

The background image is a landscape photograph. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, green and yellowish grasses. In the middle ground, there is a line of trees and a body of water. In the background, there are rolling hills under a cloudy sky.

Barber County Conservation District

2025

A Year At A Glance

2025 Annual Meeting

- **January 25, 2025 – Kiowa, KS**
 - **Election Of One Supervisor**
- **John Cook Was Re-Elected To Another
3-Year Term**

2025 Annual Meeting

Bankers Award Winners

Robert Larson

Brendon Wheelock

Grasslands Award Winners

James Colborn

Phil Hinz

2025 Annual Meeting

**Six Conservation Poster Contest
Winners And Their Families Were Present
For Recognition.**

What A Cool Bunch Of Kids!

75th Annual Meeting



PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICE (NRCS) – FEDERALLY FUNDED
AGENCY**

**BARBER COUNTY CONSERVATION
DISTRICT – STATE AND COUNTY
FUNDED ENTITY**

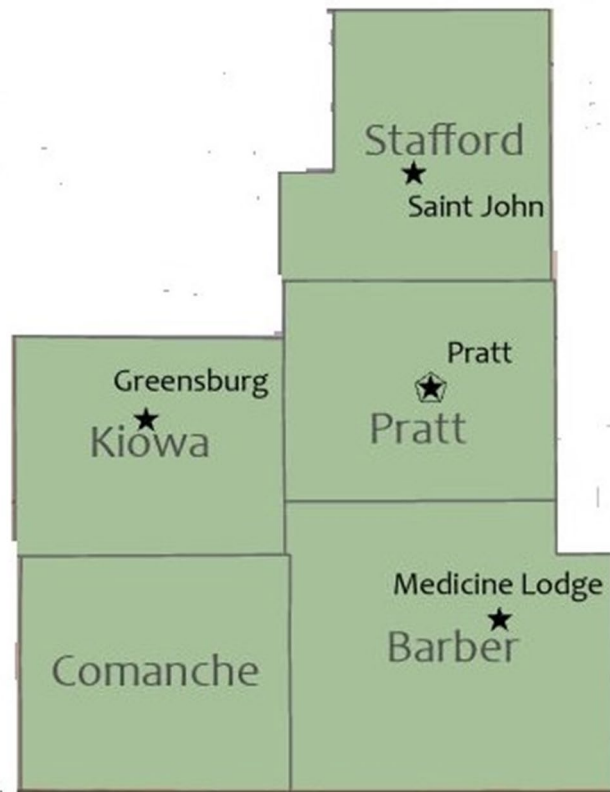
Local Operational Agreement

The Local Operational Agreement Between NRCS And The Conservation District Basically Establishes That NRCS Provides Facilities, Equipment, And Technical Assistance To The District. In Turn, The District Provides Clerical Assistance To NRCS, Including Administration of Federal Cost Share Programs.

Pratt Management Unit

Barber County Is One Of Five Counties Working Within
The Pratt Management Unit

Barber
Comanche
Kiowa
Pratt
Stafford



Federal Cost Share Programs

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
- **Great Plains Grassland Initiative (GPGL)**
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

EQIP Sign-Up

- **FY2026 Application Deadline Was January, 15 2026**
- **Assisted NRCS With Clerical Support**
- **2025 Program Year Received 23 Applications**
 - **Applications Are Always Accepted, But May Not Be In The Funding Pool For Current Fiscal Year Funds.**

GPGI

- **Great Plains Grassland Initiative**
- **Funded 2 New Contracts In The Amount Of \$146,280.35 For Addressing Plant Pest Pressure For Grazing Lands On 826 acres** (Brush Management, Prescribed Burning, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Pest Management system).



IRA

- **Inflation Reduction Act Funds**
- **Grass X-Press Lane**
 - **Used To Plant Grass On Row Crop Land**
- **6 Applications Funded Providing \$83,769.69 on 520.8 Acres Of land.**

Water Resources
Cost Share Program
(WRCSP)

Sign-Up Throughout The Year
Application Deadline April 30

Funds Received For Fiscal Year - \$26,856.50

WRCSP Allocations

**All Applications Received For Last FY
Were Applied To Livestock Water
Development Applications.**

LWD's Set As Funding Priority

**Livestock Water Developments –
\$26,856.50 On 738.8 Acres**

Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPS)

Fund Allocation - \$10,054.76

**All Applications Received For Last FY Were Allocated To
Livestock Water Development Applications
LWD'S Set As Funding Priority**

**Livestock Water Developments - \$9,350.00
on 114.94 Acres**

Grazinglands Enhancement **Initiative**

497,635 Grassland Acres In Barber County

- **Recognized As Priority With Second Most Grassland Acres In Kansas**
 - **Eligible To Apply For Grazinglands Enhancement Initiative**
- **Received \$25,00 Additional Cost Share Funds For Practices That Enhance Pastures And Rangeland Currently Used For Grazing Livestock**

Conservation Accomplishments

- Practices Applied To Benefit Grazing Lands On 6,361.66 Acres



Livestock Water
Developments



Cross Fencing



Prescribed Grazing

Total Acres And \$\$\$

Farm Bill Programs

- **9 Conservation Plans**
Written On 1,419.5 Acres
- **Contracts Funded For \$242,622.68**

State Cost Share Programs

- **6 Conservation Plans**
Written On 1,202.49 Acres
- **4 Contracts Funded For \$39,530.19**

CoCoRaHS

Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network

Recognizing The
Importance Of Accurate
Data Collection And
Reporting, The District
Acts As County
Coordinator For
CoCoRaHS.

District Station Reported
32.27" In 2025



Local Working Group

- **Hosted Meeting March 12, 2025**
 - **Seven In Attendance**
- **Identify Barber County Natural Resource Concerns**
- **Make Recommendations For Federal Program Changes/Improvements**

Field Days & Workshops

- **Assisted With
Kansas
Prescribed Fire
Equipment &
Technology Field
Day**



Field Days & Workshops

- **Co-Sponsored
Farmer To Farmer
Workshop – Gyp
Hills Great Plains
Grassland Initiative**



Farmer to Farmer Workshop

**Monday, March 24th at the
Wilmore Community Building**
Lunch Begins at 12:00 p.m. Speakers on at 1:00 p.m.







Join us for the Gyp Hills Great Plains Grasslands Initiative workshop! John Weir, Eva Yearout, and Dusty Tacha will be there to talk and work with you so that you can begin recovering and maintaining your grazing lands at its most productive levels. Topics to be discussed will be key steps in the planning process, management scenarios, and options that can be used to reduce grassland risk and vulnerability to woody encroachment. Help us to defend and grow your core grasslands!

**Please RSVP for lunch with Nathan Tavaglione at
(620) 352-1597 or ntavaglione@pheasantsforever.org
www.kansaspfqf.org**



2025 Stewardship Week

April 27 – May 4

- **Theme – “Home Is Where The Habitat Is”**
- **District Offers Free Stewardship Materials To Churches And Educators In Barber County**



Spring Wildflower Tour

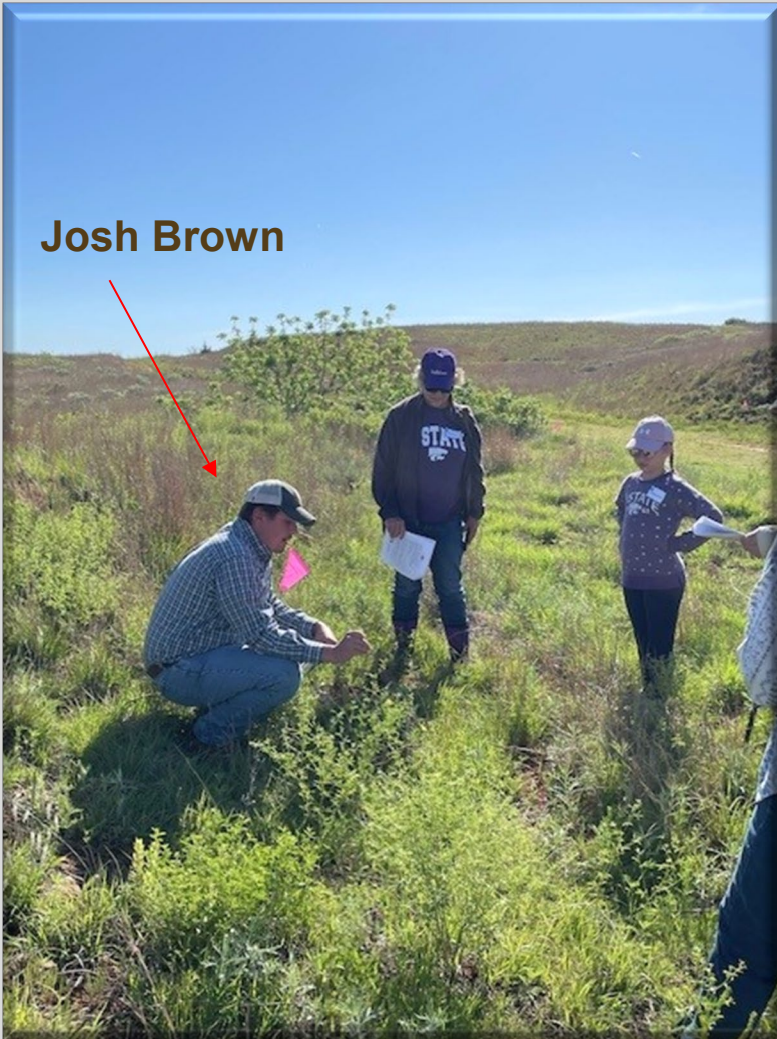
**May 10 A Perfect Day
As Twenty- One Guests
Gathered On The
Barber County Prairies
To See An Abundance
Of Native Wildflowers.**



Welcoming Committee

2025 Wildflower Tour Guides

Josh Brown



Lody Black



What A Great Team

**Couldn't Do It
Without Them!**

Range School

**District Offered To
Sponsor A Producer
To Attend The Kansas
Grazing Lands
Coalition**

**2025 Mid/Short Grass
Range School.**



Youth Range Camp

**District Offered
Scholarship To A
Barber County
Youth To Attend
The 2025 Range
Youth Camp.**



Conservation Education

Staff Demonstrated The Stream Trailer At School Conservation Field Days



Conservation Poster Contest

**“Home Is Where
The Habitat Is”
347 Entries !**





STATE CONTEST

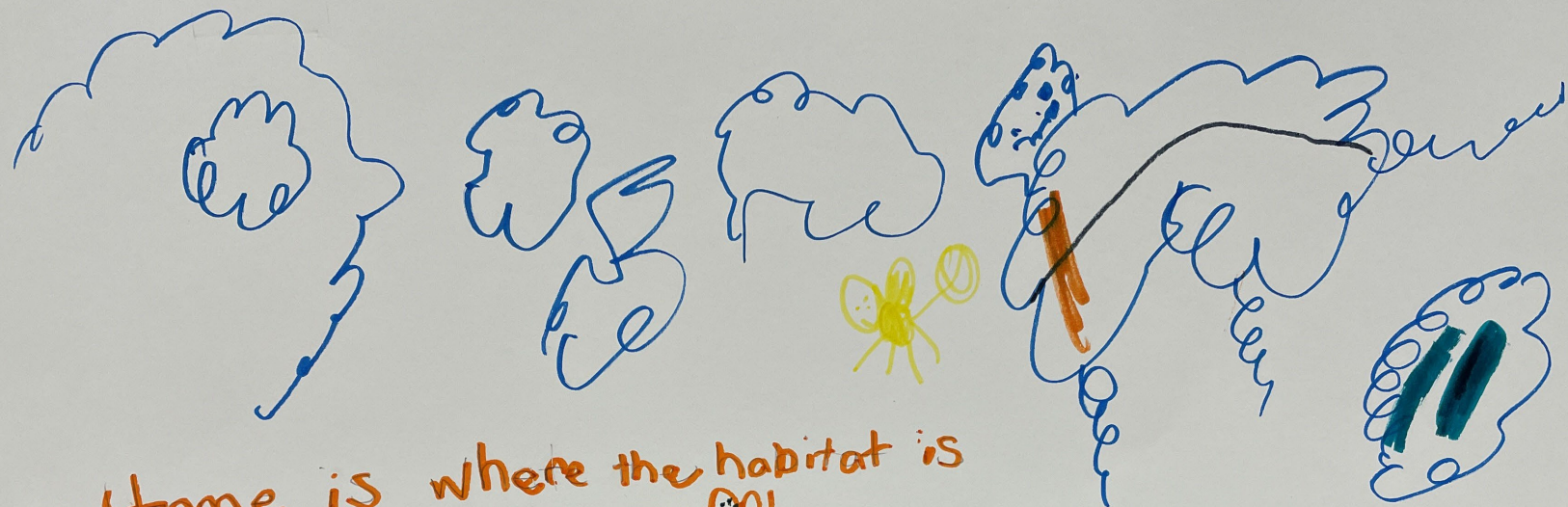
3rd Place
7 -9 GRADES

Darcie Miltner

STATE CONTEST

Honorable Mention
10-12 GRADES
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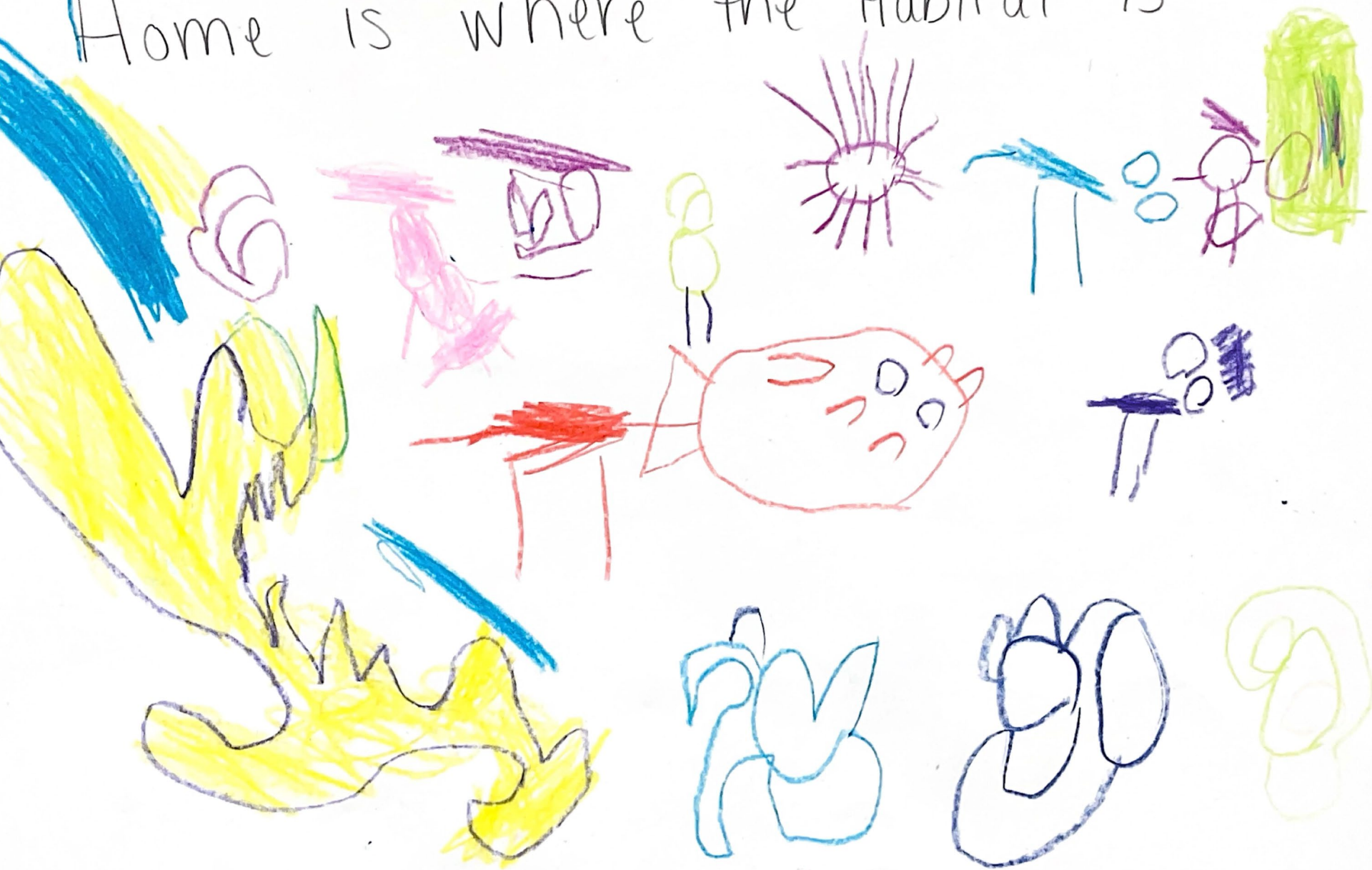
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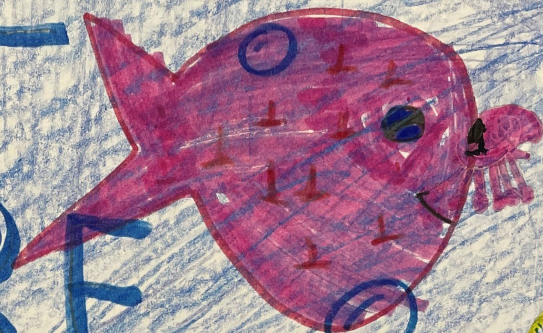
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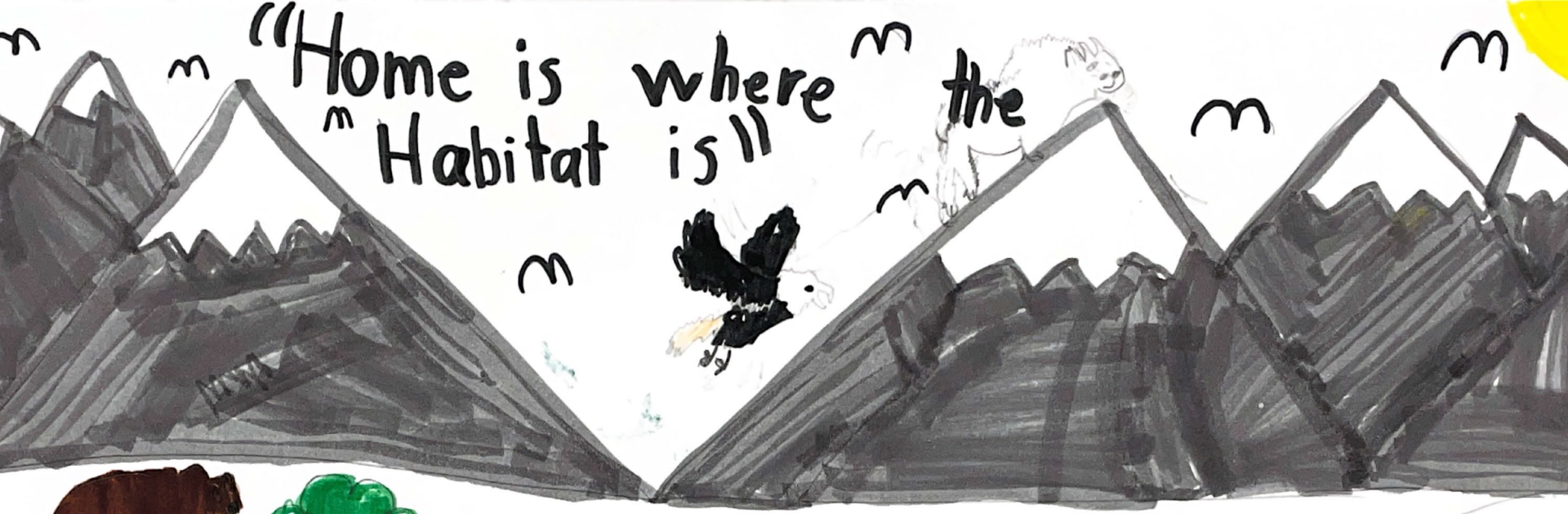


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PS and Plants farm



Home is where the habitat



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drylands



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Polar bear



desert



Pond



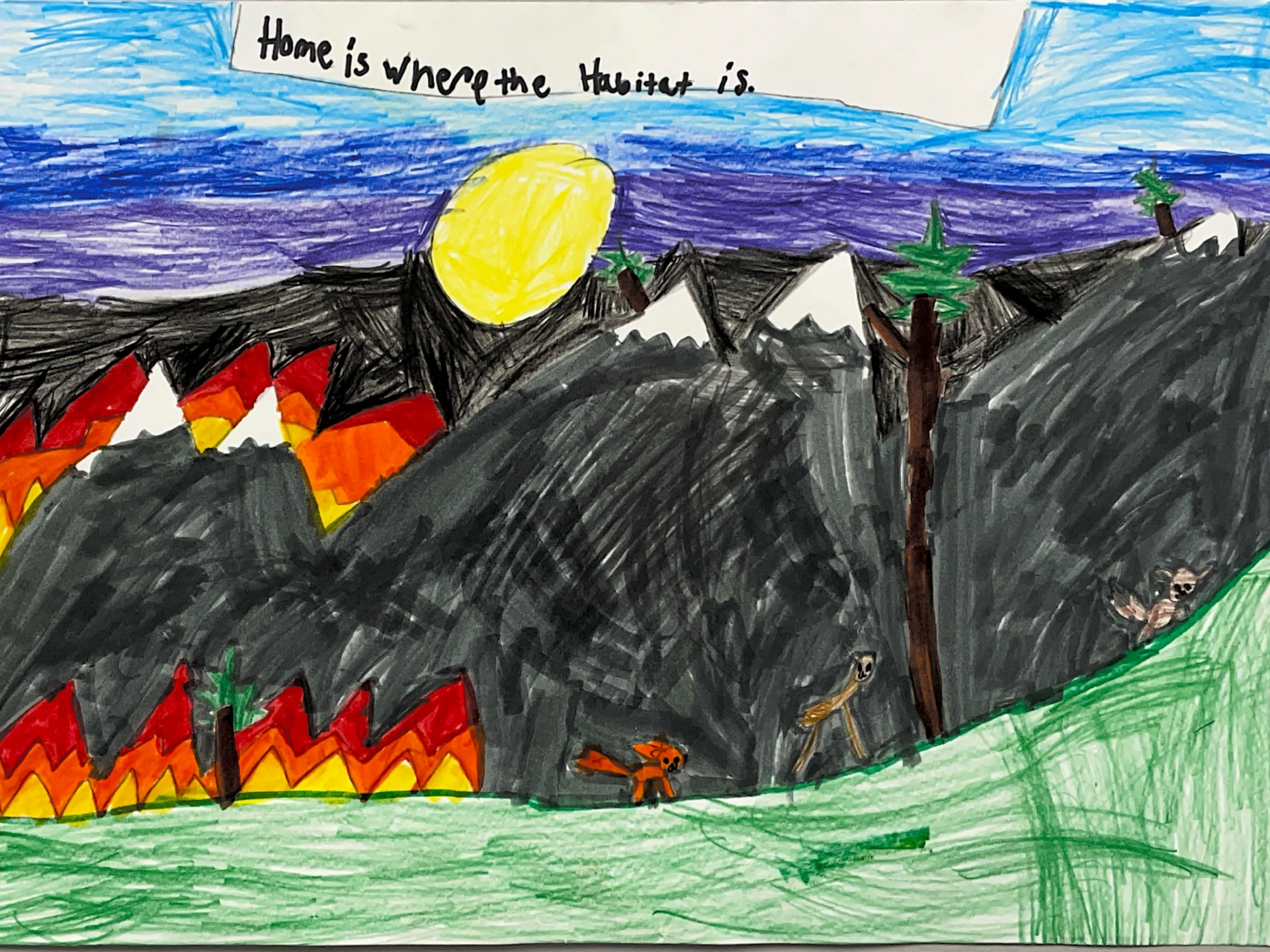
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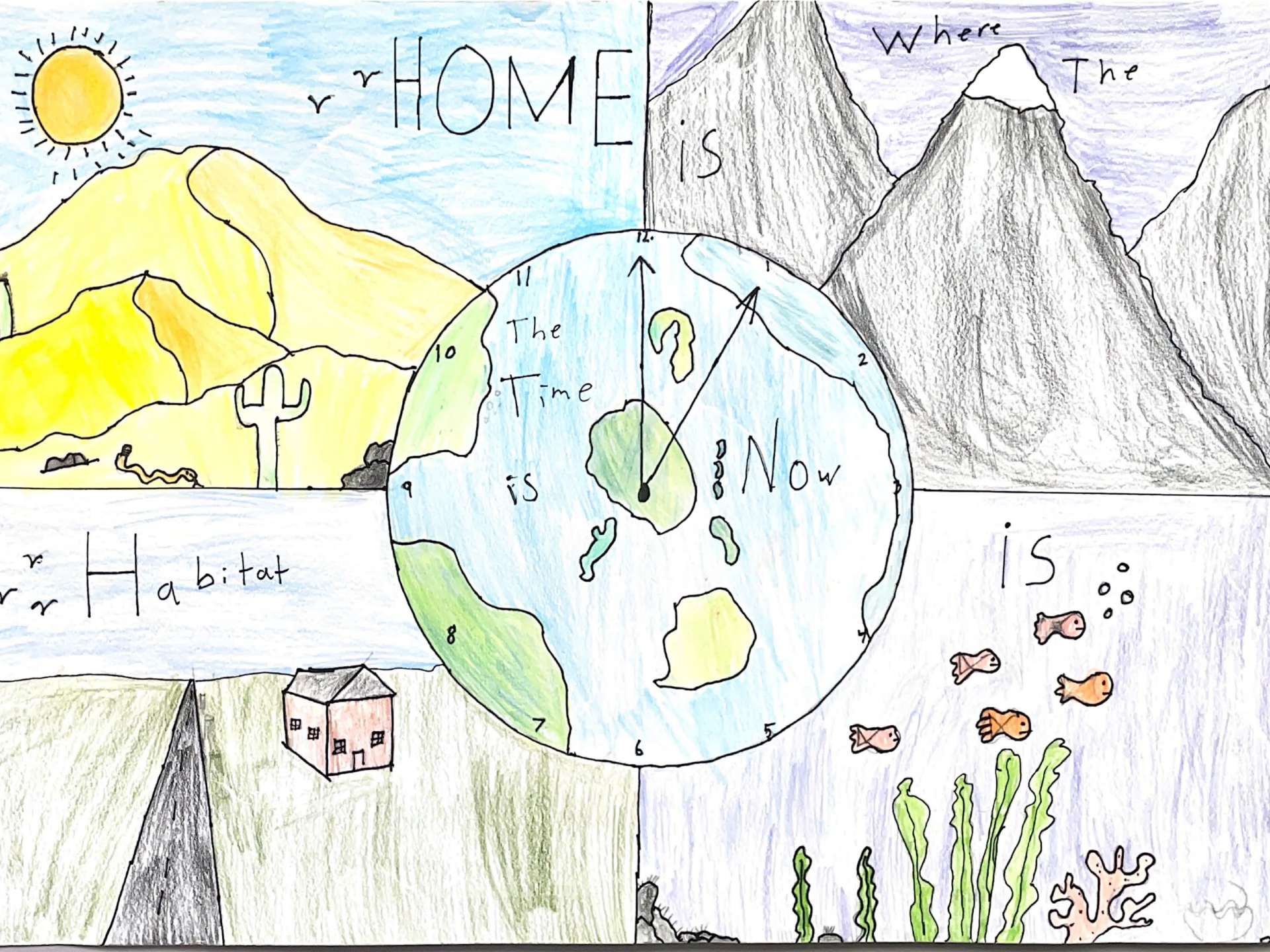
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**Bankers Soil
Conservation
Award**

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Kansas Association of Conservation

Districts Annual Convention

November 23-25

**Convention
Offers Breakout
Sessions And
Keynote
Speakers
Aimed At
Providing
Members With
Timely
Education And
Information.**



***...And
Networking!***



Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Convention November 23-25



EARTH TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Medicine Lodge Field Office Reported 30.5 Earth Team Volunteer Hours

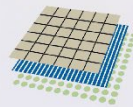
- **The Earth Team: Volunteer Workforce Making A Difference In
Conservation Work**
- **Contact The Conservation Staff To Find Out How You Can Be A Part Of
The Earth Team**

Barber County Plat Books And Wall Maps Available At Conservation Office

2024 PLAT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE!

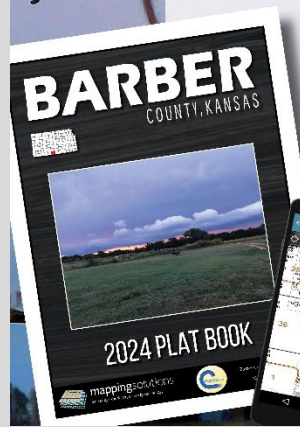
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SmartMap
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Barber County
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at 620-886-5311 ext. 3

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Products For Sale

- **Grass Seed**
- **Cover Crop Mixes**
- **Corrugated Plastic Pipe**
- **Corrugated Metal Pipe**
- **Cable Fencing & Components**
- **Survey Flags**
- **Wildlife Escape Ramps**

Services

Available for Rent

- **12' Grass Drill**
- **15' No Till Drill**
- **Burn Equipment**

www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com

The Conservation District Is On The Web!

**Lots Of Information Available On Everything
From The Wildflower Tour – Cost Share –
Products for Sale – District Newsletter – NRCS
Programs – Contractors List – Youth &
Education Activities And Winners.**

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Sustainability

**We Appreciate The Continued Support
From Barber County Landowners,
Schools, Businesses, Municipalities, And
The Barber County Commissioners.**

We're Here To Serve You

**Let Us Know How We Can Help Address
The Conservation Issues That Are
Important To You. Thank You For Your
Commitment To Conservation And For
Allowing Us To Assist In
Accomplishing Your Conservation
Goals.**