

DUI crackdown campaign set

The Kansas Highway Patrol will be joining other local law enforcement agencies from across Kansas to work extra hours during the You Drink. You Drive. You Lose. Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The STEP campaign runs from August 15, through the Labor Day weekend, until September 2. The additional enforcement efforts are underwritten by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). During STEP, there will be additional enforcement of all Kansas traffic laws, with particular focus on impaired driving laws.

If you are involved in a crash in which alcohol is a contributing factor, according to KDOT, you are two-and-one-half times more likely to be injured and four-and-one-half times more likely to be seriously injured or killed, than if you were in a

crash in which alcohol was not a factor. The ratio of death to injury in alcohol-related crashes is almost four times higher than the death to injury ratio for non-alcohol related crashes.

"The last thing we want to investigate on our highways is a fatality crash involving someone's family member. We hope that everyone will remember to designate a sober driver, not just this weekend, but all of the time," Colonel Ernest E. Garcia, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, said.

"Troopers and other officers will be out in force over the next few weeks, and we hope this contributes to a safer time for all of those utilizing our Kansas roads."

Over the 2012 Labor Day holiday reporting period for the Patrol (KHP stats only), troopers worked four fatal crashes on Kansas' highways, resulting

in four deaths. One of the fatal crashes was alcohol-related. There were four total impaired driving crashes worked by KHP. The Patrol arrested 39 people for impaired driving. Personnel also assisted 1,193 motorists who needed help on Kansas roads. The reporting period for the Labor Day 2012 weekend ran during a portion of the STEP period, and ran from 6:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the holiday, through midnight the Monday of the holiday.

The men and women of the Kansas Highway Patrol hope that everyone has a safe Labor Day holiday weekend. If you need assistance on a Kansas highway, or if you suspect an impaired driver, the Patrol asks that you call *47 (*HP) for KHP dispatch, or *582 (*KTA) if you are on the Turnpike.

Norton student begins medical school



Maggie Nielsen, Norton, has begun hands-on, clinical training at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. This portion of training makes up the third and fourth years of medical school and is required before receiving a medical degree.

Nielsen completed the first two years of medical school

at the KU School of Medicine campus in Kansas City. She joins 58 other medical students who also began their training in Kansas City as well as eight medical students who made up the original class of first-year students on the Wichita campus after its expansion in 2011.

Wheat meeting set for 2014 crop

With wheat production on the minds of most producers, most are gearing up for the 2014 wheat crop according to Keith P. VanSkiike, Agriculture Agent for the Twin Creeks District of K-State Research and Extension. Helping producers to answer timely questions about wheat planting is the objective.

What are the most efficient and productive wheat varieties? Do I need to be concerned about disease management in selecting

my wheat varieties? These are just some of the wheat production questions to be addressed at meetings scheduled in the area.

The first meeting will be held in Norcat, at the Methodist Church Education Building, Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. until about 8 p.m. The second meeting will be repeated Thursday, August 15 at the 4-H building in Hoxie, starting at 8 a.m.

K-State Research and Extension

faculty Jim Shroyer and Erick DeWolf will present the latest information on wheat production related to variety selection, disease management and other planting time topics. Pre-registration is requested by Tuesday, August 13. A minimum of 10 is required at each of the locations to host the meetings. Contact the Twin Creeks Extension District Office in Norton (785) 877-5755 or Hoxie (785) 675-3268.

Fire training to focus on grain storage

Grain-related entrapment, engulfments, asphyxiations and entanglements are safety concerns for those who work on farms and in commercial grain facilities.

A first responder course for fire and rescue instructors on incidents involving grain storage, processing and handling facilities will be held on the Kansas State University campus on Aug. 21. The Department of Grain Science and Industry is hosting the session at the International Grains Program building. The workshop is limited to individuals who are currently emergency first responders or fire-rescue instructors.

To register for the course, complete information and a registration form is at: www.grainnet.com/article.php?ID=134289.

The course is a joint project with Purdue University, which is also offering a class in West Lafayette, Ind. on Aug. 16. The contents of the class are based on incident data gathered by Purdue's Agricultural Safety and Health Program. The course is made possible through a Department of Labor-OSHA Susan Harwood Grant.

The workshop is limited to individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Current emergency first responder/fire-rescue instructor;
- Prior completion of NIMS training;
- Working knowledge of grain storage, processing, and handling facilities;
- Prior completion of a basic

first responder training class related to incidents at grain storage, processing, and handling facilities;

- Familiarity with OSHA standards relevant to confined spaces and grain handling facilities;
- Familiarity with NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1006 standards.

There is no cost to attend the training. Each participant will be provided extensive instructional resources, including electronic versions of the PowerPoint presentations.

If you have questions, please call Steve Wettschurack at Purdue at 765-714-4557 or swettsch@purdue.edu; or Brandi Miller at Kansas State University at 785-532-4053.

Warnings and advisories for Kansas lakes

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) samples publicly accessible bodies of water for cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, when the agency is alerted to a potential algae bloom in Kansas lakes. When harmful algal blooms are present, KDHE, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KD-WPT) and other lake managers where appropriate, responds by informing the public of these conditions.

Based upon sampling results and established health risk levels, the following Warnings and Advisories are in place.

KDWPT reminds visitors that when a lake is under an Advisory or Warning, marinas, lakeside businesses, and park camping facilities remain open for business, although swim beaches will be closed. Park drinking water and showers are safe and not affected by the algae bloom.

Also, it is safe to eat fish caught during a harmful blue-green algae outbreak, as long as consumers clean and rinse the fish with clean, potable water; consume only the fillet portion; and discard all other parts. People should also wash their hands with clean, potable water after handling fish taken from an affected lake.

As a result of this week's water sampling, the health advisory has been lifted at Harvey County East Lake and Harvey County West Lake.

CURRENT WARNINGS & ADVISORIES

Public Health Warning: High levels of toxic blue-green algae have been detected. A Public Health Warning indicates that water conditions are unsafe and direct water contact (wading, skiing and swimming) is prohibited.

Kansas public waters currently under a Warning status:

COLWICH MEMORIAL PARK LAKE, Sedgwick County

HIAWATHA CITY LAKE, Brown County

LAKE WARNOCK (Atchison City Lake), Atchison County

LOGAN CITY LAKE, Phillips County

MEMORIAL PARK LAKE (Veteran's Lake), Barton County

RIGGS PARK LAKE, Sedgwick County

ROSE'S LAKE, Johnson County (New)

SOUTH PARK LAKE, Johnson County

When a Warning is issued, KDHE recommends the following precautions be taken:

- Humans, pets and livestock

do not drink lake water

-Water contact is prohibited. Avoid swimming, wading or other activities with full body contact of lake water

-Clean fish and rinse with clean water, consume only the fillet portion, and discard all other parts

-Do not allow pets to eat dried algae

-If lake water contacts skin or pet fur, wash with clean potable water as soon as possible

-Avoid areas of visible algae accumulation

Public Health Advisory: Harmful blue-green algae have been detected. A Public Health Advisory indicates that a hazardous condition exists. Water activities like boating and fishing may be safe; however, direct contact with water (i.e., wading, swimming) is strongly discouraged for people, pets and livestock.

Kansas public waters currently under an Advisory status:

ATCHISON COUNTY PARK LAKE, Atchison County

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Aug. 1

July 1-Michael David Cliff, Norton; Charge: Speeding 92 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$264.

July 1-Melissa Dawn Galvan, Alma; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

July 8-Michael Lynn Kasson, Norcat; Charge: Speeding 97 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$321.

July 21-Shayla Cay Myrick, Stratton, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

July 23-Julie B. O'Brien, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 83 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$189.

July 22-David C. Olson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

June 27-Lowell D. Portenier, Stuttgart; Charge: Driver failed to provide required information/

aid at accident scene; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$246.

July 11-Yvonne N. Schaefer, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

July 4-Alberto Gomez Velez, Norton; Charge: Transporting an open container; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$296.

May 26-Jace T. Smith, Phillipsburg; Charge: Short saug-eye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

Aug. 8

June 27-Monte Jay Bertsch, Jr., Eureka, S.D.; Charge: Driver failed to provide required information/aid at accident scene; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$246.

July 21-Donald Wayne Daniels, Norcat; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

July 9-Jordan A. Dole, Nor-

ton; Charge: Operate a motor vehicle without a valid license; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$221.

July 3-Raelynn Marie Emerson, Norcat; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 4-Daniel J. Hackerott, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 9-Patricia Annette Hall, Jennings; Charge: Driving on left in no-passing zone; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

June 27-Troy Michael Jansoni, Prairie View; Charge: Vehicles; unlawful acts; e.g., registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

June 27-Troy Michael Jansoni, Prairie View; Charge: Improper tires; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$45.

STUDENT NEWS

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screen on Friday, August 23. If you have a concern in any of the following developmental areas; vision, hearing,

speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning, please call to schedule your child for this screening. Those eligible are children ages 3 through 5. The appointments are approximately 30 minutes,

beginning at 8 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by Thursday, August 22, and ask for Joan Hale.

Nex-Tech employee recognized



Nick Dubois reached five years of service with Nex-Tech on July 24, 2013. He is a Server Support Technician at the Lenora office.

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