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Cline understands the power of strong neighbors

By Lucas Shivers

Austin Cline, a farmer and rancher south of Frankfort, knows the importance of community with strong neighborly connections.

"One day, we had a fire get away from us," Cline said. "A neighbor jumped in and moved my hay wagon and called the fire department to save more than 90 bales of hay. It's good to have people around to help out."

Continuing the heritage of the family farm, Cline returned the favor to another neighbor last summer when an arsonist set bales on fire.

Cline heard about a pasture on fire and he helped fix fence all night with many others.

"We just finished up as the sun was coming up," he said. "It's a rural thing. When tragedy of any kind strikes, we all come together to ask, 'What can we do to help?'"

Noting many benefits of farm country, Cline said he couldn't imagine life any other way.

"You know everybody, and you help where you can," he said. "We sure appreciate our neighbors. It's nice to have a neighbor stop by to talk or check in."

Cline grew up with this way of life, and it's part of his family legacy going back five generations.

Cline remembers showing cattle with 4-H and FFA at the Pottawatomie County Fair in Onaga, Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson and Junior Livestock Show in Wichita.

"It was something I enjoyed," he said. "I met a lot of people and hung out with a lot of people that I still hang out with now."

After high school, Cline started at Hutchinson Community College on the livestock judging team. After transferring to K-State, he graduated in animal science in 2006.

"I was in Block and

Bridle and on the wool judging team at K-State where I finished sixth in a contest at Denver," he said.

Cline met his future wife, Shenan, at Hutchinson. They were married August of 2007. Shenan was raised on a horse ranch south of Newton, and she has been successful with many equine projects.

"We still have a couple show and ranch horses," he said. "The horses can be very useful in wet, muddy weather."

In addition to contributing to the livestock operation and chores, she also works for the Pottawatomie County sheriff's office as the office administrator.

"It keeps us all out of trouble," Cline said.

Cline's father, John, owns and operates the Manhattan Commission Company, which facilitates the weekly livestock auctions, pulling him away from the daily farm work. Austin and his brother Lance stepped up to help at an early age.

"It was something that was going to have to be done. Shenan and I took over my mom, Annette's, parent's place with pasture and fields of about 1,000 acres."

While at K-State, Austin was home frequently helping with chores since he was close enough to drive easily.

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Kansas net farm income dipped in 2012 but crop insurance, prices provided support

By Mary Lou Peter

Judicious use of risk management tools and other key management decisions saved the day for many Kansas farmers last year even as the state endured its worst drought in decades, according to Kansas Farm Management Association program director Kevin Herbel.

"Without a doubt, the farm income picture would look very different without crop insurance," said Herbel as he described highlights of the 2012 KFMA Executive Summary released recently, which sheds light annually on the financial picture of KFMA member farms. The data, available at www.kfma.ksu.edu, showed net farm income across 1,290 of the KFMA member farms last year averaged \$151,127, down from \$166,375 in 2011 but above the five-year average of \$141,288.

According to Herbel, during 2012 the average KFMA farm had crop insurance proceeds of \$87,998, which accounts for 14 percent of the value of farm production (VFP) and 58 percent of net farm income for the year. In 2011, crop insurance also was important as 45 percent of the net farm income (12 percent of VFP) was from crop insurance proceeds. Again in 2012, net farm income varied widely by region, with northwest Kansas averaging \$288,176 and southwest averaging \$98,071. In the north central part of the state, net farm income averaged \$114,357; in south central, \$160,703; northeast, \$138,024 and in southeast Kansas, \$150,644.

The differences by region are at least in

part, a reflection of the different types of farming operations, irrigation options and severity of the drought itself, KFMA economists said.

The value of farm production averaged \$620,109 in 2012, up from \$607,854 in 2011 and the five-year average of \$543,418. The KFMA annual report is, to some extent, a reflection of Kansas agriculture statewide. It also provides yearly comparisons between different types of farming operations.

"The average net farm income number at \$151,127 was higher than what you'd think, given the drought," said Gregg Ibendahl, associate professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University. "Thanks to crop insurance, we stayed above the five-year average of about \$141,000. Across the state, although we had dry conditions, overall net farm income wasn't bad."

About half of the KFMA member farms made \$100,000 or less and 10 percent lost money, but about eight percent made more than \$400,000, said Ibendahl, who is a farm management specialist with K-State Research and Extension. In addressing the disparity, he noted that 20 percent of the farms that made more than \$400,000 were in the northwest part of the state which is also home to some of the state's largest farms, so economies of scale come into play somewhat.

Ibendahl noted that in any given year,

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Somewhere over the rainbow . . . horses graze



Rains last Tuesday evening produced this beautiful rainbow in Riley County.

Photo by Ken Sullivan

COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"Pin, would you git back and hold this calf...and you're standing on my piggin' string!"

**Make it a safe harvest**

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Long hours, a flurry of activity, less-than-ideal weather conditions and work involving large machinery combine to make wheat harvest a potentially dangerous period.

To say farmers are busy during this time would be an understatement. Try to call one after 7 a.m. or before 10 p.m. and you'll be wasting your time – they're not home. They're in the field or shop preparing for harvest.

Wheat harvest marks the pinnacle of nearly a year's effort to produce this crop.

During harvest, farmers and custom cutters work long, hard hours. Fifteen-minute meal breaks are about the only real time off in days that often stretch 14 hours. If weather conditions cooperate, cutting usually begins about 9 a.m. and continues until midnight, or when the grain becomes too moist or too tough to cut. People and machines are pushed to their limits.

While every machine – combine, truck, grain cart, tractor or auger – provides its own unique hazards, operator stress or error account for the majority of harvest accidents. Years of safety features built into these machines are useless without operator safety. Exceed human limitations and accidents are bound to follow.

Operator knowledge and attitude remain the key to a smooth, well-oiled wheat harvest. A safe operator knows his skills, limitations and condition, both physical and emotional.

The safety-conscious operator knows his equipment, its condition, capacities, limitations, hazards and safety equipment. Such an operator is constantly monitoring field and weather conditions.

In Kansas, thousands of acres of wheat add to the pressure of slicing through those acres before hail or windstorm destroys the bountiful crop. With this added pressure comes the desire to take chances, short cuts and extend working hours. Such behavior only adds to fatigue and high levels of stress and tension.

Remember, harvest will take its toll if you don't take

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

My husband takes great pride in his map-reading skills and was quite diligent in passing them on to our children. Any one of them can serve as an able navigator on just about any trip, thanks to his efforts. Having been an over-the-road truck driver for more than fifteen years, he logged in over a million miles with his trusty map ever by his side and rarely got lost. Therefore, he views things like GPS and Internet map programs with great disdain.

"They're going to ruin our entire society!" he proclaims. That's how strongly he feels about the ability to read maps. Plus he's really just not a fan of technology.

Then we have me. I am able to read a map just fine – I just don't particularly care to on a regular basis. So I find things like GPS and Google Maps directions quite wondrous and helpful. I use them pretty much any time I go somewhere and generally get there without a lot of trouble. Note that I said generally.

A couple of weeks ago my husband and I joined the Kansas Farmers Union on their tour of GIPSA, the Kansas City Board of Trade and EPA. Following the trusty Google directions I had printed out, we arrived at the first stop virtually without incident, although he kept complaining and wishing he had a regular map.

On the way to the second stop, we got separated from the group, so I entered the address into the GPS on my phone and away we went.

Dutifully, my beloved GPS gave us detailed directions, which my husband proceeded to ignore.

"That can't be right," he said, turning in the opposite direction than it told him to over and over again. Considering we had never been in this particular part of Kansas City, I'm not sure why he was so certain the GPS was wrong, but soon we were hopelessly lost. Suddenly he was more interested in what the GPS had to say, but it was re-routing so fast and furiously every time he took a wrong turn that I was afraid my phone was going to catch on fire.

Fearful that we were going to miss the next tour stop altogether, I suggested maybe he pull over and either ask for directions or look at the map on my phone himself, since he didn't seem to trust either me or the voice on the GPS that seemed to me to sound more exasperated with each wrong turn.

"Now what does it say?" he yelled as he realized the turn he wanted to make would take us the wrong way down a one-way street.



We rotated cows onto fresh pasture last week. It is sure more fun this year than last year. I feel incredibly blessed to have gotten the rainfall and the subsequent grass production. It is so much more fun to go out and see the cows belly deep or deeper in grass. Checking cows has once again become one of my favorite things to do.

Last year it was not nearly as much fun. The grass did not grow or stay ahead of the cows like we had hoped and planned on. Water had started to become an issue and to top it off, the bull at my place did not want to stay home. Checking cows had gone from being one of my favorite things to do to something I started to dread.

This year things are dramatically different. We are behind in rotating cows but it is because they are not putting a dent in it before it is time to move to the next pasture. The cows are sleek and fat and their calves are growing rapidly. To top it off, literally, the ponds are full and the creeks are running. That leaves just making sure the bull is home as the only stress this year.

This brings me to rotating the cows last week. Jennifer and I pulled into the pasture with the idea of checking the herd and even moving the aforementioned bovines if everything worked out perfectly. First things first, we needed to find the bull. Oh, to add to the drama we saw a lone black bull making his way across the neighbor's pasture. This put our bull radar on high alert.

A quick run through the herd revealed all the cows, all the calves and no bull. Thinking that maybe we had just missed him among the mass of moving beef, we retraced our steps again. The second and third time through came with the same results, bull 77X was nowhere to be found. Our thoughts of moving cows and getting things done now seemed like a pipe dream and we started to think about the distasteful task of separating and returning the misplaced bovine.

The neighbor's cows could be seen on a distant hill and we decided that I would make a scouting trip on foot to look the situation over. Jennifer decided that she would continue the search while waiting to

hear from me. I departed the pickup, grumbling about the bull and wondering if his future was Quarter Pounders, hotdogs or jerky. Jennifer dropped me off near the fence and started back toward the herd.

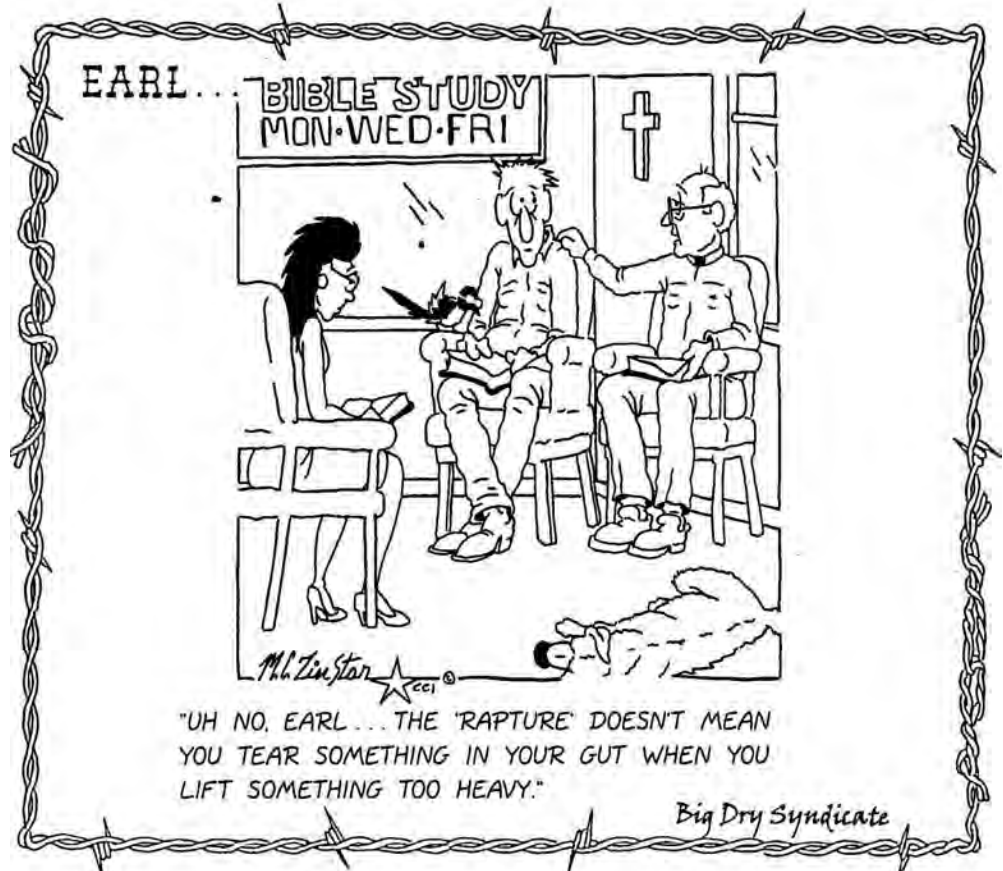
I began to cross the fence and at the most critical point in that maneuver I noticed a set of ears sticking up above the grass just fifty yards away. I quickly and carefully reversed direction and made my way to the ears. Sure enough, bull 77X was lying in the bottom of the terrace channel, eyes half closed, chewing his cud. He seemed blissfully unaware that a search was being conducted and future plans were being made for him.

My concerns quickly changed from finding and retrieving the bull to figuring out what might be wrong with him. Was he crippled, or maybe sick? All of these thoughts crowded into my head, I really did not want to have to buy another bull at this point in the pasture season. We had had rotten luck with bulls this breeding season and this was just going to add to the misery.

However, as I approached said bull, he stood up, stretched and began to amble over to the herd, which was about seventy-five yards away. He looked back at me with a mixture of boredom, skepticism and disdain. Clearly he did not share my concern and worry about his health and well-being, instead he seemed almost grumpy about having his alone time and nap disturbed.

In the meantime, Jennifer started back to me with the pickup and the cows started to follow her. Sensing that this might be the opportunity we had been seeking to move the cows, she reversed her course and headed for the gate. Out the gate Jennifer went, a well-trained herd of cows eager to be rotated to fresh grass in tow and the bull and I bringing up the rear.

In just a few minutes our evening had went from hopeful, to fearful, and finally to productive. I am happy to report that this story has a happy ending with cows on new lush pasture, a healthy bull in the right place and a mission accomplished. It is amazing just how fast things change in the wonderful world of beef production.



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"It says, 'I give up, you stubborn man, you're on your own,'" I replied.

At this particular juncture, he didn't find my comment quite as amusing as I'd hoped.

Eventually, through a combination of common sense, GPS technology and a bona fide miracle, we arrived at the second stop and hadn't missed a thing. In fact, a couple of the other attendees had harrowing tales of their own to tell about driving in Kansas City.

All in all, it was a good day. And in time, I'm sure my GPS will forgive us and start giving directions again.

If not, I guess I'll just have to break down and buy a map.

Insight

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breaks. Eating balanced meals, even if you only take 15 minutes, is important.

Stop the machine. Crawl off and relax a few minutes while you're eating.

Drink plenty of water, tea or other cold liquids during the hot, dry days of wheat harvest. Jump out of your machine for such breaks at least every hour.

Walk around the machine to limber up. This will also allow you to check for possible trouble spots on your combine.

Before harvest ever begins, check your equipment and perform the proper maintenance. Consult your operator's manual or dealer if you have any questions. Well-maintained machinery reduces the chance for breakdowns and related aggravation in the wheat field.

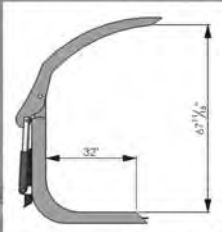
Delays due to breakdown only force harvest crews to work longer and harder to catch up. Such delays also increase the chance of accidents during this catch-up period.

As is sometimes the case with some farmers, they may have kept some combines longer than they should have. Treat these "old-timers" with care. They'll need additional preventative and routine maintenance.

Pulling pre-harvest maintenance is easier and less frustrating than fixing such problems in the heat, dirt and sweat of the harvest field. Reduce your chances of aggravation now – it will be worth it.

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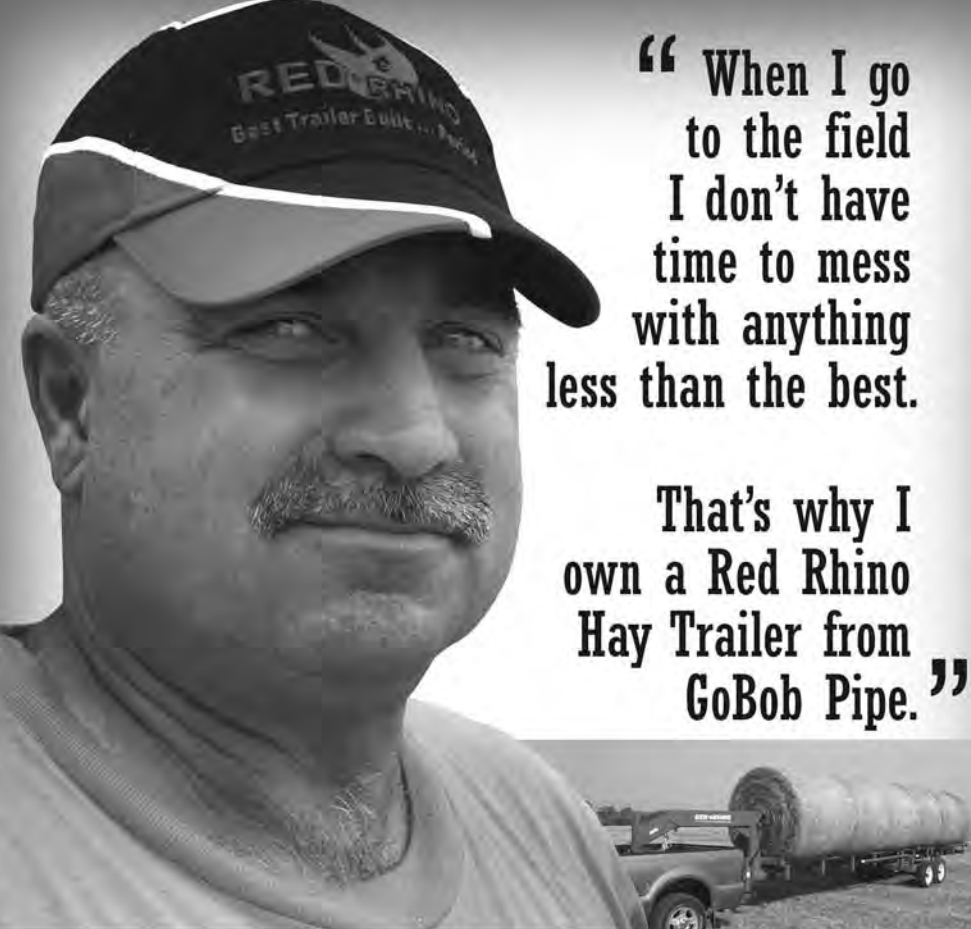
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Shay Bearman, Topeka, Wins Weekly ‘Our Daily Bread’ Recipe Contest

Winner Shay Bearman, Topeka:
DREAMSICLE TRIFLE
2 large cans mandarin oranges
1 small package orange gelatin powder
1 pint orange sherbet
1 cup whipping cream, whipped (no sugar or vanilla, just whipped)
1 angel food cake, cubed
Whipped topping

Drain 1 cup liquid from mandarin oranges. Bring to a boil in the microwave. Add gelatin and stir to dissolve. Cool until just warm. Add orange sherbet and mix until melted. Gently fold in whipped cream. It is okay if there are uneven streaks, just don't smash those fluffy whipped cream bubbles. Put half the cake cubes in the trifle dish (or other dish that is not as fancy), cramming them together so they will stay in a tight layer. Pour half the orange mixture over the top, cover with a thin layer of whipped topping and top with half the oranges. On top of the oranges put the remaining cake cubes. Pour over the remaining orange mixture and cover with the remaining oranges. Cover with whipped topping and refrigerate.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
A DIFFERENT PICNIC LIMA BEAN DISH
(4) 16-ounce packages frozen lima beans
(2) 32-ounce cartons chicken broth
16-ounce package bacon, halved crosswise
1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
In a large Dutch oven or big pan combine beans and all ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium high heat, reduce heat and simmer 3-4 hours or until beans are very thick. Add a little water if needed. At this stage you can

put in crock-pot to keep warm. You can cut this recipe down in half or what you want.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla:
BLUE CHEESE BACON DEVILED EGGS
12 eggs
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
1 tablespoon finely chopped green onions
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled
Boil eggs and let cool. Peel. Cut eggs in half, slip yolks out to a bowl. Add all other ingredients but the bacon. Spoon mixture into each half. Sprinkle with the bacon. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes before serving.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:
EASY FRUIT SALAD
1 can pie filling (of your choice)
1 large can mandarin oranges, drained
1 small can pineapple chunks, drained
1 large can fruit cocktail, drained
Bananas, marshmallows, strawberries, optional
Mix pie filling, mandarin oranges, pineapple and fruit cocktail. If banana is used, mix last. Can add some small marshmallows or strawberries.
HINT: I use the juice from drained fruit to make a

gelatin salad. Some water may be needed to make the amount of liquid you need.

Kellee Rogers, Lawrence:
RASPBERRY LEMONADE PIE
9-inch pie shell, baked & cooled
2 1/2 cups whipping cream
2/3 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
8-ounce package cream cheese
3/4 cup frozen raspberry lemonade concentrate, thawed
Red food coloring if desired
In a chilled bowl, beat whipping cream with mixer on low speed, gradually increasing speed until cream begins to thicken. Add sugar and vanilla. Beat until cream holds its shape. Transfer to another bowl, set aside. In same bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add lemonade concentrate, beating until well mixed. Add food color until mixture is a desired color. Gently fold half of the whipped cream mixture into cream cheese mixture. Spread in shell. Spread the remaining whipped cream mixture over pie. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
“Serve with black beans, avocado slices and warmed flour tortillas.”
SOUTHWESTERN BBQ-STYLE CHICKEN
2 pounds chicken breasts, thighs and/or legs, skinned
1/2 cup tomato sauce
2 tablespoons jalapeno pep-

per jelly
2 tablespoons lime or lemon juice
2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
Rinse chicken, pat dry and set aside. In a 3 1/2-quart crockery cooker mix tomato sauce, jelly, juice, tapioca, brown sugar, cumin and red pepper. Place chicken on top of sauce mixture, meaty side down. Cover and cook on low heat for 6 to 7 hours or high for 3 to 3 1/2 hours. Makes 4-6 servings.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
CHEESY SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM
24-ounce package loose-pack

frozen hash brown potatoes with onion & peppers
2 cups (10 ounces) diced fully cooked ham
2-ounce jar diced pimiento, drained
1 tablespoon snipped fresh parsley
1/4 teaspoon pepper
11-ounce can condensed Cheddar cheese soup
3/4 cup milk
In a 3 1/2, 4- or 5-quart crockery cooker combine hash browns, ham, pimiento, parsley & pepper. In a medium bowl combine soup and milk; pour over potato mixture in cooker. Cover and cook on low heat setting for 7 to 9 hours or on high setting for 3 1/2 to 4 hours. Stir before serving. Makes 4 servings.

Donna Wiley, Lawrence: “Found this is an old cookbook and thought it had some humor to it. Of course, I had to change the price from 25 cents to 50 cents.”

DOUGHNUTS

One cup sugar, one cup milk;
two eggs beaten, fine as silk;
one-half teaspoon salt, a little cinnamon will do,
of baking powder, teaspoons two.
Lightly stir two cups flour in
roll on floured pie board, not too thin.
Cut in diamonds, twists or rings
drop with care the doughy things
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July 3: Sterling Connection Lunch Bunch, 12:00 Noon - "Arthritis Today: An Overview," presented by Dr. Rick Chatwell, Rheumatologist, Arthritis Center of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.

July 4: Walk-Ride-Run 4th: 1.5 Mile Run/Walk; 3.1 Mile Run/Walk/Bike, and 10 Mile Run/Bike, 9 AM, Blue River Rail Trail, Marysville. For more info, contact: pamtrains@bluevalley.net.

July 11: Breastfeeding Class 6:30-8:00 PM, Contact - Michelle Luppen, (785) 268-0025.

July 16: American Red Cross CPR & First Aid Class, 6:00-9:00 PM.

July 18: La Leche League, 6:30-8:00 PM, Contact - Michelle Luppen, (785) 268-0025.

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July 25: Loss of Child Grief Support Group, 7:00-8:00 PM.

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THE SWEET TRUTH BEHIND HONEY

(NAPSA) — How much do you know about the honey bear bottle in your pantry? With recent confusion over pollen and filtration, the National Honey Board (NHB) wants to clarify any misconceptions surrounding this natural ingredient with harvesting, filtration and nutrition facts about honey. With more than 300 varieties of honey in the United States, honey adds its own unique profile to every recipe. Plus, honey has many benefits before and after it gets to the pantry.

An Artisanal Craft: Harvesting honey is an ancient craft that begins with the honey bees. Honey is made from nectar, gathered by honey bees from flowering plants. The honeycomb is then removed from the beehive and honey is extracted by a beekeeper. Afterward, it is shipped off to a honey packer who places the golden liquid into honey containers, finally

landing in a supermarket near you. It's both an art and science that generates a myriad of honey varieties, ranging in both flavor and appearance.

Filtering Honey: To improve clarity and delay crystallization, many honey packers use a filtration method. The honey is warmed up to help it flow through the filters to remove pollen or residues from the beehive. Because filtered honey is cleaner and clearer than nonfiltered honey, it is less likely to crystallize as quickly and it's more consistent in texture. Once the honey is filtered, it goes through the bottling stage.

"Through our recent Attitude and Usage study, the National Honey Board has learned that when purchasing honey, 48 percent of consumers say it's important for honey to be brilliantly clear and golden," Bruce Boynton, CEO, National Honey Board, said. "Also, based on a recent research study, we learned that filtering honey did not impact its nutrient content. We think these two studies are important as we continue to educate consumers on the multifaceted jour-

ney of harvesting honey to distributing it."

Pure Honey Is Just That: Read the label: Honey contains only one ingredient: honey. With no added ingredients or preservatives, honey is just honey. Pure honey is sold in several forms: comb, liquid, creamed/whipped and organic. A honey blend or honey syrup should list the other ingredients or sweeteners. Take the stress out of finding pure honey in your area and visit www.honeylocator.com.

Versatility in the Kitchen: Honey can be used as something other than just a sweetener for your tea or on toast. Think of it as a natural flavor booster. Just take one look at the versatility of honey, and it's easy to see why it's a secret culinary weapon that can provide balance to any dish, complementing and enhancing a variety of foods and flavors: sweet, sour, bitter, salty and savory. Honey also masks bitter flavors often found in gluten-free flours. This natural sweetener can also be

used as an emulsifier in sauces and dips, a glaze for meats and vegetables, and as a humectant to attract and retain moisture in baked goods.

Whole-Body Benefits: This versatile ingredient is traditionally found in the kitchen pantry, but can also live on the bathroom vanity, in the gym bag and inside the medicine cabinet. Did you know honey can be used as a natural cough suppressant? A teaspoon or two of honey can be taken to soothe and relieve the irritation of a cough, according to emerging research. Plus, at approximately 17 grams of carbohydrates per one tablespoon, honey is an effective, all-natural energy booster. Honey is also a humectant. This means it attracts and retains moisture, making it an ideal ingredient for a natural skin care regimen. Add a little honey to your normal moisturizing routine, or enjoy a honey mask every once in a while and reap the benefits of this liquid gold.

From being a vital com-

ponent in a healthy ecosystem to providing whole-body benefits, honey is a sweetener with so much more. Visit www.storyofhoney.com to watch the minidocumentary "The Story of Honey," which captures the many positives of honey.



Prosciutto Honey Wraps

Makes 8 servings

- 1 large peach*
- 2 1/2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon butter
- 1/4 cup goat cheese
- 1 1/2 cups baby spinach, loosely packed

4 sheets prosciutto

Cut peach in half and remove pit. Prepare grilling sauce by combining 1/2 teaspoon of honey and 1/2 teaspoon of butter. Brush peach lightly with mixture. Heat grill to low-medium heat and place both halves onto grill. Cook for about 2 minutes on each side, or until lightly charred but still firm. Cut peach into 1/2-inch slices (about 12).

Put 1 1/2 teaspoons of goat cheese on each peach slice and place on top of 4 baby spinach leaves. Next, slice the prosciutto lengthwise into 8 strips. Wrap the center of each peach/cheese/spinach bundle with 1 prosciutto strip. Arrange on a serving platter and finish off by drizzling each bundle with 1/4 teaspoons of honey.

*Peaches can be canned, for a dressed-up recipe straight out of the cupboard! Grill gently for 30 seconds on each side.

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Cline understands power of strong neighbors

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When the newlyweds decided to officially move back to Cline's family farm, he continued to assist with the planning and management of the cattle operation.

"My brother and I co-manage everything from chores to finances, each using our strengths," he said.

Building relationships with others in the community, Cline frequently talks with previous generations of farmers and ranchers to build connections and learn from others.

"There's a lot of things you learn from neighbors," he said. "When we moved, they are aware of the daily things to do a little different. Those who have been around for a while share ideas to make our operation better."

Applying skills he learned from class work at college, Cline manages all of the artificial insemination for the livestock operation.

"It seemed to be beneficial to use what we learned in class. We line it up pretty tight with specifics for each breed. We keep moving. We have a total of about 100 spring cows and 125 fall cows."

The Clines run a registered herd of black and red Angus, Simmental and even some Charolais.

"Our herd is like a rainbow because we have so many breeds. The Charolais were a gift for my wife's birthday," Cline said. "That's what happens when you go to a sale the day before her birthday!"

Doing cattle chores and checking up on the herd takes up a majority of the time on a daily basis.

"There are times when I have to run from my house, to my brother's, to my parent's with several locations across Nemaha, Pottawatomie and Marshall counties. I could put 70 miles on the truck if I needed to be everywhere. But you don't go too far in a big snowstorm."

For crop ground, the Clines run 200 acres of alfalfa, corn, beans and wheat.

"For us, we put cattle in front of the crops," he said. "Some of the ground gets planted to hay instead of cash crops because we have

to feed the cows."

Cline outlined some of the potential challenges of working on the family farm.

"You're always on call for any problems," Cline said. "When weekends come, you're sometimes still working. Vacations are delayed by hay season or harvest."

He also shared encouraging advice for others taking on the leadership of their family farms.

"Some days are like sunshine and the others are like rain," he said. "Be prepared for the good and the bad."

Eventually you see your hard work pay off, whether its harvesting crops or seeing a baby calf being born. It's all worth it."

Neighbors and family continue to help Cline to improve and develop his operation.

"I like to talk to those who have been around a long time," he said. "Just yesterday, I talked to a guy who I went to school with his son, and he had recently bought some bulls this spring. I asked about how they do things, so I'm always learning."

Wheat crop lower than last year, but better than estimated

Based on June 1 conditions, Kansas's 2013 winter wheat crop is forecast at 307.8 million bushels, up 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 21 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. Average yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month but down 4 bushels from last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 8.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1 but down 11 percent from last year. This would be 87 percent of the planted acres, below last year's harvested percent and the smallest percentage since 2007.

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Riley's Sue Hageman wins Barn Quilt Contest

Sue Hageman, Riley, has won the AccuQuilt's 4th Annual Barn Quilt Contest. The submitted block was announced as the grand prize winner by celebrity quilter and AccuQuilt spokesperson Ricky Tims at the AQS-Paducah Quilt Show in Paducah, Kentucky in April.

The Barn Quilt Unveiling Event was held on June 7th at the AccuQuilt Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. The design is displayed as a 17x17 foot barn quilt at the AccuQuilt Headquarters in Omaha located at 8843 S. 137th Circle, exit 440, off I-80 with special guest, Ricky Tims. The block will be displayed for one year.

Besides the displayed block, Sue's prize package includes a \$750 AccuQuilt shopping spree, attendance to the unveiling ceremony, tickets to the third annual Let's GO! Country Traditions Quilting Retreat in Fremont, a Baby Lock sewing machine, as well as a variety of exciting sewing prizes and bundles.

This year AccuQuilt management had the difficult task of narrowing more than 500 entries down to the top 100 quilt block designs. Voting was opened up to the public who helped further narrow the top 100 designs down to the top 10. Finally, with the help of celebrity quilt judges Eleanor Burns,

Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims, Sue's design was selected as grand prize winner. Lee Monroe from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was the runner-up winner.

Sue found her love for quilting about ten years ago. She fondly remembers all the hand quilting her Grandmother Mayer did and used this as her inspiration

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Sue Hageman, center, stands before her 17' quilt block with Steve Nabity, Accuquilt CEO and Ricky Timms, celebrity quilter and AccuQuilt spokesperson.

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Kansas net farm income dipped in 2012

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it's typical to have about 10 percent of KFMA member farms lose money and 10 percent that break even. That means that about 80 percent are actually making money.

Crop farms fare best

Crop operations, both dryland and irrigated, had net farm income that exceeded the previous year and the five-year average. Net income for dryland farming operations in 2012 averaged \$166,174, up from the previous year at \$157,296 and above the five-year average of \$151,417. Net income for irrigated crop farms averaged \$323,889, down from \$449,115 in 2011 but up from the five-year average of \$302,420. "If you were a cattle person, and if you weren't backgrounding or finishing, you probably did okay. If you were backgrounding or finishing - that's the group that took it on the chin last year," Ibendahl said, noting that grain and feed costs during the drought cut deep into those

operations' net income. Those cattle operations described as backgrounding-finishing showed an average net income of \$46,519, sharply lower than the previous year at \$397,138 and below the five-year average of \$146,297. "Cow-calf operators did somewhat better," Ibendahl said. Operations listed as "cow herd" on the summary saw an average net income of \$98,178, up from \$60,016 in 2011 and above the \$37,859 average.

Overall differences and return on net worth

"High income farms made quite a bit of money on the price side by selling their product, but they also did a good job of holding expenses down," Ibendahl said. "Conversely, the lower 25-percent may have had some debt issues that weighed on their debt-to-income ratio.

He noted that overall, KFMA members showed a return on net worth (equity) of 5.74 percent: "That's better than any savings account or CD right now. It's been 7.3 and 7.67 the prior two years, so it's down, but

still good." Ibendahl said that overall debt levels reflected in the summary are not too high, which paints a pretty healthy picture for Kansas agriculture. Herbel added that while total dollars of debt per farm have increased from \$368,031 to \$438,155 during the past five years, the debt-to-asset ratio for KFMA farms has declined from 28.3 percent in 2008 to 21.5 percent in 2012. During this same time period, the current ratio, which measures current assets compared to current liabilities, has increased from 3.00 to 3.41, indicating an improved current financial position for KFMA farms. Whether a Kansas farmer is a KFMA member or not, they can look at the numbers and compare them to their own, Ibendahl added. That can help determine areas in which they're doing a good job or where they may want to focus more effort. "We like to say that benchmarks don't give you the right answer, but they do tend to point you in the direction you should go," Ibendahl said.

Sorghum Checkoff, Chromatin Inc. partner to develop grain sorghum breeding program

The Sorghum Checkoff and Chromatin Inc. will work collaboratively on a project to develop new higher yielding and more advanced grain sorghum hybrids for farmers.

The jointly-funded partnership will total \$200,000 per year for five years and leverages Chromatin's sorghum-based expertise and technology.

"The Sorghum Checkoff is committed to increasing producer profitability, and we are excited to partner with a company like Chromatin that is also completely focused on sorghum and committed to enhancing the quality and yield of grain sorghum," said Stewart Weaver, Sorghum Checkoff chairman and grower from Edmondson, Ark. "This type of program exemplifies the role a national checkoff can play in utilizing producer dollars to make a difference in the sorghum industry."



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Range school illustrates soil and grass health in relation to profitability

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Lands Coalition (KGLC). "The benefit comes as soil water intake increases, higher levels of nutrient cycling occur, microbial activity is elevated, and other

cyclic functions begin to achieve balance."

This balancing process is the focus for the 2013 KGLC Range School, Christian continued. Our instructors and rancher-presenters will key in on this concept simply known as soil health. The Tallgrass Range School is set for August 20-22 at Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale with the theme Creating Range Wealth Through Soil Health. As ranchers and land managers better understand and employ grazing, structural and management practices that benefit the native grasses and forbs; those plants then sustain or improve soil health creating a positive cycle that improves and comes into equilibrium over time. And, that creates more available forage thus increasing the harvest opportunities.

The school costs \$300 per person and covers materials, on-site lodging and meals, and other related costs. Scholarships are available to eligible participants including ranchers, students, and agency staffs. Ranchers, landowners, and students may qualify for a \$150 scholarship if they meet eligibility and request one using KGLC's scholarship form. Agency staffs may

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A major means to keeping costs down is the support of sponsoring partners. Currently, the partners include the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Fort Hays State University; Kansas State University; Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; The Nature Conservancy (which hosts one-day of the Mid-/Shortgrass School on their Smoky Valley Ranch); Kansas Section of the Society for Range Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program, Feed-Lot Magazine, and Graze the Prairie.

For more information on the 2013 KGLC Range Schools, contact Tim Christian, state coordinator, at 620-241-3636, 620-242-6440, email to tdchristian@cox.net, or Ken Sherraden assistant coordinator, 785-922-7061, email to kennethsherraden@sbcglobal.net. You may also go to the web at www.kglc.org.

Hageman wins barn quilt contest

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when creating her own quilts. She especially likes applique, wall hanging quilts, and has a love for horses, barns, and of course, barn quilts.

"I am truly honored and still in disbelief that my submission was chosen," Hageman said. "I asked, 'How can you just pick one barn quilt design? There were so many beautiful ones!'" It is so amazing to have my design displayed as a 17-foot block."

"It's exciting to be part of the AccuQuilt Barn Quilt Contest and the Barn Quilt Trail," she continued. "I just recently had the opportunity to meet the lovely Donna Sue Groves and her mother. It was amazing to meet them and see where the Barn Quilt Trail began. It was

amazing to see the block so large as it started off as a 2x2 foot block. It's been a wonderful experience and everyone at AccuQuilt has been great. It was exciting to meet and get to know Ricky Tims, what an inspiration."

Sue Hageman shares her passion for barn quilts as a committee member and promoter of the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail, as well as the Riley County Representative for the barn quilts. Sue's winning barn quilt design has become the logo for the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail. Next year, Suzi Paron, author of the book *American Quilt Trail Movement* will write a second volume. Kansas will be included as a chapter. It is their mission to get as many quilt blocks up as possible by next April.

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LAND AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 — 7:30 PM
Tecumseh Community Building, 355 Clay St.
TECUMSEH, NEBRASKA

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 10 East, Johnson Co., NE (160 acres +/-).

Directions from south edge of Tecumseh, NE: 4 miles south on Hwy. 50 (723 Rd.) & 5 miles west to the SE corner of the farm (616 Ave.)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This 160 acre pasture is all native grass. There are 102 acres virgin native grass with the balance in seeded native grass. There are 8 ponds all strategically located for rotational grazing. This pasture has good fences and rural water. It is located on a good rock road. The seller has spent a lifetime improving this pasture to its current condition. It is one of the premier pastures in the area. You don't want to miss it!

Grassland Reserve Program: Acres: 160; Expires: 9-30-20; Annual Payment: \$1,632

Major Soil Types: Pawnee, Shelby & Burchard-Steinauer

2012 Taxes: \$2,581.14

Terms & Conditions

TERMS: 20% down day of sale when signing the purchase agreement immediately following the auction. The balance is to be paid on or before **August 12, 2013**. Seller agrees to convey to buyer by warranty deed with title insurance free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, special assessments levied or assessed and subject to all easements and restrictions or covenants now of record. The cost of the title insurance will be divided equally between buyer and seller. If a loan policy is required it is the responsibility of the buyer. Property will be sold to the highest bidder subject to seller's confirmation. **GRP:** Buyer must fulfill all GRP contractual obligations. **Possession** will be given upon final settlement subject to tenant's rights until November 1, 2013. **Taxes:** All real estate taxes levied on the property described above and payable for the year 2013 and all prior years shall be paid by the seller. All real estate taxes levied on the property described above and payable for the year 2014 and all subsequent years shall be paid by the buyer. **Agency Disclosure:** Speckmann Realty and Auction Service, Inc. will be acting as the seller's agent. **Conditions:** All acreages are based on government measurements and are considered approximate. All statements, representations and information are from reliable sources and are believed to be correct; however, the sellers and Speckmann Realty and Auction Service, Inc. make no warranties, either expressed or implied. All lines are approximate. Buyers should verify details and view the property prior to the auction. Announcements made at the auction take precedence over printed material.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 — 10:30 AM

As we are moving to a retirement village, following sells at 6523 SW 69th, AUBURN, KANSAS (2 m. North of Apple Market, 2 1/2 mi. East on 69th; or 1 m. South of Washburn Rural schools on SW Wanamaker Rd., 1/2 West on 69th).

6 Guns sell first; Wheel Horse mower, old model; Troybilt horse tiller; Craftsman 5HP chipper/shredder; JD 111 mower; tilt bed 2-wheel trailer; LARGE selection of WOOD-WORKING tools inc. Craftsman, Delta, Woodline, Grizzly, etc.; bar & C clamps, etc.; Household & Furniture; 2 hand-made wooden rocking horses;

several old draw knives; antique vanity w/bench; approx. 20 alum. printers tins, old; 40+ old license plates; LUMBER: selection cured Oak, Walnut, Redwood, etc.; LARGE assortment of nails, screws, saw blades, clock making items, fishing supplies, router items, bits, cutters, etc., etc.

Very, very partial listing. Large auction with 2 RINGS part of the day. Many woodworking shop & shop tools.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 29 — 9:30 AM

Wheaton Gym — WHEATON, KANSAS

FURNITURE: Newer kitchen cabinet; bookcases; side tables; coffee table; quilt racks; recliners; kitchen table & chairs; sofa table; 2 love seats; gun cabinet; TV cabinet; card table & chairs; chest of drawers; wooden cabinet; nice curio cabinets; queen size bed; cedar-lined wardrobe.

COLLECTIBLES: Milk bottles; butter churn, crack; crock bowls; crock jar; paper weights; die cast cars; Frankoma pottery & Political elephants; Red Wing Minnesota McDonald crocks; 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 3 & 5 gallon Red Wing crocks; crock lids; brown crock; mantle clock; Coke Christmas Village; quilt; cuckoo clocks; Pipka Santa Secret - 659/1200; Dentist Chair; Hames; Scales; old books; auto manuals; old clocks; cameras & radios; National Geographic from 1917.

GLASSWARE: Occupied Japan; lead crystal; Westmoreland; Murano glass; Red Wing cream pitcher; cookie jars; crystal clocks; Fenton red glass; coin glass; state plates.

HOUSEHOLD: TV; VCR; VCR-DVD; small humidifier; pictures; Christmas decorations; pedestal fan; Concept right-hand golf clubs; old golf clubs; Rainbow sweeper; RCA-stereo; small kitchen appliances; fire-

place tools; dolls; stuffed animals; 2 refrigerators; water cooler; TV trays; Longaberger baskets; cookbooks; ice cream freezer; jewelry; patio furniture.

LAWN & GARDEN: Yard art; gas & electric weed eaters; yard tools; propane grill; coolers; pull behind sprayer; chain saws; lots & lots of tools; wheelbarrow; table saw; 3 ton floor jack & jack stands; Shopsmith; 5-drawer McCall cabinet; 1949 6 cylinder truck engine; old wood planes; tool boxes; gas cans; car ramps; bumper jacks; 3 welders; 2 Dixon zero-turn mowers; lawn cart; push mowers.

TOOLS: Gas power washer; transmission jack; battery charger; organizers; Craftsman tool box; band saw; gear pullers; come-alongs; hand saws; bit & braces; old tractor & car parts; bench grinder; wood floor boards; Packard car; metal signs; concrete tools; 6-burner propane stove; old lamps; ladders; cutting torch; propane bottle, full; tile saw; animal live traps; bead breaker; shop lights; Sears garage door opener; electric bit sharpener; fold up bicycle; stainless steel 4"x10"x1/8" sheets; 100' rebar, new; oil cans.

Possibility of running 2 rings! Lots of Miscellaneous.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 6 — 10:00 AM
611 Vine — WAMEGO, KANSAS



ANTIQUES: 1908 Quarter Cut Oak library table; antique 4 drawer Oak filing cabinet; 1941 Oak dresser; bed w/head & foot; Sellers Oak kitchen cabinet; wash stand; Oak dining room table w/2 leaves and 6 chairs; 2 cane seat oak chairs; Oak glass claw foot table; 2 fern stands; 2 trunks; 1 refinished trunk; child's rocker; Oak secretary; large Oak mirror; Tiger wood high boy with mirror; old (reupholstered) rocker; arm chair; Bentwood chair and parlor chair; Art Deco bed stand; ornate Oak buffet with mirror; sewing machine cabinet with Singer sewing machine; Oak rocking chair; Oak clock; Victorian dressing table with mirror; dressing table with round mirror; 48" mirror; 2 antique beveled mirrors; 2 dressers with mirrors; Art & Craft desk; 2 antique floor lamps; numerous antique lamps w/shades; painted antique baby cradle; Walnut marble top table; 2 wood ironing boards; vintage luggage; 2 dressing table stools; numerous other one-of-a-kind pieces.

ANTIQUE DISHES: 2 spatter-ware lidded canning pots; 2 splatterware roasters; 1 partial stripped dresser; misc. wood chairs; misc. side tables; 8 piece community flats silver set; 8 piece Ekco stainless steel; 25 piece chatelaine stainless w/serving pieces and chest; misc. silverware pieces; Libbey 5 piece Golden Foliage leaf glasses with cream & sugar wire rack; 6 piece gold wheat high balls; 5 gold wheat pilsners; 6 gold wheat goblets; (2) 8 piece gold rimmed goblet sets; Libbey 8 piece glasses (Safedge) set in original box; (2) 13" Mercury vases; 8 hand painted made in Occupied Japan figurines; antique serving plates; antique heavy pieces; 4 snack party sets; numerous collectable dishes; numerous doilies & table linens.

HOUSEHOLD: Kirby vacuum w/attachments; 8 place setting Lynn's fine China (Victorian Rose) with hostess sets; 8 piece Gold Standard Stainless; 2 recliner rockers; 1 white love seat; 1 plaid sofa sleeper; 1 queen mattress set; 1 regular mattress set; bookcase with glass doors; misc. silverware; mugs; Corelle; Pyrex; kitchen utensils; pots & pans; cookbooks; rice cooker; ice cream maker; can opener; coffee maker; hand mixer; bagel toaster; blender, etc.; decorative pictures; cupids and angels and bird cages; craft supplies from painting, fabric, needlework, quilt, etc.; books; various luggage; party table ware; cards; gift wrap; misc. desk items; holiday decorations; 2 wall pendulum clocks; electric typewriter; adding machine; several decorative framed pictures.

LAWN & GARDEN: John Deere RX95 Riding mower, Lawn-Boy 8035 self-propelled mower, Yard tools, 2 tractor sprinklers, 3 misc sprinklers, water hoses, misc spray nozzles, planters, glider swing, Glass top outdoor table & 4 chairs, Plastic yard chairs & lawn chair.

GARAGE: Hand tools; Rockwell 9" table saw; Sears 1/2HP grinder; 4" vise; wood shop tables; metal cabinet; 2 McCalls metal cabinets; extension ladder; 2 wood 8' step ladders; nuts, bolts, screws etc.

TOYS: Fisher Price; doll cradle; antique croquet set; '70s Western Flyer bicycle; to mention a few.



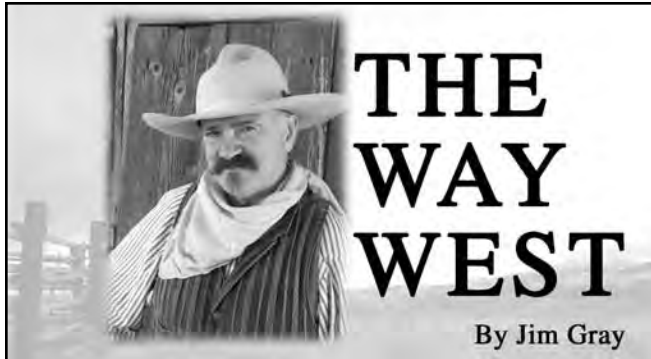
Items too numerous to mention!
Still unpacking boxes.

AUCTIONEERS NOTES: The Stewarts were well known citizens of Wamego for many years. They collected antique furniture, glassware and some very unique pieces. This auction will surely have something for everyone. Come enjoy the day.

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Rapping the Old Fashioned Way

Charles Raber owned an ox team and wagon, making his living delivering supplies to military posts across the state. In 1867, Raber was at Fort Harker when a flood "carried away about half the new town of Ellsworth." The train of wagons left Harker empty, but was stopped by a "deep slough" filled with water near Salina.

While waiting in camp the men conjured up all kinds of schemes and pranks to play on one another. One young German by the name of George Trommer was usually the butt of the jokes. On a lazy after-

noon while everyone was laying in the shade Trommer frantically yelled "Buffalo! Buffalo!" Everyone jumped up. "Where? Where?" to which Trommer calmly replied in the German language, "Over the hill." The men knew they had been fooled, and took it as a good joke. Trommer was summarily renamed "Buffalo Jack."

A popular pastime in those days was a form of séance known as table rapping. Most of the men considered rapping little more than a parlor game, but John Booth took it seriously. Table rapping was accom-

plished by sitting a group of people around a table, with each person resting his hands flat on the surface. The participants would ask the table questions, and the table "answered" by tapping a leg or legs against the floor. In that way, the table would "speak." One rap usually meant no, two raps meant yes, and sometimes a code for the letters of the alphabet was used to communicate more elaborate messages. The communications were often attributed to the spirits of those who had passed on, which brought about the use of table rapping to contact departed loved ones.

The bullwhackers had no table adequate for the spiritual inquiry but they had plenty of wooden boxes. The inside of an empty freight wagon was as large as any room in the average frontier home. So one of their nighttime amusements was to take a box into an empty wagon and hold "rappings." The smooth wooden floor of the wagon bed allowed for effective "knocks" during the séance.

The boys had been par-

taking of nightly rappings for some time before Buffalo Jack became interested. Jack was welcomed to the nightly proceedings with open arms. Before gathering for the rapping the boys secretly loosened a rear wagon wheel and placed a prop under the axle. John Booth set up his wooden box and by lantern light several tough bullwhackers took their places, placing their hands carefully on the surface of the box. Raber recalled the evening with obvious delight.

"The spirits were working overtime answering Jack's questions and he was very much absorbed, when down came the wagon and out jumped a badly frightened Dutchman." Despite the prank played on Buffalo Jack, John Booth found an ardent supporter in another in the party, John Lowry, who was also a firm believer. When no one else was interested, Booth and Lowry could be found holding rappings just for themselves.

One such night the box was successfully rising from the wagon floor and tapping out answers to probing

questions, when suddenly the silence of the camp was broken by a scream. Everyone's attention was drawn to the wagon as Lowry frantically pitched out of the back. He ran out onto the prairie, darting this way and that, occasionally "yelling like an Indian." The startled men found the entire proceeding quite amusing, thinking that like Buffalo Jack, Lowry had become the victim of an inventive prank.

The moon illuminated the darkness, allowing Lowry to run at breakneck speed and perhaps farther from the wagons than he would have normally ventured. By the moonlight the men could see that Lowry's frightened path was taking him precariously close to a pond of water. Finally becoming alarmed at his carelessness, the boys rushed out and brought him into camp. Lowry was completely exhausted and certainly

not himself. He was put to bed and guarded by his friends throughout the night. During that fitful night the poor man laid groaning and complaining of a heavy weight crushing his chest. Several times he cried out that he was going to die.

Lowry later told his friends that he had seen the wagons were under attack from Indians. "That ended the spiritual rappings." Raber never believed in rapping, but a few weeks later they were attacked by Indians near Fort Dodge, causing him to wonder about that haunting night when the table "spoke" on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact Kansas Cowboy, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or www.droversmercantile.com

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MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013

REAL ESTATE 10:00 AM • PERSONAL PROPERTY TO FOLLOW

Auction Location: From the Plainville, Kansas intersection of Hi-Way 183 and 18 east 4 and 1/2 miles, then 3 miles north

Seller: Rooks County Feeders LLC

2070 22nd Rd. Plainville, KS

Manner of Sale: Tract I offered separate. Tract II offered separate. Tract III combination of Tract I and Tract II with the highest bid being the manner of sale. Tract IV offered individually. Tract V offered individually. **Live internet bidding available. Call for details. Tract I:** W/2 of 10-9-17 and E/2 of E/2 of SE/4 of 9-9-17 W 6 P.M. Rooks Co., KS. Surface Rights Only. **F.S.A. Info:** 231 acres cult.; 116.67 acres feed yard. **Gen Info:** A 2,600 head feed yard consisting of 20 feeding pens, 14 receiving and hospital pens. Located in Rooks County, KS on the Paradise Flats, just 7 miles northeast of Plainville, KS, and 12 miles southeast Stockton, KS. **Tract II:** All sellers Mineral Rights and Producing royalty in and under the W/2 of 10-9-17 and the SE/4 9-9-17 W 6 P.M. Rooks Co., KS. There is oil production on the NW/4 of 10-9-17. All the sellers interest to be conveyed and an effective date: Sept. 1st, 2013. There is oil production on the SW/4 of 10-9-17. All the sellers interest to be conveyed and an effective date: Sept. 1st, 2013. There is oil production on the SE/4 of 10-9-17. All the sellers interest to be conveyed and an effective date: Sept. 1st, 2013. **Tract III-Combination of Tracts I and II the highest bid being the manner of sale. Tract IV: Legal:** NE/4 of 10-9-17 W 6 P.M. **F.S.A. Info:** 140.82 acres cult; 16.91 acres grassland. **Minerals:** All sellers interest to be conveyed; no present production. **Tract V: Legal:** NW/4 of 15-9-17 W 6 P.M. **F.S.A. Info:** 154.73 acres cult. **Minerals:** Surface rights only. **Personal Property: Trucks & Pickups including:** 2-2007 International 7400, diesel, Allison auto trans, w/ Harsh; 575 H feed box. **Tractors & Loaders including:** 2004 J.D. 3800 w/ pallet forks and buckets; 1994 J.D. 544 G industrial loader. **Bobcats & Attachments:** 2004 Bobcat 763 w/ bucket; 2002 Bobcat 753 w/ bucket; backhoe; post hole digger; scraper; pallet fork. **Trailers including:** 2002 Travelong aluminum gooseneck livestock trailer 24'. **Machinery, Livestock Equipment, Irrigation Pipe & Equipment, Misc & Shop Tools.**

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

MONDAY, JULY 8 — 7:00 PM

Wells Community Center — WELLS, KANSAS

512 ACRES OF OTTAWA COUNTY LAND

TRACT #1: located 1 mile East of Wells on Limestone Rd. 295.09 acres (258.34 acres grass and 33.75 tillable).

TRACT #2: Located 2 miles South of Tract #1 on Justice Rd. 217 acres (174.78 acres grass and 42.22 tillable).

COMMENTS: Here is a great opportunity to purchase those grass acres you have always wanted. There are three ponds of water on TRACT #1. The spring in the creek on TRACT #2 has running water year around and has never been dry.

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ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 — 9:30 AM

I-70 and Valencia Rd., Exit 350 — TOPEKA, KS

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ANTIQUE & MODERN FURNITURE

Oak dresser; maple hiboy w/mirror; Victorian walnut bed; set of 4 oak bentwood chairs w/caned seats; oak kitchen cabinet, modified into entertainment center; oak parlor table; mahogany Windsor rocker; oak pattern back rocker; child's oak rocker; 2 mahogany lamp tables; oak single door wardrobe; nice combo maple high-chair/stroller; Victorian walnut parlor table w/marble top; pine dry sink; wicker sewing stand; 3 cedar chests; 2 oak plate racks; child's mahogany Windsor rocker; oak commode with towel rack; 2 oak bentwood chairs; wrought iron ice cream stool; child's fainting couch; oak quilt rack; 18 drawer spice cabinet; walnut arm chair; oak jewelry cabinet; blue floral wing back chair; sofa; mahogany knee-hole desk; modern maple dresser; 5 drawer pine chest; bookshelves; display cabinets; table w/bench seats.

GLASSWARE & COLLECTIBLES

Good selection of Fiesta ware; European glassware; Depression era glass; crystal and pattern glass; 3 piece pink Mother Goose set; nice Household Institute "Priscilla" china set; 6 place setting with service for 8 plus serving dishes; Hull, McCoy and other pottery; Retro glassware; Fire King and Pyrex glassware; Aladdin and other kerosene lamps; several ornate tall urns; set of King Edward silverplate flatware w/case; Art work; flat and hump back trunks; auto harp; 1972 Conn acoustic guitar; electric Fender "Squire" guitar; 1912 Winchester 12 ga. pump shotgun; hand sewn quilts; dress form w/vintage clothing; doll house; die cast vehicles (Mint w/Original boxes); radio; Jim Beam Black neon sign; beer and cigarette advertising items; Mint GI Joe figurines; good selection of comic books; Seth Thomas mantle clock; Radio Flyer wagon; sleds.

Partial listing. All property in good and clean condition. Statements day of sale take precedence over all previous written or oral information. Excellent sale! Make plans to attend!

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LAND AUCTION

MONDAY, JULY 8 — 10:00 AM

40 ACRES MARION COUNTY CROPLAND

Sale held in the Scout House on the East side of Marion County Fair Grounds

LAND LOCATION: From Hillsboro, 2 miles South on Indigo Road, then 1/4 mile East on 170th.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 15-20-2, Marion County, KS

SOIL TYPES: The majority of the soils are bottom land soil types; (Ch) Chase Silty Clay Loam, (Vb) Verdigris Silty Loam and (Wb) Wells Loam.

CROPLAND ACRES: The entire tract is tillable and presently planted to corn. Buyer is to receive the landlord's 2013 crop share and pay prorated portion of 2013 taxes.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a highly productive 40 Acre tract located just 1/4 mile off of blacktop road. Very good farm land and a nice investment package.

TERMS: Earnest money deposit in the sum of \$15,000.00 due day of sale, payable to Hannaford Title Company. The balance will be due on or before August 8, 2013. Title insurance cost will be equally divided between buyer and seller. Taxes will be prorated to closing date, based on 2012 tax amount. All financing arrangements and/or inspections must be made prior to the auction. The property is being sold in an 'as is' condition and is not subject to financing or appraisal. All information is gathered from Marion Co. sources and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Statements made day of sale take precedence over any advertisements, printed material or previous statements. Leppke, Inc. is agent of the Seller.

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HOME & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 — 9:00 AM

Auction Location: 900 Osborne St. — DOWNS, KS

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June 29 — Antique & modern furniture, glassware & collectibles at Topeka. Auctioneers: Whitmore Thunderwood Auction.

June 29 — Real estate, antiques, primitives, collectibles, furniture, appliances, TVs, tools, misc. household items at Downs for Olive Davenport. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

June 29 — Cleanout auction for Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Manhattan. Auctioneers: United Country, Ruckert Realty & Auction.

June 29 — Real estate & personal property at Berryton. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers, Darrell Simnitt.

June 29 — Ranch home at Salina for Lila M. Gomel Estate. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auction.

June 29 — 3 bedroom home, appliances, furniture, household & tools at Manhattan for Helen Horton & the late Willis Horton. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 29 — Paint contractor equipment, compressors, airless sprayers, ladders, steel tower scaffold & more at Lawrence for Larry Schomer. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

June 29 — Antique furniture, household goods, auto, glassware, collectibles & misc. at Clatonia, Nebraska for Duane Wilkinson Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Heinrichs, Hardin.

June 29 — Tools, household, collectibles at Blue Rapids for Eva M. Flower. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

June 29 — Antique & collectible guns, antique & collectible furniture, van, collectibles, furniture, household, Hoveround, shop items at Emporia for Lyle Brown Estate. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

June 29 — Furniture, collectibles, glassware, household, lawn & garden, tools at Wheaton for 2 living estates. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 30 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, scooters, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Sue Schafer Estate & another seller. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

June 30 — Antique & collectible, household furniture, appliances, machinery, tools & livestock items at Corning for Frank & Evelyn Alexander Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

June 30 — Tractor, pickup, farm equipment, old barn, lumber, mowers, hand tools, collectibles & more at Kansas City, KS for Estate of William D. Young. Auctioneers: Miller Auction, LLC.

July 2 — 2 BR 2 BA manufactured home on 2 lots with utility building at Council Grove for Droge Property. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 3 — Tractors, trucks, grain trailers, harvesting, tillage, planting, livestock equip. & more online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

July 6 — Antiques, antique dishes, household, lawn & garden, garage items, toys at Wamego for T. Leroy & the late Betty Stewart. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

July 6 — Southwest jewelry collection, turquoise, silver & more at Manhattan for Dr. Jean Sloop Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 7 — Furniture, collectibles & coins at Salina. Auctioneers: Thum-

mel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 8 — Marion County cropland (near Hillsboro at Hillsboro for Lucy Spohn. Auctioneers: Lepke Realty & Auction.

July 8 — Tillable land & homesite (W. of Salina) at Salina for Lowell Milleson, Evelyn Milleson Nobles, Megan Milleson, Alyxis Milleson. Auctioneers: United Country Theurer Auction & Realty, LLC.

July 8 — Ottawa County real estate at Wells for Jack Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Bid-N-Buy Realty.

July 10 — Johnson County, Nebraska premier pasture land at Tecumseh, Nebraska for Norm & Connie Baum. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

July 11 — Butler County land & personal property at Rosalia for Estate of Helen J. Bender, et al. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

July 13 — Furniture, appliances, coins, dishes, glassware, collectibles, automobile, gun, advertising signs & misc. at Junction City for Jack "Easy" Jack Welsh Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 13 — Shop tools & equipment, household goods, tractor, guns, misc. at Wakefield for Patsy Joann (Mrs. Bill) Weir Estate, Dan Weir, executor. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

July 13 — Household, antiques, collectibles, shop items, yard & misc., 4-wheeler, tractor, loader, car at Hamilton for Edwin & Glenda Long Estate. Auctioneers: Swisher Auction Service.

July 15 — Rooks County feed yard, producing minerals, cultivation, machinery near Plainville for Rooks County Feeders, LLC. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

July 20 — Tractors, combine, skid loader, auger, fox coat, hanging wall art, child's wrought iron buggy & cradle set, small wooden wagon, wooden goose wagon. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

July 20 — Land, old machinery, antiques & misc. NE of Leonardville for Fern F. Berggren Estate (Mrs. Robert). Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate,

Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.

July 20 — House (in Chapman), furniture, guns, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Rodney D. Johnson & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 22 — Clay County pasture & land, wildlife habitat at Longford for Kobetich Family Trust. Auctioneers: Hill Realty.

July 22 — Clay County land at Clifton for Maxine Branfort. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

July 27 — Large doll collection, possible antiques & collectibles, household furnishings, farm machinery items at Minneapolis for Pauline A. Breneman & Families. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

July 29 — Engine collection, antiques, farm machinery, tools at Washington for Leonard Koehler. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

August 3 — Lonnie Wilson's consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Lonnie Wilson Auctions.

August 3 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

August 7 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

September 2 — Harley Gerdes 18th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

September 21 — Farm equipment consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Omli and Associates, Inc.

November 2 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

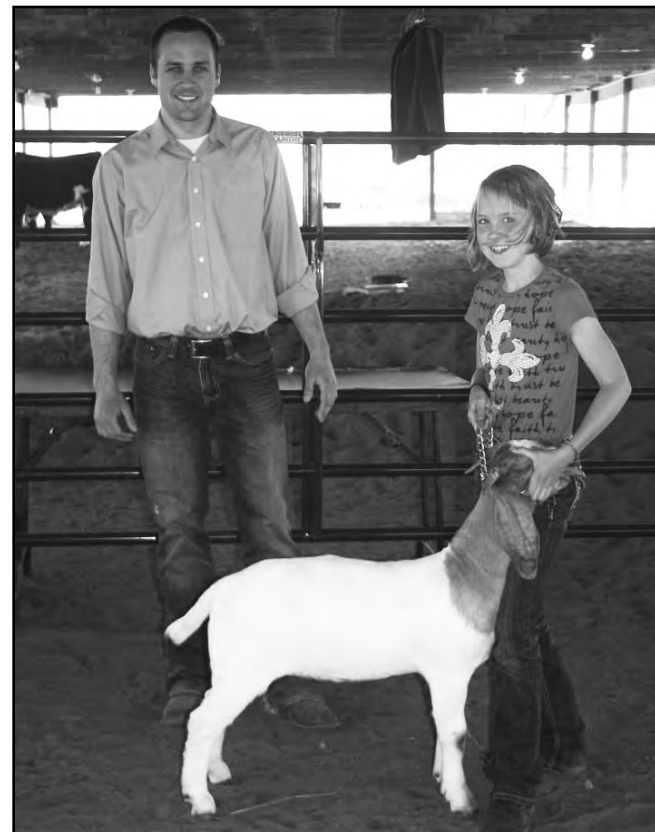
November 2 — Sim-Angus & Simmental Bull & Cow Production Sale for Irvine Ranch at the ranch N. of Manhattan.

November 9 — Farm sale

NE of Clay Center for Stanley Roberts Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

November 9 — SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Bulls North of Wheaton for Moser Ranch 22nd Bull Sale.

January 1, 2014 — Harley Gerdes 29th annual New Years Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.



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Pillar handicap scooter, works good; Lightening Cruiser electric bicycle; Panterra fusion electric scooter, both need chargers; Buffalo free standing drill press, 1hp motor; Dewalt compound miter saw both run good; Gallerio telescope; various tools of all kinds; tile saw; hip waders; various kitchen & household items

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plates, vintage fox stole, silver fox coat, hanging wall art, child's wrought iron buggy & cradle set, small wooden wagon, wooden goose wagon.

PEDAL CARS & MISC.
Mustang pedal car, USAF Jeep pedal car, small area rugs, linens, small kitchen appliances, kitchen utensils, flatware cookbook set, old golf club set, tennis rackets, Christmas decorations, misc decorative items, weight bench & set, bedside commode, Walker, wood window blinds, books, VCRs cordless phones, luggage, treadmill, **MANY MORE ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST.**

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Boneless Chicken

KFC, formerly Kentucky Fried Chicken, is one of a handful of fast food pioneers that changed the world's eating habits. For over sixty years they have staked a claim on the cheapest meat commodity you can buy.

The chicken my children grew up on is vastly different from the chicken I ate as a boy. Both are equally nutritious, yet the new chicken is so much more convenient. I can remember cutting up the whole chicken and fighting over the parts! Nowadays eating a box of Chicken Nuggets is as simple as sticking coins in a soda pop machine.

KFC has now announced a new plan to make all their chicken boneless! I guess I assumed it was going to anyway. Their surveys show that 60% prefer it that way. The holdout is the popular "Big Bucket" that has real pieces of the carcass, bone-in.

There's a mind switch when I hear "boneless chicken." I'm reminded of the cartoonist Gary Larson's drawings of limp chickens laying about the barnyard. But if the market goes completely boneless, I can see poultry breeders embarking on a

course of eliminating as many bones as possible from the live chicken. For instance, why do chickens have wings? They are as useless as arms on a Tyrannosaurus rex!

Another tack would be inventing an invertebrate chicken. It could have an exoskeleton like lobsters or big beetles. Or they could be planted like oysters in a shell or barnacles in a pier. How 'bout chicken meat in a shell like a five-pound egg? Basically an egg with a head. Easy to feed, easy to gather, easy

to entertain. Or possibly a genetic combination of hen and fruit...all natural. Imagine boneless chicken you could peel like a banana! We already have chick peas, Chiclets chewing gum, chicken fried steak, Chicken of the Sea, Rooster Cogburn and Fryer Tuck...why not Chickmelon? The possibilities are endless.

It's been a long time since I had fried chicken like Aunt Effie used to make. She used Crisco. I liked the heart and 'second joint', as Mother called it. It had a flavor of its own. Now it seems that chicken tastes like whatever you put on it, like feathered tofu.

Well, good luck KFC. As I've always said, I eat all the eggs I can, it's one less chicken I have to contend with!

Making every drop count: NCGA tools for water quality

To help corn farmers understand water issues and ways to enhance water quality on their farms, the National Corn Growers Association has added a video and an interactive educational module to its online learning tools concerning water quality management.

"NCGA is dedicated to continuous improvement, education and supporting water conservation and input management," said Dean Taylor, chair of the Production and Stewardship Action Team. "Our goal in producing these tools is to communicate the actual production related practices farmers are successfully implementing related to water quality."

The video, titled "Driving Change," showcases NCGA members describing the practices they are im-

plementing to enhance water quality on their farms and in their area. The 30-minute NCGA Water Issues Learning Module was developed to help farmers better understand water quality issues and best practices.

Both tools reveal the major benefits in using

best management practices, and stress the importance of becoming knowledgeable about issues related to water quality and use at local, state and regional levels. They also help farmers learn regulatory requirements and understand key elements of the Clean Water Act.

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FARRM Act fails in U.S. House of Representatives

By Donna Sullivan, Editor
After a 195-234 vote defeat in the U.S. House of Representatives of the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013, better known as the farm bill, House Ag Committee ranking member Collin Peterson, D-Minn., expressed his frustration. "This flies in the face of nearly four years of bipartisan work done by the Agriculture Committee," he said in a statement released last Thursday. "I'll continue to do everything I can to get a farm bill passed but I have a hard time seeing where we go from here." Sixty-two Republicans voted against the bill while 24 Democrats placed affirmative votes.

Kansas reps. Tim Huelskamp and Mike Pompeo voted against the bill, while Kevin Yoder and Lynn Jenkins voted for it. Earlier in the day Huelskamp had introduced an amendment to reform the food stamp program, which was the major sticking point in the bill on both sides of the aisle. The legislation would have required able-bodied adults to work or participate in a work activation program, eliminated the Agriculture Secretary's authority to waive work requirements and reduced spending by an additional \$10 billion through cuts supported by Sen. Pat Roberts and Senate Republicans. The amendment failed 175-250.

"While there were some strong, positive ag and rural policies in the bill, I could not vote for a bill that locks in the massive expansion of the food stamp program and spends nearly 80 cents of every dollar on food stamps," Huelskamp said. "There's a clear path to farm bill passage: we must

target food stamps to those who need it and transform the program through work requirements. Put another way, I am confident there's a bill that at least 218 House Republicans can and will support."

Jenkins released a statement saying, "In today's polarized government, the opportunity to find common ground is rare. The FARRM bill was one of those rare opportunities, but still too many Democrats and Republicans allowed politics to trump progress, and chose to defeat this bipartisan effort. I am truly disappointed by today's vote to accept a badly broken status quo."

"As someone who grew up on a Kansas dairy farm, I know our farmers and ranchers need certain and stable agriculture policy from the federal government to do their jobs," she said. "I supported the FARRM bill, because what we currently have is inefficient, outdated, and badly in need of reform. Although it wasn't perfect, the FARRM bill was a good starting point, and I am committed to bringing this issue back to the floor. We cannot make progress if we continue to do nothing."

House Ag Committee chairman Frank Lucas said he believes the reforms in the bill, including \$40 billion in deficit reduction, the elimination of direct payments and the first food stamp reforms since 1996, are too important to ignore. "We are assessing all of our options, but I have no doubt that we will finish our work in the near future and provide the certainty that our farmers, ranchers and rural constituents need."

Agriculture and commodity groups across the

country were quick to express their displeasure at the bill's defeat.

"Today's failure leaves the entire food and agriculture sector in the lurch," said American Soybean Association President Danny Murphy. "Once again the nation's soybean farmers and the 23 million Americans whose jobs depend on agriculture are left holding the bag."

"The American Farm Bureau Federation is highly disappointed the House did not complete work on the 2013 farm bill, the 'Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013'" said President Bob Stallman. "It was a balanced bill that would have

provided much-needed risk management tools and a viable economic safety net for America's farmers and ranchers."

"We commend House Agriculture Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.) and ranking member Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) for their commitment and hard work in bringing the bill to the floor and working toward its passage," Stallman continued. "We look forward to working with them as we regroup and move forward. We also appreciate House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) for working with the Agriculture Committee leadership to bring the bill to the floor."

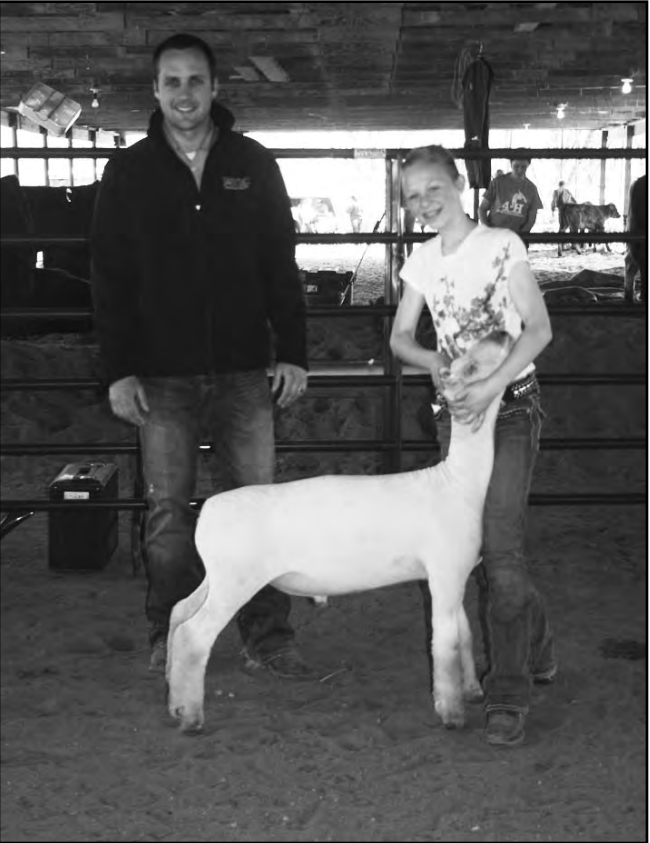
The National Taxpayers Union called the defeat of

the bill a win for the nation's taxpayers. The taxpayer advocacy group opposed the farm bill passed by the Senate last year that failed to make it to the House floor. They strongly support splitting the food stamp program away from the agriculture portions of the legislation.

The farm bill extension that was passed last year, when the House was unable to bring their version of the bill up for a vote, will expire September 30 and both sides agree that continuing to push a bill forward is imperative. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, chairwoman of the Senate Ag Committee also released a statement after last week's vote.

"Twice the Senate has overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan farm bill that reforms farm programs, ends direct payments, cuts spending and creates American agriculture jobs. The House needs to find a way to get a five-year farm bill done. The Speaker needs to work in a bipartisan way and present a bill that Democrats and Republicans can support. He could start by bringing the Senate bill to the floor for a vote."

"Maintaining the status quo means no reform, no deficit reduction, and further uncertainty that slows growth in our agriculture industry," she concluded. "That is totally unacceptable."




Rylee Stewart, Baldwin City, led the reserve champion overall market sheep at the Flint Hills Classic in Eureka in April.



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Mill Creek Ranch	Alma	6 bwf	633@154.75
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Bryan Farms	Onaga	8 blk	673@149.50
Jeff Rootring	Olsburg	2 blk	685@147.00
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Kerry Kramer	McClouth	3 blk	628@131.50
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Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk	1850@100.00
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Dressman Farms	Alta Vista	1 blk	1670@84.50

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 925-2100 LBS			
Don & Doug Frohberg	Waterville	1 blk	1205@112.00
Cross Country Genetics	Manhattan	1 blk	1185@100.00
Justin Boswell	Onaga	1 blk	1305@98.50
Cross Country Genetics	Manhattan	1 blk	1270@96.00
Willard Olson	Manhattan	1 herford	1120@95.50
Rodney & Amber M. Biesenthal	Onaga	1 blk	1090@91.50
Doug Frank	Windsor	1 blk	1920@90.00
Houck Rock Creek Ranch	Allen	1 blk	1470@89.00
Justin Boswell	Onaga	1 blk	1055@88.00
Don & Doug Frohberg	Waterville	1 blk	1480@86.50
Rodney & Amber M. Biesenthal	Onaga	1 xbred	1015@86.50
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk	1550@85.50
Jeremy Johnson	Westmoreland	1 blk	1430@85.25
Mike & Sharon Lindell	Leonardville	1 blk	1530@85.00
Justin Boswell	Onaga	1 blk	1305@84.50
Wickstrum Farms	Westmoreland	1 blk	1350@84.50
Houck Rock Creek Ranch	Allen	1 blk	1500@84.25
Rodney & Amber M. Biesenthal	Onaga	1 blk	1345@83.50
Doug Ebert	St. George	1 blk	1170@83.00
JR & Debbie Adcock	Hiawatha	1 blk	1455@82.75
Paul, Robert, & Alan Taylor	Olsburg	1 blk	1245@82.00
Cross Country Genetics	Manhattan	1 bwf	1280@81.50
Michael Dikeman	Manhattan	1 simm	1565@81.00
Jim Weixelman	Wamego	1 blk	1375@80.50
Jeremy Johnson	Westmoreland	1 blk	925@80.50

Michael Dikeman	Manhattan	1 simm	1250@79.50
Paul, Robert, & Alan Taylor	Olsburg	1 blk	1475@79.00
Doug Ebert	St. George	1 blk	1205@76.75
KSU AS&I Dairy	Manhattan	1 holstein	2085@75.25
KSU AS&I Dairy	Manhattan	1 holstein	1725@75.00
Dressman Farms	Alta Vista	1 xbred	1150@74.50
TOB Farms	Beattie	1 blk	1095@74.50
Tom Kimball Family Trust	Manhattan	1 blk	1090@73.00

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15 Angus cows, running ages, bred 1st & 2nd stage

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow to moderate. Demand light to moderate for dairy and grinding alfalfa, for stock cow hay, grass hay and alfalfa pellets. This past week Kansas weather was hot, dry, and windy over the weekend with major thunderstorms rolling across the state. Winds with speeds of over 70 mph were recorded and rainfall amounts from half inch up to three inches. There are some problems in the brome with army worms, some have sprayed. The first cutting of alfalfa should finish up this week. The brome crop is excellent in most cases; however a very wide variation in prices due to quality with calf or horse quality bringing the premium prices, discounts for stock cow quality. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange:www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares 350.00-400.00. Dairy, Supreme no trade; new crop a little 250.00-260.00 no test, new crop contracted 180.00-205.00 standing in the field all cuttings; Heifer or Bunk hay a little new crop contracted 230.00-235.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, new crop 210.00-230.00 delivered in. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, Spot 240.00-260.00, an instance 270.00, a little new crop 230.00-250.00 contracted. The week of 6/10-15, 7,935T of grinding alfalfa and 575T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, large bales 60.00-70.00. Corn stalks 55.00-65.00, or 70.00-85.00 delivered, ground and delivered 72.00-100.00.

South Central Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa, alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, Dairy, Supreme, no trade, a little new crop 240.00-250.00 out of the field; Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field new crop 180.00-200.00, mostly 180.00-190.00, Utility-Fair 170.00-180.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots, 240.00-250.00. The week of 6/10-15, 3,152T of grinding alfalfa and 728T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 275.00-285.00, 17 pct protein 285.00-295.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 355.00. Straw, large bales 55.00-70.00, Hi-density bales 65.00-75.00. Corn stalks 55.00-70.00.

Southeast Kansas

Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: old crop, Horse or Goat, 300.00. Dairy, No trade. Bluestem: Good, small squares 140.00-160.00, an instance 190.00, mid and large squares 125.00-150.00, large rounds 100.00-135.00; Brome: Good, Small squares 140.00-150.00, mid and

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SATURDAY, JULY 20 — 9:00 AM
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large squares 130.00-150.00, large rounds 110.00-150.00, few 155.00. Grass Mulch CWF, large round 60.00-70.00. Straw, large bales 50.00-60.00. CRP, Fair, large bales 100.00.

Northwest Kansas

Alfalfa steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 300.00, Mid squares 250.00; Dairy, No trade; Stock cow 200.00-210.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 210.00-220.00. Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 250.00-270.00. Corn hay, large bales 100.00-125.00. Corn stalks 55.00-70.00. CRP hay, large bales, Good, 125.00-150.00, Fair, 100.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy, grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, 300.00, some 9.00/small square bale; Dairy, Supreme no trade; Premium, new crop 240.00-260.00 no test but at least Premium; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge new crop of the field, 180.00-200.00, alfalfa ground-on- the-truck old crop 235.00, Ground and delivered 235.00-260.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 6.50/bale, some 10.00/bale, 120.00-160.00, Mid squares 130.00-150.00, a little 165.00, large rounds 50.00/bale, 110.00-150.00/T. Brome: Good, small squares, 7.00/bale, a little 10.00/bale, 110.00-150.00/T, Mid squares, new crop 130.00-160.00, large round, 50.00/bale, 95.00-130.00; Grass mulch, large round 60.00, CWF large round 100.00/bale. Straw, small squares 3.50-4.00/bale; large bales 60.00-65.00/T or 70.00-80.00 delivered.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*CWF Certified Weed Free

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

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Source: Kansas Dept of Ag-USA Market News Service, Dodge City. Steve Hessman, Rich Hruska, OIC (620) 227-8881 24 hour price information (620) 369-9311; www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt; www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage

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UNITED COUNTRY BLOMQUIST REALTY & AUCTION
FRIDAY, JULY 12 — 10:00 AM
LOCATION: INTERSECTION OF OTTAWA ST & N 3RD ST MINNEAPOLIS, KS

This auction includes the assets from DR&P Service, Minneapolis Ks. Included in this auction are several Aero Heads, and Dempster heads, some install ready. Skid Loader, attachment: Lowe 1650 Post hole Digger with a 24" and 14" auger with extension S# 1650E. Large collection of fans and blades, towers. Auction also includes parts, tools, welders, pipe, Scaffolding, Mast pipe posts, safety harness, chain hoists, blocks, come alongs, generator, Craftsmen compressor, hand held band saw, electrical connectors, Black and Decker chop saw, Well caps, extension ladders, parts bins, hose clamps Lincoln Idealarc SP 200 welder, Victor Torch hoses and bottles included, Linde Wire welder, welding table, welding clamps, Oster power pipe Threader, Rigid pipe Threader, pallet jack, Bolt cutters, Large selection of dimensional lumber, Pump jack, Handles for hand pumps, pumps. New and used bolts, wiring, and electrical supplies, large assortment of hand tools, and more!!

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Beef Products Inc. wins move back to state district court

A federal judge this week returned BPI’s \$1.2 billion defamation lawsuit against ABC News to Union County Circuit Court in South Dakota.

“We filed the case in state court because that was the proper jurisdiction,” Erik Connolly, a Chicago lawyer for BPI, said in a statement. “The court’s decision confirmed that we were correct.”

Legal experts have speculated that a jury in its home state could be more sympathetic to BPI’s arguments. South Dakota also is one of 13 states with food disparagement laws intended to protect agricultural interests. If BPI would prevail in state court, the law could triple the damages the company is seeking, from \$400 million in lost profits to more than \$1.2 billion.

In September, BPI sued ABC, its owner, and six people including World News anchor Diane Sawyer and correspondents Jim Avila and David Kerley, saying network broadcasts and online stories in March 2012 caused consumers to believe the company’s Lean Finely Textured Beef product was unsafe and unhealthy. Attorneys for ABC and other defendants moved in October to transfer the civil suit to U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls.

PASTURE & WILDLIFE HABITAT AUCTION

For: Kobetich Family Trust
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MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013
10:30 AM @ Community Center in Longford, Ks

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ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION
SATURDAY, JULY 6 — 9:00 AM
Auction Location: 106 Wolmer — SMITH CENTER, KS

NICE ANTIQUE FURNITURE: Victor phonograph; 6 stackpack bookcase; magazine table; ladies carved back rocker; platform rocker; sev. oak commodes w/towel bars; nice maple roll top kitchen cabinet w/porcelain knobs; oak rocker; set of 6 oak chairs; sm. secretary; cane bottom oak rocker; nice fancy carved antique organ & stool (Cable Co.); rocker chair w/ottoman on rollers; oak Hotel commode w/towel bar & mirror; glass front kitchen cabinet; glass ball footed lamp table; beveled glass mirror; sewing cabinet; nice oak chest of drawers w/beveled glass mirror; wall shaving cabinet w/2 drawers & mirror; walnut dresser w/teardrop pulls; oak table w/drawers; full sized wood bed; serpentine front dresser w/beveled mirror; 6 drawer highboy dresser; oak cabinet w/2 drawer & 2 doors (English); serpentine front chest of drawers; chest of drawers w/mirror; cedar chest; oak pedestal table w/3 leaves; glassfront kitchen cabinet; stepback kitchen cabinet; set of 3 pressback chairs; sq. oak table w/4leaves; Iron bed frame; primitive wood table; wardrobe; captains chair; primitive table; corner shelf; sm. lamp table; Windsor treadle sewing machine; 5 old Man of the Sea chairs; wooden dropleaf table; wooden stool; child’s chair & rocker; misc. wooden chairs; nice buffet; 4 slatback wicker bottom chairs; glass ball foot organ stool; walnut Upholstered chair; wicker desk (American Chair Co.); platform rocker; 3 drawer chest of drawers; bentwood rocker cradle; marble top commode w/splashback; sewing stands (1 wicker); 2 drawer oak chest of drawers; pressback oak rockers; bentwood rocker; Jenny Linn style bed; parlor loveseat; sm. kidney shaped table; 5 drawer oak chest; oak dresser w/mirror; walnut lamp tables.

ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES & COLLECTIBLES: Nice electrified kero lamp; reference books; Poor Record of Kirwin Township; History of Harlan; 100 yr. History of Smith Center; Tru-Vu in box w/Viewer cards; Home on the Range book (autographed Frank Sturba); Osb. Co books (The People Came Vol. 1); 1974 Cadillac shop manual; 1958-77 MG Manual; Chilton manual on foreign cars (1970-75); 1970 Smith Center Year-

book; 1940-70 Am. Cars book; some Blue Willow dishes; gold trim frosted pitcher/glasses; McKee juicer; large Japan china set; picture frames; Cl cat bank; Cl dog; Knox felt top hat; dolls; Quilt; old Guardian Angel picture; silverware set in case; celluloid dresser pieces; aprons; Iris n Her-ringbone dishes; Pink Cabbage Rose; amber Cabbage Rose berry bowl, plates & meat tray; pink Princess cake dish; amber basket C&S; Nippon C&S & sugar; pink Manhattan 2 handled berry bowl set; Flying Phoenix C&S sets; Royal Winton C&S; Harlan souvenir custard glass piece; Lebanon, Ks adv. piece (J.M. Tygant Estate); Kero jars; cameo dresser set; aprons; Aladdin Washington drape kero lamp; McCoy pineapple design fancywork; Autumn Leaf, Butterfly & Berry Marigold Carnival bowls; Shirley Temple pitcher & bowl; Hull W-7-7 ½ Vase; qt & ½ gal Red Wing Mason crock jars; tin Mini-Mow Toy (Ohio Art); license plates (1941,38,36,37); Tonka Toys; Chesterfield sign; Radio Flyer Wagon; Cecil Golding picture; J. Col-man picture; silver pieces; Dutch wooden windmill; flat top trunk; Aladdin bug screen; Falcon Model V16 camera; Black Bull Whiskey bottle; New style white cedar barrel churn; R/W enamelware; old Valentines; DelLaval Jr. table model cream separator; pitcher pump; kitchen scales; spice cabinet; pink cake carrier; Occupied Japan piece; buttons; glass rolling pin; Japan soldier toothbrush holder; United Horse clock; Naegele Bros. match safe (El Dorado); dresser lamps; Lone Wolf picture; “Found” Picture; “The Old Master” picture; WWII Army helmet & gas mask; Occupied Japan & other child’s dishes; Sew Tidy; floor ash trays; Cl Cannon (11FB); Majestic Copper teakettle; 5 gal. cream cans; coal bucket; baskets; wall coat rack; 2 & 3 gal. Red Wing crocks; cowboy picture; Black Sambo thermometer; teapots; Sun-bonnet Boy & Girl Quilt; spinning wheel; Beam whiskey car decanters; Ezra Brooks Unopened whiskey decanters; Wildcat whiskey decanter; Coke trays; Black Mammy Note pad holder; Terri Lee Doll; McCoy Vase; ROCKOLA JUKE BOS (model # 445); old cash drawer; fancywork pil-lowcases , etc.

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crotts

The corn market was higher on the week in spite of the bear spreading we saw in the market and in spite of the favorable forecasts we have seen for the Corn Belt. On the charts we saw the July contract fill the open chart gap left the day after the March Quarterly Stocks Report, but the market still hasn't been able to recover all of the post report losses. The trend of the old crop market is still sideways to higher and with basis levels still very strong it is likely that we see the July contract post gains as we head into expiration, especially after first notice day, which is Friday the 28th.

The December chart looks quite a bit different than the July. The December corn stalled out just above the \$5.70 level just as it has done three times before since March. I suspect that if the forecasts are not threatening to the crop on Sunday night/Monday morning, then we will see the new crop corn come under quite a bit of selling pressure and we will be back at the \$5.12 - \$5.25 area soon. Something that could prevent a major break in the market, besides the weather, that is, are the reports out on the 28th. The Quarterly Stocks report could go either way, really. The one in March was bearish, but the previous two were certainly bullish and the June report has marked a turning point in the market several of the recent summers. There really isn't a scientific way to approach the stocks report because the numbers have been so erratic, so be prepared for anything.

The Planted Acreage report will be very important as well. Traders are expecting the acreage estimate to be lowered, but how much will it be? The market won't be impressed by a 1 million acre

cut and 2 million probably wouldn't move the market either. 3 million is highly unlikely, but would give the market a bullish jolt. On the other side of the coin, no change at all would be bearish and an increase in acreage would be catastrophic. The wheat market was firm this week despite harvest activity increasing. The strength in the corn probably helped more than anything. Yield reports aren't that great, but as harvest expands in central Kansas the yields will definitely improve.

The two keys to the long term direction of the wheat market are the direction of the corn market and the wheat export market. If the corn is heading lower it will drag the wheat lower unless we have very good export sales. Despite the poor harvest we will see this year there will be plenty of wheat available unless we sell it on the export market. With December KW so far above the December corn there is no way we will be able to use the excess wheat in the feed rations unless prices drop.

Both the old crop and new crop soybeans fell to new lows for the move this week. If the weather is good then the new crop soybeans don't stand a chance to trade higher. Despite the tight old crop stocks the new crop beans are dragging the old crop lower. We are seeing good bull spreading in both the beans and the meal, I think that we have the potential to see gains in the July and August soybean contracts at some point, but right now the focus seems to be on the new crop. The old crop contracts will be very sensitive to any further export sales of soybeans or soybean meal and that will make the spreads explode.

The cattle on feed report was slightly negative with the on feed estimate coming in at 97%, placements at 98% and marketings at 97%. The placements figure was the most negative of the bunch, because it was the most over the average trade guess, but we have to keep in mind that we are still dealing with fewer cattle all the time and the cow herd is still shrinking, which means that trend will continue for a long time. On the charts both the August live cattle and August feeder cattle are breaking out of the sideways pattern they have been stuck in and they are doing it to the upside, which is a relief. Hopefully we see the gains continue. A good upside target to look for in the August live cattle is \$125.50.

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'Steaking' a claim: K-State Olathe to host American Royal Steak Competition for second year

The American Royal Association is looking for America's best-tasting steak, and Kansas State University Olathe will help.

The association's second annual second annual American Royal Steak Competition will be at the K-State Olathe campus in September, with the winner announced at the 2013 Grapes & Steaks Competition on Oct. 9. Beef producers from across the nation are invited to submit rib-eye steaks to compete for the best-tasting steak.

"Last year marked the first time for this event at the American Royal," says Todd Graves, chair of the American Royal Steak Contest Committee. "Most traditional cooking contests are like the American Royal World Series of Barbecue — they are mainly about preparation. This competition is about awarding America's best-tasting steak."

The American Royal World Series of Barbecue is a registered trademark.

Each steak will be prepared in an identical manner at the K-State Olathe Campus in the laboratory and research kitchens. Points will be assigned for flavor, juiciness and texture. Steaks will be judged by a panel of experts. Last year, judges included restaurateurs, food bloggers, beef representatives, members of the Kansas and Missouri Beef councils, and regional chefs.

"This is a great way for beef producers from all over the country to be judged purely on the quality of their beef. Every entry is treated equally and judged ac-

cording to the same criteria. We are excited to have another year of this event," said Mark Schatzker, author of "Steak: One Man's Search for the World's Tastiest Piece of Beef."

Steaks are submitted frozen to the K-State Olathe Campus and entry forms must be submitted online at www.americanroyal.com. There is no entry fee for this competition.

Marianne Swaney-Stueve, K-State Olathe's sensory and consumer research manager, was awarded "Rookie of the Year" honors by the American Royal for her leadership on behalf of K-State Olathe for the 2012 competition.

For more information about the steak competition, contact Swaney-Stueve at 913-307-7354 or marianess@k-state.edu.

The American Royal Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that has been a Kansas City tradition since 1899. Each year more than 270,000 people attend events at the American Royal Complex. In 2012, the Royal was able to give \$1.4 million in scholarship and educational awards. In addition to its educational mission, the American Royal generates some \$60 million of economic impact, \$4.4 million in local tax revenues, and supports 450 jobs. For further information, see <http://www.americanroyal.com>.

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AUCTION

TUESDAY, JULY 2 — 6:00 PM

205 4th Street — COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS

This manufactured home has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths (one with laundry), dining room, living room and kitchen. The home is located on 2 attractive lots along with a garage/shop and a utility building. The outbuildings have an abundance of storage.

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FURNITURE

Oak sow belly kitchen cabinet; oak high back bed; oak dresser; love seat; marble top dresser; fireplace mantel; Wood King 2600C parlor stove; bridge lamp; water crock stand; school desk; modern leather couch very good.

COLLECTABLES & COINS

Coke school crossing stop sign on cast iron base w/wheels; lady cast iron door stop; Banner Bands tin container; Murray pedal station wagon; wicker buggy; riding horse; crocks inc.: (Red Wing 12 & 20 gal, 8 gal Diamond, 12 gal Blue Ribbon, others, brown top jugs, pitchers, bowls); JC Stevens 12 ga; Remington 12 ga 1148; Stevens 87D 22; Frenci over under 12 ga; Crest 12 ga; Hi Standard 22 pistol; fishing poles, bamboo rod; wall hanging from Bishop home; large assortment granite inc.: pans, coffee pots, other; 30th anniversary Sister Out Door quilt; Oriental vase; 2" crock pitcher; salt dips; Angel collection; Precious Moments dolls; Salina advertising pieces; Lone Ranger medal; Zippo lighters; AC Gilbert puzzles; 1937-38 Science & Mechanics magazines; WWII Boyce canteen & war bond

poster; paper weights; lead toys; Worlds fair souvenirs; 1940-50 Boeing, Cessna airplane pictures; 1952 Boy Scout shirt; Lee Hardware items; Salina advertising collectables; wall telephones; 3 Merrick's spool cabinet glass panels; Sunshine & Santary biscuit tops; seal presses; Coleman, Bernz-o-matic, Rich-Con, Lee's Lighting lanterns; 1970's John Deere ladies bike; erector set; post card albums; cast iron Christmas tree holder; brass Minneapolis thermostat; pocket knives; 1908 Kodak Brownie Autotone camera; watch parts; wood boxes (Hires, Cheer Up, Sunshine Biscuit, fold up, other); RC Cola 6 pack; pop bottles; lunch boxes; assortment kitchen items; cream cans; base ball bats inc.: Roger Maris; base ball cards inc.: 1934 Leo Durocher, 1971, other; carving set w/stag handles; Marx 4205 electric train; HO train set; Lionel & American Flyer train accessories; wooden doll furniture; large assortment Christmas decorations; Magic Lantern slides; plastic Budweiser sign; wash boards; carom board; rug beater; wood line pulleys; sleigh bells; branding irons; lantern; hames;

Dazey 4 qt churn; Texaco oil can; Holiday cooler; jars; lighting rods; floor medical scale; cast iron tea kettle; kerosene lanterns; cast iron pot; 1 man saw; wooden planes; drawing knives; Mrs. Shaeffers griddle; wooden mallet; wooden clamps; axes inc.: Winchester; drawing knives inc.: Rich-Con, Lee's; block planes; molding planes; wooden levels; saws inc.: Lee's, Disston, Rich-Con; Stanley-Bailey plane; carpenter's chest full; cast iron shelf brackets; yard sticks; hay hooks; brass fire extinguisher; marbles; dress form; 1930 mannequin; child's table & chairs; assortment books inc. Salina, Treat em Rough, children's books, other; A T Aloe 1917 surveyors transit; Marantz CD player; Coins inc.: 82 silver dollars some CC, 10k Charles Lindberg gold pc; 1928 red seal \$2, 1957 A & B silver certificate \$1, 100 Mercury dimes, 120 Indian head pennies, wheat pennies, Buffalo nickels, others; coins will sell at 12:00 noon; Tools inc.: gas weed eater; Sears 4" jointer; Sears shaper; airless paint sprayer; 3/4" sockets; miter saw; chain boomer; wood clamps; saws; nail puller; handy man jack.

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Downtown anytown

It wasn't a road as such, more a grass-choked two-track splitting off the cobbled dead-end street to rise onto what appeared to be a narrow levee separating the town from the railroad tracks. Beyond it an old unused grain elevator.

"I wonder if the road will take us there," I said.

"I wonder if we should," my partner, Kim, said doubtfully.

I shrugged. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. I nosed the Malibu onto the ruts and went to see where the road would take us.

How many times had I driven past Florence? A dozen times, maybe more, each time glancing out the window at what could be seen from the driver's seat at 45 miles per hour. A gas station off to the west, a small convenience store/bar to the east, a row of empty buildings, a tall thin needle of a water tower, a cluster of rusty pickups, a half-dozen tree-shaded streets branching off, a long bridge spanning the railroad tracks and the sluggish waters of Doyle Creek, the ubiquitous grain elevator jutting above the maples, elms and hackberries.

It didn't appear much

different than most other dying towns scattered across the plains. Drive enough backroads and they start looking alike, their individual characteristics blending into one homogenous constant. More than a few are in their terminal stages while others—welcome rarities—show signs of revival; most are on the far side of hope.

As a card-carrying Kansas Explorer, I try to look for qualities or attributes essential to each town, that set them apart from others. Finding them, of course, requires commitment and a willingness to slow down, to brake, to back up, to coast, to stop. As Marci Penner, director of the Kansas Explorers Club, said, "The secret to exploring Kansas is 'You get out of the journey what you put into it.'" An open mind, a sense of wonder, the tingle of anticipation at what awaits around the bend or over the next hill, a willingness to get lost, are elements of rural exploration. Explorers dare to do dirt. We do small towns, too. We especially do small towns.

This time, unlike those other times when the road took me elsewhere, my business partner and I had a few minutes to kill be-

fore joining a wedding party at a cattle ranch south of town. She had instructed me to follow the signs to the business district, a matter of only a handful of blocks, and along the way we stopped briefly to photograph interesting stone structures or colorful doorways. Several people waved. The downtown area was a mix of businesses and empty storefronts amid the typical 19th century architecture common to railroad hubs. Main Street was both wide and cobblestoned.

It wasn't until we made our way along the levee to where it dropped down to parallel the tracks and hook around to Main

Street that we got a real feel for the town, what the writer Cheryl Unruh calls its "personality." Covering an entire two-story building was a huge painted mural of a bald eagle superimposed over an American flag. On the opposite side of the street planters of colorful flowers nodded beneath more flags. Between the brooding clouds, the limestone facades and the brickwork street there were enough textures to make even the most jaded photographer swoon. "Oh, my God, look at that," Kim said.

We did. We stopped and got out and walked into the middle of the street and stood there in awe.

"We have to," she said. I knew what she meant: we had to convince the wedding party to walk up the street for a group shot.

"Will there be enough time?"

"We'll make time."

And, as it turned out, we did, and they did, and the resulting images were everything we wanted and more. But Florence stayed with me long after we were gone. I thought of those flowers and the

flags, of the giant mural and what it represented, not just a colorful splash across a downtown building but of a town's investment in itself. As Unruh wrote in her book, *Flyover People*, "I like to look for something original in each town, something residents have created, restored or put on display. Unique projects help reflect a town's personality... you see what they value."

Several days later I was discussing the future of small town Kansas with a man who expressed little hope in the viability of

rural culture. He said a lot of towns within his own county would disappear within his lifetime, that the tipping point had been reached. "We're doomed," he said. "There's no hope."

It was hard to argue the point, but I couldn't agree without a tinge of doubt. Prairie towns will eventually go into that good night, and some will rage and some will whimper and some won't care, but others, like Florence, will go with grace, but not yet, and not now, and not without a fight.

"That dog ain't dead yet," I said.

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Kansas Agri-Women elects board of directors

Kansas Agri-Women elected its board of directors at its 2013 annual meeting, held recently in Abilene. Kansas Agri-Women is an affiliate of American Agri-Women (AAW), a national coalition of farm, ranch and agribusiness women, representing 60 affiliate organizations and more than 40,000 members.

The 2013 board includes:

- President – Bobbi Olivier, Harper
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- South Central- Barbara Roux, Moundridge
- Northeast- Lori Bammerlin, Manhattan
- Eastern - Wanda Kinney, Carbondale
- Additional officers:
- Flint Hills Chapter President – Lori Bammerlin, Manhattan
- Collegiate Agri-

Women - Melissa Beyer, Manhattan

- Youth Outreach - Angie Bergmeier, Hutchinson

Meeting Program

AAW National President Karen Yost was the keynote speaker. She challenged members to advocate for agriculture and asked them "Will you be called to power?" Donnell Scott, a KAW member and an expert from AIB International, educated members on package labeling requirements. The group also toured the National Greyhound Museum.

Kansas Agri-Women focuses on ag education and advocacy. Its motto: From Producer to Consumer with Understanding. For more information about events or to join, visit the Kansas Agri-Women website, www.ksagriwomen.org.

Kansas Horse Council presents scholarships

The Kansas Horse Council Foundation held a ceremony to present its 2013 scholarship awards on June 5th in Wamego. Kansas Representative Sydney Carlin was in attendance to present the awards.

The Kansas Horse Council Foundation was founded in 2003 to encourage higher education for individuals involved in the horse industry. Since that time, over \$60,000 in scholarships have been distributed. Scholarship application information is available on the Kansas Horse Council website, www.kansashorsecouncil.com. Recipients of this year's awards are: Rebecca Biswell of Wamego, Charlie Armour of Fontana, Kristen Humbach of Manhattan, Brittanie Stalder of

Concordia and Savannah Isley of Bird City. Each student received a \$700 scholarship.



Present for the Kansas Horse Council scholarship awards presentation were, from left: Rep. Sydney Carlin, Charlie Armour, Brittanie Stalder, Rebecca Biswell (not pictured are Kristen Humbach & Savannah Isley).

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Land Institute hires former Kansas ag secretary

(AP) – Former Kansas agriculture secretary Josh Svaty has become a vice president of the Land Institute in Salina, which works to promote a new sustainable agriculture system that minimizes environmental damage.

Svaty, 33, a farmer from Ellsworth County who also served in the Kansas Legislature, will work on public policy issues, promote the institute's pursuit of natural systems agriculture and raise money, the Salina Journal reported.

A native of Ellsworth County, Svaty served three full terms in the Kansas House. He resigned during his fourth term to take the job as Kansas secretary of agriculture, a job he held from 2009 through 2011. Since then, he has been senior adviser to the administrator of the Region 7 office of the EPA, covering Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and nine tribal nations.

Wes Jackson, the Institute's founder and president, said Svaty can use his public service experience to further the Land Institute's goals.

"Josh has a good eye for problems and proposed solutions," Jackson said.

Svaty said he has grown to admire Jackson and the Land Institute's staff of 33 – including seven doctorate level scientists – as they work to return farming to the way nature intended.

"You spend your whole life fighting natural and unnatural forces. The Land Institute's and Wes Jackson's mindset is to find answers through nature rather than fighting against it," Svaty said.

The Land Institute's many projects include developing perennial grains that are grown to mimic the prairie and require less fossil fuel, conserve soil and water and adapt to weather extremes in growing conditions caused by climate change, according to a Land Institute news release. Its budget for fiscal 2014 is \$2.8 million, and total assets are \$11.1 million.

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Hillsboro, blk	1470@80.25	Junction City, bnf	1365@75.25		
Hillsboro, blk	1605@78.75	Wallace, blk	1150@75.00	Wilsey, 5 mix	722@135.00
Junction City, blk	1475@78.50	Ramona, blk	1225@74.00	Ramona, 64 mix	821@134.50
Ramona, blk	1305@78.25	Carlton, hol	1555@73.75	Gypsum, 3 rnf	625@134.00
White City, blk	1170@78.00	Ramona, bnf	1245@73.75	Tampa, 114 mix	889@133.10
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Ramona, blk	1325@77.00	Wallace, red	1200@72.75	Ramona, 13 blk	864@123.00
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bracelet, ring & earrings; Kachina bolo tie; sterling running horse belt (15 horses); sterling pendant; sterling corn earrings; fetish earrings; bear claw necklace; 2 coral necklaces; Buffalo hunter piece; large round turquoise needlepoint pin/pendant; Hummingbird piece; Lapis stone necklace & earrings; Alex Sanchez corn design & turquoise pendant necklace; 8 Fetish necklaces; Story Teller necklace; 11 large signed sterling necklaces; cuff links & tie tacks; scram shaw letter opener & pendants; Kokopelli pendant; turquoise bear claw necklace; pipe stone & turquoise necklace; turquoise cross pendant; feather pin/pendant; Flute Player necklace with turquoise panel; Lyn Aquilar sleeping beauty turquoise 4-stand necklace; turquoise/coral spinner double sided necklace; Begat belt with 11 sterling Conchos; Massive Kachina bolo tie; large shell necklace; turquoise & orange coral necklace; Kingman mine turquoise necklace, bracelet, earring set; signed earrings;

singed sterling belt buckle with turquoise center; turquoise & coral inlaid bracelet; turquoise & coral pin/pendant; turquoise pin/pendant; lots of inlaid pieces; sterling cuff links; sterling Story Teller bracelet; J. Lovato sterling & turquoise signed necklace; 3 sterling bear pendants; sterling button covers; sterling bead & turquoise nugget necklace; sugulite signed bracelet; Double D flower pendant necklace; Heishi & nugget; pendant; large Kachina bolo with denetdale from Ronnishivia; heavy blue turquoise Jacla necklace; turquoise & coral necklace; woven 10-strand coral rope & turquoise pendant (Aguilar); Charlotte stone necklace, ring & earring set; R. Aguilar necklace with large pendant & earrings; ornate black & silver pear drop necklace; Running horses necklace & earrings; Edaakie Zuni squash necklace; Abalone necklaces; Many many Quality pieces; Majority of pieces are signed by artist including Alvin Vandiver, Aquilar, Anee, Raku, Alex Sanchez & many more.

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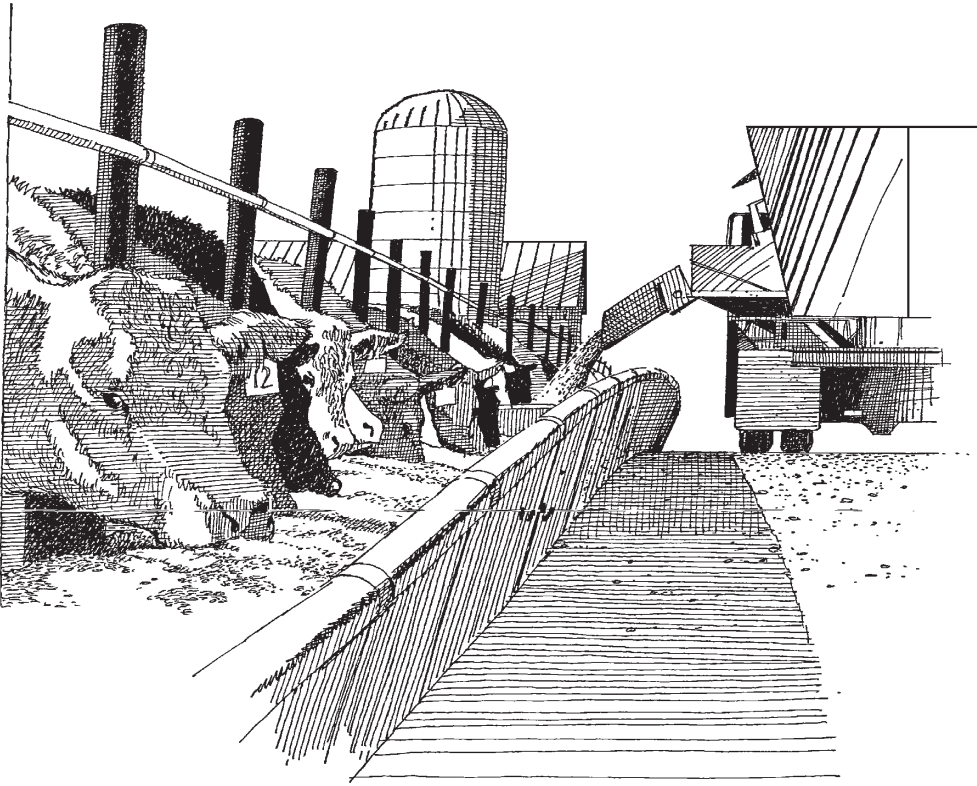
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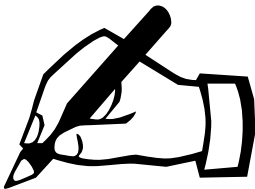
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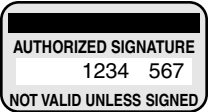
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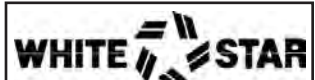
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Historic Matfield Green building soon to open as 'The Bank'

The old Matfield Green bank building — the brick-fronted, tin-sided structure at the corner of Highway 177 and Bocook Street — will soon get a surprising new life, as "The Bank." It won't be a location to deposit or withdraw money, but an inviting place where locals, travelers, and visitors can meet and where the coffee will always be hot and fresh.

For many years, The Bank has been sitting quietly along Highway 177 on what officially is Reed Street. The building's owners, Charles and Marilyn Wooster from Topeka, bought it at the same time they acquired the old country store to the south, which they have restored as a home.

"The Woosters were so gracious when we asked them if they would allow us to use the bank building," says Elaine Shea Jones, treasurer of Matfield Green's Center for Living Education, the small but feisty nonprofit organization that is renovating The Bank. "The Woosters gave us the use of the building for ten years, free of rent, and even donated money to help us renovate and improve it." The Center for Living Education is working hard to help keep Matfield Green alive and vibrant, seeing it as "one of the few small towns in Chase County that won't give up."

The Bank will reopen on July 6, 2013. From that day on, the "open" sign will be lighted five days a week from roughly 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers will be hosts. The Bank will be closed during the winter months.

"There will always be something going on," says Jones. "Ton Haak and Ans Zoutenbier, who run The Gallery at Pioneer Bluffs, will arrange rotating art shows to showcase the work of young Kansans who have recently graduated from area art schools. There will also be rare books for sale."

The Center for Living Education will organize all kinds of events from the building, activities for the community and to attract visitors to the Matfield Green area. "We hope to show visitors that the town is not just a peaceful and beautiful place to visit, but also a great place to settle," says Haak, president of the Center for Living Education. "We hope to attract more young families to buy and restore old houses that are empty, or build new homes. We don't want Matfield Green to become like Cedar Point, or Wonsevu."

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How to grow beef demand

Price, food safety and product quality are the most important demand drivers on which the beef industry should focus to have the most compelling effects on beef demand in the long term. Other key drivers include health, nutrition, social aspects and sustainability.

So concludes "Beef Demand: Recent Determinants and Future Drivers," a newly released study commissioned by the Beef Checkoff Program to summarize the current knowledge of consumer demand for beef and identify the best opportunities for the industry to influence demand positively.

"Consumer demand for beef is one of the most important and widely discussed, yet poorly understood, concepts affecting the beef and cattle industry," the report notes. "It is imperative that the beef industry recognize what drives consumer demand, what expectations are for the future, and assess the industry's ability to adjust practices to target evolving consumer preferences or to influence important demand determinants."

Authors of the report include Dr. Ted Schroeder, professor of livestock marketing, and Dr. Glynn Tonsor, associate professor of livestock marketing, both at Kansas State University, in addition to Dr. James Mintert, assistant director of Extension for Agriculture and Natural Resources at Purdue University, who prepared the report at the request of the checkoff.

"The information gathered and analyzed for this comprehensive report is almost invaluable to the beef industry, in general, and to the Beef Checkoff Program, in particular," said cattleman Ted Greidanus, a member of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and chairman of the Joint Evaluation Committee that commissioned the research for the checkoff.

"Not only does it have the ability to help more producers understand the true meaning of strong beef demand – which has the potential to improve their bottom lines – but it provides a detailed road map for checkoff leaders in identi-

fying how to leverage every checkoff dollar to its most effective and meaningful degree possible," Greidanus said. "Members of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and directors of the Federation of State Beef Councils will be asked to use the information in this report in making decisions about how to invest checkoff dollars in Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond."

Understanding beef demand

While recognizing that understanding beef demand and how to affect it is a daunting task, the report's authors note that it also is critical to the industry's long-term viability.

One very important point in developing strategies to grow beef demand will be clarification about the role of per capita consumption in beef demand. Per capita consumption is, in effect, per capita availability of beef, so it offers little information regarding beef demand when considered independently of prices, the economists note. Demand, on the other hand, effectively refers to the quantity of beef that consumers will purchase at one given price, with all other factors held constant. (Chapter 5 of the report explains beef demand concepts in detail.)

"While it is tempting to focus on market share, per capita consumption, or other product volume flows to monitor demand, this can be very misleading," Dr. Tonsor said. "Demand can only be accurately measured by assessing the combination of price and quantity. Demand is a key component of economic signals (prices) sent throughout the entire supply chain."

Given the state of the cattle industry's supply, that understanding of beef demand versus consumption is particularly critical.

"As the industry is entering a period of declining per capita supplies (and hence consumption), these clarifications are important," the report notes. "It is entirely possible for per capita consumption to decline and beef demand to increase. In fact, this is what the industry experienced the past two years.

That is, per capita beef consumption fell in 2011 and 2012 relative to prior-year volumes (while) beef demand increased."

Looking forward to the next three years, USDA projections include falling per capita beef consumption in the U.S. until 2015, at which time increases are projected following cow herd expansion. If per capita consumption falls as expected, demand could still continue upward if consumers continue to be willing to pay higher prices for beef. (Chapter 6 of the report provides a related summary of the macroeconomic environment in which the beef industry operates.)

What is important to consumers?

The research identifies seven broad attributes as particularly consequential demand factors that the beef industry, through the Beef Checkoff Program, likely could influence. These became the central focus of the determinant study: beef price; food safety; product quality; health; nutrition; social aspects; and sustainability.

Price, food safety, and product quality rose to the top of all other attributes – both for ground beef and steak. Because the checkoff cannot control price, the researchers identified food safety and product quality the two key attributes that the checkoff can and should influence.

"There are a multitude of things, in addition to demand strength, that influence beef prices," said Dr. Mintert, "including things that affect cattle and beef supplies – such as feed costs, land costs, energy prices, new technologies, beef packaging and processing costs, and interest rates – all of which are beyond the control of individual producers or the beef industry as a whole."

With that in mind, the research gathered and ranked issues affecting beef purchases, both according to consumer responses and industry researcher responses, and found general agreement between the two. Food safety, product quality and form, and price were the

three highest-ranking factors in both consumer and expert assessments, whereas social aspects and sustainability were ranked lowest, with nutrition and health ranked between the two. (Chapter 3 of the report summarizes consumer input about beef purchases.)

Consumers indicated similar rankings for ground beef and steak purchasing decisions. On average, safety, freshness, taste and health were most often selected as "most important" factors, while convenience, origin/traceability, and environmental impact were most frequently identified as "least important" factors in their beef-buying process.

What can the checkoff do?

From the milieu of research, data, and surveys of producers, consumers, economists, meat scientists and other industry experts, the researchers prepared five key recommendations for checkoff leaders to consider in making decisions about how to invest checkoff dollars, as summarized on page 15 of the summary report:

First and foremost, continue to invest in food-safety enhancement and assurances. Consumers demand it, and there is considerable opportunity to positively improve beef demand in the future.

The industry needs high-quality products that offer consistently excellent flavor, color, tenderness, juiciness, etc... and that is offered to consumers in forms they prefer/demand. While development of new products is an important dimension of this, consistency and integrity of product labels is another important component. The checkoff's recent participation in updating Uniform Retail Meat Identity Standards (URMIS) names for red meat sold at retail is a perfect example of astute response to consumer demands for consistent and recognizable names of cuts at the meat case, the report notes.

Price has been for a long time, and remains, an important driver of consumer purchase decisions. But beef experts indicate that they see little opportunity during the next ten years for the industry to influ-

ence beef prices significantly, especially relative to competing protein prices. Consequently, their recommendation on this front is that the industry work to embrace efficiency-enhancing technology development and adoption that does not negatively impact, and ideally enhances, product quality and safety attributes."

Give continued industry attention to health and nutritional aspects of beef. Beef's advantages with respect to protein content ... and perhaps iron and zinc, appear to be opportunities for the industry to continue to develop and promote with consumers. This suggests an opportunity to target younger shoppers with specific positive health and nutritional messages.

Social and sustainability issues – including consumer skepticism about production technology, perceptions that technologies degrade product quality, safety, nutrition, concerns about animal handling, etc... – should not be ignored, as the industry must be vigilant and prepared when these issues arise. Investments to address social and sustainability issues likely will have a lower demand-enhancement payoff than investments in other key areas, though responding to these issues might remain a 'cost of doing business.'

"Many important demand determinants provide opportunities and challenges for both individual firms and the collective industry," Dr. Schroeder said. "Producers and individual firms are encouraged to take special note of the role they can play in advancing beef demand. Furthermore, industry representatives managing increasingly tight checkoff budgets can use recommendations of this study to help prioritize demand-enhancement investments."

"Beef Demand: Recent Determinants and Future Drivers" is available on the MyBeefCheckoff.com website at a link, under the "Evaluation" link on the left side of the page, or directly at Demand Determinants 2013. For additional information, contact Courtney Kalous or Diane Henderson.



Wendy Mayo

Lallemand names Mayo marketing communications manager

Lallemand Animal Nutrition is pleased to announce the addition of Wendy Mayo as the marketing communications manager for the North American business. In this position, she will be working alongside the product management team on the development and implementation of marketing strategies across the Lallemand Animal Nutrition portfolio in the United States, Canada and Mexico. She will be based out of the North American headquarters office in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mayo brings with her more than seven years of livestock marketing communications experience and a lifelong passion for agriculture. Prior to joining Lallemand, she was a member of the Bader Rutter & Associates animal health team working in both public relations and account management.

She is a 2005 graduate of Kansas State University where she received a dual degree in animal sciences and industry and agriculture communications and journalism, after graduating from Butler County Community College where she competed on the livestock judging team. Mayo is originally from Garden City.

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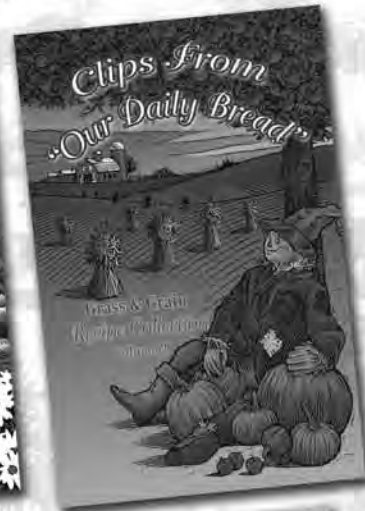
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Set objectives, implement health protocol for profitability

As with any successful business endeavor, setting goals and maintaining a program's health will enhance profitability. Cattle producers and industry professionals explored these aspects of profitability at the "Manage For Profit" symposium that kicked off the annual Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium and Convention on June 12 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The "Manage For Profit" symposium brought together experts and leaders of all segments of the beef supply chain to discuss current and futuristic strategies that producers of all sizes could implement to ensure a profitable future. With 110 attendees, 24 states were represented, as well as two countries – Canada and Australia. Among the experts who presented strategies to help producers maximize their profit were Dr. Bob Weaber, associate professor and Extension specialist for Kansas State University. He described the key to cow herd profitability was breeding objectives, and emphasized the importance of using maternal selection tools to select better cows.

"Reproduction is hugely important" said Weaber. "You have to design a breeding objective for your operations (to ensure more profitability)." Weaber encouraged breeders to design their own breeding objective and include components or goals for their cow herd such as breeding as yearlings and calving unassisted. He also emphasized the importance of economically relevant traits (ERT), such as weaning weight, to a cattle operation's profitability. Weaber presented three "Keys to Success" – minimize supplement inputs, optimize the cow as a harvester to the environment, and mate the optimum cow to a sire that maximizes the value of terminal calves.

"Select for traits that impact an endpoint where you generate money," said Weaber. "If maternal traits are important to you, put pressure on maternal traits."

Weaber concluded by telling producers to do the easy, effective things first, and then aim for longer term goals, but implement

tactics to achieve those goals as soon as possible.

Oklahoma native Dr. Gant Mourer, beef value enhancement specialist for Oklahoma State University, focused on capturing the best value at market time.

According to Mourer, one of those tools includes making sure their animals are healthy. "Health is the No. 1 production problem," he said. Ranchers can ensure their animals are healthy at market time and deliver more on the dollar by vaccinating early and regularly. Mourer reported that many operators only vaccinate their calves once in their lifetimes as opposed to boosting those vaccinations multiple times as suggested.

Other ways producers can garner more value from their animals is to adopt Mourer's "Keys to Capturing Value." Mourer encouraged cattlemen to eliminate genetic defects, vaccinate regularly, utilize good record keeping to make informed decisions about breeding and culling, and verify management decisions though value-added programs. Two such value-added programs from which cattlemen can increase their profitability are offered by the Red Angus Association of America (RAAA). The Feeder Calf Certification Program (FCCP) and Allied Access both provide an affordable service for producers as USDA-verified source and age programs. The FCCP is also a USDA-verified genetic program ensuring at least one parent is Red Angus.

Wrapping up the seminar, Troy Applehans, market analyst for CattleFax, reported on the cattle market situation and outlook, and an industry panel addressed profitability questions. Frank Wedel, seedstock producer; Tom Woodward, commercial cow/calf producer; Wes Sander, stocker operator/order buyer; Dale Moore, feedyard operator; and John Butler, CEO of Beef Marketing Group sat on the panel. Along with RAAA, OKC West Livestock Market, Inc., Oklahoma Red Angus Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association/Oklahoma Cowman and Temple Tag sponsored the symposium.

Washington County FFA chapter earns \$1,500 in FFA Chapter Challenge

Washington County FFA chapter members not only learned first-hand about agricultural livelihoods but also earned \$1,500 for their FFA program by participating in the third annual FFA Chapter Challenge.

"FFA Chapter Challenge is important because it provides a way for our FFA members to meet the farmers in our community," said John Kern, Washington County FFA chapter advisor. "Connecting with these farmers and learning from the experiences of our local agricultural producers is vital to the economy of our rural farming community and our way of life."

New this year, Chapter Challenge offered FFA members in 15 states two ways to participate. Chapters could compete in the Voting Challenge or the Chapter Advocacy Portfolio Challenge.

In the Voting Challenge, members met with local farmers to build relationships and learn about their livelihood. Those farmers then voted for their favorite FFA chapter. The Chapter Advocacy Portfolio Challenge encouraged chapters to meet with agriculturalists and community members to broaden their understanding about agriculture and then promote what they learned through social media and by creating a video. The Washington County FFA chapter received \$1,500 in credit for winning the Voting Challenge in Kansas.

"Monsanto is proud to partner with the National FFA Foundation," said Elizabeth Vancil, Monsanto customer advocacy outreach manager. "Together we are helping local FFA chapters advocate for agriculture and create bonds with the people who grow our food and build our communities."

Across the country, more than 300 FFA chapters were in the running for the FFA Chapter Challenge grand prize, sponsored by the National FFA Foundation and Monsanto. The top chapter in each category received an all-expense paid trip for seven to the National FFA Convention & Expo. The top FFA chapters in each state received certificates of credit up to \$2,500 which can be used with the national office for items such as new FFA blue jackets, convention fees and more.

To see a full list of 2013 FFA Chapter Challenge winners, please visit <http://www.ffachapterchallenge.com>.



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- NO SALE on July 3

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STEERS	11	668	130.75
1	500	165.00	Top Butcher Cow was
4	568	150.50	\$85.25 @ 1,680 lbs
12	689	142.25	Top Butcher Bull was
67	811	140.00	\$103.50 @ 1,875 lbs.
29	865	133.25	
HEIFERS			Bred Cows:
2	443	150.00	\$1,010 to \$1,110
1	440	133.00	Pairs: No Test
6	564	131.50	

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE:
Starting in June

- Sale on July 2
- NO SALES on June 25 and July 9

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No brainer?

By Steve Suther

You've heard it many times, maybe even said it: "Oh yeah, that's a no-brainer." But how can that be when that assessment and comment took conscious thought? I submit there are very few legitimate no-brainers except autonomous functions like breathing.

Illegitimate ones, sure, as in "pulling a no-brainer." Those are actions we

look back on and realize in retrospect should have been given more thought. If we're lucky, we learn without serious injury to health or pocketbook. Technology is a good thing, but you have to understand it with brain fully engaged. I have learned much about global positioning system (GPS) units since the days when mine kept telling me to "make a legal U-turn!" But it's not

automatic yet, and I keep re-learning to maintain human control.

This month I let that slip with a no-brainer while trying to find a hotel in a big city, having turned that task over to GPS with a few clicks.

Frowning once or twice at the instructions to turn there and then in that direction, I still trusted it to get to "my destination," where I was soon said to have arrived. Only then did I realize there was more than one location for that hotel chain in the city, and this was the wrong one. Entering the right address and once again relying on the GPS, I got to the hotel just a little later, and no harm done.

Earlier this spring while assisting in artificial insemination (AI) on a set of heat-synchronized heifers, I discovered a potentially fatal error in my chuteside routine. There are several models of squeeze chutes, and this

one is not mine but it relies on an angled tab sliding down a rod to keep the squeeze on until released by changing the angle with a release handle. Or, if a critical juncture is affected by moisture, it turned out.

A soft rain was falling that morning, and I noticed what that could mean on the second heifer. It wasn't the first, because on that one I had held a tail out of the way and perched in what seemed like a logical spot. It was almost a no-brainer. After setting the squeeze for the next one but before I could step up where I had been, the wet rod slipped and the squeeze released in a microsecond. Thankful it did not hold for a minute longer, I saw then that the chute action would have dealt a serious head injury had I been standing where I had been oblivious of risk.

I felt lucky and stupid all at once, and of course

found another way to help secure tails after catching the heifers. Let that be a warning to carefully study the workings of every squeeze chute or other equipment before getting down to work.

It's risky to do or casually "decide" anything as a no-brainer, even when they seem obvious. Danger or opportunity could be just around the corner, only to be avoided or engaged by thinking.

Is your business on course? Have you even set a destination, or are you just following a path of least resistance at the least possible cost and hoping for the best day to day?

Are you missing some real and present danger by assuming your first

idea—or somebody else's idea that you took on as a no-brainer—was the right idea?

The power of an engaged mind can use technology or sometimes just simple logic to produce cattle that are worth hundreds of dollars more per head than those from a herd on autopilot. Whether drought and debt are knocking at the door or prosperity reigns over your pastures, every decision will brighten or dim your prospects. Stay focused.

Next time in Black Ink® Miranda Reiman will look at the role of quality beef in building demand beyond ribeyes and T-bones. Questions? Call 330-465-0820 or e-mail steve@certifiedangusbeef.com.

Nominate your Dairy Hero today

There's no doubt that dairy farming is hard work. That's one of the reasons why global animal health and nutrition company Alltech has launched the Dairy Heroes program to recognize dairy farmers who go above and beyond the call of duty.

"Long hours, inclement weather, rising feed costs, rollercoaster milk prices, labor management, environmental stewardship... the list goes on and on for the load a dairy farmer must carry each day," said Dr. Pearse Lyons, president and founder of Alltech. "Yet even in this demanding line of work, we continue to see dairy farmers who go the extra mile and get the job done to put milk on our table."

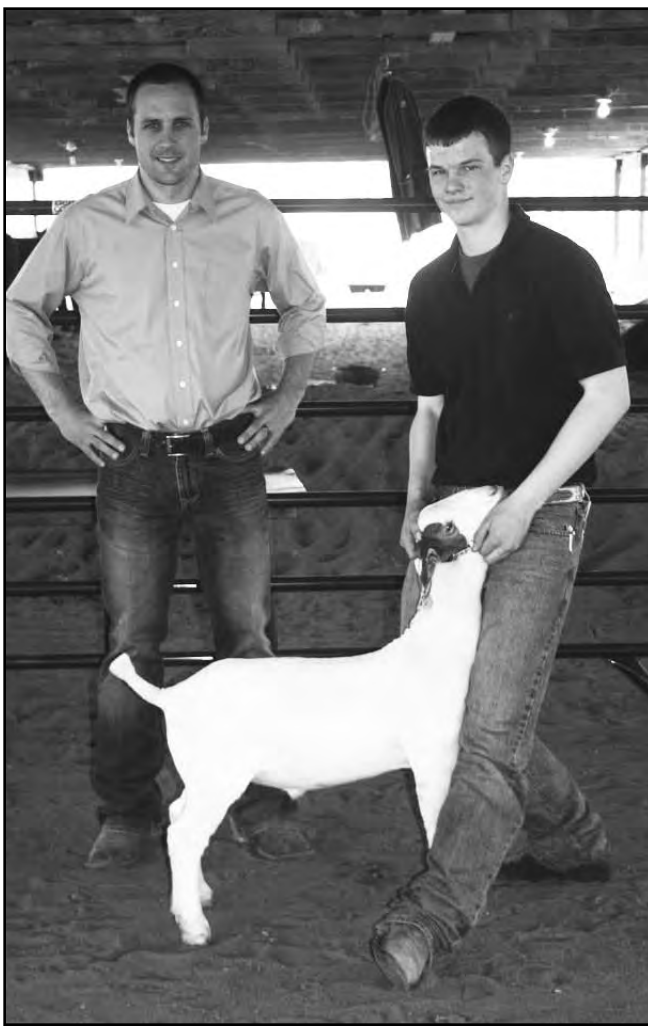
Launched at Alltech's Global 500 in December, the Dairy Heroes program recognizes the important role dairy farmers have in feeding a growing global population. The campaign features a Facebook page where members of the dairy community can nominate their 'Dairy Heroes.' In addition, there is also a Dairy Heroes website that features content such as herd health issues and solutions, dairy industry blog postings and an ask-the-expert forum.

Since the official launch, Alltech has recognized Dairy Heroes Leontien van de Laar and James Vaughan.

Originally from Holland, van de Laar fell in love with farming when she was just a girl, but always dreamt of starting her own farm in America. She pursued her dream when she moved to Indiana with her family and successfully started a 2,000-cow dairy farm.

Vaughan, herd manager of Moulton College dairy unit in Northamptonshire, UK, was chosen because of his attention to detail in the milking parlor and to herd health. This year, his operation was awarded 'Most Improved Farm' from UK veterinarians and the National Milk Records. Since January, the farm has had no cases of mastitis.

For more information about the Alltech Dairy Heroes program or to submit a nominee, please visit www.dairyheroes.com.



Earning grand champion overall market meat goat honors at the Flint Hills Classic was the entry shown by Grant Simpson, Columbus.

Eureka Livestock Sale

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Sale Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Sharp

On Thursday, June 20 we had a light run of 297 head of cattle on a good market.

STEERS				HEIFERS			
2 bk bwf	518@155.00	7 simx	747@127.50	8 bk rbf	526@139.00		
4 simx	541@147.00	6 red chr	928@122.00	4 bk	549@135.75		
2 bk	608@142.00	17 mix	995@119.00	10 simx	606@126.75		
6 simx	617@140.00	4 bk holx	761@109.00	7 simx	690@126.00		
13 simx	665@130.00			14 bk	969@118.25		
3 bk	778@128.50			2 bk	1108@108.00		

BUTCHER COWS: \$74.75-\$91.75, mostly \$80-\$90, steady to \$2 higher.
BUTCHER BULLS: \$99.50-\$103.50, light test.

COWS				BULLS			
2 bk	1480@91.75	1 bk	1630@90.75	1 limox	1675@89.50		
1 red	1525@91.50	1 bk	1595@90.50	1 bk	1625@88.75		

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- 58 mostly black steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 50 mixed steers & heifers, 700-900 lbs.
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- 120 mix packer cows & bulls

NO SALE: July 4. Happy 4th of July!

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RECEIPTS: 671 CATTLE

STEERS				HEIFERS			
4 blk char str	470@161.75	8 herf str	678@131.00	5 blk hfrs	391@157.00		
2 blk str	422@159.00	64 blk bwf str	872@130.60	11 bwf rwf hfrs	407@156.00		
3 blk str	510@158.00	4 blk bwf str	940@127.50	3 blk hfrs	506@136.75		
2 blk str	500@155.50			3 blk char hfrs	508@136.25		
8 blk bbf str	565@153.50			3 blk bwf hfrs	566@136.00		
3 blk str	653@146.50			15 mix hfrs	490@135.50		
3 bwf str	646@145.00			3 blk red hfrs	525@132.25		
3 blk str	546@140.25			6 blk red hfrs	624@131.25		
4 mix str	553@140.00			3 blk bwf hfrs	653@130.50		
8 blk str	612@139.50			13 mix hfrs	600@130.50		
3 blk bwf str	783@138.00			7 blk red hfrs	578@130.25		
3 blk bbf str	666@137.50			4 blk hfrs	603@129.50		
12 blk bwf str	636@137.50			4 blk bwf hfrs	567@128.00		
7 blk str	721@137.00			9 blk hfrs	737@127.75		
4 blk str	778@136.00			4 blk hfrs	667@127.50		
6 blk gry str	725@136.00			5 blk red hfrs	813@127.00		
12 mix str	837@134.85			5 blk red hfrs	674@125.00		
80 blk bwf str	885@134.60			6 blk red hfrs	815@120.00		
17 mix str	656@134.25						
8 blk red str	845@131.75						
8 blk str	816@131.50						
4 bwf rwf str	832@131.00						

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Market Report - Sale Date: 6-20-13. Head Count: 311

Trend on Calves: not enough calves for market test. Trend on Feeder Cattle: not enough feeder cattle for a market test. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows, \$77.50-\$90.50; Avg. dressing cows, \$65-\$77.50; Low dressing cows, \$50-\$65. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls, \$90-\$104. Trend on Cows and Bulls: Butcher Cows, \$3-\$5 higher; Butcher Bulls, \$3-\$5 higher.

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U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA working with ag industry to promote awareness of grain industry hazards

Five seconds. That is how quickly a worker can become engulfed in flowing grain and be unable to get out.

Sixty seconds. That is how quickly a worker can be completely submerged in flowing grain. More than half of all grain engulfments result in death by suffocation.

In 2010, at least 26 U.S. workers were killed in grain engulfments, the highest number on record.

In the past 50 years, more than 900 cases of grain engulfment have been reported with a fatality rate of 62 percent, according to researchers at Purdue University in Indiana.

Record death and injuries in 2010, led the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration to reach out to agricultural and grain handling industries to find ways to prevent deaths and injuries. OSHA also developed a Local Emphasis Program for Grain Handling Facilities focusing on the grain and feed industry’s six major hazards. These include engulfment, falls, auger entanglement, “struck by,” combustible dust explosions and electrocution hazards.

In 2012, six fatalities and two serious injuries occurred when combustible grain dust exploded at a facility in Atchison. Three Kansas workers were also fatally injured in recent years including two who died after falling from grain bins in Liberal in October 2010 and Rozel in June 2011. Additionally, one worker died from exposure to an herbicide at a grain handling facility in Cairo in June 2011.

In recent years, the Wichita area OSHA office has also conducted dozens of inspections at grain handling facilities to educate employers and workers on these unique hazards.

“OSHA is working hard to change the ‘it won’t happen to me’ mindset,” said

Marcia Drumm, OSHA’s acting regional administrator in Kansas City, Mo., for four Midwestern states. “Familiarity with the procedures can lead to complacency. Employers and workers need to be mindful that these accidents can occur in seconds. Grain handling injuries and deaths may be prevented with proper housekeeping and by following recommended safety procedures”

Suffocation can occur when a worker becomes buried by grain as they walk on moving grain or attempt to clear grain built up on the inside of a bin. Moving grain acts like “quicksand” and can bury a worker in seconds. “Bridged” grain and vertical piles of stored grain can also collapse unexpectedly if a worker stands on or near them. The behavior and weight of the grain make it extremely difficult for a worker to get out of it without assistance.

At the request of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association, OSHA representatives have spoken on grain industry safety at the Annual Kansas Agri-Business Expo the past three years. In addition, OSHA

provides speakers at local Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association events around the state. OSHA has also spoken at the Kansas Safety and Health Conference, Advanced Feed Manufacturing Feed Safety Course at Kansas State University in Manhattan and the Great Plains Chapter of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

“OSHA is working with the grain and agricultural industries and the agricultural community to educate employers and workers about the six major hazards of the grain and feed industry,” said Drumm. “Through training, decals, brochures, websites, and other means of information communication, we will continue to work to improve awareness of these hazards and the safety and health of workers on Kansas farms and in grain handling facilities. We are committed to preventing the injuries and deaths that have been too frequent in the industry in recent years.”

Kansas State University was awarded a U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration Susan Harwood Training Grant Pro-

gram for the development of targeted training to educate workers and employers on how to recognize combustible dust and explosion hazards in grain handling facilities.

OSHA, the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois and the Illinois Grain Handling Safety Coalition have also developed a stop sign decal to adhere to grain bin doors using pictures and short phrases reminding entrants to lockout potentially hazardous equipment, stay clear of waist-high grain, cover floor holes and to follow other best practices. Individuals or companies can email the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois at info@gfai.org to request the decal.

OSHA has also published information related to common grain industry hazards and abatement methods, proper bin entry techniques, sweep auger use, and many other grain related topics at www.osha.gov/SLTC/grainhandling/index.html. OSHA’s Grain Bin LEP is used in 25 states.

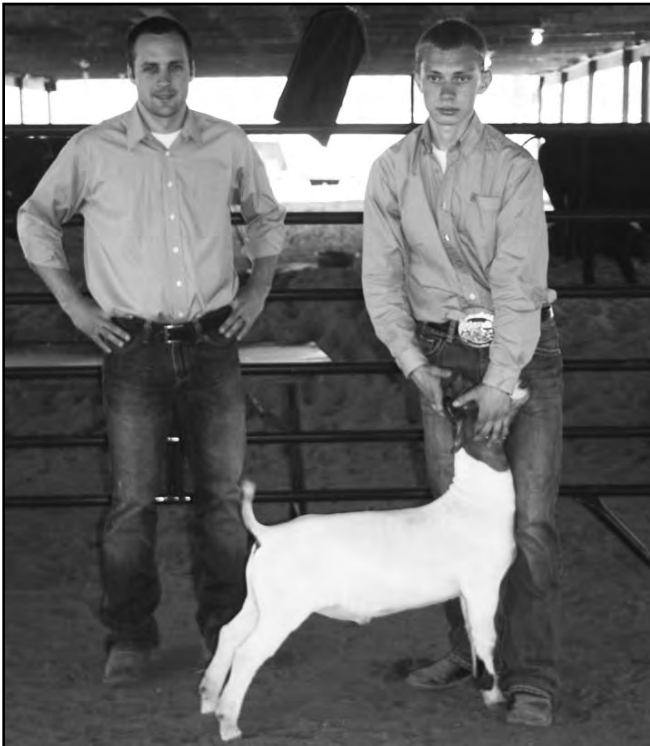
The National Grain Entrapment Prevention Initiative has also developed a flyer on grain bin safety:

http://grainnet.com/pdf/Grain_Entrapment_Prevention.pdf.

To ask questions, obtain compliance assistance, file a complaint, or report workplace hospitalizations, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, the public should call OSHA’s toll-free hotline at 800-321-OSHA (6742).

Under the Occupational

Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions exist for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.



Blake Foraker, Burrton, exhibited the reserve champion overall market meat goat at the Flint Hills Classic in Eureka.

Grass & Grain Weather Report
June 25, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 95 Low: 76

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 97 Low: 73

THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 94 Low: 71

FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 92 Low: 71

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 88 Low: 69

SUNDAY
Isolated T-storms
High: 86 Low: 68

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 89 Low: 65

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high of 95°, humidity of 49%. The record high for today is 104° set in 1918. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 76°. The record low for tonight is 47° set in 2000. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 97°, humidity of 49%.

Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi/La	Normals	Precip
6/14	98/67	87/62	0.00"
6/15	85/72	87/62	0.15"
6/16	84/71	87/63	0.00"
6/17	88/68	88/63	0.07"
6/18	91/62	88/63	0.00"
6/19	90/62	88/63	0.00"
6/20	94/71	88/64	0.00"

Rainfall last week: 0.22"
Normal rainfall: 1.23"
Departure from normal: -1.01"
Average temp last week: 78.8°
Average normal last week: 75.2°
Departure from normal: +3.6°

Today's Local Outlook

Washington 95/75

Blue Rapids 95/75

Seneca 94/75

Clay Center 96/76

Ogden 96/76

Manhattan 95/76

Wamego 95/76

Junction City 96/76

Abilene 97/77

Council Grove 94/75

This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
6/29	Tuesday	6:01 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	10:44 p.m.	8:42 a.m.	7/15
	Wednesday	6:02 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	11:22 p.m.	9:54 a.m.	
	Thursday	6:02 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	11:56 p.m.	11:03 a.m.	
	Friday	6:02 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	No Rise	12:09 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:03 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	12:29 a.m.	1:13 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:03 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	1:01 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	Full 7/22
	Monday	6:04 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	1:33 a.m.	3:14 p.m.	

Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Weather History

June 25, 1988 - Fifty-two cities in the central and eastern United States reported record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 100 degrees at Erie, Pa. and 104 degrees at Cleveland established all-time records for those cities.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
6/14	32	6/18	26
6/15	28	6/19	26
6/16	28	6/20	32
6/17	28		

BALDY MAKERS

Bull for sale now
Private Treaty with
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STARTING TIME
10:30 AM

St. Marys
Tuesdays

We sold 529 cattle June 18. Steer and heifer calves were in good demand at prices that were steady to \$3.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$3.00 higher. Cow prices were steady.

STEER & BULL CALVES

3 blk str 367 @ 185.50

1 blk bull 340 @ 176.00

1 sim str 390 @ 160.00

1 blk str 475 @ 160.00

20 blk/red str 506 @ 157.00

1 blk bull 310 @ 150.00

2 red/blk str 520 @ 147.50

4 blk bulls 448 @ 145.50

1 blk bull 430 @ 145.00

4 blk/bwf bulls 545 @ 135.00

HEIFER CALVES

61 mix str 839 @ 133.75

11 blk/red str 874 @ 129.25

3 blk str 870 @ 127.75

28 blk str 944 @ 126.60

4 blk/sim str 700 @ 125.00

STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS

8 blk/sim str 609 @ 147.50

3 blk/red str 582 @ 140.00

56 blk str 874 @ 135.75

4 red/wf str 768 @ 134.50

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

140 blk/red hfr 653 @ 140.00

6 blk hfr 557 @ 135.50

3 blk hfr 578 @ 135.00

5 blk/red hfr 563 @ 134.00

3 blk/bwf hfr 592 @ 131.50

62 blk/bwf hfr 828 @ 131.50

1 blk hfr 660 @ 129.00

2 red hfr 630 @ 127.50

1 red hfr 775 @ 127.00

1 blk hfr 670 @ 125.50

1 char hfr 775 @ 123.50

4 blk hfr 848 @ 122.00

COWS

1 bwf bred cow @ 1160.00

1 char cow 1000 @ 85.00

1 blk cow 1155 @ 84.50

1 blk cow 1380 @ 83.50

1 blk cow 1420 @ 82.25

1 blk cow 1470 @ 81.50

1 blk cow 1755 @ 81.25

1 blk cow 1310 @ 80.25

1 sim cow 1110 @ 79.50

1 sim cow 1230 @ 78.75

1 sim cow 1215 @ 77.75

1 blk cow 1280 @ 77.25

1 bwf cow 1185 @ 77.00

1 blk cow 1435 @ 76.75

1 char cow 1185 @ 76.25

1 blk cow 1410 @ 76.00

1 blk cow 1230 @ 75.00

1 blk cow 1010 @ 74.75

1 red cow 1140 @ 74.00

1 blk cow 1150 @ 73.75

1 blk cow 1245 @ 72.00

1 bwf cow 1380 @ 71.25

1 hol cow 1620 @ 70.00

1 red cow 1225 @ 69.75

1 bwf cow 1185 @ 68.50

1 red cow 1305 @ 67.75

1 hol cow 1760 @ 66.50

1 blk cow 905 @ 65.00

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE 25:

25 Angus steers & heifers, 500-600 lbs., vacc.

135 blk steers & heifers, 700-750 lbs., off grass

250 blk xbred heifers, 750-800 lbs., off grass

200 blk xbred steers, 825-850 lbs., off grass

58 blk xbred steers, 850-875 lbs.

61 blk xbred steers, 875-900 lbs.

WE WILL HAVE A SALE
JULY 2ND, 2013

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