

# Three Hebrews faced crucial decision at furnace

Three young Hebrews stood before a king, threatened with being thrown into a fiery furnace. The only way to avoid being thrown into the furnace was to bow to an image. Would they do it?

God commanded his ancient people Israel, as recorded at Exodus 20:2-5a, "I am your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. You must not have any other gods against my face. You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion."



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- use it or lose it

Most are familiar with these words as part of the "Ten Commandments." Likely the three young Hebrews had them in mind when they chose not to worship the image of gold.

The book of Daniel contains stories of Jews who were faithful to their God while captives in Babylon, about dreams that were interpreted and visions that gave prophecies for the future.

When the Hebrews refused to worship the image, was that the end

of them? Let's look at that story in Daniel chapter 3.

As the chapter begins, King Nebuchadnezzar is calling all of the leaders in his kingdom to worship the image of gold he has set up. Verse 19 tells us the king was so angry at the Hebrews' refusal to worship the image that he heated the furnace "seven times more than it was customary to heat it up."

Verse 22 says the men who threw the Hebrews into the furnace were burned up by the fire. What happened to the Hebrews?

Verses 24 and 25 says, "At that time Nebuchadnezzar the king himself became frightened and he rose up in a hurry. He was answering and

saying to his high royal officials: 'Was it not three able-bodied men that we threw bound into the midst of the fire?' They were answering and saying to the king, 'Yes, O king.' He was answering and saying: 'Look! I am beholding four able-bodied men walking about free in the midst of the fire, and there is no hurt to them, and the appearance of the fourth one is resembling a son of the gods.'"

In verse 26, the king called to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to come out of the furnace, and in verse 27, the king and all the leaders noticed "the fire had had no power over their bodies, and not a hair of their head had been singed, and even their mantles had not been changed and the smell of fire itself had not come onto them."

Why were the Hebrews able to survive being inside a fire that consumed the men who threw them in?

They had told the king in verses 17, 18: "If it is to be, our God whom we are serving is able to rescue us. Out of the burning fiery furnace and out of your hand, O king, he will rescue us. But if not, let it become known to you, O king, that your gods are not the ones we are serving, and the image of gold that you have set up we will not worship."

Do you find it difficult to trust God to help you with life's decisions? Is it hard for you to live the way that is outlined in the Bible?

Many servants of God, whose examples are recorded in the Bible, have said they had to struggle at times, even that they longed for the seeming ease of life that the wicked

ones had. But they put forth the effort to please God.

What situation could be more trying than having to choose to be thrown into such a hot furnace? But the Hebrews were blessed for their decision, as God provided an angel to protect them from the fire. What a miraculous experience that must have been!

And the example of Daniel being saved from the lions' pit is recorded in chapter 6.

We don't witness such outstanding miracles today, but if we read the Bible daily and apply it in our lives, we can see ways that God helps us in smaller ways. And we have the opportunity to understand the prophecies recorded in chapters 7-9 and 11 and 12 and eventually to see them all fulfilled.

# County strategic plan in works

One of the main focuses in the office right now is the work with Terry Woodbury to create a working strategic plan for Sherman County.

The Steering Committee, which is made up of individuals from around the public square (business, government, education and health and human service), has been working hard to prepare for the Community Conversation on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The conversation will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge with a free dinner and then on to the conversation.

The purpose is to have the community come together to help decide the future of Sherman County. In preparation, the steering committee and Terry Woodbury have been interviewing people from around the public square.

We have also distributed a survey



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called "20 Clues to Community Survival" at locations such as any of the four banks, the co-op and the Goodland Family Health Clinic. You can complete it on-line at [www.goodlandchamber.com](http://www.goodlandchamber.com). If you have not had a chance to fill out a survey, do so before Saturday, Sept. 30.

Your opinion is so important to make this process work! I don't want to be working on projects if they aren't what this community wants. I hope everyone takes the time to fill out a survey and be present at the Community Conversation on Oct. 17.

The Economic Development Council will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Elks Club.

An update of what is taking place in the office and some of our goals to come will be talked about.

We will be taking nominations for council members at this meeting.

If you are interested in being on the Sherman County Economic Development Council or just want more information about the office, make plans to attend the annual meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, on the south side of the Elks Lodge.

*Tiffaini McMinn is Sherman County economic development director.*

# Treat seed wheat with insecticide

Using insecticide treatments on seed wheat can reduce fall infestations of greenbugs, bird cherry-oat aphids, Hessian fly and wireworms.

Greenbugs and bird cherry-oat aphids spread barley yellow dwarf, a virus disease that is otherwise difficult to control, said Gerald Wilde, Kansas State University field crop entomologist.

Barley yellow dwarf was detected in some wheat in our area last year. Although some varieties are more susceptible than others, none has a high level of resistance to this virus.

According to recent research, farmers can get good fall control of the bird cherry-oat aphid and greenbug for at least 30-45 days when using the low rate of either of these seed treatments:

Cruiser at 1.0 and 1.33 ounces per hundred weight and Gaucho at 0.5 and 1.0 ounces per hundred weight had live greenbug numbers of 0, 0, 0, and 0.33 aphids per row foot. The control treatment had seven live greenbugs per row foot.

Parasitized greenbugs found after these treatments showed that beneficial insects were helping control the limited population of greenbugs present.



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There were 0.5, 0.33, 3.5 and 1.33 parasitized greenbugs per row foot in the insecticide treatments for Cruiser at 1.0 and 1.33 ounce per hundred weight and Gaucho at 0.5 and 1.0 ounce per hundred weight.

The control treatment had nearly 22 parasitized greenbugs. In 2005 and 2006 K-State tests, wheat treated with Cruiser or Gaucho had almost no greenbugs or bird cherry-oat aphids as late as the following April.

There's no guarantee that controlling these insects with seed treatments will prevent barley yellow dwarf disease, but it should help.

Research on the effect of insecticide seed treatments on barley yellow dwarf infection is limited, but one K-State study in the 1990s showed that barley yellow dwarf infection was reduced by 50 percent when the seed was treated with Gaucho. Cruiser should have the same effect, although it was not in-

cluded in that test.

Earlier planted wheat is generally more susceptible than late-planted wheat to an infestation of greenbugs or bird cherry-oat aphids and therefore more likely to get barley yellow dwarf.

The presence of volunteer wheat nearby may increase the likelihood of greenbug and bird cherry-oat aphid infestations. In these situations, treating wheat seed with a low rate of Cruiser or Gaucho can offer fall protection. These products have also been shown to result in lower populations of these insects the following spring.

Cruiser and Gaucho have been found in K-State tests to control fall infestations of Hessian fly for about 30-45 days using the high rates. If the high rate of Cruiser or Gaucho is used, growers can expect longer control of greenbugs and bird cherry-oat aphids.

*Jeanne Falk is an area crop production and economics specialist for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties with Kansas State University Research and Extension.*

# matters of record

## District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**Aug. 6** — Breanna L. Brawley, \$150 for speeding.

Joe L. Williams Jr., \$96 for speeding.

**Aug. 7** — Christi L. Chartier, \$132 for speeding.

John S. Gullen, \$150 for speeding.

Andrea M. Shivers, \$156 for speeding.

**Aug. 8** — Tracey J. Blackford, \$126 for speeding.

Wei Yuan, \$132 for improper parking.

**Aug. 9** — Annette Julie Shelley, \$165 for improper parking.

Brian A. Taylor, \$165 for speeding.

Myong C. Yu, \$120 for speeding.

**Aug. 10** — James D. Harrison, dismissed for motor carrier safety rules and regulations and \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regu-

lations.

Alyssa A. Larson, \$144 for speeding.

**Aug. 11** — Moshe Abramov, \$156 for speeding.

Michael E. Meagher, \$156 for speeding.

Kimberly S. Mrzena, \$192 for speeding.

**Aug. 13** — Cynthia S. Claxton, \$144 for speeding.

Susan E. Horton, \$132 for speed-

ing.

Enrique Lopez-Marquez, \$60 for no driver's license and \$146 for unlawful use of driver's license.

Adam R. Majors, \$126 for speeding.

Deborah L. Sampedro, \$132 for speeding.

Rozalia Uyola, \$156 for speeding.

**Aug. 14** — Roy O. May, \$156 for speeding.

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## Photo contest underway at arts center



Tina Goodwin, Carnegie Arts Center director, hung a photograph of butterflies, one of several photos by T.J. Freeman competing in the youth category of the Flatlander Photo Contest. A competitor in the adult division is "Van Gogh at Sunrise" by Cary Amos.

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**1122 Walnut**

This very well maintained bungalow is loaded with charm. It features a formal living and dining room, eat-in kitchen with new counter top range and hood and newer central heat and air. The full basement has a newly decorated bedroom and bath w/laundry, plus family room and wet bar. There is newer vinyl siding and storm windows. An inviting front porch and back deck are waiting for you to enjoy. Call Rose to see it.

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