

# Kansas WILD Outdoors

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## DID YOU KNOW?

“Did you know that for every single four-leaf clover you find, you might have to look through 10,000 three-leaf clovers. Are they lucky because there are so few of them? Did you know that some clover plants can make a five-leaf clover. But those are super rare. You wouldn’t want to find those anyway; they are unlucky! Personally, I have never seen one, but I have found my share of four-leaf clovers. Don’t be discouraged if you’ve never found one before. You can always go on a HUNT. Find a good patch of clover. Pick your spot and start looking carefully. Even though 10,000 is a very big number, when it comes to clovers that’s only about four square feet. That means, in a good clover patch, you should be able to find several lucky four-leaf clovers.

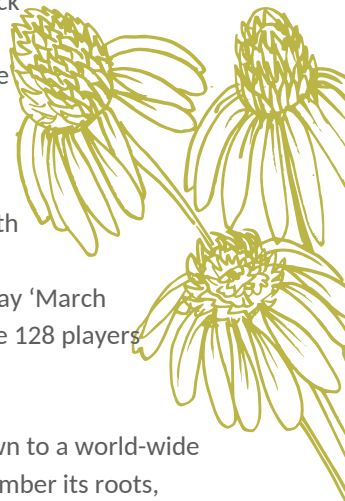


Here’s an interesting legend: It is said that Abraham Lincoln used to carry around a four leaf clover wherever he went. Just for extra luck. But on the night he was assassinated he didn’t have one on him.

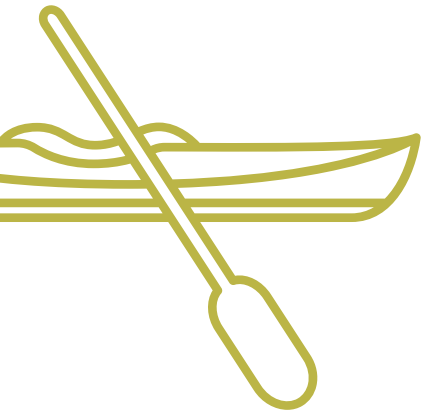
## SPOTLIGHT



Although High School Basketball season starts all the way back in November, it does not end until March. Back in 1939, an Illinois high school official named Henry V. Porter, coined the phrase ‘March Madness’ to describe the Basketball Fever that would go around at the end of the season when tournaments were taking place. This tournament season, in Illinois, continued to be referred to as March Madness, with increasing popularity, until it was trademarked in 1977. The NCAA tournament picked up the phrase in 1982 and today ‘March Madness’ is known and loved world wide. In 2017 there were 128 players from 49 countries that played in the tournaments.



March Madness began in one small community and has grown to a world-wide event. This month I encourage you to take a step back, remember its roots, and go support your local high school basketball tournaments. Enjoy March Madness where it began. In your own home towns.





## SAVE THE DATE

Around Kansas

1. **Family Fun Night:** Friday March 1, 5-8pm 6200 Martway St., Mission, KS (FREE)
2. **Annual World Water Day Fun Fest:** March 12, 10 AM-12 PM, Sternberg Museum, Hays (FREE)
3. **Gathering for Gardeners:** Sat, March 9, 8:30 AM-4 PM 407 East 12th, Hutchinson (FREE)
4. **Art for All - Woven Together:** March 1-31, 9AM- 9PM 940 New Hampshire St., Lawrence, (FREE)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO

### Gardening!

The cool dirt, the warm sunshine, the fresh air, NO BUGS! This is such a great time to be outside. Especially to start a garden!

*Winter is almost over, Spring is almost here. Let's get out in the garden and plant a little cheer!*

This month you can start planting your cool weather crops right outside. These include: broccoli, cauliflower, onions, lettuce, potatoes, beets, carrots, spinach, peas, and radishes. What's your favorite food to grow?



## WHERE IN KANSAS?

Where in Kansas can you find an Old Dutch Mill that is still standing? There were only five Dutch Mills built across the state of Kansas and two of them are still standing today. One is located in Smith Center and is one of the oldest buildings in that area of Kansas; and the other is in Wamego City Park where it was moved brick by brick in 1924. Both wind mills ground grain and corn for their community and the surrounding communities in the late part of the 1800's. Both wind mills are a place to gather together with friends and family. Both wind mills are the pride of their community. And Both wind mills connect us to our Pioneer Past and our families across the ocean. We still use windmills today, even if they look a little different. Can you build a paper windmill?

