



Auction draws bids of big bucks

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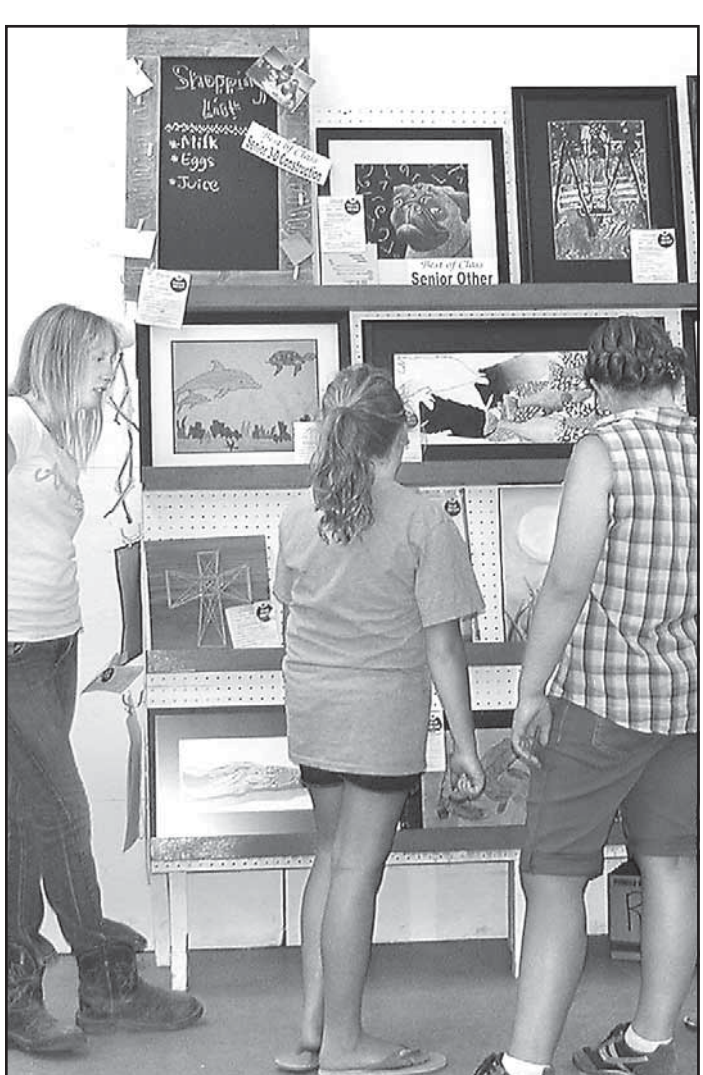
Kids got the chance to make money again this year at the fair, enough to do more than just ride the tilt-a-whirl. Area 4-Hers made a total of \$197,982 at the livestock sale at the fair, selling a total of 141 animals. That includes 31 cattle, 58 pigs, 16 lambs and 31 goats. Cassie Wells sold her grand champion steer for \$3,553, at \$2.75 a pound. Tatym Rundel sold her reserve champion steer for \$2,587, at \$2.10 a pound. Hunter Vaughn had the one yearling bucket calf at the sale, the grand champion, which he sold at \$3,276, for \$1.60. Weston Schmidt sold his champion pig for \$1,140, at \$5 a pound, and his brother Michael sold the reserve champion pig for \$1,098. Taylor Todd sold the grand champion lamb for \$1,102, at \$7.50 a pound, and the reserve grand champion was not sold. Wells also had the grand champion goat, which she sold for

\$972, at \$12 a pound. Emelin Hutton sold the reserve champion goat for \$646 at \$8.50 a pound. Many 4-Hers sold several animals. Caleb Hill sold a miniature goat, and he and his sister Tessa each sold a pig. The animals ate two buckets of feed a day, Tessa said. She added that they had three pigs between them. "We're going to eat the other one." Dana Wilson, 18, who sold a steer for \$3,276, said raising the animal was "a lot more than a full day, it takes a couple months." Aside from feeding and taking care of the animals, she added, "it's kind of hard to train them." Sometimes, she said, the animals panic in the confines of the barn, but she got lucky with her animal. They are usually a year and a half to two years old, and she has been raising the animals for years, just selling the steer this year. But at 18, this is the last year she can be in 4-H. "I think it's going to be sad," she said, "because this is my last year."

Fair exhibits talents of all



There has been fun of all kinds to go around at the Thomas County Fair. Kit Boyington, 13, Goodland, performed at the Texaco Country Showdown Wednesday night (top). The Thomas County Community Foundation sponsored a breakfast Thursday morning (above) in the 4-H building, where entries of vegetables, artwork and many other projects are also exhibited (right).



Colby Community College Hunger Dialogue committee member Leisa Hansen showed the well-stocked shelves of the campus food pantry now waiting for students.

College organizes student food pantry

Colby Community College now has an on-campus food pantry for students in need, a project that grew out of participation in the second annual Kansas Hunger Dialogue held at Johnson County Community College this spring. Over the course of two days, students, student life staff, faculty, deans and college presidents from across Kansas heard from top activists and thinkers in the anti-hunger movement. The gathering was held by the Kansas Campus Compact, a statewide alliance of colleges and uni-

Election lawsuit dismissed

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TOPEKA — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit arising from a close Kansas House race last year and the losing Democratic candidate's dispute with Republican Secretary

of State Kris Kobach over contacting voters whose ballots had not been counted. U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten ruled Thursday the case was moot because the GOP-dominated Legislature changed state election laws this year to explicitly prohibit the disclosure of a voter's name between the time a ballot is cast and county officials certify election results. Former state Rep. Ann Mah, a Topeka Democrat, initiated the lawsuit after the November election. After the case was moved to federal court, Mah convinced Marten that county officials could release the names of voters who had cast uncounted provisional ballots. Kobach argued that state and federal laws prevented Kansas officials from releasing the names to protect voters' privacy, but Marten ruled the state was prevented only from disclosing how someone voted.