



## April 2013 Update

- Deb Pryor, media production specialist in the Department of Communications and Agricultural Education, interviewed more than 30 people to produce two videos about the importance of preserving the tallgrass prairie and the benefits of burning grassland. “[Preserving the Tallgrass Prairie](#),” which is geared toward an urban audience, will air April 14 on Kansas City Public Television. Carol Blocksome, research assistant professor in the Department of Agronomy, and Mike Holder, Flint Hills Extension District agriculture and natural resources agent, are credited as video producers.
- K-State Research and Extension specialist Bob Weaber received the Outstanding Young Extension Specialist Award at the American Society of Animal Science/American Dairy Science Association Midwest Section meetings in Des Moines.
- Charles Barden and Larry Jackson were elected new extension faculty senators, joining current senators Danny Rogers, Debra Sellers, Joel DeRouchey, Pam Van Horn, and Stacey Warner.
- More than 200 new and veteran canola producers and industry representatives from Kansas and Oklahoma participated in the Canola College March 28 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds Pavilion in Enid, Okla. The event is a joint effort of Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, the Great Plains Canola Association, and industry partners.
- Karen Blakeslee, extension associate and coordinator of the Rapid Response Center, is serving on a national committee of Cooperative Extension System representatives to assist with education and outreach in conjunction with Jarden Home Brands, makers of Ball and Kerr canning supplies. She has queried family and consumer sciences agents and specialists to request additional input on local canning and food preservation practices.
- Participants from 42 counties came to Manhattan last month for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Hall. Guest speakers included producer Brad Spenrath, Comfort, Texas; Brian Faris, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry; and agriculture and natural resources agents Mindy Young, Doniphan County, and Rachael Boyle, Phillips-Rooks Extension District. Youth participated in a noncompetitive “skillathon,” to identify goat breeds, equipment, and feeds. Sponsors included the Kansas Meat Goat Association, Garten Boer Goats, Mulberry Meadows, and Joseph’s Boer Goats. University faculty and staff, along with 4-H Youth Development and FFA staffs and members, helped plan and assist at the event.
- Videos of [John Floros, dean and director](#), with [Miles McKee](#), professor emeritus of animal science, and with [Gerry Posler](#), professor emeritus of agronomy, have been posted to YouTube. In the videos, McKee and Posler explain the importance of historic items in the “Museum of Wonder,” on display at the Beach Museum of Art through October 13.