Ag Talk with Jeanne **Early Season** Wheat Disease Update

for wheat disease development in Kansas. This statement may surprise some of you, because the wheat is only just greening up in some areas of the state.

As it turns out, February and March are important because we often receive our first reports of disease activity from states to our south. This is particularly relevant for the rust diseases, which often survive the winter in these southern climates.

Mississippi. Stripe rust has been observed in all four states and of stripe rust to date. appears to be spreading beyond not the other states.

leaf rust from Texas are the most monitoring the situation in Texas important for us, because weather and Oklahoma. If the disease systems often transport the rust continues to develop in Texas spores from these regions into or is reported in Oklahoma, we Oklahoma and Kansas. Varieties will need to evaluate the need such as Everest, Armour, and for fungicides to suppress rust So far this year there are several TAM 111 are being affected in development in fields planted to reports of rust developing in Texas this year. This is similar to susceptible varieties.

March is an important month Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and what was observed in 2012 and there are no reports of new races

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Bob Hunger, wheat disease the initial foci of infection. Leaf specialist for Oklahoma State rust has been reported in Texas but University, is reporting no finds of rust in Oklahoma as of March The reports of stripe rust and 21. Growers in Kansas should be

SCRAMBLING FOR CANDY was part of the fun at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Cold weather rule ended on March 31

who are delinquent on electric require payment in full. and natural gas utility bills will service. The rule, in effect Nov. 1 through March 31 each year, provides protection to residential customers who cannot fully pay winter utility bills from companies under the Kansas Corporation Commission's jurisdiction. That protection ended Sunday.

but cautions that failure to make to the regular monthly bill. arrangements or failure to adhere

The Kansas Cold Weather Rule plan could result in service customers during cold winter ended on March 31, and Kansans disconnection. Reconnection may

The Cold Weather Rule requires be subject to disconnection of utilities to set up 12-month Cold Weather Rule applies only payment plans for customers who cannot afford to pay their full bill. As part of this arrangement, the customer must make an initial payment of 1/12 of the overdue amount, 1/12 of the bill for current Cold Weather Rule is available service, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection english.htm>kcc.ks.gov/pi/cwr_ The commission reminds fees, plus any applicable deposit english.htm. Kansans may also Kansas customers there is still owed to the utility. The balance contact their local utility company time to contact your utility will be billed in equal payments or the commission's office of company to set up a payment plan, over the next 11 months in addition public affairs and consumer

The commission adopted the to an already established payment Cold Weather Rule to protect

weather by providing a reasonable and organized method of paying past due and current bills. The to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the commission's jurisdiction.

at: protection at (800) 662-0027.

More information about the <http://kcc.ks.gov/pi/cwr_

Dinner and ventriloquist to entertain in Bird City

You don't want to miss the next Community Club Dinner and Ventriloquist event planned for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Legion hall.

Bird City is bringing in the famous ventriloquist, Greg Claassen who as a young boy developed a determination to learn the skill of "throwing his voice." Through the years of performing since 1980, and as a full time professional since 1998, he has developed national recognition where laughter and good humor have a place.

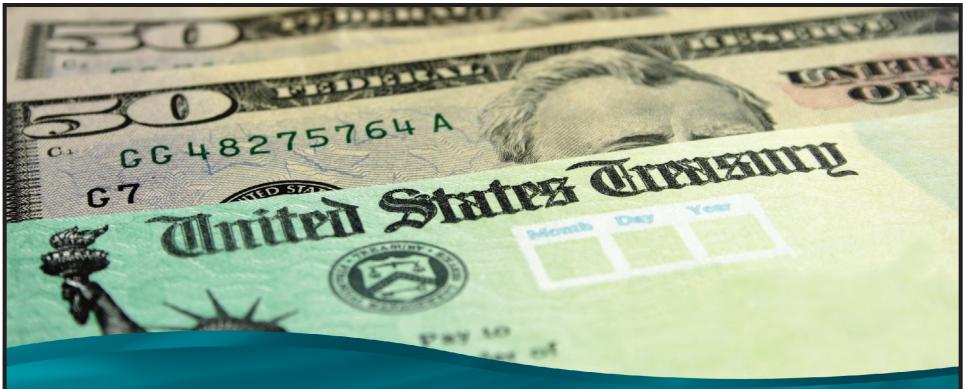
He has developed his skills to shows.

make just about anything talk. After just six years into his career, he members from the audience into was selected as a national winner his acts and makes them the real in the "Bob Hope Search for the stars in a fascinating manner. He Top" Comedy Competition. Mr. spontaneously uses his humor to Classen was a featured performer draw the audience together and at the popular family theme park, take them away from their cares Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo., and more than 3,000 business functions.

Mr. Claassen's acts are totally clean and at a level all ages are able is contagious. to understand and laugh at. His pledge is to never resort to vulgarity, or humiliating stunts in any of his

During his show he pulls and draws them together for instantaneous healing and relaxation for the moment. His spontaneous act is a demonstration that laughter

Tickets can be purchased from any community club member. or call Barbara Waters, 734-2635, for more information.



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