

# Storytelling tradition inspired crop scientist to write book

Jim Shroyer is best known around Kansas as “the wheat guy,” but farmers have also known for years that he can tell a good story.

The longtime professor of agronomy and extension specialist at Kansas State University has been teaching Kansans young and old about agriculture through conferences, field days, educational websites and the crop physiology class that he teaches to college students.

Now, he’s branched out and is teaching in a different way by writing “The Adven-

tures of Holly Holstein: Holly Greets the World” for young children.

Shroyer comes by his storytelling ability naturally. That’s because when he was growing up on a farm in Eufula, Okla., his father used to tell Jim and his siblings tales of all sorts of places and characters.

“My dad told bedtime stories. Many were about wildlife and nature-type stuff and his growing up on an Iowa farm,” said Shroyer, who in turn told stories to his own sons as they grew up.

“I didn’t make up these stories initially

to turn into books. I made them up to make the children go to sleep,” said Shroyer, who said “Holly” is the tale of a Holstein calf born during a fierce snowstorm in the hills of eastern Oklahoma.

The black and white heifer is befriended by a little girl named Mika. The story, illustrated by Kansas artist, Rita A. Kraushaar, was inspired by a real-life event when Shroyer’s family, including his granddaughter, Mikaela, was celebrating his mother’s 90th birthday at the family farm a few years ago.

The idea for writing this book and others has taken shape over the 32 years he’s spent working as a crops specialist with K-State Research and Extension. In that role, Shroyer has logged countless hours cruising highways looking at wheat, talking about wheat, thinking about wheat, and, sometimes, other things.

“I’ve been driving around Kansas, often late at night, drinking Dr. Pepper, and maybe 15 years ago got the idea to start writing children’s books,” he said. “I had the history for this. I made up Holly Hol-

stein to tell my own kids. They didn’t really grow up on a farm but their visits to the family farm increased their curiosity and they wanted to hear stories about it,” said Shroyer, who, with his wife, Gail, raised their sons in Manhattan.

For years, Shroyer maintained the educational extension websites Soybean Scene, Wheat Watch and Adopt-a-Wheat Field, designed to show children how wheat and soybeans are grown.

The book is available at Amazon.com.

## Public Notice

Notice of sale of property on the delinquent Tax list to Thomas County for the 2011 year on Real Estate described in the following list accompanied by the name of the owner, situated in the County of Thomas, State of Kansas, are unpaid and said Real estate will on the First Tuesday of September, 2012 being the 4TH day thereof, be bid off by me in the name of Thomas County. **NO OTHER BIDDERS BEING ALLOWED** and sold to the said County in my office in the City of Colby, in said County and State, for the amount of delinquent taxes and interest and other legal charges due thereon and unpaid to said date, according to the provisions of Chapter 79 Article 23, of the Kansas Statutes Annotated unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal or State Law.

Donita Applebury,  
Thomas County Treasurer

**TOWNSHIPS BARRETT**  
CRAWFORD KENNETH G  
LEVANT, KS 67743  
TRACT IN 15-06-35 \$466.52

GEIHSLER DEAN E & ESKEW JORDAN A  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
TRACT IN 14-07-36 \$660.36

MOSLEY MICHAEL  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
TRACT IN 11-07-36 \$1237.72

**EAST HALE**  
BIXENMAN MARY HELEN TR  
% SHIELDS WILLIAM D  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NW4 2-08-035 \$232.10

GAINES MAXINE A  
CUMBY, TX 75433  
W2 35-08-35 \$524.38

**WEST HALE**  
CARR CL  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807  
TRACT IN 30-08-36 \$5.70

**KINGERY**  
PLAINSMAN PROPERTY CO  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
N2 OF NW4 LESS R/W 28-09-36 \$112.79

RDC FEEDERS INC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 16-10-36 \$73.30

WIELAND ILA LEE ETVIR JOHN  
COLBY, KS 67701  
E2 & SW4 LESS R/W 10-09-35 \$973.04

WIELAND ILA LEE ETVIR JOHN  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SE4 LESS R/W 25-09-35 \$298.78

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
E2 & NW4 LESS R/W 12-09-35 \$821.42

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
ALL SEC 9-09-35 \$1067.26

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 LESS R/W 14-09-35 \$559.88

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
S2 SW4 LESS R/W 14-09-35 \$124.28

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
ALL SEC 27-09-35 \$2129.66

**LACEY**  
KOERPERICH FRANCIS ETUX  
% ROBINSON ROY & PAM  
GEM, KS 67734  
TRACT IN 21-07-32 \$246.32

**MORGAN**  
HILDYARD VICTOR H II  
HILDYARD BRENDA  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 36-07-34 \$15.22

**BARNETT SUBDIVISION**  
SHUBERT MICHAEL E  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 1 LOT 2,3 \$1314.52

**COUNTRY ACRES**  
KIRBY JOHN P ETUX LISA L  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 1 LOT 7 \$1342.30

PLUMISTO MICKAEL E  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 5-08-34 \$1514.80

**MURRAY 2ND ADD**  
CARMEN DANNY  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 31-07-33 \$855.53

**NORTH RANDALL**  
SADDLER CHUCK ETUX JULIE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
E2-NW4 LESS R/W 3-08-32 \$69.27

SADDLER CHUCK ETUX JULIE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SW4, W2-NW4 LESS R/W 3-08-32 \$347.75

SADDLER CHUCK ETUX JULIE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
S4 LESS R/W 3-08-32 \$48.96

**SOUTH RANDALL**  
JONES KAREN A  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NW4 LESS R/W 35-09-32 \$298.01

NELSON DAVID & SHERRI  
OAKLEY, KS 67748  
TRACT IN 15-10-32 \$7394.54

WEST DOUGLAS J ETUX TANYA  
OAKLEY, KS 67748  
TRACT IN 30-09-31 \$177.64

**ROVOHL**  
JONES KAREN A  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SW4 LESS R/W 34-06-33 \$298.85

JONES KAREN A  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 LESS R/W 09-07-33 \$348.06

URBAN AGNES  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 IMP ON LEASED LAND \$220.76

URBAN JOHN D ETUX  
AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 & S2 LESS R/W 22-06-33 \$469.33

URBAN JOHN D ETUX  
AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SE4 LESS R/W 15-06-33 \$157.60

URBAN JOHN D ETUX  
AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
W2 OF SW4 LESS R/W 23-06-33 \$59.39

URBAN JOHN D ETUX AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SE4, NW4 26-06-33 \$10.03

URBAN JOHN D ETUX AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 LESS R/W 13-07-34 \$352.90

URBAN JOHN D ETUX AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 LESS R/W 3-07-33 \$179.23

SCHLITTER REBA L  
%URBAN ROCKY  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 28-06-33 \$683.62

URBAN ROCKY; MARVIN; DANIEL  
COLBY, KS 67701  
ALL SEC 27-06-33 \$619.19

URBAN ROCKY; MARVIN; DANIEL  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE4 LESS R/W 34-06-33 \$249.41

WASHINGTON ERIC ETUX PAMELA  
HOXIE, KS 67740  
TRACT IN 16-07-31 \$154.03

**SMITH**  
MOSS TERRY & JENNIFER  
REXFORD, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 13-07-31 \$1475.54

SCHIECK STUART & BENSON MICHAEL  
JO  
REXFORD, KS 67753  
SW4 LESS R/W 36-07-31 \$1180.94

**SUMMERS**  
JUREK BENJAMIN  
COLBY, KS 67701  
IMPROVEMENT ON LEASED LAND 23-09-34 \$776.30

SIRUTA DELORES A  
WINONA, KS 67764  
TRACT IN 7-10-34 \$1022.96

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NW4 LESS R/W 33-09-34 \$258.56

**WENDELL**  
BICE MYRON ETUX LISA  
REXFORD, KS 67753  
SW4 34-06-31 \$2358.36

URBAN JOHN D ETUX AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
ALL SEC 19-06-32 \$279.70

URBAN JOHN D ETUX  
AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
N2 LESS R/W 6-06-31 \$227.21

**CITIES BREWSTER ORIGINAL**  
HOUSE JAMES & JESSICA L  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
BLK 10 LOT 21-24 \$857.60

PETTY DEE  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
BLK 21 LOT 24-25 \$55.86

**BREWSTER DEPE ADDITION**  
RIBORDY GLORIA K ETVIR RJ  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
BLK 3 LOT 3, S2 2 \$2006.50

**BREWSTER METES & BOUNDS**  
MOSLEY MICHAEL  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
SE COR TR 34 POB TR 41 \$536.12

NICHOLS TOLETHA  
BREWSTER, KS 67732  
IMP ON LEASED LAND \$186.82

**BREWSTER HANS MADSEN**  
CRANSTON DANA R  
ELK CITY, OK 73644  
BLK 6 LOT 26-28 \$21.32

CRANSTON DANA R  
ELK CITY, OK 73644  
BLK 9 LOT PT 17-23 \$192.38

URBAN JOHN D  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 3 LOT 15-19 \$6.43

**COLBY 1 COLBY ORIGINAL**  
BEHRING NORMAN ETUX BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 8 LOT 18,19,PT 15 & A \$795.06

COOPER C JAMES  
CANADA  
BLK 6 LOT 2,3,6 \$628.66

GRIFFIN JAMES E ETUX KACY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 4 LOT 1,4,5,8,PT 9 \$709.18

HARRISON DONALD & CATHY  
% VERATILE PROPERTIES LLC  
DENVER, CO 80214  
BLK 26 LOT 18,19,PT 15 \$892.44

PEKAJ INC  
ONEIL, NE 68763  
BLK 26 LOT E2 17,20 \$556.58

PR'S INVESTMENT LLC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 19 LOT 6-10 & A \$2658.80

SHUBERT MICHAEL E ETUX CINDY R  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 21 LOT 16 \$803.08

SMOFFEES LLC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 22 LOT 7 \$1602.08

STIEBEN DANE EUGENE  
WICHITA, KS 67204  
BLK 17 LOT PT 1,4,ALL 5,8,9 \$1521.78

SURMEIER ANTHONY P & KATHERINE H  
REV LIV TRUST  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 30 LOT PT 18,19 \$230.33

WARTA ALAN J  
FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86004  
BLK 10 LOT PT A,11,14,15,18,19 \$1179.44

WILSON JAMES  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 21 LOT PT 20 \$1275.00

WOODALL DAWN JANENE & KREADY  
JOAN R TRUST NO 1  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 18 LOT PT 2,3,6,7,10,PT B \$574.09

**EAST ADDITION**  
BRAY ARMELLA K TRUST  
% GUY DERIC & ASHLY  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 54 LOT 11-15 \$3062.38

SEPULVEDA JESUS C  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 55 LOT 16-17 \$161.26

SEPULVEDA MARY RAMIREZ  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 55 LOT 14-15 \$230.66

**COLBY 2 WEST ADDITION**  
BECKLEY ZACH R  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 63 LOT 14, 15 \$557.66

BEHRING NORMAN L ETUX BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 72 LOT 14,15,PT OF 13 \$1219.48

BEHRING NORMAN L ETUX BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 84 LOT 8-13 \$1687.58

GOLDEN ROBT E  
LAWRENCE, KS 66044  
BLK 64 LOT 1,2,PT 3 \$1641.20

HALL ELIZABETH JEWEL  
% EDWARDS ELIZABETH  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 64 LOT E2 16-20 \$317.50

ROULIER BRADLEY NELSON & BROCK  
WOODMAN  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 75 LOT E75' 16-20 \$2606.10

WOODALL DAWN JANENE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 74 LOT 19,20,PT 18 \$441.19

**NORTH ADDITION**  
BECKER CLARENCE A ETUX DAGMAR S  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 104 LOT 17,18 \$223.27

BEHRING NORMAN L ETUX BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 104 LOT 19, 20 \$699.00

BIG B LITTLE B LLC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
MINI STORAGE ON RR R/W \$1986.02

BIG B LITTLE B LLC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
MINI STORAGE ON RR R/W \$4474.72

BIG B LITTLE B LLC  
% COLBY PHOTO RENTALS  
COLBY, KS 67701  
MINI STORAGE ON RR R/W \$1480.62

CRAWFORD JEANNE R  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 122 LOT 13-20,PT 11-12 \$319.36

CRAWFORD JEANNE R  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 122 LOT 1-10, BLK 123 LOT 1-2 \$9324.20

LIPPELMANN WHEAT A  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 111 LOT 1-5 \$1708.46

SURMEIER ANTHONY P & KATHERINE H  
REV LIV TRUST  
COLBY, KS 67701  
NE COR BLK 118 \$458.18

SURMEIER ANTHONY P & KATHERINE H  
REV LIV TRUST  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SW COR BLK 118 \$1236.12

WOODALL DAWN JANENE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 127 LOT PT 24 \$168.09

**COLBY 3 GILMORE & LARSON**  
BLISS JAMES H  
WALLACE, KS 67701  
BLK 8 LOT 15,PT 14 \$423.52

GRIGGS JOAN  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 13 LOT 14,PT 13,PT 15 \$832.52

CROCKER CORY J ETUX MICHELLE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 13 LOT 11-12, PT 13 \$2701.84

HORINEK MATTHEW E &  
STACY N  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 11 LOT 6-7 \$392.88

KARNES DIANA L  
SHAWNEE, KS 66216  
BLK 9 LOT 16-19, PT 20 \$369.06

STERLING REAL ESTATE LLC  
%DOHERTY CHUCK  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 5 LOT 20,PT 19 \$2080.06

WHITE BILLIE LUE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 15 LOT 11-12 \$1222.64

**CORNING SUB DIV**  
HILDYARD VICTOR H II ETUX  
HILDYARD BRENDA  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SW COR OUT LOT 2 \$2883.64

HILDYARD VICTOR H II ETUX  
HILDYARD BRENDA  
COLBY, KS 67701  
SW COR OUT LOT 2 \$64.00

**COPELAND & VAN PATTON**  
JENSEN SHAWN D  
HUTCHINSON, KS 67502  
BLK 4 LOT PT 12 \$5321.80

**DORNOCH ADD**  
CES SUTHERLAND MGMT LLC  
DALLAS, TX 75230  
TRACT IN 7-08-33 \$4878.96

**COLBY 4 SOUTH PARK ADD**  
BEHRING NORMAN L ETUX  
BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 15 LOT W2 11-15 \$757.42

BERNDT DALLAS LYNN ETUX CRYSTAL  
KAY  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 52 LOT 13-15 \$568.61

DICE ROB A  
NUNN, CO 80648  
BLK 22 LOT W2 1,2 \$809.34

MEDICAL ARTS INC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 7 LOT 2-7 \$852.70

MEDICAL ARTS INC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 7 LOT 8,9,10 \$1381.42

MEDICAL ARTS INC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 7 LOT 11-19 \$3170.82

MEDICAL ARTS INC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 8 LOT 2-10 \$29285.84

PHILLIPS ROSE MARIE (TOD)  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 10 LOT 6,7,8 \$1077.36

STUPKA SHARON  
CATES MICHAEL  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 19 LOT 15,16,17 \$157.36

SURMEIER ANTHONY P & KATHERINE H  
REV LIV TRUST  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 2 LOT E 11-12 \$246.21

SURMEIER ANTHONY & KATHERINE H  
REV LIV TRUST  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 2 LOT PT 11-12 \$330.13

WIELAND ILA LEE  
%WIELAND SCOTT  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 12 LOT 17,18 \$1137.22

WIELAND JOHN F ETUX ILA LEE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 11 LOT 5,6,7 \$2,222.16

**WALMART PLAZA**  
BIG B LITTLE B LLC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 1 LOT PT 3 \$10234.90

**ANNEX TO COLBY**  
GOLDEN PLAINS AGRICULTURAL TECH-  
NOLOGIES INC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 6-08-33 \$13,483.04

GUY DERIC E ETUX ASHLY A  
COLBY, KS 6770 1  
TRACT IN 1-08-34 \$9001.18

HILDYARD VICTOR H II  
HILDYARD BRENDA  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 1-08-34 \$396.96

HILDYARD VICTOR II  
COLBY, KS 67701  
TRACT IN 1-08-34 \$2977.12

**DAVIS**  
WILSON JAMES B JR  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 2 LOT 12 \$1460.34

**JAYHAWK ADDITION**  
RC ENTERPRISES OF BREWSTER KS LLC  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 1 LOT 1,2 \$7022.48

**COLBY 5 SOUTH PARK ANNEX**  
BEHRING NORMAN ETUX BETTY  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 39 LOT 6-8,PT OF 5 \$1318.08

BEHRING NORMAN L ETUX BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 19 LOT 4,5 \$332.06

BEHRING NORMAN L ETUX BETTY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 45 LOT 1,2 \$543.72

BROWN CATHY J  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 35 LOT 5,6 \$400.96

HEWES FAMILY LLP  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 59 LOT 30, PT 29 \$678.84

MAINUS SILVIA D  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 26 LOT 14-17 \$910.80

URBAN JOHN D ETUX  
AGNES FAYE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 55 LOT 8-10 \$91.06

URBAN JOHN ETUX AGNES  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 55 LOT 6,7 \$60.44

WOODALL DAWN JANENE  
COLBY, KS 67701  
BLK 28 LOT 7,8 \$289.24

**COLBY 6 EAST VIEW TRACT**  
PROF CARGO SERV INC  
WICHITA, KS 67277  
BLK 5 LOT PT 2 \$1962.68