

# Kansas agriculture department holding statewide contest for photos of farming

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is having its second annual statewide agricultural photo contest.

The department invites Kansas residents to submit photos that capture the special moments, hard work and breath-taking beauty of agriculture across the state.

There are five categories, including Farm Faces; Picture Perfect Prairie; Agriculture at Work; From the Land of Kansas; and Rollin' in the Hay, a special category for Kansas youth 19 and younger.

"The department's first-ever agricultural photo contest held in summer 2012 was a huge success and was a great showcase of Kansas agriculture," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. "As the state's largest

industry, agriculture touches every Kansan every day. With our second-annual photo contest, we want to see how agriculture affects you. From the wheat in the field through the milling and baking processes to the bread that makes your sandwich, agriculture is everywhere around us. I encourage all Kansans to consider submitting photos for this fun contest."

New to the contest this year, Secretary Rodman, Kansas Board of Agriculture members and agricultural leaders in the Kansas legislature as well as the department's social media will judge the photographs submitted. Go to [agriculture.ks.gov/photocontest](http://agriculture.ks.gov/photocontest) to learn more.

Contest winners will be determined by combining points from the secretary, state board members

and legislative leaders with those accumulated on social media sites. Winners will be those with the highest points in each category.

Photos will be judged on creativity, quality and relevance to Kansas agriculture. They will be displayed at the department and used on the department's website, social media pages and various other marketing materials.

Photos submitted should not be digitally manipulated or enhanced. Digitally manipulated or enhanced photos will be disqualified. Normal cropping, color correction, etc. are acceptable.

Winners in each category will receive \$100 gift cards and the runner-up participants will receive \$50 gift cards.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to [PhotoContest@kda.ks.gov](mailto:PhotoContest@kda.ks.gov). Entries should include:

- A title and brief description of each photo.
- When and where the photo was taken.
- Photographer's full name and age.
- Photography category.
- Hometown.
- E-mail address.

Alternatively, CDs containing photo files and accompanied by all of the required information may be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Kansas Department of Agriculture, Attn.: Communications, 109 SW Ninth St., Fourth Floor, Topeka, Kan., 66612

Photos must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, July 15. Winners will be announced by Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Let's get together



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Dixie Thompson (right), flipped through a book with pictures of the courthouse and other old buildings in Colby Wednesday evening at Fairview Estates Retirement Community. She was at a family gathering of about 20 people, including Linda Garrett (left) Irma Garrett (sitting) and Alice Wolf, (standing).

# County clerk goes to spring state convention

Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harms attended the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials annual Spring Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan last month.

This conference provides clerks with an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with colleagues from across the state

A training session was provided for new clerks on Tuesday afternoon. The conference opened with a board meeting. Wednesday

morning, the clerks assembled for a general session. Dave Lewis, the Riley County Commission chairman, welcomed them to town.

Committee chairs gave reports and R.J. Wilson of the Sandstone Group gave a legislative report, along with Melissa Wageman of the group's staff and Legislative Committee members Don Pyle and Sonya Stohs.

The afternoon session featured two breakout sessions on "emotional intelligence," bond issue,

dealing with employee leaves of absence, social media and free speech, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. That evening, a welcome reception was held at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

The Thursday session began with Secretary of State Kris Kobach, the state's chief election officer, welcoming the group. He and his staff discussed election issues. Angela Morelock, a certified public accountant, provided a session on fraud and embezzlement.

A banquet Thursday evening began with the presentation of scholarship awards by committee chair Inge Luntsford of Kingman County. Entertainment included the "Game Show Road Show-Team Trivia Challenge."

Friday's session began with the president's breakfast and a skit by several clerks called "Hats." The conference ended with a presentation by Gary Hardman with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. concerning health care reform.

## Senior Progress Center

Cool off with a sno cone Wednesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. bingo. **Wednesday:** sno cones. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pinochle game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** pork patty, hash-

brown casserole, seasoned carrots, bun, orange pineapple salad.

**Tuesday:** chef salad, cantaloupe, crackers, brownie. **Wednesday:** barbecue chicken, potato salad, pork and beans, watermelon. **Thursday:** cook's choice entrée, corn casserole, cucumber and tomato salad, peaches. **Friday:** meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, green beans, gelatin with fruit.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and

older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (785) 462-2901 by noon the day before.

## Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Sunday:** Doris Jean Oliver's birthday. **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down; Doug Todd's birthday. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

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