

Federal assistance available for drought in most of Kansas

Federal assistance is available for livestock producers affected by drought in all Kansas counties except Republic, officials say. Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said eligibility is based on a county being designated as level D3, or extreme drought, by the U.S. Drought Monitor or having a 40 percent or greater loss of normal precipitation for the

four most recent months. Stockmen may request help by filing an application for cost-share assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 at their Farm Service county office. The program can help provide access to water, providing up to 75 percent of the cost for temporary measures and 50 percent for permanent measures. Practices can include con-

structing and deepening wells, installing pipe to another source of water or hauling water, tanks and troughs. The agency will be accepting applications even though no money is currently available, Polansky said. Priority will go to permanent measures. For information, call the county office at 462-7671.

Wyandotte County ash trees suffer first known beetle attack in Kansas

The first case of emerald ash borer in Kansas should encourage Kansans to monitor their ash trees. The pest has been in southwest Missouri since 2008 and was identified in Platte County, Mo., in July, said state Extension forester Charles Barden with K-State Research and Extension. Then the beetles showed up in Kansas in Wyandotte County.

"Once the insects are in the tree, it will die within a couple of years," Barden said. The adult beetles deposit eggs in crevices of a tree's outer bark. Then newly emerged larvae bore through the bark to begin feeding on the tree's inner tissues. "As the borers grow in size and number, they disrupt the sap flow of the tree," Barden said. "It will look sickly for several years before it dies." The adults usually emerge in late spring to early summer, leaving small "D-shaped" holes in the tree trunk. Typically the tree

canopy will start thinning from the top, and as much as half of the branches may die within the first year of being infected.

Barden said the risk of spreading the infestation is greatest when firewood from infected ash trees is transported to new areas. It is illegal to move ash firewood out of a county like Wyandotte, where emerald ash borer has been identified.

People who have ash trees within a 15-mile radius of a known infestation might consider initiating preventive insecticide treatments, according to Bob Bauernfeind, horticultural entomologist with K-State Research and Extension.

"Preventive treatments are best undertaken while trees appear healthy and their vascular transport systems are intact," he said. "Treating a tree already showing symptoms of emerald ash borers is rarely effective."

Typically the vascular system in these trees has been too damaged to allow the insecticide to reach

the trunk, branches and canopy. Barden said early spring is usually the best time to treat ash trees against emerald ash borer.

Both Barden and Bauernfeind encouraged people within a 15-mile radius of a documented infestation or within the same county as an infestation, to carefully consider which ash trees are worth treating. "Homeowners must determine the value and worth of a tree on their property, and what costs they are willing to incur in terms of preventive treatments," Bauernfeind said.

Some treatments require a licensed arborist to apply the insecticide, which is an additional cost. Barden said these treatments usually provide longer protection.

Barden advised homeowners to remove unhealthy ash trees, since they tend to attract emerald ash borers. He also warned against planting new ash trees for now.

For information about emerald ash borer, visit with your local Extension agent.

Kansans to display art at 44th show in Russell

The Russell Original Art Review is gearing up for its 44th show from Sunday to Tuesday, Oct. 12 to 14, at the 4-H Building in Russell.

Since 1969, the show has given professional and amateur Kansas artists a chance to show and sell their work. Categories include oil, watercolor, other two-dimension, sculpture, ceramics, pastels, photography and computer-generated

or manipulated original composition.

All artists 16 years and older living in Kansas are eligible. All work must be original and not previously exhibited at this show. Entries may be brought to the 4-H building from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, next Monday or Tuesday, 7, 8 and Oct. 9. There is no limit on the number of entries.

The show will be open to the

public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. Admission is free.

About \$3,200 in cash prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judge.

For details, write to ROAR, Box 94, Russell, Kan., 67665 or go to roarart.org.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Saturday

12:53 a.m. - Minor in possession report filed on incident.

12:42 p.m. - Spoke to subject about posting signs on city property.

10:53 p.m. - Caller reported possible underage drinking. All OK.

11:56 p.m. - Report filed for minor in consumption.

Sunday

2:12 a.m. - Caller reported subject passed out inside store. Requested ambulance.

2:21 a.m. - Caller reported yelling to the west of her trailer. All OK, subjects dispersed.

5:12 a.m. - Caller advised subject possibly suicidal. Report filed.

3:41 p.m. - Caller advised juvenile ran away. Report filed.

10:59 p.m. - Caller reported barking dog. Friend of owner arrived to handle.

Monday

3:25 a.m. - Provided ride home for subject walking northbound in median in the 1200 block of S. Range.

7:28 a.m. - Barking dog. Owner spoken to.

11:15 a.m. - Helped Department of Children and Families.

12:54 p.m. - Dog inside business taken to animal clinic.

2:28 p.m. - Purse found in the 1200 block of W. Fifth brought to station. Attempted to contact owner.

4:09 p.m. - Collision in Citizens Medical Center parking lot.

4:09 p.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on collision.

11:32 p.m. - Cowboy hat found and given to Rodeo Association to turn over to owner at college.

Tuesday

6:21 p.m. - Animal complaint report filed.

Wednesday

1:50 a.m. - Open door on parked van. All appeared OK, shut door.

2:11 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle all OK, subject asleep in bed of truck.

10:32 a.m. - Caller reported building broken into. Report filed.

10:32 a.m. - Burglary/theft report filed on above call.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported violation of protection from abuse order. No report.

7:47 p.m. - Caller reported animal attack on another animal.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Saturday

10:36 a.m. - Theft of diesel fuel from vehicle parked on Experiment Farm Road. Report filed.

3:13 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles riding four-wheelers on La Hacienda Dr. Spoke with parents.

10:57 p.m. - Helped Colby Police on possible alcohol incident at college.

Sunday

9:48 a.m. - Criminal damage report filed on incident at County Rd. CC.

3:43 p.m. - Provided information to subject on phone about farm equipment.

9:12 p.m. - Security check at Golden Plains School; one door secured; spoke to the principal.

9:17 p.m. - Security check at Frontier Ag, Rexford; everything OK.

10:05 p.m. - Security check at Frontier Ag, Menlo; everything OK.

Monday

2:44 p.m. - Helped state employees at Smoffee's.

2:47 p.m. - Helped state employees at Cranston Trucking.

4:15 p.m. - Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop at K-25 and Taylor Ave.

5:42 p.m. - Booked Duane Brown.

Wednesday

1:59 p.m. - Booked Richard Bullard.

2:54 p.m. - Criminal damage report filed on incident at Thomas County Courthouse.

2:55 p.m. - Duane Brown arrested on warrant.

2:55 p.m. - Edward Chaid arrested on warrant.

7:22 p.m. - Report filed for illegal dumping at County Rds. 21 and V.

11:33 p.m. - Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop just east of Country Club Drive on Veteran's Memorial Drive.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of October, 2012; all registration books for the general election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 7th day of November, 2012.

County Clerk's office at 300 N. Court Ave., Colby, during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age and upwards, or will have attained the age of eighteen (18) of age at the next election, must register before he or she can vote and show proof of ID. Voter registration books close fourteen (14) days before an election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until one (1) of the following occurs:

- The voter changes his or her name by marriage.
- The voter changes residence.
- The voter's name has been purged according to law.

If any of the above has occurred, you must re-register.

An individual applicant may request an application for registration in person, by telephone, in writing to the County Election Officer or by visiting the following website: <http://www.kssos.org>.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of my office this 25th day of September, 2012.

Shelly A. Harms
County Clerk/Election Officer
Thomas County, Kansas

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