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• **Saturday, April 19**— Every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **American Legion Riders, Chapter 76 Concordia—All You Can Eat Buffet Style Chicken Dinner** (2nd meat option available). Dine In or To Go Orders. American Legion, 506 Washington, Concordia. (785) 243-9834.

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Free Laundry for the Community offered by OCCK Inc. and Laundry-Love.org at 1548 Lincoln St., Concordia, Kansas. Laundry Love provides free access to washers, dryers, and detergent, helping participants wash work uniforms, school clothes, and other essentials. Events held twice a month: **The first Wednesday of each month : 8:30–10:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday: 4:00–6:00 p.m.**

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Cloud County Commodities distribution is scheduled for **Every 2 Months from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the Month**, at the First United Methodist Church, 740 W. 11th Street, Concordia, Kansas. 785-243-4560.
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Scheduled date: May 21, 2025.

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.
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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Friends of the Library to host Kylie Kinley presentation on Louise Vinciquerra

Saturday, April 27, 2:00 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library
The Friends of the Library invite the public to a compelling presentation by Kylie Kinley on Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the library. Kinley will delve into the fascinating and little-known story of Louise Vinciquerra, often called “Nebraska’s Bootlegger Queen.”
Louise Vinciquerra was a bold and complex woman who made headlines across Nebraska and Kansas during the Prohibition era. In a time when women were rarely seen in the world of organized crime, Vinciquerra broke all the rules. She ran illegal liquor operations, participated in armed robberies, and led police on high-speed chases—often escaping serious punishment thanks to her charm, wit, and legal savvy.
One of her most notorious moments came in 1925 when she attempted to destroy evidence during a car chase in Lincoln, Nebraska, smashing jugs of moonshine whiskey and injuring herself in the process. Though convicted, Vinciquerra ultimately avoided prison, and her story became the stuff of regional legend.
Kylie Kinley has studied Vinciquerra’s life extensively, drawing from historical records, court documents, and newspaper archives to tell a vivid and gripping story. Her research sheds light on an often-overlooked chapter of Midwest true crime and the unexpected roles women played in it.
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Tick, Tick, Tick: Warm weather creates opportunity for blood-sucking parasites

K-State entomologist provides tips for preventing tick diseases in humans and animals

BY PAT MELGARES,
K-State Research and Extension news service
MANHATTAN, Kan. — ‘Tis the season for warmer temperatures, getting outdoors and playing in green, grassy fields — all fun, but also conditions that favor a blood-sucking parasite that preys on humans, pets and livestock.
Due to the early warming weather, Kansas State University entomologist Cassandra Olds said ticks have already been found around Manhattan in mid-March. Many tick bites are harmless, but some ticks can transmit pathogens causing diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Olds said that avoiding tick bites is the first level of defense.
“Be careful when you’re outdoors, especially when you’re in an area with long grass,” she said. “Ticks need to be protected from the elements, so they like to be in the grass and leaf litter, but then they come out looking for a meal.”
When in tall grassy areas, Olds suggests tucking pants into socks, and shirts into pants to limit tick access to your skin. You can even duct tape shirt sleeves to skin.

“You just really want to limit the entry points where a tick can get in,” she said. “Then, once you’re back indoors, take off your clothes, put them in the wash and do a full body check.”
If a tick is found on the body, and it is not embedded you can pick it off to remove. If it has attached, Olds suggests using the thumb and forefinger to pull it away from the body with steady but firm pressure.
Olds said that once a tick finds a host, it must penetrate the skin, secure its mouth parts and initiate feeding — which takes about 24 to 48 hours. She said that if ticks can be repelled, prevented from attaching or killed during this period, then it reduces the chance that it will have transmitted a pathogen.
“I always get people freaked out when I say this, but you should then store that tick in a Ziploc bag in the freezer for two weeks,” she said. “If by chance that tick was carrying (a pathogen) and you start getting flu-like symptoms, or feeling sick, you can then take that tick with you to your doctor or send to (K-State’s Department of Entomology) for identification. If we know what tick species it is, it narrows down what you might be infected with, which gives us a head start for treatment.”

The tick species that most commonly infest people and domestic animals in Kansas are the American dog tick, lone star tick, winter tick, and the blacklegged tick (or deer tick).
“The American dog tick is one that is a big problem because it can transmit a nasty pathogen called the Rocky Mountain spotted fever to dogs and humans,” Olds said.
The American dog tick can also induce tick paralysis, which is caused by components in tick saliva. Tick paralysis occurs more frequently in children and smaller animals and can often be reversed by removing the tick in a timely manner.
The lone star tick is one that people come across more commonly in Kansas. The female tick is brown, with a white spot on it; the male is similar-looking, but without the white spot.
The lone star tick can transmit several pathogens, but is also known to cause the malady known as alpha-gal syndrome, or an allergy to mammalian food products or items with animal additives, including several medications.
Full descriptions and pictures of ticks common to the Sunflower State are available in a publication from K-State Research and Extension, titled ‘Ticks in Kansas,’ which can be accessed online.
To protect dogs, cats and livestock, Olds said a regular application of acaricides — which are pesticides used to kill ticks and mites — may be necessary. She suggests consulting with a veterinarian for the best recommendation to protect animals.
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By Annie Bergmann, Chamber Director

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Keep up to date on all the events and activities happening in Concordia and

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Maximizing Irrigation Efficiency: Key Steps for Farmers in 2025

Simple system adjustments can improve water use, reduce costs and increase yields

BY KELSEY STREMEL
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HAYS, Kan. — With declining Ogallala Aquifer levels and rising input costs, efficient irrigation is more critical than ever for Kansas farmers. Since 1989, irrigated acres in western Kansas have dropped by nearly 11%, making water efficiency a growing priority for producers. Experts say optimizing irrigation systems can cut water waste by up to 25% while maintaining or improving crop yields.

Jonathan Aguilar, K-State Research and Extension water resource engineer, estimates that based on numbers from recent field evaluations, more than 50% of irrigation systems in Kansas are not operating at peak efficiency, leading to yield losses and excessive water use. Common issues include worn-out pressure regulators, uneven water distribution, and outdated scheduling methods.

“Many farmers assume their systems are working as designed, but testing often reveals pressure drops, clogged or missing nozzles, and regulator failures that reduce performance,” Aguilar said. “A well-maintained system can significantly improve water use efficiency while ensuring crops get the moisture they need at the right time.”

Center pivot irrigation systems represent a significant financial investment for producers. Each pivot system is engineered for a specific field, but small changes and wear over time can lead to subpar performance and higher water costs.

Aguilar said one of the most common issues is low operating pressure, which results in uneven application depths — especially in fields with elevation changes. Poor water distribution can reduce yields by up to 15% in water-sensitive crops like corn and soybeans.

Before planting, farmers should evaluate their system’s performance by comparing actual flow rates and pressure readings to the original sprinkler package design. Even a 10 PSI pressure drop can reduce water application uniformity by 30%, leading to uneven coverage and possible reduced yields. Checking system pressure at the pivot point and the last nozzle can help identify these issues before they affect productivity, according to Aguilar.

Regular equipment inspection is also essential. Pressure regulators should be replaced every 5-10 years to maintain consistent performance. Poor regulation can result in under-watering by as much as 20% in some field areas. Farmers should also inspect nozzles for misalignment or blockages, which can create dry spots and uneven crop growth.

Effective irrigation scheduling can also save water and reduce costs. Many producers still rely on fixed schedules rather than real-time soil conditions, leading to overwatering.

Using soil moisture sensors and weather-based scheduling tools can reduce irrigation by 15-20% while maintaining yields, “particularly if we can use these tools to maximize rain events,” Aguilar said.

Farmers should also consider adjusting pivot speed to apply between 0.8 and 1.2 inches per pass, improving infiltration and reducing water waste.

Because irrigation systems consist of interconnected components, Aguilar said adjusting one part may require recalibrating others to maintain efficiency.

Conducting a distribution uniformity test by placing measuring cups along the pivot’s path can help detect variations in water application. Adjusting flow and pressure settings accordingly can prevent unnecessary water loss and ensure consistent crop performance.

With Kansas losing irrigated acreage due to declining water availability, efficiency is no longer optional; Aguilar says it is necessary for long-term profitability and sustainability.

“Even a 5% improvement in irrigation efficiency can translate into thousands of gallons of water saved per pivot each season,” Aguilar said. “Farmers who optimize their irrigation systems will be better positioned to handle future water constraints and maintain yields.”

Farmers seeking technical assistance can contact the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for help connecting with certified technical service providers. K-State Research and Extension irrigation specialists are available to help assess system performance and recommend improvements.

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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;
2014 Mauer 24' trailer single axle, single hopper, roll over tarp, 1 owner (57CKG241X-ESD00515);
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