Agriculture all around the Kansas State Fair

Fairs are known for their agricultural roots. The Kansas State Fair is no exception when it comes to keeping the tradition alive with a crop of great events. This year’s Fair runs Sept. 9-18 in Hutchinson.

Farm Bureau Demonstrations
For the first time, visit Farm Bureau Ag Central at Ad Astra Pavilion, where learning becomes an interactive game. Hunt for answers to trivia questions while you learn about Kansas agriculture in the exhibits in Ag Central. Participants in the agriculture trivia game receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone at the Dairy Bar. Meet more than 120 farmers and ranchers who volunteer their time during the ten-day Fair. Visit the ag safety display and take your kids to the Kids Corner where they can learn about livestock and farm equipment. Ag Central will be open from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily during the Fair. Register to win a Yard Barn valued at $3,000 donated by QSI.

Baa A Dub Dub, What’s in the Tub?
Watch demonstrations on bathing Grand Drive Champion animals. Fairgoers can ask the staff questions about feeding and caring for the animals. Hog demonstrations will be at 9:30 a.m., sheep at 11:30 a.m., goats at 2:00 p.m. and steers at 6:30 p.m. daily.

Sheep Dog Demonstration
Curious how ranchers fit all of their stock exhibitors? Stop by the Bison Arena on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 11:00 a.m. and watch Dave Arnold from Ashland show you how it is done. This demonstration will highlight Dave’s Border Collies and the skills in moving sheep around the arena and into their pens.

Legislative Showmanship
Come watch as kids become teachers to Kansas Legislators. 4-H and FFA youth whose animal project is being exhibited at the State Fair will be paired with a legislator. The exhibitor will then train and coach their legislator in the art of showing a breeding animal.

Grand Drive
The Midwest Ford Dealers Grand Drive and Gala celebration for the Kansas State Fair; to organize a celebration for the year’s accomplishments at all eligible 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors.

No-Bull Enterprises introduces new Callicrate PRO Bander
No-Bull Enterprises is proud to introduce the next generation Callicrate Bander – the Callicrate PRO Bander™. It is the most advanced tool of its kind, thanks in part to the use of CAD (computer-aided design) and CAM (computer-aided manufacturing).

“We eliminated the need to crimp the tensioned loop, which speeds up the operation by removing a step in the process, while also making the tool lighter-weight and ergonomically easier to handle,” says retired aerospace manufacturing engineer Roy Harbach, the product’s designer. “We also traded out heavier materials in favor of lighter-weight, high strength aerospace-grade materials.”

Other upgrades include replacing the tension system pull cord with a tough, webbed strap and adding a new 360-degree tension indicator that can be read easily from any angle. In addition, the loops are bright green to help the operator verify the loop is secured and placed properly. There is no wrong way to load the PRO Loop™, plus, the larger loop opening allows for easier application.

“Precision components are machined on modern CNC (computerized numerical control) machine tools to ensure accurate fit and finishing tolerances, while building on No-Bull Enterprises’ two decades of experience in bringing the most humane, effective, high-quality American-made tools to the animal health market,” Harbach said. “The fully encapsulated, ratchet design helps to protect the mechanism from the elements, expanding on No-Bull Enterprises’ existing reputation for resistance to grit, wear, and abrasion.”

In addition to the new Callicrate PRO Bander™, No-Bull Enterprises also manufactures the Callicrate WEE Bander™, a state-of-the-art high-tension nonsurgical castration tool made specifically for smaller animals, including newborn calves, sheep, and goats. The original Callicrate SMART Bander and Loops will still be available.

Ask for Callicrate Banders at your local animal health supplier or call No-Bull Enterprises at 800-450-3874 or 755-332-3344 to find a distributor in your area. Rachel and Sam are standing by to answer any questions you may have about the PRO Bander – the first new tool for delayed castration in two decades! All Callicrate products are made in St. Francis, Kansas USA!
Paola FFA member wins State Proficiency Award

A member of the Paola FFA chapter was recognized for having one of the best career development programs in the state at the 58th Kansas FFA State Convention, June 1-3, 2016, on the Kansas State University campus.

Mitch Carpenter received a State FFA Proficiency Award in Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication during the convention for accomplishments he has made in developing programs that will prepare him for a career in agriculture. This award is sponsored by Abilene Machine.

The proficiency award recognizes students for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. This program allows students to set goals and gain real-world experience in a chosen area of the agriculture industry.

Carpenter works for KCI Welders. He developed an interest in welding at a young age because his father is a full-time welder for the same company. His job responsibilities include shearing, cutting, drilling and punching holes, welding pieces together for the booms and preparing projects for painting. This SAE program has helped reinforce his decision to work in the agricultural mechanics industry.

Approximately 280 Kansas FFA members from 51 counties participated in the 2016 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Aug. 20-21 in Manhattan. The event was hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

Throughout the weekend 4-H members participated in the state livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon and livestock quiz bowl.

Individual 4-H members who participated in all three activities (livestock and meat judging and skillathon) were entered in the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes. Joel Nelson from Meadeowalk District was named the 2016 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes High Individual.

Also placing in the top ten were:
- 1st - Joel Nelson, Southwind District
- 2nd - Ektten Newby, Wildcat District
- 3rd - John Emmerston, Southwind District
- 4th - Gavin Fry, Southwind District
- 6th - Grady Hammer, Pottawatomie County
- 7th - Brody Nemecsek, Sunflower District
- 8th - Hayden Schaaf, Southwind District
- 9th - Ryan Allison, Southwind District
- 10th - Jade Edwards, Greenwood County

The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Champion Team Award with the best combined team performance in livestock judging, livestock skillathon, live stock quiz bowl and meat judging.

Individual and team placings are posted to the Kansas State University livestock Program website: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/
youth-programs/

The above students placed in the top ten in the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes.

Cody Brown was tapped as grand champion horse showman at the Geary County Free Fair.

Taylor Gustafson won the Reserve Champion ribbon for her aged gelding at the Geary County Free Fair.
Exhilarating education for everyone at the Kansas State Fair

Are you ready to put some knowledge in your noggin? Check out all of the educational experiences at this year’s Fair. You may even win a prize for your familiarity with Fair facts. The Kansas State Fair runs Sept. 9-18 in Hutchinson.

Forensics Showcase
Sterling College is bringing new educational events at the Kansas State Fair. Winners from the Sterling College Forensic Science and Kansas High School Activities Association Forensics competitions are featured in the exhibitions Sept. 9-15.

The first showdown will begin at 9 a.m. at Hansen Auditorium in the Encampment Building. Exhibitions continue at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. so be sure to watch Kansas High School Forensics royal events. All schools are welcome to watch the various featured Forensics events including speech and interpretation. For discounted gate tickets, register your class through the Kansas Large Class program.

Aggriculture Passport
Calling all trivas and prize lovers – this activity was made for you! Children can pick up their free passport at any one of the following stops around the Kansas State Fairgrounds including the Birthing Center, Milking Parlor, Agriculture Department in the Pride of Kansas Building, Ag Central in Ad Astra Pavilion or Prairieoland Partners Booth.

Each stop involves trivia questions, presentations, and plenty of opportunities to learn along the way. Completed passports can be redeemed for a prize at the Kansas State Fair Administration Building.

Marching Bands
The marching band program is one of the time honored traditions of the Kansas State Fair. 92 bands, comprised of 5,314 students, displayed their musical talent and team work on the 2015 Fair. Middle and high school bands across the state are encouraged to participate in the program, which provides a great chance to receive scores and comments from judges early in the season, before state competitions start.

Bands march and perform on Thursday, Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday during the Fair. Please visit kansasstatefair.com to register your class.

Spelling Bee
Are you R-E-A-D-Y for some F-U-N? Register for the 14th Annual Kansas State Fair Spelling Bee. This event will be divided into two age categories, third through fifth grades and sixth through eighth grades. The written exam will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 12 in the Encampment building.

If you thought that was the only fun to be had at this event, think again. While the written exams for the spelling bee are being taken, there will be a Kansas State Fair trivia quiz. Sharpen your Kansas State Fair knowledge because there will be prizes for those who know their fair share of Fair history. A word of the day and frequently misspelled words will be featured on the Fair’s website.

Be sure to check out these educational programs at the Kansas State Fair to have an educational experience! There are even educational programming packages available, which provide a great opportunity to grow their own knowledge in their field.

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members from across the United States were brought to Phoenix, Ariz., for the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference. Angus juniors from 29 states, as well as two national co-ordinators, attended this year’s event from Aug. 4-7 to participate in the annual leadership experience sponsored by the Angus Youth Foundation.

“LEAD is an opportunity for students to take a step away from the showing and social skills they learn at junior shows from peers from around the U.S.,” says National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) Chair Mary Perry, Prather, Calif. “It gives juniors a chance to build relationships that will last a lifetime.

The LEAD conference is hosted for youth ages 14-21 years old, and this year’s theme was “Rise Up in Phoenix.” Attendees traveled in the Southwest, participating in two days focused on agriculture, visiting Agriocio, an urban agriculture center, Queen Creek Olive Mill, Aird Zone Trees, Farm Fresh Co. and Danzeisen Dairy.

Agriocio, near Gilbert, Ariz., is an urban farm where locals have the opportunity to grow their own crops. It also markets its produce locally and operates a restaurant, where ingredients come from the farm. Manager Katie Critchley says they hope to implement an education program within schools and the community to share where food comes from, as well.

A few miles down the road in Maricopa, Ariz., sits Pinal Feeding Co., which feeds nearly 50,000 Holstein cattle.

“It was really eye-open- ing to see a feedlot of that size,” says Brody Fitzgerald, LEAD participant from West Gloce, Pa. “Back home in Pennsylvania, we don’t have anything like that. It’s great to experience and see different aspects of the industry.”

The drive across the valley, juniors had the opportunity to tour a 2,000-head dairy. Danzeisen Dairy is family owned, where they also bottle and market their milk products. With staples such as non-fat, whole and two-percent milk, Danzeisen also offers chocolate, coffee, cream, butterscotch and orange flavors that have organizations like the Saint Louis Cardinals clamoring for more.

“Food is good for the juniors to have the opportunity to step outside of their box and understand the scale,” Perry says. “A lot of these juniors come from the Midwest and the West Coast where they don’t see these on a daily basis or at all.”

The LEAD conference is coordinated by the NJAB, who led team-building activities, leadership workshops and encouraged participants to step outside their comfort zone at the meet new friends. Attendees also attended seminars on careers in agriculture, presented by industry professionals in meat science, genetics and marketing.

Juniors enjoyed a presentation by Patrick Perez, a motivational speaker who challenged juniors to always strive to reach their goals and not give up when life gets hard. Through personal stories and his love for dancing, he inspired the juniors to know they can and will succeed if they try hard enough.

“We want (juniors) to love their experiences,” says Perez. “We put on these conferences for them. We want them to come here and make new people and then go home and be like, ‘Hey, Mom and Dad, I just had the best week ever.’”

Kansas juniors attending included Alexandria Cuzzorto, Grady Dickerson, Paradise, Megan Green, Lebanon, Mia Hastings, Wamego, Caleb Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Clay Petton, Paradise, Sarah Pettit, Paradise, Channing Schneider, Wamego, Evan Woodbury, Queen Creek, Morgan Woodbury, Queen Creek.

This LaMancha senior doe shown by Samantha Shefelton was chosen as the reserve champion dairy goat at the Geary County Free Fair.

Lindsey Ascher took home grand champion breeding goat honors from the Geary County Free Fair. Ascher was also tapped as goat showmanship grand champi-

Angus Juniors rise up in Phoenix

Rebekah Thomas was selected as the reserve champion goat showman at the Geary County Free Fair.
The U.S. soybean industry is a multi-faceted, global business, and ten U.S. soybean farmers just got a closer look at how their soy checkoff works in that marketplace to all U.S. soybean farmers’ benefit. Sponsored by the United Soybean Board’s Audit and Evaluation (A&E) Committee, the See for Yourself program connected these farmers with their checkoff investment, providing transparency into the soy checkoff and allowing farmers to find out more about the many end uses for U.S. soy.

“The See for Yourself program was an eye-opening experience,” said Sam Showalter, an Iowa soybean farmer and See for Yourself participant. “To see how the checkoff works around the world and how the world looks up to us for some of our practices was incredible.”

The program concludes today in Costa Rica, a country that imported 100 percent of its soy from the United States in the 2014/2015 marketing year, a true checkoff success story. Participants heard from INOLASA, the sole soybean-crushing plant in Central America. The checkoff, through the United States Soybean Export Council (USSEC), partnered with INOLASA to increase U.S. soybean consumption in Costa Rica, taking it from 33 percent of its imports in 2014 to 100 percent in 2015.

While in Costa Rica, the participants also learned about the soy-fed fish industry from Martec Industries, a company dedicated to the production, processing and marketing of seafood, especially red snapper. The checkoff invests in marketing and promotion of soy in fish feed and helped Martec incorporate soybean meal into its rations. The fish are raised in cages in the Pacific Ocean and their feed includes roughly 18 percent soy, all of which comes from the U.S.

The program also made stops in St. Louis and Panama. In St. Louis at the USB headquarters, participants learned more about the checkoff’s work to maximize farmer profit opportunities through investments in infrastructure research, new industrial uses and high oleic soybeans. The checkoff is focused on key strategies around soybean oil, meal and sustainability – ensuring U.S. soybean farmers remain competitive in the future.

Infrastructure discussions continued as the participants went through the newly expanded Panama Canal. The canal’s recent expansion doubled the waterway’s capacity, helping to ship U.S. soy to foreign markets faster. Foreign soy buyers often pay as much attention to the timeliness of deliveries as they do the price, so the canal’s expansion increased U.S. soy’s competitiveness on the global scale.

“It’s incredible the amount of soybeans that move through the canal and the time saved because of this new expansion,” said Adam Hendricks, Kentucky soybean farmer and See for Yourself participant. “In discussing the Panama Canal, we learned that about 46 percent of our exported soybeans from the U.S. pass through the Panama Canal, so it plays an important role in meeting global demands.”

While they knew little of the checkoff’s role prior to the program, the farmer-participants dove right in to better understand the checkoff and the uses of soybeans around the world.

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Sept. 12 is Kansas Preparedness Day at the Kansas State Fair

Every year, Kansans in every corner of the state may find themselves a victim of a disaster or emergency – tornadoes, hail, blizzards, floods, fires, even earthquakes. To remind Kansans of the importance of being prepared for such events, Governor Sam Brownback signed a proclamation designating September as Preparedness Month in Kansas. The signing took place at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in the Ceremonial Office at the Kansas Statehouse.

"Kansans must take action to prepare for a variety of hazards," said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. "Emergencies have the ability to affect us where we live, work and visit. September being recognized as National Preparedness Month serves as a good reminder for all Kansans to develop, assess and communicate their emergency plans."

Annually, as part of Preparedness Month, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and first responder agencies across the state invite the public to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson for Kansas Preparedness Day. This year, Preparedness Day is Monday, Sept. 12 which is also Dillon’s Dollar Day at the Fair; admission is $1 or free with a Dillon’s card. Numerous state and local agencies, and community emergency response organizations, will be set up near the Administration Building at the south end of the fairgrounds across from Gate E1 to provide disaster preparedness and public safety information, and display emergency response equipment. The public may also register for prize drawings while there.

Agencies and organizations participating in the Kansas Preparedness Day event include the Adjutant General’s Department/Kansas Division of Emergency Management/Kansas National Guard, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Department of Transportation, State Fire Marshal, Kansas Citizen Corps, American Red Cross, Kansas City Fire Department, Hutchinson Police Department, Hutchinson Reno County Emergency Communications, South Hutchinson Police Department, Kansas Search and Rescue Dog Association, Salvation Army, Reno Community Emergency Response Team, Reno County Emergency Management, Reno County Health Department, Reno County Sheriff’s Department, Reno County Volunteers’ Organizations Active in Disasters, South Central Regional Animal Response Team, National Weather Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

During Preparedness Month, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is reminding the public to take part in its monthly online “Preparedness Challenge” at www.ksready.gov. Additional information on disaster kits and family preparedness can be found at www.ksready.gov and www.ready.gov.

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Inter-State Rodeo wraps up

After three nights of no qualified bull rides, the ice was broken during the final performance of the Inter-State Rodeo in Coffeyville.

Three bull riders made the eight-second buzzer, and the first of them, Guthrie Murray, came out on top. The Miami, Okla. cowboy scored 85 points on the Beutler and Son Rodeo bull. Make My Day to win the buckle and a check for $1876.

“I was a welcome ride for the 24-year-old cowboy, who took a several-month break from pro rodeo to sharpen up his fundamentals,” he said. “But for everybody that can’t come out there, for them to be able to drive a couple of miles and come watch me, and have their support, that means a lot. It’s a big deal. I’ve got a lot of history here. I’ve watched this rodeo my whole life.”

Other champions crowned include bareback rider Frank Norton, Wright, (81 points); steer wrestler Wade Steffen, Richmond, Ill. (8.6 seconds on two head); tie-down roper Ryan Barrett, Apache, Okla. (7.4 seconds); saddle bronc rider Kylor Williams, De Berry, Texas (82.5 points); steer roper Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas (23.9 seconds on two head); and barrel racer Paige Willis, Goshen, Ala. (17.36 seconds).

On Friday night, the 2016 Inter-State Fair and Rodeo queen and princess were crowned. Winning the queen title is Meredith Taylor. The nineteen-year-old cowgirl is a resident of Mount Vienna, and will start her second year of college this fall at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami. She is studying farm and ranch management with an equine emphasis. She is the daughter of Bill and Meline Taylor.

The princess tiara went to Addison Criner of Coweta, Okla. The nine-year-old cowgirl will be a fourth-grade student at Porter Consolidated School, where her favorite subject is math. She participates in 4-H is a barrel racer, and shows ponies and Ponies of America. She is the daughter of Brad and Lori Criner.

The dates for the 2016 Inter-State Fair and Rodeo are tentatively set for August 5-12. For complete results from all fair activities, visit the website at FairandRodeo.com.

Grand champion breeding sheep at the Geary County Free Fair was this Hampshire Yearling Ewe shown by Macey Langvardt.

Cody Brown won grand champion breeding beef at the Geary County Free Fair with his Hereford junior yearling.

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Racey Butler won the reserve champion breeding sheep ribbon for her Dorset Yearling Ewe at the Geary County Free Fair. Butler was also selected as Grand Champion Beef Showman.

This Hereford female owned by Kati Fehlman was chosen as reserve champion breeding beef at the Geary County Free Fair. Fehlman was also selected as Grand Champion Beef Showman.

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