

Dogs start off fair activities



Sherman County 4-Her Paige Cullens and her dog compete in the agility section of the dog show for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair on Saturday morning at the fairgrounds. Usually agility was last because it was outside but was first because of the hot weather. Showmanship and obedience followed in the Agricultural Building set up with three arenas.
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Discrimination still persists in education

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We recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the groundbreaking federal law that prohibits gender discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal money.

In the decades since the law was passed, much has been accomplished to ensure that no educational opportunity is denied to women on the basis of gender and that women have equal opportunity to aspire, achieve, participate in and contribute to society.

Despite the gains, through, inequalities in education persist.

At the U.S. attorney's office, we are committed to pursuing the goal of equality in education through continued enforcement of Title IX and other federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on sex.

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities operated by those who take federal money. The law applies to activities offered by schools, including admissions to, and financial aid for, colleges and post-secondary institutions, student services and counseling and

athletics and physical education. Schools are also responsible for taking steps to prevent sex-based harassment and responding quickly and effectively to harassment when it occurs.

Congress passed Title IX in response to the marked educational inequalities women faced prior to the 1970s. Before Title IX, women were often excluded from or had only limited access to some educational programs. Elite colleges and universities set quotas for the admission of women or prohibited them from attending altogether.

Institutions that accepted women often required higher test scores and grades for admission. Once admitted, women has less access to scholarships. They were excluded from "male" programs such as medicine and faced more restrictive rules, such as early curfews. Women faculty were more frequently denied tenure than their male counterparts, required to take pregnancy and maternity leaves, or prohibited from entering faculty clubs. In part as a result of these inequalities, only eight percent of women age 10 and older were college graduated, compared to 14 percent of men.

Since 1972, women have made

great strides in the educational attainment, benefiting from the protections enacted through Title IX. The percentage of women between the ages of 25 and 34 with at least a college degree has more than tripled. Women now have higher graduation rates and lower high school dropout rates, take more advanced placement exams and earn more advanced degrees than their male counterparts.

Title IX has also vastly expanded women's access to athletic programs. For example, from 1972 to 2011, female participation in high school sports rose dramatically. Women enjoyed similar gains at the college level.

Because education is linked to other benefits, such as participation in the labor force, increased earnings, better health and increased access to health care, the benefits of Title IX extend far beyond those experienced in school.

The U.S. attorney's office remains committed to enforcing and strengthening the protections of Title IX and striving to ensure that all members of our society have equal access to the training and education necessary to succeed in America.

Bearded irises need dividing every three to five years

If they're happy where they live, bearded irises multiply.

Unless gardeners divide the resulting clumps every three to five years, though, most varieties start losing vigor and flowering ability.

"Late July through early August is the ideal time — not only to divide but also to plant or move irises," said Ward Upham, Kansas State Research and Extension horticulturist.

For dividing, he recommends these steps.

- Soak dry soil a day or two before. Then dig up the entire clump. The revealed part will be a tangled mass of thick rhizomes (tough underground stems) and smaller

feeder roots.

- Begin knocking off soil and twisting, breaking or cutting the root mass into smaller pieces. A knife or spade can help.

- Continue until you have planting-size divisions. The minimum is one rhizome with attached roots and a fan of leaves. (It probably won't bloom next year.) The better division is Y-shaped: two "minimums" with smallish rhizomes attached to a larger one.

- Discard broken roots. Get rid of old or dried-out rhizomes and those with borer damage or soft rot.

- Cut leaves back by two thirds.
- Prepare the planting site: weed. As needed, incorporate fertilizer

and/or organic material six to eight inches deep.

- Dig a hole as deep as the division's longest root. Either mound up soil to hold the rhizome in the hole's middle, or hand-hold the rhizome at ground level while you replace the fill dirt. Water halfway through and after refilling the hole. The rhizome's top surface should end up dusted with soil or exposed to the sun.

The usual planting arrangement is a triangle of three divisions, with their leaf fans facing out, 10 to 12 inches apart.

"If they're facing the other way 'round, you'll be dividing again really soon," Upham said.

Kansas State University to talk on animal welfare

The Kansas State University Animal Health Corridor Lecture Series will present its next luncheon seminar, "Animal Welfare: Impact on Industry and Public Perceptions," at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, on the university's Olathe campus, 22201 W. Innovation Drive.

"One of the most sensitive topics in the animal health industry may be the treatment of production and research animals," said Elizabeth Evans, an assistant professor of biology at Rockhurst University.

"There are a number of misconceptions about animal welfare, and differing opinions and public perceptions of animal welfare have far-reaching effects on food prices, availability, animal health and human health. These misconceptions

and their impact on the industry will be among the animal welfare issues discussed at the seminar."

Evans, who has a doctor of veterinary medicine degree, will be joined by Dallas Hockman, vice president of industry relations for the National Pork Producers Council, as the seminar's featured speakers. Evans and Hockman will share their expertise and perspectives on the socioeconomic effects and research implications that perceived animal welfare issues have on the animal health industry.

Interested participants should register by Tuesday, Aug. 7. Tickets are \$50 per person and cover the seminar and lunch. Group rates are available. For more information or to RSVP, visit <http://www.ageconomics.k-state.edu/outreach> or contact Kara Ross at (785)532-3526 or kross@agecon.k-state.edu.

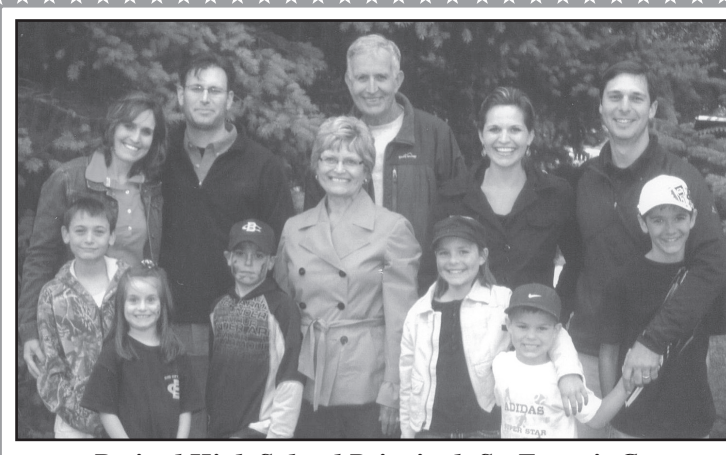
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