

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SCOTT M. GRONAU, DECEASED.

Case No. CRP-2025-PR-000113
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on December 2, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in

this Court by Michael J. Gronau. The Court issued its order appointing Michael J. Gronau as Administrator of the Estate of Scott M. Gronau, deceased. All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after

actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Michael J. Gronau, Administrator.
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Nationwide CSP, EQIP application deadline set for Jan. 15

PRESS RELEASE

►► **LYONS, NEBRASKA** – Farmers and ranchers interested in signing up for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) have until Jan. 15 to submit initial paperwork.

Although the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs allow for continuous sign-up, the agency is implementing this national batching period to ensure producers have access to funding and support following the government shutdown.

Administered by NRCS, CSP and EQIP provide financial and technical assistance for producers implementing conservation practices while maintaining agricultural production.

“CSP and EQIP are voluntary programs designed to help producers meet their conservation

goals while maintaining their bottom lines,” said Andrew Tonnies, policy associate with the Center for Rural Affairs. “The financial support provided through these programs is especially important given the tight profit margins producers are facing.”

CSP is designed to reward producers for new and existing conservation activities across an entire operation. To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate they are currently addressing priority resource concerns on their farm or ranch and a willingness to implement additional practices.

EQIP offers assistance for single practices or projects to help producers address a particular resource concern. Several structural practices, such as terraces, can be funded through EQIP as well.

Through both programs, the applying producer will develop a conservation plan with support from local NRCS staff to ensure the implemented practices

benefit natural resources and meet the applicant’s conservation goals.

Clay Govier, a corn and soybean producer from Broken Bow, Nebraska, has used CSP and EQIP to help implement no-till practices, cover crops, and nutrient management, and install moisture meters.

“CSP and EQIP have been great programs to help cover some of the cost of adopting practices that have an upfront expense, but a long-term benefit,” Govier said. “The local NRCS office has been helpful and easy to work with to develop a conservation plan that works for my farm.”

Farmers interested in applying for either program are encouraged to contact their local NRCS office. Applications for the recently launched Regenerative Pilot Program will also be accepted during this time. A list of local offices can be found at nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center.



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Season’s Giving’s

BY VALORI STONE
K State Extension

►► The holiday season is a time for celebration, gratitude, and giving. It also offers a wonderful opportunity to spread kindness and make a meaningful impact in your community. Here are various ways you can give back during the holidays, tailored to different interests and resources.

You can donate to Local charities; many nonprofits rely on holiday giving to fund their programs for the year. Many organizations allow you to sponsor a family by providing gifts or necessities for the holiday season. Surprising people

with gifts is a fun way to give. You can hand out small denomination gift cards for coffee or meals to strangers or local service workers. When possible, purchase gifts from local small businesses to support your local economy.

If money is tight, consider the following alternatives. Volunteer your time at Soup Kitchens and food pantries, helping to prepare and serve meals to those in need. Gather a group to clean up local parks or community spaces to keep them beautiful for the holidays. Spend time with those in nursing homes or neighbors who may not have family nearby. Donate Blood or

Plasma; the holidays often bring a shortage of blood donations. Donate gently used items, such as books or toys. Offering a warm smile, saying thank you, or holding a door can brighten someone’s day and embody the true spirit of giving.

The holidays are about coming together to spread love and kindness. Whether you contribute your time, money, skills, or simply your presence, your efforts will create lasting memories and have a lasting impact.

For more information, please contact Valori Stone, Family & Community Wellness Agent, at valori@ksu.edu or (620) 378-2167.

Santa’s hooved helpers

BY ADAVEN ROHLING
K State Extension

►► As Christmas draws near and children are anxiously awaiting hearing the clip-clop sound of Reindeer hooves on the roof, signaling the arrival of Santa, here are a few facts about Reindeer to help pass the time.

Living in parts of the world known for their cold temperatures and abundant snow, it is essential to have a lot of hair to stay warm. The haircoat of Reindeer is not like that of our local White-tailed deer; a Reindeer’s coat has two types of hairs: long, coarse guard hair that have a hollow core and very fine wool hairs that are very dense. These two types of hair work together to form a thick insulation that traps air between the hairs, creating high-quality insulation that prevents heat loss. This insulation works so well that Reindeer can

lie down on snow and rest comfortably for long periods while they wait for Santa to deliver presents.

In addition to their special hair coat, Reindeer have wider hooves and dewclaws than White-tailed deer. These wider hooves act as snowshoes, making it easier for Reindeer to travel through deep snow. Because food is harder to access when there is snow on the ground, Reindeer use their hooves as a shovel to dig through the snow to find food. Reindeer also have hair on their hooves that extends across the pad of the hoof. Researchers believe that these hairs help them maintain better control of their hooves, preventing slipping on snow or ice.

Speaking of snow, Reindeer often live (or travel) where the only source of water available in the winter is snow, and while some animals are not able to stay hydrated by eating snow, Reindeer

are able to eat snow to stay hydrated and actually prefer fresh, pure snow over water. And when it comes to traveling, it isn’t known how fast Reindeer can fly, but we do know they can swim five miles per hour and run ten miles per hour.

Now, let’s talk about antlers. While only male White-tailed deer have antlers, both male (bucks) and female (cows) Reindeer have antlers. Male Reindeer usually lose their antlers around December, while females that are pregnant don’t lose theirs until after they give birth, and nonpregnant females won’t lose theirs until the spring. This means that female Reindeer pull Santa’s sleigh!

For more information, contact Adaven Rohling, Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, Wildcat District, at 620-331-2690 or adaven@ksu.edu.

K-State to host calving school in Southeast Ks

BY WENDIE POWELL
K State Extension

►► The program focuses on calving management and handling difficult births.

Kansas State University’s Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and K-State Extension’s Southwind District, Wildcat District, and Cherokee County will host a Calving Management School in Erie as part of a statewide educational effort preparing producers for the upcoming calving season.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Neosho Valley Event Center, 321 N. Wood, Erie, Kansas. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the meal and program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Producers are asked to register online at: <https://bit.ly/SEKCalvingSchool2026> or

by calling 620-244-3826. Thanks to the generous sponsorships from the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas, Cleaver Farm & Home, Merck Animal Health, and Zoetis, producers can attend the program at no charge.

The program will cover overall calving management, including the stages of normal labor and practical tips for managing difficult calving situations. A.J. Tarpoff, K-State Extension beef veterinarian, said the goal of the program is to increase producer knowledge and hands-on skills to support more successful births when assistance is needed.

“We want producers to leave better prepared for calving season,” Tarpoff said. “We will discuss timelines on when to examine cows for problems, when to

call your veterinarian if something isn’t progressing normally, and how to provide proper calf care during the first hours of life. It’s an excellent program for all experience levels.”

Dr. Tarpoff will also demonstrate the proper use of calving equipment using a life-size cow and calf model. Local extension agents will also cover Body Condition Scoring and a Calving Tool-Kit.

For more information, please contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ksu.edu.

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