

Irrigation conference to be held at Colby

Learn about water usage and its effects on crops at the 24th annual Central Plains Irrigation Conference and Equipment Exposition, to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 21 and 22, at the City Limits Convention Center, 2227 South Range Ave., in Colby.

The first day begins with registration, coffee and the opening of the exposition from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. (Mountain Time). The day concludes with the social hour and hors d'oeuvres from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The social hour is a great time to visit with exhibitors and speakers. Day two begins with registration and continental breakfast from 7 to 7:30 a.m. and is over at 2 p.m.

A representative from the Kansas Department of Agriculture has been invited to speak on the "Legislative Initiative to Manage the Ogallala" during the general session on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Dan Rogers of Kansas State University will talk about "Kansas Irrigation Trends and Impacts."

Technical session topics are "Crop Water Budget: Effects of Tillage Systems," "Crop Water budget: Effects of Irrigation Management," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity when Irrigation Water is Limited," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Center Pivot Irrigation," "Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Subsurface Drip Irrigation," "Emerging Irrigation Scheduling Technologies," "Support Software for the Irrigation Manager" and "Crop Insurance and

Economic Issues." The trade show will be open at various times throughout both days. It will close at 9:30 p.m. on the second day. It is open to the general public and there is no admission charge for it.

"This year's conference is full of valuable information for area irrigators," said Donna Lamm, executive assistant of Central Plains Irrigation Association. "The technical sessions are full of good information on budgeting water usage and the best

way to irrigate based on the system farmers have in place. There will also be an equipment exposition. The vendors cover the gamut of the irrigation industry."

Registration for the two days is \$75 and \$85 for certified crop advisor continuing education units, if postmarked by Feb. 1. After that it is \$90 and \$100. Registration includes admittance to all sessions, the equipment exposition, a copy of the Proceedings, two lunches, all breaks, and the social hour.

Continuing education units for the technical session have been applied for. Booth space is available for companies interested in exhibiting their products.

For specific speakers' topics, more information, to register or reserve booth space, contact Donna Lamm, executive assistant, at (785) 462-7574 or donnalamm@yahoo.com, or go to <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html>.

Wear red to game for heart disease

The Goodland High School Girls Athletic Association is having a Red Out at the high school basketball games against Colby on Monday, Feb. 6. A Red Out is used to bring awareness to heart disease.

Teams, students and community member are encouraged to wear red to school, to work and to the game in honor of loved ones and the American Heart Association.

The Girls Athletic Association will be selling hearts that will go on a wall at the Max Jones Fieldhouse for \$1 to honor people people know with heart disease or heart problems. There will also be a cookie and cake raffle. All the money will go to the American Heart Association.

Students in the medical assistant

program at Northwest Technical College will be taking people's blood pressure from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the basketball game.

Cardiovascular disease kills more people in the U.S. than the next five leading causes of death combined. The Red Out is a great way to celebrate the life of family and friends we have lost to this devastating disease while making a difference by helping to save others.

If you cannot come to the game but would like to show your support, a conation may be sent to the high school. All money will go to the American Heart Association.

For information call sponsor Connie Livengood at Goodland High School (785) 890-5656.

Goodland girl places at state level

Nicole Hendrich, daughter of John and Kelly Hendrich of Goodland, placed third at the state contest for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy contest. For her efforts she received prize money from the local Post 1133 and its Auxiliary, from the 9th District VFW and it's Auxiliary and \$500 from the state level. Nicole joins other Goodland alums in winning of the state level: Ryan Liess; Jason Showalter (placed 8th at the National Level); Amanda Hoffman, Devin Mangus and Brennan Clouse.

Each year, more than 51,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition.

Knowing that a democratic society needs nurturing, the Veterans of Foreign Wars established the Voice of Democracy program in 1947 to provide students grades 9 to 12 the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$16,000 and the first-place winner from each state wins an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The 2011-2012 theme: "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?" The theme for next year will be announced in February and the deadline for next year's contest is Thursday, Nov. 1.

Truck and load of corn stolen

On Dec. 5, a tractor trailer semi with a load of corn was taken from a rural grain bin site near Bird City. The tractor trailer semi was also used in another grain theft in Cheyenne County.

After an investigation by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office, two men were arrested on Jan. 11 in connection with the thefts. Kurt Stapleton of Liberal, and Jimmy

Ray Ketcherside of Plains, are being held in the Scott County Jail. The tractor trailer semi was recovered in rural Thomas County.

Charges are pending. Stapleton and Ketcherside are also being held for involvement in other thefts that have occurred in Cheyenne County, and other counties in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Young cheerleaders



Goodland High School cheerleader Jamie Gittinger along with her fellow cheerleaders, Laramie Farris, Jordan Malsom, Michaela Garrett, Shayley Miller, Chloe Goodwin, Bracelyn Redlin, Amy Floyd and Sydnee Thornburg held a cheerleading clinic for grade schoolers last week. The group did a cheer and dance routine at the half time of the basketball games on Tuesday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Government - backed home loans available

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development is seeking applications for the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program.

The program assists low- to moderate-income rural Kansans obtain financing to purchase a home. Loan money can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities.

With the direct loan program, there is no down payment required

and 100 percent financing. Maximum loan amounts vary by county and applicants may be eligible for payment assistance, which could subsidize the interest portion of the house payment, lowering the overall monthly payment amount. Applicant's eligibility requirements include good credit history, adequate and dependable income and repayment ability for the loan. Currently, the agency has ample funding for applicants at or below 50 percent of the area's median

income.

Last year, Rural Development in Kansas provided more than \$14 million in financing for rural Kansas homeowners through the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program. For more information about the direct loan program, contact the Hays Area Office at (785) 628-3081, Ext. 4.

The Agriculture Department, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community

infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$155 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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6:30 - 7:30pm Adults		

For more information: Contact Mr. Luckert or Mr. Coon at the G.A.C, 808 Main St., Goodland, KS 67735 Telephone # 785-890-7242 or Come In and complete our New Members Information Card

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