inch rows, there should be between 9 and 14 plants per ft of row. For 12 inch rows, there should be between 11 and 17 plants.

If you are considering redrilling some wheat, remember the K-State guideline: if there is 50% of your desired stand = leave the stand. If there is 40% or less, redrill to thicken your stand.

Check out the agronomy page on the Sunflower District webpage (www.sunflower.ksu.edu) or the extension office to get a complete chart of seeding rates and plant stands.

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Board announces dates for 2012 Cheyenne County Fair

By **Karen Krien**
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The date of the 2012 fair was decided when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday evening.

The county fair is always held the first weekend in August. Aug. 1 is a Wednesday so the official date of the fair is Aug. 1 through 4. There will be no conflict with the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show which is held the last weekend of July. The 4-H Style Revue will be held on Monday, July 30.

Dick Bursch, president, reminded members to be thinking of candidates for the 2012 fair parade marshal. This will be decided at the November meeting.

Election of officers

Election of officers was held. Re-elected were Mr. Bursch as president; Nick Ketzner, vice president; and Drew Flemming, treasurer. Gary Cooper, who has served as secretary, declined the office. Ashley Lang was elected as the secretary.

Extension agent's report

Marty Fear, extension agent, said he would need the fair building for the achievement banquet on Nov. 6. He invited all board members to attend.

Mr. Fear had been asked to check other fair books to see what they had listed for a code of conduct. He said Wallace County put in a piece about sportsmanship.

He said that on all participating forms which 4-H'ers sign, there is a code of conduct. The board thought that the code of conduct should include all people participating and attending the fair, whether it be 4-H events or the demo derby or even the talent show.

If the code of conduct is printed in the fair books, they agreed, it would be there in writing as a backup or reinforcement if people

are out of line. Before the code of conduct is put in the book, the rule will need to be approved by the extension board and 4-H council.

They talked about establishing a grievance fee and a grievance committee. If there is a problem and the person wants to put up the money, they could meet with the committee. If the person is found to be in the right, he/she gets the money back. However, if the person is found to be in the wrong, the money would be kept. Also, a person who is causing problems can be asked to leave the grounds.

The board agreed that a grievance committee would be a good thing to have during the fair as there are times when all fair board members are busy and cannot be called to settle a matter.

Mr. Fear suggested that there be two members from the fair board, two extension members and two

Program Development Committee members. The matter was tabled until the November meeting.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported that he had received a bill from Candi Douthit for \$431 to landscape different areas of the building. He had already paid two bills for \$100 each for mulching.

Following discussion, the board agreed to pay the \$431 bill even though the budget for the landscaping had been \$350. Next year, they will re-evaluate the landscaping.

In other business

The board agreed to have a special supper instead of a meeting in January.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Training for assessors will be held Oct. 19

Training for new Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) assessors in northwest Kansas will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Hays, at the Kansas Highway Patrol office, 1821 Frontier Rd. Registration for the training will begin at 8:30 a.m. And the training will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Anyone seeking nursing facility placement must have a CARE assessment, as required by Kansas law. The Kansas Department on Aging, in cooperation with the Area Agencies on Aging provides CARE assessment services, which must be conducted by a qualified CARE assessor. A qualified assessor must attend the training session and have a Bachelor's degree in gerontology, social work, counseling, human development, health, or other related area, or be a registered nurse

licensed to practice in the state of Kansas.

New hospital and AAA assessors are required to attend the full six-hour training.

Nursing facility assessors are not required to attend the full training because they are not allowed to complete the full CARE assessment. The morning session from 8:30-12:00 will cover this process and information.

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (NWKAAA) and the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) offer this training twice a year for the CARE program. There is no cost for the training and six C.E.U.'s are available.

For more information or to register by phone contact Tammy Gerhardt at 1-800-432-7422 or (785) 625-2037.

Benefit potluck and concert scheduled

People from the Bird City, McDonald, and surrounding communities are urged to mark Sunday, Oct. 30, on their calendars. All are urged to attend a community potluck and concert from noon to 2 p.m. at the American Legion hall in Bird City.

Proceeds will help Don and Barbara Krantz of McDonald with their extensive medical expenses, including emergency surgeries and Flight for Life. Thrivent Financial will provide supplemental funds.

St. John Lutheran congregation of Bird City is hosting the community potluck. "The Ransom Notes"

of Louisville, Colo., will provide music throughout the potluck.

"The Ransom Notes" is a trio of young musicians whose last name is Ransom. They entered the bluegrass scene in 2008 and have continued to emerge as a highly sought-after group, having performed at festivals and venues from Aspen, Colo., to Washington, D.C.

The Ransoms are friends of Pastor David and Lucille Rossbach. When the youngsters heard of plans for a benefit for the Krantzes, they immediately volunteered to travel to Bird City and lend their support with a free concert.

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