

## Deer season opens



Deer approach a fence in a Northwest Kansas field. Kansas' firearms deer hunting season begins today and lasts through Dec. 10.

GOODLAND STAR-NEWS

## State urges drivers to watch for deer

Kansas drivers should be on high alert since deer/automobile crashes peak in the state toward the latter part of November. During the past decade, an average of 700 deer/vehicle collisions have occurred in Kansas mid-November.

The state's large deer population, which fluctuates between 350,000 and 400,000, is particularly active during November and December. This time of year is mating, or rut, season. In addition, deer tend to widen their foraging range as they build up their fat reserves for the winter. They often migrate from one foraging range to another during early winter, exposing themselves to risks, like highways, with which they might not be familiar.

The results are often costly in terms of property damage, personal injury and even death.

"We continue to see a high number of crashes in Kansas," said Pete Bodyk, Chief of KDOT's Bureau of Traffic Safety. "Even though our numbers for deer-related crashes dropped overall in 2005, Kansas drivers need to stay alert to the dangers on roadways on November 18."

Kansas motorists are increasingly likely to experience deer on roadways during November and December, as the number of deer/vehicle crashes escalates dramati-

cally during these two months. The Kansas Department of Transportation recorded a total of 8,819 deer-related crashes in 2005 in Kansas—that's almost 13 percent of all recorded collisions. Last year's number also represents the fewest crashes since 1996 when there were 8,415 deer-related crashes. Counties with a high population are credited with most of the deer-related crashes. Johnson County had the highest with 358, followed by Sedgwick with 345 and Butler County with 261.

KDOT encourages motorists to observe the following tips to avoid deer collisions:

Be especially watchful at dawn and dusk, when deer are particularly active. Slow down to avoid a collision with a deer, but do not swerve. The most serious crashes occur when motorists take evasive action, which can lead to a loss of vehicle control.

Elevate your awareness at locations with deer crossing signs, which indicate areas where heavily used deer trails cross roadways.

When driving at night, use high beams when there is no oncoming traffic, as they are more likely to reveal a deer's eyes. For more statistics your visit: [www.ksdot.org/burTransPlan/prodinfo/2005factsbook/Deer](http://www.ksdot.org/burTransPlan/prodinfo/2005factsbook/Deer).

## Livestock judging team places at events

From Colby Community College

It has been a busy fall semester for members of the Colby Community College livestock judging teams. The teams, coached by Matt Ellicott, have competed in seven contests with four more scheduled in December.

Sophomore team members Eric Barb (Ulysses), Kendra Brown (Fort Collins, Colo.), McKenzie Chambers (Longmont, Colo.), Margo Douthit (St. Francis), Jamie Eder (Sharon Springs), Clay Fordyce (Moorcroft, Wyo.) and Kevin Keller (Ellis) competed in the National Barrow Show, Direct Line Genetics, Fort Hays Classic, Mid-America Classic, Premier Stockman and the American Royal.

Freshmen members Caitlyn Beley (Big Timber, Mont.), Audrey Hambright (Chapman), Courtney Hodgson (Kersey, Colo.), Nolan Jaeger (Silt, Colo.), Trey Kellner (Stockton), Sara Morrison (Ruby Valley, Nev.), Carrie Saur (Gillette, Wyo.) and Trevor Schreiber (Keensburg, Colo.) competed in Direct Line Genetics, Fort Hays Classic, Mid-America Classic and the Premier Stockman contests.

The sophomore team began the season with the National Barrow Show where they placed seventh overall.

Both teams competed at the Direct Line Genetics Contest.

"Of the 87 contestants, Fordyce and Hambright placed eighth and fourth overall, while Chambers and Kellner placed sixth and tenth in oral reasons," said Ellicott. "The team placed third overall."

Both teams went on to compete in the Fort Hays State Invitational and Mid-America Classic contests in September. At the FHSU Invitational, Fordyce placed sixth in beef and thirteenth overall. The team was sixth in sheep, ninth in swine, ninth in beef, seventh in reasons and eighth overall.

At the Mid-America Classic, Chambers was fifth in swine while the sophomore team was eleventh overall. Hodgson was tenth overall in the freshman division, while the freshman team was eighth overall.

The freshman and sophomore teams competed at the Premier Stockman contest in Frankfort, Ind., in October. Douthit and Kellner placed individually in swine at fourth and eighth. Hambright was fourth overall in the contest.

Most recently, the sophomore team competed at the American Royal contest in October.

The teams will continue their season at the N.A.I.L.E. contest in Louisville, Ky., West Texas A&M contest in Canyon, Texas, and the Express Ranches Contest in Yukon, Okla., in December.

### Public Notices

#### BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: The Dane G. Hansen Trust - Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery of saltwater into the Hecker No. 5, located in Thomas County, Kansas, under E-28,155.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that The Dane G. Hansen Trust has filed an application to commence the injection of salt water into the Lansing/Kansas City formation at the Hecker #5, located in the C SEA, Section 31-10-32, Thomas County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 1000# and a maximum injection rate of 350 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

The Dane G. Hansen Trust  
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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Case No. 06-PR-37  
ESTHER LOUISE COX, Deceased

#### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 21, 2006, a Petition was filed in this Court by James Thurman Cox, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Esther Louise Cox," deceased, dated March 9, 2000, praying the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; and that Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

James Thurman Cox,  
Petitioner

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## Red Cross faces fine over safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross is facing another heavy fine over blood-safety violations, bringing penalties against the organization to more than \$15 million despite a promise three years ago to fix the problems.

The Food and Drug Administration disclosed that it had fined the organization \$5.7 million recently for continuing to violate blood-safety rules and failure to comply with a 2003 agreement aimed at

correcting the unsafe practices.

The latest fine was noted in an FDA letter dated Nov. 21, to Red Cross interim president and CEO Jack McGuire, and posted Monday on the FDA Web site.

The Red Cross was given a mid-December deadline to produce a report on how it intended to comply with FDA requirements, or possibly be subject to additional penalties.

The latest fine is being added to a tally of nearly \$10 million in pre-

vious FDA penalties for violation of blood-safety laws, regulations and the terms of the 2003 consent decree.

That settlement resolved charges that the Red Cross had committed "persistent and serious violations" of federal blood safety rules dating back 17 years.

In 2004, the Red Cross implemented a plan to detect, investigate, monitor and correct the sorts of problems repeatedly cited by government investigators.

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#### ORDINANCE NO. 1406

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMIT FEES FOR ANY AND ALL OPERATIONS AT THE COLBY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (SHALZ FIELD), AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AND LESSEES OF MUNICIPAL AIRPORT LAND, AND PRESCRIBING SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAME AS AUTHORIZED BY K.S.A. 3-116, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1060, DATED AUGUST 7, 1984.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS:

#### Section 1.

No person, partnership, firm, or corporation shall operate any commercial activity at the Colby Municipal Airport (Shalz Field) without first obtaining a permit and shall file with the City Clerk of said City an application for such permit.

#### Section 2. Commercial Activity.

A permit fee of \$50.00 is hereby established and levied for any and all commercial operations at the Colby Municipal Airport (Shalz Field) including, but not limited to:

- (1) Flight instruction and school
- (2) Charter flights
- (3) Aircraft sales
- (4) Aircraft rentals
- (5) Aircraft engine overhaul and repairs
- (6) Aircraft photography
- (7) Banner towing
- (8) Aerial crop spraying and dusting
- (9) Any and all other commercial operations

In addition, all commercial operators issued a permit for an authorized activity as stated above shall pay to the City of Colby one percent (1%) of the operator's monthly gross revenue, exclusive of Federal and State taxes, and if more than one activity permit is issued to one principal owner, the one percent (1%) monthly gross revenue fee shall be computed on the aggregate revenues of the permit activities and not on each separate permit activity generating gross revenue.

#### Section 3. Permit Fee Payments.

All flat fee permits shall be payable to the City of Colby on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January each year. All one percent (1%) monthly gross revenue payments shall be payable to the City of Colby on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the following month that such sales or revenues were produced. Failure to pay the amounts promptly as prescribed shall constitute a violation of the Ordinance and subject the holder of the permit to cancellation of the permit and forfeiture of any pro-rated reimbursement of the annual license fee previously paid to the City.

The one percent (1%) monthly gross revenue paid to the City shall not exceed \$1,000.00 per year for each authorized commercial operator. All commercial financial records of the operators holding valid permits shall be available to the City of Colby for audit purposes upon request.

#### Section 4. Private Hangar Lease.

- (1) Lessees of Municipal Airport land for the purpose of erecting and/or maintaining thereon a privately-owned hangar for private use, shall pay to the City of Colby annual rent in the amount of \$100.00 per hangar plus 1¢ per square foot land lease.
- (2) Lessees of the City-owned hangars shall pay rent in the amount of \$100.00 per month.

All rental payments shall be made to the City of Colby.

All leases issued under this section shall be in such form as may be furnished by the City Clerk of the City and shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December following the year of their issuance; provided however, that a lease issued in any year on or after the first day of July of such year, shall be issued for or upon payment of one-half of the required annual fee.

#### Section 5. Penalty.


Any person, partnership, firm, association, or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate violation of the Ordinance.

#### Section 6. Repealer.

Sections 2-115 through 2-120, inclusive, of Chapter 2, Article 1, of the Code of the City of Colby, 1976 Edition, are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be published in the official city newspaper and shall take effect January 1, 2007.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2006

  
K. G. Bieber, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Beverly J. Stieber, City Clerk

Seal

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