

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Shawn Michael West, 23, Gem, Aug. 24, probation violation, Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, released Sept. 11 with probation continued.
- Melissa Joy Swafford, 30, Colby, Sept. 4, holding for other agency, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/State of Florida, released Sept. 13 to other agency.
- Joseph Edward Douglas, 31, Lebanon, Ill., Sept. 7, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, conspiracy to commit felony, using communication facility to arrange sale or purchases, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Sept. 11 on \$200,000 appearance bond.
- Brandon Allen Garner, 23, East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 7, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, conspiracy to commit felony, using communication facility to arrange sale or purchases, no drug tax stamp, Highway Patrol, released Sept. 11 on \$200,000 appearance bond.
- James David Hickert, 28, Bird City, Sept. 7, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulant, endangering a child (three counts), Thomas County Sheriff, released Sept. 13 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- David John Zerr, 48, Oakley, Sept. 10, driving under the influence (second offense), Gove County Sheriff's Office, released

Sept. 15 for time served.

- Laura May Hickert, 28, Bird City, Sept. 11, failure to appear/criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Alan Phillip Schoenberger, 43, Oakley, Sept. 11, failure to appear, Logan County Sheriff's Office, Thomas County Sheriff, released Sept. 11 on recognizance.
- Shiloh Rae Crandall, 27, Salina, Sept. 12, failure to appear/endangering a child, failure to appear/giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on \$50,000 appearance bond.
- Adam Wesley Peterson, 29, Farmington, Sept. 12, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Sept. 13 on recognizance.
- Jacob Christ Yamauchi, 21, Lakeville Minn., Sept. 12, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Sept. 13 on recognizance.
- Michael Scott Juenemann, 48, Colby, Sept. 13, giving a worthless check (three counts), Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Shawn Patrick Lawler, 26, Colby, Sept. 14, driving under the influence, Colby Police Department, released same day on recognizance.
- Joshua Lorne Middleton, 20, Colby, Sept. 14, minor in possession/consumption, transporting open container/alcohol, Colby Po-

lice, released same day on notice to appear.

- Joshua Creighton Ryan, 19, Colby, Sept. 14, driving under the influence, minor in possession/consumption/ transporting open container/alcohol, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Cody Ryan Stewart, 20, Oakley, Sept. 14, driving under the influence (second offense), Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.
- Michael Dean Jones, 24, Colby, Sept. 16, burglary, criminal damage to property, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.
- Toby Lucas Jones, 21, Colby, Sept. 16, criminal damage to property, burglary, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.
- Toby Lucas Jones, 21, Colby, Sept. 16, theft, Colby Police, released Sept. 16 with charges pending.
- Shawn Patrick Lawler, 26, Colby, Sept. 16, burglary, criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.
- Manuel Gerardo Vasquez-Castro, 21, Oakley, Sept. 17, driving under the influence, driving without a license, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff/Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.

Motor carriers donate child safety seats statewide

The Kansas Motor Carriers Association has made a life-saving donation to the Kansas Highway Patrol – 105 child safety seats to be distributed statewide via Highway Patrol troopers and child seat technicians. This is the 13th annual year that the association has made a commitment to preserving the lives of Kansas children with their car seat donations.

"Safety is the Kansas trucking industry's number one priority," said Tom Whitaker, executive director of the association. "Every year, the Kansas Motor Carriers Association provides 105 child passenger seats to those that cannot afford to purchase the seats to protect Kansas children. By partnering with the Kansas Highway Patrol, we are assured the child passenger safety seats will be distributed where they are needed most.... This is our way of helping those that share the road with our trucks everyday do so safely."

The donation of child safety seats comes during Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs from Sept. 16 to 22. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death nationwide for children ages 3 to 6 and 8 to 14.

"KMCA's dedication to the safety of Kansas children is something we can all be proud of," said Colonel Ernest E. Garcia, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol. "We appreciate it, and certainly the families who receive these seats will value the safety this donation provides their children."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends some key lessons in keeping your child safe and in the proper child safety seat:

- Select a car seat based on your child's age, height, and weight.
- Keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as your child fits the seat's height and weight requirements.
- All children under 13 should ride in the back seat.

The administration also recommends following the instructions that come with the child's seat, and the vehicle's instruction manual for proper installation.

The Patrol has troopers who are certified to inspect child safety seats for proper installation. They check installation free of charge. To set up an appointment, contact your local Kansas Highway Patrol Troop District Headquarters at (785) 625-3518.

Get creative with feeding options

Producers who trucked in supplemental forages from further north last year will likely be out of luck this season, thanks to the expansive drought.

Many producers will be forced to get creative with feeding and grazing this year, said Justin Waggoner, K-State beef systems specialist, during the 2012 K-State Beef Conference. "We're probably going to have to make do with what we have," he said.

Waggoner advised producers to explore feeding non-traditional forages, such as crop residues or weeds. Most alternative forages have some associated risk though. "They are nontraditional for a reason," Waggoner said. Testing samples of forage for toxic substances helps assess the risk involved with feeding it.

High nitrate levels in forages are especially important to watch for, Waggoner said. When plants experience stress, such as a drought, their nitrate levels rise, which can be deadly for cattle. Nitrate content up to 3,000 ppm is considered safe, while 3,000 to 6,000 ppm only moderately safe and should not constitute more than half of the ration for stressed animals. If the content is 6,000 to 9,000 ppm, the forage could be toxic and should not be the sole source of feed.

Waggoner said nitrate content is typically variable, and he stressed the importance of thorough sampling. Producers should record the field of origin for each sample. Forage from an area with high nitrate levels may be mixed with forage from an area with lower levels and fed to cattle with lower risk of toxicity.

From an economical perspective, Waggoner also recommended grazing forage whenever possible instead of baling it into hay. "Anytime we run a swather and baler, we're going to tie up \$30 to \$35 a ton in that forage," he said.

If it is necessary to hay, Waggoner recommended ammoniating low quality forage to improve digestibility and intake. To ammoniate, stack bales in a 3-2 or 3-2-1 arrangement and cover the stack with six-mil black plastic. Seal the edges with soil and insert the anhydrous line, applying about 3 percent ammonia of the total weight of the dry stack. The time the stack should remain covered varies with temperature. At temperatures of more than 80 degrees Fahrenheit, leaving the stacks covered for approximately two weeks is usually sufficient. Waggoner warned against ammoniating forages containing weeds or moderate quality forages, as toxic substances can be produced.

A K-State Research and Extension video "how-to" on Ammoniating Low Quality Forages is posted at youtu.be/-JtJb-umpk.

If a producer is able to locate available forages to buy, Waggoner recommended asking a few questions to help assess its quality, since forage is rarely bought or sold with sample results.

- 1) What did the field look like prior to cutting? What were the dominant plant species?
- 2) What is the history of management? Was it in the Conservation Reserve Program?

Couple wed; groom jailed

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) – Talk about the old ball and chain. A judge sentenced an Oklahoma man to four years in federal prison on a firearm charge – then minutes later performed a marriage ceremony to wed the new inmate and his longtime girlfriend.

Thursday was a busy day for Larry Austin and Dustie Trojack. First they obtained their marriage license, then Austin pleaded guilty to the firearm charge and was sentenced by Oklahoma County Judge Jerry Bass. Shortly afterward, Bass married the happy couple who kissed before federal authorities whisked Austin away.

Austin's attorney, Scott M. Anderson, tells *The Oklahoman* (is.gd/7kX174) that Austin had helped to raise Trojack's two sons and he didn't want to lose contact with them while he was serving time.

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Expensive movie snacks OK

DETROIT (AP) – There is no happy ending for a Detroit-area man who challenged the high price of movie snacks.

A Wayne County judge dismissed Jason Thompson's lawsuit Friday, saying the Michigan Consumer Protection Act doesn't ap-

ply. Thompson claimed a Livonia theater was illegally gouging customers after he paid \$8 for a soda and chocolate-covered peanuts in December.

Bruce Sendek, a lawyer for American Multi-Cinema, says no one is forced to buy snacks at

movies. He notes that the price of any product can vary greatly depending on where it's sold.

The moviegoer's lawyer, Kerry Morgan, tells the *Detroit Free Press* (on.freep.com/Ucyutl) that he advised his client to stay home and get a subscription to Netflix.

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