

Kids show off art



KATHRYN BALLARD/Colby Free Press

August Huffles waited to show off his origami dragon to the judges on Thursday during the Arts and Crafts Judging in the 4-H building during the Thomas County Free Fair.

Conference aimed at teaching farmers about risk and profit

Giving agricultural producers a competitive edge is the focus of Kansas State University's Risk and Profit Conference planned this year for Thursday-Friday, Aug. 16 and 17 in Manhattan.

The event at the K-State Alumni Center begins with registration from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 16, and lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Following lunch, Joe Shultz and Max Fisher of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry will present the keynote address on the 2012 Farm Bill.

The remainder of the day will include breakout sessions, dinner and a presentation, "A Conversation with a Kansas Producer," featuring Rich Porter of Reading.

Breakfast on Friday will be from 6:45 to 7:15 a.m. followed by the "Livestock and Grain Market Outlooks" by K-State Research and Extension agricultural economists Glynn Tonsor and Dan O'Brien.

Topics covered during breakout sessions Thursday afternoon and Friday will include:

- The Economic, Legal and Tax Implications of an Oil Lease.
- History by the Numbers: A Look at Kansas Agriculture's History Using Kansas Farm Management Association Data.
- Equestrian Tourism in the Flint Hills: Opportunities to Diversify Agriculture in the U.S.
- Farm Bill Programs and Crop Insurance (two parts).

- Macroeconomic Instability: To be Continued?
- The Effects of the Federal Reserve System in Agriculture.
- Proactive Spread Hedging.
- Managing Your Grain Marketing Risk.

Additional information is available online at www.agmanager.info or by contacting Rich Llewellyn in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics at (785) 532-1504 or rvl1@k-state.edu.

The registration fee is \$210 per person for both days or \$120 for one day, and \$190 for each additional attendee from the same family or business if paid by Friday, Aug. 10.

Registrations paid after Aug. 10 will be \$230 for a two-day pass and \$140 for one day.

The two-day registration covers the conference proceedings on CD, food, parking, access to vendors and networking opportunities.

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Deputy gets drug deal call

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — Four people have been arrested in North Carolina after they mistakenly called the wrong person about drug purchases.

The man they got was a Rowan County sheriff's deputy.

The Salisbury Post reported that Deputy Jagger Naves was awakened by four calls to his cell phone around 4 a.m. Monday.

Some of the calls complained about the quantity of drugs they had purchased and wanted him to correct the problem.

Naves arranged to meet two of the callers and later met with two other callers elsewhere. All four were arrested.

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Schedule of Events
2012 Thomas County Fair

Saturday, July 28th
DEMO DERBY
5:00 p.m.
Coyote Country Spin & Win \$100,000
Jackpot Giveaway & a share in over \$35,000 prizes and gift certificates

Sunday, July 29th
TODD BECKER FOUNDATION BLOCKSTOP CONCERT
5:00 p.m.
Franklin Ave. & 5th St.

Monday, July 30th
OPEN CLASS ENTRIES
4-H Building
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
MUTTON BUSTING
6:00 p.m. Registration
RODEO & QUEEN CROWNING
8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 31st
CARNIVAL • 7 - 11 p.m.
All booths will be set up
PARADE • 5:30 p.m.
Line-up at 8th & Franklin North of Fike Park
KPRA RODEO • 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1st
ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW
11:00 a.m.
FREE BBQ • 5:30 p.m.
PRDAL TRACTOR PULL
4:00 p.m.
Free Entertainment
"Texaco Country Showdown"
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 2nd
THOMAS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BREAKFAST
4-H Building 7:30 a.m.
4-H LIVESTOCK SHOWS
All Day
LIVESTOCK AUCTION
5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 3rd
ROUND ROBIN JUDGING
9:00 a.m.
OPEN FFA JUDGING CONTEST
1:00 p.m.
CAR RACES • 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 4th
CAR RACES • 7:00 p.m.

CARNIVAL
Tuesday - Saturday
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Tues. P&M Bank Wristband Night
Sat. \$10 Wristband Night for all rides

The Thomas County Fair Board would like to thank McCarty Dairy for providing all the meat and processing for the Thomas County Fair BBQ.