

Bad hair ride!



They rode just for the thrill of it, although it turned out not to be a friendly hair ride. But the kids at the Norton County Fair didn't worry about that. They wanted more and more.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Important deadlines closing in

Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA), reminds producers of important deadlines to participate in FSA programs.

- Aug. 1 — Final date to request a farm reconstitution.
- Aug. 15 — Acreage reporting deadline to certify 2008 spring seeded crops and CRP. NAP acreages must be certified by Aug. 15 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing. Aug. 15 is also the final date to report NAP production for crop year 2007. Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP).
- Sept. 1 — Application closing

date to purchase NAP on 2009 aquaculture, barley, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, rye, spelt, triticale, turf grass sod, and wheat. Must purchase NAP on all 2009 noninsurable crops to be eligible for 2009 disaster programs.

- Sept. 16 — Final date to pay buy-in fees to be eligible for 2008 supplemental disaster programs.
- Sept. 16 — CRP emergency haying ends for approved counties.
- Sept. 30 — Final date to sign up for 2008 Direct and County-Cyclical Program (DCP).
- Sept. 30 — CRP emergency grazing ends for approved counties.

Signup for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) quantity and quality losses for 2005-2007 crops is continuing. No signup deadline has been announced at this time.

Fuller also reminds producers that marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments are available on 2008-commodities. The CCC-633 EZ Page 1 must be

completed before losing beneficial interest in the commodity.

Farm Service Agency accepts applications anytime for Farm Storage Facility Loans, Continuous CRP, Rural Youth Loans, Direct or Guaranteed Operating or Farm Ownership Loans, including Beginning Farmer and Socially Disadvantaged, and Beginning Farmer and SDA Down Payment Loans.

Producers are encouraged to purchase 2009 crop insurance and/or 2009 NAP coverage on all acreages in all counties on commodities planted and intended to be planted for harvest or grazing to remain eligible for 2009 disaster programs.

USDA Farm Service Agency has many programs that provide Kansas farmers and ranchers supplemental income to help with the many expenses of maintaining a crop or livestock operation.

Producers are also reminded that Aug. 1 is the final date to submit nominees for the county committee election.

Colby issue brings about quite a smell

By Jan Katz Ackerman jkackerman@gmail.com
COLBY — A Colby woman's dog kennel is being targeted by her neighbors as a foul place to live. "I don't know what the complaint is, so it's hard to comment," kennel owner Sharon Dunn said.

Dunn said her dog kennel, consisting of more than 20 dogs, complies with rules set out by the Kansas Department of Environment. "I'm in compliance with the KDHE," Dunn said.

"In fact, on July 10, I received my breeding license."

Dunn said a state kennel inspector toured her facility last week and granted her a license to raise large and small dogs.

She said the inspector told her the KDHE had received a complaint about the kennel which is located at 1705 N. Range Ave., but nothing more was said to her about it.

Don Woofter, Shawn Curry, Jason Woofter and Dave Harper met with Commissioners Ken Christiansen, Paul Steele and Byron Sowers on Monday to talk about noise and smells coming from the kennel area.

"We hate having to be here," Curry said. "But if she's going to run a business, she needs to buy ground and do it outside the 3-mile limit."

The four men asked the commissioners to uphold codes set out by the city and county.

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FFA members attend state event

Singing in front of a crowd can be nerve wracking. Leading a group of peers can be as well. For five students of the Norton FFA Chapter, leading may be the easier of the two. Members of the Norton chapter joined over 280 Kansas FFA members at the 2008 State Conference for Chapter Leaders on July 7-9 at Rock Springs Ranch south of Junction City.

They were on a quest to further develop their ability to lead their local FFA chapter. Embracing the "Rhythm of Leadership", the six state FFA officers related music to rehearsing, practicing and serving like a leader.

Members who attended the conference were Hannah Fulton, president; Jessica Reeves, treasurer; Christopher Maddy, secretary; and Meaghan Peterson, Caleb Vanover and Mr. Garrett Beydler, advisor.

The State Conference for Chapter Leaders gives chapter leaders the chance to explore new tempos for their upcoming year of service. Key points the members learned and experienced during the conference included: vision, expecta-

tions, purpose, and growth, being a role model, challenging the status quo, and creating a shared vision.

Through workshops facilitated by both the state FFA officers and a select group of agricultural education instructors, the students experienced the importance of these points first hand.

One of FFA's primary focuses has always been instilling premier leadership in its leaders, and this has shown results. Due to personal growth and team building conferences, such as the State Conference for Chapter Leaders, FFA members across the state have been noticed. One group that has noticed this unique aspect was Cargill, an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services. On July 8, Cargill representatives, Raven McMaine, Meghan Mueseler and Heather Fletcher paired with advisors to provide perspective about the parallels that Cargill and FFA have in regards to leadership in agriculture. Cargill's strong background in leadership made them a perfect partner for

the event. State FFA President Emily Surdez said, "I saw 47 amazing teams of chapter officers come together and grow as individual leaders and as a team this week. The knowledge and skills they gained at this conference will assist them in helping their chapters grow and succeed over the next year."

The State Conference for Chapter Leaders is presented by the Kansas FFA State Officer Team, the Kansas FFA Association, and sponsored in part by Cargill.

The Kansas FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization and has 7,328 student members preparing for careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture in 164 local chapters across the state. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Visit: www.ksffa.org for more information.

Accident claims former resident

(Editor's note: The family of Patty Gilman (Streit) provided The Telegram with the following information relative to the accident that took her life.)

Norton native Patricia Gilman (Streit), 48, known as Patty, was fatally injured in an early morning accident in Wichita on July 12. She was the passenger on a motorcycle that was involved in an accident that occurred near the intersection of I-135 and K-254. She died at the scene. Her husband, Greg Gilman, was rushed to Via Christi Saint Francis Hospital in critical condition. He has since been upgraded

to serious condition.

According to witnesses, a man driving what appeared to be a dark colored Dodge Intrepid or similar make of car, with a 30-day tag, tried to exit onto northbound I-135, then changed his mind. He backed up the exit ramp, then proceeded to merge onto K-254, sideswiping the motorcycle, and sending it into a guardrail. The driver of the vehicle left the scene before police arrived. Police are still searching for the vehicle and the driver.

The loss of Mrs. Gilman has devastated family and friends, as well as the entire Jeeps Cycle Club community in Wichita, a community in which the Gilmans' were an intricate part of for many years. A memorial in her name has been established by Jeeps at Chisholm Trail Bank in Park City. Steve Worthington, a close friend of the Gilmans', has also offered a reward for any information about who caused the accident that killed Mrs. Gilman and left Mr. Gilman in the hospital.

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