

700 coming down



Top Photo: All that remains of the three primary buildings in the 700 Area are the walls of 717 and concrete rubble from 715 and 716, which are both down.

Below: Hopes were lost to turn 706 into an historic marker picnic structure when an unintended secondary explosion resulted during the remediation process. The building's "bones" will have to come down and the slab will be flipped so the soil below can be tested and remediated if necessary.



The horizon at Great Plains Industrial Park is changing day by day as buildings that once housed the manufacturing operations of munitions are coming down.

The prominent blast walls that provided safety to thousands of employees at the former Kansas Army Ammunition Plant are now turning into gravel to be used in future development.

After foundation slabs are flipped, turned into gravel, and the soil is tested, the area will be seeded with native grasses common to the Kansas prairie.

With water, wastewater and electrical service still on-site, once the areas are cleared by the regulatory authorities they will be ready for new construction.

Many buildings throughout the prop-

erty are still awaiting remediation or demolition, depending upon the contaminants involved.

Matrix Environmental Services' UXO employees are undertaking the building demolition in the 700 Area due to the risk of explosion during the process. UXO (Unexploded Ordnance) personnel are highly trained and certified to handle this process.

Great Plains has a master contract with Matrix Environmental Services, Denver, for remediation of the 300, 500, 700, 800 and 900 Areas.

The company has provided a variety of services for more than 100 BRAC sites to date and was selected by Great Plains early in the process because of its strong record.

Shovel ready

After years of neglect, overgrown pastures throughout Great Plains Industrial Park are taking on the look of property ready for construction. Hedge and cedars are being removed, fence rows are being cleaned and grasses are being improved.

Mowing along the roadsides has allowed them to

take on the look of well-maintained yards. All of this makes for a greatly improved first impression for prospects arriving at the site.

Property that is fully ready for development is considered “shovel ready” which tells prospects that the only thing they have to do is bring in the dozers. Public utilities are already located throughout, and the property is wholly owned by one entity, which is particularly critical for large-acre parcels.

While Great Plains owns 7,000 acres, it will take a while for all of it to be shovel ready, but having the front door demonstrate what the rest of it can look like goes a long way.

Great Plains has a mutually beneficial contract with the Kansas

Department of Wildlife and Parks and it is through this contract that the land improvements are being made.

In exchange for land management services, Great Plains provides KDWPT revenue sharing from its agricultural leases. The department is also able to expand the property it has available for hunting

and fishing to include all undeveloped Great Plains property.

Removal of hedge and cedar trees from overgrown pastures is allowing Great Plains to provide shovel ready property.



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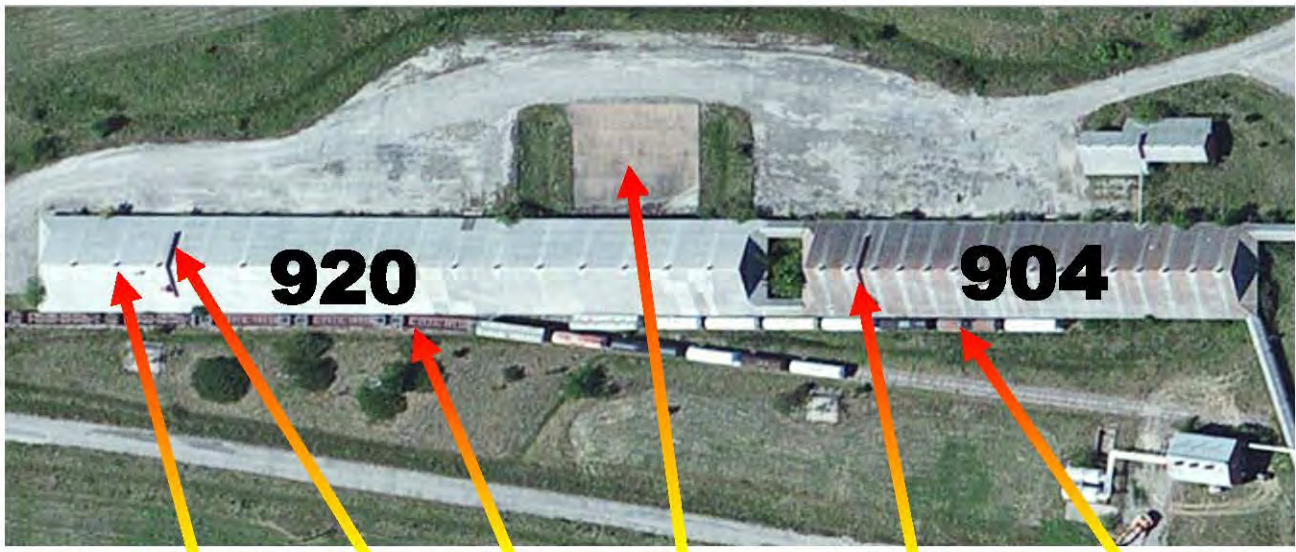
From the past...

Men with shovels help a bulldozer cover concrete storage magazines with an earthen berm. Locally referred to as “igloos,” 183 of these structures were constructed for storage of explosive material before and after the manufacturing process.

The magazines are either 1,220 or 1,813 sq. ft. in size. Isolated magazines are also scattered in the production areas.

If you have historical photos you'd like to share with us, please email acharles@parsonsksk.com

FEATURED PROPERTY



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Building 904

55' x 335'
Full rail access

A long-term lease on these and a variety of other buildings is available now by contacting Daniel Mann at 620-421-1228 or dmann@parsonsk.com.



Fall hunt schedule available

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism announced its fall adult and youth deer hunts. Applicants interested in hunting opportunities at Great Plains Industrial Park must apply online at: <http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/> Click on "hunting," then "special hunts information" and "special hunts application." Or go to the Great Plains web site and click on the home page hunting image for direct links.

Hunters may apply for more than one hunt. Successful applicants will be notified by telephone or email. All participants will be required to attend a safety/security briefing, and at least one hunter in each party must be 21 years of age or older.

For additional information call 620-432-5053 or email rob.riggins@ksoutdoors.com.



Right: Ted Scibor poses with his trophy deer taken with a bow and arrow during a November hunt.



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