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City promotes King as police chief

Longtime officer, resident says he wants to keep focus on improved PD technology

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Kurt King, a longtime Garnett police officer, has been appointed chief of the department. King was appointed by city officials March 20, after former chief Kevin Pekarek was fired March 3.

"Kurt is very knowledgeable about city and state laws and will do an outstanding job as Chief," Garnett City Manager Joyce Martin said last week. King has lived in Garnett since the age of 5, and attended local schools. After graduation from Anderson County High School, he worked for Caldwell Enterprises until he turned 21 and could apply for a law enforcement job. "I've wanted to be a police offi-



Kurt King is the new Garnett Police Chief.

cer for as long as I can remember," he said. In 2004, King began working at the Allen County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer. In September 2005, he joined the Garnett Police Department. He worked as a patrol officer until October 2008, when he was promoted to detective. On Jan. 1, 2012, King was promoted to lieutenant detective and served in that role until his most recent promotion. Since 2008, King has

handled the department's more serious crimes, with a primary focus on narcotics. King said he was asked to consider the chief position when it was vacant in 2011, before Pekarek was hired. He turned down the offer because, at the time, he preferred the hands-on officer work rather than administration. Now, he said he feels he has the right experience to lead the department. "I've got a few more years under me and I like the way the department has

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A Kansas City Chiefs cheerleader leads local youth in yoga poses as part of the Spring Into Fitness health and wellness event Thursday afternoon, March 23, at Anderson County Jr./Sr. High School. The event was sponsored by the Anderson County Hospital, and was one of several community events planned to entertain children during spring break last week.

County calls for bond on 2015 road project

Problems continue to plague 1600 Road as attorney hired for bond

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Nearly two years after a beleaguered project to repair 1600 Road/West Seventh Street, Anderson County officials have hired an attorney to call for the performance bond on the project and attempt to recoup some of their costs to fix the work that went bad.

The county hired a Utah-based road construction firm, Coughlin Company, to repair a 9-mile stretch of 1600 Road west of Garnett during the summer of 2015. The project was beset by problems, mostly because of weather, officials say. The road work was uneven, with patches of loose gravel in spots, poor traffic control and other issues. The director of the county's road department said at the time he thought the out-of-state company hired to do the work underestimated Kansas roads. Others said an unusually wet and rainy spring saturated the

ground and made the base of the road unstable. Coughlin returned to Anderson County after completion of the project in an attempt to repair problem areas, and asked the county to pay another \$56,000 beyond the initial contract for the additional repairs. The county and Coughlin officials engaged in a back-and-forth negotiation, but problems with some parts of the project remain. Anderson County Commission Chairman Jerry Howarter said the county has sent core samples of the road, but Coughlin apparently does not want to accept that as proof of the company's responsibilities. As a result, Anderson County Counselor James Campbell advised the commission to hire an attorney, Foulston Siefelin LLP, to represent the county as it seeks to recoup money by calling for the performance bond against Coughlin. A performance bond is a guarantee that the construction company will complete the project as stated in the contract, and the

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City manager reception Wednesday

Separate receptions to give public chance to meet final 2 candidates

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The two city manager candidates finalists will be available for a meet-and-greet

with city residents Wednesday, March 29, at the Garnett Public Library. Garnett City Commissioners have narrowed the finalists for city manager to two candidates. The names of the candidates have not yet been released, but they will attend a public reception at the Archer Room at the Garnett Public

Library Wednesday. Each candidate will attend separately. One will be available from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The other will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The next city manager will succeed Joyce Martin, who is

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Runners approach the Santa Fe Depot in Garnett Saturday afternoon during the Spring Ultra Marathon 2017. Runners from across the nation ran along the Prairie Spirit Trail from Ottawa to Iola and back.

Jobless rates post very slight change

Most area counties show slight decrease in unemployment rates

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - Jobless rates in Anderson County and sur-

rounding areas changed little between February and January, but the slight change at least went in the right direction according to employment statistics released March 24. Unemployment in Anderson County dropped slightly, from 5.0 percent in January to 4.9 percent. But that's down from 5.4 percent from a year ago,

in February 2016. The current jobless rate means 202 people in Anderson County presently seeking work were unemployed in February, out of a labor force of 4,152. Most other area counties reported similar figures, except for increased job losses in Allen County and Linn County.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FISH FRY EVENTS

Garnett Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights Hall on Friday, March 31.

B TAGS DUE

License plate renewals for all individuals whose last name begins with B are by Friday, March 31, at the Anderson County Treasurer's Office.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter services have been announced. Good Friday Services will be from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Church of the Nazarene, 258 W. Park Rd., Garnett. Sponsored by the Garnett Area Ministerial Fellowship. A Community Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16 at the Shelter House at North Lake Park. In the case of inclement weather, it will be moved to the Church of the Nazarene, 258 W. Park Road, Garnett.

GO-KART RACES

Go Kart Races will be April 8-9 and June 10-11. Organizers are looking for workers for both weekends. Please call 448-3826 for more information and to sign up.

BBQ CONTEST

The G-Town Smokin Showdown BBQ Contest will be April 28-29. This is a KCBS Sanctioned Contest. Enter your team today. Call 448-3826 for more information and to register. Also selling preordered ribs on Friday, April 28. Please contact a Garnett Knight to place your order.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Anderson County Caregiving Support will meet the fourth Monday of each month at Park Plaza North Club House, 105 Park Plaza North, Garnett. For more information, call Phyllis at ECKAAA, (800) 633-5621 or (785) 242-7200.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery, a Bible-based Christ-centered recovery program for those who struggle with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups, meets each Monday evening at the Garnett Church of the Nazarene. It begins at 6 p.m. with meal and fellowship, followed by worship service and small groups until 8:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. Recovery is for a variety of life's hurts, not just those with alcohol or drug problems. Call (785) 304-1819 for information.

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ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 13

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 A.M. on March 13, 2017 at the County Commission room. Attendance: Jerry Howarter, present; David Pracht, present; Leslie Mcghee, present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor, met with the Commission. He had Henry Kraft bring a floor scrubber to the shop to see how it would clean. He would like to purchase the Nacecraft auto scrubber from Henry Kraft for \$4,100. Commissioner Howarter moved and Commissioner Mcghee seconded to purchase a floor scrubber from Henry Kraft for \$4,100 to be paid out of Road And Bridge fund. All voted yes.

Jail

Wayne Hulett was present to meet with the Commissioners and Vern Valentine, Sheriff. Vern provided information to Wayne regarding the jail and the expenses incurred by the farm ins. Discussion was held on all the costs associated with running the jail and what is paid out of the reserve funds.

EPM

Ben Trout, EPM, discussed with the Commission about the CTC system that is being implemented in the jail. He mentioned that the original cost that was presented to the Commissioners is incorrect due to additional units that were not discovered during his original walk through. The cost difference will be reflected in the bid specifications that were sent to the clerk's office.

Rural Fire

Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Director, discussed the recent fires in Western Kansas. Approximately 6 volunteer fire firefighters traveled to Clark County to help control the fire. Mick And JD, Emergency Management Director, would like to show their appreciation to the firefighters who sacrificed their time.

County Attorney

James Campbell, County Attorney, would like to hire Foulston Siefkin LLP to represent the County against the Coughlin Company in regards to the performance bond on 1600 Rd. Commissioner Mcghee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded for Chair Howarter to sign the engagement letter with Foulston Siefkin LLP at \$210/hour to investigate the performance bond against the Coughlin Company and represent the County. All voted yes.

Wages

Previous discussion was held on the Register Of Deeds wages and how to make it comparable to surrounding Counties and the duties performed in their office. Commissioner Mcghee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to make the base salary for the Treasurer, Clerk, And Register Of Deeds the same at \$46,000 per year effective April 1st, prorated for the remainder of the year and the Register Of Deeds to receive an additional \$5,000 per year contingent on driver's license processing, financial management, vehicle report balancing, and tax preparation duties being performed to help the Treasurer's office. All voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M. due to no further business.

LAND TRANSFERS

March 15, Roger G. Mace And Debera L. Mace To Roger G. Mace And Debera L. Mace, Beginning At A Point At The Southwest Corner Of The Northeast Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 29-20-20, Thence East 150 Feet, Thence North 475 Feet, Thence West 150 Feet To A Steel Survey Stake, Thence South To Point Of

Beginning.

March 16, Kenneth L. Miller And Louanne Miller To Patti Westagard, Beginning At The Northeast Corner Of The Southeast Quarter Of Section 11-20-17, Thence Northwest 970.50 Feet Along The North Line Of The Quarter Section; Thence Southwest 274.30 Feet; Thence Southeast, 694 Feet; Thence Southeast 156 Feet; Thence Northeast 281.50 Feet To A Point On The East Line Of The Quarter Section; Thence Northeast 425 Feet Along The East Line Of The Quarter Section To The Point Of Beginning.

March 17, Justin Metcalfe And Crystal Metcalfe To Bradley Paden, Lots 7, 8, 9 And 10 In Block 27 In The City Of Kincaid.

March 17, Roxanne R. M. Brecheisen To Daniel James Womelsdorf And Janice Rene Womelsdorf, The Southwest Quarter Of Section 15-22-19.

March 17, Paul D. Smith And Denise L. Smith To Arthur E. Gilmore And Marilyn M. Gilmore, Lot 4, Block 2 Of The Westgate II Addition To The City Of Garnett.

March 17, Arthur E. Gilmore And Marilyn M. Gilmore To Paul D. Smith And Denise L. Smith, Lots 23 And 24 In Block 49 To The City Of Garnett.

March 20, Garrett L. Honn And Regina Honn To Myra J. Beauchamp, Lots 23 And 24 In Block 16 In The City Of Garnett.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 20, Nicholas Joseph Trollope and Rachel Cheyenne Mundy.

CIVIL CASES FILED

March 16, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for Green Tree 2 vs. Diana Bowen, John Doe (Tenant/Occupant), Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant), and unknown spouse, if any to Diana Bowen, asking foreclosure, \$45,077.43 plus costs and fees.

March 17, Kenneth Mark Miller and Kelly Michael Miller vs. Linda D. Donley, asking removal of successor trustee to the H. Kenneth Miller Trust dated July 29, 1994, install Kenneth Miller as same, all assets trust to be turned over to Kenneth Miller with inventory and valuation from July 18, 2014, receipts for all dispersals.

LIMITED ACTION FILED

March 15, LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Michael Courtemanche, asking \$1,693.92 plus interests and costs. Hearing set for April 25.

March 20, John Worthington and Alice Cass vs. Ricky Mitchell, asking eviction, \$705 plus damages and fees. Hearing set for April 4.

March 22, Saint Luke's Hospital of Garnett, Inc., vs. Kenton W. Hopkins and Sheri K. Hopkins, asking \$1,045.08 plus interest and costs. Hearing set for April 18.

March 22, Jefferson Capital

Systems, LLC. vs. Heather Rhodes, asking \$3,052.96 plus interests and costs. Hearing set for April 25.

LIMITED ACTION RESOLVED

March 21, Allen County Hospital vs. Blake T. Stewart and Shannon Stewart, default judgment for \$196.28 plus costs and interest due to failure to appear.

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

March 21, Kaleb C. Weers, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant for arrest issued with \$1,500 bond.

CRIMINAL CASES RESOLVED

Speeding Violations:

Brandon S. Benedict, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, guilty plea, \$183 fine.

Patrick Lawrence Best, 74 mph in a 65 mph zone, disposed due to failure to appear, license suspended 3/20/2017, \$153 fine.

Milan C. Burnett, 74 mph in a 65 mph zone, disposed due to failure to appear, license suspended 3/20/2017, \$153 fine.

Kathryn D. Green, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, diversion filed, \$388 fee.

Cody L. Mefford, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, guilty plea, \$183 fine.

Hannah F. Oakley, 76 mph in

a 65 mph zone, guilty plea, \$167 fine.

Justin Dewey Powell, 70 mph in a 65 mph zone, disposed due to failure to appear, license suspended 3/20, \$177 fine.

Kyle M. Wacker, 81 mph in a 65 mph zone, guilty plea, \$189 fine.

James L. Hawley, 76 mph in a 60 mph zone, guilty plea, \$199 fine.

Eugene A. Miller, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, guilty plea, \$207 fine.

Seat Belt Violations:

Tabetha Lea Chambers, guilty plea, \$10 fine.

Desiree Lynn Willis, guilty plea, \$60 fine.

Other:

Alexis D. Laird, following another vehicle too closely, guilty plea, \$183 fine.

Dakota Scott Matney, theft of property or services, guilty plea, \$543 fine, 30 days confinement.

Dakota Scott Matney, criminal damage to property, guilty plea, no fine listed 30 days confinement.

State of Kansas vs. Matthew E. Dewitt, vehicle liability insurance required dismissal.

Justin Dewey Powell, operate a motor vehicle without a valid license, disposed due to failure to

appear, \$60 fine.

GARNETT POLICE REPORT

Incidents

On March 16, a report of operating a vehicle without a valid license, vehicle liability insurance required, permitting unauthorized driver, and obedience to traffic control in the 400 block of South Maple Street.

On March 17, a report of driving under the influence in the 400 block of West South Lake Drive.

On March 18, a report of possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia in the 700 block of West 8th Avenue. Reported seized was a glass pipe with residue, a black bag and metallic pipe and .100 grams of green leafy substance.

On March 18, a report of driving under the influence and driving on right side of roadway in the 200 block of South Oak Street.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Accidents

On February 27, a vehicle driven by Daniel R. Henry, 69, Olathe, struck a tree while traveling South on Us Highway 169 near Scott

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BAILEY

FEBRUARY 13, 1934-MARCH 19, 2017

Jaunita B. Bailey, 83, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Services were Thursday, March 23, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Angel Cemetery in Garnett, Kansas.

Jaunita Bernadine (Pickert) Bailey, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of her, was born February 13, 1934 in Scipio, Kansas, the seventh of eight children of Christopher Pickert and Lucy Wassmer Pickert.



Bailey

She graduated from Richmond High School in the class of 1952. In 1955, she married Russell Bailey and spent her life making a beautiful home for her family. Before having children, she enjoyed caring for nieces, nephews and friends' children. However, her greatest joy came when God gave her two daughters, and her greatest sorrow came with the sudden death of her daughter, Gina, in 2009. She was very close to her grandchildren and never failed to listen, give advice and pray for them.

As a faith-filled Catholic, she devoted many hours to St. John's Parish Altar Society, working funeral dinners, laundering altar linens, cleaning the church and praying for

others. An amazing cook, she delighted in making meals with garden produce, canning vegetables, fruits and jellies and baking bread weekly for her family. For many years she participated in the Kaw Valley EHU, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Bible study prayer groups, and Marriage Encounter groups with many dear, life-long friends.

She saw God in nature, and spent many hours gardening, taking walks and enjoying beauty outdoors. She devoted many hours to quiet contemplation, praying for family and friends, and reading spiritual literature. She loved to gather flowers and arrange beautiful bouquets into centerpieces that adorned the table always.

Survivors include her husband, Russell, of the home, and daughter, Lisa (Boyd) Bauman of Overland Park; grandchildren Don, Kelli (James) and Caitlin; Jessie (John), Erin, Michael, Haven and Milly; and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters: Katy Vodopost and Theresa (George) Fagg.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributing to a charity of choice, or memorial contributions can be made in Jaunita's name to the St. John Building Project and may be sent in care of the Warren-McElwain Mortuary.

Online condolences may be posted at warrenmcelwain.com.

SUMNER

JUNE 25, 1924-MARCH 20, 2017

Thelma June Sumner, age 92, of Garnett, died Monday, March 20, 2017, at Parkview Heights in Garnett.

She was born on June 25, 1924, at Olivet, to Joseph and Margaret (Jeton) Greeve. She was raised by her grandparents, William and Margaret Lack of Ottawa, after the death of her mother.

She married John E. Sumner, Sr., on November 17, 1941, at Ottawa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Sumner, Sr. on January 13, 1993; brothers, Frank and Fred Greeve; and sister, Daisy Yockey.

She is survived by her son, John Sumner of Garnett; her daughter, Janice Foltz of Garnett; 10 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett. Burial followed in the Garnett Cemetery in Garnett.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Southern Baptist Church of Ottawa, or to Parkview Heights. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

BRADLEY

AUGUST 14, 1933 - MARCH 17, 2017

Opal Joy Bradley, 83, of Waverly, died Friday, March 17, 2017, at Sunset Manor.

She was born on August 14, 1933 at Aliceville, to Arthur Lee and Martha Marie (Highly) Hunter.

On December 23, 1951, she was married to Jay C. Bradley at the United Methodist Church in Garnett.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Hunter; two sisters, Juanita Godsey and Buelah Markley.

She is survived by her husband, Jay Bradley of Waverly; by her daughters, Brenda Brown of Garnett, and Jayne Thompson of Waverly; her sons, Terry, Randy, Burton and Timothy Bradley, all of Waverly; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; a brother Clayton Hunter and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at Jones Funeral Home in Burlington. Burial followed at Waverly Cemetery.

"Coffey County Cancer Support Group" may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, PO Box 277, Burlington KS 66839.

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Road when it left the roadway failing to negotiate a curve. Driver was taken by ambulance to Anderson County Hospital, and vehicle was damaged on the right and left front and right bumper area and towed from the scene.

On March 9, a vehicle driven by Koti Ray Garber, 34, Colony traveling South, collided with a vehicle driven by Bernard John Scheckel, 58, Richmond, traveling West, at the intersection of 2500 Road and Meade Road. Both vehicles left the roadway, rolled, and the Scheckel vehicle struck and damaged the water valve on west 1700 Road. Both drivers were transported via ambulance to Anderson County Hospital. Both vehicles received extensive damage and were towed from the scene.

JAIL BOOKINGS

On March 18, Jerry Wayde Willis, 56, Lawrence, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of driving under the influence. Bond set at \$1,500. Released March 18.

On March 18, Lexington James Laiter, 26, Garnett, was booked into jail by Garnett Police Department on suspicion of driving under the influence. Bond set at \$1,500. Released March 18.

On March 18, Mari Louise Ashton, 63, Garnett, was booked into jail by Garnett Police Department on suspicion of possession of hallucinogenic drug, bond set at \$500, and on suspicion of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, bond set at \$500. Released March 18.

On March 18, Carl Anthony Wolfe, 47, Garnett, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of probation violation. Non-bondable. Released March 20.

On March 19, Steven Christopher Mayes, 57, Garnett, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of driving under the influence. No bond set. Released March 22.

On March 19, Kathern Joann Kratzberg, 34, Garnett, was booked into jail by Garnett Police Department on suspicion of use/possession of drug paraphernalia, bond set at \$500, and on suspicion of interference with law enforcement officer, bond set at \$500. Released March 19.

On March 20, Gregory James Moore, 29, Colony, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of driving under the influence, bond set at \$1,500. Released March 21.

On March 21, Sebastian Michael Ashworth, 25, Iola, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of failure to stop at accident, bond set at \$5,000, and on suspicion of driving while suspended or revoked, no bond listed.

On March 21, Antwanette Marie Davis, 25, Coffeyville, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear. Bond set at \$1,500. Released March 21.

On March 22, Karen Ladon Johnson, 31, Garnett, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of distributing opiate, narcotic, stimulant, non-bondable.

On March 22, Robert Allen Jones, 35, Osawatomie, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear. Bond set at \$20,000.

On March 22, Trevor Dewayne Young, 21, was booked into jail by Anderson County Sheriff's Office on suspicion of 3 counts of forgery, bond set at \$5,000, on suspicion of 3 counts of theft of

property/services, no bond listed.

JAIL ROSTER

Michael Jason Kinder was booked into jail July 26 for Anderson County to serve a sentence.

Colton Sobba was booked into jail August 5 for Anderson County. Court appearance.

Bradlee Pratt was booked into jail September 10 for Anderson County. Bond set at \$25,000. Has holds from Harvey County and the City of Newton.

Roger Lindsey was booked into jail December 16 for Anderson County. Bond set at \$100,000.

Steven Beals was booked into jail January 23 for Anderson County. Bond set at \$50,000.

Jason Smith was booked into jail February 1 for Anderson County. Bond set at \$15,000.

Jon Reed was booked into jail February 8 for Garnett Police Department. Bond set at \$4,250.

Jason Hermreck was booked into jail for Anderson County February 15. No bond listed.

Justin Pate was booked into jail for Garnett Police Department on February 15. Cash only bond set at \$1,465.

John Miller was booked into jail for Anderson County February 22 for Anderson County. Cash only bond set at \$500.

Jason Schwenk was booked into jail March 2 for Anderson County. No bond listed.

Jake Magner was booked into jail March 10 for Anderson County. No bond listed.

Trevor Young was booked into jail March 10 for Anderson County. No bond listed.

Robert Joles was booked into jail March 22 for Anderson County. No bond listed.

Karen Johnson was booked into jail March 22 for Anderson

County. No bond listed.

FARM-INS

Brad Gilchrist was booked into jail June 30 for Miami County.

Rhonda Jackson was booked into jail July 27 for Allen County.

Jaden Coats was booked into jail December 15 for Linn County.

James Thornton was booked into jail January 4 for Miami County.

Joshua Knapp was booked into jail January 6 for Allen County.

Robert Sparks was booked into jail January 10 for Linn County.

Daniel Sumter was booked into jail January 24 for Linn County.

Steven Clossen was booked into jail February 1 for Douglas County.

Cameron Heard was booked into jail February 1 for Miami County.

Richard Martin was booked into jail February 2 for Miami County.

Robert Farrier was booked into jail February 20 for Douglas County.

Elisah Pinkerton was booked into jail February 22 for Miami County.

Charles Kristian was booked into jail March 3 for Miami County.

Mary Roop was booked into jail March 7 for Miami County.

Austin Douglas was booked into jail March 14 for Linn County.

Sawyer Edwards was booked into jail March 14 for Linn County.

Shelley Inglesby was booked into jail March 14 for Linn County.

Guy Hollinger was booked into jail March 15 for Miami County.

Anthony Hess was booked into jail March 15 for Miami County.

Travis Myers was booked into jail March 15 for Miami County.

Scott Shay was booked into jail March 15 for Miami County.

Jana Speedone was booked into jail March 15 for Linn County.

Shirley Jensen was booked into jail March 15 for Linn County.

FINALISTS...

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retiring after serving as city manager for 10 years. Martin has worked for the city for 50 years, most of that time as city clerk. Martin and just one other city manager, Rick Doran, have led the city for the past 40 years or so.

In addition to the public receptions, city officials will give each candidate a tour of city departments and an aerial tour of the city. A formal interview will follow each of the receptions.

Commissioners said previously they wanted to make the transition as smooth as possible, especially because most city residents have not experienced turnover at the position. They said they wanted the public, including business owners, city staff and others, to have input into the process.

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Richard J. Tholen, age 67, of Garnett, died Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.

He was born on April 21, 1949, at Oakley, to Paul and Alice (Bahr) Tholen.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Garnett, Kansas. Inurnment will follow in the Holy Angels Cemetery in Garnett. A rosary will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, March 31, 2017, at Holy Angels Church, followed by visitation at St. Rose School. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Angels Church or St. Rose School, and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

The financial hypocrisy of Kalamity Kate

Former Kansas Governor and defrocked Obama Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is beside herself over the state's financial situation under Governor Sam Brownback's tax cut policies. How odd – when she occupied the governor's office and scuttled a \$2.8 billion investment in the state's electrical infrastructure with repercussions still felt in the state today, she seemed to have far more pressing concerns than the state's financial picture.

"Kalamity Kate," as she's called out west by those whose fortunes were foregone when she sandbagged the Sunflower Electric plant upgrade at Holcomb, told a Kansas City public radio station recently it "would take decades" for the state to recover from Republican tax cuts that trimmed taxes without commensurate spending cuts during a continued sputtering state economy. "It breaks my heart," she lamented to KCUR's Steve Kraske.

Nearly 10 years later Sebelius has finally developed a financial conscience, after earning the moniker "most economically damaging governor in Kansas history" for pulling the plug on the Holcomb power plant expansion. As you recall, Kansas Department of Health and Environment staffers had already analyzed Sunflower's plan for emissions control and other environmental impacts from a double power unit expansion plan at Holcomb and given the massive investment a green light, but secretary of KDHE and Sebelius appointee Rod Bremby suddenly refused to approve the project. When pressed, Sebelius stood by her man instead of overriding his veto. The whole thing smelled a little funny.

The reasoning of course was that before Sebelius botched her play as secretary of Obama's Health and Human Services, she was an up-and-comer in the national Democratic party with a bright future and possibly even a VP or presidential spotlight upon her. She and the party desperately needed a way to get her on the national stage, and an appointment to Obama's cabinet was the logical move. But she'd need to bow to the leftist playbook extolled by Obama's administration – particularly in favor of environmental over-reach and copious regulation – so Sunflower's project and all its benefits for Kansas was sacrificed for Sebelius'

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ill-fated political ambitions.

So when she laments the possible long-term impacts of Brownback's tax cuts, it seems all too fair to ask what the impacts of her Sunflower decision have been over the past decade. How many construction jobs never happened? How many dollars from those jobs never circulated in the western Kansas economy? How much was lost in sales tax from associated purchases? How much was lost in property taxes from the cancelled expansion, and in income taxes from Sunflower's sale of power both to Kansans and to Coloradans to whom the company would have exported power over the grid? There's little doubt the economic loss compounded the impact of the recession in Kansas. The benefits that could have, but which never happened, certainly contribute to the state's continuing economic lethargy.

In all of Kansas' statehood, no governor ever did comparable economic damage.

Subsequent to Sebelius' exit to pursue her disaster at HHS, lieutenant governor Mark Parkinson took the governor's office and brokered a deal to cut the project in half and get it approved, but a lawsuit by the Sierra Club stymied it again until the Kansas Supreme Court ruled in its favor this month. The embattled project may, one day, get off the ground in spite of hurdles that bolster leftist philosophy and politics over common sense and economics.

For Kalamity Kate Sebelius to wreak such economic havoc in Kansas and then pronounce judgment on what is partially her own legacy is inauthentic, at best.



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About the stray cats. Kill 'em all isn't the answer and it won't work. The solution is Trap, Neuter, Return. You trap feral cats, get them fixed and then release them back into their neighborhoods. They will keep new cats from coming into their territory and they won't reproduce. I applaud the people who understand and are trying to help control the local cat population in a humane and responsible way.

To the inbred moron Trump lover, prove all that stuff you said about Hillary. Illegal votes and everything. Prove it. Just one fact. Prove it. You can't. No illegals voted for her, no dead people. You dumb Trump supporters will believe anything. You're just nuts like Donald Trump, a lying, inbred moron. Get a life.

It's too bad that a young girl in school around Anderson County can't get a fair shake when she wants to become a cheerleader or a dance member, because to make that you either have to have a mom that runs the dance team or the cheerleaders or you have to be related to them. It's too bad that Anderson County hasn't changed in 30 years since I went to school.

If your animal was lost, wouldn't you appreciate it if somebody would feed them? I don't really care if it bothers you that I feed a stray animal. God made me this way to take care of a creature that he created.

God bless our county grader boys for the work they do on our roads, but I have an idea. As they churn up and smooth off our roads they dig up nails and metal and so on that's been dropped and it pokes holes in our tires. How much trouble would it be for them to drag a magnet behind them to pick up that sharp metal? Just an idea. Thank you.

How the GOP crackup happens

Less than two weeks after the unveiling of the GOP Obamacare replacement, the party is already staring into the abyss. The bill has had the worst rollout of any major piece of legislation in memory, and failure is very much an option. If the proposal falters, it will be a political debacle that could poison President Donald Trump's relationship with Congress for the duration.

That relationship is awkward and tenuous, a product of how the Republican sweep of 2016 was won on separate tracks. Trump tore up many Republican orthodoxies and found a different way to unlock the electoral map. Congressional Republicans more or less stuck with the usual script.

As a result, there is no significant Trumpist wing in Congress. And there was no off-the-shelf Trump legislation that Congress could begin on immediately. In the campaign, Trump identified a constituency and a message, but the agenda often was symbolic (Mexico will pay for the wall) or nebulous (negotiating better trade deals).

The natural reflex, then, was to defer to the Republican leadership in Congress, whose priorities are Obamacare repeal and tax reform. It is true that Trump promised to deliver on both, but neither was part of his core message or won over marginal Trump voters.

For now, it is in the interest of both Congress and Trump to make their shotgun

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marriage work. If the health bill falters in the House, though, it will be the most fraught moment of GOP tension since the release of the "Access Hollywood" tape. Except the question won't be whether congressmen and senators dump Trump, but whether Trump dumps them.

Even more than most politicians, Trump has no interest in owning failure. The explanation of the president and his supporters won't be that he backed a flawed strategy and bill in the House and paid the price. It will be that he was stabbed in the back. He went along with a GOP establishment politics that doesn't understand or care about Trump voters, and he can never make that mistake

again.

There's almost no question that Trump would win any blame game. He would have the larger megaphone, and much sharper elbows. He could instantly define Paul Ryan as a creature of the Washington swamp and decide to triangulate away from the GOP Congress rather than work with it.

This would mean Trump would be a president not without a party necessarily, but without a Congress. It would make major legislative accomplishments impossible, although if Obamacare repeal-and-replace fails, that might be the reality regardless.

Some skeptics of the Ryan bill hope that its defeat will allow the party to quickly move on to tax reform. But tax legislation won't be any easier. It, too, is highly complex and will disappoint populists when it emerges that the Republican template for reform doesn't take much account of the interests of working-class voters.

It is better for everyone that Obamacare repeal-and-replace succeed. Ryan should amend his bill to, among other things, get the coverage numbers up and make it a sturdier vehicle for the turbulence ahead. The alternative is a defeat that may precipitate a nasty, perhaps enduring, split in a party desperate to paper over its divisions.

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Fair and balanced Kansas news

BY PAUL WAGGONER Special to THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Prior to the rise of Fox News in the 1990s, CNN dominated cable news. CNN fit in nicely with the established prejudices of most major media outlets; Fox News didn't.

Fox News was proud of that distinction. Americans knew the media tilted left, and millions found Fox a breath of fresh air in the national news market. Now Fox dominates cable news, with twice the combined viewership of its more liberal rivals, CNN and MSNBC.

CNN, The Cable News Network, ignored Fox at its peril.

In 21st-century Kansas, we're still stuck in a pre-1990s media environment. In asking my media-savvy friends exactly where the conservative print voices in red-state Kansas reside, the best they can come up with is the weekly newspaper in Plainville, Kansas. That's it.

Otherwise, conservatives in the Kansas media are kept under wraps, while the left and far-left not only write the editorials but also create the spin – the narrative – for statewide news.

Online, however, the media world is changing, and that change is mostly good for those following state policy questions. Let me give you a tour.

The websites and Facebook pages that I found are relatively new and still have followers and likes in the hundreds rather than the thousands.

Bob Weeks of Wichita is a KU grad and former engineer and educator who edits the news at wichitaliberty.org. He believes in "individual liberty, limited government, economic freedom, and free markets," but mostly he believes in data rather than spin. Weeks creates a weekly

newsletter (no pun intended) that is strong on analysis and very data-driven. He provides insights on state issues that The Wichita Eagle, editorial or news-wise, never considers.

The Kansas Policy Institute (KPI) has the most far-reaching online presence of the media I examined. Its website, kansaspolicy.org, has numerous articles and is updated weekly. Like Wichita Liberty, it can come across as rather "wonkish," but it is nonetheless refreshing.

KPI has a subversive mind to all things establishment. It sponsors kansasopengov.org, a site totally lacking in editorial commentary, but one that makes accessing official state and local data and statistics exceptionally easy. Topics I have heard whispered about I could easily find. Like the list of "KPERS' top 20 millionaires" (yes, one is from Reno County) or the huge cash balances certain school districts are sitting on (yes, one is from Reno County here, too).

The newly launched Kansas Sentinel, at sentinelksmo.org, becomes more likable the more time you spend there. It covers both Kansas and Kansas City-Missouri news, as its domain name hints at.

The Sentinel staff does a couple of news items a day, not all of them on state or local politics.

The Sentinel divides news from editorials (not always successfully). They have a wickedly delicious time in skewering The Kansas City Star – a newspaper, in my opinion, eminently deserving of being humbled.

The Sentinel site is very mobile-friendly. This same quality is found in the equally admirable GetTheFactsKansas.com. GetTheFactsKansas is, like the Sentinel, a joint project of KPI and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. It is becoming the go-to place for a conservative take on

state economic and tax policy.

As legislators in Topeka are preparing double-digit tax increases, with no spending cuts at all, taxpayers need to scrutinize the establishment media narrative.

Fair-minded Kansans would benefit from reading articles like "KDOT Spending in 2015 and 2016 Highest in 10 Years" or the new data on Kansas job growth showing S-corps and LLCs created 82 percent of all private-sector jobs in Kansas in recent years. Those stories, sad to say, don't show up in media headlines or lead the 10 o'clock news.

Facebook is where much media news traffic is trending. Here new voices are found as well. The Kansas Memo Facebook page is a curated site that posts the best of items from the sources I referenced earlier, and others. They have a good nose for news; if you are someone who lives on Facebook, you should make this part of your media routine.

For a more specific Topeka focus, a group of legislators have formed the Kansas Truth Caucus, with a Facebook page of the same name. Sure, it sounds a little pretentious to be the "truth caucus," but they take pains to present evidence and the reality behind the bills and votes being taken at the Statehouse.

Kansas needs a diversity of voices and perspectives. Much like many viewers of Fox are nonconservatives who tune in "to hear from the other side," so these online Kansas voices deserve a wide hearing. Fair and balanced reporting sometimes takes more than one news source.

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JOBLESS...

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Statewide, the February seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent. This was down from 4.1 percent in January and down from 4.1 percent in February 2016.

"Preliminary estimates for February show a notable increase in private sector jobs compared to last month. The health care and construction industries each added more jobs than expected. However, when compared to this time last year, total nonfarm employment changed little," said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor. "Other indicators of the labor market such as the unemployment rate, labor force, and average weekly hours worked also show little change from one year ago."

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 4,200 from January. Private sector jobs, a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 5,500 from the previous month.

Over the year, Kansas lost 400 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs. Kansas gained 1,300 private sector jobs since February 2016.

Other counties included:

- Allen County, 7.1 percent in February; 5.9 percent in January; 6.1 percent in February 2016.
- Coffey County, 5.7 percent in February; 6.1 percent in January; 6.2 percent in February 2016.
- Franklin County, 4.4 percent in February; 4.9 percent in January; 4.8 percent in February 2016.
- Linn County, 8.0 percent in February; 7.5 percent in January; 7.7 percent in February 2016.
- Miami County, 4.6 percent in February; 4.9 percent in January; 4.7 percent in February 2016.

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For we shall see him as he is

In 1st Samuel 30:13, David while in pursuit of the Amalekites finds an Egyptian in a field and David asks the man, "To whom do you belong?" This is a question we should ask ourselves. It is one I am sure that will be offensive to most of us because we do not feel we belong to anyone. That is we are our own. It is safe to say for me that I went to work, I paid my bills, took care of my family and always tried to do what was right. Most of this was done by my own efforts. The problem with all of that effort was I was neutral toward God. I placed too much emphasis on what I could do myself and not enough emphasis or faith in God. Charles Spurgeon the nineteenth century's most prolific preacher and writer said, "Christian take good care of your faith, for faith is the only way in which you can obtain blessings. If you want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith."

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

By David Bilderback

Faith is a belief in or confident attitude toward God, involving commitment to his will for one's life. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God's throne unless it is the earnest prayer of the man who believes. "Faith is the angelic messenger between the soul and the Lord Jesus in glory." If this is withdrawn or does not exist we can neither send up prayer nor receive the answers.

In 2nd Timothy 1:12; the Apostle Paul says; "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep what I have committed to him until that Day." Paul points out here that what he considered to be one of his greatest strengths self-confidence is no substitute

for faith. Friend don't put self-confidence ahead of faith. You can obtain things with self-confidence but in the end the cost to you will be the absence of the sweet communion only Jesus can provide. God will empty the treasures of heaven to those who put their trust in him not in one's self.

God measures out to believers just the exact amount of blessings and hardships we can handle. This may be hard for some to understand but I believe that when we pass from this world and cross that Jordan River and head for that Celestial City we will see our faith in action for the gates of heaven will be opened and we shall walk into paradise. Then the text of 1st John 3:2 shall be fulfilled for us. "We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is"

David Bilderback: A Ministry on the Holiness of God.

Brown, Capper among those to be recognized on Kansas Walk of Honor

TOPEKA — Four Notable Kansans will join 16 others in the Kansas Walk of Honor this year. The bronze plaques of Garnett's Arthur Capper, John Brown, Satanta, and Charles M. Sheldon will be installed in the walkways of the Kansas State Capitol.

The four honorees made a difference in Kansas and the nation.

• Arthur Capper (1865-1951) born in Garnett, moved from typesetter to editor at the Topeka Daily Capital. He purchased several newspapers and eventually added a radio station to his properties. Capper served two terms as 20th governor of Kansas, then five terms as U. S. senator. He formed a foundation to benefit children with disabilities that continues today.

• John Brown (1800-1859) followed his abolitionist passions in Bleeding Kansas, building opposition to slavery. He rallied support after proslavery

forces attacked Lawrence, leading his own violent attack near Pottawatomie Creek. He rescued 11 people from a Missouri slave owner before his attack on the federal arsenal in Virginia, for which he was hanged.

• Satanta (Circa 1830-1878) was a Kiowa warrior who also gained oratory skills. He spoke four American Indian languages and Spanish. As a negotiator he participated with other leaders at the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty in 1867, earning the title "orator of the plains," as he argued for the rights of his people.

• Charles M. Sheldon (1857-1946) brought his social gospel message to Kansas in 1893. Sheldon put his message into practice as a peace advocate. His weekly sermons, asking the question, "What would Jesus do?" drew national attention when they were published in a national magazine, and then in the book, In His Steps.

These four new plaques will join those of Clyde Cessna, Walter Chrysler, Samuel Crumbine, John Steuart Curry, Charles Curtis, Bob Dole, Amelia Earhart, Dwight Eisenhower, Fred Harvey, Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Jack Kilby, Alfred M. Landon, Joseph McCoy, Karl Menninger, Gordon Parks, and William Allen White. The walk was established in 2011 and highlights people who contributed on a state and national level and have significant connections to Kansas.

The Kansas Historical Foundation, a 501(c) (3), serves as the caretakers of funds for the Kansas Walk of Honor. People can donate to this fund. The Historical Foundation, which supports the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency, established the walk fund so people can offer donations to cover the cost of plaques.

Brown 90th birthday

Jean Brown will celebrate her 90th birthday with a celebration from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Parkview Heights, Garnett. No gifts please.

Cards may be sent to her c/o Parkview Heights, 101 N. Pine St., Garnett KS 66032.



Brown

Fifth Daddy Daughter Dance scheduled

Chapter Y of P.E.O. has chosen "Dancing In Wonderland" as the theme for the fifth Daddy Daughter Dance to be held on April 22, 2017 at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. The event promises to treat girls to an evening in wonderland with music, dancing, refreshments, and a souvenir photograph. Girls from 2 years of age through the 6th grade may be escorted by dads, grandfather, uncles, or family friends.

Suggested admission is \$15.00 per family. All event proceeds will be applied to

Chapter Y's scholarship projects. P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization that supports educational advancements for women at all levels of higher education. The local chapter is offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships to 2017 graduates from Anderson County High School who will be enrolled in college this fall.

Chapter Y is also quietly active in assisting with numerous community needs. Members can be found donating items to ECKAN, participating as readers in the Kansas Reads event, donating books to the

library reading program, collecting eyeglasses, and in the past, walking as a team in the Healing for Health Anderson County Hospital Foundation event.

Date night at the Daddy Daughter Dance can make two dreams come true. One is the dream of a special girl being treated to an evening in wonderland. Another is the dream of a student in need of financial support.

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The county initially hired Coughlin under the belief that the company's "cold in place recycling" method would save them about half the cost of standard hot-mix paving. Howarter said Coughlin was the only company that bid on the project, and the county typically requires at least three bids before it proceeds with a project.

Howarter blamed the rainy weather for much of the problems. The company ripped up the old pavement, but before they could lay new pavement, a deluge of rain soaked the road base.

"Had it not been for the weather, I think it would have been a slam dunk. It would

have been a wonderful job, but instead, it's just been a nightmare," Howarter said.

The 9-mile stretch at issue is known as West Seventh Street at the Garnett city limits, then changes to 1600 and 1650 roads in the county. It is one of the most heavily traveled county roads because semi-trailers and tractors use it to haul crops, including heavy corn-loaded trucks en route to the local ethanol plant.

Howarter estimated 1600 Road receives even more traffic than K-31, a state highway to the north which runs roughly parallel. Because the road was built at a time before heavy semi-trailer traffic was common, the base of the road wasn't designed for that type of traffic.

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- Tuesday, March 28**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Westphalia Kindergarten Round-Up
 - Noon - Rotary International Club, at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS JV/Varsity softball at Eudora
 - 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights baseball, softball at home with Lyndon
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS varsity baseball at Eudora
 - 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
 - 7 p.m. - Legion Blngo at VFW
- Wednesday, March 29**
- 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. - GES Kindergarten Round-Up
- Thursday, March 30**
- 8:30 a.m. - Greeley Kindergarten Round-Up
 - 3:30 p.m. - ACJH track at Humboldt
- Friday, March 31**
- 3 p.m. - Central Heights track invitational
 - 3 p.m. - USD 288 Booster Club concessions
 - 3:30 p.m. - ACHS track at Baldwin City
 - ACHS at FSSC Aggie Days
 - 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Garnett Knights of Columbus fish fry at the Knights Hall
- Saturday, April 1**
- ACHS prom
 - Central Heights prom
- Monday, April 3**
- 9 a.m. - Anderson County Commission at the Anderson County Annex
 - 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Friendship Quilters at the Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
 - 6-8:30 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Garnett Church of the Nazarene
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club at VFW
 - 6:30 p.m. - Webelos 1 & 2 (fourth & fifth grades) Den Club Scouts meeting
 - 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338
- Tuesday, April 4**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Pioneer Restaurant
- Wednesday, April 5**
- 10:30 a.m. - Kincaid Community Library Family Story Time
 - 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 5:30 p.m. - USD 365 Booster Club
 - 7 p.m. - Colony Lions Club at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club at Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- Thursday, April 6**
- 6 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and snacks at the Garnett Senior Center

Lions Club has hearing, vision screenings at Crest



Mrs. Morris Luedke
Contact (620) 852-3379 or colonynews@ckt.net with Colony news.

Calendar
March has five Wed., Thurs., and Fridays (won't happen again in decades)-nothing on calendar until April 3.

School Calendar
25-Spring Break ends; School again on March 27.

Meal Site
24-hamburger or fish, macaroni salad, sliced tomato, bun, strawberries and peaches; 27-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, applesauce; 29-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, applesauce. Phone 620-852-3457 for meal reservations.

Christian Church
Scripture presented at March 19 service was Revelation 4:1 and many more. Pastor Andrew Zoll presented a very inspiring sermon on: "Leaving the Rapture Behind". Cross training Classes at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Tuesday 7 a.m. Apr. 2-Potluck Breakfast in the church basement at 9:30 a.m.. Apr. 9-Palm Sunday; Apr. 12-Working Wonders CWC, 7 p.m.; Apr. 16-Easter; June 26-NACC at KC.- Let Andrew know if you plan to attend.

Cowboy Church
March 19 Pastor Jon Petty spoke about how living in the kingdom of God, with a kingdom mindset, allows us to represent the King of kings. As Matthew 3:1-2 and 4:17 records, "the kingdom of heaven" is at hand.

Praise and worship music was provided by Cindy Beckman, Terri Louk and Eldon Wright. High Point Cowboy Church continues to welcome new faces each week for the 9 a.m. Service. Several ladies took part in the monthly 'ladies tea' traveling Saturday to Yates Center where they joined others from Toronto Methodist Church for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

UMC
Scripture presented March 19 at the United Methodist Church service was Psalm 98:1-9, Exodus 17: 1-7, Romans 5:1-11, and John 4:4-42. Pastor Dorothy Welch presented the sermon.

VBS
The first planning meeting for Vacation Bible School was held Sunday. The date of June 12-16 was set for this year. Their next meeting will be at the Methodist Church at 2:30 p.m. on April 23.

BOE
The rescheduled Crest Board of Education meeting was held March 13 conducted by Bryan Miller, president. Two members were absent, Tadd Goodell and Richard Webber. Others attending, Supt. Chuck Mahon, Clerk Leanne Trabuc and Principal Travis Hermreck.

ANW Special Education minutes of Feb. 8 were reviewed. A new lawnmower purchase motion died for lack of a second. Two resignations were accepted-Steven Wilson as senior sponsor and Jessica Thompson as dance coach, both effective the end of present school term. Hannah Boehm was hired as dance coach beginning 2017-18 school term. Principal Hermreck reported the Lion's Club conducted vision and hearing screening for grades K-2 Feb. 21. The middle school will complete its

scholar bowl season on March 27. Track season starts for the middle school the first week in April. The graduation and awards dates for Pre-K thru grade 8 with Pre-K graduation being held on May 15 and grade 8 awards and promotion the evening of May 15. The K-7 awards assemble will be held the morning of May 16 with the K-5 track and field day in the afternoon. May 18 will be the track and field rain day in the morning.

Supt. Mahon reported high school track season has started with 16 student participating. The teacher held a professional development day on March 10. Three high school students will serve as pages for Senator Caryn Tyson. Cheerleading tryouts will be held this month. There will be a senior trip meeting for parents of seniors this month. A baseball/softball committee has been established and will meet each month. Head baseball/softball coaching positions will be advertised this week. The fire marshal visited and discovered only a couple minor violations. Interviews will begin to fill the Pre-K position. An executive session for the purpose of discussing board/teach negotiations was held.

Council
The Jan. 25 meeting was conducted by Mayor Melissa Hobbs. AJ Silvey and Roger Culler were absent. City Clerk Amy Ray attended, as did Supt. Tim Dietrich, Richard Fisher, attorney and Bill Goodell, city marshal. Street and Alley reported holes in places and will need to be packed in from Kansas Gas workers. Past water dues were handled with necessary procedures.

April Celebrations
Anniversaries: April 11-Bob and Charlotte Swift; Jay and Virginia Dutton; Birthdays: 2-Jane Ward; 7-Rochelle Smart; 9-Doris Moore; 11-Larry Ward; 13-Susan Luedke; 22-Christy McGhee; 24-Gabe Berry; 25-Noah Ashmore; 28-Brant McGhee, Taylor Lane Davis; 29-Roger Oswald



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In Earth & Space Science, Billy Lyda and Shawn McCulley created models to demonstrate what happens at different types of plate boundaries. Above, Billy presents his model of an oceanic-divergent boundary resulting in seafloor spreading.

Crest students explore Science in 3-D

The first of February Bailey Lee, high school Science teacher, Abigail Hermreck, 4th grade teacher and Vivian West,



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In Chemistry, Austin Louk balances chemical equations. In order to help students visualize what they are doing when balancing, they used M&M's to represent the molecules. Each color is a different element and instead of having to just imagine the molecules, students can now see it right in front of them. It makes the concept simpler, more colorful and definitely tastier.

5th grade teacher attended a workshop at Greenbush on "Teaching Science in 3-D". The workshop provided instruction on how to incorporate the new science standards into our classrooms. The Next Generation Science Standards are the new national science standards that Kansas adopted in 2013. They have proved to be quite a transition in classrooms throughout Kansas as they have shifted the focus from students just retaining information to students drawing their own conclusions. The hope is to teach students how science is actually done in the real world.

The three dimensions of the new standards are: Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core ideas and Crosscutting Concepts. For each topic taught, the goal is to incorporate all three dimensions so that students are getting a more holistic understanding of the topic. A huge part of the Science and Engineering Practices portion is a focus on the use of models. Models can be a number of different things including 3-D models to simplify concepts, pictures, experimentation and students creating models to represent large-scale processes.

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Whether you're starting now to think of holiday planning, an anniversary of your

HOW TO SELL STUFF



Dane Hicks
Review Publisher

business or maybe your own promotional gathering tied to a local community event of some kind, use this handful of tips to turn your party into a selling tool.

The idea: There's no end to party themes if you just put a little thought into it. If your town celebrates Cucumber Day with a Miss Cucumber Pageant or parade, throw a social event a few hours prior to event time with the idea of a "pre-party." You can invite local artists in to display their work at your party – most of them will jump at the chance – to add to the flavor of your event. You can even key your event to sporting events or television programs – Oscar Parties, thrown on the night of Hollywood's Academy Awards, give adults a reason to dress up and play movie star complete with their own red carpet. Virtually any party can be crafted into a sales promotion.

Send invitations: Whether or not your event is exclusive to your higher end customers, send those folks and any other VIPs you'd like to be there an invitation. Make a real invitation – mailed, not emailed. Everybody likes to be treated like they're on the "A-List" and a written invitation is a great angle in these days when social media invitations are common spam.

Refreshments: Some kind of a nibbler is always good. Unless your business is food, catering or something similar, don't put a lot of time, effort and money into food options. Beer or wine should also be provided – it helps loosen up the crowd – and don't forget a non-alcoholic option like iced tea and simple bottled water.

Music: Whether live or just a CD or Ipad playing in the background, music helps set the mood and covers the holes in conversation early on before the pace of the event settles into a comfort level. Be sure your music is complimentary to the type of party you're throwing. Typically at a business event you want background music that encourages conversation and not toe-tapping.

Display: Finally, make sure your product is attractively displayed. The more creative and conversation-inspiring method you can find, the better. You can sink money into professional displays and banners, but don't forget a stack of boxes on a table covered with a quilt or sheet makes a great, cheap, multi-level display with flat surfaces to set your products. Obviously, have a full arsenal of your product list, business cards, brochures, etc., in various locations. If your business is a service, you can project infographics, videos or your rolling power point display on a wall with a video projector and your laptop.

So throw a party – and sell stuff.

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Dunbar elected to board

OMAHA, NEBRASKA – Ronald Dunbar, a Princeton farmer, has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of Frontier Farm Credit, an agricultural lender serving eastern Kansas.

Dunbar was re-elected to a two-year term that begins April 1, 2017, and runs through March 31, 2019. He has been a Frontier Farm Credit director since 2003.

Frontier Farm Credit is a financial cooperative with a board that reflects the diverse agricultural backgrounds and interests of its customer-owners. The board is comprised of six elected customer-owners and one appointee.

Dunbar grows corn, beans, wheat and sorghum silage. He also raises livestock.

He serves on the boards for the Franklin County Conservation District and the Richmond Cemetery. He is chairperson of the administrative council at Richmond United Methodist Church.

White receives Nebraska Corn Board's Ethanol Industry Appreciation Award

WASHINGTON – Renewable Fuels Association Vice President of Industry Relations Robert White has been awarded the Nebraska Corn Board's 2017 Ethanol Industry Appreciation Award for his years of support.

The award, given during a formal ceremony earlier this month, is presented to individuals or industry partners who go above and beyond to help ethanol markets and expand demand for ethanol. The Ethanol Industry Appreciation Award was first presented in 2007 and White is the first non-Nebraskan recipient.

"Mr. White leads the effort to increase the availability and consumption of ethanol through consumer education, social media and marketing," said Dennis Gengenbach, secretary and treasurer with the Nebraska Corn Board. "He is a well-sought out technical expert for the industry on ethanol, E15, E85 and blender pumps."

"I am very humbled and honored to receive this award from the Nebraska Corn Board," said White. "I have the unique privilege of interacting with farmers daily, and enjoy the relationships that have developed over the years working together to expand the market for corn and ethanol. Thank you again for this treasured award."

As part of his job, White works with petroleum marketers and retailers, state and federal agencies, commercial fleets, and individual consumers to increase awareness about the benefits of ethanol

and encourage greater development and use of renewable fuels.

"The RFA Board of Directors has made expanding market opportunities for ethanol its highest priority," said RFA President and CEO Bob Dinneen. "Robert has led those efforts for RFA and does an amazing job. I am grateful the

Nebraska Corn Board has recognized Robert's efforts on behalf of the RFA and I know the entire RFA membership and staff join the Corn Board in their accolades. But more important, we look forward to working with Nebraska's farmers and others to continue to grow this important value-added market."



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Robert White, right, accepts the Nebraska Corn Board's 2017 Ethanol Industry Appreciation Award. White, Renewable Fuels Association Vice President of Industry Relations, is from Garnett.



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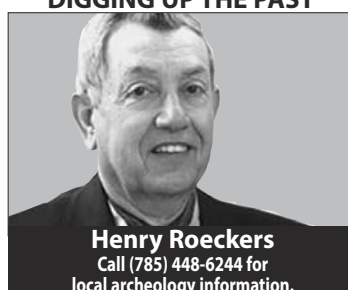
Centuries later, in 1541, the Spaniards under Coronado introduced sheep to the ancient pueblo of Cicuye, thirty miles east of Santa Fe. Later expeditions increased the supply and sheep raising developed rapidly among other pueblos and later among the Navajos.

The use of cotton languished. Wool took its place, and the Zunis, south of Gallup, New Mexico, and the Hopis of northeastern Arizona, produced fine weaves. From them the Navajos learned the art and in time Navajo blankets became known the world over for their wonderfully fine texture, design and color combinations.

Many of these old blankets are almost priceless. They were worked with loving care, to last for generations. Single pieces required months, even years, to finish. Many were so tightly woven as to hold water. Fleeces were carded and spun on primitive spindles.

Natural colors were used—white, gray and black from the wool, mineral and vegetable dyes for the rest. Blue came from indigo, introduced by the Spaniards, yellow from rabbit brush or ocher, green from a mixture of the two. Wild walnuts supplied

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The Native Americans of the Santa Fe Southwest today still weave their famous blankets by hand on primitive looms, using rare skill and endless patience.

brown, black came from black wool, fragrant sumac or charcoal. The tag alder, mountain mahogany or bayeta gave the weaver her red. Genuine bayeta, highly prized, was a red flannel from Barcelona dyed with cochineal and was first obtained by Indians, by unraveling



"The Blanket"
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This illustration shows Native Americans creating a traditional blanket.



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The Anderson County Review staff celebrated the 15th anniversary of Henry Roeckers writing his archeology column with a luncheon at El Jimador Mexican Restaurant Friday, March 17. Pictured, left side front to back: Review editor and publisher Dane Hicks, Stacey Dennison, Vickie Moss; right side front to back: Teresa Young, Henry Roeckers and Kay Roeckers.

CHIEF...

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progressed the last few years," King said.

One of the major improvements the department has made in recent years regards technology, he said. King said it can be challenging for both administration and officers to keep up with changing technology in law enforcement, and the city has made a concerted effort in that area. He hopes to keep the momentum going.

"From when I first started until now, the city has done a wonderful job getting up to date with computer programs. When I started here, it was very outdated," he said. "I intend to keep trying to modernize and further enhance police department efficiencies. By doing that, we will deliver the best, fair and impartial policing this city deserves."

One of King's first challenges will be to fill two vacancies in the department. Pekarek and Martin complained previously that it was difficult to find capable, trained officers

willing to work in a small community. King said the constantly changing technology contributes to that, and also he believes people these days have less desire for public service. The city has agreed to offer more competitive wages comparable to similarly sized police departments. He hopes that will spur more applicants.

King also said he hopes to improve community relations. "I would like to see our officers get out and engage the public a little more, and be seen not just in their capacity as

law enforcement," King said. "I want everybody to perceive the police as a professional, efficient, fair and impartial department."

He also said the city and county work well together to share resources and cooperate as needed, which benefits taxpayers in both the city and county.

King and his wife, Michelle, have four children. He is the son of Rick and Becky King of Garnett, and grandson of Betty and the late Wayne Penn.

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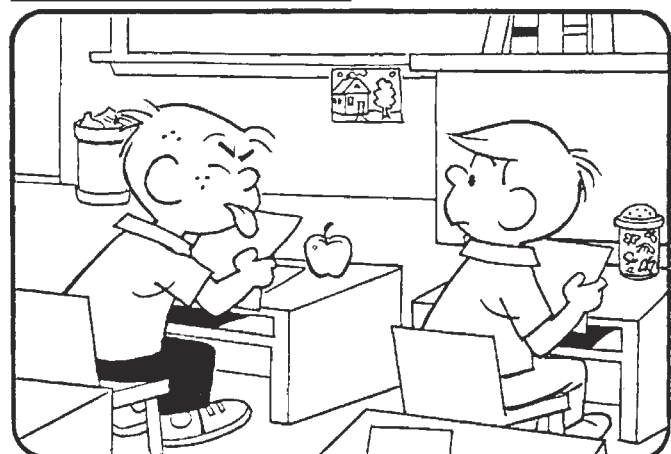
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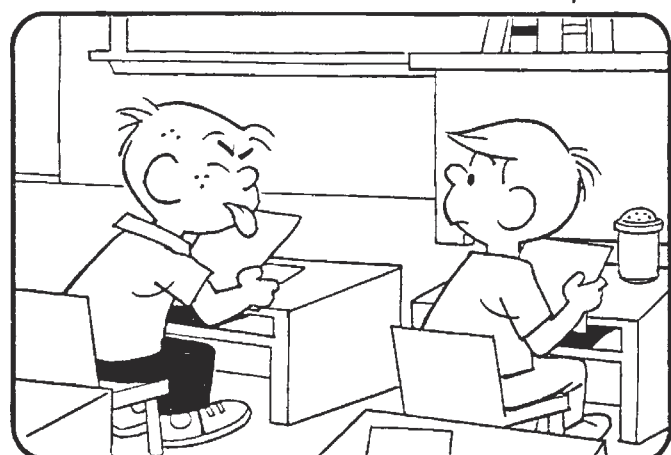
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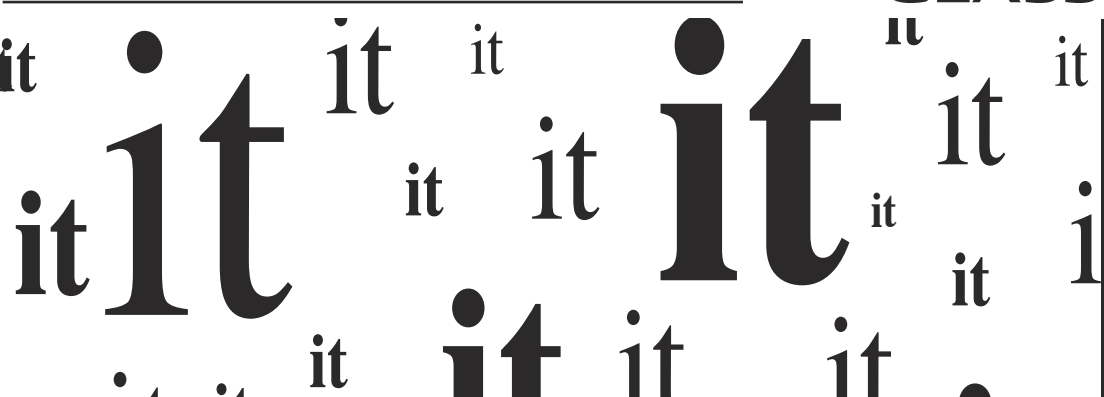
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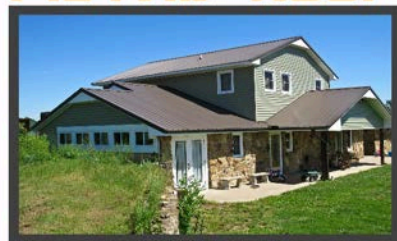
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Anderson County High School senior Sydney Scheckel won the 2015 AQHYA World Championship Show with her horse, A Perfect Pleasure, aka Pippi. Scheckel plans to ride for the equestrian team at Baylor University next year.

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Horses help girl reach for her dreams

BY VICKIE MOSS

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RICHMOND - Sydney Scheckel fell in love with horses as a little girl. Riding and caring for those gentle equine giants gave her confidence and taught her about responsibility. She knew from an early age that her future would revolve around horses.

In 2015, her confidence soared when she won the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City. With her mare, A Perfect Pleasure (aka Pippi), she bested nearly 200 competitors to win a clean sweep in the preliminary, semi-final and final showmanship events.

And while that and other achievements at the World Show sent Scheckel to the top of the youth show horse world, she wasn't quite done. She and Pippi went on to win the equivalent of the Triple Crown in the industry: First the Youth World in Oklahoma City, then the NSBA World Show in Tulsa, Okla., and finally the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

Now, Scheckel is finishing her senior year of high school at Anderson County High School in Garnett. Next year, she will attend Baylor University to ride on their equestrian team. There, she will compete in reining competitions. She has enrolled in Baylor's Pre-Business Program and plans to major in Finance.

"This offer is one that I have worked my entire life for. Hard work really does pay off," Scheckel said. "I cannot wait to get started!"

From the beginning, Scheckel set her goals high. She knew from an early age that she wanted to win the Youth World.

"The road to the top was never easy. It was not handed to me at all. I had to work extremely hard for all that I accomplished."

Scheckel began competing at the local level and advanced to state competitions before she earned a spot at national competitions. She sought help from Bruce Walquist, of Cleburne, Texas, who served as her coach in the Showmanship contests. Brent Wright, of Ottawa, coached Scheckel in Reining and Cowhorse contests.

"2015 was definitely the highlight of my youth career," she said.

At the World Show, Scheckel earned several Top Ten finishes in the Cowhorse Boxing, Reining, and Showmanship contests, riding other horses. But Pippi was then, and "will forever be," Scheckel's favorite mount.

"She has such a special place in my heart and I have come to realize that there will never be another her. She truly is my 'once in a lifetime horse,'" she said.

Currently, though, she's showing two other horses: Saint Nic It in the Cowhorse events and Trigrgr Finger in Reining.

"The life lessons I have gained from showing horses is truly endless. They honestly prepared me for life," she said. "You have to work hard for the things

worth having, do not expect things, have some responsibility, be humble about your accomplishments. Winning is not everything. It is the journey that makes it all worth it."

Scheckel is the daughter of David and Angie Scheckel of Richmond. She credits family, friends and others who helped her along the way.

"This amazing journey never would have never been possible without the support of many wonderful people. I will never be able to repay them for all that they have done for me."



Sydney Scheckel and Pippi celebrate after winning the 2015 AQHYA World Championship Show.



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Sydney Scheckel, with her horse, Pippi, at left, and her parents, Angie and David Scheckel, accept the various awards she won at the 2015 AQHYA World Championship Show.

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Prescribed burning restores land, but with risks

BY VICKIE MOSS

THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Each spring, local fields and prairies crackle with orange flames that lick toward the blue sky. The pungent smoke wafts across county roads, heralding an annual tradition that dates back hundreds of years.

The annual prescribed burning season is a time when farmers and ranchers intentionally set fire to pasture and cropland as a natural method to maintain and restore the land. Prescribed burning is a common tool used by many farmers, ranchers and other landowners. It comes with risks, however, as weather conditions or improper planning easily can turn dangerous.

Recently, out-of-control grass fires spread across much of central and western Kansas, destroying more than 700,000 acres and killing hundreds of livestock. Thousands of people were forced to flee their homes, and dozens of structures were destroyed. At least one person died in Kansas as a result of the fires, and at least seven people died nationwide from wildfires in states like Texas and Oklahoma.

Locally, dry conditions and windy weather have increased the fire risk here as well. Although firefighters responded to numerous reports of out-of-control fires, most were quickly contained and no structures, livestock or people were lost.

Prescribed Burning Workshops typically are offered each year in February in Garnett to help people understand the nature and behavior of fire. Some of the topics covered are reasons for burning, wildlife and prescribed burning, local and state regula-

tions, fire weather, safety, liability, use of burn contractors, planning and conducting a burn.

Fire is good for the land, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Periodic fire restores an ecosystem to its natural balance. The Forest Service lists several benefits:

- Reduces hazardous fuels, protecting human communities from extreme fires;
- Minimizes the spread of pest insects and disease;
- Removes unwanted species that threaten species native to an ecosystem;
- Provides forage for game;
- Improves habitat for threatened and endangered species;
- Recycles nutrients back to the soil; and
- Promotes the growth of trees, wildflowers, and other plants.

Despite the benefits, though, the planning process for a controlled burn should follow various safety precautions. Those who fail to follow the rules and are found to be burning without a permit can face a fine up to \$2,500 and be responsible for costs associated with the fire department response to the incident.

Anyone who lives in the City of Garnett or rural Anderson County and who is planning to burn is required to call Anderson County Communications at (785) 448-6823 to receive a "burn permit." The process typically is quite simple and takes only a minute or two. The brief phone call allows the communications center to collect information such as location of the planned burn and contact information for those who will conduct the burn. If weather conditions are not favorable for burning, the permit will not be issued and communications center staff will

inform those who call seeking a permit that no burning is allowed.

You also can sign up for alerts that notify you if a burn ban has been issued or lifted. Call the the Emergency Management office at (785) 448-6797 to sign up for the service.

Restricted open burning is at the discretion of the Garnett Fire Department and the Anderson County Emergency Management. The decision typically is made when fire weather forecasting by the National Weather Service in Topeka indicates fires will be difficult to control, such as wind speed or humidity levels.

J.D. Mersman, Anderson County Emergency Management Director, also offered a few other guidelines for people who plan to burn.

- All trash must be inside a metal container with a screen or mesh over the top to contain any embers or burning material that may leave the container. Avoid placing aerosol cans or other objects that could explode in the fire. Other tips include:
 - Avoid all outdoor burning during extremely dry weather conditions.
 - Keep a buffer zone of short grass around structures or bales of hay.
 - Clear brush and overgrowth away from structures.
 - Have some source of water nearby when doing any burning.
 - Avoid tossing cigarettes out of vehicles.
 - Use extreme caution when burning near roadways and airports. Smoke blowing across roadways or runways can limit visibility and place travelers in danger.
 - Responsible party shall remain with the controlled burn at all times.

• A person shall not burn heavy smoke-producing materials including tires, shingles, tar paper, etc.


Anyone with questions about open burning can call the Emergency Management office at (785) 448-6797.

The Kansas Insurance Department staff also encourages homeowners to review the following tips to reduce the risk of further home and property loss in the event of continued wildfire activity:

- Do a survey of the landscape surrounding your house. Move plants or trees that are too close to your dwelling or burn easily. Clear dead leaves or tree seedlings away from your roof, gutters, decks or fence lines. Evaluate openings around your house that could allow embers to get into your home to see if they can be temporarily sealed.
- Store away patio furniture, decorations or other flammable outdoor material.
- Remove landscaping mulch from near your house.
- If evacuation is ordered, shut all doors and windows tightly. Decide in advance what type of emergency kit your family would need, including first aid, blankets, personal hygiene items, prescriptions, cell phones and clothing. Turn off the gas to your house and hose it down if you have time. Keep communication equipment charged and in working order. Be sure your family members know how to contact each other.

Wildfire protection tips such as these are available in the newly issued "Wildland Fire Action Guide," available on the website of the Office of the State Fire Marshal at www.FireMarshal.ks.gov/wildfire.

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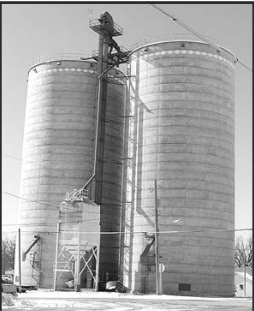
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Researchers look for new wheat strategies

BY HANNAH SCHLAPP KANSAS WHEAT

Farmers aim to increase yield and profitability while maintaining stewardship of the land. With farming comes preserving the soil and being cautious in management practices to keep the ground functioning to its full potential. This may mean farmers change the way they apply certain fertilizers to the soil, as well as other crop production components. Researchers at Kansas State University are coming together to help farmers get a bigger bang for their buck by finding management practices that can increase yields and profitability while still preserving the land. These researchers include Romulo Lollato, wheat and forages production agronomist with K-State Research and Extension; Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, associate professor and nutrient management specialist in agronomy; Gary Cramer, assistant professor in agronomy; and Anserd J. Foster, an assistant professor and Southwest area extension agronomist. This project is under the direct administration of Brent Jaenisch, a M.S. student working in Lollato's program.

"There are many regions of the world where wheat yields are stagnant. In Kansas, we have had somewhat of an increase in the last 30 years, but it's

been at a relatively slow rate," Lollato said, "However, after performing long-term research of the yield potential in the region, we have found that we have an exploitable yield gap that can be economically reduced through management, yield gap being the difference between what we produce now compared to what we could potentially economically produce."

Lollato has previously performed related research that shows a possibility for yields in central Kansas to increase about 10-20%, while still maintaining profitability and stewardship of the land. The next step of the research is to determine exactly which management practices should be improved to accomplish that.

In addition, the research shows that there's approximately a 30-35 bushels per acre yield gap between current yields and the yield potential, largely due to substandard wheat management practices. It is important to remember that only a fraction of this yield gap can be economically reduced, as reaching for the full crop's potential is often not economical. Lollato is hoping to develop cutting edge management practices that will help lower the yield gap.

The main concept of this research is to perform intensive management practices on wheat, along with standard

management practices to see how yield responds to the two practices. The intensive practices will include enhanced fertilization with nitrogen, chloride and sulfur, along with a change in crop production components including plant population density, fungicide applications and plant growth regulators. The standard management practices will be based on K-State fertility recommendations. The goal of the project is to yield 60 bushels per acre on the standard management practices and 100 bushels per acre on the intensive management practices.

"We have a very low-input control, which is representing our average farmer, and then on the other extreme of things, we have a very high input crop where we have several improved management practices," Romulo says, "We are then breaking down the production components into individual factors. We will have our very low-input control, and add those individual management practices to that one at a time."

They will also be removing the controls from the intensive management practice one at a time to see how the wheat reacts.

By using this approach, Lollato and his team will be able to differentiate wheat yields resulting from intensive management practices, as opposed to

those from standard management. They will also be able to find the influence from each practice to determine whether the practice is resulting in a higher grain yield or not.

So far in the research, the team has found a few different factors that will help with management practices in future growing seasons. "What we have found so far is fungicide is what was really driving yields last growing season when we had the severe stripe rust infestation. We provided fungicide to our very low input practice, and it yielded the same as the high input practice. This is showing us a sustainable way to increase production, and that we don't need to put everything out; we need to manage it according to the growing season," Lollato says.

The funding for this research has been provided by Kansas wheat farmers through the Kansas Wheat Commission's two penny wheat assessment. Once the research is completed, the farmers will reap the benefits in more ways than one.

"We are trying to find ways that producers can have higher yields and increased profitability, while economically reducing the current yield gap and the environmental footprint of wheat production in Kansas," Lollato says.



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Kansas wheat update: Crop challenged by lack of moisture through much of the state

MANHATTAN – Dry winter weather that helped fuel wildfires in Kansas and other Plains states also left many wheat fields in need of moisture even as above-average temperatures pushed wheat plants to green up earlier than usual.

The dry conditions through much of the state left some wheat fields in tough shape, said Kansas State University agronomy assistant professor Romulo Lollato.

Total precipitation from Sept. 1, 2016, to Feb. 28, 2017, varied widely with some areas receiving far more than normal precipitation while the entire southwest quarter of Kansas received below-normal precipitation, according to the Kansas Weather Data Library.

“As a consequence of the precipitation shortage last fall in southwest Kansas, many fields there have erratic stands or are just now germinating or emerging,” said Lollato, a wheat specialist with K-State Research and Extension. That leaves growers facing several agronomic and economic considerations as they decide whether to maintain the crop or plant the field to a different spring-planted crop.

In fields where the wheat seed sowing depth was relatively deep (2 inches), the first leaf may have started below ground, he said. Some of those plants may never push through the soil surface, so those fields may have scattered wheat stands. In other fields that were dry last fall and now have moisture, shoots may push through and producers could end up with a decent stand. In these cases, sowing depth, seed treatment, seed vigor, and occurrence of pests and diseases will affect the final stand.

Previous research indicates that fields that are just now emerging, months after

they normally would, have about half the yield potential of a crop that emerged and tillered in the fall. Spring weather, of course, will still be a factor, Lollato said. “If the weather turns cool and moist during the spring, these fields might still yield okay, but if we have a more normal warm and dry year, the yield reduction could be even worse than half.”

Spring-emerged wheat will likely have thinner stands across the field which could give weeds a greater chance to thrive and pressure the wheat. Some spring-emerged wheat may also have problems vernalizing. Some varieties need six to eight weeks of soil temperatures below 50 degrees.

If a grower’s wheat doesn’t emerge until spring but the stand is decent, the crop will still have reduced yield potential compared to a normal fall-emerged crop, as spring tillers are less productive than fall tillers, Lollato said. Producers in this situation should take a stand count to determine the final number of plants emerged per row foot and compare it with a target stand. Information about taking a stand count and how to compare it with a target stand is available online in the March 3 K-State Agronomy eUpdate newsletter or by contacting a local K-State Research and Extension office.

“If the stand is decent compared to the target stand, consider whether having a reduced yield potential is affordable,” Lollato said. “If the stand is not decent or producers cannot afford the reduced yield potential, terminating the crop and going into a summer crop may be an option, herbicide restrictions allowing.”

Above-normal winter temperatures resulted in an early greening of wheat fields, with some already past the joint-

ing stage of development in south-central areas.

“The early spring green-up will require producers to make certain management practices, such as nitrogen fertilization, earlier than normal,” the agronomist said. “Winter wheat turns from vegetative to reproductive development after its vernalization requirements are met – normally in early spring, so the number of spikelets per head is determined at greenup. Having nitrogen in the root zone by then is critical to ensure good head formation and to maximize the number of spikelets per head.”

Insect management is another important consideration in warmer-than-usual conditions.

Another major consequence of the early start to this growing season is the heightened risk of freeze injury to the developing crop, Lollato said. He noted the average last date for freezing temperatures in Kansas ranges from early April in southeast Kansas to early May in northwest Kansas.

Where the crop is developing early, it is more likely to be in more-sensitive phases of development if and when a freeze occurs this spring, he said. A recent cold snap, during which minimum air temperatures reached as low as 9 degrees Fahrenheit from March 8-14, is a good example of that. While most Kansas wheat should have dodged the detrimental effects of that freeze event, especially fields where the

growing point was still below ground, it highlights how the crop may be vulnerable to a freeze in the near future. As of March 22, many fields around the state are reaching the jointing stage of growth, and a similar cold snap could be much more detrimental.

If the crop escapes freeze injury, either by a mismatch between freeze occurrence and highly sensitive growth stages or due to the absence of a freeze, an early spring green-up might signify an early grain fill period.

“During the 2015-2016 growing season, the Kansas crop avoided three major freeze events due to a mismatch between freeze occurrence and sensitive stages of development, and yields were generally very good since the crop experienced good grain-filling conditions,” Lollato said. “It will all depend on the weather moving forward.”

He said many fields are showing yellowing of older leaves, typically from a combination of drought and nitrogen deficiency stresses. “In many cases, producers were timely applying the nitrogen to the wheat crop, but the lack of moisture did not distribute the nitrogen to the root zone, where it needs to be in order for uptake. If this week’s precipitation forecast materializes, it will be beneficial to the crop to reduce some of the drought stress and ensure nitrogen is in the root zone for plant uptake.”

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Following devastating property loss, documentation is key to recovery

MANHATTAN – When home and property have been lost through a natural disaster, documenting the event and compiling an inventory of lost possessions should be a priority after people and animals have been accounted for.

Spring is off to a rough start in Kansas — a series of brutal wildfires raced across southwest border counties and other areas of the state while the first tornadoes of the severe-weather season touched down in the northeast.

You may be tempted to tackle everything on your own, but there's no better time to ask for help. Friends and family can travel to the scene to help you with several things. They can serve as valuable witnesses to the event and can help you chronicle things by capturing still images and video. And although a hotel or nearby friend can provide temporary lodging, some insurance policies provide for long-term shelter in a furnished rental property.

Before anyone begins to document what's left of your home or business, they should get clearance from on-site disaster response teams, firefighters or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel. Don't enter any structure that has been deemed unsound or unsafe. Anyone taking part in this operation should wear any protective cloth-

ing they can get, including heavy boots, gloves, protective eyewear and a hardhat or helmet if one is available.

Don't rely on your memory for important details — record or write down the specifics as soon as you can, such as:

- What happened?
- When did it start?
- When did it end?
- Who was there?
- What kind of damage was sustained?
- What will be the cost of repairs and replacement?

As you work your way through the next several days, keep a small notebook and a couple of pens or pencils with you. No matter how reliable you may think your phone is, no matter how tech-savvy you are, a "hard copy" may be your best friend in trying times. Keep track of phone calls (date and time), what was discussed, names of insurance agents, disaster officials, members of volunteer organizations, and anyone that you meet for the first time.

All these notes, as well as any and all receipts will need to be kept in a cool, dry place. The pockets of your pants or jeans could get hot and humid, making these precious documents unreadable. Find, borrow or ask a friend to purchase for you a binder with plastic sleeves, a plastic accordion file, as well as plastic food-stor-

age bags that can be closed tightly.

It's not uncommon for charitable organizations, relief agencies and especially churches to show up with free supplies, following a major disaster. Feel free to accept these items when you need them — you can always pay it forward with a donation later.

K-State Research and Extension has a free publication, "Get Financially Prepared: Take Steps Ahead of Disaster," that offers helpful information for both before and after a disaster. It's available through your nearest Extension office, or download it here: <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3055.pdf>

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Remember: Agriculture is amazing

In case you hadn't noticed, agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear daily. This industry is increasingly contributing to fuel and other bioproducts.

Still, too few people understand and appreciate this contribution. This is particularly true in our schools today where students may be exposed to agriculture only if they enroll in related vocational training – if it even exists.

March 20 marks the first day of spring. It fell during National Ag Week, March 19-25. This time of year is a time to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by this nation's farmers and ranchers.

National Ag Week encourages each American to understand how food and fiber products are produced; value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy and appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

INSIGHT



JOHN SCHLAGECK, Kansas Farm Bureau

During this period we as agricultural associations help those in our communities understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced. We must highlight the essential role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong Kansas economy as well as our U.S. economy.

It's up to us to foster an appreciation of the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable food,

fuel and fiber among today's citizenry. Also, we must inform this same population about the career opportunities in the agricultural industry.

Agriculture is too important a topic to be taught only to a small percentage of students considering careers in agriculture and pursuing vocational agricultural studies.

County Farm Bureaus across the state will be celebrating National Ag Week. Activities include radio programs on farming and ranching, breakfasts, ag book distributions, library displays about agriculture, newspaper ads, farm tours, ag implement dealer tours and farm and ranch safety programs.

These activities are intended to increase the knowledge of agriculture and nutrition among today's consumers to help them make informed personal choices about diet and health. Informed citizens will also be better able to par-

ticipate in establishing the policies that will support a competitive agricultural industry in the country and around the world.

A few generations ago, most Americans were directly involved in – or had relatives or friends involved in agricultural-related endeavors. Today, that's no longer the case.

That's why it is so important we join together on this special week devoted to telling the story of this unparalleled success story. Remember, celebrate agriculture this March 19-25.

Agriculture is truly amazing.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

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Fleas, ticks already bugging pets around the country

MANHATTAN — A mild winter and early spring in many parts of the country mean ticks and fleas are beginning to emerge, according to a Kansas State University veterinarian.

“The season for itching and scratching is here, and your pets will need your help to ensure they stay healthy and free of infestation,” said Susan Nelson, clinical professor at the university’s Veterinary Health Center’s Pet Health Center.

Last fall was a bumper year for fleas in Kansas, and although their numbers decrease during the winter months, they never fully go away, Nelson said.

“Wildlife and protected areas around building foundations keep flea reservoirs alive, which means your cat or dog is always at risk for acquiring this parasite, even during the winter months — and this year, even more so with our milder-than-usual winter,” Nelson said.

Fleas can cause uncomfortable allergic dermatitis in pets and are a source of tapeworm infection as well, Nelson said. They also are a source for cat scratch fever and plague, which can cause serious illness, and even death, in people.

The Veterinary Health Center at Kansas State University has already seen a few dogs bothered by ticks.

“One dog was even host to the Ixodes scapularis tick, also known as the deer tick, which carries Lyme disease,” Nelson said. “This tick has not been found in Kansas until recently, but its presence is not totally unexpected as

other species of ticks have also been expanding across the U.S.”

Along with the ticks come the tick-borne diseases carried by them, Nelson said. The Veterinary Health Center reported its first case of tularemia in a cat in February; typically, first cases aren’t seen until March.

“This disease is most often seen in cats and can be life-threatening,” Nelson said. “It is also zoonotic, which means it can be passed to people from their pet. Ticks are also the carrier of another, and often fatal disease, in cats called Cytauxzoonosis.”

Two of the more common tick-borne diseases seen in dogs in Kansas are ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever; but other diseases, such as anaplasmosis, Lyme and tick paralysis also can occur, according to Nelson.

“As with the cat diseases, these diseases can cause serious and sometimes fatal illness in dogs,” she said. “It should also be noted that people can also contract several of these same diseases from ticks.”

The bottom line for all pet owners, Nelson said, is to use flea and tick protection on pets year-round as one bite is all it takes transmit these dangerous diseases. She also cautions to never use products for dogs on cats as they could be fatal to felines. Several safe and effective products are on the market, so Nelson recommends contacting the Veterinary Health Center at 785-532-5690 or your local veterinarian to find out what is best for your pet.

Specialty crop grant opportunity announced

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 2017 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Funds for the program are awarded to the agency by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service. The funds are in turn granted to projects and organizations that work to improve the specialty crop industry.

The purpose of the specialty crop program is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as “fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.” This opportunity supports the KDA’s mission of providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry in Kansas.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reviews each application. Approved states receive an estimated base amount

plus an amount based on the average of the most recent available value of specialty crop cash receipts and the acreage of specialty crop production in the state. In 2016, Kansas received \$283,492.76 for the grant program. In 2017 it is expected that Kansas will receive approximately \$295,000.00.

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program applications will be evaluated by a team of external reviewers. The team will rate proposals on their ability to successfully promote specialty crops in Kansas and make a positive impact on the Kansas economy. Those recommendations will be submitted to the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, who will make the final awards.

Applications are due to KDA no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2017. For more information, please download the 2017 application from the website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/specialtycrop.



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Don't forget: Pollinators are essential for crops

By **BECKY KEIM** **CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS**

The majority of Americans pay little attention to pollinators – bees, butterflies, wasps, moths and other insects.

However, without pollinators, many crops would not grow. A large variety of fruits and vegetables would become scarce or incredibly expensive, and the cost of other products, including clothing (as cotton is bee-pollinated), would be impacted.

Over 70 percent of the world's crop plants depend on pollination. In addition, many fruit and vegetable crops require pollination to produce. Wildlife like deer, quail,

pheasants and other animals depend on the production of berries and fruits for food.

Many human actions, such as pollution and conversion of natural habitat, have impacted pollinators and their ability to provide ecosystem services.

In our modern agricultural world, drift (or unintentional off-target contamination) from aerial spraying of pesticides has become a major threat to our pollinators. Most insecticides (and a handful of fungicides and herbicides) can kill bees directly or have sublethal effects that can, among other things, negatively impact bees' ability

to reproduce and forage.

The best thing we can do for pollinator conservation is to avoid using pesticides. Unfortunately, avoiding pesticide use, particularly in today's precision farming world, is not an option for most farmers.

A solution presented by DriftWatch and Xerces Society is to take steps in reducing drift and maintaining buffer zones between sprayed areas and pollinator habitat areas.

Check out driftwatch.org and xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/ for more on pollinator conservation.

Kansas Agriculture develops collaborative growth strategy project

MANHATTAN — From workforce development to increased market access to research and development of new technologies and products, agriculture is primed for growth. Based on direct input and collaboration with hundreds of Kansas agricultural leaders, the Kansas Department of Agriculture has compiled and summarized industry feedback into desired growth outcomes for 19 specific sectors of the industry. The outcomes document has now been published on the Kansas Department of Agriculture website, agriculture.ks.gov/GrowAg, along with documents providing expanded background information for each of the 19 agricultural sectors.

"At every stage of this project, we have been pleased with the enthusiasm, initiative and spirit of cooperation shown by agricultural leaders throughout the state, who are eager to work together to

enhance an environment for growth in Kansas," said Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey. "It comes as no surprise to us that the farmers, ranchers, and agricultural business leaders of Kansas understand the need to look to the future in strategic ways to create short-term and long-term expansion of our state's agriculture industry."

The Kansas Agricultural Growth Strategy project has been coordinated by KDA, with participation by more than 500 agricultural stakeholders. This project is a direct response to the call to action issued at the August 2015 meeting of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors hosted by KDA. A highlight of the project was the inaugural Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth, which was held in Manhattan in August 2016. The Summit brought together nearly 400 leaders from across industry sectors

under one roof to talk about barriers, challenges, opportunities, growth goals and next steps.

Input from the Summit, as well as from smaller meetings both before and after the event, led to the identification of desired industry outcomes, which can be found at the Ag Growth website. These documents are not intended to represent the opinions and priorities of the state government, but as a compilation of feedback from agricultural stakeholders which will now serve as a guidance document for private, public and academic partners to work together to grow the agricultural industry.

"Growing the Kansas economy is a top priority, and to grow the Kansas economy the agriculture industry must grow," said Governor Sam Brownback. "I appreciate the commitment of everyone across the state who has worked on this agricul-

tural growth project and I look forward to seeing their progress in the future." Agriculture is Kansas' largest industry and economic driver, contributing \$64 billion to the Kansas economy, and employing nearly 13 percent of the Kansas workforce.

Individual action plans for each outcome have been developed by members of the KDA Growth Team in consultation with industry partners, and will be used to track progress of the strategic growth project.

The industry will gather once again this summer for the second annual Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, to evaluate progress on the actions plans and to identify next steps for the Kansas agriculture industry. Information on the Summit will be posted as it becomes available at agriculture.ks.gov/summit.



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Kansas State University study counters common beliefs about the marbling texture in steaks

MANHATTAN — A Kansas State University study has found the marbling texture of steak makes no difference to consumers in appearance and taste of the food.

The marbling texture of meat is based on the amount of white, visible flecks of fat within meat.

Meat scientist Travis O'Quinn said the finding was surprising and that it countered previous beliefs that consumers preferred finely marbled meat, which has smaller specks but the same amount of fat, for tenderness and overall taste.

"Marbling texture had no impact on the consumer's perception of beef, not only from a visual standpoint but when they ate it as well," O'Quinn said.

The finding is significant because approximately 80 percent of the more than 100 branded beef programs available to consumers do not accept coarsely marbled beef.

"Typically, coarse marbled beef is discounted or there is a prejudice against coarse marbled beef," O'Quinn said. "By coarse marbling, I mean the flecks of fat within the ribeye are larger. The pieces of fat are actually bigger in coarse marbled beef, though there is no difference in the total amount of fat in the steak."

This is the first scientific study to look at the impact of coarse marbling on a consumer's willingness to buy the product,

according to O'Quinn.

"It's amazing to me when we talk about marbling texture and what is commonly held to be true in terms of fine marbling being better, that there hadn't been any other studies to evaluate this," O'Quinn said. "This was the task that we wanted to take up."

The university's study evaluated steaks that fell into three marbling categories — coarse, medium and fine — in three quality grades — top choice, low choice and select — for a total of nine steak treatments.

Each of the samples were tested by a consumer panel and a trained sensory panel, which were asked to evaluate the steaks for tenderness, juiciness and how much beef flavor was present. The consumers also were asked how much they liked the steak overall.

"Our goal was to create a very robust study evaluating this marbling texture and identifying any differences that may be present," O'Quinn said. "Our results showed that when we fed consumers the beef, they found no difference among the different marbling texture groups. They did find differences between choice and select, which we expected; they told us the choice was more tender, more flavorful and they liked it better overall."

The trained sensory panels did indicate that coarse marbled steaks were more

juicy and flavorful than fine and medium marbled steaks, a finding that differed from the consumer panels.

In another part of the study, consumers completed an online study in which they viewed pictures of the steaks with differing levels of marbling. O'Quinn said the consumers were asked to judge how desirable the steak was and their willingness to purchase the steak, based solely on pictures.

"The results were the same," he said.

"The consumers showed no preference for one marbling texture over another."

The data will become part of industry knowledge that could affect how branded beef programs are managed in the future.

"If consumers aren't willing to pay more for fine- or medium-texture beef, and they don't taste the difference, then there's really no reason to discriminate against those coarse marbled steaks," O'Quinn said. "If you're going to create a new branded beef program in the future,

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K-State veterinarian offers advice for care of cattle that survived devastating fires

MANHATTAN – Among those hit hard by the recent wildfire outbreak are the surviving beef cattle. From mild surface burns to debilitating hoof injuries, ranchers and veterinarians are teaming up to render care and compassion.

The recent outbreak of wildfires in Kansas burned hundreds of thousands of acres of land, destroyed homes and other infrastructure, and placed many cattle ranchers in the unenviable position of having to euthanize thousands of animals with insurmountable injuries.

The cows, calves and bulls that are left may need extraordinary amounts of care, said A.J. Tarpoff, a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension. Topping the list of concerns are the orphaned calves.

“Regardless how they lost their mothers, we have some hungry calves that need some solid base nutrition and we need to step up and give some extra care for these young calves,” said Tarpoff. “Fostering or grafting these calves onto another mother is our best bet, but unfortunately we may not have that option. The next step is turning them into bucket calves.”

The best milk replacement formulas should follow a 20-20 rule — 20 percent crude protein and 20 percent crude fat.

Tarpoff said to look for animal protein bases because they work best, but the sudden demand may mean using whatever is available.

“A good frame of reference is two quarts, twice a day,” he said, “and they need access to clean, quality water at all times.”

Bucket calves can be transitioned to a starter feed relatively soon. Caregivers should offer starter feeds early on, at every feeding, and let the calf make the decision. “Once they’re consuming two to three pounds a day of the starter feed for two to three days in a row, we can actually wean them off the milk replacement, and transition them straight onto the calf starter feed,” said Tarpoff.

For calves, heifers, cows and bulls, there can be lingering, long-term consequences from injuries sustained in the fires. These could range from surface burns to eye and ear damage as well as respiratory damage from smoke inhalation. Tarpoff said the first concern for all these animals should be the feet. Hooves and feet that look normal now could succumb to latent damage. The next 10 days to three weeks are critical, and animals should be closely monitored.

“Initially, from the high tempera-

tures of the fire we saw some separation and cracking in what’s called the coronary band — that’s where the hoof transitions to the skin, where the hair starts. Over the next couple weeks, even some slight damage initiated during the fire can develop into really severe laminitis.”

Laminitis can include cracks in the hoof wall, and separation of the hoof from the foot. “When we see that kind of damage,” said Tarpoff, “immediate euthanasia is necessary.”

Surface burns to skin and hair are not that different from burn injuries suffered by people or other animals, Tarpoff said. Composition of the burned skin will change and eventually slough off, but the tender new skin underneath will be at risk of secondary bacterial infections. “I would highly recommend working with your local veterinarian — they may have access to certain types of burn cream that can be used for some of these tender areas, so work with your veterinarian.”

Even minor burns can cause trouble for breeders.

“We need to pay special attention to the undersides of the animals, the udders on cows and the testicles and sheaths of our breeding bulls,” Tarpoff

said. “Even if our bulls have already been reproductively tested to be able to breed this season, even if their burns aren’t severe, it’d be a good idea to retest these bulls to make sure that they are fit for this upcoming breeding season.”

Perhaps the injuries that will cast the longest shadow over the lives of surviving animals are respiratory damage from heat and smoke inhalation. “Those airways are pretty sensitive to heat and smoke, and the natural mechanisms help clean and maintain the respiratory system can sustain damage, sometimes beyond repair,” Tarpoff said. “It will take at least a month for an animal to fully heal from that kind of injury, and we’ll need to monitor that progress.”

Tarpoff said that antibiotics and respiratory drugs are available to help these animals heal from respiratory diseases and conditions, and that producers shouldn’t be shy about asking for help.

“There’s a lot of people donating their time, their efforts, their feed ... a lot of people working together to make sure that we get back going as soon as we can, and the veterinary community is standing ready to help,” said Tarpoff.

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Ag Focus

Anderson County High School senior Sydney Scheckel won the 2015 AQHYA World Championship Show with her horse, A Perfect Pleasure, aka Pippi. Scheckel plans to ride for the equestrian team at Baylor University next year.

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Horses help girl reach for her dreams

BY VICKIE MOSS

THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - Sydney Scheckel fell in love with horses as a little girl. Riding and caring for those gentle equine giants gave her confidence and taught her about responsibility. She knew from an early age that her future would revolve around horses.

In 2015, her confidence soared when she won the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City. With her mare, A Perfect Pleasure (aka Pippi), she bested nearly 200 competitors to win a clean sweep in the preliminary, semi-final and final showmanship events.

And while that and other achievements at the World Show sent Scheckel to the top of the youth show horse world, she wasn't quite done. She and Pippi went on to win the equivalent of the Triple Crown in the industry: First the Youth World in Oklahoma City, then the NSBA World Show in Tulsa, Okla., and finally the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

Now, Scheckel is finishing her senior year of high school at Anderson County High School in Garnett. Next year, she will attend Baylor University to ride on their equestrian team. There, she will compete in reining competitions. She has enrolled in Baylor's Pre-Business Program and plans to major in Finance.

"This offer is one that I have worked my entire life for. Hard work really does pay off," Scheckel said. "I cannot wait to get started!"

From the beginning, Scheckel set her goals high. She knew from an early age that she wanted to win the Youth World.

"The road to the top was never easy. It was not handed to me at all. I had to work extremely hard for all that I accomplished."

Scheckel began competing at the local level and advanced to state competitions before she earned a spot at national competitions. She sought help from Bruce Walquist, of Cleburne, Texas, who served as her coach in the Showmanship contests. Brent Wright, of Ottawa, coached Scheckel in Reining and Cowhorse contests.

"2015 was definitely the highlight of my youth career," she said.

At the World Show, Scheckel earned several Top Ten finishes in the Cowhorse Boxing, Reining, and Showmanship contests, riding other horses. But Pippi was then, and "will forever be," Scheckel's favorite mount.

"She has such a special place in my heart and I have come to realize that there will never be another her. She truly is my 'once in a lifetime horse,'" she said.

Currently, though, she's showing two other horses: Saint Nic It in the Cowhorse events and Trigrgr Finger in Reining.

"The life lessons I have gained from showing horses is truly endless. They honestly prepared me for life," she said. "You have to work hard for the things

worth having, do not expect things, have some responsibility, be humble about your accomplishments. Winning is not everything. It is the journey that makes it all worth it."

Scheckel is the daughter of David and Angie Scheckel of Richmond. She credits family, friends and others who helped her along the way.

"This amazing journey never would have never been possible without the support of many wonderful people. I will never be able to repay them for all that they have done for me."



Sydney Scheckel and Pippi celebrate after winning the 2015 AQHYA World Championship Show.



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Sydney Scheckel, with her horse, Pippi, at left, and her parents, Angie and David Scheckel, accept the various awards she won at the 2015 AQHYA World Championship Show.

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Prescribed burning restores land, but with risks

BY VICKIE MOSS

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GARNETT - Each spring, local fields and prairies crackle with orange flames that lick toward the blue sky. The pungent smoke wafts across county roads, heralding an annual tradition that dates back hundreds of years.

The annual prescribed burning season is a time when farmers and ranchers intentionally set fire to pasture and cropland as a natural method to maintain and restore the land. Prescribed burning is a common tool used by many farmers, ranchers and other landowners. It comes with risks, however, as weather conditions or improper planning easily can turn dangerous.

Recently, out-of-control grass fires spread across much of central and western Kansas, destroying more than 700,000 acres and killing hundreds of livestock. Thousands of people were forced to flee their homes, and dozens of structures were destroyed. At least one person died in Kansas as a result of the fires, and at least seven people died nationwide from wildfires in states like Texas and Oklahoma.

Locally, dry conditions and windy weather have increased the fire risk here as well. Although firefighters responded to numerous reports of out-of-control fires, most were quickly contained and no structures, livestock or people were lost.

Prescribed Burning Workshops typically are offered each year in February in Garnett to help people understand the nature and behavior of fire. Some of the topics covered are reasons for burning, wildlife and prescribed burning, local and state regula-

tions, fire weather, safety, liability, use of burn contractors, planning and conducting a burn.

Fire is good for the land, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Periodic fire restores an ecosystem to its natural balance. The Forest Service lists several benefits:

- Reduces hazardous fuels, protecting human communities from extreme fires;
- Minimizes the spread of pest insects and disease;
- Removes unwanted species that threaten species native to an ecosystem;
- Provides forage for game;
- Improves habitat for threatened and endangered species;
- Recycles nutrients back to the soil; and
- Promotes the growth of trees, wildflowers, and other plants.

Despite the benefits, though, the planning process for a controlled burn should follow various safety precautions. Those who fail to follow the rules and are found to be burning without a permit can face a fine up to \$2,500 and be responsible for costs associated with the fire department response to the incident.

Anyone who lives in the City of Garnett or rural Anderson County and who is planning to burn is required to call Anderson County Communications at (785) 448-6823 to receive a "burn permit." The process typically is quite simple and takes only a minute or two. The brief phone call allows the communications center to collect information such as location of the planned burn and contact information for those who will conduct the burn. If weather conditions are not favorable for burning, the permit will not be issued and communications center staff will

inform those who call seeking a permit that no burning is allowed.

You also can sign up for alerts that notify you if a burn ban has been issued or lifted. Call the the Emergency Management office at (785) 448-6797 to sign up for the service.

Restricted open burning is at the discretion of the Garnett Fire Department and the Anderson County Emergency Management. The decision typically is made when fire weather forecasting by the National Weather Service in Topeka indicates fires will be difficult to control, such as wind speed or humidity levels.

J.D. Mersman, Anderson County Emergency Management Director, also offered a few other guidelines for people who plan to burn.

- All trash must be inside a metal container with a screen or mesh over the top to contain any embers or burning material that may leave the container. Avoid placing aerosol cans or other objects that could explode in the fire. Other tips include:
 - Avoid all outdoor burning during extremely dry weather conditions.
 - Keep a buffer zone of short grass around structures or bales of hay.
 - Clear brush and overgrowth away from structures.
 - Have some source of water nearby when doing any burning.
 - Avoid tossing cigarettes out of vehicles.
 - Use extreme caution when burning near roadways and airports. Smoke blowing across roadways or runways can limit visibility and place travelers in danger.
 - Responsible party shall remain with the controlled burn at all times.

• A person shall not burn heavy smoke-producing materials including tires, shingles, tar paper, etc.

Anyone with questions about open burning can call the Emergency Management office at (785) 448-6797.

The Kansas Insurance Department staff also encourages homeowners to review the following tips to reduce the risk of further home and property loss in the event of continued wildfire activity:

- Do a survey of the landscape surrounding your house. Move plants or trees that are too close to your dwelling or burn easily. Clear dead leaves or tree seedlings away from your roof, gutters, decks or fence lines. Evaluate openings around your house that could allow embers to get into your home to see if they can be temporarily sealed.
- Store away patio furniture, decorations or other flammable outdoor material.
- Remove landscaping mulch from near your house.
- If evacuation is ordered, shut all doors and windows tightly. Decide in advance what type of emergency kit your family would need, including first aid, blankets, personal hygiene items, prescriptions, cell phones and clothing. Turn off the gas to your house and hose it down if you have time. Keep communication equipment charged and in working order. Be sure your family members know how to contact each other.


Wildfire protection tips such as these are available in the newly issued "Wildland Fire Action Guide," available on the website of the Office of the State Fire Marshal at www.FireMarshal.ks.gov/wildfire.

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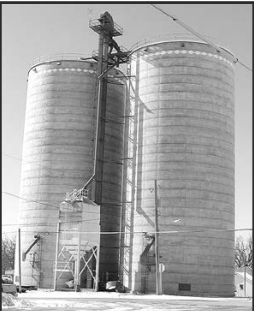
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Researchers look for new wheat strategies

BY HANNAH SCHLAPP KANSAS WHEAT

Farmers aim to increase yield and profitability while maintaining stewardship of the land. With farming comes preserving the soil and being cautious in management practices to keep the ground functioning to its full potential. This may mean farmers change the way they apply certain fertilizers to the soil, as well as other crop production components. Researchers at Kansas State University are coming together to help farmers get a bigger bang for their buck by finding management practices that can increase yields and profitability while still preserving the land. These researchers include Romulo Lollato, wheat and forages production agronomist with K-State Research and Extension; Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, associate professor and nutrient management specialist in agronomy; Gary Cramer, assistant professor in agronomy; and Anserd J. Foster, an assistant professor and Southwest area extension agronomist. This project is under the direct administration of Brent Jaenisch, a M.S. student working in Lollato's program.

"There are many regions of the world where wheat yields are stagnant. In Kansas, we have had somewhat of an increase in the last 30 years, but it's

been at a relatively slow rate," Lollato said, "However, after performing long-term research of the yield potential in the region, we have found that we have an exploitable yield gap that can be economically reduced through management, yield gap being the difference between what we produce now compared to what we could potentially economically produce."

Lollato has previously performed related research that shows a possibility for yields in central Kansas to increase about 10-20%, while still maintaining profitability and stewardship of the land. The next step of the research is to determine exactly which management practices should be improved to accomplish that.

In addition, the research shows that there's approximately a 30-35 bushels per acre yield gap between current yields and the yield potential, largely due to substandard wheat management practices. It is important to remember that only a fraction of this yield gap can be economically reduced, as reaching for the full crop's potential is often not economical. Lollato is hoping to develop cutting edge management practices that will help lower the yield gap.

The main concept of this research is to perform intensive management practices on wheat, along with standard

management practices to see how yield responds to the two practices. The intensive practices will include enhanced fertilization with nitrogen, chloride and sulfur, along with a change in crop production components including plant population density, fungicide applications and plant growth regulators. The standard management practices will be based on K-State fertility recommendations. The goal of the project is to yield 60 bushels per acre on the standard management practices and 100 bushels per acre on the intensive management practices.

"We have a very low-input control, which is representing our average farmer, and then on the other extreme of things, we have a very high input crop where we have several improved management practices," Romulo says, "We are then breaking down the production components into individual factors. We will have our very low-input control, and add those individual management practices to that one at a time."

They will also be removing the controls from the intensive management practice one at a time to see how the wheat reacts.

By using this approach, Lollato and his team will be able to differentiate wheat yields resulting from intensive management practices, as opposed to

those from standard management. They will also be able to find the influence from each practice to determine whether the practice is resulting in a higher grain yield or not.

So far in the research, the team has found a few different factors that will help with management practices in future growing seasons. "What we have found so far is fungicide is what was really driving yields last growing season when we had the severe stripe rust infestation. We provided fungicide to our very low input practice, and it yielded the same as the high input practice. This is showing us a sustainable way to increase production, and that we don't need to put everything out; we need to manage it according to the growing season," Lollato says.

The funding for this research has been provided by Kansas wheat farmers through the Kansas Wheat Commission's two penny wheat assessment. Once the research is completed, the farmers will reap the benefits in more ways than one.

"We are trying to find ways that producers can have higher yields and increased profitability, while economically reducing the current yield gap and the environmental footprint of wheat production in Kansas," Lollato says.



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Kansas wheat update: Crop challenged by lack of moisture through much of the state

MANHATTAN – Dry winter weather that helped fuel wildfires in Kansas and other Plains states also left many wheat fields in need of moisture even as above-average temperatures pushed wheat plants to green up earlier than usual.

The dry conditions through much of the state left some wheat fields in tough shape, said Kansas State University agronomy assistant professor Romulo Lollato.

Total precipitation from Sept. 1, 2016, to Feb. 28, 2017, varied widely with some areas receiving far more than normal precipitation while the entire southwest quarter of Kansas received below-normal precipitation, according to the Kansas Weather Data Library.

“As a consequence of the precipitation shortage last fall in southwest Kansas, many fields there have erratic stands or are just now germinating or emerging,” said Lollato, a wheat specialist with K-State Research and Extension. That leaves growers facing several agronomic and economic considerations as they decide whether to maintain the crop or plant the field to a different spring-planted crop.

In fields where the wheat seed sowing depth was relatively deep (2 inches), the first leaf may have started below ground, he said. Some of those plants may never push through the soil surface, so those fields may have scattered wheat stands. In other fields that were dry last fall and now have moisture, shoots may push through and producers could end up with a decent stand. In these cases, sowing depth, seed treatment, seed vigor, and occurrence of pests and diseases will affect the final stand.

Previous research indicates that fields that are just now emerging, months after

they normally would, have about half the yield potential of a crop that emerged and tillered in the fall. Spring weather, of course, will still be a factor, Lollato said. “If the weather turns cool and moist during the spring, these fields might still yield okay, but if we have a more normal warm and dry year, the yield reduction could be even worse than half.”

Spring-emerged wheat will likely have thinner stands across the field which could give weeds a greater chance to thrive and pressure the wheat. Some spring-emerged wheat may also have problems vernalizing. Some varieties need six to eight weeks of soil temperatures below 50 degrees.

If a grower’s wheat doesn’t emerge until spring but the stand is decent, the crop will still have reduced yield potential compared to a normal fall-emerged crop, as spring tillers are less productive than fall tillers, Lollato said. Producers in this situation should take a stand count to determine the final number of plants emerged per row foot and compare it with a target stand. Information about taking a stand count and how to compare it with a target stand is available online in the March 3 K-State Agronomy eUpdate newsletter or by contacting a local K-State Research and Extension office.

“If the stand is decent compared to the target stand, consider whether having a reduced yield potential is affordable,” Lollato said. “If the stand is not decent or producers cannot afford the reduced yield potential, terminating the crop and going into a summer crop may be an option, herbicide restrictions allowing.”

Above-normal winter temperatures resulted in an early greening of wheat fields, with some already past the joint-

ing stage of development in south-central areas.

“The early spring green-up will require producers to make certain management practices, such as nitrogen fertilization, earlier than normal,” the agronomist said. “Winter wheat turns from vegetative to reproductive development after its vernalization requirements are met – normally in early spring, so the number of spikelets per head is determined at greenup. Having nitrogen in the root zone by then is critical to ensure good head formation and to maximize the number of spikelets per head.”

Insect management is another important consideration in warmer-than-usual conditions.

Another major consequence of the early start to this growing season is the heightened risk of freeze injury to the developing crop, Lollato said. He noted the average last date for freezing temperatures in Kansas ranges from early April in southeast Kansas to early May in northwest Kansas.

Where the crop is developing early, it is more likely to be in more-sensitive phases of development if and when a freeze occurs this spring, he said. A recent cold snap, during which minimum air temperatures reached as low as 9 degrees Fahrenheit from March 8-14, is a good example of that. While most Kansas wheat should have dodged the detrimental effects of that freeze event, especially fields where the

growing point was still below ground, it highlights how the crop may be vulnerable to a freeze in the near future. As of March 22, many fields around the state are reaching the jointing stage of growth, and a similar cold snap could be much more detrimental.

If the crop escapes freeze injury, either by a mismatch between freeze occurrence and highly sensitive growth stages or due to the absence of a freeze, an early spring green-up might signify an early grain fill period.

“During the 2015-2016 growing season, the Kansas crop avoided three major freeze events due to a mismatch between freeze occurrence and sensitive stages of development, and yields were generally very good since the crop experienced good grain-filling conditions,” Lollato said. “It will all depend on the weather moving forward.”

He said many fields are showing yellowing of older leaves, typically from a combination of drought and nitrogen deficiency stresses. “In many cases, producers were timely applying the nitrogen to the wheat crop, but the lack of moisture did not distribute the nitrogen to the root zone, where it needs to be in order for uptake. If this week’s precipitation forecast materializes, it will be beneficial to the crop to reduce some of the drought stress and ensure nitrogen is in the root zone for plant uptake.”

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Following devastating property loss, documentation is key to recovery

MANHATTAN – When home and property have been lost through a natural disaster, documenting the event and compiling an inventory of lost possessions should be a priority after people and animals have been accounted for.

Spring is off to a rough start in Kansas — a series of brutal wildfires raced across southwest border counties and other areas of the state while the first tornadoes of the severe-weather season touched down in the northeast.

You may be tempted to tackle everything on your own, but there's no better time to ask for help. Friends and family can travel to the scene to help you with several things. They can serve as valuable witnesses to the event and can help you chronicle things by capturing still images and video. And although a hotel or nearby friend can provide temporary lodging, some insurance policies provide for long-term shelter in a furnished rental property.

Before anyone begins to document what's left of your home or business, they should get clearance from on-site disaster response teams, firefighters or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel. Don't enter any structure that has been deemed unsound or unsafe. Anyone taking part in this operation should wear any protective cloth-

ing they can get, including heavy boots, gloves, protective eyewear and a hardhat or helmet if one is available.

Don't rely on your memory for important details — record or write down the specifics as soon as you can, such as:

- What happened?
- When did it start?
- When did it end?
- Who was there?
- What kind of damage was sustained?
- What will be the cost of repairs and replacement?

As you work your way through the next several days, keep a small notebook and a couple of pens or pencils with you. No matter how reliable you may think your phone is, no matter how tech-savvy you are, a "hard copy" may be your best friend in trying times. Keep track of phone calls (date and time), what was discussed, names of insurance agents, disaster officials, members of volunteer organizations, and anyone that you meet for the first time.

All these notes, as well as any and all receipts will need to be kept in a cool, dry place. The pockets of your pants or jeans could get hot and humid, making these precious documents unreadable. Find, borrow or ask a friend to purchase for you a binder with plastic sleeves, a plastic accordion file, as well as plastic food-stor-

age bags that can be closed tightly.

It's not uncommon for charitable organizations, relief agencies and especially churches to show up with free supplies, following a major disaster. Feel free to accept these items when you need them — you can always pay it forward with a donation later.

K-State Research and Extension has a free publication, "Get Financially Prepared: Take Steps Ahead of Disaster," that offers helpful information for both before and after a disaster. It's available through your nearest Extension office, or download it here: <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3055.pdf>

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March 20 marks the first day of spring. It fell during National Ag Week, March 19-25. This time of year is a time to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by this nation's farmers and ranchers.

National Ag Week encourages each American to understand how food and fiber products are produced; value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy and appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

INSIGHT



JOHN SCHLAGECK, Kansas Farm Bureau

During this period we as agricultural associations help those in our communities understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced. We must highlight the essential role agriculture plays in maintaining a strong Kansas economy as well as our U.S. economy.

It's up to us to foster an appreciation of the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable food,

fuel and fiber among today's citizenry. Also, we must inform this same population about the career opportunities in the agricultural industry.

Agriculture is too important a topic to be taught only to a small percentage of students considering careers in agriculture and pursuing vocational agricultural studies.

County Farm Bureaus across the state will be celebrating National Ag Week. Activities include radio programs on farming and ranching, breakfasts, ag book distributions, library displays about agriculture, newspaper ads, farm tours, ag implement dealer tours and farm and ranch safety programs.

These activities are intended to increase the knowledge of agriculture and nutrition among today's consumers to help them make informed personal choices about diet and health. Informed citizens will also be better able to par-

ticipate in establishing the policies that will support a competitive agricultural industry in the country and around the world.

A few generations ago, most Americans were directly involved in – or had relatives or friends involved in agricultural-related endeavors. Today, that's no longer the case.

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Fleas, ticks already bugging pets around the country

MANHATTAN — A mild winter and early spring in many parts of the country mean ticks and fleas are beginning to emerge, according to a Kansas State University veterinarian.

“The season for itching and scratching is here, and your pets will need your help to ensure they stay healthy and free of infestation,” said Susan Nelson, clinical professor at the university’s Veterinary Health Center’s Pet Health Center.

Last fall was a bumper year for fleas in Kansas, and although their numbers decrease during the winter months, they never fully go away, Nelson said.

“Wildlife and protected areas around building foundations keep flea reservoirs alive, which means your cat or dog is always at risk for acquiring this parasite, even during the winter months — and this year, even more so with our milder-than-usual winter,” Nelson said.

Fleas can cause uncomfortable allergic dermatitis in pets and are a source of tapeworm infection as well, Nelson said. They also are a source for cat scratch fever and plague, which can cause serious illness, and even death, in people.

The Veterinary Health Center at Kansas State University has already seen a few dogs bothered by ticks.

“One dog was even host to the Ixodes scapularis tick, also known as the deer tick, which carries Lyme disease,” Nelson said. “This tick has not been found in Kansas until recently, but its presence is not totally unexpected as

other species of ticks have also been expanding across the U.S.”

Along with the ticks come the tick-borne diseases carried by them, Nelson said. The Veterinary Health Center reported its first case of tularemia in a cat in February; typically, first cases aren’t seen until March.

“This disease is most often seen in cats and can be life-threatening,” Nelson said. “It is also zoonotic, which means it can be passed to people from their pet. Ticks are also the carrier of another, and often fatal disease, in cats called Cytauxzoonosis.”

Two of the more common tick-borne diseases seen in dogs in Kansas are ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever; but other diseases, such as anaplasmosis, Lyme and tick paralysis also can occur, according to Nelson.

“As with the cat diseases, these diseases can cause serious and sometimes fatal illness in dogs,” she said. “It should also be noted that people can also contract several of these same diseases from ticks.”

The bottom line for all pet owners, Nelson said, is to use flea and tick protection on pets year-round as one bite is all it takes transmit these dangerous diseases. She also cautions to never use products for dogs on cats as they could be fatal to felines. Several safe and effective products are on the market, so Nelson recommends contacting the Veterinary Health Center at 785-532-5690 or your local veterinarian to find out what is best for your pet.

Specialty crop grant opportunity announced

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 2017 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Funds for the program are awarded to the agency by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service. The funds are in turn granted to projects and organizations that work to improve the specialty crop industry.

The purpose of the specialty crop program is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as “fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.” This opportunity supports the KDA’s mission of providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry in Kansas.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reviews each application. Approved states receive an estimated base amount

plus an amount based on the average of the most recent available value of specialty crop cash receipts and the acreage of specialty crop production in the state. In 2016, Kansas received \$283,492.76 for the grant program. In 2017 it is expected that Kansas will receive approximately \$295,000.00.

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program applications will be evaluated by a team of external reviewers. The team will rate proposals on their ability to successfully promote specialty crops in Kansas and make a positive impact on the Kansas economy. Those recommendations will be submitted to the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, who will make the final awards.

Applications are due to KDA no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2017. For more information, please download the 2017 application from the website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/specialtycrop.



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Don't forget: Pollinators are essential for crops

By **BECKY KEIM** **CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS**

The majority of Americans pay little attention to pollinators – bees, butterflies, wasps, moths and other insects.

However, without pollinators, many crops would not grow. A large variety of fruits and vegetables would become scarce or incredibly expensive, and the cost of other products, including clothing (as cotton is bee-pollinated), would be impacted.

Over 70 percent of the world's crop plants depend on pollination. In addition, many fruit and vegetable crops require pollination to produce. Wildlife like deer, quail,

pheasants and other animals depend on the production of berries and fruits for food.

Many human actions, such as pollution and conversion of natural habitat, have impacted pollinators and their ability to provide ecosystem services.

In our modern agricultural world, drift (or unintentional off-target contamination) from aerial spraying of pesticides has become a major threat to our pollinators. Most insecticides (and a handful of fungicides and herbicides) can kill bees directly or have sublethal effects that can, among other things, negatively impact bees' ability

to reproduce and forage.

The best thing we can do for pollinator conservation is to avoid using pesticides. Unfortunately, avoiding pesticide use, particularly in today's precision farming world, is not an option for most farmers.

A solution presented by DriftWatch and Xerces Society is to take steps in reducing drift and maintaining buffer zones between sprayed areas and pollinator habitat areas.

Check out driftwatch.org and xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/ for more on pollinator conservation.

Kansas Agriculture develops collaborative growth strategy project

MANHATTAN — From workforce development to increased market access to research and development of new technologies and products, agriculture is primed for growth. Based on direct input and collaboration with hundreds of Kansas agricultural leaders, the Kansas Department of Agriculture has compiled and summarized industry feedback into desired growth outcomes for 19 specific sectors of the industry. The outcomes document has now been published on the Kansas Department of Agriculture website, agriculture.ks.gov/GrowAg, along with documents providing expanded background information for each of the 19 agricultural sectors.

"At every stage of this project, we have been pleased with the enthusiasm, initiative and spirit of cooperation shown by agricultural leaders throughout the state, who are eager to work together to

enhance an environment for growth in Kansas," said Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey. "It comes as no surprise to us that the farmers, ranchers, and agricultural business leaders of Kansas understand the need to look to the future in strategic ways to create short-term and long-term expansion of our state's agriculture industry."

The Kansas Agricultural Growth Strategy project has been coordinated by KDA, with participation by more than 500 agricultural stakeholders. This project is a direct response to the call to action issued at the August 2015 meeting of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors hosted by KDA. A highlight of the project was the inaugural Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth, which was held in Manhattan in August 2016. The Summit brought together nearly 400 leaders from across industry sectors

under one roof to talk about barriers, challenges, opportunities, growth goals and next steps.

Input from the Summit, as well as from smaller meetings both before and after the event, led to the identification of desired industry outcomes, which can be found at the Ag Growth website. These documents are not intended to represent the opinions and priorities of the state government, but as a compilation of feedback from agricultural stakeholders which will now serve as a guidance document for private, public and academic partners to work together to grow the agricultural industry.

"Growing the Kansas economy is a top priority, and to grow the Kansas economy the agriculture industry must grow," said Governor Sam Brownback. "I appreciate the commitment of everyone across the state who has worked on this agricul-

tural growth project and I look forward to seeing their progress in the future." Agriculture is Kansas' largest industry and economic driver, contributing \$64 billion to the Kansas economy, and employing nearly 13 percent of the Kansas workforce.

Individual action plans for each outcome have been developed by members of the KDA Growth Team in consultation with industry partners, and will be used to track progress of the strategic growth project.

The industry will gather once again this summer for the second annual Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, to evaluate progress on the actions plans and to identify next steps for the Kansas agriculture industry. Information on the Summit will be posted as it becomes available at agriculture.ks.gov/summit.



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Kansas State University study counters common beliefs about the marbling texture in steaks

MANHATTAN — A Kansas State University study has found the marbling texture of steak makes no difference to consumers in appearance and taste of the food.

The marbling texture of meat is based on the amount of white, visible flecks of fat within meat.

Meat scientist Travis O'Quinn said the finding was surprising and that it countered previous beliefs that consumers preferred finely marbled meat, which has smaller specks but the same amount of fat, for tenderness and overall taste.

"Marbling texture had no impact on the consumer's perception of beef, not only from a visual standpoint but when they ate it as well," O'Quinn said.

The finding is significant because approximately 80 percent of the more than 100 branded beef programs available to consumers do not accept coarsely marbled beef.

"Typically, coarse marbled beef is discounted or there is a prejudice against coarse marbled beef," O'Quinn said. "By coarse marbling, I mean the flecks of fat within the ribeye are larger. The pieces of fat are actually bigger in coarse marbled beef, though there is no difference in the total amount of fat in the steak."

This is the first scientific study to look at the impact of coarse marbling on a consumer's willingness to buy the product,

according to O'Quinn.

"It's amazing to me when we talk about marbling texture and what is commonly held to be true in terms of fine marbling being better, that there hadn't been any other studies to evaluate this," O'Quinn said. "This was the task that we wanted to take up."

The university's study evaluated steaks that fell into three marbling categories — coarse, medium and fine — in three quality grades — top choice, low choice and select — for a total of nine steak treatments.

Each of the samples were tested by a consumer panel and a trained sensory panel, which were asked to evaluate the steaks for tenderness, juiciness and how much beef flavor was present. The consumers also were asked how much they liked the steak overall.

"Our goal was to create a very robust study evaluating this marbling texture and identifying any differences that may be present," O'Quinn said. "Our results showed that when we fed consumers the beef, they found no difference among the different marbling texture groups. They did find differences between choice and select, which we expected; they told us the choice was more tender, more flavorful and they liked it better overall."

The trained sensory panels did indicate that coarse marbled steaks were more

juicy and flavorful than fine and medium marbled steaks, a finding that differed from the consumer panels.

In another part of the study, consumers completed an online study in which they viewed pictures of the steaks with differing levels of marbling. O'Quinn said the consumers were asked to judge how desirable the steak was and their willingness to purchase the steak, based solely on pictures.

"The results were the same," he said.

"The consumers showed no preference for one marbling texture over another."

The data will become part of industry knowledge that could affect how branded beef programs are managed in the future.

"If consumers aren't willing to pay more for fine- or medium-texture beef, and they don't taste the difference, then there's really no reason to discriminate against those coarse marbled steaks," O'Quinn said. "If you're going to create a new branded beef program in the future,

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K-State veterinarian offers advice for care of cattle that survived devastating fires

MANHATTAN – Among those hit hard by the recent wildfire outbreak are the surviving beef cattle. From mild surface burns to debilitating hoof injuries, ranchers and veterinarians are teaming up to render care and compassion.

The recent outbreak of wildfires in Kansas burned hundreds of thousands of acres of land, destroyed homes and other infrastructure, and placed many cattle ranchers in the unenviable position of having to euthanize thousands of animals with insurmountable injuries.

The cows, calves and bulls that are left may need extraordinary amounts of care, said A.J. Tarpoff, a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension. Topping the list of concerns are the orphaned calves.

“Regardless how they lost their mothers, we have some hungry calves that need some solid base nutrition and we need to step up and give some extra care for these young calves,” said Tarpoff. “Fostering or grafting these calves onto another mother is our best bet, but unfortunately we may not have that option. The next step is turning them into bucket calves.”

The best milk replacement formulas should follow a 20-20 rule — 20 percent crude protein and 20 percent crude fat.

Tarpoff said to look for animal protein bases because they work best, but the sudden demand may mean using whatever is available.

“A good frame of reference is two quarts, twice a day,” he said, “and they need access to clean, quality water at all times.”

Bucket calves can be transitioned to a starter feed relatively soon. Caregivers should offer starter feeds early on, at every feeding, and let the calf make the decision. “Once they’re consuming two to three pounds a day of the starter feed for two to three days in a row, we can actually wean them off the milk replacement, and transition them straight onto the calf starter feed,” said Tarpoff.

For calves, heifers, cows and bulls, there can be lingering, long-term consequences from injuries sustained in the fires. These could range from surface burns to eye and ear damage as well as respiratory damage from smoke inhalation. Tarpoff said the first concern for all these animals should be the feet. Hooves and feet that look normal now could succumb to latent damage. The next 10 days to three weeks are critical, and animals should be closely monitored.

“Initially, from the high tempera-

tures of the fire we saw some separation and cracking in what’s called the coronary band — that’s where the hoof transitions to the skin, where the hair starts. Over the next couple weeks, even some slight damage initiated during the fire can develop into really severe laminitis.”

Laminitis can include cracks in the hoof wall, and separation of the hoof from the foot. “When we see that kind of damage,” said Tarpoff, “immediate euthanasia is necessary.”

Surface burns to skin and hair are not that different from burn injuries suffered by people or other animals, Tarpoff said. Composition of the burned skin will change and eventually slough off, but the tender new skin underneath will be at risk of secondary bacterial infections. “I would highly recommend working with your local veterinarian — they may have access to certain types of burn cream that can be used for some of these tender areas, so work with your veterinarian.”

Even minor burns can cause trouble for breeders.

“We need to pay special attention to the undersides of the animals, the udders on cows and the testicles and sheaths of our breeding bulls,” Tarpoff

said. “Even if our bulls have already been reproductively tested to be able to breed this season, even if their burns aren’t severe, it’d be a good idea to retest these bulls to make sure that they are fit for this upcoming breeding season.”

Perhaps the injuries that will cast the longest shadow over the lives of surviving animals are respiratory damage from heat and smoke inhalation. “Those airways are pretty sensitive to heat and smoke, and the natural mechanisms help clean and maintain the respiratory system can sustain damage, sometimes beyond repair,” Tarpoff said. “It will take at least a month for an animal to fully heal from that kind of injury, and we’ll need to monitor that progress.”

Tarpoff said that antibiotics and respiratory drugs are available to help these animals heal from respiratory diseases and conditions, and that producers shouldn’t be shy about asking for help.

“There’s a lot of people donating their time, their efforts, their feed ... a lot of people working together to make sure that we get back going as soon as we can, and the veterinary community is standing ready to help,” said Tarpoff.

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