

Ag profit gathering at Extension Feb. 3

Kansas State University Research and Extension plans 11 K-State Ag Profitability conferences this year, including one in Colby on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Sunflower Extension District office.

Conference speakers and topics vary from one location to the next, but all are focused on helping Kansas farmers and ranches improve their financial situation, said Gary Kramer, agricultural and natural resources Extension agent for Sedgewick County.

Speakers will include industry and Kansas Farm Bureau economists, as well as K-State Research and Extension specialists in agricultural economics.

Some topics include Grain Market Situation and Outlook; Managing Livestock and Price Risk; Strategic Marketing in a Post Bail-Out World; Farm Financial Performance; Intro to Farm Transitions Planning; Cap and Trade - Bad for Agriculture?; Risk Analysis of Converting Conservation Reserve Land; Feasibility of Biomass Crops; ACRE, SURE and Crop Insurance; and the Macroeconomy in the U.S.A.

A small registration fee may be charged for lunch and materials.

For information, call the county Extension office at 460-4582 or go to www.agmanager.info/events/ag_profitability/2010.

Conservation deadlines set

Kansas farmers, ranchers and landowners interested in protecting or improving natural resources on their land should contact their county office of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service before cutoff dates to apply for a program in the current fiscal year.

After the cutoff dates, the agency will evaluate and rank applications for:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Pro-

gram (WHIP), cutoff date, Friday, Jan. 15.

- Wetlands Reserve Program, Friday, Feb. 19.

- Grassland Reserve Program, Friday, Jan. 22.

- Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, Monday, Feb. 15.

All programs are voluntary and may be applied for any time.

For information, call the county office in Colby at 462-7671, or go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Monday

1:20 a.m. - Open door at Colby Ag.

3:32 a.m. - Security check at the new motel in the 1000 block of E. Willow.

4:29 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

5:44 a.m. - Officer went to the injury accident at mile 45 east-bound I-70. Approved.

8:15 a.m. - Off-duty officer brought a cell phone found at Dilons to the station; phone returned to owner.

9:31 a.m. - Tow of abandoned vehicle at Butch's Smokehouse. Spoke to reporting party.

11:02 a.m. - Report on accident Friday at Range and Cedar.

3:35 p.m. - Theft of sheep from nativity at Fike Park.

6:06 p.m. - Ambulance had noninjury accident at College and Franklin.

7:16 p.m. - Arrest warrant served on Levi J. Jones.

Tuesday

12:31 a.m. - Security check at Meadow Lake.

6:03 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle parked at the north end of Midwest Energy pole lot on N. Franklin. Subject works there.

6:45 a.m. - Looked for an accident west of town by pit road. Made contact with reporting party; he said it was in Scott County.

7:59 a.m. - Criminal damage to

property: window broken on vehicle at Colby Housing Authority.

10:08 a.m. - Welfare check on dog at Cleveland and Walnut. It is fenced in, no shelter; spoke to dog owner at 1:40 p.m.

11:19 a.m. - Assisted ambulance at Beulah Cemetery.

3:29 p.m. - Report filed in reference to Foley Equipment related to theft cases on Dec. 29.

7:19 p.m. - Dog at large at 715 E. Eighth.

9:48 p.m. - Dog at large at Friendly Acres, not found.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Monday

7:46 a.m. - Burglary/theft/criminal damage to property: Gary Newman reported break in at Frontier Ag, Rexford. Report filed.

10:04 a.m. - Supplement to burglary report on Jan. 1; more damage at Golden Plains High School, Rexford.

9:30 p.m. - Husband possibly in house at 505 Main, Levant. No report at this time.

Tuesday

9:42 a.m. - Report filed on Matthew Menges, arrested on warrant in Scott County.

3:49 p.m. - Five case reports file in reference to theft from Foley Equipment Dec. 29.

9:48 p.m. - Someone walking behind Loves possibly drunk. Everything is OK.

No-till conference planned for Salina

The 14th annual No-till on the Plains Winter Conference is planned for Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 26 and 27, at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

The conference has evolved into the most respected "continuous no-till" conference and trade show of its type in North America, said executive director Brian Lindley.

Farmers may take advantage of an early registration discount of \$150 (\$200 after Jan. 15) to reserve a place, he said.

This year several "producer speakers" - farmers each in a different stage of continuous no-till with a variety of unique conditions - will offer presentations, Lindley said. Several national and international no-tillage experts will engage the crowd.

The speaking lineup includes Nigel Wilhelm, from Australia; Ademir Calegari, with João Carlos de Moraes Sá (JUCA) from Brazil; Lyle Frees, Dietrich Kastens, Charles Rice, Alan Schlegel, Josh Lloyd and Gail Fuller from Kansas; Dwayne Beck and Jim Millar from South Dakota; Dave Brandt, Ohio; Ray Ward, Mark Watson, Jeff Wessels, Dan Gillespie and Paul Jasa from Nebraska; Neonila Martyniuk from Ukraine; Moe

Russell, Iowa; and Bruce Vincent, Montana.

Courses are available for all experience levels, Lindley said. Topics include Producers' Real Life Experiences, Fertility and Soil Health, Cover Crops and Alternative Crops, Grazing Systems/Livestock, Water Management and Utilizing No-till Under Irrigation, How to Apply New Technologies, plus many more.

"If you are a producer looking for an agronomic advantage and a way to improve your management, then this conference is the place to be," Lindley said.

Along with the conference, No-till on the Plains is offering the Agriculture's Innovation Minds Symposium Thursday, Jan. 28, at the center. The symposium is held in conjunction with the conference but is a separate meeting.

The theme of this year's meeting will focus on cover crops and will feature Calegari.

Several experienced farmers will talk about what has been tried and what is working.

For information or to register, contact the office at (888) 330-5142 or visit the website at www.noill.org.

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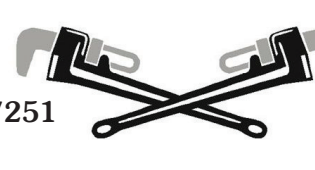
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