

# Youth skills to be seen on Saturday

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and the Hunting Heritage Group plan to hold the 12th Annual Northwest Kansas Youth Outdoor Skills Day at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Pat Jones property six miles north and two miles east of Colby.

The day is free, and participants and adult volunteers will enjoy a free buffalo-burger lunch.

Activities will include shotgunning and muzzle-loading, archery (shooting 3D animal targets, tree-stand safety, blood trailing), fur harvesting and compass and map

reading. A Hunter Education Class will be held Friday and Saturday. Pre-register at Colby Lumber or Rasure Lumber in Colby by Wednesday.

Three door prizes will be given away, including a whitetail deer hunt at the Nature Conservancy Ranch south of Oakley, an Alpen Spotting Scope and a Badlands Diablo backpack.

For information, contact Matt Bain at (785) 462-3367, Josh Williams at (785) 460-0064 or Mike McGinnis at (785) 342-7290 with the wildlife department.

# Belarus shot putter stripped of medal

LONDON (AP) – Shot putter Nadzeya Ostapchuk of Belarus became the first athlete to be stripped of a medal at the London Olympics after her gold was withdrawn Monday for doping.

Valerie Adams of New Zealand was awarded the gold and Evgenia Kolodko of Russia was bumped up to silver. Fourth-place finisher Gong Lijiao of China was moved up to bronze.

The International Olympic Committee said Ostapchuk tested positive for the steroid metenolone. She won the shot put exactly a week earlier. The committee said she was tested the day before her competition and again following the event. Both were positive.

“The (Olympic committee) of Belarus is ordered to return to the committee, as soon as possible, the medal, diploma and medallist pin awarded to the athlete in relation to the above-noted event,” the IOC said in a statement.

The announcement came hours after the flame was extinguished at the closing ceremony with athletes and officials heading out of London. A day earlier, committee President Jacques Rogge had proclaimed the fight against doping a success.

The Belarus team had already sent home hammer thrower Ivan Tsikhan because of suspicions over a sample provided after his silver-medal performance at the 2004 Athens Games.

Besides Ostapchuk, only one athlete tested positive for a banned substance after competing. U.S. judo fighter Nick Delpopolo was cited for traces of marijuana in his urine sample.

He blamed “inadvertent consumption” of food baked with the substance. The committee disqualified him from seventh place in the 73-kilogram class.

Seven more were caught in doping controls conducted since the official testing period for the games began July 16. One of the seven competed in London before her test result was known.

“I think that is a sign that the system works,” Rogge said Sunday. “I am happy about the fact that we could catch athletes who cheated....”

The committee had said this would be its most extensive Olympic anti-doping program. It took almost 6,000 urine and blood samples, including no-notice tests ahead of athletes competing.

## Motorcycle racing



Two motorcycle riders raced around Thomas County Speedway Saturday for the Battle on the Plains flat track motorcycle

popular rider Davey Durelle. There were 68 entries in the event this year, including

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

# Chiefs slide by Cardinals 27-17

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) – For the Kansas City Chiefs, getting a victory was more of a relief than a win.

The Chiefs scored touchdowns on their first two possessions Friday night and beat Arizona 27-17 in their preseason opener.

But most importantly to fans and coaches, Jamaal Charles, Eric Berry and Tony Moeaki seemed to have no trouble in their first action since ACL surgeries put all three key players on the shelf before the 2011 season barely got started.

Charles, the NFL’s second-leading rusher in 2010, took a hit on his left knee by cornerback Michael Adams on his first carry. No problem. He went on to carry three times for 12 yards and catch a pass for 11 more.

“That was a relief,” coach Romeo Crennel said. “For him to take that hit, I think that helped clear his mind about where he is with that injury. Until you get hit

on it, you just never know. You’re always wondering about it. Now he’s been hit in a game and I think that will help him going forward.”

Charles insisted he “wasn’t even paying attention” to the hit to the left knee.

“It was good just to be on the field again and running the ball again in a real live game,” he said. “It was great to be out there with my teammates.”

Did he feel like the old Jamaal, the one whose 6.4 yards per carry in 2010 was just under Jim Brown’s NFL record?

“I don’t know. You tell me,” he said, grinning. “I feel fresh. My body feels real good. I feel ready to go.”

Matt Cassel found Peyton Hillis on a 11-yard scoring pass to cap the first possession, marking the second straight game the defense for Arizona (tied No. 23 in the AP Pro 32) yielded a touchdown on

the opening drive.

In their second possession, the Chiefs (No. 18) went 72 yards in just four plays, capped by Shaun Draughn’s 4-yard run.

“Coach Crennel’s been preaching all camp long to get off to a good start,” said Cassel, who showed no ill effects from the hand injury that kept him out of most of the second half of last season.

“I think that’s exactly what we accomplished tonight. I think that gives us momentum going forward. But we know it’s only the first preseason game. I was proud of how everybody came out and had a good start.”

The Cardinals will be glad to get back to Arizona. Counting their loss to New Orleans in the Hall of Fame game, they’re 0-2 since they last slept in their own beds.

“It’s disappointing that we didn’t play better,” Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt said. “I don’t accept that. I just don’t think it was a

good effort by our team and I’m glad we’ve got three (preseason) games left to clear that up.”

Little was decided in the battle between John Skelton and Kevin Kolb for Arizona’s starting quarterback job.

But William Powell, a second-year running back from Kansas State, had a big game, rushing for 92 yards on nine carries. He scored the Cardinals’ first touchdown on a 2-yard run on fourth down after going for 67 yards a moment before.

Skelton started and was 3 for 6 for 35 yards and one interception. Kolb, who started in the Hall of Fame game, came off the bench and was 1 for 5 for 21 yards.

The Cardinals, who spent the week practicing at the Chiefs’ camp in nearby St. Joseph, Mo., dropped to 0-2 in the preseason, while the Chiefs matched their preseason victory total for the past three seasons.

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Lacey Township**  
**Thomas County**

will meet on August 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Gem Community Building 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 Thomas County 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 2011		Current Year Estimate 2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	7,549	4.568	7,960	3.040	9,200		
Debt Service	540		179				
Road	16,075	22.920	26,974	20.292	32,332	23,717	15.034
Totals	24,164	27.488	35,113	23.332	41,532	23,717	15.034
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	24,164		35,113		41,532		
Total Tax Levied	31,237		31,106		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	1,409,931		1,619,813		1,919,752		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					1,577,583		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2010	2011	2012				
Lease Purchase Principal	93,314	82,698	72,305				
Total	93,314	82,698	72,305				

Vernon Roemer  
Treasurer

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Kingery Township**  
**Thomas County**

will meet on August 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Residence, 573 County Road 8, Levant, KS 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 Ray T. (Jack) Duncan Residence, 573 County Road 8, Levant, KS 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 2011		Current Year Estimate 2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	62,896	21.081	76,180	21.689	133,708	56,893	19.258
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	62,896	21.081	76,180	21.689	133,708	56,893	19.258
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	62,896		76,180		133,708		
Total Tax Levied	56,253		56,447		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	2,668,343		2,602,601		2,954,256		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2010	2011	2012				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Pur Princ	0	0	26,014				
Total	0	0	26,014				

Ray T. (Jack)Duncan  
Township Officer

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Summers Township**  
**Thomas County**

will meet on August 23, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Bert Stramel, 1267 K-25, Colby, KS 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 Bert Stramel, 1267 K-25, Colby, KS 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 2011		Current Year Estimate 2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	18,625	1.762	122,434	15.869	161,810	140,604	15.869
Road	107,166	11.701	7,113				
Employee Benefits	9,307	1.191	3,581				
Noxious Weed	13,120	1.198	2,585				
Special Machinery	14,000						
Totals	162,219	15.852	135,713	15.869	161,810	140,604	15.869
Less: Transfers	36,492		43,279		25,000		
Net Expenditure	125,727		92,434		136,810		
Total Tax Levied	92,588		111,544		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	5,840,740		7,028,952		8,860,497		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2010	2011	2012				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	159,551	147,951				
Total	0	159,551	147,951				

Bert Stramel, Treasurer  
Township Officer

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Morgan Township**  
**Thomas County**

will meet on August 23, 2012 at 10:30 AM at 2300 N Range Ave, Colby, Kansas 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 2300 N Range Ave, Colby, Kansas 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 2011		Current Year Estimate 2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	20,339	6.013	17,600	3.235	159,900	2,946	0.276
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	59,686	5.809	82,000	8.243	142,000	39,050	3.659
Weed	1,030	0.050	2,000		7,000	4,210	0.394
Special Machinery							
Totals	81,055	11.872	101,600	11.478	308,900	46,206	4.329
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	81,055		101,600		308,900		
Total Tax Levied	111,333		114,452		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	9,377,471		9,971,991		10,673,392		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2010	2011	2012				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				

John C. Kern  
Treasurer

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