

Hot, dry weather boosts likelihood of blue-green algae in ponds, lakes

This summer's searing heat is causing a host of problems for landowners, including the threat of toxic cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, on lakes and ponds.

"Blue-green algae can sicken or kill livestock and other animals, and also poses a threat to humans," said Kansas State University research assistant professor in agronomy, Carol Blocksome. "If blue-green algae are suspected, a water sample can be collected and sent to the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory."

Blocksome, a range management specialist, collaborated with K-State colleagues Deon van der Merwe and Larry Hollis to produce a fact sheet, "Identification and Management of Blue-green Algae in Farm Ponds" www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/h2oq12/mf3065.pdf. Van der Merwe is a veterinary toxicologist with K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine and Larry Hollis is a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension.

Some of the tips in the fact sheet include:

- Take a sample where the algae is more likely to

be present, such as the downwind side of a pond, and shallow areas that are warmer.

- Choose a clean container with a wide mouth. Rinse out the container with the pond water. Label the outside with the date and location.

- Scoop the water from the surface along with the scum. Be careful not to come into contact with the water by using a cup attached to a long stick, or by using gloves.

- Secure the lid and put the sample into a plastic bag. Put the sample into a cooler with an ice pack, but don't freeze.

- Place the sample in a refrigerator, and then mail it by overnight express to the lab of choice. One option is the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Mosier D-117, 1800 Denison Ave., Manhattan, Kan., 66506-5601.

Information about blue-green algae is available at www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/index.htm, www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/story/bluegreen_algae062012.aspx, and at youtu.be/ZRNWzFwK-KJE.

Reports of tree borers on the rise

Numerous reports of borer holes in trees have been coming to Kansas State University experts and diagnostic labs since May.

"It's no real surprise," said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist. "Unless the weather improves, next year's borer problems could be even worse."

He explained with three factors:

- Borers are larvae that feed on and live in wood that is well-protected. The insect they become typically emerges from May to August of the following year, ready to lay eggs. What tree owners see after that are all exit holes, not entrances.

- Healthy, vigorous sap flow can drown new-hatched larvae when

they try to enter a woody plant, so borers prefer stressed trees. Unfortunately, central U.S. plants have been on the defensive for the past two years or more, depending on location, due to both drought and heat stress, if not other insect attacks.

- That brief time when the adults emerge and lay eggs is the only time when insecticides can work. "Added to that," Upham said, "only a few active ingredients are still labeled for homeowner use. The results can be rather iffy. And, the applications can be time-consuming."

"Besides, if an infestation is bad enough, hiring a certified professional might not keep your tree alive. It will be a source of infestation for other plants until it's

chopped and then chipped, burned or hauled away."

That's why prevention is the all-round best way to deal with borers, he said. Supplying water through dry periods is vital. Mulching can preserve moisture, keep soil cooler and reduce competition from other plants.

For those who've found holes and want to know more, Upham recommends the websites "Shade Tree Borers" at www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/05530.html and "Insect Borers of Fruit Trees" at extension.missouri.edu/p/g7190.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Rexford** will meet on August 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Rexford City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at City Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2011		Current Year Estimate for 2012		Proposed Budget for 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate *
General	78,316	32.012	80,500	31.591	87,500	22,635	31.502
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	11,195		1,000		8,076		
Utility	49,798		90,397		174,972		
Totals	139,309	32.012	171,897	31.591	270,548	22,635	31.502
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	139,309		171,897		270,548		
Total Tax Levied	22,150		22,632		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	691,882		716,415		718,537		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	2010	2011	2012				
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Jolene Hansen
City Official Title: City Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION Tuesday, August 7, 2012

STATE OF KANSAS, THOMAS COUNTY, ss
Office of the County Clerk, Colby, KS

As required by K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given there will be a Primary Election held in Thomas County, Kansas, Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

The candidates for members of the National Offices, State Offices and District Magistrate Judge Position #5: 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 1: - 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 2: - COUNTY TICKET: COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2 - COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3 - REGISTER OF DEEDS - COUNTY ATTORNEY - COUNTY CLERK - COUNTY SHERIFF: DAVID ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, COLBY - COUNTY TREASURER - TOWNSHIP BOARD - PARTY OFFICE - PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON - WARD 1: DONITA APPLEBURY (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - WARD II: ROSALIE SEEMANN (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - WARD III - WARD IV - BARRETT - EAST HALE - EAST MORGAN - LACEY - KINGERY - MENLO - NORTH RANDALL - SOUTH RANDALL - ROVOHL - SMITH - SUMMERS - WENDELL - WEST HALE - WEST MORGAN

The candidates for County Offices and Township Offices have filed declaration papers in the office of the County Clerk and being found regular are entitled to have their names on the Official Primary Ballot of Thomas County, Kansas subject to the rotation of names pursuant to law governing the same. The names of the candidates for National, State and District offices are shown and arranged, as they must appear on all the printed ballots of the County.

ADVANCE VOTING BY MAIL AND/OR IN PERSON

As required by K.S.A. 25-1123 advanced voting by mail shall begin on Wednesday, July 18, 2012; please contact the Thomas County Clerk's office at 785.460.4500 or e-mail at tcoc01@st-tel.net for an application to receive a ballot by mail. ID REQUIRED.

As required by K.S.A. 25-1122(b), (g) advanced voting in person shall begin at the Thomas County Courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave., Colby, KS on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Thomas County Clerk's office at 785.460.4500 or e-mail at tcoc01@st-tel.net for further information. ID REQUIRED.

VOTING HOURS AND VOTING PLACES

The voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The voting places are as follows: All

precincts vote at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. 5th St., Colby, Kansas.

NATIONAL/STATE/LOCAL TICKET - DEMOCRATIC

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT: STATE TICKET - KANSAS SENATE 40TH DISTRICT: ALLEN CLARK SCHMIDT, HAYS - KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 118TH DISTRICT: KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH DISTRICT: 15TH DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITION #5: 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 1: - 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 2: - COUNTY TICKET: COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2 - COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3 - REGISTER OF DEEDS - COUNTY ATTORNEY - COUNTY CLERK - COUNTY SHERIFF: DAVID ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, COLBY - COUNTY TREASURER - TOWNSHIP BOARD - PARTY OFFICE - PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON - WARD 1: DONITA APPLEBURY (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - WARD II: ROSALIE SEEMANN (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - WARD III - WARD IV - BARRETT - EAST HALE - EAST MORGAN - LACEY - KINGERY - MENLO - NORTH RANDALL - SOUTH RANDALL - ROVOHL - SMITH - SUMMERS - WENDELL - WEST HALE - WEST MORGAN

NATIONAL/STATE/LOCAL TICKET - REPUBLICAN

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT: TIM HUELSKAMP, FOWLER - STATE TICKET - KANSAS SENATE 40TH DISTRICT: JOHN E. MILLER, NORTON AND RALPH OSTMEYER, GRINNELL - KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 118TH DISTRICT: DON HINEMAN, DIGHTON - KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH DISTRICT: RICHARD (RICK) BILLINGER, GOODLAND AND WARD M. CASSIDY, ST FRANCIS - 15TH DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITION #5: RICHARD (RICK) RESS, COLBY - 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 1: GLENN D. SCHIFFNER, COLBY AND TODD R. STRAMEL, COLBY - 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION 2: SCOTT SHOWALTER, GOODLAND: COUNTY TICKET: COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2: PAUL M. STEELE, COLBY

- COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3: MIKE BAUGHN, BREWSTER - REGISTER OF DEEDS: LORA L. VOLK, COLBY - COUNTY ATTORNEY: KEVIN N. BERENS, ST. FRANCIS AND MARGARET P. MAHONEY, OAKLEY - COUNTY CLERK: SHELLEY A. HARMS, COLBY AND CINDI TAYLOR, COLBY - COUNTY SHERIFF: ROD TAYLOR, COLBY - COUNTY TREASURER: LAYN BRUGGEMAN, COLBY - TOWNSHIP BOARD: BARRETT: LYMAN BEAR, BREWSTER; TRUSTEE, JASEN S. GRAY, LEVANT; TREASURER - MENLO: SUSAN GUILL, MENLO; TREASURER, JOHN J. STEIGER, MENLO; TRUSTEE - NORTH RANDALL: LONNIE D. WILSON, COLBY; TRUSTEE - SOUTH RANDALL: BOB OTTLEY, OAKLEY; TREASURER, JAMES G. FELLHOELTER, OAKLEY; TRUSTEE - PARTY OFFICE - PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON - WARD I - WARD II: JOSHUA W. FABER (COMMITTEE MAN) COLBY - WARD III: JEANENE B. BROWN (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY, MICHAEL W. BROWN (COMMITTEE MAN) COLBY - WARD IV: SHELLEY A. HARMS (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY, PAUL M. STEELE (COMMITTEE MAN) COLBY - BARRETT - EAST HALE - EAST MORGAN: STEVE ZIEGELMEIER (COMMITTEE MAN) COLBY, TAMARA ZIEGELMEIER (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - LACEY: JOHN FLANAGIN (COMMITTEE MAN) GEM, MARGARET E. FLANAGIN (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - KINGERY - MENLO: LOREN E. GUILL (COMMITTEE MAN) MENLO, SUSAN GUILL (COMMITTEE WOMAN) MENLO - NORTH RANDALL: LONNIE D. WILSON (COMMITTEE MAN) COLBY, LORI A. WILSON (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY - SOUTH RANDALL: RUTH CLARK (COMMITTEE WOMAN) OAKLEY, WILL CLARK (COMMITTEE MAN) OAKLEY - ROVOHL - SMITH - SUMMERS - WENDELL - WEST HALE: MIKE BAUGHN (COMMITTEE MAN) BREWSTER, BRENDA CLAASSEN (COMMITTEE WOMAN) BREWSTER - WEST MORGAN: D. KRISS SCHROEDER (COMMITTEE MAN) COLBY, LISA SCHROEDER (COMMITTEE WOMAN) COLBY

Shelly A. Harms
County Clerk/County Election Officer

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Emergency haying, grazing released in 91 Kansas counties

Emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage has been authorized in 91 Kansas counties, effective today.

Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the Farm Service Agency, made the announcement Friday, following the decision by the agency's state committee to use their authority with the D2 Severe and D3 Extreme drought designations on U.S. Drought Monitor map to make the authorization following the end of the nesting season Sunday.

The counties designated in the announcement include all but a few in the extreme northeastern and southeastern corners of the state. Eighteen of these counties were previously approved for emergency grazing based upon forty percent loss in moisture and forage.

Emergency haying in approved counties is allowed through

Wednesday, Aug. 15. Participants must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous fields un-hayed for wildlife. Hay must be removed from the field within 30 days from end of the haying period. Hay cannot be sold. Producers without livestock may rent or lease the haying privileges.

Emergency grazing is allowed through Sunday, Sept. 30. Participants shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this grazing period. Producers without livestock may rent or lease the grazing privileges.

The Secretary of Agriculture announced on Wednesday/July 11 the payment reduction cost for emergency haying and grazing has been reduced from 25 percent of the rental payment per acre to

10 percent for the 2012 year.

Contact the local Farm Service office to request emergency haying or grazing on an individual basis prior to haying or grazing.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #315, COLBY

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at 300 West 3rd Thomas County, Kansas, on the 23rd day of July, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to consider whether Unified School District #315 (Colby), Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such school district in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #315 (COLBY) THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS
BY: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BY: President - Janice Frahm

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Board of Education

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Public Notice

COMMISSIONERS QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

January, February, & March 2012

FUND	BALANCE	EXPENSES	RECEIPTS	2011 RECEIPT AUDIT TRANSFERS	2011 EXPENSE AUDIT TRANSFERS	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	642,095.42	594,016.41	677,840.49	-	-	725,919.50
TH CO SHER FORFEITURE FD	30,288.07	29,105.31	1,000.00	-	-	2,182.76
TH CO ATTY FORFEITURE FD	20,526.53	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-	20,526.53
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	196,222.15	11,025.15	41,779.10	-	-	226,976.10
NINE ONE ONE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	605,245.18	503,574.78	459,373.67	-	-	561,044.07
FREE FAIR	329.12	6,915.04	9,080.89	-	-	2,494.97
FAMILY PLANNING	CLOSED FUND	0.00	0.00	-	-	CLOSED FUND
HEALTH FUND	269,159.33	75,358.55	99,293.66	-	-	293,094.44
COUNTY ROAD LEVY	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00
ELECTION FUND	22,117.98	2,160.86	15,438.12	-	-	35,395.24
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	280,030.33	227,844.78	271,154.98	-	-	323,340.53
EXTENSION COUNCIL	2,649.86	42,898.78	40,248.92	-	-	0.00
MENTAL HEALTH FUND	938.14	15,297.14	14,359.00	-	-	0.00
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	43,911.37	71,028.17	54,472.47	-	-	27,355.67
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1,563.31	24,988.23	23,424.92	-	-	0.00
AMBULANCE FUND	61,369.96	94,116.41	138,920.14	-	-	106,173.69
MENTAL RETARDATION	0.00	25,073.57	25,073.57	-	-	0.00
MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	CLOSED FUND	0.00	0.00	-	-	CLOSED FUND
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND	332,440.41	0.00	0.00	-	-	332,440.41
SPEC. HIGHWAY IMPROV FUND	168,433.10	0.00	0.00	-	-	168,433.10
SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY	1,445.23	23,466.36	22,021.12	-	-	(0.01)
SPECIAL ALCOHOL FUND	30,736.81	0.00	11,049.48	-	-	41,786.29
COMMUNITY VAN	6,439.83	5,985.77	3,473.98	-	-	3,928.04
HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00
PARCEL SEARCH FUND	10,564.18	0.00	0.00	-	-	10,564.18
SANITARY LANDFILL	191,912.45	116,946.79	101,806.64	-	-	176,772.30
SPECIAL LIABILITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00
JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00
MTR VEH OPERATING FUND	13,944.24	12,983.80	20,300.50	-	-	21,260.94
LANDFILL NFV	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00
REG OF DEEDS TECH FUND	53,226.24	0.00	5,246.00	-	-	58,472.24
TOTALS	\$2,985,589.24	\$1,883,785.90	\$2,036,357.65	-	-	\$3,138,160.99

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such Statement shall be available upon request. K. S. A. 19-228

Shelly A. Harms
Shelly Harms COUNTY CLERK



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Public Notice

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2012

	TREASURY CASH	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TREASURY CASH
GENERAL	\$1,393,055.17	\$656,305.71	\$730,781.17	\$1,318,579.71
LIGHT	\$2,266,172.04	\$1,263,447.89	\$1,329,140.97	\$2,200,478.96
ELECTRIC UTILITY RESERVE FOR DEPR	\$1,679,953.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,679,953.34
WATER	\$1,219,533.90	\$267,425.84	\$254,300.25	\$1,232,659.49
WATER UTILITY RESERVE FOR DEPR	\$501,404.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$501,404.57
SEWAGE DISPOSAL	\$360,866.85	\$272,907.04	\$148,315.63	\$485,458.26
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$109,826.54	\$141,096.20	\$151,017.47	\$99,905.27
LIBRARY	\$1,592.26	\$79,464.44	\$80,000.00	\$1,056.70
RECREATION	\$523.11	\$47,669.91	\$47,940.00	\$253.02
NOXIOUS WEED	\$19,848.91	\$1,273.63	\$1,740.20	\$19,382.34
BOND & INTEREST	\$531,014.16	\$332,759.57	\$206,873.75	\$656,899.98
TOURISM & CONVENTION	\$553.30	\$40,004.49	\$40,000.00	\$557.79
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$289,197.51	\$261,678.56	\$212,339.88	\$338,536.19
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$1,962,318.58	\$0.00	\$21,966.59	\$1,940,351.99
SPECIAL FIRE & POLICE	\$73,449.97	\$11,820.50	\$1,526.00	\$83,744.47
SPECIAL LIABILITY	\$3,656.28	\$7,220.55	\$0.00	\$10,876.83
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$54,018.12	\$6,112.23	\$12,942.50	\$47,187.85
SPECIAL STREETS	\$535,248.37	\$34,189.09	\$0.00	\$569,437.46
WATER TREATMENT (ACE)	(\$39,924.58)	\$51,831.44	\$46,656.49	(\$34,749.63)
EMBARK CDBG FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FINANCED PROJECTS	\$619,788.78	\$2,136,180.82	\$1,595,961.59	\$1,160,008.01
BOSSELMAN TIF DISTRICT	\$249,089.39	\$82,692.15	\$24,951.00	\$306,830.54
RISK MANAGEMENT	\$373,231.72	\$674.40	\$1,000.00	\$372,906.12
PAYROLL	\$24,391.34	\$3,177.23	\$0.00	\$27,568.57
METER DEPOSITS	\$326,552.02	\$1,386.27	\$378.65	\$327,559.64
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$2,987,504.36	\$103,331.16	\$12,238.89	\$3,078,596.63
MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$1,324,058.32	\$81,572.28	\$47,550.26	\$1,358,080.34
FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS	\$10,446.72	\$4.41	\$0.00	\$10,451.13
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$1,683,499.52	\$32,023.18	\$13,581.24	\$1,701,941.46
E-911 FUNDS	\$134,590.58	\$15,965.87	\$15,074.76	\$135,481.69
TOTALS	\$18,695,461.15	\$5,932,214.86	\$4,996,277.29	\$19,631,398.72
AVAILABLE CASH		OTHER CASH		
Farmers & Merchants Bank	\$17,156,398.72	Cash Drawer		\$300.00
Peoples State Bank	\$2,475,000.00	Petty Cash Fund		\$4,000.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$19,631,398.72	TOTAL OTHER CASH		\$4,300.00