

# GARDEN CORNER K-STATE

Extension - Harper County

## Healthy Lawns

By Pat Melgares  
K-State Extension  
News Service

A healthy lawn may be the best defense homeowners have against invasive weeds, said Kansas State University horticulture expert Matt McKernan, adding that proper maintenance can prevent many common weed problems before they begin. "Weeds invading a home lawn can feel like an ongoing battle," McKernan said. "Instead of constantly applying chemical treatments, homeowners should focus on growing strong, vigorous turfgrass that naturally crowds out weeds." McKernan said healthy grass competes with weeds for sunlight, water and nutrients, making it harder for unwanted plants to take hold. He noted that many weed problems stem from common lawn care mistakes that weaken turfgrass and create opportunities for

weeds to spread. One of the most common problems is mowing grass too short. McKernan said scalping the lawn weakens turfgrass and allows more sunlight to reach weed seeds, encouraging germination. He recommends mowing at the proper height for the grass species, keeping mower blades sharp and avoiding mowing when grass is wet. Watering practices also play a significant role in lawn health. Frequent, shallow watering encourages shallow root systems and can increase weed pressure, McKernan said. Instead, homeowners should water deeply and less often to promote stronger roots and improve drought tolerance. During spring, irrigation should only occur when necessary. Other factors that may lead to an unhealthy lawn include:

- Improper fertilizing. Fertilizing too much or too little or at the wrong time may benefit weeds more than grass.
- Compacted soil. Soil compaction is a hidden stress on the turfgrass root system. Core aerate lawns at least once per year to reduce compaction.
- Wrong kind of grass. The wrong variety for the loca-

tion will gradually decline and be invaded by weeds. Purchase only recommended types of turf, avoiding cheap fillers.

- Environmental stress. Weeds often take over a lawn after it has been weakened and thinned from weather-related stress. Water appropriately and evaluate irrigation water quality and soil nutrient levels by testing.
- Thatch. Excessive thatch causes shallow-rooted grass, limits water infiltration and contributes to insect and disease problems. Regularly monitor and remove excessive thatch when necessary.

McKernan said a proactive approach focused on lawn health is more effective and sustainable than relying solely on herbicides. "A dense, healthy lawn is the first line of defense against weeds," he said. If you have additional questions reach out to your local extension office at jlcarr@ksu.edu or 620-842-5445.

## Take A Step Back Into America's Founding Days

By Virginia Downing

The Historic Anthony Theatre, HPCO Heart 4th of July Committee are inviting Harper County and the surrounding communities to take a journey back to the birth of our nation and celebrate the United States 250 year anniversary with a special FREE showing of the musical film 1776 on June 27th at 7:00 pm. This movie is sponsored in part by the Anthony Transient

Guest Tax.

This entertaining and often humorous film brings history to life, telling the story of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Through lively music and engaging performances, audiences will meet the passionate individuals who helped shape the future of our nation.

This film is far from a dry history lesson, 1776 offers a unique blend of storytelling

and humor which makes it a great experience for both adults and younger viewers.

It is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a night out while gaining a deeper appreciation for the people and events that defined America's beginnings. Before America was united, they argued and that is where the story gets interesting.

Next week, we will share more exciting details about plans to make this evening more than just a movie - it will be a true community wide celebration.

## THOUGHTS: Flag Day

By LeAnn Hodson

Debbie Mangel's birthday - probably better known as Flag Day - is June 14. My THOUGHTS went back to our days as co-leaders for Girl Scouts. Me being a CO is a very generous statement because Debbie was truly

the leader and I along with Judi Lewis and Leigh Ann Greve were the support system. Debbie was a fabulous leader! We were together through many adventures when our girls were younger...in the 80s.

One of the things Debbie particularly loved showing the girls was flag etiquette-being born on her special day. I wish I would have paid better attention but you can find anything on the internet nowadays, can't you?

Anyway, just the other day a friend of mine mentioned that she has a friend that has a flag that needs to be repaired. After talking with other friends it was mentioned that there is a proper way to repair frayed ends. They said that you can cut off the frays and

hem up the edges of the red and white stripes as long as the stripes do not get shorter than the blue field.

Once the stripes are less than the width of the starry blue then the flag must be properly disposed of. There is a flag disposal box at Memorial Park that local Boy Scout troops take care of. That is a whole 'nother process involving fire! I'm guessing I really need to look up some information about all this, huh?

So, as we think about the 250th celebration of the United States, Old Glory and Debbie's birthday I hope and pray we also remember how special it is to have freedom and friendships. Blessings to you and yours always.

If you would like to submit a THOUGHT send it to: anthonyrepublican@att.com

## Dept. On Aging News: Social Security Survivor Benefits

By Jennifer Wolff  
Harper Co. Dept. on Aging Director

Losing a spouse is difficult emotionally & financially. Social Security can help during this time. When your spouse passes away, you may be able to get benefits as a surviving spouse, even if you're divorced. Ex-spouses who were married for at least 10 years may be eligible for social security of the deceased partner even if he or she was remarried. The benefits received will not affect the current spouse. You may be eligible if you are 60 or older & didn't remarry before the age of 60 or you are caring for your deceased spouse's child under 16 or with a disability. Adult children who have a disability that started before their 22nd birthday may also be eligible if their parent has died. Survivor benefits range from 71.5% to 100% of the spouse's benefit, depending on your age when you apply as the survivor. If you already receive retirement or disability benefits on your own work record, you may be due survivor benefits if

they're greater than your own. You won't receive both - you'll only get the higher amount. You may be able to work & get survivor benefits. It depends on your age & how much you're earning. Call Social Security directly to make an appointment or see if you're eligible for Survivor benefits by calling 800-772-1213. Information Social Security will ask you provide: your & your spouse/former spouse's social security number & birthday, marriage & divorce dates & where you got married. For more information search "Survivor Benefits" at www.ssa.gov (Ref: www.ssa.gov)

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## REPORT

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Arrested: 6-6-26; Released: N/A. Arrested By: Barber Co. Sheriff's Office. Bond: \$15,000. Charges: 1) Warrant arrest by law enforcement. 2) Housing for Barber County Sheriff's Office.

William B. Husong, 52: Arrested: 6-7-26; Released: N/A. Arrested By: HCSO. Bond: N/A. Charges: 1) Transportation of alcoholic beverage in an open container; Misdemeanor. 2) Driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol - 1st conviction; Class B misdemeanor.

### HARPER COUNTY DEEDS BOOK D109

#380: Warranty Deed - Sand, Land & Water LLC to Skinny10 Land Holdings LLC, the W/10 acres of the SE/4, and the E/50 acres of the SW/4 of Sect. 34, Twp. 31 S, Range 8 W of the 6th P.M., Harper County, Kansas.

#381: Trustee's Deed - Cade Holmstead and Lindsay Holmstead to Holmstead Properties LLC, the E/2 of the NE/4; and the SW/4 of the NE/4 and the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Sect. 33, Twp. 34 S, Range 5 W of the 6th P.M., Harper County, Kansas.

#382: Quit Claim Deed - American Western Bonding to Nancy Barker, Lots 1-3 in Blk. 4 of Martin's Second Addition to the City of Harper, Harper County, Kansas.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

KARISSA L. OLIPHANT, Plaintiff )  
vs. ) Case No. HP-26-CV-10  
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; )  
JERRY W. COBB, et al., Defendants. )

### NOTICE OF SUIT

To: Jerry W. Cobb, and all unknown heirs and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Harper County by Karissa L. Oliphant, Plaintiff, praying that title to property stated in the Petition be awarded to the Plaintiff and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before July 13, 2026. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

/s/ Karissa L. Oliphant  
401 N. Springfield  
Anthony, Kansas 67003

Harper County General Public Transportation

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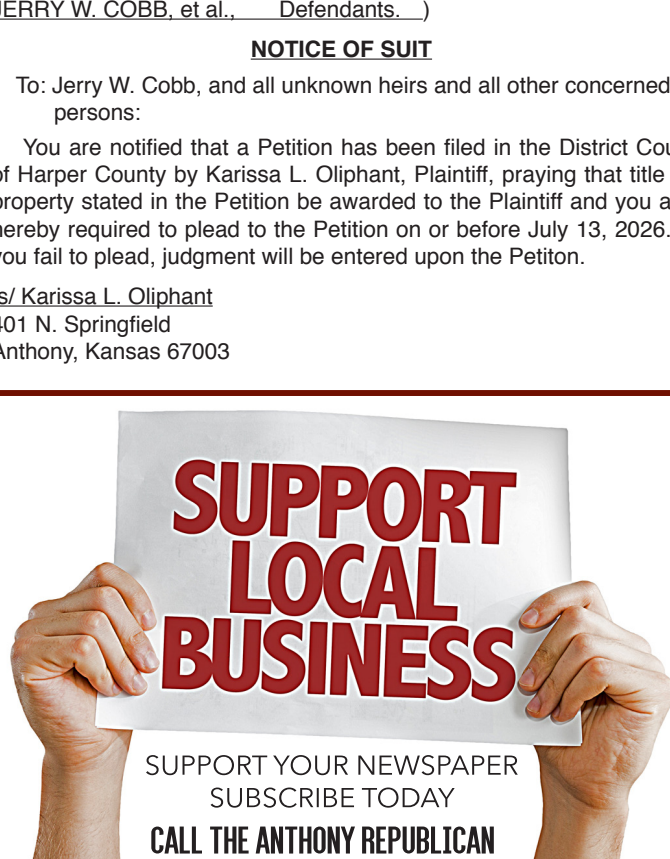



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