

News Column
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WHEAT PLOT TOUR – TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND

When I was younger – and able to stay awake past 10:00 p.m. – I was a fan of the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, and then the Late Show with David Letterman. With Letterman, I just tried to make it through the top10 list before falling asleep. If I could do that, then it was a good night.

I obviously don't have the talented writing staff that Letterman had, but his top 10 lists weren't always good either. Therefore, with no apologies if you think my list is bad, I present to you my top 10 reasons for attending our upcoming wheat plot tour.

As you read this list, be sure read it like you would have heard it on late night TV – with the appropriate pauses for applause, laughter, or groaning,...and imagine that Letterman himself was reading the list to you. Like this, “Number 10,...(pause),...then read the line.”

Top 10 reason you should attend the Riley County Extension Wheat Variety Plot Tour:

10. You want to see the varieties, learn what's new, and choose which varieties to plant this fall.
9. You want to see your friends, learn what's new, and choose which friends you still like after a year of isolation.
8. There's nothing else on the calendar that night.
7. The wheat price is good. Maybe it is time to re-learn to grow wheat.
6. You need rain and you remember that it has rained on every wheat tour you have

ever attended.

5. Your shoes are dusty and walking through wheat shines them up nicely.
4. You've never been to the northwest corner of the county and you want to check out the nightlife in Bodaville.
3. You never pass up a free meal.
2. You registered to attend and now you feel obligated.

And,...(drum roll)...the number 1 reason to attend the Riley County Extension Wheat Variety Plot Tour on May 26,.....

1. You were a student in Bob Whearty's high school Ag class and you just miss Bob.

This year's Riley County Extension wheat variety plot tour will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26. The plot is located on Bob Whearty's farm, just ½ mile east of the Fancy Creek Church.

Giving good directions is a challenge, but I get there by going 4 miles west of Randolph on the Green-Randolph Road, then taking County Road 875 northwest to the Fancy Creek Church. Turn east at the church and you'll drive right to the plot. Or, plug 14401 Bodaville Road into your GPS and you'll get close enough to find the plot.

The free meal mentioned in the top ten list – your reason for attending – is sponsored by Central Valley Ag and the Kansas Wheat Alliance. While there is no charge, we still need reservations so we can prepare the right amount of food.

Please register online at www.riley.ksu.edu by noon on Monday, May 24. Or, call my office to make your reservations.

If you have questions, you can reach me at the Riley County Extension Office at 785/537-6350. Or, you can send e-mail to gmcclure@ksu.edu.

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