Even though it's green, looks can be deceiving

Conservation Office

Spring is here.

After several years of brown springs, it looks like we might just have a green one, complete with wildflowers and lush grasses. It even smells green. But looks can be deceiving on native rangelands of

In our part of the world, we have perennial grasses that rely on extensive root systems and the carbohydrates stored within those roots to grow each year. Roots don't last forever. In fact, a healthy grass plant replaces about 25 percent of its root mass each summer.

When a plant is undergoing drought stress, this does not happen; the old roots still die, so each year of drought results in about a 25 percent loss of root mass and carbohydrate reserves. If the drought continues, the plant can become weaker and weaker until it eventually dies. This condition is worsened when grazing pressure prevents rest for the plant during the growing season, and the ability to maintain adequate

We are seeing some death loss to native grasses due to the prolonged drought. This usually shows up as "thinning" of grass stands, or in some cases, large patches of bare ground. Now that we have some moisture, it is time to nurse our native grasses back to health with good rangeland management prac-

A lot of folks took a hit in the pocketbook by reducing cow herds, purchasing feed, or in some cases not grazing at all. However, expenses, such as taxes and land pay-

It is tempting to try and recover some of these expenses as quickly as possible, but this may actually hurt you and your rangeland resource in the long haul.

Native grasses evolved with grazing. Bison, elk, deer, and ante-

In fact, the native grasses need graz-seeds germinating beneath it. ing to remain healthy, but coming out of a drought, grazing needs to be carefully planned and stocking rates need to be conservative until trees. those root masses are built back up.

As a general rule, for each year of drought, it will take a year of normal precipitation for the native grazing is a prescription to improve ever. the health of a pasture.

western wheatgrass, need early growing season rest to recover. The grasses such as buffalo grass or blue

These grasses need rest for the last 45 days of the growing season. In a planned grazing system, or rotational grazing system, it is important for all pastures to be grazed once before July 1. Livestock can then be rotated through the pastures a second time. Failure to do this results in the increase of invasive annual grasses, such as downey brome, six weeks fescue and little

By grazing for even a short time, livestock make use of these grasses and lessen their competition with native grasses later in the season.

Also, a grass plant grazed off once is more tender the second time around and livestock will make use of some grasses that would otherwise loose their palatability and THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL protein content.

Weeds are well adapted to take advantage of drought-stressed pastures. In western Kansas, the weed of biggest concern may well be western ragweed. Western ragweed is a perennial weed that is difficult to eradicate so chemical control measures may need to be used. This weed also has a trick up its sleeve...it is allelopathic. Allelopathic means this plant puts out a

No sour grapes here NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Call it the maintain freshness. Their products

biofuel boomerang. Valentin and Nanette Humer sell their gourmet grapeseed oil to upscale Napa Valley restaurants. Then, they pick up the used oil to run their company

The fry 'em up, fill 'er up apforts and makes the Humers' wallets a little fatter, too.

"We haven't seen a gas station in two years," Valentin Humer said with a laugh.

Humer, founder and president of Napa-based Food & Vine Inc., is an Austrian-trained chef and hotelier who became interested in grapeseed oil more than 15 years

He and his wife put together a taste panel of renowned chefs, including the late Jean-Louis Palladin, to develop a grapeseed oil they liked, then worked with a leading Italian producer to make their product. The oil, packaged in Napa, comes in UV-protective bottles to

include herb and spice-infused oils.

In a tip of the hat to the two main suppliers of grape seeds, the oil is sold under the name "Salute Sante" — Italian and French for "To your

greases the wheels of recycling ef- with the skins after crushing. It takes a lot of grape seeds to make makes about 1 liter, or 33 ounces, which sells for \$16.95 on the company's Web site.

> But the tiny seeds are worth crushing. The oil is prized for its light, clean taste and high smoke

Eventually, the couple would like to use California grape seeds to make their oil, though there aren't any grape seed-crushing facilities in the state and it would take a sizable financial investment to create

For now, grapeseed oil is "where May 2 and 9, 2007.) olive oil was 25 years ago," Humer

From the Natural Resources lands before European settlement. from growing beneath it, or at least

Some plants you may be familiar with that are allelopathic include walnut trees and eastern redcedar

In this area, it is seldom prudent to fertilize native grasses. Annual weeds and grasses will usually use the fertilizer and further damage the rangelands to recover. A five-year native grasses. Give your native drought means about five years to grasses time and proper care, and get back to full production. Planned they will soon be as productive as

For assistance in developing a Cool-season grasses, such as prescribed grazing system, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service. Their range exopposite is true for warm-season perts will offer you advice to get on the right track in restoring your native rangelands.

> The office is located at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the internet at offices.usda.gov. More information is also available on the Kansas Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF **THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of MURREL MARIE PANTLIK,

No. 2007-PR-9

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PERSONS CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that on April 13, 2007 a Petition was filed in this court by the under-

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the dece dent dated November 26, 1999 and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Cindy Marie Hake be appointed as Executor and be granted Let ters Testamentary without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioner in lope all made use of native range- chemical that prevents other plants this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settle ment of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Grape seeds are a byproduct of Colby, Kansas at which time and place the proach saves restaurants money, the wine industry, left over along cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition

> grapeseed oil: About 1 ton of grapes All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall

> > Cindy Marie Hake Petitioner

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