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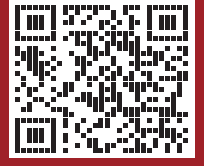
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- **Friday, April 4, 2025– Hopewell Corners 4-H Fundraiser Fish Fry** at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 307 E. 5th Street, Concordia from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Fish, Waffle Fries, Hush Puppies & Cole Slaw. Free Will Donation.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

- **Wednesday, April 2, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.
- **Wednesday, April 9, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

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Easter cantata

Brantford Covenant Church Community Choir to present cantata, April 13

The Brantford Covenant Church Community Choir will be presenting a new Easter cantata entitled “I Surrender All” on Palm Sunday, April 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Admission is free to the public and refreshments will be served following the performance. The choir includes singers from the Clyde, Clifton, Washington, Belleville and Agenda communities.

Combining traditional Easter hymns with more contemporary songs and a powerful narration, this musical tells the story of Jesus’ sacrificial and atoning death on the cross as the final payment for the forgiveness of sin, followed by His victory over death in His resurrection on that first Easter morning. In response, the listeners are challenged to fully surrender their hopes, needs, and lives to Him.

The Brantford Covenant Church is located 3-1/2 miles east and 7 miles north of Clyde, or 3-1/2 miles west and 7 miles north of Clifton, or 5 miles east and 2 miles south of Agenda, or 15 miles west and 2 miles south of the K-15/148 junction south of Washington, at the intersection of Bismark and Eighth Road in rural Washington County.

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Prepare seeds with seed tape

K-State horticulture expert says tape helps to decrease time spent planting seeds

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Seed tape is a method of preparing seeds for planting that reduces the amount of time spent bending over the ground. Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said seed tape makes it easier to handle small seeds and get proper spacing.

To make a seed tape, cut a paper towel into strips two inches wide by 12 inches long. Create a paste by mixing ½ cup flour with water. Use a ruler and pencil to mark dots on the paper towel at the proper spacing for the type of seed being planted. The seed packet should contain recommended plant spacing guidelines.

“Put one seed on each dot on the paper towel, then put a small drop of the flour paste on top of each seed,” Domenghini said. “Allow the paste to dry before moving the seed tape.”

At the appropriate time, each seed tape can be planted at the proper depth in the garden. Domenghini said the seeds will germinate through the paste.

“Over time, the paper towel will break down into the garden. Toilet tissue and tissue paper are other options for making seed tape,” Domenghini said.

This activity is perfect for getting children involved, she added.

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to hortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

Extension Extra

KAITLYN NELSON, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AGENT
River Valley Extension District

Prescribed Burn as a Management Tool

March and April mark an important time in the plains, when grassland fires are prevalent. Prescribed fire or prescribed burning season in Kansas begins in March and continues through mid-to late April. Kansas is a fire adapted landscape. Prescribed fire, at a frequency of 3 to 5 years, plays a critical role in maintaining our grasslands’ health and reducing wildfire risk. Prescribed fire reduces fuel loading, controls unwanted trees and brush, increases forage value, and rejuvenates our grasslands. It is a tool landowners and land managers use to ensure our valuable grasslands remain intact.

Here are five steps to a safe prescribed burn as outlined by the Kansas Forest Service. Step one: develop a plan to include how many people and how much equipment you will need, working with neighbors to burn at the same time, and contacting your local emergency agency to obtain the appropriate permits. Make sure everyone involved in the burn is wearing proper clothing, communication devices have been secured and understands the burn plan which should include who to contact if the fire gets out of control. Before even thinking about burning, determine if site and moisture conditions are appropriate.

Step two: prepare the site by creating adequate fire breaks. Fire breaks can be mowed, disced lines, roads (not highly traveled blacktop roads) or other natural fire breaks. If trees or other brush are present near the fire break, they must be cut, and the fire break width significantly increased. All dead trees near the fire break must be cut.

Step three and four: observe the weather before burning. Know the weather conditions on the day of the burn and 2 to 3 days following. Understand how weather conditions can affect your burn days. Good information about daily fire weather can be found on the National Weather Service site. Closely look at the hours weather graph to determine wind speeds, direction, and humidity for the burn day and 2-3 following days. The sweet spot for prescribed burning is wind speeds between 8 to 13 mph and humidity greater than 30 percent. If a storm front with shifting winds is approaching, consider delaying the burn due to potential rekindling after the burn.

Step five: check and re-check the site two to three days after the burn. Before leaving the burn site for the day extinguish any burning material within 100 feet of the burned edge. Remember to never burn at night as darkness prevents the drivers of vehicles or personnel on foot from being able to find their way, see obstacles and landmarks, judge distances, and assess the overall fire situation. Preparation and understanding are key when doing a prescribed burn to make sure the fire does not get out of hand and create an even bigger problem like a wildfire. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlyn Nelson in the Washington office at 785-325-2121 or at khildebrand@ksu.edu.



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By Annie Bergmann, Chamber Director

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If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Member or being a Chamber Coffee Sponsor, please contact Annie Bergmann at 785-243-4290 or email info@concordiakansaschamber.com

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2025 4-H Regional Club Days Results for River Valley District 4-Her’s

4-H Members from the Central Kansas District, Chisholm Trail District, River Valley District, Geary and Marshall Counties who received Top Purples at their county or district club days attended the Regional 4-H Club Days in Clay Center, KS, on Saturday, March 22nd.

The following results include Clay County (CY), Cloud County (CD), Republic County (RP) and Washington County (WS).

Model Meeting
Top Purple – Lincoln Creek (CY)
2nd Alternate Purple – Washington Headliners (CY)

Gavel Games – Junior Division
2nd Alternate Purple – Nový Munden (RP)

Gavel Games – Senior Division
1st Alternate Purple – Nový Munden (RP)

Demonstration/Illustrated Talks – Junior Division

Top Purple – Holte Taddiken (CY)
2nd Alternate Purple – Bo Doll (WS)
Blue – Lyndee Bray (RP), Emmett Sinn (RP), Trevor Clark (WS), Noah Hatesohl (WS)

Red – William Weisenberger (CY)
Demonstration/Illustrated Talks – Senior Division

Top Purple – Raelynn Moore (CD)
1st Alternate Purple – Cedric Kyner (WS)
2nd Alternate Purple – Rowley Keesecker (WS)
Blue – Neelly Taddiken (CY), Brady Childs (RP), Michael Pachta (RP), Trevin Skucius (RP), Witt Keesecker (WS)

Project Talks
2nd Alternate Purple – June Davis (CY)
Blue – Pratt Taddiken (CY), Kolette Knepper (CY), Charlie Strnad (RP), Rooks Strnad (RP), Charlotte Valek (RP)

Red – James Simmons (CD)
Public Speaking

2nd Alternate Top Purple – Joni Begnoche (CY)
Blue – Kelly Martin (CY), Natalie Sleichter (CY), Janae Wolf (CY), Brady Childs (RP)

Drama – Reading - Junior Division

Top Purple – Trevor Clark (WS)
2nd Alternate Purple – Brielle Wolf (CY)

Blue – Elizabeth Paillet (CD), Lexie Clark (WS)
Drama – Reading - Senior Division

Top Purple – Rowley Keesecker (WS)
Alternate Purple – Audra Pearson (CD)

Blue – Witt Keesecker (WS), Sofia Uffman (WS), Aysha Wolfgang (WS)

Drama – Solo Acting – Junior Division

Top Purple – Jaelyn Landis (WS)
Alternate Purple – A.P. (CY)

Red - B.P. (CY)
Other Talent – Junior Division

Top Purple – Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club (RP)
Blue – Amelia Weisenberger (CY)

Skit – Senior Division

2nd Alternate Purple – Rowley & Witt Keesecker (WS)

Blue – Linn Livewires 4-H Club (WS)
Music – Instrumental Solo – Junior Division

Top Purple - Brielle Wolf (WS)
3rd Alternate Purple – Kaleb Clark (WS)

Blue – Elizabeth Paillet (CD), Jacob Rieger (CY),
Music – Instrumental Solo – Senior Division

Top Purple – Elijah Shepard (CD)
Blue – Blue – Rowley Keesecker (WS), Zoe Sawin (WS), Sofia Uffman (WS)

Music – Vocal Solo – Junior Division

Top Purple – Charlie Strnad (RP)
1st Alternate Purple – Esther Paillet (CD)

2nd Alternate Purple – Elizabeth Paillet (CD)
Music – Vocal Solo – Senior Division

1st Alternate Purple – Addisyn Stapp (CY)
Blue – Bethany Demars (CD), Grace Demars (CD)

Music – Vocal Ensemble

Top Purple – Busy Bee 4-H Club (WS)
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Selecting the Right Bull: A guide to maximizing genetic and economic success

K-State beef cattle expert outlines key factors in selecting bulls for fertility, performance and profitability

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE
HAYS, Kan. — A Kansas State University beef cattle expert is urging the state’s producers to consider key factors in selecting bulls for their operation, saying that “thoughtful bull selection sets the foundation for healthier cows, higher-quality calves, and greater overall herd performance.”

Emma Briggs, a beef cattle systems specialist at K-State’s Western Kansas Research-Extension Center in Hays, said selecting the right bull is one of the most important decisions a cattle producer can make, impacting everything from fertility and growth to overall herd profitability.

She notes that a well-chosen bull drives genetic progress, influencing traits such as feed efficiency, carcass quality, and maternal ability.

"Establishing clear breeding and marketing goals is the first step," Briggs said. "Knowing whether you’re keeping replacement heifers or marketing all calves at weaning helps define the traits you should focus on."

Genetic tools like Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) provide valuable insight when selecting a bull, but not all EPDs hold equal importance.

"If you’re keeping replacement females, you’ll want to prioritize maternal traits like calving ease and milk production," Briggs said. "If your focus is the feedlot, then growth and carcass traits will be more relevant."

Briggs added that selecting bulls based on the most economically significant EPDs allows producers to make strategic decisions that improve long-term herd performance.

“While genetics play a key role, physical soundness cannot be overlooked,” she said. “EPDs predict genetic potential, but they don’t guarantee that a bull will hold up structurally.”

Structural integrity affects longevity and breeding efficiency, while muscle and frame size influence calf value. Bulls with poor conformation can lead to discounts at market, making a visual evaluation just as critical as genetic selection.

Briggs said crossbreeding remains one of the most effective tools for improving herd performance.

"One of the biggest benefits of crossbreeding is the longevity and fertility advantages in crossbred cows," she said, adding that hybrid vigor improves maternal traits, enhances weaning weights, and extends productive lifespans.

Breed complementarity also plays a role. According to Briggs, British breeds offer carcass quality and fleshing ability, while Continental breeds contribute superior growth and lean yield. A well-planned crossbreeding strategy balances these traits to create efficient, high-performing cattle, she said.

“Bulls are the fastest way to make genetic progress in a herd, making careful selection an investment in both short-term profitability and long-term sustainability,” Briggs said. “By using EPDs strategically, evaluating phenotype critically, and incorporating crossbreeding where applicable, producers can build a more productive and efficient herd."

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Good for the Garden: Praying mantids prey on insects

K-State entomologist shares why and how these insects should be kept in the home garden

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE
MANHATTAN, Kan. — A natural way to keep gardens safe from hungry pests is to employ the help of praying mantids. Kansas State University entomologist Raymond Cloyd said this predator of the insect world can be beneficial to a home garden.

“They eat anything they can grab onto with their raptorial front legs,” Cloyd said, “including flies, crickets, moths, butterflies, wasps and caterpillars.”

He said home gardeners can keep an eye out for praying mantid egg cases between November and April. They appear as a hardened, Styrofoam-like egg case, and can adhere to branches, stems, walls, fences, sides of houses and eaves.

Just-emerged mantids, called nymphs, will be present 3-10 weeks after eggs are laid.

“Nymphs that emerge in spring resemble miniature adults,” Cloyd said. “However, not all the nymphs will survive to become adults because they are susceptible to predation by birds, toads, lizards and predacious insects.”

To ensure that the garden has a few praying mantids, their egg cases can be preserved. To do so, Cloyd suggests:

Remove the egg case and place it into a glass jar with a lid that has at least 10 small air holes. The glass jar can be maintained in the home.

Wait 4-6 weeks for nymphs to emerge from eggs. To delay emergence, place the jar in the refrigerator and remove 1-2 months before nymphs emerge.

Once nymphs emerge from the eggs, immediately release the nymphs into the garden so they can feed. Do not release nymphs outdoors when the temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

If no praying mantid egg cases can be found in the garden, Cloyd recommends purchasing them from garden centers, nurseries or other mail sources.

Cloyd and his colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Cynthia Domenghini at hortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.



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1. Requests will only be accepted from Cloud, Republic, and adjacent counties.

2. Requests should be typed, and set forth the following:

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5. Priority will be given to requests for: medical hardship relief, community resource councils, facilities, and equipment for the handicapped and education.

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1973 IH 1700 single axle truck, 5 sp, 2 sp. transmission, 50,239 actual miles, 13 ½' Giant bed, 5' metal sides, power up & down hoist, roll over tarp w/Westfield drill fill cupped auger;
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K-State selected to house Animal and Veterinary Innovation Center focusing on livestock pain management

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University has been identified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Veterinary Medicine as one of four Animal and Veterinary Innovation Centers that will receive funding for work for advancing regulatory science and further developing innovative products and approaches to better support animal health and veterinary interventions.

While there are three areas of concentration for the innovation centers, K-State’s center was identified for its efforts to develop models that reliably and consistently evaluate the efficacy of analgesics in food animals in support of new drug approvals. This work specifically supports pain relief in pigs, goats and cattle for painful diseases or surgical pain.

Mike Apley, professor of clinical pharmacology and interim head of the Department of Anatomy and Physiology, is one of the principal investigators and project leaders at K-State. He is joined by Eduarda Bortoluzzi, assistant professor of animal welfare. Hans Coetzee, K-State’s interim vice president of research, is a collaborator due to his expertise in animal welfare and pain reliefs studies.

Co-investigators include Raghavendra Amachawadi, associate professor of food animal therapeutics, and Emily Reppert, associate professor of large animal medicine. College of Veterinary Medicine staff members Misty Bear and Mikaela Weeder were also instrumental in putting the grant together.

“This grant was a true team effort to prepare, relying on the expertise of the animal welfare team which Dr. Coetzee has been instrumental in assembling,” Apley said. “It consists of nine studies at Kansas State University and two studies at North Carolina State University over five years of the cooperative agreement. The specific objective of this proposal is to develop models which reliably and consistently evaluate the efficacy of analgesics in food animals in support of new drug approvals.”

The FDA’s innovation center partnerships were chosen through a competitive cooperative agreement process to address critical animal, human or environmental health needs in one or more priority areas. Funding is renewable up to four years pending suitable progress and availability of funds.

More information is available at the FDA’s website.

Adding a waterscape could improve your garden space

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Limited by space in your garden? Looking for a new project to enhance your space? Wanting to attract birds and pollinators to your garden?

Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini suggests adding a water element to the garden.

“Preliminary research suggests the presence of water in a natural space can benefit mental well-being. The sound of running water helps reduce noise pollution and provides a relaxing escape,” Domenghini said. “Water attracts birds and other pollinators which also contribute to positive well-being. Whether a bubbling rock, pond or waterfall, sensory interests are piqued by waterscapes in the landscape.”

Domenghini said water features don’t have to be large and complex, making it a great weekend project. They can be made from a simple container, water trough or large flower pot to hold water.

“There are myriad designs of fountains and ponds that will fit into any size garden,” Domenghini said.

Consider accessibility, interactivity and maintenance when deciding how to incorporate a therapeutic water feature into your landscape, she adds.

“Though an isolated water feature can become a destination where visitors may venture to seek refuge, the feature loses efficacy if it is too inconvenient to

access it,” Domenghini said.

She recommends positioning a water feature close to pathways that are frequented regularly so more people can enjoy the benefits, also making it easier to monitor the feature for maintenance concerns.

The sound created by the movement of the water creates a calming effect. Depending on the type of feature, it may be possible to allow play in the waterscape, Domenghini said. Consider adding stepping stones up to the feature, but always consider safety and follow necessary precautions when adding a water feature to the landscape.

“Incorporating a water feature into the landscape will have limited benefits to wellbeing if it requires intense maintenance,” Domenghini said. “Enter into this project with the understanding of the required maintenance and start small as you learn the basics. Don’t allow this therapeutic feature to become a stress-inducer.”

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

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