

# Now that's rural!

*'Where the deer and antelope play ...'*  
*more than excerpt from state song*

By Ron Wilson, director  
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"Where the deer and the antelope play." That's not just an excerpt from the Kansas state song. It's also an accurate description of a national grassland found within Kansas' borders. Wildlife habitat is among the many important and beneficial elements this resource provides to the state.

Joe Hartman is the district ranger who is responsible for the Cimarron National Grassland. The facility includes more than 100,000 acres of land in the rural southwest corner of Kansas. It takes its name from the Cimarron Riverbed, which passes through the region.

The history of the Cimarron National Grassland goes back to the Dust Bowl days. During the drought of the 1930s, terrible dust storms raged through the central plains.

Oldtimers often told about a storm that hit the Elkhart (Kan.) area back then. After the storm passed, two boys were playing outside on a mound near a post by a skating rink. The boys noticed a rope tied to the top of the post. Amazingly, upon pulling the rope, they found a horse was on the other end, where it had been buried by the dust.

In response to these terrible conditions, Congress enacted several measures, including the promotion of soil and water conservation and the purchase of the hardest-hit lands. In 1938 when the government purchased 107,000 acres in southwest Kansas, it was said that only 6,000 acres had any vegetation on it.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture became the administrator of those lands. Since 1954, USDA's Forest Service has been in charge of what's now the Cimarron National Grassland, and it has flourished.

Today the Cimarron National Grassland consists of 108,175 acres in Morton and Stevens counties. It is the largest parcel of publicly

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owned land in Kansas and is administered for multiple uses.

For example, up to 100 ranchers and farmers graze livestock on the grassland under a permit to the Morton County Grazing Association. Grazing is managed so as to be productive and maintain vegetation. Some 5,000 head of livestock graze there each year.

Another use is mineral production. There are approximately 450 oil and gas facilities on the Cimarron, plus 500 miles of pipeline. The oil and gas produce up to \$5 million in revenue each year, 25 percent of which goes back to the county for schools or roads.

Another use is recreation, which includes hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, photography, and bird watching. The facility has a campground, 10 fishing ponds, and three picnic areas.

Joe says, "Beautiful wildflowers bloom after a rain."

Wildlife fans can find some 362 species of birds at the Grassland, including quail, wild turkey, dove, and lesser prairie chicken. They also can see pronghorn antelope, elk, and both mule and whitetail deer.

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Visitors have come from Virginia to California, as well as from Germany, France and Australia.

Rare bird sightings are posted on the Kansas birding hotline (ks-birds.org), which can quickly gen-

erate interest. In spring 2006, a pair of rare Vermillion flycatchers were spotted at the Cimarron — only the second time in history they had been seen in the region.

"It set off a firestorm of interest," Joe says. "Avid birdwatchers left their jobs and drove here to see the birds."

This kind of interest is a boon to Hugoton and Elkhart, plus the rural towns in the region, such as Rolla, population 467, and Richfield, population 47. Now, that's rural.

"Anyone can love the mountains — you can see them from a long ways away. But it takes soul to love the prairie. You've got to stop to fully appreciate it," Joe says.

The Cimarron National Grassland is where the deer and the antelope play, along with many other wildlife species and people with additional grassland uses. Joe Hartman and others are making a big difference by managing this natural resource wisely and choosing to make it their "Home on the Range."

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# Kansas provides language services

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But in neighboring Missouri, hospitals or insurers usually have to pay for interpreters — about \$70 per visit — themselves.

Kansas is one of 11 states across the country that provide some kind of third-party reimbursement for language services. And as America's hospitals adapt to treat a diverse patient population, the debate is growing over who should foot the bill.

"There's constantly a lot of uproar about what language people should or shouldn't speak, but the reality is that we're living in a multicultural society," said Karlton Cruse, director of language services at the University of Kansas Medical Center. "Given the demographics of the Kansas City area where we sit, our caregivers cannot do their job efficiently without effective communication."

Until recently, few hospitals had in-house interpreters, and relatives were often encouraged to accompany patients to the doctor's office to express the sick person's ailments.

According to the New England Journal report, such "assistants" often lead to avoidable medical tragedies.

"You can pay a little up front for high quality care for all your patients or you can pay a lot more later to cover preventable deaths," said the report's author, Dr. Glenn Flores, director of the Center for the Advancement of Underserved Children at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Hospital patients with limited English proficiency are at least three times more likely than others to experience adverse medical events causing moderate temporary or permanent harm, according to data from the Joint Commission.

"We've learnt that hospitals want

to be doing the right thing but it's an overwhelming task sometimes," said Wilson-Stronks.

Hospitals seek the Joint Commission's accreditation because that stamp of approval means they'll be recognized by insurance companies and can qualify for Medicare and Medicaid payments. Failing to meet that standard, in some states, could mean no more Medicaid payments for language services.

Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Utah, Vermont and Washington are the only states that reimburse providers for interpreter services — some using telephone interpreters, others using real people. In Kansas, the state pays for primary care providers and specialists to access interpreters on telephone lines when their Medicaid managed care patients don't speak English, said Thompson.

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KLBY/ABC (6)	La Gente	BusinessWeek	Good Morning America (CC)		Golf: British Open -- Third Round. From Hoylake, England. (Live)							
KSNK/NBC (8)	Today Jo Dee Messina. (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Kenny-Shark	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance (E)
KBSL/CBS (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				News							
K15CG (2)	Business	Market-Market	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	Dragon-flyTV	Hand-Crafts	Barbecue	Bake Decorate	For Your Home	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)							
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Monk Mr. Monk Goes to the Office	Monk Mr. Monk and the Garbage Strike	Movie: Casino ***½ (1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro. (CC) (DVS)					
TBS (38)	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Movie: Angel Eyes ***½ (2001, Drama) (PA) Jennifer Lopez, Jim Caviezel. (CC)		Movie: Pay It Forward ***½ (2000, Drama) A classroom assignment inspires a boy to help others.	Movie:						
WGN (39)	Enterprise	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Happy Days	Home Improve.
TNT (40)	Golf: British Open -- Third Round. From Hoylake, England. (Live) (CC)				Movie: Backdraft *** (1991, Action) Chicago firefighters work overtime to stop a mad arsonist. Kurt Russell. (CC)							
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Lost Mummy of Imhotep (CC)	Sphinx Unmasked (CC)						
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote Hannigan's Wake	Biography Milton Hershey (CC)	Airline (N) (CC)	Airline (CC)	Airline April Fool	Movie: eReal	Biography TV Game Shows Game shows.					
HIST (48)	Unknown Civil War (CC)	Heavy Metal The F-15 (CC)	Band of Brothers (CC)			Mail Call B-2 (CC)	Mail Call (CC)	Blue-print	Modern Marvels (CC)			
NICK (55)	Grown Up	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParents	OddParents	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Catscratch
DISN (56)	JoJo's Circus	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Doodlebops	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	Koala Brothers	Lilo & Stitch	Emperor New
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	Dragon Booster	NASCAR Racers	A.T.O.M. Blackout	Get Ed Klowned	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Star-Racers	Power Rangers	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)		Little House on the Prairie Plague (CC)		Movie: The Journey of Natty Gann ***½ (1985, Drama) Meredith Salenger. (CC)			Movie: Rose Hill (1997) Four teens and an abandoned child form an unlikely family.				

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KLBY/ABC (6)	(8:00) Golf: British Open -- Third Round. (Live)		Paid Program	Proud Family	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	British Open Highlights (N)	Paid Program	ABC Wild News			
KSNK/NBC (8)	Jeopardy!	ATP Tennis: US Open Series -- RCA Championships Semifinals. Indianapolis.			NASCAR Racing: Busch Series -- Goody's 250. From Martinsville, Va. (Live) (CC)	The JB Awards (N)							
KBSL/CBS (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	International Poker Championship (CC)	Paid Program	CBS News			
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time	Woodwright	Real Simple	Scrap-book	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy	Cabin Country	Rare Visions	
ESPN (28)	Softball: World Cup Final -- Teams TBA		The Contender		The Contender		2006 All-American Soap Box Derby Akron, Ohio. (Live)			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	(10:00) Movie: Casino ***½ (1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro. (CC) (DVS)					PGA Golf: B.C. Open -- Third Round. From Endicott, N.Y. (Live)				Monk Mr. Monk and the Big Game (CC)			
TBS (38)	(11:45) Movie: Unfaithful *** (2002) A housewife has an affair with a charming stranger. Richard Gere.					Movie: A Walk to Remember ** (2002, Romance) (PA) Shane West. (CC)				Movie: You've Got Mail ***½ (1998) Tom Hanks. (CC)			
WGN (39)	Cosby Show	Moehsa (CC)	Soul Train		Movie: Double Take * (2001, Comedy) Eddie Griffin, Orlando Jones. (CC)	Farscape (Part 2 of 3) (CC)			World's Most Shocking				
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: In the Line of Fire *** (1993, Suspense)					Movie: Executive Decision *** (1996, Action) A team of special agents must reclaim a hijacked airliner.				Movie: A Few Good Men ***½ (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. (CC)			
DSC (42)	Tomb Builders: Valley of the Kings	Egypt's New Tomb Revealed (CC)	King Tut's Mystery Tomb Opened (CC)	MythBusters (CC)									
A&E (47)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Movie: The Witches of Eastwick *** (1987) Three divorcees try to conjure up their "dream man."								
HIST (48)	Mega Disasters Tornadoes. (CC)	Mega Disasters (CC)	Mega Disasters Potential asteroid.	Mega Disasters (CC)	Mega Disasters The San Francisco Earthquake (CC)								
NICK (55)	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Zoey 101 (CC)	Drake & Josh	Ned's School of Escape (CC)	Zoey 101 (CC)	
DISN (56)	Movie: Smart House ** (1999) Ryan Merriman. (CC)	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Ameri-can Drgn	Proud Family	Emperor New	Even Stevens	Natural-Sadie	Driving Force	Driving Force	Zack & Cody		
FAM (58)	Full House	Full House	Movie: Big Fat Liar ** (2002, Comedy) Frankie Muniz, Paul Giamatti. (CC)					Movie: Big Daddy *½ (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams. (CC)			Movie: The Waterboy (1998)		
HALL (60)	Movie: The Long Shot (2004) An accident blinds an equestrian's horse. Julie Benz.		Movie: The Last Cowboy (2003, Drama) Jennie Garth, Lance Henriksen. (CC)			Movie: Love Comes Softly (2003, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff. (CC)							

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KLBY/ABC (6)	News (CC)	Kake News	Movie: The Rookie *** (2002, Drama) A high-school baseball coach tries out for the major league. Dennis Quaid. (CC)		News (CC)	The Insider	Entertainment Tonight (N) (CC)					
KSNK/NBC (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Miami Vice Brother's Keeper (Pilot) Detective Sonny Crockett teams with Ricardo Tubbs to track drug-dealer Calderone. (CC)		News	Saturday Night Live Jason Lee: the Foo Fighters. (CC)						
KBSL/CBS (11)	News (CC)	Paid Program	Movie: Behind Enemy Lines ** (2001, Action) Owen Wilson. (CC)		48 Hours Mystery Defending Your Life	News (CC)	Drew Carey	Alias The Telling				
K15CG (2)	Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight	Keeping Up As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show Los Angeles	Red Green	Austin City Limits Performance. (CC)	Soundstage (CC)	Monty Python				
ESPN (28)	World Series of Darts	The Contender	The Contender	The Contender	Baseball Tonight (Live)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	Baseball Tonight (Live)					
USA (37)	Psych (CC)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
TBS (38)	(4:30) Movie: You've Got Mail	Movie: Something's Gotta Give *** (2003) A music exec falls for the mother of his young girlfriend. (CC)	Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)									
WGN (39)	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox. U.S. Cellular Field. (Live) (CC)					WGN News at Nine (CC)			Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Movie: Improve.
TNT (40)	(4:00) Movie: A Few Good Men (1992)	Movie: The Fugitive ***½ (1993) An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. (CC)	Movie: The Fugitive ***½ (1993) An innocent man must evade the law as he pursues a killer. (CC)									
DSC (42)	MythBusters (CC)	Global Warming: What You Need to Know With Tom Brokaw	Tsunami: Wave of Disaster (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Global Warming							
A&E (47)	City Confidential (CC)	Movie: Patriot Games *** (1992, Suspense) A former CIA agent is stalked by a vengeful IRA terrorist.	Cold Case	American Justice	Movie: Patriot Games *** (1992)							
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Butchers. (CC)	Movie: William Shatner Changed the World Inventions inspired by "Star Trek." (CC)	Decoding the Past Godfathers La Cosa Nostra exploits cycles and crises. (CC)	William Shatner, World								
NICK (55)	OddParents	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly OddParents (CC)	Different World	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		
DISN (56)	Hannah Montana	That's-Raven	Movie: Read It and Weep (2006, Comedy) Kay Panabaker, Danielle Panabaker. (CC)	Phil of Future	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Emperor New			
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: The Waterboy (1998)	Movie: The Sixth Sense (1999) A child psychologist counsels a boy who can see dead people. (CC)	Movie: Lethal Weapon *** (1987, Action) A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner. (CC)									
HALL (60)	Movie: Love's Enduring Promise (2004, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff. (CC)	Movie: Love's Long Journey (2005, Drama) Erin Cottrell. (CC)	Movie: Love Comes Softly (2003, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff. (CC)									

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