

# Agritourism another income

While drought has taken a toll on farmers' and ranchers' pocket-books, many are finding other ways to bring in money. One that is gaining attention is agritourism.

Agritourism offers farmers and ranchers another income while offering city slickers the chance to get a firsthand look at farming on their vacations.

"How to Attract More Customers, More Often!" is the theme of the 2005 Kansas Agritourism Workshop, which will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mountain Time Thursday, April 21, in Colby at City Limits, 2227 S. Range Ave.

The workshops will give agritourism operators information on developing or fine-tuning an effective web site, gaining publicity, designing an appealing operation and creating and maintaining customer loyalty with newsletters.

Examples of agritourism businesses include rural bed and breakfasts, a corn maze and horse-drawn wagon rides. Visits to farms, ranches or orchards can provide recreation and educational opportunities.

Jane Eckert of Eckert AgriMark-

eting says she has designed the workshop to build on last year's AgriTourism Conference in Great Bend. This year, she is concentrating on showing farmers how to attract more customers more often, resulting in more farm revenue.

Eckert is a consultant who will be available to meet one-on-one with operators.

A farmer's daughter who grew up on a fruit orchard, Eckert helped build her family's operation into one of the top tourism destinations in the St. Louis area, attracting 500,000 people per year.

She plans several session topics, with each presentation to be followed by hands-on breakout sessions or discussion groups, allowing those attending to apply what they have learned.

Session topics include "Weaving Your Website," "Attracting Publicity," "It's All About the 'Wow!' Experience," "Creating and Maintaining Customer Loyalty with Newsletters" and "Putting More Tourism into Agritourism."

In the final breakout session, those who attend will have the opportunity to develop specific tour-

ism strategies for their regions.

Farmers do a little of everything, Eckert said: fix the trucks, build the fences, lay out the pumpkin patch, build the hunting lodge and level the road. But sometimes there is a time and a place to go "co-op."

The workshops is being sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Resource Conservation and Development Councils and the El Dorado Convention and Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce.

The department is partnering with area Resource Conservation and Development and Extension offices to coordinate the workshops.

To register, contact Janna Dunbar at the Kansas Department of Commerce, 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100, Topeka, Kan. 66612-1354, phone 785-296-8132, fax 785-296-3487, or e-mail jdunbar@kansascommerce.com.

Visit the web site kansasagritourism.org and click on link for more details or to download registration form. There is \$15 fee, which is reduced to \$10 for registered agritourism operators.

# Soil-borne virus yellows wheat

Soil-borne mosaic virus is being found in wheat fields throughout northwest Kansas, leaving weakened plants with a yellow tinge.

Although wheat soil-borne mosaic and wheat streak mosaic are both viruses, they are different diseases. Wheat soil-borne mosaic is carried by fungal bodies that swim through moist or wet soil. Wheat streak mosaic is carried by wheat curl mites that move between volunteer and farmer-drilled wheat.

Leaves of wheat infected with soil-borne mosaic are yellow with mottled green spots. These symptoms can often be confused with other diseases, and a test that screens for viruses is necessary to identify it. This is available through Kansas State University.

In a field, infected areas are first noticed as large, irregular areas of yellow, stunted wheat. The pattern in the field is normally in the low spots where water drains. The size of the infected areas will not grow



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on the length of time the plants are showing obvious symptoms. A long, cool spring prolongs the period, and resulting losses may be as great as 30 to 50 percent. If conditions

during the growing season.

Soil-borne mosaic virus is most commonly found in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas and in irrigated circles in the southwest. Infection of young roots takes place in the fall, during periods of high soil moisture.

Optimum temperature for development is at 60 degrees. When the temperature rises above 68 degrees, the disease stops progress.

Symptoms typically develop in early spring after green-up. When the wheat starts jointing, mosaic symptoms usually are fading, but the stunting may persist until harvest.

The amount of yield loss depends

# Children may feel 'blue' at times

Like adults, children may feel "blue," or sad, periodically. However, according to the National Mental Health Association, when these feelings persist and begin to interfere with a child's ability to function in daily life, clinical depression could be the cause.

Depression in children and youths can have several causes, including a family history of the disorder; stressful life events, such as a divorce or a parent's death; abuse and neglect; and other mental health problems, such as anxiety and bipolar disorder.

Childhood depression can lead to academic underachievement, social isolation and difficulty with peer and family relationships. Indications of depression include:

- Frequent sadness, tearfulness or crying.
- Feelings of hopelessness.



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expressed more in their actions and behaviors, rather than in what they say. Parents need to be alert to warning signs and seen early diagnosis

and treatment through a medical or mental health professional.

Contributed by Karen Beery, manager, Consultation and Education Department. The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help.

Mail questions to High Plains Mental Health Center, Plain Sense, Consultation and Education Department, 208 E. Seventh, Hays, Kan. 67601.

Internet site: [www.highplains-mentalhealth.com](http://www.highplains-mentalhealth.com).

# matters of record

## District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **March 7** — Miguel P. Quiroz-Barrios, 30, Denver, \$260 for transporting an open container and \$135 for speeding.

Sean P. Youngman, 31, Tampa, Fla., \$126 for speeding.

Katharine M. Hadley, 39, Valparaiso, Ind., \$126 for speeding.

**March 8** — Joseph J. Fritzler, 55, Flagler, Colo., \$150 for speeding.

**March 9** — Robert S. Bader Jr., 27, Springdale, Ark., \$126 for speeding.

Carolyn Kearse, 54, Aurora, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

Virdie A. Young, 57, Truman, Ark., \$84 for speeding.

Timothy J. Nardoni, 16, Florissant, Mo., \$90 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

**March 10** — Darrel E. Allen, 52, Grovespring, Mo., \$102 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Pascual G. Diego Pablo, 49, Los Angeles, Calif., \$159 for speeding.

Kari A. Terhark, 34, Boulder, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

**March 11** — John A. Lilienthal, 22, Goodland, \$159 for speeding.

Tadd W. Neitzel, 24, St. Francis, \$96 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Dallas E. Troyer, 43, Goodland, \$79 for no child restraint.

Richard D. Hanzon, 41, Idaho

Falls, Idaho, \$90 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Jose D. Vail, 27, Hinesville, Ga., \$114 for speeding.

Benjamin P. Nelson, 20, Grapevine, Texas, \$360 for driving under suspension and \$108 for speeding.

**March 14** — Benjamin P. Nelson, 20, Grapevine, Texas, \$120 for

improper parking.

Misty N. Clem, 24, Oregon City, Ore., \$120 for speeding.

Kathryn D. Down, 18, Hinsdale, Ill., \$255 for speeding.

Anthony P. Russo, 36, Aurora, Colo., \$138 for speeding.

Barbara J. Hedgpeh, 38, Overland Park, \$126 for speeding.

# Science team finishes fifth at state

Goodland High School finished fifth out of 12 small schools and 19th out of 29 overall at the Science Olympiad state competition.

Goodland students placed third among small schools in several events and fourth, fifth and sixth in three others.

Third-place finishers received bronze medals: Matt Rohr and Derek Fenner in Chemical ID; Kali Rietchek and Sarah Borneman in Forensics; Aaron Duell, Matt Rohr and Brett Lalicker in Mission Possible; Rietchek and Lalicker in Tower Building; and Fenner and Levi Coon in the Wright Stuff.

Jared Hall and Andrea Wolak were fourth in Storm the Castle; Josh Cech and Rohr were fifth in Robot Ramble; and Molly Witzel and Drew Wilkens sixth in Remote Sensing.

Others who competed were Andrew Pettibone, Grant Wilkens and David Livengood. The coaches are Dennis Friedrichs and Duane Unger.

"This was a very young team in experience," Friedrichs said. "Ten had never been to the state tournament, so I was pleased with the effort of the team."

# Chickens looked like prize winners

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society

**April 12, 1905:** Fine Flock of Full Bloods — Fred Hurd's Plymouth Rock Chickens Look Like Prize Winners — Twelve years ago Fred Hurd of Voltaire township conceived the idea that if he was going to raise chickens, he had better start out with a few of 'royal blood and aristocratic air,' and today his flock of 100 hens and six roosters, full blood Barred Plymouth Rocks, are one of the 'chicken wonders' of northwest Kansas.

They are strictly of the highest variety and would win sweepstakes in a poultry show. Mr. Hurd has been continually grading up his flock, and every year he ships in the finest roosters he can buy; so that now every member of the feathered flock are big and beautiful.

They seem to be conscious of their blood, and Mr. Hurd's Plymouth Rocks are one of the pleasures, as well as profits, of his farm.

**April 13, 1905:** The Official Count — City Fathers Canvas Election Returns — Wallace Filer Councilman by Lot — The city council met as the official canvassing board

of the city election.

George Kelly is mayor; G.W. Sapp is Police Judge; A.D. Stewart is Treasurer; and Justice of Peace is H.H. Floyd. For councilman from the First Ward there was a tie vote, Wallace Filer and W.L. Vanwinkle each receiving 35 votes. As provided by law in such cases, the tie was settled by lot, resulting in favor of Wallace Filer.

**April 14, 1905:** Boys Buy Liquor; Get Jagged — John' Dockerty is Charged with Selling Fire Water — Doctor Called to Give Relief — Five young men of Goodland — boys 18 years and under — had an experience that ought to teach them a valuable lesson.

They managed to get intoxicating liquor somewhere and drank so much of it that in one case, at least, a hurry up phone call was sent to a doctor to come and relieve the effects of what is sometimes called a "big jag." If they didn't know it before, they know now that getting drunk is not the least bit funny.

The parents of the boys are vexed at the unhappy incident and say they will prosecute the case. Prof. S.V. Mallory, who heard the jollification and rounded up the boys, all whom are students at his school, is the complaining witness against John Dockerty, who is charged with selling intoxicating liquors to a certain minor.

A warrant was issued for John Dockerty, who was taken into custody by Sheriff Bradley.

The defendant was arraigned in Justice of Peace Floyd's court. Attorney Chalkley A. Wilson appeared as counsel for defendant and argued on a motion of continuance, which was granted by the court, trial being set for April 21. Dockerty's bond for appearance was placed at \$500.

From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

# music club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met Monday, April 4, at the Lutheran Church. President Eva Lou Selby called the meeting to order and led in singing the state and local theme songs and repeating the club collect.

Linda Lucas reported on the hymn of the month and the composer and led in singing "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured," arranged by Johann Cruger.

The club also sang the July hymn of the month, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," by John Newton and Franz Joseph Haydn.

Six members answered roll call: Birkley Barnes, Martha Gunderson, Linda Koons, Lucas, Joanna Norris Grimshaw and Selby.

Gunderson, yearbook chair, introduced the program, beginning with the group singing three barber-shop songs led by Selby: "O Baby Mine," by Pat Ballard; "Me Too

(Ho-Ho! Ha-Ha!)," by Harry Woods, Charles Tobias and Al Sherman; and "Old McDonald Had a Band," an American folk song, arranged by P. Yoder.

Everyone was to bring a silly song or poem to perform. Gunderson sang "Kemo, Kimo," and Selby sang "The Hearse Song." Barnes recited a poem by Ogden Nash, "Elephop and Telephong," at least she thinks that is the title.

Grimshaw sang the "Tigger Song" from *New Horizons and Music Appreciation*. She also played a recording by P.D.Q. Bach of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Lucas sang "Pierre" from "Really Rosy," by Maurice Sendack and Carole King. She was accompanied on the piano by Koons.

The program concluded with impromptu skits. Gunderson provided each person with three items in a plastic bag secured with a twist tie. Her instructions were to perform a song using all of the items, the bag and twist tie being optional. Everyone showed great creativity.

Selby conducted a short business

meeting. Grimshaw read the minutes of the last meeting, and Barnes gave the treasurer's report. They were approved.

Grimshaw read a letter informing the club that the Christian Musician Award has been given to Isabelle Hellerud.

The plans for the student recital in May were discussed, and the date was changed to Sunday, May 8, and it will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Christian Church, 907 Caldwell.

Officers for next year were elected: Barnes, president; Selby, vice-president; Lucas, secretary; and Gunderson, treasurer.

After the meeting adjourned, hostesses, Grimshaw and Selby, served a fruit plate, dark chocolate with pistachios, tea and coffee.

The next meeting will be the Junior/Senior Student Recital Sunday, May 8, at the Sunrise Christian Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hostesses are the special programs committee, Selby, Pat Schiefen and Gunderson.

## Sherman County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 16, 2005  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mountain time  
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