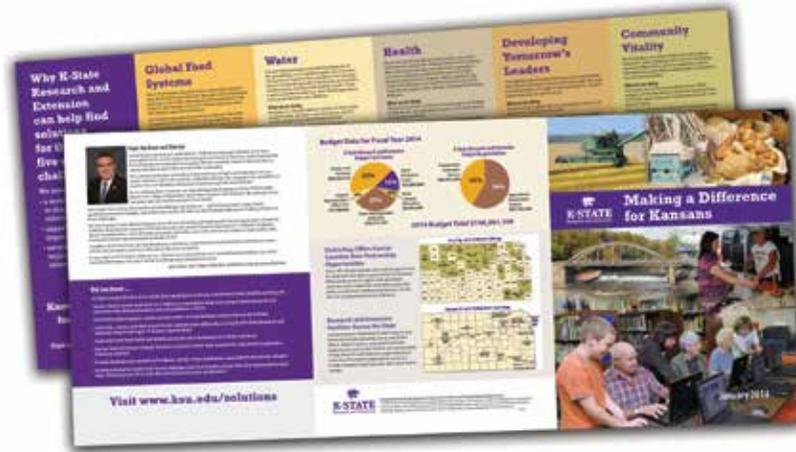


News Briefs



Making a Difference for Kansans

A new brochure, *Making a Difference for Kansans*, reflects on the successes of K-State's 150-year history and addresses how K-State Research and Extension is working to find solutions for the five grand challenges facing Kansas — global food systems, water, health, developing tomorrow's leaders, and community vitality.

To fulfill its land-grant university mission of research, teaching, and outreach, K-State Research and Extension delivers unbiased information through its statewide network; provides expertise on topics important to Kansas; and establishes local, state, regional, national, and international partnerships to provide Knowledge for Life for all Kansans.

To view the brochure and access videos, features, and other related information, go to www.ksu.edu/solutions.

2013 Master Farmer and Master Farm Homemakers

Six couples were honored as Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers for 2013 at a March 14, 2014, banquet in Manhattan. The couples are identified as leaders in farming and their communities.

The 2013 honorees include:

- Carrol (BS '66, MS '69 dairy production) and Jeanie Campbell (BS '69 elementary education), Winfield, Cowley County
- Lee and Pamela Doyle (MS '82 adult and occupational education), Holton, Jackson County
- Randy (BS '78 agricultural economics) and Kim Fritzemeier (BS '79 human ecology and mass communications), Stafford, Stafford County
- Neal (BS '75 feed science and management) and Clare Galle (MS '94 special education), Moundridge, McPherson County
- Phillip (BS '69 agricultural economics) and Sharron Knox (BS '69 human ecology), Brewster, Thomas County
- Russ and Sandra Sylvester, Ottawa, Franklin County

The program began in 1927 and is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and *Kansas Farmer* magazine.



Interns Motivate Kids, Families in Bilingual 4-H Program

K-State students Ruddy Yáñez and Alejandra Romero spent last summer working as interns for K-State Research and Extension, putting together a pilot 4-H program for Hispanic families in southwest Kansas.

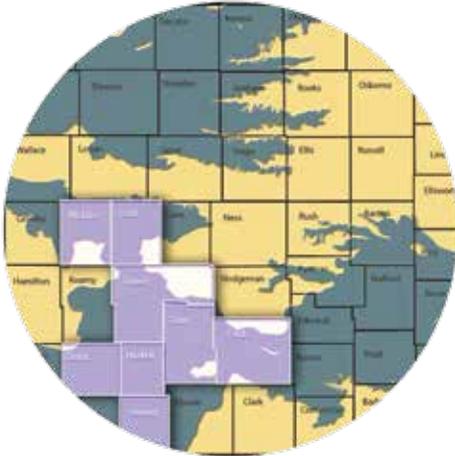
The program's goal was to have 30 kids participating in one bilingual 4-H club in Garden City. By summer's end, Yáñez and Romero were leading 90 kids in four bilingual clubs in Garden City, Cimarron, and Lakin. And, there was a waiting list of more than 100 others wanting to join.

"As Hispanics, it's important to always have the whole family together," Yáñez said. "Family is what brings our culture together, so for the success of the program, we invited the entire family."

All of the kids in the program spoke English and Spanish well, but very few of the parents were fluent in both languages. Romero said it was particularly important that she and Yáñez were bilingual.

To watch a video about the program, go to <http://goo.gl/Tt8TGz>.

Aquifer Team Wins Prestigious Award



The Ogallala Aquifer Program team won the 2013 U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary's Honor Award in the category of enhancing economic vitality and quality of life in rural America. The award is the most prestigious departmental honor given by the secretary.

The team formed 10 years ago to find water-saving solutions to preserve the Ogallala Aquifer and rural economies in states overlying the aquifer.

Team members include researchers from the departments of Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Animal Sciences and Industry, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, and the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers; USDA/ Agricultural Research Service; Texas Tech; Texas A&M; and West Texas A&M universities

According to the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture, eight Kansas counties overlying the Ogallala Aquifer — Scott, Haskell, Finney, Gray, Grant, Ford, Wichita, and Seward — together sold more than \$4.7 billion in crops and livestock. That represents about one-third of total agricultural revenue for the entire state.

Watch videos promoting the departments of Agronomy and Grain Science and Industry at these sites:
www.agronomy.k-state.edu
www.grains.k-state.edu



K-State Earns 2013 Tree Campus USA Recognition

By meeting the five core standards for sustainable campus forestry, K-State was named a 2013 Tree Campus USA. The national program, launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

The requirements were to establish a tree advisory committee, develop a campus tree-care plan, dedicate annual expenditures for its campus tree program, hold an Arbor Day observance event, and sponsor a student service learning project.

The photo above, taken on Arbor Day, April 26, 2013, shows arboriculture students and members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority planting a Northern Red Oak — donated by Blueville Nursery — near Holtz Hall. Four students in Associate Professor Cathie Lavis' arboriculture class — Lexi Wingerson and Matt McKernan, horticulture, and Adam Bangerter and Wes Haid, landscape architecture — serve on the committee. Lavis (MS '93 horticulture, PhD '05 agronomy) is shown far left in the photo.



Professor Shannon Washburn, from left, invited Virginia and Bob (BS '54 agricultural education, MS '65 adult and occupational education) Schneider, Crossville, Tenn., to share their teaching experiences in Nigeria and the United States with students in the Leadership and Professional Development in Agricultural Education class. The Schneiders made a gift to provide annual scholarships for agricultural education students.