

Three Colby youths to compete in Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Three Thomas County young people are among 750 exhibitors from 91 counties who have entered 1,764 animals in the 80th Kansas Junior Livestock Show, the largest number of entries in 25 years.

A total of 147 market steers, 329 breeding heifers, 305 market hogs, 101 breeding gilts, 300 market lambs, 70 purebred ewes, 191 commercial ewes, 231 meat goats and 90 commercial doe kids are expected at the show Friday through next Monday at the Kansas Pavilions near Wichita.

Kortney Bredemeier of Colby is taking a market lamb and two commercial ewes, and will compete in sheep showmanship.

Makayla Hoffman, who will compete in beef showmanship, is taking an Angus breeding

heifer and another heifer.

Cassie Wells of Colby is taking a shorthorn breeding heifer and two meat goats.

Pottawatomie County leads the state with the most exhibitors. Johnson County has entered the most total livestock. Coffey County exhibitors entered the most market hogs.

The grand and reserve steers, hogs, lambs and goats will be sold during the show's Auction of Champions next Monday evening. The public is welcome and encouraged to support the event by bidding on livestock in the live auction. In many cases, exhibitors of the winning animals use the money earned from the auction to help fund their college educations and buy next year's livestock projects.

A number of scholarships

ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 will be presented to exhibitors who have excelled academically, in community service and in 4-H or FFA. Last year, a total of \$21,500 was awarded to 11 exhibitors.

Separate from the selection of species champions, a showmanship contest will be held. The top showman in both the junior and senior divisions of each species will receive a silver belt buckle. Prizes also will be awarded for second through fifth place in each division.

The Kansas Livestock Foundation will sponsor a club calf show and sale Saturday, featuring consignments of steer and heifer prospects from some of the top club calf producers in the Midwest. Sale proceeds will go toward scholarships.

Women to share their experiences at upcoming girl Scout conference

As the Women of Achievement program nears its 20th year, Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland will celebrate by capitalizing on the knowledge and experience of past honorees with its first Women of Achievement mentoring conference.

The conference, "It's a Girl's Life - Lead It," will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, on the Kansas Wesleyan campus. It will include several interactive sessions with Women of Achievement honorees and a closing keynote message from 2011 honoree Betsy Wearing of the Greater Salina Community Foundation. All girls in grades six to 12 are invited to attend and they are encouraged to register early, as the event is sure to sell out.

The day will involve girls in a variety of topics including financial literacy with Phyllis Pickel of

Sunflower Bank, healthy choices with Joyce Volk of Farmer's Insurance Group, leadership essentials with Juanele Garretson of Southeast Saline High, personal storytelling with Barbara Marshall of Kansas Wesleyan University, diversity with Joyce Thomas of Central Kansas Mental Health and performance arts with Vickie Spicer of Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure.

The conference is for girls from across the state regardless of whether they are Girl Scout members. Registration is \$10 and includes two meals, a snack and event supplies. The conference

focus is leadership development for girls.

"It's critical to provide successful role models for our young women," says Shelly Prichard, president of Heartland Girl Scouts. "We're thrilled to be creating this program with Women of Achievement honorees so they can share their expertise and leadership experience with the girls."

For information or to register, contact Sara Nettleingham at snettleingham@gskh.org or (785) 827-3679 at the Salina Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Office.

Public Notice

TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. 2012-1

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of East Hale Township with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for East Hale Township, Thomas County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2013 East Hale Township budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2012 East Hale Township budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all township services are the responsibility of the township board; and

Whereas, East Hale Township provides essential services to protect the safety and well being of the citizens of the township; and

Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of East Hale Township of Thomas County, Kansas that is our desire to notify the public of increased property taxes to finance the 2013 East Hale Township budget as defined above.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2012 by the East Hale Township Board, Thomas County, Kansas.

East Hale Township Board
/s/ A.D. Deaver, Trustee
/s/ Scott Collett, Treasurer
/s/ Alicia Siruta, Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1102, the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Thomas County Sheriffs Office. These vehicles will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder after October 2012 on Purple Wave Auction.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas, or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification Number Verification Form will also be required to obtain title of any vehicle purchased and will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification and pay the costs involved.

The Thomas County Sheriffs Office reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the described vehicles prior to the time of the sale. No implied warranty of condition shall be understood by such sales.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicles and contents within ten days of the date of the second publication of this notice by paying the removal and storage charges incurred.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Thomas County Sheriffs Office and all sales must be settled at the time of the sale. Titles will be transferred to buyers, if available. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale and Proof of Publication.

Vehicles to be sold:
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LAST REGISTERED OWNER- KAYLA BRYANT

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VIN-1GTEC14W2WZ543016
LAST REGISTERED OWNER- TRAVIS GRAVES

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Brassica plants a forage option during drought

Unusual times call for unusual measures and this summer in Kansas and other Plains states have been unusual. Drought, record-high temperatures and other considerations may have agricultural producers considering different forage options and Kansas State University agronomists are encouraging producers to consider canola and other brassicas.

Brassicas, such as canola, turnips, kale, rape and rutabagas, can be productive, high quality forage options for producers to consider this fall and winter, said Doug Shoup, southeast crops and soils specialist with K-State Research and Extension. Brassicas can be used on crop fields that would otherwise remain fallow and they also can be mixed with small grain cereals for a forage blend.

"In situations that make sense to use brassicas for forage, nitrogen rates of 50 pounds per acre will boost fall forage production," Shoup said. "Brassicas are high nitrate accumulators, so if excess nitrogen is in the soil, producers should not add more. It is impor-

tant to use a soil test for this reason."

Producers also should test the forage for nitrates prior to grazing, Shoup said. Brassicas are high in quality and have high moisture content. When grazing brassicas, cattle will often become loose and require some roughage in their diet. Dry hay should always be available to cattle grazing on brassicas and should be about one-quarter of the ration.

If using canola, plant in late August or early September at a rate of five pounds per acre, said Mike Stamm, K-State Research and Extension canola breeder. If the stand is adequately established, grazing is typically available mid-October through December. Energy content and digestibility generally increase after a hard freeze, and cattle will quickly devour the forage.

"The top growth of canola in the fall is highly palatable for grazing," Stamm said. "Stocking rates have been as high as 1,000 pounds of animal per acre if ample forage is available. The quality is excel-

lent. Protein levels are normally more than 20 percent. The relative feed value can be 400, compared to about 200 for rye/wheat forage. A typical average daily gain is about 2 pounds per head per day, but some ranchers have recorded over 3 pounds per day."

If producers wish to harvest canola for grain, they should expect lower yields with a graze-and-grain program. Canola crowns rest on top of the soil surface and when grazed, plants may be physically damaged by hoof traffic, he said. Reductions in grain yield of 25 to 50 percent are not uncommon. They should also remember that if canola seed is treated, the forage cannot be grazed. Canola that is grazed is currently uninsurable.

Like canola, turnips are a brassica crop that is high in protein and digestibility, said John Holman, K-State's Southwest Research-Extension Center cropping systems specialist. The advantage of turnips compared to canola is that once the top growth of turnips is killed by a freeze, the cattle will

utilize the bulb until it is frozen.

Turnips should be seeded in late July or August at a rate of 3 pounds per acre, he said. The seed can be drilled or broadcast. Many producers have had turnip seed applied aerially into a standing corn crop, as long as little to no atrazine had been applied to the corn.

Turnip top growth can be grazed from late September until the first killing frost with temperatures below 18 degrees. Bulbs can be utilized into January as long as they remain intact. Turnip forage quality is very high, Holman said, ranging from 17 to 22 percent protein while the protein in the bulb will usually exceed 8 percent protein.

Cattle stocking rates for turnips are often high, ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of beef per acre, depending on available forage. Turnips can be blended with a small grain cereal crop. Cattle will initially seek out the cereal before utilizing the turnip tops until later in the season when the brassica forage becomes more desirable.

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