

Even though it's green, looks can be deceiving

From the Natural Resources Conservation Office
Spring is here.

After several years of brown springs, it looks like we might just have a green one, complete with wildflowers and lush grasses. It even smells green. But looks can be deceiving on native rangelands of our area.

In our part of the world, we have perennial grasses that rely on extensive root systems and the carbohydrates stored within those roots to grow each year. Roots don't last forever. In fact, a healthy grass plant replaces about 25 percent of its root mass each summer.

When a plant is undergoing drought stress, this does not happen; the old roots still die, so each year of drought results in about a 25 percent loss of root mass and carbohydrate reserves. If the drought continues, the plant can become weaker and weaker until it eventually dies. This condition is worsened when grazing pressure prevents rest for the plant during the growing season, and the ability to maintain adequate leaf area.

We are seeing some death loss to native grasses due to the prolonged drought. This usually shows up as "thinning" of grass stands, or in some cases, large patches of bare ground. Now that we have some moisture, it is time to nurse our native grasses back to health with good rangeland management practices.

A lot of folks took a hit in the pocketbook by reducing cow herds, purchasing feed, or in some cases not grazing at all. However, expenses, such as taxes and land payments continue.

It is tempting to try and recover some of these expenses as quickly as possible, but this may actually hurt you and your rangeland resource in the long haul.

Native grasses evolved with grazing. Bison, elk, deer, and antelope all made use of native range-

lands before European settlement. In fact, the native grasses need grazing to remain healthy, but coming out of a drought, grazing needs to be carefully planned and stocking rates need to be conservative until those root masses are built back up.

As a general rule, for each year of drought, it will take a year of normal precipitation for the native rangelands to recover. A five-year drought means about five years to get back to full production. Planned grazing is a prescription to improve the health of a pasture.

Cool-season grasses, such as western wheatgrass, need early growing season rest to recover. The opposite is true for warm-season grasses such as buffalo grass or blue grama.

These grasses need rest for the last 45 days of the growing season. In a planned grazing system, or rotational grazing system, it is important for all pastures to be grazed once before July 1. Livestock can then be rotated through the pastures a second time. Failure to do this results in the increase of invasive annual grasses, such as downey brome, six weeks fescue and little barley.

By grazing for even a short time, livestock make use of these grasses and lessen their competition with native grasses later in the season.

Also, a grass plant grazed off once is more tender the second time around and livestock will make use of some grasses that would otherwise loose their palatability and protein content.

Weeds are well adapted to take advantage of drought-stressed pastures. In western Kansas, the weed of biggest concern may well be western ragweed. Western ragweed is a perennial weed that is difficult to eradicate so chemical control measures may need to be used. This weed also has a trick up its sleeve...it is allelopathic. Allelopathic means this plant puts out a chemical that prevents other plants

from growing beneath it, or at least seeds germinating beneath it.

Some plants you may be familiar with that are allelopathic include walnut trees and eastern redcedar trees.

In this area, it is seldom prudent to fertilize native grasses. Annual weeds and grasses will usually use the fertilizer and further damage the native grasses. Give your native grasses time and proper care, and they will soon be as productive as ever.

For assistance in developing a prescribed grazing system, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service. Their range experts will offer you advice to get on the right track in restoring your native rangelands.

The office is located at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the internet at offices.usda.gov). More information is also available on the Kansas Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
MURREL MARIE PANTLIK,
Deceased Case

No. 2007-PR-9

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 13, 2007 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated November 26, 1999 and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Cindy Marie Hake be appointed as Executor and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Colby, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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WEEKDAYS

MAY 8 - MAY 14

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	Busi-ness	Body Electric	Curious George	Clifford-Red	Dragon Tales	Big Big World	Beren. Bears	Lions	Sesame Street		Teletub-bies	Barney-Friends
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Varied Programs	
USA (37)	JAG		JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Varied Programs	
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				News-Radio	Cosby Show
WGN (39)	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Matlock		Magnum, P.I.		Homicide: Life on the Street		Da Vinci's Inquest	
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	How It's Made	How It's Made	Deadliest Catch		MythBusters		How It's Made	How It's Made
A&E (47)	The District		24		Crossing Jordan		City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	Danny Phantom	OddPar-ents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Go Diego	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Backyar-digans	Wonder Pets	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	Mickey Mouse	Handy Manny	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Koala	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	Lilo & Stitch	Little Mermaid
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Home Videos	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Touched by an Angel	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Millionaire	Judge Judy	News	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Extra	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	Evening News
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Caillou	Varied Programs			Curious George	Cyberchase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Cliff Pup	Business
ESPN (28)	Varied Programs			Mike and Mike	1st and 10	Outside-Lines	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	
USA (37)	Movie		Varied Programs				Movie				Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
TBS (38)	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN (39)	WGN News at Noon		The Greg Behrendt Show		America's Funniest Home Videos		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Funniest Pets
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order	
DSC (42)	A Haunting		Varied Programs		Deadliest Catch		MythBusters		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files		24		Crossing Jordan		City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK (55)	Backyardigans	Varied	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	Avatar-Last Air	TEENick	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	OddParents
DISN (56)	Timon & Pumbaa	Buzz Light	Whiskers	Proud Family	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Varied Programs					That's-Raven
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H

THURSDAY

MAY 10

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Entertainment	Ugly Betty (N) (CC)		Grey's Anatomy Testing 1-2-3 (CC)		Traveler Pilot (Series Premiere)		News (N) (CC)	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Name Is Earl	The Office Games (N)	Beach (N) (CC)	Scrubs (N) (CC)	ER Sea Change (N) (CC)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Inside Edition	Survivor: Fiji (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace The Beginning (CC)		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman		Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Sun- flower	Kansas Spotlight	The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow Jackpot!		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	Sports- Center	NBA	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Exit Wounds ★ (2001, Action) (PA) Steven Seagal, DMX.		★ (2001, Action) (PA)		Movie: The Glimmer Man ★½	
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Godsend ★★ (2004) A scientist clones a couple's dead son. Greg Kinnear.				WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Sex and the City	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Becker (CC)
TNT (40)	Without a Trace Hang On to Me (CC)		Movie: The Fifth Element ★★★ (1997) A New York cabby tries to save Earth in 2259. Bruce Willis. (CC)						Movie: The Fifth Element ★★★ (1997) A New York cabby tries to save Earth in 2259. Bruce Willis. (CC)			
DSC (42)	Survivorman (CC)		Human Prey II (CC)		Killer Ants (CC)		Ant Wars (CC)		Cash Cab (CC)	Cash Cab (CC)	Human Prey II	
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		CSI: Miami Wannabe (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 Stray Bullet: Payback (CC)		Detroit SWAT (CC)		CSI: Miami Wannabe (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Trash and treasure.		Mega Movers Ships Moving Ships (CC)		Mega Movers Really Big Bridges		Modern Marvels (CC)		Death Road (CC)		Mega Movers Ships Moving Ships (CC)	
NICK (55)	OddPar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Drake & Josh	Home Videos	Full House	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
DISN (56)	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Movie: Stuart Little 2 ★★ (2002, Comedy) Geena Davis.			Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Hannah Montana	Kim Possible
FAM (58)	Smallville Shattered (CC)		Movie: Superman ★★½ (1978, Science Fiction) Superman learns of a plot to destroy the West Coast. Christopher Reeve.						The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger Cowboy		Movie: Thicker Than Water (2005, Drama) Melissa Gilbert. (CC)				Movie: Night Ride Home (1999) A family tries to cope with the tragic death of a son.			

FRIDAY

MAY 11

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (N) (CC)	Entertainment	Grey's Anatomy Testing 1-2-3 (CC)		20/20 (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News (N) (CC)	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)				Law & Order Over Here (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (N) (CC)	Inside Edition	Ghost Whisperer The Gathering (CC)	Close to Home Eminent Domain (N)		NUMB3RS Money for Nothing (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late		
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Wash. Week	Kansas Week	Market- Market	NOW (N) (CC)	Bill Moyers Journal (N) (CC)	BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	Sports- Center	NBA	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk Mr. Monk and the Leper (CC)		House Family (CC)		Movie: Friday After Next ★½ (2002)	
TBS (38)	MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh Pirates. PNC Park. (Live) (CC)				Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Movie: Vegas Vacation ★½ (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (CC)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Down Periscope ★★ (1996, Comedy) Kelsey Grammer. (CC)			WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Becker (CC)
TNT (40)	Law & Order Maritime (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Spider-Man ★★ (2002) A bite from a mutant spider gives a teen unusual powers. Tobey Maguire.				Movie: Spider-Man ★★ (2002) A bite from a mutant spider gives a teen unusual powers. Tobey Maguire.					
DSC (42)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC)		Rogue Nature Lions (N)		Man vs. Wild Mount Kilauea (CC)		Deadliest Catch The Last Lap		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	Rogue Nature Lions	
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		CSI: Miami Deadline (CC)		CSI: Miami The Oath (CC)		Intervention Cristy (CC)		Intervention Anthony (CC)		CSI: Miami Deadline (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Gas Tech (CC)		Brothers in Arms: Untold		Dogfights Air Ambush (CC)		Modern Marvels Bombs (CC)		Mega Movers Really Big Bridges		Brothers in Arms: Untold	
NICK (55)	OddPar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Nick-to- ons TV	Nick-to- ons TV	Nick-to- ons TV	Nick-to- ons TV	Home Videos	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
DISN (56)	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Cory in House	Movie: Finding Nemo (2003) Animated. A fish searches for his missing son. (CC)							
FAM (58)	Smallville Asylum (CC)		Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire ★★ (1993, Comedy) An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. Robin Williams. (CC)				The 700 Club (CC)					
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger War Zone		Walker, Texas Ranger War Zone		Movie: A Stranger's Heart (2007, Drama) Samantha Mathis, Peter Dobson. (CC)				Movie: Fallen Angel (2003, Drama) Gary Sinise, Joely Richardson. (CC)			