



Western Plains to present storyteller, musician Sunday

Kelly Werts will perform in the Sharon Springs High School auditorium, at 3 p.m., Sunday, as part of the Western Plains Arts Association lineup for 2003-04.

“Kelly will feature a variety show using fiddling, singing, and storytelling as well as some unusual instruments for your entertainment,” said Vicky Waldschmidt, media correspondent with the association.

In addition to Sunday’s performance, she said, Werts will give a presentation to Sharon Springs High School student on Monday, Jan. 19 at 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time.

“This program will have a Kansas Day theme,” she said.

Also on Monday starting at 1:30 p.m. Central Time, Werts will present his program for the students at the Oakley Elementary School.

Admission at the door for the public performance on Sunday will be adults: \$8 and students: \$4, or by Western Plains Arts Association season passes.

This program, Waldschmidt said, is presented in part by the Kansas Touring Program of the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Fewer acres put into winter wheat

WICHITA (AP) — Fewer winter wheat acres have been planted nationwide, a decline led by Kansas, where farmers seeded less of their parched land into wheat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday.

Kansas farmers planted 9.9 million acres of hard red winter wheat, down 500,000 acres — or 5 percent — from the previous crop.

“We were anticipating something similar to last year’s acreage — given the price, given the farm program,” said Eddie Wells, a statistician for Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service. “It surprised us, that is for sure.”

Some of the areas showing the biggest declines in the state were hard-hit by drought — northwest Kansas, west central Kansas and southwest Kansas.

Nationwide, wheat acres are down 3 percent to 43.5 million acres. Hard red winter wheat accounted for 31 million of those acres, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Acreage declines are reported in the southern Great Plains states, where moisture supplies remain low, the agriculture department said.

The Texas High Plains received only 54 percent of normal rainfall between August and October.

While widespread showers in

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September and October helped improve soil moisture in Kansas, it was still drier than needed for planting.

By Nov. 30, KASS was listing topsoil moisture as short to very short in 65 percent of the state.

It has been so dry in northwest Kansas that wheat planted in some fields has still not emerged, KASS said. Germination rates in Colorado also were below normal when the crop went into dormancy.

Declines in planted acreage were most notable in the driest parts of Kansas — west central and southwest Kansas both seeded 10 percent fewer acres. In northwest Kansas, planted acreage was down 7 percent.

Oklahoma farmers planted 6.4 million acres of winter wheat, edging out Texas for the number two spot. Texas had 6.2 million planted acres, according to USDA figures.

Missouri seeded 1.05 million acres, up 9 percent from a year ago.

Kansas, the nation’s largest wheat producing state, saw its wheat acreage peak in 1937, when 17.1 million acres was planted to the crop, Wells said.

Although acreage fluctuates, planted acres have mostly hovered around 10 million acres in Kansas since the 1960s.

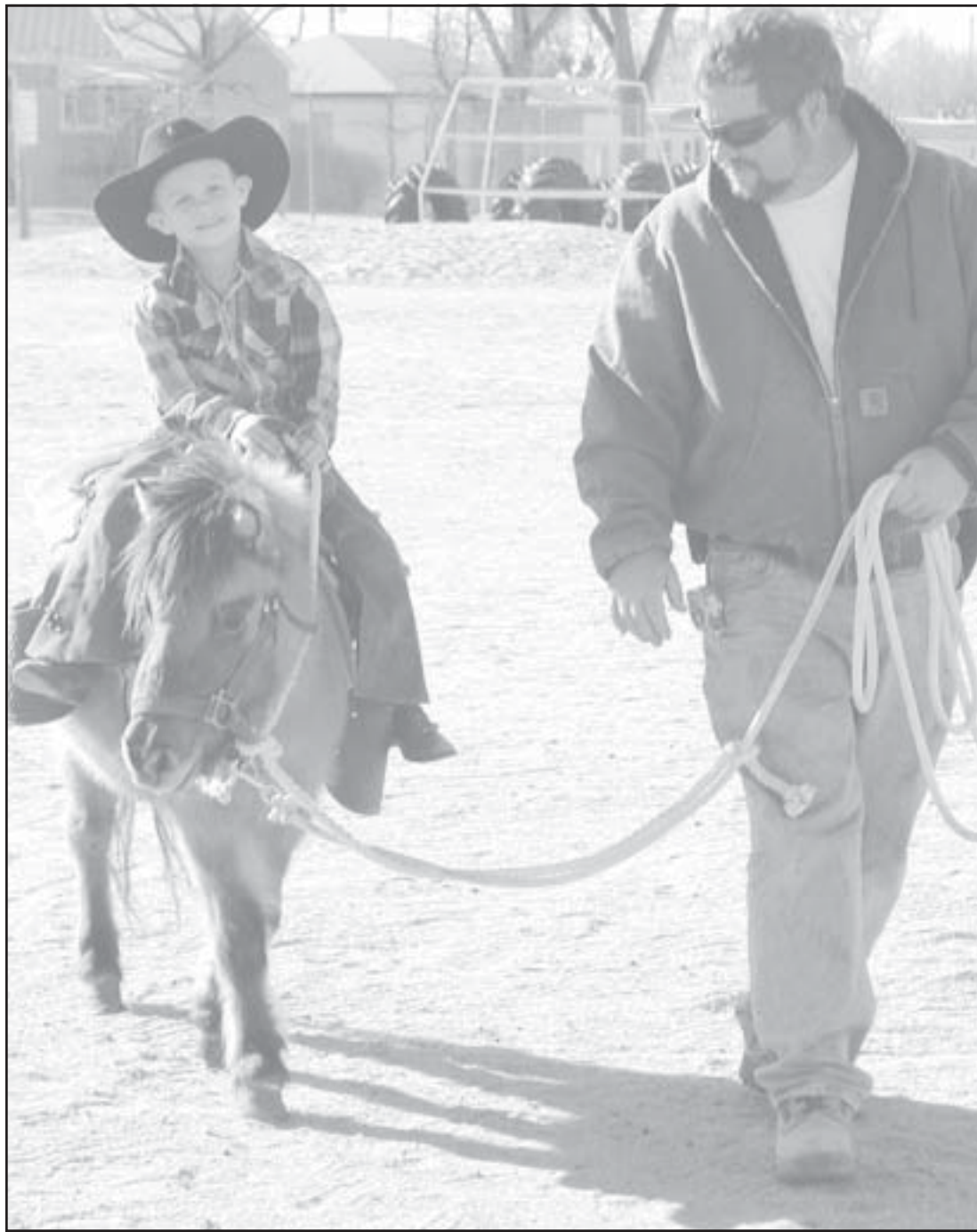
In 1993, however, the state seeded 12.1 million acres in wheat.

“The biggest impact the last 10 to 15 years is international,” Wells said.

“We don’t look at Kansas wheat or U.S. wheat. We look at world wheat.”

Timely rains that eased drought conditions at critical times last spring helped Kansas cut a bountiful winter wheat harvest last year, while other crops struggled during another hot, dry summer.

Studying cowboys, cowgirls



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Tate Carney, 5, wearing chaps and cowboy hat, was one of many pre-kindergarten students taking part in classroom work about Kansas cowboys and cowgirls during a segment of “Home on the Range,” said Sharon Shirley, pre-school and pre-kindergarten teacher at Colby Sacred Heart School. Carney was riding “Spirit,” a miniature horse with his grandfather, Bernie Koerperich of Selden, leading. Every day this week, Shirley said, there will be horse rides provided by different parents and made available for the 54 children in pre-school and pre-kindergarten as one of the activities in the curriculum.

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WEEKDAYS													JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19												
	6 AM		6:30	7 AM		7:30	8 AM		8:30	9 AM		9:30	10 AM		10:30	11 AM		11:30							
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News			Good Morning America						John Walsh Show			The View			Holly-wood		News							
KSNK/NBC (3) (9)	News Cont'd			Today									Live With Regis and Kelly			Martha Stewart Living									
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News						Early Show			700 Club			Price Is Right			Young and the Restless									
K15CG (3)	World News		Priscilla-Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou		Beren. Bears	Barney-Friends	Dragon Tales		Lions		Sesame Street			Clifford-Red	Teletub-bies								
WGN (13)	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.		Believer Voice	Celebrity Justice	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Happy Days		Matlock			In the Heat of the Night			Rockford Files										
NICK (29)	Oddpar-ents		Rocket Power	Rugrats		Spon-geBob	Max & Ruby	Rubba-dubbers		Dora the Explorer		Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer		Blue's Clues	Little Bill		Varied							
FAM (30)	Digimon		Bey-blade	Power Rangers		Digimon		Growing Pains		700 Club				7th Heaven			Full House								
USA (31)	JAG			Nash Bridges		Varied		Movie			Varied Programs			Movie											
TBS (37)	Saved by Bell		Saved by Bell	Movie						Dawson's Creek			Dawson's Creek			Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell								
TNT (38)	Lost World				Pretender			Charmed			ER			ER			Judging Amy								
DSC (42)	Paid Program		Paid Program		Paid Program		Paid Program		Assignment Discovery			Christopher Lowell			It's Christopher Lowell!			Rally Round the House							
A&E (47)	Varied Programs				Movie						Murder, She Wrote			Murder, She Wrote			City Confidential								
ESPN (49)	SportsCenter			SportsCenter			Sports-Center		Varied		SportsCenter			SportsCenter			Sports-Center		Varied						
HBO (7)	Movie Cont'd			Varied		Movie		Varied Programs				Movie			Varied Programs										
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus		Stanley		Wiggles		JoJo's Circus		Wiggles		Stanley		Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box		PB&J Otter		Wiggles	JoJo's Circus					
MAX (21)	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs						Movie				Varied Programs												

WEEKDAYS JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19

	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News
KSNK/NBC 3 9	News	Family Feud	Days of Our Lives		Passions		Inside Edition	Family Feud	Millionaire	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		People's Court		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 3	Reading Rainbow	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs			George Shrinks	Beren. Bears	Liberty's Kids	Cyberchase	Arthur	Zoom	Business
WGN 13	News		In the Heat of the Night		Street Smarts	Happy Days	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK 29	Bob the Builder	Dora the Explorer	Rugrats	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Yakkity Yak	Oddparents	U-Pick	SpongeBob	Amanda	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!
FAM 30	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	So Little Time	Full House	7th Heaven		Switched!	Knock First	Full House	Full House
USA 31	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie		Varied Programs		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
TBS 37	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld
TNT 38	Law & Order		NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		Judging Amy		Angel		Charmed	
DSC 42	Surprise by Design		Surprise by Design		Rally Round the House		Double Agents		Varied Programs			
A&E 47	American Justice		Movie				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential	
ESPN 49	NFL Live	Varied Programs						Around the Horn		Interruption	Sports-Center	Varied
HBO 7	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs										
DISN 17	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Winnie-Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens
MAX 21	Movie Cont'd	Movie		Varied Programs						Movie		Varied

THURSDAY							JANUARY 15						
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Threat Matrix PPX (N) (CC)		Extreme Makeover (CC)		Prime-time Thursday (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! Amanda Bynes. (N)		
KSNK/NBC (8) (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Friends (N) (CC)	Good Morning	Will & Grace	Scrubs (N) (CC)	ER NICU (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Tonight Show JC. (N) (CC)	Late Night (N)		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Cold Case: Churchgoing People		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show (N) (CC)	Late Late		
K15CG (3)	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight	New This Old House: Hour (CC)		Frontline: From China With Love (N)		As Time Goes By	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
WGN (13)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Movie: Lock Up ***½ (1989) An innocent inmate tries to survive a New Jersey prison.				News (CC)		Becker (CC)	Will & Grace	The Sharon Osbourne Show (N)		
NICK (29)	Rugrats (CC)	Spon-geBob	Oddpar-ents	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM (30)	7th Heaven Lost (CC)	Movie: The Great Outdoors *** (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Candy.				Whose Line?		Whose Line?	700 Club (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
USA (31)	JAG Ghost Ship (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims		Movie: Ransom *** (1996, Suspense) A wealthy executive turns the tables on his son's abductor. Mel Gibson. (CC)				Whose Line?		Movie: The Road Warrior (1981) (CC)			
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Sister Act *** (1992, Comedy) (PA) Whoopi Goldberg. (CC)		Movie: Michael *** (1996) Tabloid journalists see the light with an angel's help. John Travolta. (CC)				Movie:				
TNT (38)	Law & Order: Disciple (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: Equal Rights (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Sliding Doors *** (1998) A train's sliding doors trigger a woman's fantasy life.		Movie: Sliding Doors *** (1998) A train's sliding doors trigger a woman's fantasy life.				Movie: Sliding Doors *** (1998) A train's sliding doors trigger a woman's fantasy life.				
DSC (42)	New Detectives: Forensic Science	Bunkers: Buried History (N)	Covert Action: Operation Rescue		More Than Human Cave Drawings (N)		Bunkers: Buried History		Covert Action: Operation Rescue				
A&E (47)	American Justice: Hiding in Plain Sight	Biography: Kurt Russell: Heavy Hitter	Movie: Unlawful Entry ***½ (1992, Suspense) Kurt Russell. (Premiere) (CC)				Third Watch A Rock and a Hard Place		Biography: Kurt Russell: Heavy Hitter				
ESPN (49)	(5:30) PGA Golf: Sony Open -- First Round. Honolulu. (Live) (CC)	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche. Pepsi Center. (Live) (CC)				Sports-Center		Rome Is Burning (N) (CC)					
HBO (7)	(5:15) Movie: Club Paradise: ** (1986)	Inside: the NFL (CC)		Movie: Sniper 2 ***½ (2002, Action) Tom Berenger. (CC)		Chris Rock		G-String Divas	G-String Divas	Inside: the NFL (CC)			
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister: Lizzie McGuire	Movie: Cadet Kelly ***½ (2002, Comedy-Drama) Hilary Duff. (CC)		Sister, Sister	Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible		Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister			
MAX (21)	(5:45) Movie: Next of Kin ***½ (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze.	Movie: Real Women Have Curves *** (2002) (CC)				Movie: Old School ** (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. (CC)		Movie: Dangerous Pleasures (2002, Adult) Jaci Andrews.					

FRIDAY JANUARY 16

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (5)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	Married-Kellys	Hope & Faith	Life With Bonnie	20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (3)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Ed (N) (CC)		Third Watch Black & Blue (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Tonight Show Charliez Theron. (N)		Late Night (N)
KBSL/CBS (12)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Joan of Arcadia Recreation (N) (CC)		JAG Good Intentions (N)		Handler Acts of Congress (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show (CC)		Late Late
K15CG (3)	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	Wash. Week	Wall-Fortune	Market-Market	Kansas Week		Now With Bill Moyers (N) (CC)		As Time Goes By	New Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
WGN (13)	Becker Sue You	Home Improve.	Movie: Night and the City *** (1992, Drama) Robert De Niro. (CC)				News (CC)		Becker (CC)	Will & Grace	The Sharon Osbourne Show (N)	
NICK (29)	Rugrats (CC)	Spon-geBob	Oddpar-ents	Chalk-Zone	To Be Announced		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM (30)	7th Heaven Consideration (CC)	Movie: She-Devil (1989) A housewife plots revenge on her unfaithful husband.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	700 Club (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	
USA (31)	Monk Mr. Monk and the 12th Man (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims		Law & Order: Special Victims		Monk Mr. Monk and the Paperboy (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		Monk Mr. Monk and the Paperboy (CC)		
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (Friends) The Maid	Movie: Set It Off *** (1996, Drama) (PA) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. (CC)				Movie: A Perfect Murder ** (1998, Suspense) Michael Douglas. (CC) (DVS)		Movie: The Goodbye Girl (2004) Sparks fly between unwilling roommates in a New York flat. (CC)		Movie: Dead Calm *** (1988) (CC)		
TNT (38)	Law & Order Missing (CC) (DVS)	Movie: The Goodbye Girl (2004, Romance-Comedy) Patricia Heaton. (CC)				Movie: The Goodbye Girl (2004) Sparks fly between unwilling roommates in a New York flat. (CC)		Movie: The Goodbye Girl (2004) Sparks fly between unwilling roommates in a New York flat. (CC)		Movie: ItCould		
DSC (42)	Monster House Hacienda House	Gold Star Racing		American Chopper POW/MIA 1		American Hot Rod (N) (CC)		Gold Star Racing		American Chopper POW/MIA 1		
A&E (47)	American Justice: A Guy Fisher	Poitrot Peril at End House A young woman becomes hysterical after her fiancé is killed.				Between the Lines (N) (CC)		Third Watch Walking Wounded		Poitrot Peril at End House (CC)		
ESPN (49)	PGA Golf: Sony Open -- Second Round. Honolulu. (Live) (CC)				Hey Rookie, Welcome		NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Sacramento Kings. ARCO Arena. (Live) (CC)					
HBO (7)	Inside the NFL (CC)		Real Time (Season Premiere) (Live)		Movie: The Transporter ** (2002, Action) Jason Statham.		Sex and the City		Curb-Enthusm		Real Time (CC)	
DISN (17)	Tha't-Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Movie: Pixel Perfect (2004, Comedy) Ricky Ullman.		Movie: Pixel Perfect (2004) A hologram sings for a struggling band. Ricky Ullman.		Proud Family		Even Stevens		Smart Guy (CC)	
MAX (21)	(5:00) Movie:	The Hunt for Red October (1990) A Soviet nuclear submarine heads toward the coast of Maine.										
		Movie: Shadow Lat *** (2001, Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black. (CC)										
		Best Sex Ever										
		Movie:										