

Farm agency supports National Agricultural Day

The Kansas Farm Service Agency suggests that everyone takes a moment in these turbulent fiscal times to celebrate agriculture and honor the hard-working farmers and ranchers in Kansas. Dennis R Mote, Cheyenne County executive director, said that March 19 is National Ag Day and this year's theme is "Generations Nourishing Generations."

"According to recent United States Department of Agriculture studies, the agricultural sector right now remains a bright spot in terms of economic stability and growth and there is a strong demand for U.S. agricultural products," Mr. Mote said. "Generation

after generation of agricultural producers in Kansas are getting up early every day to provide the food, fiber and fuel that feed and clothe Americans and others around the world.

"As research advances, the future may be even brighter. New uses for ag products are being found to utilize natural ingredients for life-saving medicines and supply the critical commodities required in a long list of manufacturing sectors."

Despite the onslaught of natural disasters weathered by farmers and ranchers this past year that created less than ideal growing conditions, producers still managed to grow

the commodities that keep our economy moving forward. And they maintain our abundant supply of renewable resources in an environmentally sensitive manner.

"For their life sustaining efforts, we honor Kansas agricultural producers for their vital contribution," he said.

The major commodities produced in Kansas include wheat, corn, soybeans and beef cattle. Kansas agricultural production contributed more than \$3.68 billion in export revenues in 2011 alone, which was a record high.

Today the Kansas farmer produces enough food to feed 155 people, a dramatic increase from the 19 people a farm sustained in 1940. These increased efficiencies demonstrate that Kansas Agriculture is producing more - and doing it better than ever before.

Idalia News

By **Chuck Wright**



Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m. - The Idalia Bicentennial Family, Community and Education Club will host a program at St. John Church on keeping a range of motion with arthritis, gout, or other debilitating joint conditions. Wear comfortable clothes for the exercises that use a chair for stability. Everyone is welcome.

Lions Club meeting
Monday, March 25, 6 p.m. - The Idalia Lions Club will meet at the Grainery for dinner and a business meeting.

St. John church news
Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday. The worship service will include the Processional of the Palms. The sermon will be, "Jesus' Journey Through Holy Week," Mark 11:1-11
Tuesday, March 26, 5 p.m. - The St. John Women's Fellowship will host a quilting night at the

church to work on lap quilts for Idalia residents who are sick or shut in. All women are invited to participate. They will quilt again on Wednesday, April 3.

Holy Week at St. John:
Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday. Pastor Chuck will be leading an exploration of the Passover Seder meal, the meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples before his arrest. All ages are invited to participate.
Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. - Good Friday. The Idalia community is invited to a soup supper provided by volunteers. At 7:15 p.m., there will be a traditional Good Friday worship service of scripture readings and songs.
Sunday, March 31. - Easter Sunday. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast.

This service will be held outside, weather permitting, or inside if necessary.

At 10:30 a.m. there will be a traditional worship service that will include Holy Communion and the message, "God's 5th Sunday," 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Community Easter Egg Hunt
At 11:30 a.m. there will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held rain or shine. All children, ages 2-10 years, are invited to attend.

Idalia school news
March 19-23 - Senior trip to San Diego, Calif.
March 25 - 29. - No school. Spring break.
Orders are now being taken for Idalia school 2012-2013 Yearbooks.

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Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2013

Many people weighed down by sin are living in misery. Jesus told Faustina, "There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy." (1273) Some feel their sins are unforgivable but, Jesus said, "Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. "Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain but it will be too late." (1448)" Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace." (1074) Receiving total forgiveness of all sins and punishment is like receiving a brand new start in life! Don't miss out on this incredible gift of mercy that is available in every Catholic Church on Sunday, April 7, 2013! (with Ecclesiastic permission)

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- Hoops great Chamberlain
- Pinup's legs
- Name in fine china
- Musk, e.g.
- Give off
- Not so hot
- Nobelist Wiesel
- Iditarod's terminus
- "You ___ kidding!"
- Bids for the Hill
- Aunt Polly's nephew
- Comfy shoe
- Mangy mutt
- Jack Benny catchword
- Put on ___ (make famous)
- Chilling
- Sunup direction
- First miracle site
- Candidates for Village Voice bestowals
- Bit of mosaic
- Spot for a dummy
- Moves like the Blob
- Breastbones
- Newsroom fixture
- Suffix with Brooklyn
- Photo ___ (camera sessions)
- Nugent of rock
- Incorrect totals, e.g.
- Waker-upper
- Keister
- Cookie resembling the old Hydrox
- Suffix with Beatle
- 2000 role for Julia
- Thor's lord
- 10-to-12-year-old
- Was decked out in
- Pioneering video game
- Led Zeppelin's "Whole ___ Love"
- Old geezers
- Not suitable
- Biathlon weapon
- Try for a better view, maybe
- Stored on board
- Canyon effect
- Indian corn
- Starts the pot
- No longer in
- Trucker with a handle
- ___'Pea
- Giraffe kin
- Maker of collars for oxen
- "Psycho" sicko Bates
- "Tristram Shandy" author
- Prison guard, slangily
- Hang like a walrus mustache
- Crab morsel
- Sprinter's path
- Ashtabula's lake
- Prefix with drome
- Thieves' hideout
- Novus ___ Seclorum (dollar bill phrase)
- Jockey strap
- For a ___ (cheap)
- Qty.

DOWN

- Deep troubles
- Just lying around
- Butcher's cut
- Grab the tab
- Human ___ project
- Love personified
- Maurice Chevalier song
- Geyser output
- Laundry supply
- Llama country
- Doing business
- Big rackets
- NYC clock setting
- Place for a bell ringer