NEWS

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (620) 532-3151 or email jjump@atticaindependent.com

Hearing for Proposed Changes to Noxious Weed Regulations

PRESS RELEASE

MANHATTAN — A public hearing will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to consider changes to regulations relating to noxious weeds, including additions to the designation list of noxious weeds. The hearing will be held in person at the Kansas Department of Agriculture at 1320 Research Park Dr. in Manhattan, as well as via video conferencing system.

The KDA plant protection and weed control program is proposing an amendment to K.A.R. 4-8-27 to consolidate references to control methods for the Noxious Weed Act into one regulation and add new control methods for proposed noxious weeds, followed by the revocation of the regulations which previously listed control methods separately. In addition, the program is proposing an amendment to K.A.R. 4-8-44 to add several plant species to the designation list of noxious weeds, including: adding spotted knapweed and diffuse knapweed as Category A noxious weeds; adding common teasel and cutleaf teasel as Category B noxious weeds; and adding Amur honeysuckle as a Category C noxious weed.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes, control methods, and environmental benefit statement, as well as an expanded notice of public hearing, may be accessed on the KDA website at agriculture.ks.gov/Public-Comment. Anyone desiring to participate via video conference must pre-register to be provided with a video link; the registration is available in the notice of public hearing. Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing on KDA's public comment web page, or sent by email to Ronda.Hutton@ks.gov or by mail to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Attn: Ronda Hutton, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS, 66502.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodations in order to participate in the public hearing and may request a copy of the regulations in an accessible format. Persons who require special accommodations should make their needs known at least two working days prior to the hearing. For more information, including how to request special accommodations or a copy of the regulations, please contact Ronda Hutton at (785) 564-6715 or Ronda.Hutton@ks.gov.

Harper Co. Farm Bureau Celebrates Ag Day

PRESS RELEASE

The Harper County Farm Bureau Association celebrated National Ag Day on March 24 by reading to the kindergarten students at each of the three county schools during that week. County Coordinator Kasey Waldschmidt visited the classrooms of students in Attica, Harper and Anthony and was joined by Ag Ambassadors Avry Carothers and Emalie Graves. Both are current seniors at Chaparral High School and are partnering with the Harper County Farm Bureau Association to learn about how Farm Bureau works and to advocate for agriculture.

They read "Milk Comes from a Cow?" They both enjoyed reading to the students and answering lots of questions about agriculture. All 74 Harper county students received a "Milk Comes from a Cow?" book. The books were donated by The Harper County Farm Bureau Association and the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

KDOT Announces Bid for Route Signs

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Department of Transportation announced an approved bid for new highway route signs along multiple highways.

The approved bid was from Jon Fulsom Construction LLC in Wellington for $1,195,305. The company will put new highway route signs on U.S. Highway 54/400, Kansas Highway 11, Kansas Highway 14 and Kansas Highway 42 in Kingman, Harper, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick and Sumner counties.

The letting for the state highway bids for March took place on March 18.

Health Dept. to Celebrate Health Week

PRESS RELEASE

The Harper County Health Department will be celebrating National Public Health Week April 6 - 12 with events each day. Events range from stress management, diet, sleep education and overall public health topics. Please contact the Harper County Health Department for more information at (620) 842.5132.

TREES

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insufficient rainfall.

Mulch Around The Tree.

Mulch should be 2-4 inches deep and cover an area 2 to 3 times the diameter of the root ball. Avoid mulching right up to the trunk of the tree. Leave a 3- to 6-inch gap between the mulch and the trunk to prevent damaging the tree. Mulching reduces competition from other plants, conserves moisture and moderates soil temperature.

Stake Only When Necessary.

Larger trees or those in windy locations may need to be staked the first year. Movement is necessary for the trunk and roots to develop properly. Staking should be designed to limit movement of the root ball rather than immobilize the trunk. Be sure to gradually loosen staking over time and remove all staking materials within one to two years.

McKernan and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to hortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Extension office.

USD 511

AJH: New Cheer Squad Named

USD 511 announced the new members of the junior high cheer squad for the 2026-27 school year. New cheerleaders for the upcoming season will be Laura Richmeier, Bella Freeman, Kinley Tatro, Ariella Martinez, Leah Redgate, and Kaisyn Shelite.

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