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As of Monday

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Wheat Scoop: Nathan Larson Memorial Award Highlights Importance of Relationships in International Wheat Trade

International flour milling professionals gathered at Kansas State University's IGP Institute in Manhattan in September for two weeklong courses designed to strengthen their understanding of U.S. wheat and improve flour milling operations.

Sponsored by U.S. Wheat Associates (USW), the IGP-KSU-IAOM Basic Milling Principles Course welcomed six millers from Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. The course combined classroom instruction with hands-on experience, covering wheat quality evaluation, cleaning, conditioning, grinding and finished flour production.

The following week, experienced milling professionals from Taiwan and Morocco participated in the IGP-KSU-IAOM Advanced Milling Principles Course. The advanced course built on basic milling concepts, focusing on equipment adjustments, milling efficiency, flour quality and troubleshooting production challenges. Participants worked directly with U.S. wheat classes in the Hal Ross Flour Mill.

These technical education activities play an important role in USW's international market development efforts by strengthening relationships between U.S. wheat farmers and customers around the world. Those relationships were especially meaningful during this year's advanced course, where participants celebrated the legacy of a Kansas wheat farmer who understood their importance firsthand.

During the course's completion dinner, USW Chairman Gary Millershaski, who farms near Lakin, presented the first Nathan Larson Memorial Award, recognizing a participant who exhibited great interest, goodwill and enthusiasm in the subject matter and the work of fellow attendees.

Larson was a devoted Kansas wheat farmer near Riley, just north of Manhattan, and a Kansas Wheat Commissioner. He frequently attended course dinners to visit with international millers, answer questions about wheat production and learn how customers around the world used the wheat grown by U.S. farmers.

Larson passed away unexpectedly in May 2026. The award honors his legacy as an ambassador for U.S. wheat farmers and his commitment to building personal relationships with international customers.

Wei-Lin Chou, Asian products and nutrition specialist in the USW Taipei Office, was selected as the award's first recipient. Chou had met Larson two years earlier while attending the IGP basic milling course.

"He was incredibly kind and deeply passionate about wheat and farming," said Chou. "I still remember listening to his stories about wheat production and seeing how his face lit up as he spoke. He was equally interested in learning how people in Taiwan use U.S. wheat in the foods we eat every day. I am very grateful to the Kansas Wheat Commission and the IGP Institute for recognizing me with an award that carries such special meaning."

Chou's work in Taiwan reflects the importance of maintaining strong relationships with international wheat customers. U.S. wheat currently holds up to an 80% market share in Taiwan, where technical education helps millers understand the quality and performance advantages of U.S. wheat.

"When millers understand the most effective techniques for processing each class of U.S. wheat, they can optimize their production lines and achieve more consistent results," said Chou. "Over time, that technical knowledge can make U.S. wheat a natural fit for their operations and long-term production needs."

Through programs like these, U.S. wheat farmers continue investing in the success of international customers. The Nathan Larson Memorial Award serves as a reminder that beyond technical expertise and wheat quality, personal relationships remain an important part of building lasting demand for U.S. wheat.

Soybean Checkoff to make funding decisions for FY2028

The Kansas Soybean Commission is set to meet December 3–5, where they will review and decide between funding proposals for fiscal year 2028. This three-day session held at the Kansas Soybean office in Topeka is at the heart of KSC's work for Kansas soybean farmers.

Each year, these discussions determine how checkoff dollars are invested in research, education, and market development projects that strengthen the soybean industry. The December meeting is an important opportunity for commissioners to consider new ideas and set priorities for the year ahead.

"A lot of people don't realize what we spend these checkoff dollars for," says Keith Miller, KSC chairman. "We invest them on research for better quality soybeans, both in terms of pest resistance and the quality of the product we sell. We invest a lot of money promoting our beans to other countries so they'll buy from us and keep the market strong."

As the commissioners talked through preliminary selections, conversations came back to how soon results of each project could be applied to the farm.

"The soybean checkoff exists to improve profitability for soybean farmers, so it's very important — especially when we're talking about research — to make sure it's meeting a need that farmers have now, so we can get that value back to them quicker," Miller says.

At the end of this three-day-long meeting, which is open to farmers who pay into the checkoff, commissioners will discuss their final decisions for funding. Last year, the commission was able to fund $4.7 million worth of research, education and market development projects for the Kansas soybean industry.

Commissioners will also evaluate ongoing projects and discuss market development efforts, educational programs and other administrative matters. Anyone interested in meeting details can reach out to KSC Administrator Kaleb Little at little@kansasoybeans.org or call the office at 877-KS-SOYBEAN (877-577-6923).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MERVIN CARL JOHNSON, DECEASED
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. 2026-PR-000031

Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in said Court by Carlina Duggan, Petitioner, praying that the descent be determined with respect to all property or interests therein owned by the decedent at the time of his death; and that such property and all personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 17th, 2026 at 9:30 AM in the City of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Carlina Duggan
Petitioner

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In the Twenty-sixth Judicial District
District Court, Morton County, Kansas
Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of John Milburn, a/k/a John E. Milburn, Deceased.

Case No. MT-2026-PR-14

Notice of Hearing

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November, 2026, a Petition for Determination of Descent was filed in this Court by Lana Rodriguez, an heir of John Milburn, a/k/a John E. Milburn, deceased, asking descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Morton County, Kansas, and other personal property owned by the Decedent:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the Sixth P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W/2 NE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to Lot Three (3) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E/2 NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W/2 NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to a parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Morton County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows by Thad C. Reynolds, L.S.#1354, on August 27, 2025:
Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Quarter,
Thence S87°47'54" E along the North line of said Quarter a distance of 2641.77 feet to the Northeast corner of said Quarter;
Thence S02°03'01" W along the East line of said Quarter a distance of 756.07 feet;
Thence N60°47'57" W a distance of 107.77 feet;
Thence N39°01'14" W a distance of 469.66 feet;
Thence on a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1202.07 feet, an arc length of 826.99 feet, a chord length of 810.78 feet and a chord bearing of N63°14'33" W;
Thence N88°47'27" W a distance of 292.02 feet;
Thence on a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1254.69 feet, an arc length of 1307.30 feet, a chord length of 1248.97 feet and a chord bearing of S56°27'04" W;
Thence N80°28'02" W a distance of 192.67 feet to the West line of said Quarter;
Thence N01°52'43" E along said West line a distance of 727.14 feet to the Point of Beginning; and

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Five (5) through Ten (10), and Thirteen (13) through Twenty-four (24), Block One Hundred Twenty (120), City of Richfield, Morton County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Twelve (12), Twenty-one (21), and Twenty-two (22), Block Thirty (30), City of Richfield, Morton County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof;

and that such property owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in said Court, in the City of Elkhart, Morton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Lana Rodriguez, Petitioner

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Public Notice

There will be a public meeting of the Solid Waste Management Committee Members on November 17, 2026 at 5:15pm at the landfill office to discuss any changes needed to be made to the Solid Waste Management Plan. This meeting is open to the public. The landfill office is located at 1468 Road 13, Hugoton, KS 67951.

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In the Twenty-sixth Judicial District
District Court, Stevens County, Kansas
Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of Albert Marsing, Deceased.

Case No. SV-2026-PR-33

Notice of Hearing

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November, 2026, a Petition has been filed in said Court by Amelia Johnson Marsing praying for foreign probate without administration; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of December, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Hugoton, in Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Amelia Johnson Marsing,
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THANK YOU
from the Hugoton Lions Club!

The Hugoton Lions Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to play Basket Bingo!

Your support and enthusiasm made the 12th annual event a huge success.

We would also like to give special thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their generous sponsorships and donations - we couldn't have done it without you!

Your continued support helps us serve our community and make a difference through our local projects. All of the money raised will stay local and support our community.

Thank you, Hugoton, for your kindness and community spirit!

The Hugoton Lions Club

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