Obituaries

Post Rock Extension District

Sandra L. Wick **Agriculture Agent - Agronomy**

Producers making their 2026 wheat variety selections!

Producers of northcentral Kansas are studying their 2025 wheat yields and making selections for their 2026 wheat crop! Our Post Rock Extension District was fortunate to have had three wheat demonstration plots around the district with one of them KSU performance "replicated" trials that were planted four times in one location. "We are fortunate to have very special cooperators around the district that are willing to put in the extra time to provide local data for producers of north central Kansas," according to Sandra L Wick, K-State Extension, Post Rock District, Crop Production Agent." Cooperators included Justin Angleton and Jason Ryan, Jewell County; Marty Fletchall, Mitchell County; along with Mark Kuhlmann for Smith County. We certainly would like to thank these cooperators for their continued commitment to this wheat demonstration plot program!

Wick, along with K-State Research and Extension

Agronomists and Plant Pathologists, provided participants information about specific wheat varieties as well as the growing conditions during the growing season along with disease and insect concerns and issues at our annual KSU Post Rock Extension District tour held the end of May. If you missed the tour, you can simply go to our Post Rock Extension District website and view the recorded tour at https://www.postrock.kstate.edu/crops/testplots/index.html.

"The variety plots provide a visual demonstration of how crop varieties perform in a particular area of the state along with yield potential of that variety," Wick explains. "This is known as "seeing is believing!" "Producers who observe the demonstrations and the latest methods or practices, then may apply them to their own situations," added Wick. Producers can then compare the yield data from the many K-State Research and Extension experiment fields across the state of Kansas, to this local yield data, in se-



We would also like to thank our many agribusiness sponsors for their continued support of our KSU/Post Rock Extension District Wheat Demonstration Plot Program!!! The yield reports for each of the locations are posted on our Post Rock Extension District w e b s i t e (www.postrock.ksu.edu/cro ps/test-plots) and also available at each of our offices.

If you would like to be a cooperator for any of the Post Rock Extension District wheat demonstration plots, simply give Sandra a call at any of our offices of the Post Rock Extension District.

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the following nominations: Motion carried 6-0.

a. Penelope Sumpter: USD 272 Classified Substi-

b. Bobbi Schurr: LES Title Assistant Teacher

c. Erin Beougher: Dis-

trict Assistant Secretary d. Molly Jordan: USD 272 Classified & Certified Substitute

e. Ginna Sharp: Co-Senior Class Sponsor

f. Storm Myer: Co-Senior Class Sponsor

g. Trenton Brummer: Assistant High School Boys' Basketball Coach

10. Miscellaneous: Brandi Duskie moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to grant Jesse Janssen authority to purchase a new boiler for the Jr/Sr High School not to exceed \$110,000.00. If bids are necessary (insurance claim), authority to select the winning bid as well.

Motion carried 6-0. 11. Adjourn: Brandi Gasper seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting ended 8:01p.m.

of a truly remarkable woman, Dorothy Maxine (Nelson) Poppen, who left us at the age of 109 years. Born on February 22, 1916, on the family farm north of Logan, Kansas, she was the daughter of Carl and Bessie Nelson. Maxine's life was one of great strength, resilience, and love. Maxine was a woman

Dorothy Maxine

Poppen

celebrate and honor the life

We gather here today to

who knew the value of hard work from an early age. She spent her childhood years on the farm, helping her mother with chores and caring for her two younger sisters. While her siblings worked in the fields with their father, Maxine was at home, contributing to the household in any way she could. She attended North Starr Country School, but her journey to education took a pause as she worked in a bakery to support her family.

In her early adulthood, Maxine moved to Craig, Colorado, where she met the love of her life, Alfred Poppen. They were married on December 18, 1936, in Idaho Springs, Colorado, and eventually settled in Alfred's hometown of Downs, Kansas. There, Maxine and Alfred built a life together, raising two daughters, Linda and Wanda, and making a home filled with love and warmth.

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voted wife and mother, Maxine was an active member of her community. She worked at several local businesses, including Rogers Variety Store, Stigge Department Store, and True Family Center. Later, she found joy in volunteering at Carefree Years and the Downs Nursing Center. Her involvement in the Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Downs Senior

Center reflected her deep

commitment to both her

faith and her community.

Dorothy Maxine Poppen _

Maxine's talents were many. She was an extraordinary seamstress, creating beautiful clothes for her daughters and granddaughter. Her crochet work was delicate and stunning—her doilies and tablecloths will always be cherished as beautiful reminders of her craftsmanship. But Maxine's talents extended beyond sewing; she had a love for carpentry and refinished furniture with skill and care. She was, in every sense, a woman who could make something beautiful out of anything, whether it was fabric, wood, or a piece

of furniture in need of love. Maxine was a woman of great strength and independence. She lived in her own home until the age of 98, a testament to her vitality and spirit. Even after moving to the Golden Living Center, she continued to celebrate many birthdays and holidays surrounded by family, always in good health and high spirits.

Maxine's love for her family was evident in every aspect of her life. She is survived by her daughters, Linda (Wilbur) Chartier of Clyde, Kansas, and Wanda (Maurice) Hancock of Downs, Kansas; her granddaughter, Erica (Jeremy) Thompson of Katy, Texas; and her great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Lindy Thompson, also of Katy. Her legacy of love, care,

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in all of them.

Maxine was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Alfred, her parents Carl and Bessie Nelson, her brother Willard Nelson, and her sisters Bernice Gartin, Doris McWhorter, and infant sister Erma Nelson.

Today, as we remember Maxine, we celebrate the fullness of her life. We remember her strength, her generosity, and the love she gave so freely. We honor her ability to adapt, to love, and to make a difference in the lives of those around her. She leaves behind a legacy that will not be forgotten—a legacy built on family, community, and a life well-lived.

Maxine's life reminds us all of the importance of perseverance, the beauty of craftsmanship, and the value of caring for others. She may no longer be with us in body, but she will always remain in our hearts.Rest in peace, Maxine. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 16th, at Schoen Funeral Home And Monuments 1001 Morgan Ave. Downs, Kansas 67437. Memorials may be made to Downs United Methodist Church or Downs Senior Center. Online condolences to schoenfhm.com

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carried 4. Ian Frasier moved and Cecelia Reinert seconded to approve the Board Policy Updates as presented. Mo-

tion carried 6-0. 5. Aaron Gasper moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to approve the USD 272 CERP Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Executive Session--Non-elected Personnel

Motion: I, Brandi Duskie, move the school board recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board present and the option to bring the superintendent in, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:15 p.m. and Aaron Gasper seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Executive session started at 6:45

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HOURS:

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday

9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.-5 p.m.

ent and the option to bring the superintendent in, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:46 p.m., and Ian Frasier seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Executive session started at 6:46 p.m. Superintendent was

called in at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: I, Brandi Duskie, move the school board recess into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel; pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with the board and the superintendent present, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 7:58 p.m., and Cecelia Reinert seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Executive session started at 7:47 p.m.

- 7. Donations
- a. None at this time. 8. Resignations

a. Aaron Gasper moved and Ashley Clausen seconded to approve Marla Koops' resignation as assis-Motion carried 6-0.

Clausen moved and Brandi Duskie seconded to approve

tant Jr High Track Coach. Duskie moved and Aaron 9. Nominations: Ashley

Community & School CALENDAR

COMMUNITY.

Saturday Aug. 23: Alton Jubilee

Sunday Aug. 24: Two Person Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Downs Golf Course, hosted by Knights of Columbus.

GriefShare, 2 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. Knight Club pancake and sausage feed, 5 to 7 p.m. at Downs Roadside Park.

Monday Aug. 25: Osborne County Commission Meeting 2 to 3 p.m.

SCHOOL

Thursday, Aug. 21: First Day of School! Monday, Aug. 25: LES Homework Club Begins. Tuesday, Aug. 26: LJSH Fall Sports Kickoff -6pm Friday, Aug. 29: HS Volleyball @ Downs - 4pm





Go Knights!

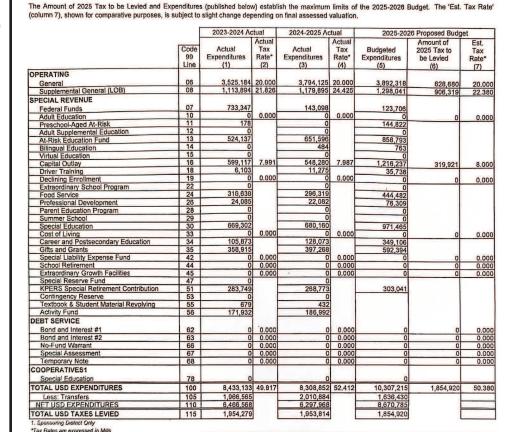


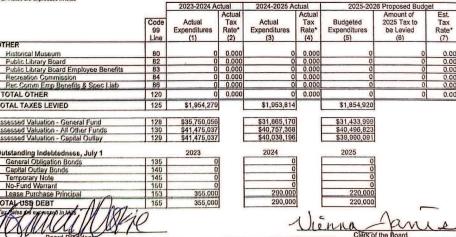


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