

Filthy car-nage brings fun end to fair

The grandstand filled up nicely Saturday night for action that was anything but nice to finish this year's Thomas County Fair.

Demolition Derby fans wouldn't want it any other way as local drivers decided more than \$5,000 in prize money.

Alex Ryan conquered a full-class car showdown that didn't disappoint the fired-up crowd. Several competitors drew loud cheers from various sections of fans when their names were announced.

Several intense collisions left them all stalled except for Ryan and Chase Mollering.

Mollering didn't give up the \$1,200 championship purse without a good fight. He appeared done on more than occasion, sputtering and struggling until suddenly his engine roared back to life.

Yet Ryan never stalled nor stopped attacking. Several good glams to the passenger side left Mollering virtually pinned against a wall.

Finally, there were no more re-starts and Ryan could celebrate.

Ryan took home the \$1,200 while Mollering earned his \$800 for second place. Jared Pfeifer finished third and collected \$600.

Another \$900 was awarded to the fourth through sixth place full-class placers. Though not quite as profitable, Andy Blackhart received \$100 for a prestigious "Hard Charger" award that represented the Derby's most good hits.

Others listed as competing in the full class were John Racette, Robert Clanton, Cody Lilly, Jason Felhoelter, Josh Barnhart, Mitch Griffin, Ryan Baalman and Rocky Baalman.

The compacts crashed this Saturday night gathering next with



The annual Thomas County Fair Demolition Derby drew a good crowd in Colby Saturday night. They saw full-class drivers like Jared Pfeifer (21) shown (above) work his way through smoke and mishaps to earn prize money. Everyone struggled to avoid Andy Blackhart (94, also above), who earned the Derby's "Hard Charger" award for delivering the most good hits. Other collisions (right) continued while knocking out all except full-class champ Alex Ryan.

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James Carney winning this championship and \$600 prize.

John Lockert earned \$300 by



outlasting every other compact competitor except Long.

Robert Long completed the top

three and won \$200.

Another \$375 were divided between the fourth through sixth

places.

Figure 8 photo and results are featured below.

Cowboys, 'Fins open preseason

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Football is back!

A preseason score may have been meaningless, but the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Dolphins played each other on Sunday in the annual Hall Of Fame Game.

Linebacker DeVonte Holoman produced the first highlight as his interception return of a tipped pass for touchdown started Dallas to the 24-20 win.

Nearly 50 play in scramble

There were no ladies or couples league golf at Meadow Lake Course last week, but 48 did participate in the Men's Night scramble.

Results from both flights:

First flight

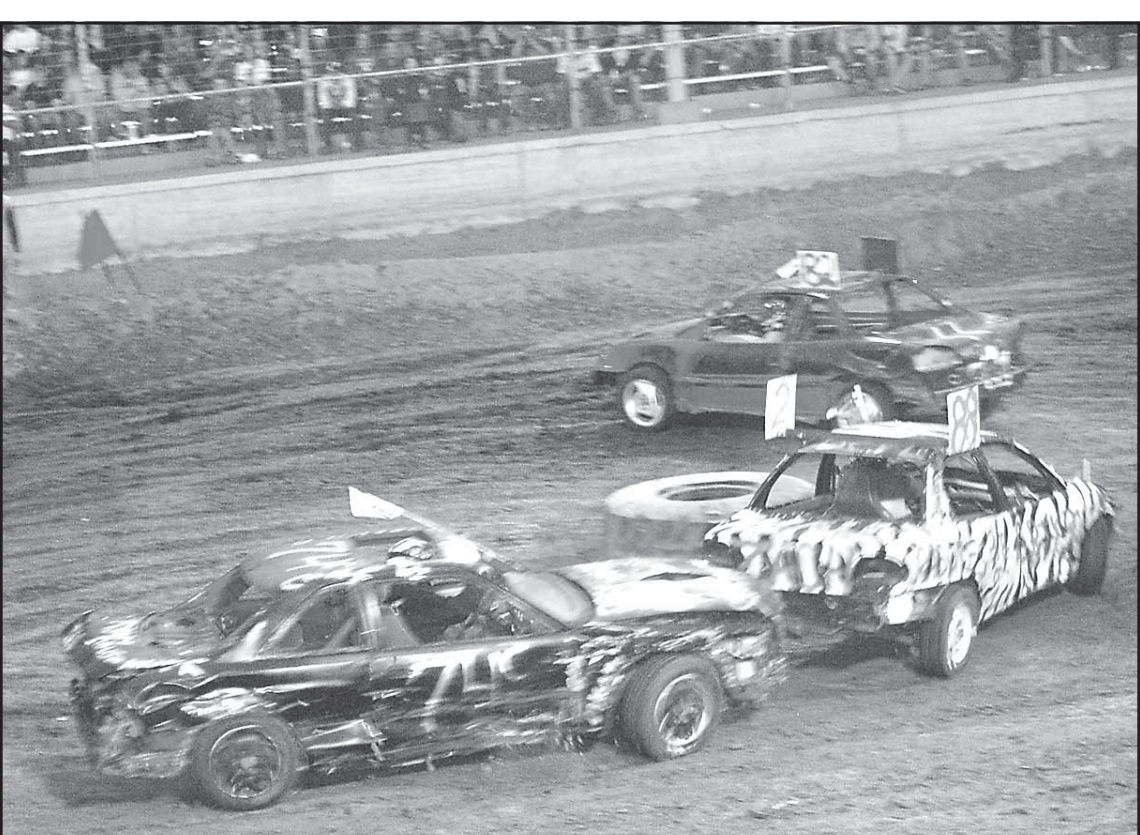
1. Taylor/Ryan, 2. Molstad/Sager, 3. Schifferal/Kriss, 4. Williams/Williams.

Second flight

1. Garcia/Suter, 2. Brewer/Wad-dinton, 3. Woofter/Molstad, 4. Gable/Giersch.

The men will play a 3-man Scramble Tuesday evening.

Also on this week's Meadow Lake calendar will be the Seniors Tournament Thursday.



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Many drivers warmed up for Saturday night's Demolition Derby by competing in the Figure 8 races at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Aggressive turns and an occasional collision did occur. Pictured clockwise from top right are Cody Talsman (82), Jarrett Marker (88) and Robert Clanton (74).

Drivers zoom around Figure 8

Mitch Griffin showed his car could maneuver around all sorts of obstacles while winning the

Thomas County Fair Figure 8 competition Saturday night in Colby.

Drivers were divided into heats as many of the Demolition Derby challengers decided to participate.

Tiger wins Bridgestone tourney

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — They say par is a good score in a major. If that's true next week at the

PGA Championship, then Tiger Woods has already done that.

Woods played safe and smart with a big lead, parring 16 holes in an even-par 70 Sunday to coast to a seven-shot victory.

Speedway begins home stretch with five drivers winning titles

Familiar drivers took home the main-event titles at Thomas County Speedway Sunday evening and only one race night remains to decide season champions.

The top finishers in each class are featured today with more details being planned later this week.

Econos: 1. Ray West, 2. Eric Clayville, 3. Ryan Baalman, 4. Ron Baalman, 5. Levi Jones, 6. Ronnie Baalman, 7. Joey Foster, 8. Alex West. Duke Turner and Billy Turner did not finish.

Hobby Stocks: 1. Tyrel Smith, 2. Matt Giesenhagen, 3. Jake

Blackhart, 4. Colton Pfeifer, 5. Curt Kennedy, 6. Brian Stich, 7. Daniel Irwin, 8. Mike Giesenhagen, 9. Cody Graham, 10. Adrienne West, 11. Gary Pancake, 12. Richard Boon, 13. Irvin Earl. Tanner Moss did not finish.

Sport Mods: 1. Daniel Gottschalk, 2. Clay Money, 3. Andy Barton, 4. Cody Pancake, 5. Clinton Hockersmith, 6. Warren Harkness, 7. Ryan Stevenson.

Stock Cars: 1. Jeff Tubbs, 2. Jason Rogers, 3. BJ Wagoner, 4. Mike Meyer, 5. Perry Misner, 6. Brent Moss, 7. Tyler Tipton,

8. Jason Stevens, 9. Wheat Lippelmann, 10. Eric Kinderkencht. Jake Eicher and Rich Wadel did not finish.

Modifieds: 1. Michael Wadel, 2. Adam Morris, 3. Darren DeLoach, 4. Nate Moore, 5. Dusty Springer, 6. Matt Morris, 7. Todd Schwarz, 8. Wheat Lippelmann.

Loose Caboose special race: 1. Baalman Boys, 2. Ron's Auto Sales.

The racing season concludes at Thomas County Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 21 with the Jeff Hartwell Memorial.

Source says suspected cheaters won't fight 50-game suspensions

NEW YORK (AP) — A person familiar with the negotiations tells The Associated Press that all players targeted for drug suspensions other than Alex Rodriguez have accepted 50-game penalties from Major League Baseball.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Monday because the suspensions had not yet been announced.

The person says All-Stars Nelson Cruz of Texas, Jhonny Peralta

of Detroit and Everth Cabrera of San Diego are among the 12 who accepted penalties Monday.

Others include Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and outfielder Fernando Martinez; Philadelphia pitcher Antonio Bastardo; Seattle catcher Jesus Montero; New York Mets infielder Jordany Valdespin and outfielder Cesar Puello; Houston pitcher Sergio Escalona; San Diego pitcher Fautino De Los Santos; and free agent pitcher Jor-

dan Norberto.

MLB informed the Yankees on Sunday that Rodriguez will be suspended for his links to the Biogenesis of America clinic, which was accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs, a person familiar with that decision said.

The Yankees weren't told the exact length of the suspension, though they were under the impression it will be through 2014.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
East Hale Township
Thomas County

will meet on August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at East Hale Township Hall 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 316 First St., Levant, KS 67743 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2012		Current Year Estimate 2013		Proposed Budget 2014		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	52,844	22.821	42,159	22.453	77,888	43,035	19.664
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Noxious Weed							
Special Machinery							
Totals	52,844	22.821	42,159	22.453	77,888	43,035	19.664
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	52,844		42,159		77,888		
Total Tax Levied	38,984		41,222		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	1,707,533		1,835,917		2,188,569		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1							
2011	0		0		0		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
A.D. Deaver
East Hale Township Trustee

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Morgan Township
Thomas County

will meet on August 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM at 610 W Oak Street, 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 Thomas County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

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	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	14,829	3.235	159,900	0.278	167,500	159,968	13.459
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	37,348	8.243	141,000	3.688	147,000	89,262	7.510
Noxious Weed	1,610		3,320	0.398	3,700	3,700	0.311
Special Machinery							
Totals	53,787	11.478	304,220	4.364	318,200	252,930	21.280
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	53,787		304,220		318,200		
Total Tax Levied	114,452		41,996		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	9,971,991		10,589,243		11,885,586		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1							
2011	0		0		0		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

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Alice M Wolf
Morgan Township Clerk