

# Aircraft to evaluate crops

One of the most exciting recent developments in agriculture is the use of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems to evaluate crop conditions. Producers, agronomists and the public can view a demonstration of this new technology at the 2013 Agronomy Field Day on Aug. 16 at Kansas State University's Agronomy North Farm.

The use of these unmanned aircraft systems equipped with aerial optical sensing technology has gained national press attention in recent months. Kevin Price, K-State, professor of agronomy and geography, and Deon van der Merwe, associate professor of veterinary medicine and head of the diagnostic laboratory toxicology section, are among the leading researchers in the nation on this technology. They are working to develop systems that can be used by the agricultural community.

"We've had an incredible reception among consultants, producers, plant breeders and others when we've shown them what this technology can do. It

has the potential to make their jobs much easier and will help them make better recommendations in a more timely manner," Price said.

"At the field day, I will be showing some of the kinds of things we can accomplish with these small Unmanned Aircraft Systems in field demonstrations," he added.

This is just one of several new technologies featured at the field day by agronomy researchers. Other demonstrations will show the work of Dave Mengel, professor and soil fertility specialist on optical sensors for nutrient recommendations; Vara Prasad, associate professor and crop physiologist on stress tolerance research; and Peter Tomlinson, assistant professor and environmental quality specialist and Chuck Rice, university distinguished professor of agronomy on techniques used to measure greenhouse gases.

The field day will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and wrap up at 2 p.m. There is no charge to attend, and a complimentary

lunch will be available. Preregistration is requested so that a lunch count can be made. Those interested in attending can preregister by calling Troy Lynn Eckart at 785-532-5776. To preregister online, see: <http://kstateagron2013.eventbrite.com/>.

Sessions include two concurrent one-hour tours in the morning, starting at 9:45 and 11 a.m. After lunch, there will be demonstrations on sUAS flights; analyzing and interpreting images from sUAS technology; and field checking of optical sensing readings for crop nutrient status.

In addition, there will be displays from commercial companies and K-State researchers in the shed near the registration area, along with the crop garden, forage garden, and weed garden for browsing. Extension specialists will be available to answer questions.

For more information, interested persons can contact Dallas Peterson at 785-532-0405 or [dpeterso@ksu.edu](mailto:dpeterso@ksu.edu).

# Disc golf clinic



The Norton Recreation Commission and the Norton Disc Golf Club held a disc golf clinic for children on Thursday, Aug. 1, at Elmwood Park. (Pictured) Kent Lockhart demonstrates the different grips used to throw a disc, as Rodney Dyck, Traeven Mordecai and Don Mordecai listen. Approximately 10 kids participated in the free event, and each received a free disc.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Gregoire named board chairman

Dr. Ken Gregoire, President/CEO of the Valley Hope Association, was recently named Chairman of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) Board of Directors. Dr. Gregoire has served as Vice Chairman for the NAATP Board since 2011. The announcement came during the NAATP Annual Spring Meeting in San Antonio.

"It's an honor to serve the NAATP organization as Chairman," said Dr. Gregoire, "and to promote the organization's mission to provide leadership, advocacy, training and support services to assure the continued availability and highest quality of addiction treatment." The 25-member board of directors

is proportionally representative of the membership and represents not-for-profit facilities, independent for-profit facilities, multi-facility residential treatment centers and outpatient facilities as well as units in acute care hospitals.

"With the Affordable Healthcare Act, Parity and changing federal and state regulations within the healthcare industry, the addiction treatment field will continue to face challenges in the coming year," said Dr. Gregoire. "However, NAATP will continue to play a pivotal role as the leading voice of addiction treatment providers and together we will push forward to serve as advocates for those in need of addiction treatment

and together we will work to develop treatment options that best fit the needs of our patients in an ever changing field."

Dr. Gregoire is a Licensed Psychologist in the state of Kansas and a graduate of the Clinical Psychology program at the University of Nebraska and has worked for the Valley Hope Association, a multi-state organization that has provided chemical dependency services since 1967, for 36 years. He has held numerous positions within the Valley Hope organization with a variety of duties including directing programs in two different states, managing accreditation and licensing activities, direct clinical care and administration.

# More haying and grazing approved

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced that it will allow emergency haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) CP25 acreage in order to provide additional relief to Kansas livestock producers still struggling as the historic drought continues to persist in Kansas.

"As I travel throughout Kansas, I continue to see the devastating impact the ongoing drought is having on producers and communities," Sen. Moran said. "Western Kansas has not experienced relief from the recent rains in other parts of the state, and farmers and ranchers continue to struggle. USDA's decision to allow haying and grazing on CP25 acreage is welcome news and will provide much-needed relief to livestock operations from exceedingly

dry conditions."

Multiple years of historic drought have depleted forage supplies and affected the growth of hay and pasture across Kansas. Kansas has more than 840,000 acres currently enrolled in CP25, the majority of which are within the drought region. Many Kansas livestock producers have worked closely with Farm Service Agency (FSA) county directors and utilized CP25 to enhance environmental benefits. USDA authorized this same land to be used for emergency haying and grazing in 2012 and extreme drought conditions have made the authorization necessary again this year.

Emergency haying is authorized for a single period through Aug. 31, 2013. Emergency grazing is authorized for a single period through Sept. 30, 2013. In order to utilize the acreage

the producer must file a request with their local FSA office. The request will then be reviewed and, if approved, a 10 percent reduction in the CRP payment will be taken.

In July, Sen. Moran joined U.S. Senator Pat Roberts in sending a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, calling for emergency haying and grazing of CRP lands to help livestock producers suffering from sustained and critical drought.

Sen. Moran is a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies.

For further information about CRP program benefits and regulations, go online to [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp).

# Road work to begin in Graham County

Starting around August 12, a road construction project to resurface a section of U.S. 24 in Graham County is set to begin.

The five mile job begins 1/4 mile west of the U.S. 24/K-18 junction and extends east to the Graham/Rooks County line.

The scope includes a 2 1/2-inch mill and overlay of new asphalt material, followed by an overlay of 1 1/4-inches of additional asphalt.

This job also includes adding 2.5 feet paved shoulders along the edge of this section of U.S. 24.

During construction flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight

hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less should be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly. KDOT urges drivers to pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$1,605,837 - to APAC Kansas Inc., of Hays.

The subcontractors on the job are: Koss Construction Company, of Topeka, milling; Twin Traffic Marking Corp., Kansas City, permanent pavement marking; Surface Preparation Technology Inc., Mechanicsburg, Pa., rumble strips.

This highway project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, the work should be complete by the end of August.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or mail [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.

# HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents "Pueblo To Pueblo, The Legacy of Southwest Indian Pottery." This exhibit contains approximately 60 objects and 10 photographs and graphics that date from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century and will be on display June 21 - August 11.

Pueblo pottery of the Southwest is one of the most beautiful and enduring artistic traditions in all of Native North America. It is a tradition rich with history—not only as an expression of cultural identity, but also to serve as a reflection of the relationship between Pueblo peoples and the influences from outside their own community. Today, there are about twenty pueblos with a total population in excess of 50,000. It is a practice flexible enough to adapt as necessary over time, while still adhering to established social norms.

Pottery-making in the American Southwest is a tradition that first emerged about two thousand years ago. Historically, it was a functional art form, passed from generation to generation over the span of centuries by people living in permanent villages known as pueblos. The pottery of each pueblo was unique and distinguished by a variety of characteristics, such as the individual clay source and shape of the vessels and designs, or lack thereof, painted onto the surface. By the latter part of the 19th Century, these traditions were well-established; and as more and more people began to travel and move to the Southwest,

pottery production was quickly transformed from a functional art form (used primarily within Pueblo communities) to a highly-marketable cultural expression. If you have not yet been in to see this amazing exhibit, you

better hurry, it is only here until Sunday, August 11.

Our Artist of the Month for August will be Carol Reicheneker from Kearney, Neb. She has a nice display of potpourri, oils, garlands, and ornaments.

# Kansas concealed carry recognized in Wyoming

Wyoming has notified Kansas that it will begin recognizing Kansas concealed carry licenses, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced recently.

Wyoming is now the 32nd state to recognize Kansas concealed carry licenses. This recognition will allow Kansas concealed carry license holders to lawfully carry concealed handguns in conformance with

Wyoming law while traveling in that state.

Wyoming's recognition comes in response to legislation proposed by the Kansas attorney general's office and enacted earlier this year by the Legislature. Kansas now recognizes all valid out-of-state permits when the non-resident permit holder is traveling temporarily in Kansas. The new Kansas law requires

those who move to Kansas to obtain a Kansas-issued license the same as all other Kansas residents.

A complete list of states that recognize the Kansas concealed carry license is available on the Attorney General's website at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov). There currently are 65, 879 active Kansas concealed carry permits.

in a Dog Town." They will dig deep into the world of prairie dogs and all the animals that depend on them. They will share about black-footed ferrets, burrowing owls, and even turtles and salamanders that call the burrows home, too. This pro-

gram is hands-on in nature and will include some live animals as well as animal artifacts to touch. It is a program for children of all ages and is sponsored by Shopko and the Norton Public Library. There will be no afternoon program that day.

the hospital's conference room. On the agenda is further discussion of the upper level renovation and the selection of a con-

struction manager firm for the project.

be among the many activities. All proceeds benefit the Children's Hospital, Ministerial Alliance and the American Legion

Riders. For questions call Tyler Burns at 785-871-2401 or Joe Sweet at 785-874-8765.

# NORTON LIBRARY

As a culmination of the library's summer reading program, "Dig into Reading," Milford Nature Center will be coming to the Norton Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 10:30 a.m. They will present a program, "Can You Dig It? Life

# FYI

The Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in

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Let's Go to the Movie

Coming to Norton:  
Friday, August 16 - Wolverine (PG-13)

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