

Busy weekend of activities on the agenda!!

If Memorial Day observances and class reunions weren't enough, my daughter Halley thought the weekend would be a good time to recruit some extra help and have a really big push to hopefully finish the clean-up.

So, here I am the day before my 60th class reunion making potato salad, Texas Sheet Cake, roast beef sandwich spread and deviled eggs for the work crew. A task I gladly accept if it helps get this job done.

My close circle of friends are similar in age, although I have some very young friends too. But, my older friends and I have some things in common. Like no real work schedule. Which means we are flexible enough to take off on a road trip at the drop of a hat. Actually, I can't drop my hat unless I have doggy-daycare lined up for Wrangler. But, my next-door neighbor's daughter Hialeigh, is always eager to make a few

bucks and Wrangler loves her and her little brother, Chaten.

So, when my friend MaryJo asked if I could accompany her to Salina for a medical procedure, I didn't hesitate to say, "Yes."

My speeding days are over and when I drive, it is within the speed limit. But, MaryJo and I probably talk 90 miles per hour. It just makes the time fly by. Seems as though we just left a few minutes before and ... somehow, we are at our destination.

When another friend found out I was going to Salina, he asked if I would pick up some frozen hamburgers from a little cafe there. It's called the Cozy Inn and it is really cozy. It's a tiny little diner with five stools in front of the counter. Mom and Dad (I assumed) were busy at the grill frying and assembling small burgers that I visualize as being similar to White Castle hamburgers.

Stake plants to keep fruit off ground, reduce risk of disease

K-State horticulture expert outlines options for giving tomatoes a lift

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Late May and early June are an important period for one of home gardener's favorite crops – tomatoes.

Kansas State University horticultural expert Cynthia Domenghini said tomatoes need support to remain upright. If left to grow on the ground, she notes, tomatoes receive less airflow and are at greater risk for disease.

"Support structures keep the fruit off the ground, which helps reduce contamination from contact with soil," Domenghini said.

Is there a right or wrong way to support tomatoes? "Maybe..." Domenghini said.

For small, container tomatoes, traditional cages purchased at local stores can be effective. The cages often come in fun colors, but tend to be more expensive than building your own. "The support they provide is minimal and often insufficient for most tomato varieties," Domenghini said.

She suggests home gardeners build their own cages using concrete reinforcing mesh.

"With a roll 150 feet long and five feet tall, you can create multiple tomato cages and trellises to support climbing plants," she said. "The openings between the wires are large enough to fit your hand through for harvesting and allow even large slicing tomatoes to slide through."

Spring turnout, soil, and pasture health

It is that time of year again! As we prepare to send cows to grass, here are a few management practices and pasture health indicators to ensure cows have a successful summer on grass.

1.Work to control trees and brush. Unfortunately, in the last few years, this has become a larger problem in Northwest Kansas. An over-abundance of unwanted brush may also be an indicator of poor soil or pasture health. Brush and trees can be controlled mechanically or chemically, but it is always easier to control them when they are smaller.

2.Was the pasture grazed evenly the previous year, or did cattle congregate in specific areas? Addressing specific problems, like plants not palatable to livestock, will help this issue. If cattle are congregating around water sources or salt and mineral or protein tubs, it is beneficial to

consider rotating or moving them periodically, if possible.

3.How much of the (non-dormant) plant cover is live? Of the non-dormant, live plant cover, how much of it desirable? Diverse plant communities make pastures thrive and encourage even grazing of livestock.

For more detailed information on chemical weed control, the "2025 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, and Noncropland" guide is available online at <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/CHEMWEEDGUIDE.pdf> or check with your local K-State Research and Extension office for a paper copy.

Out Back

Carolyn Plotts



Daughter (another assumption) was filling take-out orders and counter orders as fast as she could.

It was a steady stream of customers like me coming in to pick up orders. Fred said the business has been in the same location on Seventh Street in downtown Salina, since 1922.

When you build a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to your door. Likewise, if you make a great hamburger, people will drive three hours to take some home. Fred has shared a couple of the burgers with me. If they are as good as he professes, I will be making my own trip to pick some up.



point, cut the twine and secure it to the t-post. As the plants grow, add twine higher up on the posts in the same pattern. Twine should be added every 8-12 inches, or at least before the plants begin to droop."

Domenghini and her 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 Research and Extension office.

"Rose's Sugar Cookies", tasted great!!

I'm trying to think of a way to tell this without looking bad. We do not attend the Wednesday night Lenten services, followed by a social hour, held by our church. Thus during Lent I was a little surprised to be asked to furnish treats.

I understand responsibilities for this are rotated between the work groups though; so it seemed rather un-Christian to refuse. I agreed, somewhat disagreeably, to make cookies.

The Hubby and I talked about it. He said make something easy and make enough so to share with the Quilters who also meet on Wednesdays. I rarely make cookies these days as the Hubby is perfectly satisfied with chocolate chip cookies from the Dollar Store, nothing easier than that!

I decided to make Lemon Bars. I took the butter out of the fridge to soften and then reconsidered. Lemon Bars have multiple steps, not exactly easy. I looked through my recipes for something tasty and easy, I may have forgotten about.

There it was: "Rose's Sugar Cookies", from a distant relative, copied in my Mother's hand. It was kismet, the recipe calls for a cup of softened butter. Already done!!!! Rose was quite a cook. Her family started the Pheasant Run Restaurant in Hays.

What fun it is to read old recipes. "Cream the oil and butter, add sugars and cream." All of us of a certain age were taught to make cookies this way; I still do. Until I got to: "Sift the dry ingredients together." My flour was a bit lumpy but never in a million years am I sifting flour for cookies.

It reminded me why I don't bake much from scratch anymore! There is nothing as easy as a mix or opening a package of store bought cookies!

The cookies were not quite as fancy as they should have been. Before baking, the recipe says to flatten them with the bottom of a glass, with a design cut in it, and has been dipped in sugar. I gave my crystal glasses to one of the girls. All I could

This Too Shall Pass

Nancy Hagman



find was a toothpick holder; it didn't work all that well.

However the cookies tasted great!

Now it is time for Vacation Bible School. Proving I am not a terrible person I was the first to volunteer cookies. Rose's Sugar Cookies are good but somewhat crumbly. I'm making chocolate chip oatmeal for VBS. Those are the first cookies I learned to make in 4-H: "Snacks and Little Lunches"!

They say kids these days prefer store bought cookies. Busy moms don't have time to bake and kids like familiar foods. Even if they do not appreciate my chocolate chip oatmeal cookies, I know my fellow quilters and the Hubby will.

Better make a double batch!

Managing spring flowers and weeds

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Most years, Spring signals the start of a colorful garden and a host of blooming flowers.

Yet, at this point in the season minimal care is needed for spring-flowering bulbs, Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said. To enjoy blooms in April, Domenghini suggests following simple care tips to ensure roots are taking in the nutrition to support future growth.

Roses

Before new leaf buds open (bud break), roses should be fertilized and pruned.

"April is a great time to plant new roses in the landscape as well," Domenghini said. "Specific maintenance practices vary based on the classification, or type, of rose."

Easter Lilies

Containerized lilies are common in the spring as they are used to celebrate the Easter holiday.

"This perennial bulb can be grown in the landscape to enjoy for years to come," Domenghini said.



Henbit and Chickweed

Henbit weed is in bloom, creating waves of purple through the landscape.

"Weeds drive most gardeners crazy, but many weeds provide food for pollinators," Domenghini said. "Henbit is one of the first sources of pollen and nectar for honey bees and bumble bees after the long winter."

Henbit and chickweed are winter annuals that germinate in the fall but become more noticeable in the spring, Domenghini added. Treating these weeds is best done by applying a pre-emergent in the fall.

"Controlling for these weeds

this time of year is much less effective," Domenghini said.

Manual removal is recommended if the plants can't be tolerated in the landscape.

The henbit and chickweed fact sheet provides tips for prevention and management in the spring.

Grassy Sandbur

Another annual -- grassy sandbur -- is a grassy weed commonly found in lawns, and spreads profusely as the stickers produced attach to clothing and pets.

"Maintaining a dense lawn is the best defense against this weed," Domenghini said.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

SOLUTIONS NORTH BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PATTY R. FISHER (Deceased),
HEIDI LANE-DAVIS, and
RACHELLE LENTZ.

Defendants.)

Case No. NT-2025-
CV-000009
(Title to
Real Estate
Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Norton, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered NT2025CV000009, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 a.m., on 6/9/25, at the 1st floor Lobby of Norton County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Norton, State of Kansas, to wit:

Lot Seventeen (17) in Block Eighteen (18) Hillside Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas EXCEPT a tract of land commencing at a point twenty (20) feet east of the Southwest corner of said Lot Seventeen (17), thence running North Five (5) feet, thence East Sixty (60) feet, thence South Five (5) feet to the south line of said Lot Seventeen (17), thence West to the point of beginning (Commonly referred to as 321 N. Norton, Norton, Kansas.

SHERIFF OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

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RESOLUTION NO. 8-2025

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, AT WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY WILL BE CONSIDERING ADOPTING NORTON COUNTY'S NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114, et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Norton County, Kansas, adopted a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan on January 1st, 2025; WHEREAS, Norton County presented to the Norton City Council a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan; WHEREAS KSA § 12-17,117(c) states "Prior to adopting a plan pursuant to this section, the governing body shall call and hold a hearing on the proposal. Notice of such hearing shall be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality. Following such hearing, or the continuation thereof, the governing body may adopt such plan." NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 18th day of June 2025, at 5:45 p.m., before the governing body of the City at the City Council Meeting Room located at the Norton City Building, 301 E. Washington, Norton, Kansas at which time the governing body will be considering entering in to a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published twice in the official newspaper.

Adopted this 21st day of May 2025.

Gerald Jones,
President of Norton City Council

ATTEST:

Alex McKenna
Alex McKenna
City Clerk

