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Barnard hopes to inspire interest in prairie with new field guide

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Almost as common as the air we breathe, especially for those living outside of urban areas, are the grasses that surround us; so common as to be overlooked and often taken for granted, save for the weekly watering and mowing. But Iralee Barnard sees grasses differently, with a love for the prairie that runs deep and a desire to educate others on the important role it plays in our daily lives.

Her father was in the Air Force, so she traveled around quite a bit, but does have family ties to the Kansas prairie. Her great-grandfather homesteaded near Newton. "I moved here forty years ago and became fascinated with the prairie plants and set out to learn about all the plants that are just right outside my door here," Barnard said.

Barnard is a retired Kansas State University Extension botanist and also worked at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. While at KSU she was responsible for providing plant specimen identification for county agents as well as individuals. At the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve she conducted vegetation studies and monitoring projects.

While out with a friend one day in the fall, enjoying the beauty of the grasses, she thought about how most people don't even notice the small, colorful flowers produced by the grass plants. "People just take grasses for granted and don't recognize how diverse and interesting they are," she said. That thought, coupled with a comment from another lady that she needed more photos to aid in her efforts for grass identification, led Barnard to the realization that she needed to write a book about grasses. She wanted it to be



Iralee Barnard traveled Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma with her husband Ken, photographing the many species of prairie grasses for her book, *Field Guide to the Common Grasses of Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska*.
Courtesy photos

more photo-intensive and not as technically-written as many reference books are.

While she was an expert on her subject matter, she'd never considered herself a writer, and wasn't sure how to go about starting the process of publishing a book. She contacted University Press of Kansas, who accepted her proposal. "I was delighted," she said. "The biggest learning experience was learning the process of writing a book." She had previously worked with the Great Plains Nature Center to write the *Wildflowers of Kansas* pocket guide. "But that was such a different scale and nothing like this bigger book, so I had a lot to learn," she continued.

Even before contacting the publisher, she began taking pictures of the different grasses. Her initial plan was to only include Kansas grasses, but the publisher suggested she cover those in Nebraska and Oklahoma as well. "It was fun to add those other states and get to learn more about their prairies and their grasslands," she described. "Our history is grasses. I feel that's something that people here in the center of the United States have kind of forgotten or lost touch with, that those of us here in the Central Plains are very connected to the wild grasses. And that's because the prairie grasses covered the central part of North America from Canada to

Texas and they shaped the land and our future here."

Barnard is pleased to see the idea of prairie restoration beginning to catch on, with more of a focus on incorporating more diverse plants into CRP to make it more like the natural prairie, which provides added benefit to wildlife. "I don't think in Kansas we cared so much about it as other states, because they have lost more of their prairie. Iowa has lost almost all their prairie, so they appreciate the restoration. We have more prairie here in Kansas, especially in the Flint Hills, than anywhere else." People are also starting to use more native grasses in their landscaping, which she sees as an indication that they're becoming more aware of their prairie heritage. "People are really excited about them and I'm glad to see that," she said.

She's also pleased with the increased interest in grass management among cattle producers. "The best ones know that their crop is actually grasses," she pointed out. "Those people manage their grasses and to do this, you have to know your grasses and understand the dynamics of the different grass species. By doing this, it means healthier cattle and better growth and production. Cattle producers have always been pretty savvy, but maybe they just didn't understand what was working. Now people are more in-

terested in learning about what makes it work and how those plants work for them." So giving those caretakers of the prairie an effective tool was important to her and she sought to provide them with a resource that would be easy to understand and use. So far, she's received great reviews from people who have actually put the book to work for them. "I'm hearing from people who say they are easily able to find the grass that they're looking for and the identifications," Barnard stated. "I'm happy about that because you never really know until it's actually out there how people are going to use it and how it's going to work for them."

Included in the book are grasses that are undesirable on the prairie, including Johnsongrass and Old World Bluestems. "The Old World Bluestems have been around for a while, but people are just now really catching on to the fact that it's going to be a problem and it's going to be a very serious one," she said. "The worse thing about grasses invading is that it's hard to control them. With a broadleaf, you can spray for them and not hurt the grasses. But it's pretty hard when grasses invade." She believes they will eventually be declared a noxious weed by the state. "It was like so many things that we've introduced," she went on. "We've brought in a lot of different plants, like *Sericea les-*



Barnard fell in love with the prairie when she moved here forty years ago. She is a retired KSU Extension botanist and also worked at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

pedeza, that we thought was a good plant that we would want, that it would have many benefits, but then to find that our native things are actually preferred by the animals and the wildlife and that these plants can just overtake. Not all are that way, we have introduced some things that just sort of blend in without actually becoming noxious. But when one plant takes over, you have to find a way to control it or get rid of it and that's really hard."

While Barnard acknowledges it's human nature to always be looking to improve our methods and surroundings, she sees the Kansas prairie as pretty special just the way it is. "I think we don't realize how lucky

we are, especially here, with our native plants and how important they are, and maybe we really don't need so many new things," she reflected. "You know, we've got something special. Nothing fattens cattle better than Big Bluestem."

Barnard's *Field Guide to the Common Grasses of Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska* is available through University Press of Kansas, www.kansaspress.ku.edu.

"Grasses are so tremendously important to everyone," she concluded. "And just the beauty of the grasses, to just go out and enjoy them and all the benefits they have to wildlife. That's one of the things that I hope people get from reading the book."



This vacation, remember agriculture

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

All across our country Americans are checking their automobiles, installing GPSs, studying road maps, printing off directions from MapQuest and adding another item to their "to do" lists in preparation for long-awaited summer vacations.

Anticipation will soar and expectations will rise as husband and wife teams take to the American highways and byways in search of rest, peace and tranquili-

ty. Children will ensure this dream remains only partially fulfilled with road comments like: "I'm hungry, I want a hamburger and fries." "Mommy, Billy is teasing me." "Are we there yet?" and "I don't want to go on vacation, I want to go back home."

Regardless of such comments, mom and dad will remain true to their plans and push ahead. After all, the money spent for the family vacation usually represents cash left over after paying for the family's food, cloth-

ing and other necessities.

Oftentimes money to pay for vacations goes on plastic and is paid for later with interest. Parents will think to themselves, "We worked hard for this time off. We deserve it and we're going to enjoy it."

Americans remain the luckiest, most pampered people in the world. Try to imagine what it would be like if we had to be self-sufficient.

What would happen to leisure time if others did not produce the many things families need?

Although we all work throughout the year, we should not forget those people who also work hard and help us free up time so we can vacation with loved ones. One such group is the Kansas farmer.

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No other nation of people on this planet enjoys the amount of free time we do. No other country can claim that so few people feed so many.

Today, less than 2 percent of our nation's population are farmers. They are capable of supplying the other 98 percent with most of the products we eat, wear and use to fuel our vehicles.

As you plot your vacation course this summer, and as you motor through the state's highways, remember

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

We were looking through old pictures in our family picture box, when my sister came across one of a baby she couldn't identify. "Who is this?" she asked, thinking she would probably have to go ask Mom. Then she realized, she couldn't go ask Mom. The reason we were going through pictures was to put together a slide show and picture board for our Mom's funeral the next day. It was the first of what I'm sure will be many times we have similar thoughts: "Go ask Mom," or "I can't wait to tell Mom about this," only to realize

that's no longer possible.

It was three weeks ago on a Sunday night that my Mom left us. I, my Dad, my husband, five of her grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law were in the room those last hours. Earlier in the day, two more grand-children-in-law were there, as well as five of her great-grandchildren. Needless to say, there was a lot of love in that room.

My Mom was a tiny little woman who made up in spirit what she lacked in size. She raised four of us kids and even though we pretty much outgrew her by the time we were twelve, we never really crossed her. She was the kind of mother that when I had a child-rearing dilemma while raising my own kids, I could ask myself, "What would Mom do?" and generally come up with a pretty good answer. The phrase of hers that I found myself most often repeating with my kids was, "Two wrongs don't make a right."

She had a way of attracting lonely, hurting people to herself. And in her, they always found a friend. For several years she worked at a convenience store and gas station right off the interstate in Chapman and many times, when travelers found themselves stranded because of car trouble, she

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The rain could not have been timed any better. Normally I make time on Wednesday morning to write my column right after chores; today the rain made it easy on me. Actually I want to take credit for the rain; yesterday we mowed the last big field of brome hay down and started on the prairie hay. That is what caused the rain this morning.

The field of brome was fairly heavy and would take at least a full day or more to cure. Dad and I looked at the forecast and the radar. All the weather outlets were predicting between a twenty and forty percent chance of rain so Dad and I extrapolated that out to a thirty percent chance of rain and a seventy percent chance that nothing would happen. The odds for haying sounded pretty good.

The day started with Dad mowing hay and I was hauling the hay in off of the fields. Hauling hay is one of those funny tasks that changes depending on your perspective. When I was a teen, hauling hay was one of those never-ending jobs that stood between me and freedom. Now a field full of hay bales is an accomplishment and assurance that we won't have to buy hay for the cows this winter. I find hauling hay to be much more enjoyable now.

In any case, I was hauling hay; it was a blistering hot day with clouds building on the Western horizon. Once again I was very happy we wrapped all of our hay up in big round bales that can be handled from the cushioned seat in an air-conditioned cab. Dad called to tell me he was done with the brome and what did I think about starting on the prairie hay. Another check of the weather app on my phone and I learned that the thirty percent chance had now become a forty percent chance. How did we manage in the good old days when all we had was the ten o'clock news and weather on the radio? We decided it was still a sixty percent chance of nothing and to keep mowing.

During this conversation I told Dad that if mowing hay down was what caused it to rain, maybe we could sacrifice some hay. The corn was tassling and a good drink of

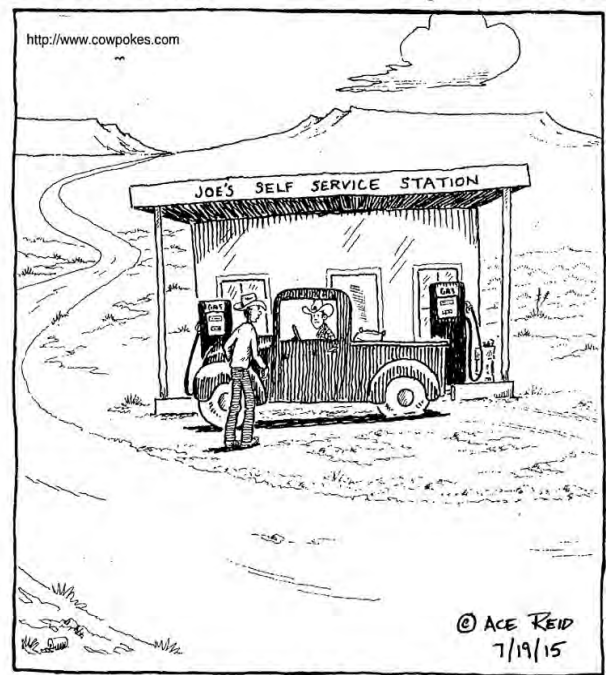
water would far outweigh any lost hay. We both chuckled at this because we knew it was not going to rain just because we mowed hay down. The odds were still better than fifty percent that it was going to stay dry and we would be baling hay the next day.

I finished hauling hay and decided to make a run for more feed. I was a couple of days from needing more and it looked like we would be baling hay the rest of the week. This would probably be the most convenient time all week. Dad called to say he thought he had enough hay mowed down and the hay he had mowed that morning was nearly dry enough to bale. It's funny what blistering heat and sun will do. We decided I would check with him when I got back from my feed run.

A quick check of the internet showed that rain was building in western Kansas and our chances had been pushed up to fifty percent. I looked out at the corn and soybeans with heat waves shimmering above them and once again weighed the cost of losing hay versus the benefit of a valuable drink for my crops. We debated the pros and cons of raking and baling the hay mowed that morning. We would wish we had if it rained, but another couple of hours of curing would make for better hay. We had gone from a pretty sure chance of not getting the hay wet to even chances. The decision was made to stick with the original plan and start baling as soon as the dew was off in the morning. It would be a long day of raking and baling tomorrow.

I am a creature of habit and one of those habits is to watch the weather at night. The ten o'clock news had an even greater chance of rain, it was almost certain with another good chance to follow in the afternoon. Sure enough, when I woke up the next morning lightning was flashing in the western sky. This is why I do not gamble, no odds are good enough to overcome my luck. But on the bright side, this morning I suddenly have time to write my column and my fall crops are much happier. My hay is wet but I will never, ever complain about rain.

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took them home with her until they could get back on the road again. She even loaned her car to perfect strangers so they could go buy the needed auto parts. People often warned her that someday she would bring the wrong person home and something bad would happen. But she was an incredible judge of character and never invited the wrong people home. That same ability to judge character kept me out of a few friendships as a teenager that easily could have taken me down the wrong path in life. I didn't appreciate it at the time. But believe me, I do now.

I know I'm not the first person in the world to lose a parent, nor will I be the last. Yet there is something so deeply shaken inside of me that there are times when I wonder if the world will ever start to feel "right" again. Because I've never experienced the world without my Mom.

Just like the rest of us, she wasn't perfect, but she was very wise. She wasn't one to gush on about how much she loved us, but we always knew she did; and together she and Dad built a very close-knit family that just won't ever be quite the same without her.

Right to Farm gains ground in Oklahoma

The "Right to Farm" initiative has made its way to Oklahoma and is gaining ground across the agricultural spectrum. The bill, introduced by State representative Scott Briggs (R-Chickasha), would provide some protections to farmers and ranchers. A portion reads, "The legislature shall pass no law that abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology and livestock production and ranching practices without a compelling state interest."

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) is raising awareness for the initiative. Executive Vice President Michael Kelsey says the association will be discussing and promoting the bill every chance it gets, from publications to speaking engagements with the general public. OCA will also host a panel discussion at its 63rd Annual Convention and Trade Show in Midwest City, Okla., on July 24.

"We're all in this together," Kelsey said. "Oklahoma agriculture has a great benefit from this and we want to continue to position Oklahoma agriculture positively in the future and we think this is one great step to do that."

Oklahomans will vote on the measure in November 2016. To read more or listen to an interview with Kelsey, visit <http://tinyurl.com/OK-7-10-15>.

Lesser prairie chicken numbers increase again

The lesser prairie chicken population increased approximately 25 percent from 2014 to 2015, according to the recent range-wide aerial survey. Wildlife biologists with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) attribute the increase to abundant spring rainfall and ongoing efforts associated with the Lesser Prairie Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan.

Increases were observed in three of the four ecoregions across five states - Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas - where the species exists. The Sand Sage Prairie Region of southeast Colorado showed the biggest gain - approximately 75 percent from a year ago. The Mixed Grass Prairie Region of the northeast Panhandle of Texas, northwest Oklahoma and south central Kansas showed an increase of approximately 30 percent, and the population in the Shortgrass Prairie Region of northwest Kansas grew by about 27 percent.

"An overall 25 percent increase in the lesser prairie chicken population across its five-state range is welcome news," said Ross Melinchuk, chairman of WAFWA's Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative Council. "This year's increase, on the heels of last year's 20 percent increase, is evidence of the species' ability to rapidly recover from downturns resulting from drought and poor range condition. With continued improvement in nesting and brood-rearing habitat associated with abundant rainfall and private landowner actions to

conserve and restore their habitat, we are optimistic the species will recover to historic population levels."

The only ecoregion with a continued downward population trend is the Shinnery Oak ecoregion of eastern New Mexico and western Texas. This ecoregion is still recovering from a prolonged period of drought. However, recent roadside surveys indicate lesser prairie chickens in this area are starting to respond to rainfall that occurred in late 2014 and early 2015.

"We're confident that with continued moisture and drought relief, next year's Shinnery Oak populations should continue to recover," said Bill Van Pelt, WAFWA grassland coordinator.

The nonprofit WAFWA is coordinating efforts established under the Lesser Prairie Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan, which is an initiative designed to engage private landowners and industry to conserve lesser prairie chicken habitat and minimize impacts to the species. To date, industry partners have committed \$46 million in enrollment fees to pay for mitigation actions, and landowners across the range have agreed to conserve nearly 100,000 acres of habitat through ten-year and permanent conservation agreements.

Companies, landowners, farmers and ranchers may still enroll in the range-wide plan and receive regulatory assurances that their operations can continue under an accompanying Certificate of Participation. Participating companies can continue operations

under certain restrictions while providing funds to conserve prairie chicken habitat. To date, about 180 oil, gas, wind, electric and pipeline companies have enrolled about 11 million acres across the five states. Enrollment fees are deposited with WAFWA and administered to fund conservation efforts by private landowners to benefit the lesser prairie chicken.

The lesser prairie chicken was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in May 2014. The final listing rule allowed private industry to develop and impact habitat if enrolled and participating in WAFWA's range-wide plan, and it also provided various options that landowners can use to receive similar coverage. The range-wide plan provides incentives for landowners and industry to protect and restore habitat, which is important because they control much of the species' range.

Organized in 1922, WAFWA represents 23 states and Canadian provinces, from Alaska to Texas and Saskatchewan to Hawaii - an area covering nearly 3.7 million square miles of some of North America's most wild and scenic country, inhabited by more than 1,500 premier wildlife species.

More information, including the range-wide plan, is available on the WAFWA website at www.wafwa.org.

Insight - Remember Agriculture

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to notice the fields of corn, soybeans, milo, alfalfa and recently harvested wheat. Take a look at the cattle, hogs and sheep grazing in the many pastures.

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Kim Kramer, Longford, Is This Week's Recipe Contest Winner

Winner Kim Kramer, Longford: "A very dear friend gave me this corn salad recipe. I hadn't had anything like it before, so easy to make and has a really great taste. Would be really wonderful with the corn fresh from the garden. This went great with a breakfast brunch."

FRITO CORN SALAD

- 2 cans yellow kernel corn, drained
- 1/2 red pepper sliced & chopped
- 1/2 green pepper sliced & chopped
- 1/2 purple onion, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise (real deal)
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 5 ounces (1/2 bag) chili cheese Frito corn chips

Mix all the ingredients together except the chips. Can be prepared the night before or chill for a few hours. Before serving top with the chili cheese corn chips.

Linda Elston, of Lawrence, shares the following timely treat for this hot weather:

FREEZER FRUIT TREATS

- 6-ounce can frozen lemonade
- 6-ounce can frozen orange juice
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, juice & all
- 1 jar maraschino cherries
- 10-ounce package frozen strawberries

Mix juices and water. Add sugar and fruit. Freeze in cups (styrofoam is OK) or small covered containers.

Jenny Rohrer, Wakefield:

CHERRY RHUBARB FREEZER JAM

- 5 cups rhubarb, cut into very small pieces
- 5 cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 21-ounce can cherry pie filling
- (2) 3-ounce packages cherry gelatin

Boil rhubarb, sugar and water together until rhubarb is tender. Add pie filling and boil eight minutes. Remove from heat and add gelatin. Stir until all is dissolved. Pour into 4 pint jars and seal. Let cool. Freeze or refrigerate.

Water 2.0 — Drinking Right

By Barbara L. Ames, Wildcat District Extension Agent

Our hot and humid Kansas summer is well under way. Drinking plenty of fluids is important and it's easy to turn to sugary drink mixes, sports drinks and juice boxes in the summer because they're convenient and tasty. The problem with these is that they can be really expensive and also high in sugar which adds calories and may not really quench thirst.

Additionally, ads would have us think that whenever we sweat we need to have a sports drink to recover. Thirst is a sign that your body needs to be hydrated, but plain water will do the trick unless you are doing a super intense workout or working for hours in extreme heat!

If you're like me, you may welcome a break from plain old water. I like to improve it a bit and add a little flavor! Here are some Water 2.0 ideas to try out this summer.

1. Freeze 100% juice in ice cube trays. Add it to plain water for a kick of fruit juice flavor for less sugar and calories than a full glass of juice.

2. Put cut-up fruit in a large pitcher of water in the refrigerator - it only takes a small amount of fruit (think one sliced lemon or lime) to flavor a large container of water.

3. Upgrade the flavor of plain water with a combination of fruit or veggies and herbs. Let them sit in water in the refrigerator for a few hours and enjoy the results! Two recipes are included here, or create your own favorite.

4. Make water as easy to grab as a juice box by keeping reusable bottles in the fridge within easy reach for kids and adults.

The USDA 10 tips nutrition series www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/downloads/TenTips/DGTipsheet19MakeBetterBeverageChoices.pdf has helpful recommendations about making beverage choices for your family. Can you guess what tip #1 is? Enjoy Summer! Stay Safe and Hydrated!

Cucumber Flavored Water

- 8 cups cold water
- 1 small to medium cucumber, scrubbed well
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon mint extract

Remove strips of cucumber skin, creating 1/2-inch-wide alternating bands of peeled and bare cucumber. Trim and discard ends. Score cucumber with a fork if desired to release more flavor and slice into 1/4 slices. Combine cucumber, water and remaining ingredients in large pitcher; steep for several hours in refrigerator, and serve over ice. Fresh lemon slices and mint sprigs may be used if desired.

Lime Rosemary Water

- 2 quarts spring water
- 2 limes, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, broken into small pieces
- 1 orange

Thoroughly wash limes, rosemary and orange. Combine water, limes, and rosemary in large pitcher. Squeeze juice of orange into water; add some rind. Let steep in refrigerator at least 1-2 hours before serving over ice.

For more information about this and other topics, contact the Wildcat Extension District, Crawford County, 620-724-8233; Labette County, 620-784-5337; Montgomery County, 620-331-2690; Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP), 620-232-1930. Wildcat District Extension is on the Web at <http://www.wildcat.district.ksu.edu>. Or, like our Facebook page at facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district

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Mrs. Alvin Hagedorn, Hanover, Sends Winner

Winner, Mrs. Alvin Hagedorn, Hanover: "Here is another recipe for pickles. Someone may have fall pickles yet. These are really crisp and good."

VIRGINIA CHUNK SWEET PICKLES

Make a brine of 1 gallon boiling water and 2 cups plain salt. Pour over whole pickles and let stand one week. Drain off brine and cut pickles in chunks, even the small ones. Make another brine of 1 gallon boiling water and 2 tablespoons powdered alum. Let stand overnight. Drain off each morning for three mornings and put fresh water and alum solution. On the fourth morning, make a sugar syrup of 5 cups sugar, 6 cups vinegar, one-third cup pickling spices and 1 teaspoon celery seed. Have this boiling and pour over pickles each morning for three mornings. On second morning reheat above mixture and add 2 more cups sugar, pour back over pickles and third morning add 1 more cup sugar, bring to boil and pour over pickles. On fourth morning pack pickles in jars and fill with boiling hot solution. Seal.

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Researchers support healthful fats in Dietary Guidelines for Americans

A new article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* recommends removing the limit on total fat consumption from the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and promoting the consumption of healthy fats. Researchers from Tufts University and Boston Children's Hospital based their findings on accumulated new scientific evidence.

"A restructuring of national nutritional policy is warranted to move away from total fat reduction and toward healthy food choices, including those higher in healthful fats," concluded Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian of Tufts and Dr. David Ludwig of Boston Children's Hospital.

To view a preview of the article, visit <http://tinyurl.com/DGA-7-10-15>.



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COLLECTIBLES & TOYS
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3 Navajo blankets/rugs (largest 53"X82"); 2 Southwest Mexican rugs; glass baskets including Fenton & etched; Fenton bowls; purple vase; amber pieces; large pressed glass footed bowl; Lots of pressed glass; Fostoria vase; blue Fenton covered dish; Fenton fan vase; 4pcs opalescent hobnail; cobalt blue; Pyrex; set of Park lane china; set Queen Ann china; McCoy; Hop-a-long Cassidy mug; 12 kerosene lamps; castor set; Hull piggy bank; bowl & pitchers; Czech & other pitchers; pink depression glass; pedestal cake plate; **Collection of approximately 200 juicers**; approximately 45pcs Corningware; handpainted & other plates; stemware; set of silverware; decanters; milk-glass; brown Fenton bowl; Stetson 22K gold china; set of Bavaria china; apple butter jar; coffee grinder; approx. 25 milk bottles; coal bucket; 50's lamp; many pictures & frames; Corelle dishes; pottery bowl; Jewel tea bowl; syrups; movie & other cameras; antlers; children's books; milk & cream cans; mustache cup; 1930's; 1970's license tags; wash-board; cast iron water tank stand; Oak bucket; Jack Sprat tea tin; bottles; jars; candy jars; glass top jars; sandwich plate; Avon bottles; 2 walkers; knives; kitchen utensils; coffee maker; vases; set of Classic car glasses; Fireking (gold luster) dishes; Christmas tree; trivets; matchholder; etched creamer & sugar; Japan pcs; red/clear creamer & sugar; lots of bowls; sets of glasses; china tea/dessert set; milkglass goblets; newer Carnival goblets; Fostoria creamer & sugar; etched ice bucket; footed bowls; pink satin dishes; Imperial toothpick holder; pinafore dish; green depression cruet; Santa Face plate; sherbets; bone dishes; measuring cups; approx. 60 miniature figurine pencil sharpeners; Coleman electrified lamp; 2 lanterns;

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Making time for fishing

J.D. Miller goes fishing a lot more than he used to.

He also appreciates life a lot more.

The Solomon man was diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma, a rare aggressive form of cancer, in January of 2014. Two days after the diagnosis, he was at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The cancer was located in the lining of his stomach, and it was treated with the most aggressive chemotherapy possible. The 41-year-old man spent the next eight months between the Medical Center, Hope Lodge in Kansas City, and the Westwood Cancer Center. He endured five-day chemo treatments, 24 hours a day, the most aggressive chemo possible to treat the disease.

He wasn't able to work during that time, but his co-workers at Abilene Machine were "one hundred percent supportive," J.D. says. They came up with t-shirts for his cause with the words "Miller Strong" on them, and the company was sup-

portive as well. They held his job for him, and "They told me, from day one, no worries," he says.

But he had plenty of worries while in treatment. Miller caught pneumonia three times, had several picc line infections, and was in ICU for a while. His mom Marsha Miller and girlfriend Diane Dowell were his caregivers. Marsha spent the entire eight months with him during treatment, helping him with meals, getting dressed, everything he couldn't do, while Diane went to Kansas City on her days off, to give Marsha a break from her caregiver duties. And a Dickinson County organization came alongside to help. The Elsie Brooks Memorial Cancer Fund donates money to cancer patients, to help pay for all the things insurance doesn't cover: fuel to and from appointments, dietary supplements, and lodging and meals at treatment centers.

The Cancer Fund donation to Miller was a blessing.

It allowed him to pay for medicines, gas and groceries, as his income was limited. His motorcycle friends also held a rally for him, entitled "Fire and Iron #27 Ride for Hope."

The help is appreciated, Miller says. "I wasn't much on telling people to donate to organizations (like Elsie Brooks Cancer Fund), but they made a hell of a difference. I couldn't ask for better support."

Miller was declared cancer free on September 5, 2014. Every month, he has blood work done to check for cancer, and every three months, he heads to the Medical Center for check-ups.

And he's back to his kids, son Jace, sixteen, and daughters Macie, fourteen, and Brookelyn, nine, and his fishing. "You get cancer," he says, "and you have lots of time to think, laying in that bed every night." Before cancer, he was too busy to fish. Now he makes time. "You have a whole new perspective on life."

The Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in Abilene supports the Elsie Brooks Cancer Fund with its annual Tough Enough to Wear Pink night. This year's pink night is Friday, July 31. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to the rodeo that night to show their support of cancer patients, and voluntary donations will be picked up for the Elsie Brooks Fund. In the past six years, the rodeo has contributed \$22,600 to the Fund.

The Elsie Brooks Cancer Fund was founded in 1993 by Elsie Brooks, a Dickinson County resident. Funds for cancer patients are available and are not restricted due to income.

For more information on the Elsie Brooks Cancer Fund, contact Chris Ostermann, Elsie Brooks Cancer Fund contact, at 785-479-3749. For more information on the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo, visit the rodeo's website at WildBill-HickokRodeo.com or call the Central Kansas Free Fair office at 785-263-4570.

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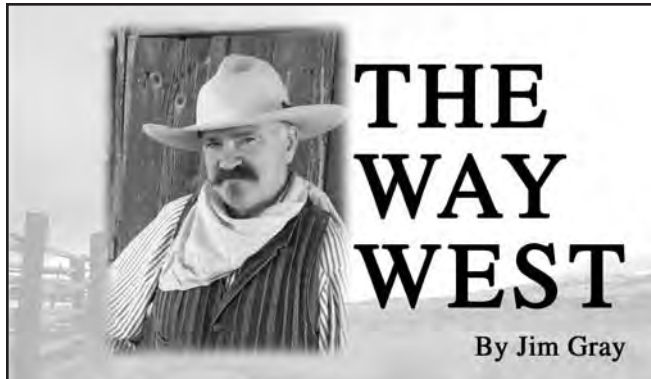
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Murder on the Front Range

With the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act Nebraska Territory stretched from its present southern border all the way to Canada, encompassing all of the remaining lands from the original Louisiana Purchase. Kansas Territory, by comparison, was much smaller, limited to its present borders excepting an extension all the way to the Continental Divide at the summit of the Rocky Mountains. By 1860 there was a plan to limit the western border to its present boundary, but that would not be implemented until Kansas entered the Union as the thirty-fourth state in 1861.

Gold had been discovered in the foothills of the Rockies in 1858, bringing throngs of gold-seekers to the front range over the next

several years. As with every boom, lots of entrepreneurs and adventurers were drawn to the excitement. Restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, drug stores, livery stables, and the ever-present saloon produced the first towns built in the shadow of the towering Rockies.

For all the gold that was taken from those mountains, whiskey, rather than gold, was more often the lead actor during the gold rush. Every other place sold alcohol in one form or another leading to more than a few scenes of violence and bloodshed. A case in point was the July 23, 1860, edition of *The Pike's Peak Express* published at Denver City. Four separate "shooting affairs" were accounted for within the previous few days. Albert D. Richardson

gave further details of the events as a correspondent for the *New York Tribune*.

Richardson noted that the murder of a young German man by James Gordon was, "By far the most exciting homicide," to have recently occurred. The *Express* reported that James Gordon "formerly from Boston, but lately from Nebraska" had shot a barkeeper in the leg "while on a spree" the week before. Friday evening, July 20th, Gordon attacked Jacob Gantz, a young German man, "and after maltreating him, blew his brains out."

Gordon was tracked for twenty-five miles to Fort Lupton. Just as the posse surrounded his hiding place Gordon "made his appearance, mounted on a fast horse and amid a shower of bullets, broke through their ranks and escaped uninjured." The posse lost him in the timber along the Platte River.

Sheriff W.H. Middaugh and a deputy tracked Gordon to Bent's Fort and east into Indian Territory. In Coffey County, on the southern border of Kansas Territory, Middaugh found that Gordon was just a day ahead. He enlisted Coffey County Sheriff John Chess to help in the pursuit.

Gordon had no idea that Middaugh was still on his trail. Traveling at a leisurely pace the outlaw calmly stopped to let his mule graze near the village of Humboldt. The small posse casually rode up to Gordon, drew their pistols, and captured the outlaw without the slightest challenge.

Middaugh took his prisoner to Leavenworth, not expecting to have trouble so far from the scene of the crime. However, the man Gordon had killed was well-known in Leavenworth. A lynch mob surrounded the courthouse with shouts of "Hang him! Hang him!" as bonfires lit up the night sky.

In an attempt to move Gordon to the Planters Hotel the officers and their captive were overrun by vigilantes. With a rope around his neck, "... his body swung clear of the ground several times." In the chaos, the determined officers wrestled Gordon free and forced the vigilantes to disperse.

Gordon was escorted to Denver City by Sheriff Middaugh on the Pikes Peak Express, a stage coach service that operated out of Leavenworth. At Denver, over one thousand people clamored to witness the "People's Trial" held outside in a

grove of cottonwood trees. Several days of prosecution found Gordon guilty of murder. He was sentenced to hang October 6, 1860.

During his last hours, through "tears and sobs" he warned his twelve-year-old brother to "guard against ever taking whiskey." He insisted that liquor had left him entirely unconscious for the murder he had committed, and urged "all young men, and especially his acquaintances, to beware the fatal cup."

On the appointed day of destiny, from a scaffold built on the banks of Cherry Creek, Gordon knelt in prayer before thousands of onlookers. He thanked his friends and walked with a

firm step onto the "drop." As Sheriff Middaugh adjusted the rope he made a final request to make certain the rope would break his neck "quick."

A sack was placed over his head, and his hands were "pinioned." In a few more seconds the drop fell and James Gordon was launched into eternity for the murder he had committed far from his Boston home, on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier and Executive Director of the National Drivers Hall of Fame*. Contact Kansas Cowboy, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058.

FSIS report shows success in beef food safety practices

The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) published its preliminary data for the first six months of the Beef and Veal Carcass Baseline Survey. FSIS collects samples from steers, cows, bulls, dairy cows, heifers and veal carcasses to determine prevalence of pathogens and to evaluate procedures to develop regulatory policies.

According to the report, "FSIS determined that the percent of all pathogens decreased from post-hide removal to pre-chill. These results suggest that the interventions are reducing the pathogens on the beef and veal carcasses."

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Vignettes From the Road (Part 2)

Mile 878.4 Independence Rock, Wyoming

Parked like a squat, fat toad in the middle of the broad Sweetwater River Valley, the gray bulwark of Independence Rock was as much a noted landmark as it was a calendrical measurement. Travelers who reached the spot by the Fourth of July were assured that they would make it through the Rockies before winter, barring any unforeseen accidents or unseasonably early snowfall.

The shape of the rock and the effect it had on travelers in the middle 1800s is as diverse as the modern travelers that loiter, but rarely venture beyond, the paved rest area several hundred yards from the trailhead. John Ball, who passed through in 1832, thought it

resembled a big bowl turned upside down. Hervey Johnson wrote that it looked like a big elephant up to its sides in mud, though how he would know that remains a mystery. To J. Goldsborough Bruff (an aristocratic name to be sure), it looked like a huge whale, to George Harter an apple cut in half, and to Daniel Budd an irregular loaf of bread "raised very light & cracked & creased in all ways."

Budd was one of hundreds if not thousands who either painted or carved their names on the hard surface of the rock. Some of the oldest inscriptions are protected behind a chain link fence, though others encircle the rock in both obvious and surprising locations. I'd seen and photographed many of the inscriptions years ago, but this time,

more on a lark than anything else, I decided to scramble up the south side of the stone at a place that appeared to offer a slope gradual enough to facilitate travel both ways.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to scout such a location if one is inclined to foolhardy acts of derring-do. Going up is one thing and going down an altogether different sort of traverse. Whether from the change in perspective or the pull of gravity—not to mention age's erosion in agility and balance—I've found myself at odd times stranded on high promontories that appeared, but weren't, easily navigable. With age comes wisdom, or so they say, which is another way of saying that I didn't want to embarrass myself in front of Lori. I chose my ascent care-

fully, scrambled up without much trouble and stood on the irregular summit that indeed resembled the upper crust of a loaf of bread.

I was surrounded by a sweeping vista of the valley and by names of emigrants and mountain men etched into the stone. While most names included the singular year of their namesakes' visit, a William Barnhart professed to have passed through in 1869, 1874, 1877, 1882, 1884, 1887 and 1889. Considering that it took about six months to travel between Oregon and the Missouri River, Barnhart must have been on the road for much of his life during those two decades. He was quite a rolling stone.

Mile 1,714.5

Baker City, Oregon

It's not the end of the trail but we can see it from the overlook at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center—the Blue Mountains, behind which lies the Willamette Valley. The intense heat of a morning promised to reach triple digits makes the mountains shimmer like a mirage. We're almost blind from the sun's merciless glare off the tawny sandy soil, but we're also determined to reach a distant covered wagon beside a small, featureless marker placed by Ezra Meeker on his return trip publicizing

the history of the trail.

Getting there requires a hike of about three-quarters of a mile on a ragged two-track scrape of dirt marking the original ruts. We park by the road, slip through a notch in the fence and set off at a fast pace.

After all the miles behind us, it's easy to imagine the emigrants' relief upon cresting the sagebrush summit and seeing the mountains across the valley. Their spirits must have light as they made their way down toward the meandering blue ribbon of the Powder River, and mine would be, too, were it for not for thinking of our return leg on the dreaded I-84 corridor. I've white-knuckled it across southern Wyoming, West Texas, California and parts of the Eastern seaboard, but the stretch of

interstate between the Idaho border a hundred miles into Oregon beats anything I've ever experienced for sheer unremitting driving hell. Nor is there a viable alternate route; friends of ours who just made the same trip added two days to their journey by charting a course through Montana and Wyoming just to avoid I-84. I wish we could do the same.

Every journey has its own highs and lows. If our lows consist of a rapid transit system that would have dazzled the wagon-bound emigrants, the highs are roughly the same: this broad valley, those blue mountains, and a pair of ruts leading us to the Promised Land. By the time we reach the marker we're panting from the heat but don't dare stop. We're almost home.

KDWPT Mobile Aquarium coming to Central Kansas Free Fair in Abilene

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) will be bringing their Mobile Aquarium to the Central Kansas Free Fair (CKFF) in Abilene from July 29th-August 2nd. The purpose of the MA (Mobile Aquarium) is to increase public awareness and appreciation of Kansas fisheries resources, increase interest and participation in recreational fishing, and aid KDWPT in staying connected with the citizens of Kansas. The 40-foot-long aquarium holds 3,200 gallons of water and will be housed in the National Guard Armory during the fair.

The Milford Fish Hatchery is home to the MA and the MA display fish. At the CKFF, the MA will display many Kansas sportfish and non-game fish. Species typically on display include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, white bass, striped bass, hybrid striped bass (wiper), bluegill, green sunfish, longear sunfish, channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish, buffalo, common carp, walleye, sauger, saugeye, redear sunfish, black crappie, white crappie, longnose gar, spotted gar, freshwater drum and many more. All MA fish, except for the stripers, were collected from Kansas waters using standard fisheries science collection techniques. Fisheries biologists will be on hand at this MA event passing out literature and talking with you the public about the state's fish resources.

The MA travels to only three events throughout the state each year. It is always on display at the Kansas State Fair. Organizers are thrilled to have the MA make an appearance at the Central Kansas Free Fair. Don't miss your opportunity to come view this fascinating exhibit close to home.

The Mobile Aquarium is being sponsored by Smart Insurance, Lower Lower Smoky WRAPS, Dickinson County Environmental Services, and CKFF.

August 6-15, 2015

Thursday, August 6	6:00-10:00 pm	Carnival Begins (Wristband every night \$22)
	8:00 pm	John Michael Montgomery Concert (\$25 Gate)
Friday, August 7	7:00 pm	Ranch Rodeo (Local Teams)
Saturday, August 8	7:00 pm	Ranch Rodeo
Sunday, August 9	5:00 pm	Kids Pedal Pull (Show Arena)
		Kids Fun Night & Public Livestock Judging Contest
Monday, August 10	7:30 pm	Muttin' Bustin'
	8:00 pm	Buck Rumble & Roll
Tuesday, August 11	6:00 pm	4-H Livestock Sale (Show Arena)
Wednesday, August 12	6:00 pm	4-H Rodeo
Thursday, August 13	7:00 pm	Antique Tractor Pull (Free Admission)
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Preventing soil compaction

By David G. Hallauer,
Meadowlark Extension District Agent
Crops & Soils/Horticulture

Even as I type this, I look at the title and wonder: why are you writing about soil compaction... when the crop is already planted and growing... in July? Let me try to explain!

Soil compaction begins when we work, plant, or travel on soils that are too wet. The effects, however, don't necessarily show up until the crop is actively growing. With that in mind, now is the time to assess potential soil compaction issues while you are scouting the crop, particularly in a year when ample moisture led to some less than ideal planting conditions.

Most crops will reveal compaction as either a nutrient deficiency or drought stress. As you see areas of the field where crops just don't look right, check out the developing root system. If roots are restricted in some way, you can then determine the cause - and more importantly, if it can be avoided in the future!

It's also a good time to start thinking about compaction prevention this fall, since harvest equipment tends to be some of the heaviest implements we run over field. A 1000-bushel grain cart can weigh upwards of 36 tons on a single axle. If that axle weight is transferred to wet soils during field operations, compaction can occur. What can you do to help prevent compaction? The most obvious way is to avoid being out there when it's wet! That may well be a difficult task if we continue in the same weather pattern we are now. When traffic can't be avoided on wet soils, consider axle configurations (where possible) that reduce tire/track pressure as well as a minimization of axle weights in general. Another option that you might want to consider is controlled traffic patterns. Controlled traffic is defined as confining traffic to about 10% of the surface area of the field. If you are interested in design of a controlled traffic pattern, now is the time to start looking at what those patterns may be.

Report raises estimate of Kansas winter wheat production

(AP) - A more optimistic winter wheat forecast released recently reflects better results from the Kansas crop now that harvest in the state is nearly completed.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported it expects this year's wheat production to be 334.4 million bushels in Kansas. That is up from the 314.5 million bushels it had forecast just last month before harvest got fully under way. The estimate is based on July 1 conditions.

If realized, the 2015 Kansas winter wheat will be 36 percent larger than last year's drought-plagued crop of 246.4 million bushels.

The agency forecast the average yield in the state this harvest was 38 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels an acre from a year ago.

Kansas growers harvested 8.8 million acres of wheat both years.

Wheat production is forecast to be up across Kansas, with the exception of the state's southeast corner, where it is expected to be down slightly.

The more upbeat forecast for Kansas is in sharp contrast to the latest winter wheat production estimates for the nation.

U.S. winter wheat production was revised downward 3 percent from last month's forecast and is now predicted to total 1.46 billion bushels.

"A lot of that difference is really kind of due to just weather conditions around the country," said Jordan Hildebrand, program assistant for the industry group Kansas Wheat. "A lot of Texas and Oklahoma had been rained out and things like that, so just that little bit of intervention from Mother Nature really has a big toll."

Heavy downpours in the wheat growing states of Texas and Oklahoma caused widespread flooding and muddied wheat fields just as harvest was set to begin in those areas. But even with the extreme wet weather, the report projects this year's U.S. crop production will be 6 percent higher than it was a year ago when much of the nation's wheat growing regions were in drought conditions.

The government's forecast for the nation's hard red winter wheat, the type most commonly grown in Kansas, is down 2 percent from a month ago and is now projected to come in at 866 million bushels.

Yield increases over the past month in the hard red winter wheat growing areas are expected in both Kansas and Colorado. But elsewhere hard red winter wheat yields are down in

Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Washington.

Hildebrand attributed the better wheat crops in Kansas to rains that came just as the plants were filling heads. Kansas farmers feared in March and late April that their wheat crop was going to be a bust, she said.

"Thanks to those late-season rains, which is a surprise to everybody, those yields are up," she said. "And a lot of folks are glad that they ended up keeping their crop in."

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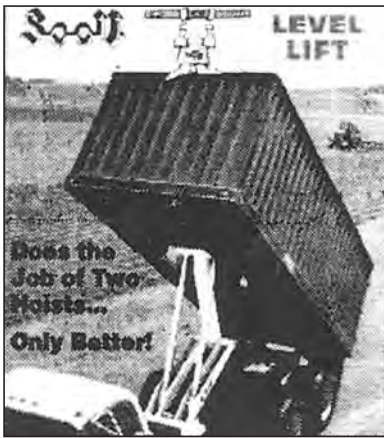
Celebrate cowboys at Kansas Historical Society with West Fest

Cowboys have been a part of the Kansas culture since the 19th century. To celebrate all cowboys, past and present, the Kansas Historical Society will host West Fest: National Day of the Cowboy 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 25. At this family-friendly event, visitors can see a miniature donkey and horses. Outdoor activities include a cowboy obstacle course, campfire sing-along, roping and horse care demonstrations, and panning for gold. Admission to the Kansas Museum of History includes the Museum exhibits, one free stagecoach ride and donkey cart ride, cowboy songs with Kyler, and cowboy bingo with a prize. Museum admission is \$8 adults, \$6 students. Children five and younger admitted free. Free hot dogs and chips will be provided 11 a.m.-1 p.m., while supplies last. The Historical Society is located at 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka. For more information, call 785-272-8681, ext. 415, or visit kshs.org/18502.

Kansas is a member state of the National Day of the Cowboy, held on the fourth Saturday in July.

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Feeding damaged wheat

**Jeri Geren,
Crop Production Agent,
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This year's wheat harvest may go down in the history books, but not for exceptional yields or quality. The horrid story of the 2015 wheat crop starts back in the fall with cold temperatures quickly advancing, making fall tillering less than average. The next battle was the heavy infestation of wheat rust that touched most fields in the area. Any wheat that was still going strong, or even on its last leg, may have been affected by Fusarium head blight (scab). In turn, Deoxynivalenol (DON), commonly referred to as vomitoxin, quickly became a concern for most producers. The final plague was heavy rainfall that persisted to flow right as the wheat was ready to harvest, thus lowering wheat test weights. While

some producers may have made off scot-free, many others are wondering what their options are in combating discounted prices. While most wheat is grown for human consumption, undesirable growing and harvest weather conditions may make it unsuitable for milling. When correctly managed, feeding wheat to livestock can result in excellent animal performance. Regardless of condition, wheat fed to livestock should be processed by grinding, dry rolling, or steam flaking. Wheat fed to ruminants should be coarsely rolled, not finely ground. Excessive fines increase acid production in the rumen and cause digestive upsets. Digestive problems might include bloat, founder, and acidosis. Because the starch in the wheat is more rapidly fermented compared to the

starch in corn, wheat grain should be limited to 30 to 50 percent of the complete ration for beef cattle. Adapting cattle to wheat based diets may take 20 to 30 days.

In various research trials, low test weight grains produce very similar animal performance when compared to higher test weight grains. Also, damaged wheat and normal corn have similar feeding values, but the damaged wheat will contain a higher protein content. Ionophores should be included in wheat-based finishing diets to improve feed efficiency and reduce the risk of acidosis.

In the event of feeding wheat containing DON (vomitoxin), the limit is 10 ppm in grains and byproducts destined for ruminating beef and feedlot cattle older than four months and for poultry, providing that these ingredients don't ex-

ceed 50 percent of the diet. Therefore, the finished feed ration should contain no more than 5 ppm in the total diet. For swine, the limit is 5 ppm in grains and grain byproducts, providing that these ingredients don't exceed 20 percent of the diet, thus resulting in a 2 ppm limit in the total finished feed ration.

Although this year's wheat crop may turn out to be a bad memory, there is still some value and potential in the damaged wheat kernels. If managed correctly, wheat-containing diets can yield first-rate livestock performance.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call me at the office (620) 331-2690 or email me at jlsigle@ksu.edu, or visit the Wildcat Extension District website at www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu.

House Agriculture Committee approves H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act

On July 14, the House Agriculture Committee approved H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015. First introduced by Reps. Mike Pom-

peo (R-KS) and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), the legislation has evolved through bipartisan discussions between the Agriculture Committee and the Energy and Commerce

Committee. The amendment in the nature of a substitute, offered by Rep. Davis (R-IL), for H.R. 1599 will provide clarity and stability in the marketplace through national uniformity regarding marketing claims for products grown using the latest agricultural production technologies.

"I appreciate the collaborative efforts of the Energy and Commerce Committee in getting this bipartisan legislation completed and approved today. H.R. 1599 is the solution to an urgent and growing problem. The current patchwork system of varied labels interferes with the free flow of goods across the country, posing a real threat to interstate commerce and typically results in inconsistent and confusing information for consumers. Creating a uniform national policy regarding biotechnology labeling is the free market solution that will allow consumers access to meaningful information, create market opportunities for those on the production and processing side, and will facilitate future innovation," said Chairman K. Michael Conaway.

"Consumers increasingly

want to know more about where their food comes from and how it is produced. I think H.R. 1599 satisfies that demand while also recognizing what we know about the safety of the foods that our farmers produce. The bill is a workable solution that will alleviate the potential mess of 50 states with 50 different labeling schemes," said Ranking Member Peterson.

"As a parent, I believe it is important to have national and reliable food labels and this bill does that by allowing for an effective, uniform labeling system that consumers can trust. Without a national standard, we risk the spread of misinformation and increased food costs. Just as consumers can go to the grocery store and identify organic products, this bill will allow them to do the same with GMO-free products. I want to thank Chairman Conaway and Congressman Pompeo for their work on this bipartisan bill to protect consumers and promote transparency," said Rep. Rodney Davis, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

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<p>MONDAY, JULY 27 Rodeo Queen Coronation6:45 pm OPEN YOUTH RODEO7:00 pm Admissions: 5 and under Free • 6-12 \$3.00 • 13 & over \$7.00</p> <p>TUESDAY, JULY 28 See www.jocokansasfair.com for details Pedal Pull Check-in 5:30 pm • Pedal Pull Begins 6:30 pm **FREE TO WATCH & FREE TO PARTICIPATE** Location: Livestock Show Arena</p> <p>NIGHT OF FUN & CHALLENGE Mutton Bustin' Entries (Accepted at Ticket Booth - Limit 50 Contestants) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Mutton Bustin', Calf Scramble, Greased Pig Contest8:00 pm Admissions: 12 and under Free • 13 & over \$2.00</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 TOUCH-A-TRUCK (Free Admission) 7:00 pm Explore Your Favorite Things on Wheels!</p> <p>THURSDAY, JULY 30 AMATEUR FLAT TRACK RACING • Hot Laps.....6:00 pm • Race..... 7:00 pm Admissions: 5 and under Free • 6-12 \$6.00 • 13 & over \$12.00 Presented by Kansas All Terrain Vehicle Association - www.katva.org</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 31 RANCH RODEO7:00 pm • 12 teams compete in Sorting, Doctoring, Mugging, Trailer Loading Admission: 5 and under Free • 6-12 \$6.00 • 13 & over \$12.00</p> <p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 PARADE "Favorite Fair e Tales"10:30 am MARKET ANIMAL & PROJECT AUCTION.....1:00 pm DEMOLITION DERBY.....7:00 pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY, JULY 26 • ARBA Rabbit Show8:00 am • Dog Show: • Showmanship/Obedience...4:30 pm</p> <p>MONDAY, JULY 27 • Dog Show: Rally 02:30 pm • Agility5:00 pm</p> <p>TUESDAY, JULY 28 • Horse Show9:00 am • 4-H/Open Food Auction7:00 pm • Pedal Pull.....6:30 pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 • Livestock arrive by 10:00 am • Horse Show (cont.)9:00 am • Dairy Goat Show12:00 pm • Swine Show.....6:00 pm • Goat Milking Demonstration6:30 pm • Rabbit Show7:00 pm</p> <p>THURSDAY, JULY 30 • Public Presentations.....9:00 am • Rabbit Show9:00 am • Horse Judging10:00 am • Beef Grooming Contest.....10:00 am • Meat Goat Show1:00 pm • Bucket Calf Show5:00 pm • Sheep Show6:00 pm • Goat Milking Demonstration6:30 pm</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 31 • Senior Citizen Day - Building open from 9-10 am for Senior Citizens only! • Beef Show8:00 am • Livestock Judging Contest .2:00 pm • Chasing Memories (Special Needs Livestock Show) ..5 pm • Pie Contest6:00 pm • Goat Milking Demonstration6:30 pm • Showmanship Contest.....7:00 pm • Chain Saw Art Auction.....8:00 pm • Barnyard Olympics8:00 pm</p> <p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 • Buildings open after Parade ends! • Parade (Main Street).....10:30 am • 4-H/FFA Animal & Project Sale1 pm • Goat Milking Demonstration....6:30 pm</p> <p>• No pets, skateboards, bicycles, weapons or alcoholic beverages permitted on fairgrounds.</p>

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<p>MONDAY, JULY 27 9 am: 4-H/FFA Horse Show 10 am to 6 pm: Entries along with the entry forms, Floral Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY, JULY 28 8 am: 4-H, FFA, Open Class Rabbit Judging, barns 9 am: Floral Hall Judging 1 pm: Sheep judging, 4-H, FFA & Open class, Meat Goat judging to follow, Arena 8 pm: "The Blackbird Revue", Entertainment Center</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 8:30 am: Swine 4-H, FFA & Open Class judging, Arena 1 pm: 4-H & Open Class Bucket Calves judging, Arena 2:30 pm: 4-H, FFA & Open Class Dairy & Dairy Goat judging, Arena 6 pm: 4-H Night at the Fair & Style Review, Entertainment Center 8 pm: "Six Appeal", Entertainment Center</p>	<p>THURSDAY, JULY 30 10 am: 44-H, FFA Beef (heifers, showmanship, market animals) judging, Eddie Valek Arena 12 pm: Open Class Beef judging (heifers & bulls), Eddie Valek Arena 8 pm: "Polka Band", Entertainment Center</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 31 1 pm: Livestock Judging Contest, Arena 1:30 pm: Pinewood Derby, Entertainment Center 5 pm to 7 pm: Pork and Lamb Supper 8 pm: "Big Time Grain Company", Entertainment Center</p> <p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 10 am: Little Tuggers Tractor Pull, Front of 4-H Bldg 11 am-2 pm: Open Class Horse Show, Horse Arena 3 pm: 4-H & FFA Junior Livestock Sale, Arena 5-7 pm: KLA Beef Supper, 4-H Bldg 9 pm: "Clogger", Entertainment Center</p>
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107th Inter-State Fair & Rodeo to take place in Coffeyville

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The 107th edition of the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo will bring the sights, sounds, aromas, and rekindle old friendships and make new ones during its eight-day duration in August.

The Inter-State Fair brings eight nights of grandstand entertainment to fair fans. It kicks off with the demo derby on Saturday, August 8, the Working Ranch Cowboys Association Ranch Rodeo on Sunday,

August 9, the Tractor Pull on Monday, August 10, the Bull Riding on August 11, and wraps up with four nights of Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo, August 12-15.

The fair and rodeo is a highlight for the community, says Mike Ewy, president and CEO of Community State Bank. "It's the pinnacle of our year," he said. "The restaurants are full, the campgrounds are full, and we always see an uptick in our east side ATM that week," he laughed.

It brings the community

together, whether it's families, friends, or volunteers. "Everybody comes together," Ewy said, "whether it's for showing their animals at the fair, or having a concession stand there." Ewy, as a Coffeyville Rotary Club member, can be found helping with the Rotarians as they take tickets at the gate. Community State Bank sponsors the team roping event, participates in the livestock premium auction, sponsors this year's junior heifer show and the rodeo clown mascot contest.

New this year is the free

barn dance following the last night of rodeo August 15. Two Steps Back and Tyler and the Tribe will play for the dance, which begins at 9 p.m. at the show barn.

A stock dog showcase will be held at 5 p.m. on the night of the ranch rodeo, August 9. It will feature Lyle East of Serendipity Stockdog School and Landon Minor of Duckhead Stockdogs.

For Ewy, his favorite part of the fair is the demo

derby. He and Community State Bank got involved fifteen years ago, when he and his family moved to town and lived next to then-rodeo chairman John Rinckenbaugh. John "got the bank involved as quick as he could," Ewy remembered, "and I wanted to be involved. I remember after my first experience (at the fair and rodeo), writing John and saying how impressed I was with the whole experience, including the rodeo."

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More information can be found on the website at FairandRodeo.com or by calling the Coffeyville Chamber of Commerce at 620.251.2550. Fun passes, which allow the bearer into all eight nights of grandstand entertainment, are \$35 through July 31, after which they are \$45. Individual ticket prices for each night vary.

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American AgCredit releases expanded public website

American AgCredit, a \$6.5 billion farmer-owned financial cooperative, has released a new public website at www.AgLoan.com.

Built in three phases, the site includes new features such as a searchable industry event calendar, DTN agriculture industry news, futures market quotes, and an online loan calculator. Other features include an interactive map to find locations and personnel, links to a spectrum of ag industry sites, and a historical timeline featuring the 100-year history of Farm Credit. In addition to important financial importation, the site will also offer crop insurance deadlines by crop and state.

"The website is our face and is the place where people can go to find out about us, who we are and what we do," said Chief Marketing Officer Terry Lindley. "The new site offers that and more. We really wanted it to be a place where anyone in agriculture can go for information, news, and features. This is part of the value-added kind of approach and services that we offer to all people involved in agriculture."

Future developments planned for 2016 include a loan inquiry form, and the ability to apply for crop insurance and make insurance claims directly online.

America's Farmers Grow Communities making positive impact in Kansas

America's Farmers Grow Communities will partner again with farmers to award more than \$3.3 million to community nonprofits across the country. In Kansas, 88 organizations will receive donations in 2016. Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the program's purpose is to make a positive impact in rural communities by giving farmers a chance to direct \$2,500 donations to eligible nonprofit organizations of their choice. Farmer enrollment for Grow Communities kicks off on Aug. 1 and runs through Nov. 30, 2015.

Since the program's inception, Grow Communities has helped fund a broad cross-section of organizations which reflect the makeup and character of rural America. For example, in Sumner County farmer Janice Slack directed a \$2,500 donation to Oxford Track and Field. The organization used the funds to purchase new equipment for the upcoming season, with the remainder helping to pay for team travel costs.

"My husband and I both competed in track, along with all three of our girls, and now my granddaughter is involved with the program," said Slack. "For a time, I was assistant coach and head middle school coach; I was also the team bus driver. I have spent many hours around track as a competitor, coach, parent and grandparent."

"It takes time and money to keep a program like that going, and we put a lot of time and effort to help the facilities and kids," Slack added. "I cannot think of a better way to strengthen our community than by strengthening our youth through a tough and demanding sport."

Farmers have also directed donations to help fire departments purchase equipment and complete training, send FFA and 4-H groups to contests and conventions, provide food pantries with meals to serve those in need and boost agriculture curriculum in rural school districts. Other beneficiaries of the program have included health care organizations, youth and community centers, state parks and economic development programs, among many others.

"Thanks to the participation of farmers from across the country, more than 7,000 nonprofit organizations have received donations through Grow Communities in the past five years," said Deborah Patterson, Monsanto Fund president. "We are excited to team up with farmers once again to help support the causes that mean the most to them and strengthen rural America."

Kansas farmers can enroll in the program and find a complete list of program rules and eligibility information at www.GrowCommunities.com or by calling 877-267-3332 toll-free. Program winners will be announced in January. Follow Grow Communities' new Facebook page to learn more about the program and connect with past winners at facebook.com/AmericasFarmersGrowCommunities. America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers initiative. Since 2010, the America's Farmers campaign and programs have advocated on behalf of farmers and their efforts to meet society's needs through agriculture. Today, consumers are more interested than ever in agriculture and how food is grown. Farmers and others in the industry are joining in on the conversation to help raise awareness about agriculture and share their stories with their communities. Learn more at cfenigage.org.

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29th annual Flint Hills Beef Fest begins August 21

The 29th Annual Flint Hills Beef Fest of Emporia is planned for August 21-23. This event is a celebration of the Kansas grass cattle industry. There are events for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Friday the festival begins with the Beef Fest Barbecue Cook-off contest. The state sanctioned barbecue cook off starts with check in and inspection on Friday at 9 a.m. Judging will take place starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Beginning at 6 p.m., enjoy a ranch feed in the Anderson Building prior to the popular Ranch Rodeo and Businessman Mugging. The rodeo begins at 7 p.m. in the Lyon County Fairgrounds arena. The top teams that have placed in ranch rodeos from surrounding counties will compete for regional ranch rodeo honors. Teams of four businessmen com-

pete to see which team can mug a steer to the ground in the fastest time. Come and cheer your teams on. Tickets for Friday's festivities are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ten & under which includes the ranch feed and the ranch rodeo.

The Ranch Horse competition is back again this year. This will be held on Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the arena. This year's competition is part of the Midwest Ranch Horse Association Series; top placings will be eligible for the MRHA Finals. Cowboys are encouraged to enter horses to compete in this competition. There will be a \$75 entry fee. A custom bit will be awarded to the top Open Horse; spurs to top puncher; blanket to top JR horse; blanket donated by Wilson Quarter Horses. To enter contact: Dwight Bilyk at 620-565-2245 or Ryan Arndt at

620-341-0721 for more information. Make checks payable to Flint Hills Beef Fest.

Brand new this year is the Jr. Ranch Rodeo. This will be held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. For details on how to enter please contact Amy Potter at 918-213-5341.

A Pedal Tractor Pull will be open to children ages 4 through 12 (contestants cannot be 13 by the first week of September). Prizes will be awarded to each winner for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in each age group. Anyone placing 1st and 2nd will be qualified to pull at the State Fair in Hutchinson. This will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. Registration for the Pedal Tractor Pull begins at 9:00 a.m. pull will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The famous pony wagon rides will return again this year. Bring the whole family out to take a ride around the

fairgrounds. These rides are free and will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don't forget about the free hamburgers. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. we will again have a free hamburger feed at the fairgrounds. Come out and enjoy lunch on us while supplies last.

The Saturday evening banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. with the award's ceremony followed by a complete steak dinner. The evening entertainment, Devin Henderson, comedian/magician, will perform following the dinner. Then dance till midnight with Mike & The Moonpies at the Bowyer Building beginning at 9:00 p.m. Dance only tickets are available this year for \$15 each at the door. This is an evening you won't want to miss. Buy your tickets now before it's too late. An entire evening planned out for you in one location; dinner, en-

tainment, drinks and dancing all for only \$30 each. Tickets can be ordered by calling 620-528-3444 or make check payable to Flint Hills Beef Fest and mail it to P.O. Box 1326, Emporia, KS 66801. Ticket outlets: Emporia Veterinary Hospital, 710 Anderson; Jim's Cowboy Shop, 312 Commercial; Frontier Farm Credit, 1221 E. 12th Ave. all in Emporia.

Don't forget the popular Golf Tournament on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Emporia Municipal Golf Course. For more information about this

event, contact Scott Jones at 620-341-0240.

As you can see, there is definitely something for everyone. Plan on attending this year's Flint Hills Beef Fest at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Emporia on August 21-23. Flint Hills Beef Fest Inc. sponsors this event. To enter contests, receive more information, buy tickets, or receive a brochure with the complete schedule of events, please call 620-528-3444. Visit our website at www.beeffest.com

Pioneer Bluffs offers historic performance camp

Stories passed down while visiting a grandparent, around the dinner table, or heard in the community give a fascinating glimpse into our past. History is preserved through stories.

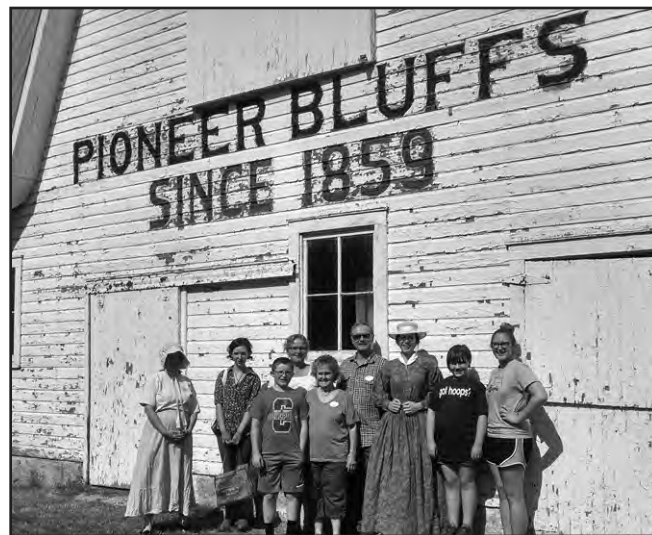
Community members have the opportunity to help preserve stories that shaped life in the Flint Hills at an historic performance camp. On August 3 to 7, Preserving the Past through Performance will be held at Pioneer Bluffs near Matfield Green.

From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily, participants/historians will learn about the person they have chosen to portray, develop a script, and weave it all into a first-person narrative.

At 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, a public performance will showcase stories learned from the past and the talents of the participants.

"Our Flint Hills history is full of stories," said Lynn Smith, Pioneer Bluffs executive director. "That's what this camp is about - discovering and telling true stories from the local past. What better way to do that than through the perspective of the people themselves?"

Preserving the Past through Performance is for adults and children in fourth grade or more. Space is limited to the first 20 applicants.



This photo was taken at last year's camp, where the participants ranged from ages 9 to 90.

Cost is only \$25 for this week-long camp, scholarships are available. Participants are encouraged to do some research in advance on their selected historic figure.

Tom Thompson, Strong City, has volunteered to help with the camp. Thompson has developed a first-person performance of Billy Morgan, an important figure

from Chase County history.

Preserving the Past through Performance is a collaborative project brought to our community by Pioneer Bluffs, Ride into History Cultural and Educational Project, Inc., Chase County Historical Society, and dedicated volunteers. Adult volunteers are needed to help as research assistants and helpful listeners.

To participate in, or volunteer for, this unique program, contact Executive Director Lynn Smith at (620) 753-3484 or lynn@pioneerbluffs.org.

Pioneer Bluffs, on the National Register of Historic Places, is the original homestead of the Rogler Ranch and now a nonprofit organization with a mission to respect the land, preserve history, and engage community. It is located one mile north of Matfield Green or 15 miles south of Cottonwood Falls on Flint Hills National Scenic Byway K-177.

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new paper party items; new towels; ice cream maker; life jackets; luggage; sleeping bags; bird feeders; Radio Town & Country wagon; Kodak Bay ladies bike; 70's banana seat girls bike; toys inc.: 100+ new Hot Wheels & Match Box cars; toy Military airplanes; games, puzzles; new Barbie dolls & clothes; Sunshine dolls; Boyd doll collection; Lego Tony The Tiger; Beanie Babies inc.: Princess Di; records; books; outdoor games; 1970's car tags; Snapper HiVac lawn mower; hand & garden tools; Workmate; 5' aluminum step ladder; aluminum extension ladder; garden carts; 5 tooth tiller; new fire pit; bench grinder; lawn chairs; soaker hose; T posts.

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<p>Saturday, July 25 Open to the public</p> <p>8:00 am Color Tag by Pre-Registration 10:00 am Horse Show - LP 3:00 pm McClain's Mutton Bustin' - EA 7:00 pm Horse Judging Contest - LP (or 30 minutes after show)</p> <p>McCLAIN'S MUTTON BUSTIN' & RANCH RODEO Kids of all ages can come and participate in the rodeo!!! Mutton bustin' - no one over 60 pounds FREE EVENT Registration 3:00 pm - Rodeo starts at 3:30 pm - EA</p> <p>Sunday, July 26 Open to the public</p> <p>9:00 am Horse Show - LP</p> <p>July 27-29 - No Exhibits Monday through Wednesday</p> <p>VENDORS GALORE Booths Open Thursday, 10:00 am-10:00 pm Friday & Saturday 8:00 am-10:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am-2:00 pm</p> <p>Thursday, July 30 KANSAS DAY Buildings open to the public - 10 am-10 pm 11:00 am-6:00 pm Clippity Clop Pony Rides - EA 1:00-5:00 pm Bake Sale - EH 1:00-6:00 pm Entry of Open Exhibits - EH</p> <p>KANSAS DAY FUN NIGHT FREE EVENT!!! 6:00-9:00 pm DA Kansas Department of Transportation YMCA Inflatables Bounce Activities Kansas State University Demonstrations Kansas Army National Guard Rock Climbing Wall FREE ICE CREAM and many more FREE activities!!!</p> <p>6:00 pm Swine Show - LP 6:00 pm Judging of Open Class Exhibits - EH 6:30 pm Auction of Purple Ribbon Baked Goods - EH 7:00 pm Senior Recognition & Scholarships - EH Stage 7:30 pm 4-H King and Queen Announced - EH</p> <p>TOPEKA MODEL RAILROADERS & N' SCALERS RAILROADERS on display at various times - Atrium</p> <p>Friday, July 31 Buildings open to the public - 8 am-10 pm</p> <p>7:30-8:30 am Entry of Quilts - EH 9:00 am Poultry Show - EH 9:00 am Dog Show - LA 9:00 am Market, Breeding & Pygmy Goat Show - LP 10:30 am Sheep Show - LP</p> <p>12:00-8:00 p.m. Quilt Show - EH Open to the Public Entry 7:30 am - 8:30 am, Judging 9:30 - noon</p> <p>11:00 am-6:00 pm Clippity Clop Pony Rides - EA Noon-5:00 pm Rabbit Show - EH 3:00 pm Free Watermelon Feed - DA (While it lasts) Donated by Wehner's of Rossville & Silver Lake Southwest Dairy Farmers Demonstrations - DA 4-H Public Presentations - EH Stage 5:30-6:30 pm Pets on Parade - Atrium 6:00 pm Beef Show - LP 5:00 pm Bucket Calf Show - LP 5:30-6:30 pm Pets on Parade - Atrium 6:00 pm Beef Show - LP 6:00-7:00 pm Pedal Tractor Pull Registration - DA 7:00 pm Santa Fe Band - EH Stage 7:00-8:30 pm Pedal Tractor Pull - DA</p> <p>PEDAL TRACTOR PULL - DA FREE EVENT Registration 6:00 pm - Pull starts 7:00 pm - ages 3-12 Sponsored by Shawnee County Farm Bureau</p>	<p>Saturday, August 1 Buildings open to the public - 8 am-10 pm</p> <p>7:00 am - Noon 4-H Pancake Feed - LA 8:30 am Dairy Goat Show - LP 9:00 am Dog Agility & Rally O Show - LA 9:30 am Dairy Cattle Show - LP 11:00 am-6:00 pm Clippity Clop Pony Rides - EA</p> <p>11:00 am Topeka Zoo Presentation - EH Stage</p> <p>11:45 am Porubsky's Pickle Eating Contest ages 10-16 Prize sponsors, Brown Chevrolet/Buick of Warrego & Sommerset Cafe, Dover - EH stage 12:15 pm Porubsky's Pickle Eating Contest age 18 & up Prize sponsors, Brown Chevrolet/Buick of Warrego & Sommerset Cafe, Dover - EH stage 1:00 pm Shepherd's Lead - LP 1:00 pm Rabbit Judging Contest - EH</p> <p>1:00 pm Topeka Zoo Presentation - EH Stage</p> <p>1:00-4:00 pm Master Gardener's Activity - EH 1:30 pm Celebrity Swine Show - LP 1:45 pm Celebrity Goat Milking - LP 2:00 pm Special Entertainment - EH - stage area 3:00-4:00 pm Fun Fair (kids of all ages) - EH 5:00 pm Livestock Auction - LP</p> <p>Sunday - August 2 Buildings open to the public 9 am - 3 pm</p> <p>9:00 am Round Robin Showmanship - LP 1:00 pm Public Fashion Revue - EH</p> <p>ALL EXHIBITS RELEASED AT 3:00 PM OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FASHION REVUE - LIVESTOCK WILL LOAD OUT OF THE SOUTH END OF DOMER ARENA.</p> <p>94.5 COUNTRY FREE CONCERT Zach Emery Band AM 580 Cruzline Drumline WIBW & Jared Daniels Band</p> <p>Friday Night July 31 - 6:30 PM, Landon Arena COME DANCE AND ENJOY SOME OF THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT IN THE MIDWEST!!! Pick up FREE tickets from any of these sponsors</p> <p>Rossville, KenEquip, Laird Miller, Heritage Tractor, Briggs auto.com, Sharp Spools, M&M's, Capri Plant Food, STATE FARM INSURANCE, TEXAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you...</p>
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August 5 — Farm and industrial equipment consignment auction at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Equipment Auctions.

August 5 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

August 7 — 25 ac. working ranch w/4BR home, barns, arena sells online (www.catesauction.com). Also ranch equipment, antiques, decor & home furnishings. Auctioneers: Cates Auction Real Estate Company.

August 7 & 8 — Living Estate Sale at Clay Center for Phyllis Trautwein. Auctioneers: Avery Auctions.

August 8 — 3-bedroom home, furniture, collectibles, toys, glassware, juicers, household, tools at Topeka for Phyllis Puck Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auction.

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August 8 — Furniture, collectibles & guns at Minneapolis for Cliff & Pat Johns. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 8 — Machinery, tractors, clean line of hay equipment, stock trailer and more north of Onaga for Calvin Clay. Auctioneers: Kocher's Auction Service.

August 11 — Furniture, collectibles & tools at Concordia for Vankotten Estate & Gene Ganstrom. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 14 — 160 ac. m/l in 6 tracts land & home held at Baldwin City. Auctioneers: Cates Auction Real Estate Company.

August 15 — Household, antiques, furniture & tools

at Abilene for Tom Berry. Auctioneers: Kenny Chamberlin.

August 20 — Antiques, collectibles, glassware, old publications, woodworking equipment, farm machinery, bulldozer at Minneapolis for Bob and Maxine Behrendt. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction.

August 27 — Real estate, offices & warehouse space for Mid-Kansas Cooperative Association at Talmage. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

September 7 — Chapman Labor Day Festival including a Barn Quilt walk and the Class of '77 Car Show, Chapman.

September 7 — 20th annual Labor Day auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

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I'm closin' in on sixty with a vengeance, Mister Jim,
 And I wouldn't ask no favors if I weren't out on a limb
 But it seems like no one's hirin'? Cowboyin's all I know
 And I worked for you a couple times, the last, not long ago.

It's been ten years? Oh, really? Well... I run into Buster Cole
 And he said you might be lookin' so I gathered up my roll
 And bummed a ride off Buster. That's him a-waitin' in the car.
 I could go back to Brawley, but that seems so dadgum far!

Yeah, I know I quit ya last time but the winter froze me out.
 My knees were always achin'. Think I had a touch of gout
 But now I'm sound and solid as horseshoe, Mister Jim.

You've got the place fixed up real nice, all lookin' neat and trim.

You painted the ol' bunkhouse! Man, I really liked it there.
 Do ya still have Peg and Molly? Now, they were quite a pair.
 They could drag that big ol' hay sled through the snow just like a plow!
 Oh, she did? I'm really sorry. Guess ya feed with tractors now.

Ain't that Rocket! Good a young horse as I started anywhere.
 Who's ridin' all yer green stuff? Oh, you sold off all yer mares?
 If ya wanted we could git a couple yearlin's, split the cost.
 I'd be more than glad to... oh, sure. I just thought... Well, yer the boss,

But you still work cows a-horseback 'cause there ain't no other way
 And fer that you need a cowboy, even one that's turnin' gray,
 And I'm yer man! You know me! You don't need my

resumé,
 Can ya put me in the bunkhouse, Mister Jim, whataya say?
 A baler? Not on purpose... Me, I've always chased a cow.
 Well, I 'preciate the offer but I think I'll pass for now.
 Give my best to your good missus. Yer divorced? The heck you are?
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MOWER & HANDICAP SCOOTER
 Walker zero turn riding mower, 62" deck, 20hp, runs & mows, uses oil; Pace Saver Power chair, very good; Craftsman 5hp chipper, shredder; Yardman 6hp push mower.
GUN ITEMS & KNIVES
 Lee reloader with various dies; Swift spotting scope; Case XX knife with hone, Marlin spike blade, 1965-1969, very good; Buck hunting knife, various rifle & shot gun ammo; misc gun related items.
TOOLS
 Coleman Powermate 4000 watt generators; Campbell Housefeld air compressor; Stihl gas trimmer; Milwaukee Demolition rotary hammer, electrical problems; gas powered post hole digger; Rigid pipe threader; Delta drill press; Poulan chain saw; Hilman Rollers dollies; Craftsman 7" hand grinder; Oregon chain sharpening machine, like new; various other power tools; cordless drills; several come alongs, ratchery straps, cable pullers & stretchers; Linde torch set with bottles; 18 gal Shop Vac; 3/4, 1/2 & 3/8 sockets; wrenches, metric & SAE; large selection of drill bits; Slug Buster knockout punches; bench grinder; Huot tool chests; various hand tools.
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Angus golfers raise \$12,500 on the greens for youth and education

Sixty-eight Angus golfers hit the greens July 14 at the Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla., to raise more than \$12,500 in gross proceeds for education, youth and research. The 15th annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament was hosted in conjunction with the 2015 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla.

"Our golf tournament continues to be a popular event for our sponsors and players alike," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "These Angus enthusiasts are providing for our breed's future, and our goal is for everyone to have an enjoyable time, while knowing they are supporting a worthwhile cause."

Golf tournament winners this year in Flight A were Gary, Clayton and Travis Stevenson, from Caldwell, Texas. In Flight B, the top golfers were Gregory Connell, Eugene, Mo.; Sam Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.; Cameron Ward, Plattsburg, Mo.; and Cody Beck, Stillwater, Okla. Winners in Flight C were Dru Uden, Franklin, Neb.; Trevor Lienemann, Princeton, Neb.; Adam Graven, Rock Wall, Texas; and Eric Morrow, Montague, Texas.



Yard & Garden Tips By Gregg Eyestone

Purple Ribbon Entries

Local fairs are in full swing now. The Riley County fair is Thursday, July 23 through Monday, July 27. Open class events are available to anyone in Riley County and adjoining counties. Gardening and flower exhibits need to be brought to Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park between 8 a.m. and noon on Thursday, July 23. Exhibits are released after 5 p.m. on Monday, July 27.

There is a lot to see and do at the fair. Carnival rides, the rodeo, youth pedal tractor pull, the Riley County Idol contest and everyone will want to see the 4-H'ers biggest kohlrabi. A list of activities can be found at the fair website www.rileycountyfair.com.

Vegetable exhibits are judged on five criteria. The judge looks at the exhibit's condition, quality, uniformity, typical of variety and size. Unless it is a class for

the biggest specimen, size should conform to market demands.

The two most important criteria are condition and quality. Everyone would choose produce that was in good condition that is clean and without any bruises. Quality indicates that the specimen is ready to eat. Overripe is not desirable.

Uniformity and typical of variety are the other criteria. Attractiveness of an exhibit is enhanced when all specimens are similar in size, shape and color. Avoid using unusual specimens for exhibits.

Flowers are judged mainly on the quality of bloom. It should be just peaking at full bloom. Cleanliness is also important. Give your specimen a bath before you enter it.

The container is part of the exhibit but you don't generally want to draw at-

tention to it. It should be clean, plain and around a third of the height of the overall exhibit. Remove any leaves that are in the container.

I hope your garden has some purple ribbon specimens for the fair. Contact the Extension office for the publications *Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables* and *Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit*. They are also available on the web at www.ksre.ksu.edu.

You can find out more information on gardening by going to Riley County's K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu And you may contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension by calling 537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu

Plan to enjoy the 16th annual Flint Hills Beef Fest BBQ

The 16th Annual Flint Hills Beef Fest BBQ will once again be held in conjunction with the 29th Annual Flint Hills Beef Fest this year. This is a two-day KCBS sanctioned barbecue competition held August 21st & 22nd, 2015 at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Emporia.

The state sanctioned barbecue cook-off starts with check-in and inspection on Friday beginning at 9 a.m. Judging will take place starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. There will be six categories in the competition: Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork Butts, Brisket, Misc. Beef and Cooks Choice. Entry

fee is \$35.00 per category or \$150.00 for all six categories. Total prize money of \$6,000 and ribbons will be awarded at approximately 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Plan to come and join them again this year. For entry information please contact Scott Jones at (620) 341-0240 scottjones1@yahoo.com

If you enjoyed spending time at the Flint Hills Beef Fest BBQ last year don't miss your opportunity to come back again this year!

Check out their website at beeffest.com for registration forms.

Fact sheet available on wheat disease new to Kansas

Kansas is hosting an unwanted traveler this year – wheat flag smut has made its way into the state's wheat fields for the first time since the 1930s. The fungal disease poses no threat to humans or animals and has no effect on grain quality, but can reduce yields.

The finding is significant because some countries that buy U.S. wheat have import restrictions on grain produced in areas where flag smut is known to occur. Kansas is typically the No. 1 U.S. wheat-producing state and typically grows about 20 percent of the total U.S. crop. Annual average wheat production for the past five years has been about 328 million bushels, according to Kansas Wheat. The fungus *Urocystis tritici* causes flag smut, which was initially found in a Rooks County field in May during routine crop monitoring by K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Since then, it has been confirmed in 39 other Kansas locations, mostly in north central and south central parts of the state, according to the KDA. The percentage of infected tillers found in those fields,

however, has been low.

To help growers identify and determine the best ways to prevent the disease, Kansas State University has a new fact sheet (Publication MF3235) available online. It includes photos of infected wheat, as well as background information.

The fungus can survive in the soil for at least four years, and can be moved to adjacent fields by wind, plant debris, or equipment, said Erick De Wolf, K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist.

Most of this year's winter wheat crop has been harvested, but it won't be long before growers start planting a new crop this fall.

"In general, the risk of infection is greatest when winter wheat is planted into warm, moist soils," said De Wolf, who authored the K-State fact sheet.

"Fungicide seed treatments are the most effective way to manage flag smut," he said. "Crop rotations with non-host crops such as soybeans, sorghum, or corn provide time for the fungal population to decline between wheat crops and lower the risk of infection in subsequent years."

More information about wheat flag smut in Kansas, including steps that the KDA is asking farmers to take, is available on the KDA website.

The disease is relatively easy to manage, but because of the potential trade implications, the KDA is taking the detection of the disease very seriously, said Jeff Vogel, manager of the KDA's Plant Protection and Weed Control Program. In an interview on K-State Research and Extension's *Agriculture Today* radio program, Vogel said that because infected wheat has tillers that are stunted and below the canopy, it can't be observed from the road or above the plant.

"You have to look under the canopy," Vogel said.

A working group is being formed which will include representatives of the KDA and K-State Research and Extension, to look at long-term solutions to address flag smut and other diseases, Vogel said.

The full July 9 interview with Vogel is available on the K-State Research and Extension *Agriculture Today* web page.

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With everyone in the hay field and a hot day we had a very light run of cattle for our sale Friday, July 17. Not enough offered to fully test the market. The bulk of the run was weigh cows and they were selling from steady to \$3 higher prices.

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 900-1,775 LBS		
Allen	1 blk	1120@132.00
Emporia	1 blk	1115@131.00
Manhattan	1 blk	1460@120.00
Emporia	1 blk	1160@114.50
Manhattan	1	1225@113.50
Westmoreland	1 blk	1325@113.50
Emporia	1 bwf	1280@113.50
Westmoreland	1 blk	1190@113.00
Alta Vista	1 blk	1760@112.50
Westmoreland	1 blk	1165@111.50
Emporia	1 blk	1155@110.00
Allen	1 blk	1055@110.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	1395@109.00
Emporia	1 blk	1225@108.50
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Allen	1 xbred	910@107.00
Emporia	1 blk	1170@104.00
Emporia	1 blk	980@104.00
Manhattan	1 holstein	1640@104.00
Emporia	1 bwf	1190@101.50
Manhattan	1 holstein	1495@101.00
Manhattan	1 holstein	1015@100.00
Alma	1 bwf	1295@99.00
Westmoreland	1 bwf	1230@95.00

BULLS — 900-1,725 LBS.		
Frankfort	1 blk	915@159.00
Allen	1 simm	1715@138.00
Topeka	1 herf	1615@135.00
Delia	1 herf	1710@128.50
Alma	1 blk	1350@113.00

COW/CALF PAIRS		
Westmoreland	1 xbred	Age 8 \$2,200.00

BRED COWS			
	Age	Mo.	
Emporia	1 blk	2	5 \$2,000.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	SS	5 \$1,900.00
St. Marys	1 blk	BM	7 \$1,800.00
St. Marys	1 bwf	BM	5 \$1,775.00
Westmoreland	2 blk	BM	6 \$1,710.00
Westmoreland	1 blk	SS	6 \$1,600.00
Allen	1 blk	5	3 \$1,525.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FRIDAY, JULY 24TH	
120 Choice Reputation blk str, off grass, 650-750 lbs.	
85 Choice Reputation bwf str, 600-800 lbs.	
54 Choice blk & bwf str & Replacement Quality hfrs, 1 rd shots, 500-700 lbs.	
51 blk & red-x str, off grass, 800-900 lbs.	
45 Choice blk Angus & red Angus Feeder str, off grass, 900-950 lbs.	
35 blk Angus & red Angus hfrs, longtime weaned, shots, 600-750 lbs.	
18 blk str, 700-800 lbs.	
4 mixed cows, 7 yrs & older with calves by side	

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FRIDAY, JULY 31ST	
70 Choice Reputation Angus str, 2 complete rds shots, no implants, 650-800 lbs.	
34 Angus fall bred hfrs. Synchronized and AI bred on Dec. 18th to black Angus Right Answer bull. Clean up 60 days with Sons of In Focus bull	
20 red Angus fall bred hfrs. Synchronized and AI bred on Dec. 18th to red Angus Conqueror bull. Clean up 60 days with Sons of In Focus bull	
20) 2 yr old red Angus fall bred hfrs bred to low birth weight Ohlde Cattle Co. Angus bulls, 1 rd shots. To start calving Aug. 25th	
7 homeraised blk & bwf cows, 5-7 yrs old w/big March Angus sired calves by side. Cows running back with Angus bull since June 1st	
3 Holstein str, 700 lbs.	

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH	
68 Choice Reputation blk and red Angus str & hfrs, all shots. Fly tags, wormed, poured, weaned in May, 500-700 lbs.	
40 Hereford & Hereford-Angus str, 2 rds shots, wormed, weaned, 700-800 lbs.	

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow. Demand moderate for dairy alfalfa, light for grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets and grass hay. Hot, upper 90s to low 100s, there have been scattered rain, thunderstorms and even a tornado. Alfalfa producers are finishing the second and beginning third cutting. Yields vary, quality has been dry and green but low testing, typical for summer cuttings. Alfalfa demand is down this year due to good grazing conditions, the large triticale crop and still the lower number of cattle on feed. 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/commodities/haypasture/index.html

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, Horse, 250.00 small squares. Dairy, .90-1.00/point RFV, Supreme 180.00-200.00; Premium 160.00-185.00, Good 120.00-160.00. Dry Cow alfalfa, 100.00-120.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa, at the edge of the field 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies 125.00-140.00, mostly 125.00-130.00. The week of 7/6-11, 7,113T of grinding alfalfa

and 450T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, Good, large bales 60.00-65.00 delivered. Corn stalks 50.00-55.00, ground and delivered 80.00-100.00. CRP, Good, large rounds 55.00-65.00. Cane or BMR Sudan, Good large bales 65.00-75.00. Oat hay, Good small square 150.00, large square 120.00, large round 70.00. The average paid by feedlots on Jul 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 143.35/T, down 10.46 from last month, usage was 695T/day, down 10 percent, total usage was 20,834T.

South Central Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa and alfalfa pellets steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy, .90-1.00/point RFV, a little at 1.07 for out of state shipment, Supreme, 180.00-200.00; Premium 160.00-185.00. Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 80.00-100.00, mostly 80.00-90.00; Utility-Fair 70.00-80.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots, 125.00-140.00. The week of 7/6-11, 4,651T of grinding alfalfa and 740T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 pct protein 145.00-170.00, 17 pct protein 170.00-185.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 245.00. Straw, Good, large bales 55.00-65.00. Cane or BMR Sudan, Good large bales 60.00-70.00, Fair quality 50.00-55.00. Oat hay, Good large round 70.00-80.00. The average paid by feedlots on Jul 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 130.33/T, down 4.59 from last month, usage was 248T/day, up 6 percent, total usage was 7,428T.

Southeast Kansas

Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or Goat, mid squares 250.00; Dairy and Stock Cow 1.00 to 1.07, an instance 1.10/point RFV, Premium-Supreme 190.00-200.00. Bluestem: Good, small squares, 110.00-140.00, mid and large squares 70.00-100.00, mostly 80.00-90.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00, Fair 50.00-55.00; Brome: Good, Small squares 120.00-145.00, mid and large squares 100.00-125.00, large rounds 60.00-70.00, fair 50.00-60.00. Grass Mulch CWF, large round 45.00-60.00.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy and Grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy Premium-Supreme 190.00; Stock cow, Fair-Good, .90-1.00/point RFV. Fair, Grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 115.00-145.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse, 300.00, some 8.00-9.00/small square bale, delivered; Dairy, Supreme 185.00-210.00, New Crop 1.00-1.10/point RFV; Premium, 165.00-185.00; Stock Cow, Fair-Good, 1.00/point RFV, Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 70.00-90.00; Ground and delivered 130.00-145.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 5.00-6.00/bale, 100.00-135.00, Mid squares 70.00-90.00, large rounds 45.00-65.00, mostly 50.00-60.00. Brome: Good, small squares, 6.00/bale, 120.00-145.00/T, Mid squares, 100.00-110.00, Good, large round, 25.00-50.00/bale, 60.00-70.00/T, most 65.00, Fair 50.00-60.00; CWF Grass mulch, large round 60.00-65.00. Straw, Good, small squares 4.00/bale or 4.50-5.00 delivered/bale; large square bales 60.00-75.00/T, large round 50.00-60.00. Sudan, Good large round 70.00-75.00, Fair 60.00-65.00.

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Corn farmers rally on Capitol Hill to protest RFS cuts

More than 300 corn farmers and ethanol industry leaders joined members of Congress on Capitol Hill at a rally calling attention to the Renewable Fuel Standard. The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed cutting the RFS for corn ethanol by 3.75 billion gallons through 2016, which represents nearly 1.5 billion bushels in lost corn demand.

"Our message to the EPA is clear and unequivocal: Don't mess with the RFS," said NCGA chairman Martin Barbre, a farmer from Carmi, Illinois. "We are gathered here today because we all understand what's at stake."

Rally attendees heard from Sen. Mark Kirk, Rep. Tammy Duckworth, farmers, and ethanol industry leaders on the importance of ethanol to strengthening rural economies and protecting our environment and national security.

Following the rally, corn farmers visited their congressional offices to drive home the importance of ethanol and the RFS. In his closing remarks, NCGA president Chip Bowling, a farmer from Newburg, Maryland, urged farmers to stand up and make their voice heard.

"Now is the time for farmers to stand up for your farms, your families, your communities, and our country," said Bowling. "We must hold Congress to its promises - and hold the EPA to the law."

What they're saying:
"Ethanol supports corn growers' bottom lines and provides good jobs, promotes economic growth, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. We need a strong Renewable Fuel Standard to support our producers and the workers this industry employs. In North Dakota, the biofuels industry represents \$2.5 billion in annual economic output and almost 9,000 jobs. We need EPA to set strong volumes to give farmers, workers, and the entire industry the certainty they deserve

and fight any effort in Congress to undermine the RFS."

-Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.)*

(*Note: Senator Heitkamp was unable to speak at the rally due to votes on the Hill. Remarks are from her prepared statement.)

"Illinois farmers export more than a billion bushels of corn annually. That is why I supported them on trade and will continue to support them in the fight for a fair Renewable Fuel Standard."

-Senator Mark Kirk (R-Ill.)

"American investors and consumers at the gas pump are better off supporting American jobs and access to clean, secure American energy, rather than Middle Eastern oil. As a veteran and a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I see renewable, home-grown fuel as not only critical for our environment and our economy, but also as a national security imperative." -Representative Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.)

"Even in Maryland, a state without an ethanol plant, we have seen the tremendous positive impact of a strong Renewable Fuel Standard on our farm, our family, and in our community. It has helped ensure the next generation can come back to the farm. With a strong farm economy, we also have more to invest in our schools, hospitals and roads. I'm here to tell the EPA to stop standing up for Big Oil, and start standing up for me."

-Linda Burrier, farmer, Union Bridge, Md.

"Supporting the Renewable Fuel Standard is personal for me. We value jobs, farm income, and using homegrown, renewable fuels instead of conflict-ridden foreign oil. Agriculture is the backbone of our economy. We should not allow the budding renewable fuels industry to be cut off at its roots."

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Chairman Moran comments on committee passage of FY16 agriculture appropriations bill

The Senate Committee on Appropriations last week approved – with a bipartisan 28 to 2 vote – the fiscal year 2016 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) is chairman of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

“The investments made in this bill reaffirm our commitment to advancing production agriculture and public health innovations in

Kansas, and provide our rural communities with the ability to compete – both here and abroad,” Moran said. “Through a balanced approach to fiscal responsibility and continued investment in rural America, we are prioritizing agriculture research and Extension activities, promoting rural development efforts, supporting food safety and public health initiatives, and encouraging the development of new medicines and medical devices. Additionally, we are reining in the Obama

administration’s regulatory overreach by limiting the scope of the dietary guidelines and delaying the implementation of overly broad menu labeling rules.”

The Senate bill exhibits a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility by reducing overall spending by \$3.7 billion compared to FY2015 enacted levels. The legislation is \$24 billion below the President’s budget request level.

The bill supports Farm Bill implementation efforts and protects crop insurance

as a key risk management tool for producers. It invests \$2.7 billion in new and ongoing agricultural research initiatives conducted by USDA and Kansas land grant and non-land grant universities. The bill also provides assistance to farmers, ranchers, and other landowners for conservation efforts, and rejects the president’s proposal to reduce USDA conservation technical assistance to producers. It increases funding for USDA programs aimed at eradicating plant and animal

pests and diseases that threaten agriculture production.

The bill continues investments important to rural Kansas communities, including by increasing funding for USDA rural development programs that are designed to help foster economic growth in rural areas. The policies funded include rural housing programs and loans for rural water, waste, electric and telephone infrastructure projects.

On nutrition issues, the

legislation will ensure the new set of Dietary Guidelines for Americans will be based on sound nutritional science, not on environmental sustainability factors pushed by activist groups.

The U.S. Senate now has an opportunity to debate 11 of the 12 appropriations bills required of Congress annually. If all 12 appropriations bills are passed into law, the U.S. government would save \$74 billion in fiscal year 2016 as compared to President Obama’s budget proposal.

Chapman becomes a barn quilt city

By Carol Lacer,
Chapman News-Times

A barn quilt project by the Chapman High School Art Club and Lori Hambright, Dickinson County rep for the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail, reached a high point recently when about 15 colorful barn quilts appeared at Shamrock Park and other downtown shops and businesses.

Londeen’s purchased one for their hardware store, and Kay Londeen was thrilled not only with their own beautiful quilt, but with the overall project and what it adds to downtown Chapman.

“They are wonderful!” Kay said. “Jon and I took a

ride after lunch, and it was so much fun to see the different designs and all the different colors. It was a very good idea, and just a real nice addition.”

The project got its start over a year ago when Lori got to thinking that Chapman needed to be “barn quilted,” and mentioned it to the CHS art teacher Kayla Hern. Lori then spoke to members of the Chapman EDC to get the community involved. The EDC donated funds to help with supplies for the project.

“I set it up with Kayla to have a certain number of patterns that were not too complicated so we could get it done in a certain amount

of time,” Lori said.

Working with the art club, Lori’s goal was to sell between 30-40 barn quilts in Chapman, with a goal of making Chapman the “Barn Quilt Capital of Kansas.” Art students got out in April and May to sell the quilts to business owners downtown.

Lori was very pleased with the results. Forty-three were sold for the project, including eight 4x4 quilts, and 35 of the 2x2 quilts. The total quilts sold to businesses was 24.

While Lori isn’t certain of Chapman having the most barn quilts of any city in Kansas yet, she felt with the number sold, it is one of the towns with the most, and the numbers will be growing, as the quilting is ongoing.

Even with 24 businesses ordering the quilts, Lori said the class was not able to contact every business.

She hopes to get barn quilts completed for those who want one, and on display before Labor Day, when walking and driving tours are planned. A list and map showing all the barn quilts in Chapman will be available at businesses who have a barn quilt and also available on the city’s website. Irish Ink at the high school is providing the maps.

“We’ll do a barn quilt for them or help them get one done,” Lori said. She encourages business owners who would like a barn quilt to contact her for more information, or to order a

quilt.

The cost varies, due to size and the design. Some designs require much more time than others, as well as the number of peaks and colors within the design.

Those with a barn quilt can register them at the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail website: www.KsFlintHillsQuiltTrail.com, or call Lori at 785-313-6565, to list them for the Chapman Labor Day Barn Quilt tour, or for help posting them on the website.

Lori said the project had been fun, and she, Kayla,

and the students worked two days a week through June to get the job done. Lori enjoyed working with the various people, and said the project helps bring the community together.

City Administrator Austin St. John said the art club had done a great job with the quilts. He also told council members at the city meeting that the city workers were a big help in getting the barn quilts hung on buildings.

“It’s just a real fun Americana movement,” Lori said.



Chapman City Clerk Erin Tilton, Dickinson County representative for the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail Lori Hambright, and City Administrator Austin St. John show the 4x4 barn quilt that will be placed on City Hall.

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Brad Hamilton is featured performer at National Day of the Cowboy supper

Western Music Association artist Brad "Doc" Hamilton will perform at a Kansas celebration of the National Day of the Cowboy, following a supper to be held at the Lazy T Ranch near Manhattan, Kansas at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2015. "Brad is extremely talented," said Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat and Lazy T Ranch co-owner. "He performs in authentic cowboy gear. Our audience will enjoy his rich baritone voice as he sings the cowboy classics. He will do some gun-spinning, rope tricks, and even bring in Walter Brennan and John Wayne."

More information is available at www.kansasdayofthecowboy.com. At 6:00 p.m., a chuckwagon supper with all the trimmings will be served. After Brad's performance, western music will be available for dancing until 10 p.m. Reservations are required.

"Many thanks to our sponsors," Wilson said. "Kansas Farm Bureau, Frontier Farm Credit, Manhattan Commission Company and Lee's Western Wear are all helping us honor the American Cowboy."

The National Day of the Cowboy has been commemorated on the fourth week

end of July by U.S. Senate Resolution since 2005. In 2014, the Kansas legislature enacted legislation which provides that Kansas will celebrate this event annually.

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House Ag Committee recognizes 125th anniversary of passage of the Second Morrill Act of 1890

Recently the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing to recognize the

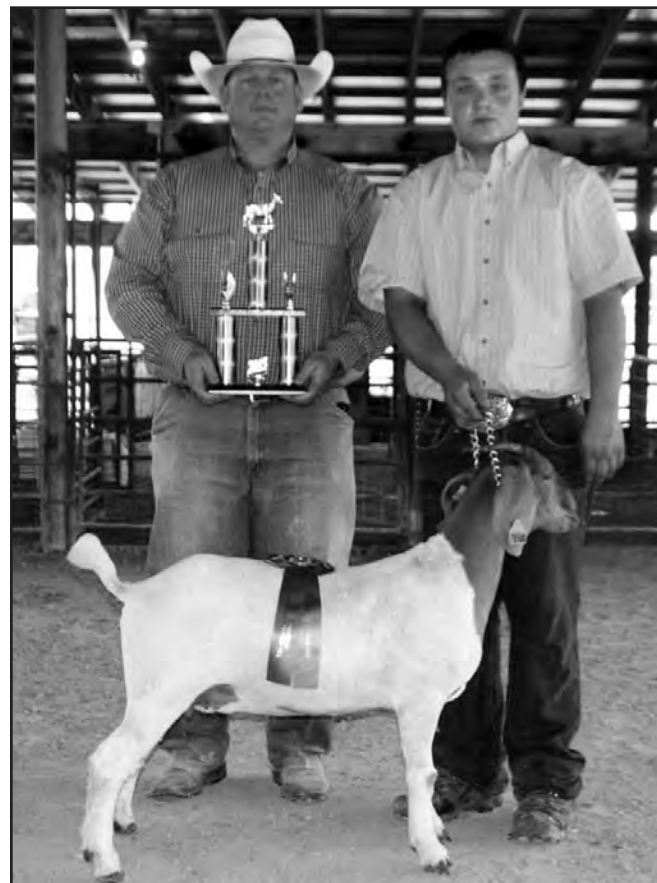
continuing contributions of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities on the 125th anniversary

of the passage of the Second Morrill Act of 1890.

As a network of historically black colleges and universities dedicated to providing educational opportunity for all through innovative scientific research and community-minded Extension programs, the 1890 Land Grant universities have a long history of successes and contributions in agricultural higher education. Among many other innovative scientific research and community-minded Extension programs, these universities are engaging young people through leadership development and 4-H, engaging individuals and communities in environmental stewardship, and enhancing capacity, marketability, profitability, sustainability and diversity in agricultural enterprises for small and limited resource operations.

"The 1890 Land-Grant Universities were originally created to promote education in agriculture and the mechanic arts while providing educational opportunity for all - specifically young African-Americans who had been previously excluded from land grant universities. Over the years, these universities have stood as pillars in education and continue to provide world-class educational opportunities as well as serve as important institutions for agricultural research and extension programs. I am honored to welcome presidents and other representatives from 18 of the universities at today's hearing and greatly value their contributions to our society," said Chairman K. Michael Conaway.

"I am honored to join Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson and my counterpart on the research subcommittee, Ranking Member DelBene, to recognize the contributions of the 1890s Land-Grant Universities on the 125th Anniversary of the Second Morrill Act. These universities have made incredible contributions to agriculture research and I look forward to working with them to continue this research and improve the future of agriculture," said Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.



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Agricultural groups express concern for FMD vaccine shortage

Eight national agricultural organizations, including NCBA, wrote a letter urging the Senate Committee on Agriculture to address the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccine shortage in the U.S. The groups expressed concern for the vulnerability of the U.S. livestock community should an outbreak occur.

"Today there is not enough vaccine available to handle an outbreak beyond a very small localized disease event. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) currently manages a vaccine bank at Plum Island, N.Y., where vaccine antigen concentrate for a limited number of FMD strains is stored," the letter said.

If an outbreak were to occur, the letter goes on to say that the antigen must be shipped to Pirbright, England or to Lyon, France, where it is turned into finished vaccine and shipped back to the U.S.

The groups request that APHIS contract an offshore FMD vaccine bank and a production facility that would allow large-scale vaccine production in the shortest amount of time, and put out a Request for Proposals to companies engaged in FMD vaccine production for estimated costs.

To read the full letter from the agricultural groups, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FMD-Vaccine>.

Celebrate the cowboy at Flint Hills Discovery Center

Dust off your boots and grab your cowboy hat as you join the Flint Hills Discovery Center in celebrating the cowboy!

"We are excited to celebrate National Day of the Cowboy for the second time and expect a great turnout," said Flint Hills Discovery Center director, Fred Goss. "This is a great event for the entire family to celebrate the cowboy culture and traditions of Kansas and the Flint Hills."

Festivities kick-off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 25 with a rope-cutting ceremony outside the main entrance.

Learn all about the Buffalo Soldier, try your hand at roping and even test out your best cattle call. There will be plenty of activities for kids to enjoy, including branding, creating a saddle concho and decorating their own horse to ride in the barrel races. Kids can also have their face painted like a rodeo clown and get an autograph from a rodeo queen. Dave Zerfas will also be roving as he plays a variety of western frontier music for visitors.

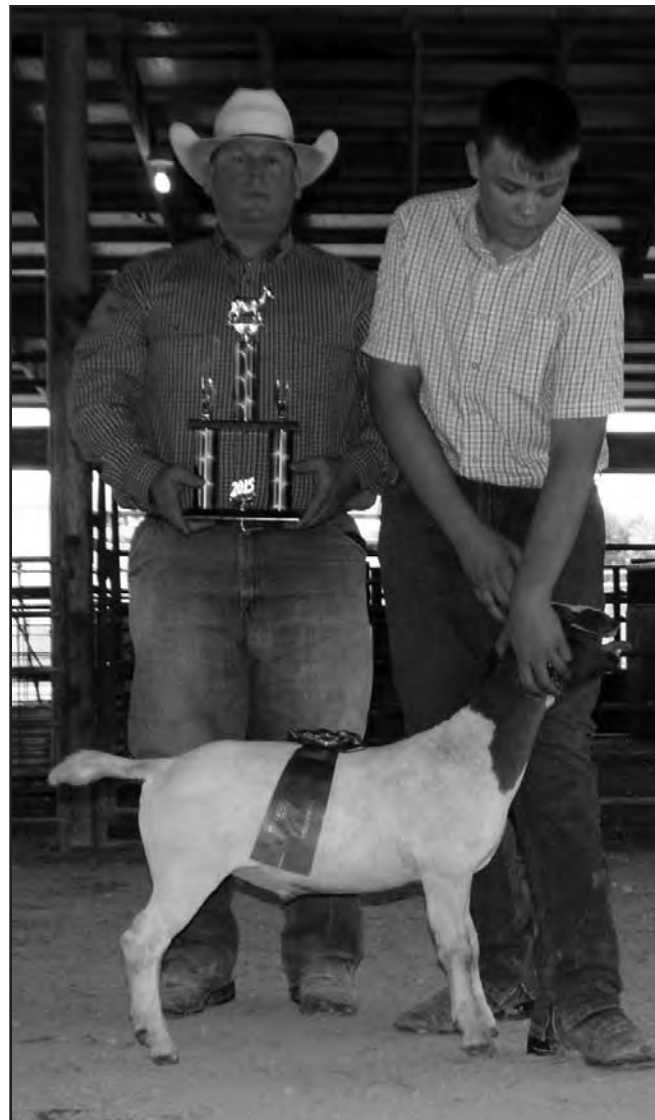
The Gift Store will be open to purchase cowboy souvenirs for everyone, including cowboy hats, sarsaparilla and more for all ages. Dress up like a cowboy and take a family photo at the photo booth station for a chance to win two tickets to see the Royals. Winner will be announced on social media on Monday, July 27. Follow the day's festivities and participate in the fun by sharing family photos on social media using the hash tag, #fhdcdayofcowboy. Those who attend will also have the opportunity to tour the summer exhibition, In the Dark, located on the second floor. All permanent ex-

hibits, the Horizon Ranch Flint Hills Immersive Experience Theater and the Family Fun Zone are included with paid admission.

All activities are included in the general admission price. Admissions fees are: 18-64 (\$9); Educators, Student, Military with ID, 65+ (\$7); children 2-17 (\$4).

National Day of the Cowboy is sponsored by Capitol Federal and Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bu-

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Wyatt Buchman exhibited the grand champion market doe at the Tri-County Free Fair in Herington.

Aug. 4 is deadline for 10th Feeding Quality Forum

As cattle feeders aim to make the most of premiums for quality, align with market expectations and make ready for industry changes in the wind, they can find insight and answers at an annual forum at two locations on the Great Plains.

The 10th annual Feeding Quality Forum is set for the Omaha suburb of La Vista, Neb., on August 18 and in Garden City, on August 20.

For a decade, producers, feeders and allied industry have joined together annually for an education reunion to reap expert industry insight. This year's topics include the perennial favorite market outlook from AgResource Company, tips to combat heat stress, advice on how to adopt current nutrition strategies and a peer panel on risk management.

"The panel discussion has grown into one of our most popular segments," says Jill Dunkel, event organizer and editor of cosponsor *Feedlot* magazine. "This year's topic is managing risk - cattle are a tremendous investment, and offering fellow cattlemen the opportunity to see how others are managing risk will no doubt be a great conversation."

Attendance is by advance reservation until all seats are taken, and remains at the same \$50 level as in years past for all registrations by August 4. As

space allows, late reservations will be accepted at \$75.

"We gather input and topics from our sponsors who represent different industry segments, but also past participants and those engaged in the feeding business," says Mark McCully, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) vice president. "We want to provide a forum for discussing those most relevant issues that managers are facing in their day-to-day business operations."

Each year, the forum informs and opens discussion that help attendees plan for shifting industry trends and consumer demand. Peer discussions and networking allow producers and feeders to learn from each other as well as industry and university experts.

McCully says, "The feeding business is changing at a rapid pace, and staying on top of all the moving pieces can be challenging for a manager without this kind of event."

Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a quick welcome at 10:00 before informational sessions kick off with Dan Basse, AgResource Company president (Garden City) or AgResource Head Researcher Bill Tierney (Omaha), as they provide the local and global feedstuffs market and economic outlook. Then Marilyn Corbin of Zoetis will talk about details, im-

plications and how to prepare for the Veterinary Feed Directive. Lunch will honor FQF 2015 Industry Achievement Award winner James Herring, of Friona Industries, Amarillo, Texas.

Following lunch, University of Nebraska feedlot experts will take the floor. Terry Mader will highlight the details of heat stress management, followed by Galen Erickson's discussion of trending nutrition topics. The forum will conclude around 4:15 p.m., after a panel discussion on risk management in the feedyard. The Forum is hosted in conjunction with Zoetis, Roto-Mix, Purina Mills, Micronutrients, *Feedlot* magazine and CAB.

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Council Grove, 1 blk	1170@112.00	Marion, 2 blk	585@235.00
Council Grove, 1 blk	1250@112.00	Peabody, 10 mix	816@215.25
Council Grove, 1 blk	1255@108.50	Ramona, 57 blk	924@204.50
Florence, 1 blk	1210@106.00	Tampa, 117 mix	891@202.75
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Wilsey, 3 blk	492@264.00	Marion, 4 blk	420@260.00
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HEIFERS			
		Wilsey, 3 blk	632@223.50
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		Marion, 2 blk	408@283.00
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		Council Grove, 1 blk	1620@140.50
		Herington, 1 blk	1900@140.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 22:

- 25 Reputation Hereford steers and heifers, 600-700 lbs., 2 rds shots, weaned, no implants
- 18 mix steers and heifers, 500-600 lbs.
- 10 mix steers, 750-775 lbs.
- 35 mix steers and heifers, 700-750 lbs.
- 90 mix steers and heifers, 700-800 lbs., off grass
- 55 red Angus-x steers, 775-800 lbs.
- 122 mostly black mix steers, 750-850 lbs.
- 120 mix steers, 875-900 lbs.

MORE CATTLE BY SALE TIME!

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 29:

- 140 Reputation Angus steers and heifers, mostly steers, 650-750 lbs., 2 rd shots, no implants
- 90 mostly black steers and heifers, 600-750 lbs., longtime weaned, 2 rd shots
- 160 blk heifers, 750 lbs., off grass
- 320 blk Angus heifers, 800-850 lbs., off grass
- 70 brangus-x heifers, 800-825 lbs., off grass
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U.S. pork, beef promoted to fast-growing hospitality market at Food & Hotel Vietnam

USMEF recently promoted U.S. pork and beef to one of the fastest-growing hospitality sectors in Asia during Food & Hotel Vietnam 2015. Funding support for USMEF's efforts at the show was provided by the Pork Checkoff, the Beef Checkoff Program and the USDA Market Access Program (MAP).

The record-setting show in Ho Chi Minh City featured 470 exhibitors from 36 countries and nearly 11,000 attendees. During the three-day event, USMEF staff distributed U.S. pork and beef

cut charts and informational brochures and answered questions from several existing and potential trade contacts. Staff coordinated meetings between USMEF members and local importers and organized the "Hot Cooking-U.S. Beef" category of the Vietnam Culinary Challenge.

"Overall, Food & Hotel Vietnam proved to be another great success for USMEF, as it provided outstanding exposure for U.S. pork and beef to the Vietnamese market," said Sabrina Yin, USMEF/ASEAN di-

rector. "Vietnam is one of the fastest-growing economies in Asia. Many local restaurant chains continue to expand and more western food concepts are being introduced, which gives local diners more options. This is where it is important to promote the quality of U.S. red meat and provide menu ideas that feature U.S. pork and beef."

According to Yin, Vietnam's tourism industry continues to expand, with 2.6 million tourists arriving in the country over the first four months of 2015. Nearly

8 million tourists visited Vietnam in 2014.

USMEF joined other U.S. participants as part of the USA Pavilion, which was officially opened on the show's first day by a visit from USDA Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) administrator Philip Karsting and U.S. Consul General to Vietnam Rena Bitter. The USA Pavilion was about 60 percent larger compared to the 2013 show, Yin noted.

The U.S. beef portion of the Vietnam Culinary Challenge featured 23 young chefs from various hotels

and restaurants in Vietnam competing against each other to come up with the best U.S. beef dish. Chosen as the cut for the competition was U.S. top sirloin butt center cut, which was selected because of its ability to be used in a variety of dishes. It is ideal to introduce such versatile cuts to the Vietnamese foodservice operators because it motivates them to add variety on their menus without compromising on quality, Yin said.

"The competition provided a platform for U.S.

beef to be featured in an array of dishes infused with creative touches, as well as a chance for chefs to have a hands-on experience in utilizing U.S. beef," Yin added. "This event provided excellent exposure for U.S. meat to be featured in a world-class cooking competition."

Immediately following Food & Hotel Vietnam, USDA organized a U.S. Food Showcase and Reception, at which guests were treated to a buffet consisting of U.S. pork and beef dishes.

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500-600	\$270.00-\$285.00	21 char	Delphos 752@226.75
600-700	\$250.00-\$265.50	16 blk	Atlanta 776@222.00
700-800	\$230.00-\$243.50	21 mix	Delphos 849@221.00
800-900	\$210.00-\$221.00	14 blk	Ada 828@220.00
900-1000	\$205.00-\$215.50	124 blk	Abilene 866@217.75
		9 char	Delphos 851@217.50
		13 blk	Douglass 846@217.00
300-400	\$270.00-\$287.00	60 blk	Abilene 884@216.00
400-500	\$250.00-\$260.00	62 blk	Gypsum 858@215.85
500-600	\$235.00-\$255.00	109 blk	Abilene 926@215.50
600-700	\$230.00-\$242.00	110 blk	Abilene 951@214.75
700-800	\$210.00-\$222.00	109 blk	Abilene 939@214.60
800-900	No Test	52 blk	Wilsey 1042@205.10
900-1000	No Test	35 mix	Hope 1030@204.50
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4 blk	Lindsborg 454@300.00	4 blk	Randolph 533@255.00
2 blk	Atlanta 445@297.00	8 mix	Canton 547@247.00
7 mix	Minneapolis 481@296.00	5 blk	Alma 516@245.00
5 mix	Randolph 483@291.00	6 mix	Canton 611@242.00
20 mix	Brookville 490@286.50	3 char	Minneapolis 615@241.00
4 blk	Moundridge 500@285.00	7 mix	Wichita 601@241.00
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11 blk	Latham 542@276.00	4 blk	Leon 615@234.00
7 blk	Lindsborg 554@274.00	8 mix	Smolan 618@227.00
3 blk	Alma 518@273.00	20 blk	Latham 630@227.00
18 mix	Lincoln 562@272.00	22 blk	Ada 655@224.00
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4 mix	Canton 623@260.50	30 blk	Ada 748@218.50
6 blk	Alma 593@260.00	71 mix	Whitewater 709@217.00
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6 blk	Leon 634@254.00	5 blk	Minneapolis 715@214.00
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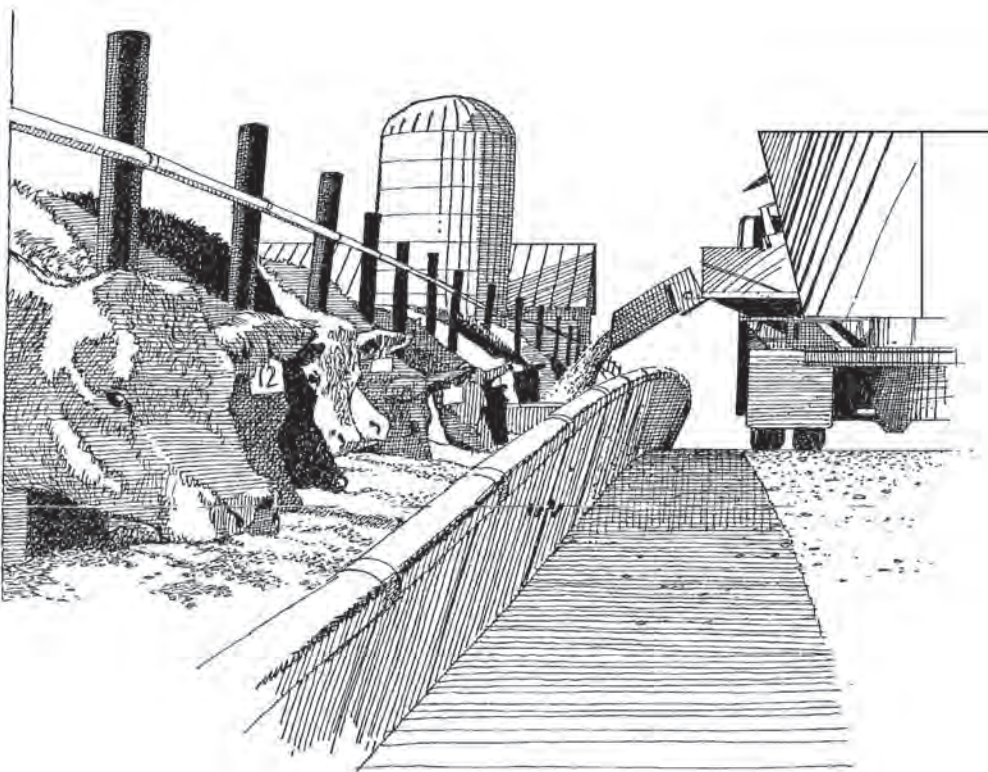
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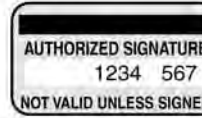
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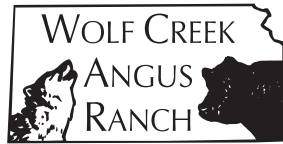
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Finalists named for 2015 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award

The Sand County Foundation, in partnership with the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas (RTK), is proud to announce the finalists for the first annual Kansas Leopold Conservation Award®, which honors Kansas landowner achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources.

The 2015 finalists are:

Randall and Nicole Small, who own 2S Land & Cattle, a cow/calf ranch and crop farm in Neodesha. The Smalls practice rotational grazing, plant cover crops to maintain healthy soils and have been no-till since 1999. To benefit wildlife, the Smalls built wildlife-friendly fencing and created quail habitat surrounding their crop fields;

Sproul Ranch, a 2,200-acre cattle ranch in Chautauqua County owned by Bill and Peggy Sproul. The cattle graze on tallgrass prairie restored by the Sprouls. The grass is burned on a rotational basis and the unburned, regrown grass serves as wildlife habitat and provides natural fuel for future burns;

and the Vorhees family, owners of Lazy VJ Farms, a cow/calf ranch in Fredonia. The family practices rotational grazing and they have added cross-fencing to their land to prevent overgrazing.

They have also created wetlands, buffers and riparian areas to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and provide wildlife habitat.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. It should inspire other landowners through these examples and provides a visible forum where farmers, ranchers and other private landowners are recognized as conservation leaders. In his influential 1949 book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

The 2015 Leopold Conservation Award will be presented for the first time at the KACD Annual Convention in Wichita on November 23. The award recipient will receive \$10,000 and a crystal depicting Aldo Leopold.

"KACD supports conservation programs that protect our state's natural resources, and we are pleased to join Sand County Foundation and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas in recognizing exemplary land stewards for the Kansas Leopold

Conservation Award," said Jim Krueger, KACD executive director.

"The Ranchland Trust is honored to partner with KACD and Sand County Foundation in presenting the first Kansas Leopold Conservation Award. This state has a long, rich history of land conservation and stewardship, and this award highlights those who represent the legacy on our working farms and ranches. Congratulations to the finalists. We thank them for helping us preserve special places in Kansas," added Bill Eastman, RTK chair of the board.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program in Kansas is made possible by the generous support of Clean Line Energy Partners, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Ducks Unlimited, International Transmission Company, NextEra Energy Resources, Westar Energy, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, DuPont Pioneer, Kansas Forestry Service, the Mosaic Company and the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation.

For more information, contact Chris Schellpfeffer, Sand County Foundation, 608-663-4605 ext. 31, or visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org, www.sandcounty.net, www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org and www.kacdnet.org.

Secretary Vilsack proclaims August 2-8 National Farmers' Market Week

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared Aug. 2 through 8, 2015, as "National Farmers' Market Week." The declaration was made official by proclamation signed by Vilsack. This year marks the 16th annual National Farmers' Market Week in honor of the important role that farmers' markets play in local economies. Throughout the week, USDA will celebrate thousands of our nation's farmers markets, the farmers and ranchers who make them possible and the communities that host them.

"National Farmers' Market Week is a great opportunity for farmers markets across the country to host special events to showcase all the tremendous services they provide," said Secretary Vilsack. "Farmers' markets play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support farmers and help grow rural economies. They bring communities together, connecting cities with the farms and providing Americans with fresh, healthy food."

Throughout the week, USDA officials will celebrate at farmers market locations across the country. On Saturday, Aug. 1, Anne Alonzo, the administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) — which conducts research, provides technical assistance, and awards grants to support farmers markets — will kick off the week at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market in New Mexico. The Santa Fe Farmers' Market is the oldest in New Mexico and is ranked as one of the top ten farmers' markets nationwide.

Farmers' markets pro-

vide consumers with fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthy products from local producers. With support from USDA, more farmers' markets offer customers the opportunity to make purchases with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program; and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs.

Supporting farmers markets is a part of the USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative, which coordinates the Department's policy, resources, and outreach efforts related to local and regional food systems. Vilsack has identified strengthening local food systems as one of the Four Pillars of Agriculture and Rural Economic Development.

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Cover crops are alternative for acres unplanted due to rain

Record rainfall in the Midwest has kept farmers out of the field, leaving thousands of acres of row crops unplanted due to the weather.

Farmers who receive prevented planting insurance payments can still plant cover crops on those fields to improve soil health, says Rob Myers, University of Missouri Extension agronomist.

"That's provided the cover crop is not hayed or grazed prior to Nov. 1 or harvested for seed at any time," Myers says.

Using a cover crop on a field that would otherwise be left idle can help retain nutrients, prevent soil erosion and improve overall soil health, he says.

Farmers who plant cover crops in July can choose warm-season annual covers such as sorghum-Sudan grass, cowpeas, pearl millet or sunn hemp. They can include pollinator-friendly species such as sunflowers and buckwheat, as well as some cool-season covers that will start slow but come on later in the fall when weather gets cooler.

Starting mid-August or later, plant cool-season cover crops such as oilseed radishes, turnips, crimson clover, hairy vetch, cereal rye, oats or triticale, some of which have grazing value.

Farmers planting a cover crop on a field that was intended for commodity crops need to pay attention to herbicide restrictions. Some corn or bean herbicides may limit which cover crops can be used.

Myers says a USDA survey has shown for three consecutive years that corn and soybean farmers received on average a small yield benefit from using cover crops.

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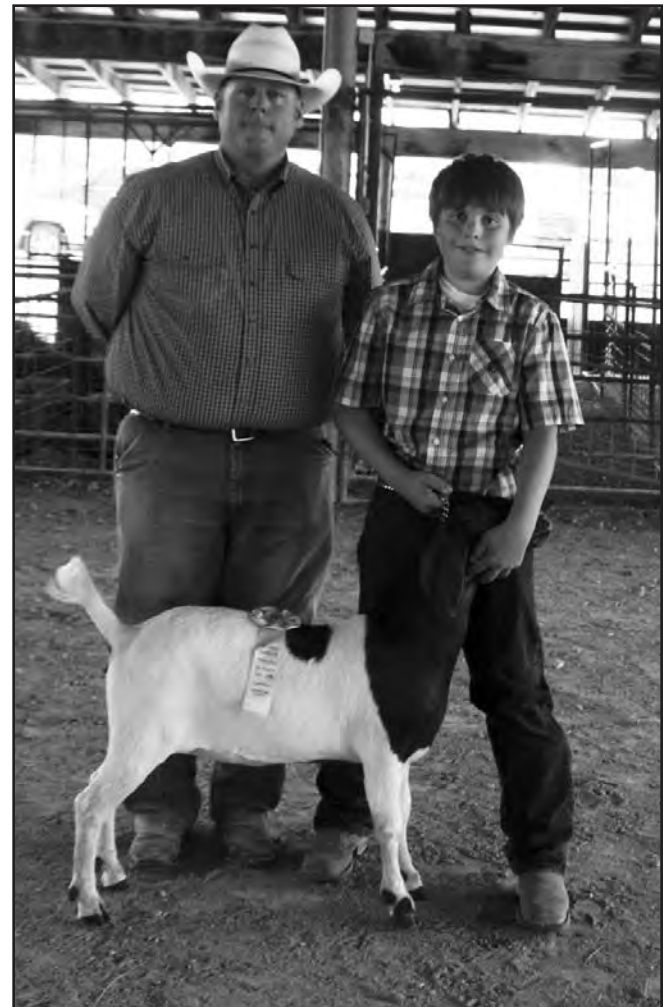
How do wheat growers use glyphosate?

The National Wheat Foundation is doing a series of blogs, titled *The Truth About Glyphosate*, sharing the facts about glyphosate and its use in wheat. This week the first part of the series was posted on *The Word on Wheat* blog. While there are many false claims about glyphosate and its safety, the truth is regulatory and scientific authorities worldwide have concluded that glyphosate, when used according to label directions, does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health, the environment, or non-target animals and plants. The herbicide has a 40-year history of managing weeds for farmers in many crops around the world. So, what is glyphosate? Glyphosate is the active ingredient in many "non-selective" herbicide formulations used to control weeds. What does "non-selective" mean? A non-selective herbicide controls most plants while a selective herbicide is designed to

control specific types of plants. Non-selective herbicides are used to control weeds before crop planting. In the wheat industry, for example, it means that if a grower were to apply glyphosate to growing wheat, the wheat plant will die; therefore, most wheat acres do not receive a glyphosate application during the growing season since growers do everything they can to keep the plant alive and healthy. Broadly speaking, gly-phosate use is limited in the wheat industry, if even used at all in some wheat fields. In fact, it is applied to less than 30 percent of wheat acres in the U.S., according to an independent consumer research firm, GfK. While farmers of other crops may use glyphosate more in their operations, the application rate and use of glyphosate in wheat is dependent on other production methods, such as no-till and minimum till planting systems.

General Mills expands animal welfare policy

General Mills has joined numerous other food production companies in expanding its animal welfare policies to include the "Five Freedoms" and other specifications related to farm animal production. Among its efforts is a commitment to work toward 100% cage-free eggs, promotion of polled genetics for cattle, and support of pork suppliers creating plans to end the use of gestation crates. The company also included statements on antibiotic use and animal testing. To view the full policy, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GM-7-10-15>.



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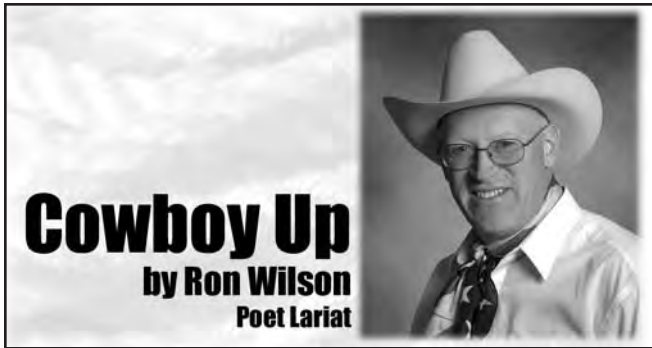
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Cowboy Up
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Poet Lariat

Favorite Horses

A few weeks ago, I asked in this column about people's favorite horses. It's fun to hear people talking about the favorite horses they have known. I'm still gathering those stories, and hope to hear more from *Grass & Grain* readers.

On a less happy note, there are also the opposite of our favorite horses. Perhaps there were horses which caused us problems or frustrations. Many of these so-called problem horses are less the fault of the horse and more often

the fault of the rider. When the rider does not communicate to the horse in a clear and consistent way, and I am guilty of this myself, it can lead to problems.

The following poem attempts to make this point. However, for now I want to focus on our favorite horses. Many of us have favorite equines in our personal lives, but there are other categories as well. For example, there are military horses. *American Cowboy* magazine recently wrote about some of the most no-

table horses from military service, listed in chronological order. The first one was a horse of which I had never heard: Nelson, a tall sorrel ridden by George Washington. During the Revolutionary War, General Washington was looking for a new warhorse and he received one as a gift from Governor Thomas Nelson of Virginia. In gratitude, Washington named the horse Nelson in his honor. Nelson was said to be more steadfast in battle than Washington's other mounts. When Lord Cornwallis and the British Army surrendered to Washington in 1781, it was Nelson that Washington chose to ride.

The second horse on the list was Traveller, who belonged to Robert E. Lee during the Civil War. This horse was originally named Jeff Davis but was renamed Traveller due to his quick pace, incredible stamina, and bravery on the battlefield. After the Civil War, Lee became President of

Washington College in Virginia. Traveller accompanied him there and lived on the campus. The horse died one year after Lee and years later was interred next door to the Lee family crypt. In honor of this horse, the stable on campus traditionally leaves its doors open so that the spirit of Traveller may roam freely.

The third horse had Kansas ties. Somewhere around 1868, a claybank colt was sold with a group of mustangs to the cavalry at Fort Leavenworth for use in the Indian Wars. This horse was assigned to the 7th Cavalry and became so brave and tough that his rider named him Comanche. In June 1876, General Custer led the cavalry into the disastrous Indian battle known as the Little Big Horn. The entire detachment was massacred. One of very few survivors was Comanche, who was so badly wounded that the Sioux didn't bother to take him. Union soldiers found him and nursed him back to health. Eventually he was moved to Fort Riley where he lived the rest of his days and was buried with full military honors.

That seems a fitting way to honor a favorite horse.

Who was your personal favorite horse? Send me a message in care of *Grass & Grain*, or drop me an email

at ron@ronscowboypoetry.com. We'd be glad to hear from you.

The Problem Horse – Or, the Horse's Problem

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Part 1

"What's wrong with this horse?" the young rider asked, As he struggled with jobs for which he was tasked. "She balks at the trailer, won't stand at the gates, And she doesn't move right when I try to change gaits. She's skittish as heck and she spooks at my rope. I'm beginning to think this darn mare is a dope. I'm trying to get done the work that I need, But I can't make her start upon the right lead." Disgust and frustration fueled the cowboy's discourse, As he asked the question, "What's wrong with this horse?"

Part 2

"What's wrong with this rider?" the mare must have thought, As she went through the struggles the morning had brought. "Does he want me to gallop or just go at a lope? Does he know that he whacked me upside with his rope? Do we stop at the gate or go on down the fence? What the heck does he want? His cues make no sense. Is he squeezing his knees 'cause he wants to go fast, Or is his intent different than it was in the past?" The mixed signals she got caused frustration inside her, And the mare had to wonder: "What's wrong with this rider?" Happy Trails! © Copyright 2015

Grass & Grain Weather Report July 21, 2015

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																
<p>TUESDAY Isolated T-storms High: 89 Low: 70</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 91 Low: 73</p> <p>THURSDAY Mostly Sunny High: 95 Low: 72</p> <p>FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 95 Low: 69</p> <p>SATURDAY Isolated T-storms High: 92 Low: 68</p> <p>SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 93 Low: 71</p> <p>MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 95 Low: 72</p>	<p>Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 89°, humidity of 55%. The record high temperature for today is 115° set in 1934. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 70°.</p> <p>Last Week's Almanac</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Hi/Low</th> <th>Normals</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7/9</td> <td>81/62</td> <td>92/67</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/10</td> <td>81/66</td> <td>92/67</td> <td>0.22"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/11</td> <td>93/75</td> <td>92/67</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/12</td> <td>96/75</td> <td>92/67</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/13</td> <td>101/73</td> <td>93/67</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/14</td> <td>99/77</td> <td>93/67</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/15</td> <td>88/70</td> <td>93/67</td> <td>0.45"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Rainfall last week: 0.67" Normal rainfall: 0.97" Departure from normal: -0.30" Average temp last week: 81.2° Average normal last week: 79.7° Departure from normal: +1.5°</p>	Date	Hi/Low	Normals	Precip	7/9	81/62	92/67	0.00"	7/10	81/66	92/67	0.22"	7/11	93/75	92/67	0.00"	7/12	96/75	92/67	0.00"	7/13	101/73	93/67	0.00"	7/14	99/77	93/67	0.00"	7/15	88/70	93/67	0.45"	<p>Washington 89/69</p> <p>Blue Rapids 89/68</p> <p>Seneca 88/68</p> <p>Clay Center 90/70</p> <p>Manhattan 89/70</p> <p>Wamego 88/69</p> <p>Ogden 89/70</p> <p>Junction City 89/70</p> <p>Abilene 91/71</p> <p>Council Grove 88/69</p>
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<p>0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure</p>	<p>July 21, 1975 - Six inches of rain fell across Mercer County, N.J. in just 10 hours, causing the worst flooding in 20 years. Assumpink Creek crested 11 feet above flood stage at Hamilton and Trenton, the highest level of record. Flooding left 1,000 people homeless.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Degree Days</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Degree Days</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7/9</td> <td>22</td> <td>7/13</td> <td>37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/10</td> <td>24</td> <td>7/14</td> <td>38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/11</td> <td>34</td> <td>7/15</td> <td>29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/12</td> <td>36</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days	7/9	22	7/13	37	7/10	24	7/14	38	7/11	34	7/15	29	7/12	36														
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Red Angus CEO and board announce changes

The Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) has reached a mutual agreement with Dr. Twig Marston to not renew the two-year CEO contract which expires Jan. 15, 2016.

Marston is leaving the RAAA to pursue other opportunities in the cattle industry. He will remain with the RAAA until arrangements are made for a replacement. A search committee has been formed to begin this process.

Marston stated, "It has been a privilege to serve as CEO of RAAA. While the Board and I have mutually agreed to pursue other op-

tions, I leave RAAA with great memories of bringing outstanding talent to key staff positions and building industry-leading teams in key areas. The many new friends, colleagues and contacts I have made will always be cherished. I wish the RAAA membership the best and hope it will continue to lead the beef seedstock industry in leadership roles as well as genetic and marketing programs."

According to RAAA president Kim Ford, "Dr. Marston has hired many talented individuals on behalf of Red Angus, in addition to advancing a culture of cus-

tomers service in the Registration and Member Services department. RAAA appreciates the valuable work Dr. Marston has performed as CEO of our association."

Marston leaves the Association in a thriving position. Membership, registrations, transfers and Total Herd Reporting inventory are all up according to the 2014-2015 year-end numbers.

The RAAA continues to build on its past successes while focusing on the progressive future of its strategic plan.

Sell At St. Marys
Sell Or Buy **Cattle** By Auction **STARTING TIME 10:30 AM** **Tuesdays**

We sold 965 cattle July 14. Steer and heifer calves were steady. We had a nice run of feeder cattle off grass. There was very good buyer demand for the feeders at prices that were steady to \$3.00 higher. Cows and bulls were steady.

<p>STEER CALVES</p> <p>1 bwf str 315 @ 326.00 5 bwf str 528 @ 280.00 1 bwf str 360 @ 276.00</p> <p>STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS</p> <p>3 blk str 642 @ 240.00 5 blk str 698 @ 228.00 56 blk str 817 @ 222.00 12 blk/bwf str 756 @ 220.00 23 blk str 815 @ 220.00 62 blk str 870 @ 219.75 61 blk/bwf str 867 @ 219.50 66 blk/bwf str 868 @ 219.50 58 blk str 869 @ 219.50 59 blk/bwf str 879 @ 216.60 62 blk/red str 895 @ 215.75</p>	<p>61 blk str 941 @ 213.25 9 blk str 919 @ 205.00 100 blk/bwf str 1031 @ 196.00</p> <p>HEIFER CALVES</p> <p>1 blk hfr 300 @ 300.00 8 bwf hfrs 443 @ 253.00</p> <p>STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS</p> <p>1 blk hfr 705 @ 220.00 207 blk/bwf hfrs 707 @ 220.00 65 blk/char hfrs 806 @ 207.00 1 bwf hfr 740 @ 206.00 8 blk hfrs 782 @ 190.00 2 blk hfrs 948 @ 150.00</p> <p>COWS</p> <p>1 blk cow 1230 @ 117.00</p>	<p>1 bwf cow 1335 @ 113.50 1 blk cow 1485 @ 108.50 1 blk cow 1220 @ 105.00 1 blk cow 1250 @ 105.00 1 wf cow 1550 @ 105.00 1 blk cow 1310 @ 95.00 1 bwf cow 1150 @ 92.00</p> <p>COW/CALF PAIRS</p> <p>2 blk cows/cvs @ 1985.00</p>	<p>BRED HEIFERS</p> <p>1 bwf hfr @ 1510.00 1 blk hfr @ 1500.00 2 blk hfrs @ 1475.00 1 bwf hfr @ 1400.00</p> <p>BULLS</p> <p>1 blk bull 2045 @ 142.50 1 blk bull 1010 @ 137.50</p>
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CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 21

- 30 black steers, 600-700 lbs., vaccinated
- 25 blk steers, 650-700 lbs., weaned, off grass
- 52 black heifers, 800-825 lbs., off grass
- 65 black steers, 725-750 lbs., off grass
- 65 black steers, 850-875 lbs., off grass
- 360 blk Char str, 800-900 lbs., off grass
- 149 black steers, 825-850 lbs., off grass
- 130 blk str, 875-900 lbs., off grass, Northern origin
- 60 blk str, 925-950 lbs., Northern origin, off grass
- 120 blk steers, 900-950 lbs., Northern origin
- 60 black steers, 900-925 lbs.
- 58 black red steers, 900-925 lbs.
- 240 black Char steers, 875-925 lbs., off grass
- 180 blk Char steers, 850-875 lbs., off grass

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JULY 28

- 60 Angus bwf steers & heifers, 550-700 lbs., vaccinated
- 130 black steers, 850-875 lbs., off grass

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