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BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF
STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS APPROVING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HUGOTON, KANSAS, CITY OF MOSCOW, KANSAS, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 209 OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS AND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 210 OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, in order to promote the revitalization and development of certain areas within Stevens County, Kansas (the "County") and protect the public health, safety and economic welfare of the residents of the community, the County desires to adopt a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114 et. seq., which Plan promotes the rehabilitation, conservation, development, and redevelopment of such areas through a tax rebate for improvements and incentives for the acquisition and/or removal of abandoned structures; and

WHEREAS, the County has caused a Notice of Public Hearing, in the form and manner required by law, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the County on June 19, 2025 and June 26, 2025, said dates being at least once each week for two consecutive weeks, said notice indicating that the County will hold a public hearing in connection with its consideration of the proposed Plan at its regular meeting on Monday, June 30, at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the County Courthouse, 300 S. Inman, Sublette, Kansas 67877; and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted such public hearing and all persons present were afforded the opportunity to be heard on such matters; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt the Plan as presented; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Hugoton, Kansas, the City of Moscow, Kansas, Unified School District No. 209 of Stevens County, Kansas and Unified School District No. 210 of Stevens County, Kansas, wherein such parties agree to adopt and participate in a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan substantially similar and consistent with the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. Adoption of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as presented before the governing body of the County is hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. The County is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Hugoton, Kansas, the City of Moscow, Kansas, Unified School District No. 209 of Stevens County, Kansas and Unified School District No. 210 of Stevens County, Kansas, with respect to said parties' adoption of and participation in the Plan (the "Interlocal Cooperation Agreement").

SECTION 3. Execution. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for and on behalf of and as the act and deed of the County in substantially the form as it is presented today with such minor corrections or amendments thereto as the Chairman shall approve (after consultation with counsel) which approval shall be evidenced by his or her execution thereof, and such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the purposes and intent of this Resolution. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the County and attest or execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution and any such documents, certificates or instruments previously executed are hereby ratified.

SECTION 4. Effectiveness. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the County.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of Stevens County, Kansas this 30th day of June, 2025.

STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS
/s/ Tron Stegman
Tron Stegman, Chairman

/s/ Shannon Crawford
Shannon Crawford, Commissioner

/s/ Joe D. Thompson
Joe D. Thompson, Commissioner

ATTEST:
/s/ Amy Jo Sharp
Amy J. Sharp, County Clerk

FARM

Rural Remedies

by Wild West Extension District Agent Ron Honig - Agriculture and Natural Resources

Bagworm Control on Evergreens

If you have evergreen trees such as cedars and arborvitae, now is the time to be concerned about bagworm control, especially if you have had problems in recent years. Bagworms are the larvae that form the little hanging bags from your evergreen branches made of plant materials.

The bagworm eggs overwinter in the bags and hatch as small larvae in mid-May. Late-May to late-June is the best time to make an insecticide application. For best results, universities recommend making two applications of insecticide: one in late-May and again in late-June. If you have not treated yet, make one application in late-June when most of the larvae have hatched and are exposed on the tree branches. A single application may result in more feeding damage and the chance of missing some bagworm larvae if you do not get good spray coverage.

Recommended insecticide active ingredients for bagworm control include

permethrin, acephate, cyfluthrin, and spinosad.

White Grub Control in Lawns

The May beetles (June bugs) are here and the offspring of these beetles, the white grub, will soon be active in lawns feeding on grass roots. There are two beetles that cause us grub problems in lawns in our area: the May beetle and the smaller Southern Masked Chafer beetle. The May beetle carries on a three-year lifecycle in the yard, while the Southern Masked Chafer beetle has a one-year or annual life cycle. Both can be controlled in the same manner.

A late-June application of a residual insecticide applied to the lawn surface and then watered down into the soil, will reduce grub numbers significantly thus usually limiting grass root damage to minimal, unnoticeable levels. Recommended insecticides for this late-June application include imidacloprid (Merit) or halofenozide (MACH 2). Both of these have a longer soil residual allowing for an early application.

Homeowners using carbaryl (Sevin) or permethrin (Ant, Flea and Tick Killer Granules) should hold off on their grub control application until early August as those products have a relatively short life in the soil and must be applied when the majority of the grubs are available.

If grub numbers are high and go untreated, a homeowner may see small spots or even larger areas of lawn grass turn brown late in the summer as the larvae remove the roots just below the surface.

In areas where skunks or raccoons have access to the lawn at night homeowners may see small patches of turf flipped over as the animals forage for the large grubs hiding just under the surface.

Large grubs feeding in late August or September may require a rescue treatment be made to the lawn using the insecticide trichlorfon (Dylox). Ask your lawn professional for help finding the right product.

WFC prepares for summer strategy meetings

From engaging top chefs in an immersive dive into the world of wheat to summer strategy meetings, the Wheat Foods Council (WFC) continues to champion wheat-based foods, as it has done for more than five decades.

"The WFC brings together all of the different industries connected with wheat," said Cindy Falk, Kansas Wheat nutrition educator. "Millers, bakers and more are all members, so this organization is where folks can come get a really good perspective about what is going on in the world of wheat from the farm to the table and everywhere in between."

Wheat producers across the country joined together in 1972 to create the WFC as a national organization to promote the entire category of wheat-based foods, including baked goods, cereal, crackers, pasta, sweet goods and tortillas. Since then, the organization has established itself as a source of science-based information on wheat and grain foods nutrition.

Today, the WFC uniquely remains an organization whose membership encompasses the entire wheat foods value chain. Kansas Wheat is a member, along with grain producers, millers, baking suppliers, life science companies and cereal manufacturers. Together, the WFC stays true to its original mission — to help increase the awareness of dietary grains as an essential component of a healthful diet.

To do so, the Council de-

velops sound nutritional, educational and promotional programs that reach health and nutrition professionals, opinion leaders, media and consumers. The organization works with a wide swath of key audiences, including health and nutrition professionals, educators, supermarket and retail dietitians, health-conscious consumers, media, chefs and cooks and personal trainers.

One recent example of these efforts was a chef-focused event in April 2025, when the WFC hosted 11 prominent, high-volume chefs for an in-depth look into the wheat industry at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa, California. The experience included a tour of a working flour mill, educational sessions on wheat varieties, production and growing region, hands-on demonstrations of a variety of techniques and doughs, guest lectures and more.

Attendees included culinary and research and development leads from major foodservice operators and suppliers. The event culminated with a culinary challenge, where teams of chefs used their creativity and newfound knowledge to develop innovative menu items for the morning and afternoon dayparts - all centered around wheat. The WFC plans to maintain ongoing connections with these chefs, monitoring their progress and offering continued support to ensure successful menu integration

What consumers can do to support local farmers

A strong agricultural sector is vital to a healthy economy. Turbulence has affected local and national economies in recent years, and the global economy has endured its own ups and downs during that span. Though there's no one-

size-fits-all solution to economic struggles, consumers can make a difference by supporting local agricultural producers. A 2022 report from researchers at Maryville University indicated roughly 10 percent of workers across the United States were employed in the agricultural sector, which the report also noted contributes \$7 trillion annually to the national economy. Job creation and economic output are two major reasons to support local farmers, and consumers can do that in various ways.

- Shop local. The shop local movement can make a notable impact on local economies, and it affects more businesses than brick-and-mortar stores on Main Street. Locally owned restaurants and grocers often

source their foods from local farmers, so patronizing such businesses supports those who set up shop on Main Street as well as the farmers who stock their shelves and pantries.

- Purchase seasonal foods. The organization Green America, which offers advice on how environmental sustainability produces stronger economies, notes that purchasing seasonal foods is a great way to support local farmers. Farmers grow seasonal foods throughout the year to take advantage of natural conditions. Consumers who alter their purchasing habits with the seasons by buying foods that are in-season are likely supporting local agricultural producers. Read product labels to determine where foods are coming from. Non-

Heartland 4-H

Club meet in May

The regular monthly meeting of the Heartland 4-H Club was called to order May 20, 2025 at the Stevens County 4-H building. Roll call was answered by, "What's your least favorite food?" Devotion was given by Catherine Brown from Matthew 14:15, which talked about using love in everything we do.

Members were reminded to carefully read their 4-H newsletters, given all the various activities and deadlines that fall within the summer months.

The Kirkham family announced that a beef meeting would be held at Nextgen Cattle Feeders at Riverbend later that week and another beef practice show would be June 9 at the fairgrounds.

The club then enjoyed some snacks and games before heading home.

Kamryn Kirkham, Reporter

What is 4-H Discovery Days?

By Judy Parsons

Youth from around the state of Kansas gathered on the Kansas State University campus June 4-6 to participate in 4-H Discovery Days. The theme this year was "Building a Mindset for Leadership". Approximately 250 4-H youth ages 13-18 chose several class sessions that line up with their "Sparks".

They could choose anything from bird watching to baking, drones to swing dancing, CPR certification to chuckwagon cooking, agronomy to architecture, engineering to entrepreneurship, photography to physics and so much more. There were also tours of the sheep and meat goat unit, veterinarian hospital and the Innovation Lab at Hale Library. Youth experienced college living in a college dorm, dining in a K-State cafeteria and taking class sessions in various buildings across campus. The youth also participated in several opportunities to make new friends during small group sessions, activities at Memorial Stadium and a career fair in the Union Ballroom.

Flora Food Group, was able to provide each youth the opportunity to learn about their CliftonStrengths, an assessment tool developed by the Gallup Organization. During a panel discussion, 4-Hers were challenged by industry professionals to be career ready and use their strengths to develop leadership and life skills so that they can impact their 4-H clubs, their community, their country and their world.

Discovery Days is an experience that encourages 4-H youth to explore new ideas, build lifelong friendships and prepare for future college success. The goal was to spark the leader within each youth.

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