



## Producer fills gap in Wichita-area food desert

By Tom Parker

For Donna Pearson McClish, it all started with a question.

It wasn't her question, not then, though it would become hers in the weeks and months and years to come, and uttered in such a way that while anyone in that room could put forth a response, by familial hierarchy the answer was hers alone to give. As the eldest of 12 siblings, it was her birthright, her responsibility, her duty, and she felt the weight and gravity of it as surely as the chair she was sitting on.

Three years ago, it was, three momentous years. She and her brothers were sitting around the table of the Pearson family farm, a small operation at the end of a dead-end road on the outskirts of Wichita, when the conversation turned to an excess amount of fresh produce that remained unsold. "What are we going to do with it?" one brother asked, and before the question had time to grow stale McClish took charge and said, "Let's do something with it."

Which, of course, invited even more questions, most of them without even a glimmer of an answer. Not that she was too concerned. Questions were powerful, more summons than inquiry. Answers were what happened when questions were raised. And if her voice sounded light and airy whenever she said, "Every question has an answer," there was steel inside of it.

Finding those answers would require an act of such audacity and ingenuity that even now government agencies struggle to categorize the nature of the business she created, even though she works closely with some of them.

"The government doesn't know what we are or how to characterize it, because most farmers' markets are stationary," McClish said. "I think we're the only one that's mo-

bile."

Mobile, as in, on wheels. Or, as she liked to think of it, takin' it to the streets.

McClish, founder and director of Common Ground Producers and Growers, Inc., addressed members of the Kansas Farmers Union during their annual state convention held Dec. 7 and 8 in Wichita. The convention's theme, "Helping Communities Help Themselves," focused heavily on the need for individuals, families and communities to work together in the face of an increasingly uncertain future as a new presidential administration takes office. Topics included Managing Change in Turbulent Times, A New Vision for Agriculture, Cultivating Accessible Agriculture, Responding to the Next Farm Crisis, and policy and legislation updates on both state and national levels.

Common Ground Producers was an example of agricultural innovation providing solutions to problems increasingly endemic to urban areas. In McClish's thinking, it was all about connecting the dots. If every question had an answer, then it stood to reason that every problem had a solution. But before she could connect a solution to the problem, she first had to define the scope of the problem, and that wouldn't happen until the problem manifested itself.

Her first order of business was to arrange an interview with Bev Dunning, director of the Sedgwick County Extension Office. The meeting went well even if her questions remained unanswered. Dunning recalled working with McClish's mother during the 1980s teaching sewing classes on the front porch of the farm, so there was a warm connection between them.

Shortly afterward, McClish was on her way to a meeting when her phone started ringing. Friends and family members were asking if she'd seen that morning's newspaper, where an article announced Dunning's retirement after 50 years of service. She hadn't but promised to grab a copy after the meeting.

The calls intensified, only now people were asking about her plans for the farm. Plans? At the first opportunity, she bought a paper and started reading. The first sentence stunned her: "Donna Pearson McClish wants to start a farmers' market in Wichita."

"This wasn't even on the drawing board," she said. "It was just an idea we had talked about."

Dunning went on to say that normally she wouldn't have been directly involved in such a meeting but because she had worked with



Donna McClish turned her surplus produce into a means of addressing fresh food availability issues in Wichita and surrounding towns.

McClish's mother, it was very important to her. McClish found herself tearing up.

And so she had her answer, even if in a most unexpected way.

That first year, 2014, the family was ready for business. The amount of produce they had amassed was matched only by their enthusiasm, and far, far greater than the number of customers that showed up. The response was, frankly, overwhelming.

A few weeks later a friend dropped by.

"We have a problem," her friend said.

The problem had nothing to do with McClish and the Pearson family farm, though directly or indirectly they might provide a solution, her friend said. The problem was Wichita itself, and a growing lack of access to fresh, affordable food and vegetables. Mom-and-pop grocery stores had closed down, leaving only a scattering of big box stores to fill the gap. When Walmart closed five smaller stores in the inner city, that gap widened. Many residents had to travel miles for groceries, a considerable handicap for people with limited means of transportation, or the elderly. The elderly were particularly affected by the loss. Nationally, the trend had left more than five million citizens aged 60 or older facing hunger. And while retailers like Dollar General and Family Dollar and others had trickled in, their food items were packaged in cans or boxes or flash-frozen in the freezer section.

That hollowing out of the inner city wasn't peculiar to Wichita, her friend said, but was taking place all across America. There was even a term for it – a food desert – and Wichita had 44 square miles of it.

Her friend, a coordinator for a senior citizen high rise facility, asked if she could deliver fresh produce to the center. By doing so, it would

solve problems for both the residents and McClish. A supplemental food assistance program for residents aged 60 and older left them trapped in a virtual Catch-22, she explained. Though they were provided vouchers to use at farmers markets, they had neither transportation nor a farmers' market. Pearson Farm, on the other hand, had produce that it needed to sell.

McClish didn't hesitate. Since customers weren't coming to the farm, the farm would go to the customers. And so Common Ground Producers and Growers was born.

She and her grandson piled as much as they could squeeze into a 2000 Honda van and hit the road. By the time they arrived, residents were lined up waiting for them. The produce was an instant hit, and the deliveries so successful that the Sedgwick County Department on Aging asked if they would deliver to all of the facilities.

"Seniors are an overlooked population," McClish said. "In the food desert areas they have limited resources and limited transportation, so the senior residents of Wichita became our target audience."

In 2014, Common Ground served 11 senior centers and residences. The following year that number increased to 16, and in 2016 they expanded to 23 centers. They deliver twice monthly on a rotating schedule that includes the towns of Haysville, Derby, El Dorado, Augusta, Andover and Wichita. Currently they serve a total of 1,239 senior citizens and other community customers, she said.

At each delivery site, tables are set out with ample room for residents with wheelchairs and walkers. For their part, the residents are delighted to be able to pick their own produce, even if they don't always know what to do with it.

McClish discovered early on that people had a lot of

questions about fresh produce, such as how to take care of it, how to cook it, can it be frozen, what recipes would they recommend, and she knew that they had to be prepared to answer their questions. The Sedgwick County Department on Aging is now working with some of the centers to provide on-site cooking classes, and Common Ground supplies recipes. For the rest, McClish has to be the resident expert on cooking.

"We learned that I'm going to have to know how to cook all this stuff," she said. "So the other day, I cooked acorn squash. I hadn't cooked it before and they kept asking me about it, so I tried it. Delicious. Delicious."

One resident suggested that instead of telling them how to cook the produce, she should cook it herself and deliver it ready for consumption. "I told her I'm not going to start that," she said.

Pricing has to be kept to a manageable level because they can't sell at regular farmers market prices. "Ours is not a bottom-line system, ours is a if-you-need-food, we-can-provide-food-for-you system," McClish said. "Our motto is, all are fed and no one is hungry. We don't turn anyone away. We take all forms of payment, but if they don't have any money, they get fed anyway. We'll even barter."

Doing that requires a network of community growers, which in turn sells their surplus produce to Common Ground. In order to keep up with demand, the company intends to increase that network as they reach out to several new communities next year.

"What is happening just thrills my heart," McClish said. "Everyone is benefiting on both ends. The growers are making extra income during the growing season, and the seniors are getting fresh produce at a reduced

cost."

Purchasing additional delivery vans, delivering year round and adding staff are also goals they're exploring. "My grandson and I have done a good job holding it down, but there comes a time when you can't do everything," she said.

Getting people to take control of their food by teaching them how to cook and prepare it as well as to store it continues to be a major emphasis. "We are preparing people for winter," McClish said. "More and more people need food, and we need to tackle these issues now and be prepared for what's coming ahead," she said.

McClish's mother tried to instill the same concept into the community back in the 1980s, she recalled. "All the time, over and over, my mother used to ask, what are we going to do when we don't have grocery stores to go to? And guess what, in my lifetime I have seen that take place," she said. "This legacy my mother and father left us is a lot of hard work, a lot of due diligence, but we are on the cutting edge of meeting the needs of people in a food desert and food insecurity area. I say like we've never meant it before, we can do it. I think we can get together and we can get it done."

For every question, an answer.

Sponsors for the convention included Midwest Regional Agency, Farmers Union Insurance and the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops.

Kansas Farmers Union is the state's oldest active general farm organization working to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life for family farmers and ranchers and rural communities. For more information, visit their Web site at [www.kansasfarmersunion.com](http://www.kansasfarmersunion.com) or call 620-241-6630.

### Kansas cotton gin could see second-biggest year

(AP) – At a time where crop prices are poor and the farm economy is bleak, the small town of Cullison is seeing an optimistic future for cotton.

The *Hutchinson News* reports that the southern Kansas cotton gin formerly known as High Plains Cotton could see its second biggest ginning year. Its first was in 2007, when it ginned 24,000 bales.

The facility was purchased by area farmer investors in November and renamed Next GINeration. Roger Sewell, the General manager and one of the owners, says ginning should be complete by the end of February.

"I'm optimistic," Sewell said, adding that regarding acreage, "We grew 100 percent last year and we'll grow 100 percent this year."

Sewell said the high yields are a result of good weather during the growing season.

"It's exciting to have a new perspective on cotton," Sewell said. "We're looking forward to a good year this year with extraordinary cotton yields, good grades and prices holding up."

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas cotton production this year is forecast to be up 103 percent from last year. Farmers are expected harvest 31,000 acres, which is a 94 percent increase compared with 2015.



## Happy Birthday Kansas

By John Schlageck,  
Kansas Farm Bureau

On Jan. 29, our state was 156 years old. Kansas was admitted to the Union two and a half months before the beginning of the Civil War – one of our nation's most terrible times.

It's important to recall our heritage, our roots and a bit of our state's history, especially in celebration of another Kansas birthday.

The war between the northern and southern states officially began on April 12, 1861, after the shelling of Fort Sumter. The Kansas territory had been at war for years before it was officially admitted on Jan. 29, 1861, one year after Abraham Lincoln was elected president.

Because of the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, the Missouri Compromise was overturned. That meant Kansas did not have to enter the Union as a slave state or a free state. The people of the Kansas territory were free to answer the slavery question on their own. This was called, "self-determination," and once a state, Kansas could decide its own destiny.

This was a period of bloody battles and fighting as both proslavery forces and abolitionists flocked into the Kansas territory. Both sides were determined to tip the balance of Congress in their favor. The term "Bleeding Kansas" aptly described the tension and bloodshed of that pe-

riod.

Sixty-six years later, during a much better period in our state's history, state legislators adopted our flag. This flag depicts a history of peaceful coexistence between the natives of the land and the newly arrived settlers.

Like so many other states, the flag is the state seal set on a field of dark blue. In the foreground of the seal is a farmer plowing his field. A little farther up is a wagon train with oxen-drawn schooners headed westward. Beyond these pioneers are Native Americans hunting bison.

The pioneers in the Kansas flag represent Manifest Destiny. This was the prevailing attitude of the United States government starting in the 1840s. The farmer and his field represent Kansas's rich agricultural heritage. The seal also includes a steamboat churning its way down the Kansas River and was meant to represent commerce. Today, agricul-

ture, manufacturing and service industries play an integral part of the Kansas economy.

Above the plains in the state seal are rolling hills and above them, 34 stars representing Kansas's entry into the United States' expanding family of states. Above the stars is the state motto, Ad Astra per Aspera, Latin for "To the Stars Through Difficulties." This is a tribute to the original settlers who dreamed so grandly when they left their homes and moved westward.

Above the seal is the state crest, a sunflower above a bar of blue and gold. The sunflower is the state flower, and the blue and gold represent the Louisiana Purchase, which made the lands of Kansas a part of the United States. Beneath the state seal is Kansas in large, yellow block letters.

Kansas has several nicknames including the Sunflower State, Jayhawk State and the Wheat State. Our state is located in the Heart-

land, in fact Lebanon is the town situated closest to the geographical center of the continental United States.

Kansas agriculture is proud to be part of this rich rural heritage of putting food on people's plates and helping feed the world. This state's farmers and ranch-

ers wish our Wheat State a happy birthday on Jan. 29.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

## Successful Ibotta beef marketing campaign to continue

A successful beef marketing campaign through the mobile rebates application, Ibotta, moved more than 270,000 units of fresh ground beef in less than two weeks. Consumers who use the application can unlock rebates on various products across many categories. In order to use the beef re-

bate, users must review educational information about beef, and then they can purchase beef at any grocery store and receive their cash back through the application.

The Federation of State Beef Councils announced that it would extend an additional \$300,000 to the partnership with Ibotta in an effort to continue encouraging consumers to purchase beef with an emphasis in marketing through the Super Bowl.

"As of Jan. 16, more than 700,000 users unlocked ground beef rebates demonstrating the strong consumer demand for beef. Redemption rates for beef have been 35 percent, far surpassing the Ibotta average rate of 22 percent and delivering more than 14 million brand impressions for beef system-wide," said the Federation in a press release. "In addition to increasing sales, more than 700,000 consumers received educational messaging about beef as a part of the campaign. These educational opportunities were delivered in the form of a beef recipe or an in-app task that helps consumers better understand nutritional benefits of beef."

To learn more about this campaign, visit <http://tinyurl.com/Ibotta-1-20-17>.



Lambing season is officially in high gear at our place. It is a time of the greatest highs and the lowest lows and sometimes they happen in the same day. It is also the time of the year when I can fully relate to the old Duncan Doughnuts commercial. You know, the commercial where the doughnut shop owner greets himself at the door, coming and going. All the while, he is muttering, "Time to make the doughnuts." That how I felt this morning when the alarm rang, I got dressed and stumbled out to the barn, fully expecting to see myself at the basement door.

Last night we had an ewe start showing signs of labor at about nine o'clock and I moved her to the lambing jugs. Jennifer and I went out on our normal ten o'clock check to see how much progress she had made, hoping to walk in to newborn lamb or lambs. Instead we found a restless ewe with no outward signs of progress. Not what we wanted to see. It meant a longer wait and, more importantly, less sleep.

We watched the news and started watching Jimmy Fallon. The minutes slowly ticked off the clock and both of us fought to stay awake until the predetermined eleven o'clock check. I have often marveled at how hard it is to stay awake until ten during lambing season. Most often during the year I stay up and watch the late news before going to sleep. However, there is something about needing to stay up that makes it that much harder. Luckily, I have never been one who falls asleep very easily sitting up.

At the appointed hour of eleven o'clock Jennifer and I once again put on our chore clothes and made our way out in what was becoming a much cooler night. Again, we opened the door with anticipation that the ewe would be cleaning off new lambs and after a few checks we could retire to a peaceful slumber. Once again, we were disappointed. You would think we would have learned by now. No more progress had been made. The ewe was alternating between nervous pawing of the straw and floor, pacing and laying down.

The decision was made to wait it out. Jennifer had a feeling that something was just not right and I have learned to recognize those premonitions and act accordingly. I am not sure just how long we watched

and discussed what to do, but it seemed like an awfully long time. Of course, I am impatient when it comes to things like that so I am sure it was not much time as I thought it was.

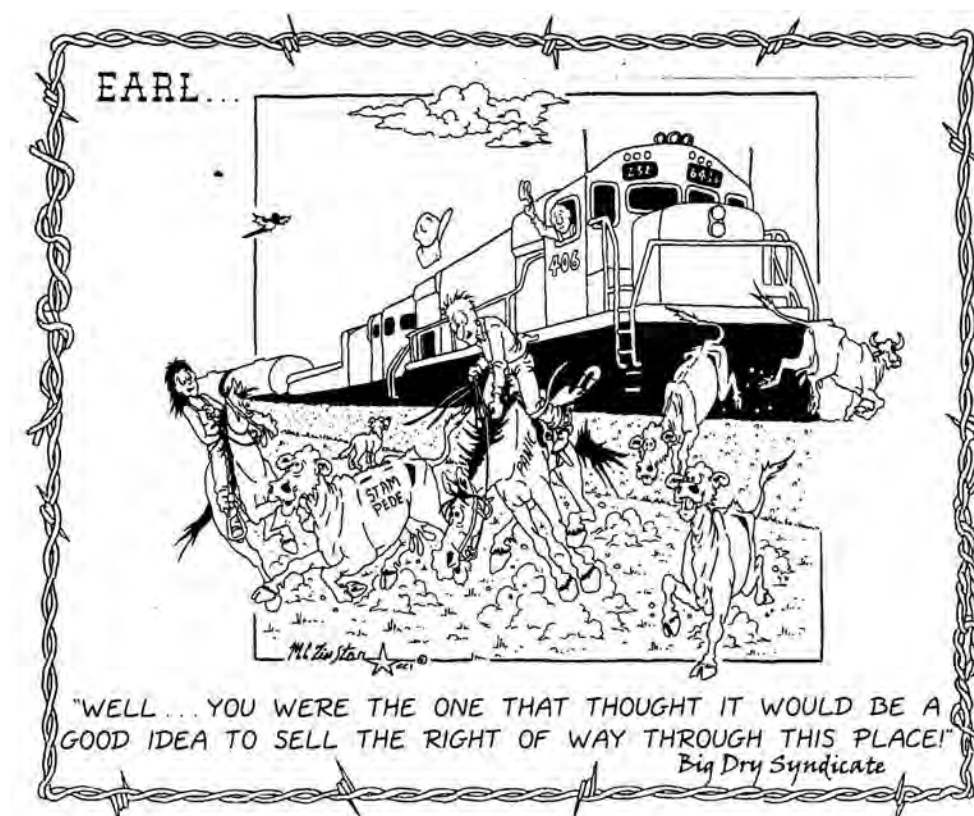
Suddenly Jennifer moved to a vantage point where she could see better and motioned for me to come help. Apparently, progress was now being made rather rapidly. I held the ewe's head while Jennifer worked on the other end. First a couple of feet, thankfully pointed the right direction, then a nose and finally a whole lamb. He was kind of a big fella so we assumed he was the sole occupant. Jennifer worked at drying him off and I went to work making sure the ewe had milk.

That was the point when we found out that only half of her plumbing worked. That was a disappointment but not a terrible turn of events. One spigot, one lamb, it should all work out ok. At least it wasn't twins. No sooner had I voiced that opinion and the ewe grunted and out shot lamb number one's little brother. This was a problem.

Lamb number two was dried off, stood up and both lambs took turns at the limited space at the lunch counter as the realization of a probable bottle lamb sank in. The lambing jug was cleaned up and mother and twins settled in for what was left of the night. We finished up just in time for the midnight check.

We made our way cautiously through the ewes and thankfully did not find any other ewes in labor. I guess on the bright side it made the midnight check much easier. It did not, however, make getting up the next morning easier. It was one of those nights that it seemed like the alarm went off at the same time my head hit the pillow.

The next morning the fog of a short night's rest was cut away by a sharp wind out of the north. The twins from the night before were doing relatively well. The big lamb seemed to have gotten enough to eat and the little brother was grateful for his bottle. We were even greeted by a new set of twins and a mother capable of feeding them. All in all, a relatively successful night in the lambing barn. Only four or five more weeks to go. I guess it could be worse, the doughnut man has to do this year-round.



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# Ag groups respond as Trump withdraws from TPP

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Agriculture quickly responded to President Donald Trump's executive order on Monday, January 23, withdrawing the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), expressing disappointment that the action was taken before an alternative trade policy was put in place.

"U.S. wheat farmers depend heavily on export demand to determine their per-bushel income," said Jason Scott, U.S. Wheat Associates chairman and a wheat farmer from Easton, Md. "We can compete very effectively in Asian and Latin American markets where the demand for high quality wheat is rapidly increasing, and our organizations took a long view of the benefits TPP held out — a trade agreement that promoted economic growth abroad as a way to grow export sales and prosperity for farmers at home."

The group fears U.S. farmers will be relegated to the sidelines of trade while losing market share to competitors such as Australia, Canada, Russia and the EU.

With soybeans being the nation's largest agricultural export, American Soybean Association president Ron Moore implored the president to make clear how his administration will expand markets in the Asia-Pacific region without TPP. "Trade is something soybean farmers take very seriously. We export more than half the soy we grow here in the United States, and still more in the form of meat and other products that are produced with our meal and oil," said Moore, who farms in Roseville, Ill. "The TPP held great promise for us, and has been a key priority for several years now. We're very disappointed to see the withdrawal today."

The livestock industry stood to benefit greatly from TPP, which according to Peterson Institute would have increased overall U.S. exports by \$357 billion by 2030. And, at a time when the average net farm income has dropped drastically over the past couple of years, TPP was expected to have increased annual net farm income by \$4.4 billion, according to American Farm Bureau Federation. Moore

added that they expect to have a seat at the table as future agreements are crafted to ensure soybean farmers capture their full value. "Trade is too important for us to support anything less," he said.

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) president and CEO Philip M. Seng issued the following statement regarding the withdrawal.

"USMEF remains fully committed to our valued trading partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). These countries account for more than 60 percent of U.S. red meat exports. In some of these key markets, the U.S. red meat industry will remain at a serious competitive disadvantage unless meaningful market access gains are realized. We urge the new administration to utilize all means available to return the United States to a competitive position, so that our industry can continue to serve this important international customer base and further expand our export opportunities."

Cattlemen were quick to

express their disappointment, with NCBA president Tracy Brunner issuing the following statement: "TPP and NAFTA have long been convenient political punching bags, but the reality is that foreign trade has been one of the greatest success stories in the long history of the U.S. beef industry. Fact is American cattle producers are already losing out on \$400,000 in sales every day because we don't have TPP, and since NAFTA was implemented, exports of American-produced beef to Mexico have grown by more than 750%. We're especially concerned that the administration is taking these actions without any meaningful alternatives in place that would compensate for the tremendous loss that cattle producers will face without TPP or NAFTA."

The National Farmers Union (NFU) has long opposed TPP and welcomed the news. "The Trans-Pacific Partnership was a continuation of our nation's deeply flawed trade agenda, and we're pleased that the Trump Administration has decided to formally withdraw the U.S. from the

agreement," said NFU president Roger Johnson. "For too long, our nation's trade negotiators have prioritized a free trade over fair trade agenda, leading to a massive \$531 billion trade deficit, lost jobs and lowered wages in rural communities across America. It's time our country refocuses the trade agenda to prioritize balanced trade, U.S. sovereignty, and U.S. family farmers, ranchers and rural communities. The Trump administration should look to do so with a level of tact that does not motivate our trade partners to take retaliatory actions or threaten the integrity of positive trade markets that American agriculture relies upon."

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders also agreed with the decision, saying that for the last 30 years trade deals such as TPP and NAFTA have cost the U.S. millions of decent-paying jobs and caused a "race to the bottom," which has lowered wages for American workers.

Sanders' view was not echoed by Kansas Rep. Roger Marshall, who was quoted as saying, "Kansas

industries are export-dependent, particularly agriculture. At these times of record commodity surpluses and low prices, our growers can't afford to miss opportunities to reach the 95 percent of the world's consumers that live outside of our country."

Trump had signaled his intentions with TPP early in his campaign — his sights are also set on the North American Free Trade Agreement — and said that the action was intended to protect American jobs. At a press briefing press secretary Sean Spicer explained the administration's belief that the move would bring about a new era of trade policy focused on bilateral, not multilateral trade agreements that are more beneficial to the United States. "When you enter into these multinational agreements, you're allowing any country, no matter the size...to basically have the same stature as the United States in the agreement," Spicer said. "So we're basically on par with some very small (countries) who are getting access to an amazing market, the United States."

# Former congressman Mike Pompeo sworn in as CIA director

(AP) — Mike Pompeo was sworn in Monday, January 23 as director of the CIA at a crucial time for U.S. national security as intelligence — traditionally a nonpartisan issue — has been thrust into the political arena.

"You are stepping up to lead the finest intelligence-gathering operation the world has ever seen," Vice President Mike Pence said during the nighttime swearing-in ceremony. "The men and women serving under your command give true meaning to the word courage."

The Senate earlier Monday confirmed President Donald Trump's nominee to run the CIA despite some Democratic objections that the Kansas congressman has been less than transparent about his positions on torture, surveillance and Russia's meddling in the U.S. election.

The vote was 66-32. Trump has been critical of intelligence agencies since their assessment of Russian involvement to help him win the election, but the new president also has said he is fully behind them.

Senate Republicans had hoped to vote on Pompeo's nomination Friday, after

Trump's inauguration. But Democrats succeeded in stalling action until they could debate.

Democratic Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden on Monday said Pompeo was the "wrong man for the job."

"He has endorsed extreme policies that would fundamentally erode liberties and freedoms of our people without making us safer," Wyden said. He said Pompeo's answers to questions from some senators have been "vague" and "contradictory," making it impossible to know what Pompeo believes.

"I see no real commitment to transparency and his views on the most fundamental analysis of the day — the involvement of Russia in our election — seemed to shift with those of the presi-

dent," Wyden said.

In written responses to questions from the Senate, on Jan. 3, Pompeo said only that intelligence agency assessments in general should be taken seriously. After Trump conceded Russia was behind the campaign hacks, Pompeo on Jan. 12 told the Senate intelligence committee that particular assessment was "solid."

"We need a CIA director who is direct about his beliefs and his assessments," Wyden said.

Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said Democrats were playing politics in its efforts to delay and derail Trump's choice to run the CIA.

Standing in front of a memorial for fallen CIA agents, Trump assured intelligence

officials, "I am so behind you." He made no mention of his repeated criticism of the intelligence agencies following the election, including his public challenges of their high-confidence assessment that Russia meddled in the White House race to help him win.

In its final days, President Barack Obama's administration announced

intelligence findings that Russia interfered with the 2016 presidential election with the goal of getting Trump elected. Trump himself has denied most of the assessment, though eventually conceded Russia was behind the hacking of Democratic emails during the campaign.

Pompeo, a conservative Republican from Kansas

and a member of the House intelligence committee, faced a mostly friendly confirmation hearing Jan. 12.

He enrolled as a teenager at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and graduated first in his class in 1986. He served in the Army at a time when the Soviet Union was America's No. 1 adversary.



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## Hazel Lee, Council Grove, Shares Winning Recipe With G&G Cooks

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- 1 1/2 pounds hamburger
- 1 package Lipton Onion Soup
- 10- or 12-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 package lasagna noodles
- Cottage cheese
- American cheese slices
- Mozzarella cheese slices
- Parmesan cheese slices

Cook hamburger. Add onion soup, tomato sauce and simmer 15 minutes. Cook noodles as directed. In a long casserole dish put layer of noodles, thin layer of meat sauce, layer of cottage cheese then Parmesan cheese (alternate slices of cheese). Make several layers ending with sliced cheese. Bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes.

Amy Feigley, Abilene: "This is my go-to pizza crust. It is quick and easy to make!"

### QUICK & EASY PIZZA CRUST

- 1 (.25-ounce) package active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1 cup warm water (110 degrees)
- 2 1/2 cups bread flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a medium bowl, dissolve yeast and sugar in warm water. Let stand until creamy, about 10 minutes. Stir in flour, salt and oil. Beat until smooth. Let rest

for 5 minutes. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and pat or roll into a round. Transfer onto your pizza pan. Add your desired toppings and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. You can also freeze the dough and thaw before using.

### Millie Conger, Tecumseh: PORCUPINE SKILLET

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 3/4 cup uncooked minute rice
- 16-ounce can diced tomatoes with juice

### Shredded cheese

Brown ground beef and drain off excess grease. Stir in onion soup mix, water, rice, tomatoes with juice and cover and cook on low for 25 minutes or until rice is tender, stirring occasionally. Once done add cheese and cover for a minute or two or until cheese melts.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

### CHEESE BALL

- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 4 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 tablespoon chopped pimiento
- 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon chopped onion
- Dash of salt

Soften the cream cheese and mix with cheese. Add Worcestershire sauce, pimiento, green pepper, onion and salt. Mix well and chill in ball form.

Cristi Ellexson, Tescott: "A different version of Green Bean Casserole."

### GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/4 cup onion, diced
- 1 cup sour cream
- (3) 14.5-ounce cans French-style green beans, drained
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup crumbled Ritz crackers
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large skillet over medium heat. Stir in flour until smooth and cook for 1 minute. Stir in salt, sugar, onion and sour cream. Add green beans and stir to coat. Transfer mix to 2 1/2-quart casserole dish. Spread cheese over top. In a small bowl, toss cracker crumbs and 1 tablespoon butter then sprinkle over the cheese. Bake 30 minutes in preheated oven or until top is golden and cheese is bubbly.

### Lydia Miller, Westphalia: SPINACH CASSEROLE

- 2 boxes frozen chopped spinach
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened & divided
- Zest of 1 small lemon
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 cup dry dressing or stuffing mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook spinach according to package directions; set aside. In a large bowl combine 1/4 cup butter, zest, juice and nutmeg. Add hot spinach and mix well. Pour into greased casserole dish. Toss with dressing mix. Melt remaining 1/4 cup butter and drizzle over top of casserole. Bake 30 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Try this recipe from the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, K-State Research and Extension: **OVEN BAKED SWEET POTATO FRIES**  
2 large sweet potatoes, peeled

- 1 to 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Cut the peeled sweet potatoes in half lengthwise, then cut each half into six wedges. Combine the oil, salt, cinnamon and ginger in a large shallow bowl and mix well. Add the sweet potatoes and toss to coat evenly with the oil mixture. Place the wedges in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for

25 minutes or until tender. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutrition Facts:** Serving size (105g), makes 4 servings. Amount per serving: 160 cal.; 60 cal. from fat; 7g total fat; 1g sat. fat; 0mg cholesterol; 320mg sodium; 25g carb; 3g dietary fiber; 5g sugar; 2g protein; 330% Vitamin A; 25% Vitamin C; 2% Calcium; 2% Iron.

For more information contact Wildcat Extension Offices: Pittsburg 620-232-1930; Girard 620-724-8233; Altamont 620-784-5337; Independence 620-331-2690.

## 38th Annual Spring Tasting Luncheon "Healthy Eating From the Ground Up"

The 38th Annual Spring Tasting Luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 16. This will provide participants an opportunity to make a healthy recipe. Please prepare your favorite recipes to bring to the luncheon. Each year this luncheon is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Pottawatomie County and Pottawatomie County Farm Bureau. This event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 601 Elm in Wamego with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the meal at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker is Paige Pratt who is the District I Administrator for Kansas Farm Bureau and will speak on GMOs.

The public is encouraged to share a recipe and bring the dish the day of the luncheon as well as a non-perishable food item from the recipe for the local food pantry. All ages are invited to participate. Each attendee should send in a recipe.

Recipes for the 2017 Spring Tasting Luncheon must be received or postmarked by Friday, February 20. All recipes can be emailed to brickstr@ksu.edu or mailed to the Pottawatomie County Extension Office, P.O. Box 127, Westmoreland, KS 66549.

Select the recipe for the dish you plan to bring to the 2017 Tasting Luncheon. Then follow these directions:

1. PRINT or TYPE your recipe. Or you can email your recipe to brickstr@ksu.edu Make sure it is legible and the ingredients are correct. The typist is not familiar with all the recipes and needs to be sure the recipe can be read and the ingredients are correct. PLEASE INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF SERVINGS FOR YOUR RECIPE.
2. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number (in case there are questions about your recipe).
3. Specify the category for your recipe: main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert, or miscellaneous.
4. Please proofread your recipe and double check your ingredients for errors.

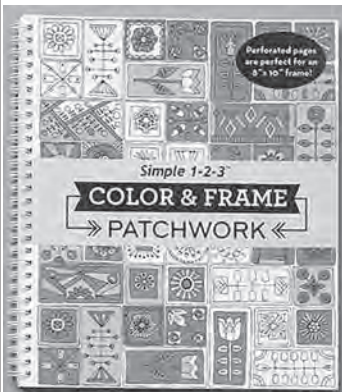
To attend the Tasting Luncheon you will need to: 1) Send your recipe by February 20 to the Extension Office. 2) Prepare your dish and bring it March 16 with your own table service. Everyone is reminded to use good food safety and sanitation practices. All perishable food should be kept below 40° F or above 140° F. Food should not be in the danger zone for more than two hours which should include the serving time. 3) Don't forget your non-perishable item for the food pantry.

At the luncheon, a complimentary copy of the recipe book will be given to those who have sent in a recipe and brought their dish.

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## Creating Consistency For Children's Developing Brains

By Nancy Nelson, Agent  
Meadowlark Extension  
District  
Family Life

We had a nice surprise at Christmas time, a visit from our grandson who was born in September; oh, and his parents. Being a first time grandparent has sparked my interest in the K-State Research & Extension publication series *Building Baby's Brain*.

Besides the KSRE logo you will see a University of Georgia Extension logo on these as they were authored by Diane Bales and adapted in Kansas. The fact sheets are available at Extension offices and also can be found on-line. One of the topics is creating consistency.

The developing brain thrives on repetition. When a baby experiences the same things over and over, the pathways of connections in her brain become stronger and more complex.

One of the best ways to provide repetition for the developing brain is to create consistency in the child's world. When a child has experiences in a positive and predictable environment, her brain becomes wired to relate to others, regulate behavior, and learn. When a child experiences consistent care, she feels more secure because her basic needs are being met, and she has more energy to explore and learn.

What is consistency? Children develop emotional security when their world is nurturing, consistent, and predictable. As children experience the same routines over and over, the brain strengthens connections that will lead to trust and secure attachments. Children who live in consistent environment also learn to regulate their own emotions and behavior better, because they know that to expect of the world around them.

Consistency may include any or all of the following components:

**Predictability.** Doing things in predictable ways builds a baby's trust of adults. It is important to give infants the security that comes from meeting her needs when she is hungry, sleepy, or in the mood to play.

**Routines.** Keeping the same general routine every day helps make the child's world feel stable and predictable. Doing certain things in the same order at about the same time every day helps strengthen brain connections and builds the baby's confidence because she knows what to expect in a situation. Even though young children cannot tell time, they remember the order in which things occur.

Keep the child's environment in order. Order helps a child know what to expect which helps him feel secure and in control. He knows his toothbrush will be in the cup by the sink. He can find the blocks in the building center. He learns where to put things when he is finished with them so he can find them again later. Keeping the environment organized can reduce frustration and stress for children as well as adults.

Setting and enforcing rules. Rules help children learn acceptable and unacceptable behavior, practice self-control, and strengthen brain connections that will enable good decision-making as children grow. Rules need to be appropriate to the child's age, and adults need to enforce rules consistently.

## Pottawatomie County FCE Council Holds Meeting

The Pottawatomie County FCE Council meeting was held January 3, 2017 at the South Forty in Westmoreland. Six members were present. The budget and different committees were discussed for the coming year.

Upcoming dates are:

- April 6, Northeast Area Council meeting

- April 8, Senior University Aging Expo will be held at the St. George Grade School

- April 20, FCE Spring Tea is to be held at the Green Valley Community Center

- March 16, the Annual Tasting Luncheon will be held in Wamego at the Presbyterian Church.

The next council meeting will be held March 6 at 9 a.m. in the Westy Community Building. The council will then select Scholarship winners.



By Ashleigh Hett

The perfect thing for football night, this cheese dip is so simple to whip together and such a hit with everyone that tries it! If it tastes familiar, that's because it's similar to the dip at Carlos O'Kelly's, but a little more chunky (with peppers) and has a tad less garlic. While I prefer to use "chunky" Ro-tel rather than the original, you can use any kind.

You'll need:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound Velveeta
- 10 ounces sour cream
- (2) 10-ounce cans Ro-tel (chunky)
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt



Start with cubing your Velveeta and dumping it into a large saucepan.

## An Easy Tailgatin' Recipe - Partyin' Cheese Dip

Turn the heat on low and add the rest of the ingredients. Inhale deeply! (I love the smell of Ro-tel!) Be careful and stir often or the cheese will start to burn to the bottom of the pan.



Once cheese is melted and everything is hot, spoon into dishes and serve with warm tortilla chips. Enjoy!



Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, Prairie Gal Cookin' ([www.prairiegalcookin.com](http://www.prairiegalcookin.com)). She shares everything from step-by-step recipes and easy DIY projects, to local history, stories, and photography from out on the farm in Kansas. Follow PGC online or like it on Facebook for more recipes and ramblings!

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## Navigating a struggling farm economy – KSU hosting one-day programs across state

Negotiating the terms of seed and chemical purchases, keeping detailed farm records and considering the long-term picture are among recommendations made

by Kansas State University agricultural economists in response to the historic farm-economy downturn currently occurring across the U.S.

Setting goals and working to achieve them is more important than ever, said Allen Featherstone, head of K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, citing a dramatic drop in net farm income in 2015.

"Farm costs are 90 percent of revenue. Can we cut them to 80 percent?" Featherstone asked participants at a recent conference, "Top 10 Considerations to Navigate a Struggling Farm Economy." K-State is hosting several of the programs in locations across the state to help farmers think critically about how their farms might withstand the tough times.

Conference presentations will address some of the most critical aspects of farming operations – especially important in this time of low commodity and livestock prices. Kansas Farm Management Association data showed average net farm income, on an accrual basis in 2015, at \$4,568 – down more than 95 percent from \$128,731 in 2014.

Upcoming program dates, locations and telephone numbers to call for registration include:

Feb. 6 – Hays – K-State Agricultural Research Center, 1232 240th Ave. – 785-628-9430

Feb. 7 – Dodge City – Knights of Columbus Hall, 800 Frontview – 620-227-4542

Feb. 8 – Colby – City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S. Range – 785-460-4582

Feb. 15 – El Dorado – Butler County Community (4-H) Building – 316-321-9660

Each program starts with sign-in at 8:30 a.m. followed by presentations beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch is included. Registration is requested at least eight days prior to the specific program you plan to attend.

Details about the program are available online at [www.agmanager.info/events/top-10-considerations-navigate-struggling-farm-economy](http://www.agmanager.info/events/top-10-considerations-navigate-struggling-farm-economy)

## LAND AUCTION

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017 — 1:00 PM**  
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**Legal Description:** SE 1/4 Section 4, T3N, R10E, Pawnee Co., NE (160 acres +/-)

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**Cropland acres:** 138.5. **2016 Taxes:** \$3,405.06.

**ARC County (Base, Yield):** Wheat: 1.1, 34; Corn: 1.1, 109; Sorghum: .9, 69.

**Terms & Conditions:** 20% down day of sale when signing the purchase agreement immediately following the auction. The balance is to be paid on or before **March 17, 2017**. **Full possession** will be given upon final settlement. **Taxes:** All real estate taxes levied on the property and payable for the year 2016 and all prior years will be paid by the seller. All real estate taxes levied on the property & payable for the year 2017 will be prorated to day of final settlement. All real estate taxes levied on the property and payable for the year 2018 and all subsequent years shall be paid by the buyer. **CRP:** The buyer will have the option to opt out of the CRP contract by letting the seller know of such within 5 days of signing a purchase agreement. If buyer chooses to keep it in CRP, buyer agrees to fulfill all CRP contractual obligations. The 2017 CRP payment will be prorated to date of final settlement. Seller agrees to convey to buyer by warranty deed with title insurance free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, special assessments levied or assessed and subject to all easements and restrictions or covenants now of record. The cost of the title insurance will be divided equally between buyer and seller. If a loan policy is required it is the responsibility of the buyer. Property will be sold to the highest bidder subject to seller's confirmation. **Agency Disclosure:** Speckmann Realty and Auction Service, Inc. will be acting as the seller's agent. **Conditions:** All acreages are based on government measurements and are considered approximate. All statements, representations and information are from reliable sources and are believed to be correct; however, the sellers and Speckmann Realty and Auction Service, Inc. make no warranties, either expressed or implied. All lines are approximate. Buyers should verify details and view the property prior to the auction. Announcements made at the auction take precedence over printed & digital material.

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# Feb. 4 Winter Grazing Conference to focus on next generation of ranchers and stockmanship

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Topics for the conference were chosen to address the value of today's ranchers helping educate and mentor the next generation, the value of good stockmanship at the ranch and cow herd management for the current economy. Speakers for the day are Ryan Sexson, Alan Hubbard, and Dale Strickler.

Ryan Sexson and his wife Jamie lease a small ranch south of Nenzel, Nebraska. They own a portion of the cow herd and take in cows on shares. They custom calve heifers and cows. Ryan worked at the Gudmundsen Sandhills Lab, the Rex Ranch and completed courses in Holistic Resource Management, Bud Williams Stockmanship Course, Ranching for Profit and others.

Ryan and Jamie are using what they have learned to build a successful ranching operation. They were raised in the Sandhills and have a passion for ranching. Both of them have been told numerous times that there is no future in ranching, however, they have found that statement anything but true. Legacy is important to both of them, and they have concentrated on building relationships and gaining knowledge in order to develop a sustainable business. Ryan will share his knowledge and ideas that can help others, particularly those that have a desire to start their own operation. Ryan and Jamie concentrate heavily on a "holistic" approach to everything in their lives, not just ranching. The holistic approach helps with problem solving. Whether it is grazing, budgeting or family time, Ryan and Jamie attempt to make it all work together.

Alan Hubbard, along with his wife Sharon, own and operate Shannon Creek Cattle and Quarter Horse near Ols-

## FSIS proposes labeling changes to meat and poultry products

USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) has proposed amendments to the nutrition labeling requirements for meat and poultry products. Proposed changes include removing the requirement for the "Calories from Fat" declaration; requiring declarations for added sugars, vitamin D and potassium; permit voluntary declaration of vitamins A and C; and reducing the reference value for the percent Daily Value for sodium from 2,400 mg to 2,300 mg.

To view the proposed rule, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FSIS-01-20-17>.

burg. They graze about 3000 acres of tallgrass prairie with 150 head of their own cows plus they custom graze additional cows, and raise Quarter Horses. They use management intensive grazing practices along with alternative watering systems throughout the ranch and emphasize "working with the resources we have." Alan has been an "outside the box" thinker in terms of grazing systems for over 25 years, and was a recipient of a 2014 Water and Energy Progress Award from the Climate and Energy Project. Alan has attended numerous classes and workshops on managed intensive grazing, livestock management, holistic resource management, low stress livestock

handling, beef cow nutrition, and water quality. Alan will share his ranch philosophies and address the value of low stress livestock handling.

Dale Strickler grew up on a diversified farm near Colony. He attended Kansas State University, earning a BS in Science Education, and a BS and an MS degree in Agronomy. Dale taught agronomy at Cloud County Community College for 15 years, then entered private industry. He bought a farm in 2000, and converted it to a no-till grazing operation, currently running around 100 cows on 136 irrigated acres, nearly year-round, with very little hay fed. Dale specializes in cover crops and forages. Dale will ad-

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For more information and to register contact Mary Howell at [kfu.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kfu.mary@gmail.com) or call 785-562-8726. A block of rooms is being held for Kansas Graziers at the Ramada, 785-234-5400.

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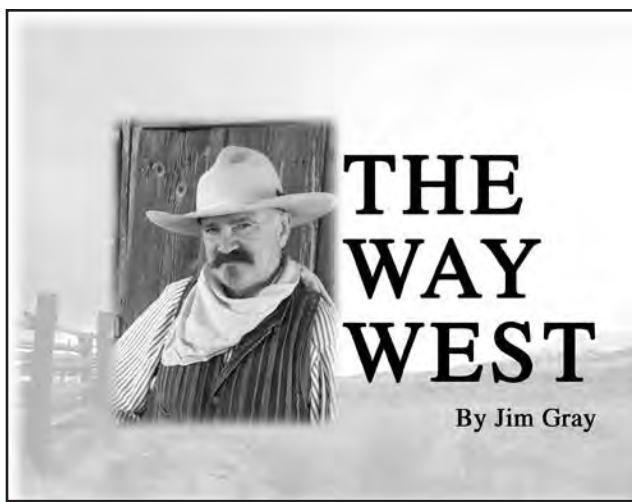
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## Culture and Agriculture

In a report dated January 30, 1830, Indian Agent John Dougherty noted that governmental intervention in the lives of the Indians dwelling in the Missouri River region was not living up to expectations. The effort to shift their culture from primarily a hunting existence to an agrarian lifestyle was showing no improvement. In his estimation, they knew no more than they had always known. Only able to grow "in a very rude manner, a little corn, a few beans and pumpkins...", they were at the point of starvation. He was no more impressed with their education. "There is not a single Indian, man, woman, or child, to my knowledge... that knows one letter from another." Dougherty may have been somewhat impatient, seeing that he was largely responsible for their destitute condition.

Few men alive could have known the Indian mind better than John Dougherty. In 1809, at age seventeen, the Kentucky-born adventurer joined the St. Louis Missouri Fur Company for an expedition into the Upper Missouri country. Working as a hunter for the company he earned the nickname "Iron Leg" for his endurance. Over the next seven years he learned seven Indian languages from native people and French from the trappers. He was employed as an interpreter under John O'Fallon, the agent for the Upper Missouri Indian Agency at Council Bluffs (just south of present-day Omaha, Nebraska). The expansive territory of the agency included all of the tribes on the Kansas, Platte, and Missouri rivers west of the state of Missouri. As an interpreter, Dougherty accompanied Major Stephen H. Long in 1819 on the failed Yellowstone expedition. Following the south bank of the Kansa River, from "some elevated ridges" they could "trace the whole course" of the Wakarusa River. The company suffered from dysentery and shortage of food. The tall grasses slowed their progress and wore out their

clothing and moccasins. Blowflies and the excessive August heat brought them to the point of exhaustion.

Fortunately, a search on both sides of the river located a trail on the north side. The trail led them to the main Kansa village near the mouth of the Blue Earth (Big Blue) River just east of present-day Manhattan. After a warm welcome from the Kansa people the expedition moved north along the Big Blue only to be surrounded by about one hundred forty mounted Pawnee warriors. The pack-horses were stampeded and the baggage plundered, leaving the explorers "humiliated but unharmed". The expedition was discontinued and the explorers returned east before they could reach the Platte River. The following year Dougherty escorted Long's successful expedition across the Kansas plains to the Rocky Mountains.

In the spring of 1827, Col. Henry Leavenworth was charged with locating a new military post on the left bank (Missouri side) of the Missouri River. Taking John Dougherty with him the country was scoured without finding an acceptable location. However, on a one hundred fifty-foot bluff overlooking the river from the right bank (Kansas side) he located a perfect site of a permanent post that was designated Cantonment Leavenworth.

Dougherty was appointed Indian Agent for the Upper Missouri Agency following Agent O'Fallon's resignation in 1827. Dougherty's agency headquarters was then moved to Cantonment Leavenworth at Colonel Leavenworth's request in September. Upon his arrival at his new post smallpox struck the Kansa people. Dougherty immediately hired a Liberty, Missouri, doctor to

tend to them and provided provisions of food in hopes of improving their health. Seventy people died before the disease was brought under control.

In Washington, President Andrew Jackson encouraged a policy of educating the tribes as to the benefits of civil government. Knowing the tribes as he did, Dougherty called the policy "utterly impossible." Still he was supportive of a plan to "promote the benevolent views of our excellent government." He believed that the Indians would not adopt the ways of "civilization" as long as they could hunt. He advised moving them to lands that were good for farming but "destitute of game" that they might concentrate on the methods of farming.

The Kansa were convinced to move from the one large village that had been visited by the Long expedition in 1819, to three village sites. The move, according to Dougherty, allowed them to enjoy the advantage of "opening fields and cultivating the earth." Dougherty strongly believed that until they had learned how to subsist from farming they would not be able to learn the attributes of a civil society, or gain any substantial benefit from primary education.

Not long after Dougherty reported the failure of tribal people to take up farming on January 30, 1830, young Kansa men raided the Pawnee for horses and scalps. Changing their wild culture with agriculture would prove to be one of the greatest challenges on the Way West.

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# AROUND KANSAS



When I was quite small, not even two years old, my grandpa was sent to a sanatorium. Doctors suspected he had TB. As it turned out, he did not; it was scar tissue from years as a coal miner, but the family believed it was his death sentence.

Now I understand why.

I pore over records – birth, marriage, death. As an historian, and as someone always curious about my own family. Going through some of these the other day, I was taken aback at how many listed the cause of

death as “pulmonary tuberculosis.”

It was called “consumption” because the disease seemed to consume its victims. They dropped weight, coughed, hacked – and became walking shells of themselves. One of the most famous sufferers was John Henry “Doc” Holliday who came west in the hopes that the dry air would offer some relief.

Tuberculosis. TB. The White Death. A diagnosis of the disease was virtually a death sentence a mere century ago. Cases of TB have been recorded since ancient times, and because of the way it ravaged the body and its infectious nature, it even became associated with

vampire lore.

Tuberculosis wreaked havoc on America. Pulmonary Tuberculosis, the manifestation of the disease in the lungs, was most commonly recognized. It was such a widespread and devastating disease that states built sanatoriums, long-term hospitals, to treat patients and halt the spread of the disease.

While some people viewed the sanatoriums as mere holding facilities where people waited to die, or just a way to isolate them from society, the bedrest, breathing treatments, and medicines did help many patients regain their health and return to their families. The Norton State Tuberculosis Sanatorium opened in 1914 and the Hillcrest Hospital in the Highland Park community of Topeka became affiliated with the facility. These hospital complexes would be comparable to the Veteran's Administration Hospitals that many of us are familiar with today. The hospitals maintained their own farms and dairies, and stressed healthy diet as part of the treatment (Weight gain was a measure of recovery). Records say the Norton facility resembled a small city. It

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Deb Goodrich is the co-host of the Around Kansas TV show. She may be reached at [author.debgoodrich@gmail.com](mailto:author.debgoodrich@gmail.com), and she appreciates all your messages!

## Farm Bill and policy to be focus at Kansas Commodity Classic Feb. 8

The 2017 Kansas Commodity Classic will have a Farm Bill and policy focus, featuring senior staff from the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, policy leaders from the national wheat, corn and grain sorghum associations and an interactive grower survey session. The Classic will be held on Feb. 8 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 530 Richards Drive, Manhattan. The Kansas Commodity Classic, the annual convention of the Kansas Grain Sorghum, Corn and Wheat associations, will begin 9 a.m. with speakers and a luncheon featuring Joel Leftwich, Staff Director for the Senate Agriculture Committee. Leftwich, a Kansas native, has served on Senator Pat Roberts' staff for several years.

A national commodity association panel will feature National Association of Wheat Growers CEO Chandler Goule, National Corn Growers Association executive vice president Jon Doggett and Dan Atkisson, National Sorghum Producers vice president.

Matt Hines, Loewen and Associates, will provide a

market update and analysis. Hines worked several years in the grain merchandising industry before joining Loewen and Associates, an agricultural price risk management consulting and professional commodity brokerage firm.

Growers attending the Commodity Classic will have the opportunity to participate in a live, interactive survey session to share their opinions about the next Farm Bill and other policy issues. State policy issues are not being overlooked at the Classic. Kansas Senate Ag Committee chairman Dan Kerschen and House Ag Committee chairman Kyle Hoffman will speak about state issues.

The Kansas Commodity Classic is hosted by the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association. The event is free to attend, but pre-registration is requested. Kansas Wheat is taking registration. Call 785-539-0255 to register by phone, or go to [kscommodityclassic17.com](http://kscommodityclassic17.com) to register online.

## Greenwood County Extension to host coyote workshop

The Greenwood County Extension Office will host a public meeting “Calling All Coyotes” on Thursday February 9th, 2017 at the Matt Samuels Building in Eureka at 7 p.m. The Matt Samuels Building is located next to the fair grounds at 101 North Jefferson, Eureka. Charlie Lee, K-State Wildlife Damage Control Specialist, will discuss coyote behavior and biology, give tips on calling coyotes, and will discuss how to trap coyotes.

Native American folklore describes the coyote as being a savvy and clever beast. Today coyotes show that savvy as they have adapted to the changing American landscape. Coyotes once lived primarily in the open prairies and deserts, but now roam all of North America including many cities. Coyotes have adapted so well that their population is believed to be at an all-time high.

These members of the dog family will eat almost anything. They hunt rabbits, mice, frogs and even deer. They also will eat insects, snakes, watermelon, tomatoes, and other dead animals. The coyote reminds many of the old west where the coyote sings as evening turns to night. But for farm-

ers and ranchers the coyote is often referred to as a predator, as it is known to kill lambs, calves, other livestock, and even household pets.

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lin County Fairgrounds, in Ottawa. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and last through 3:00 p.m. Reservations are required by February 17th. The first 30 people to register will be admitted free of charge, others will be charged \$10.00 for reference materials. To register call Keri Harris, Franklin County Conservation district manager at 785-241-7201, or Rod Schaub, Frontier Dis-

trict Extension Agent at 785-828-4438. A chilli lunch will be available, donations to cover meal costs would be appreciated.

When I first became an Extension agent in Osage County some 25 years ago, a man come to my office and talked with me about a letter he had from the mid 1800s. The letter discussed a trip a relative had made from northwest Osage Coun-

ty to southeast Osage County. It talked about a vast sea of native grass with no trees in sight. The native grasses were so high that he had to kneel on his horse's saddle to see over the grass. The trip ended near Quemo where they saw the only trees they had seen on the north bank of the Marais des Cygnes River. To me this was quite a story and almost hard to believe. But fires, both natural and man-made, were responsible for the development of this huge area of grassland called the Great Plains.

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Lot 20: NWTf Savage Model 93 R17, 17 cal., camo, wood, bolt action, bull barrel w/hard case  
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Lot 27: Stevens Arms O' Favorite Model 1915, 22 long, breech load  
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Lot 30: Rossi, Matched Set (NEW), 20 ga., 22 cal., 243 cal.  
Lot 31: Stoeger Ducks Unlimited SBS Stainless (NEW), 20 ga., side by side  
Lot 32: Weatherby Bolt Action, 270 cal., Redfield scope w/hard case  
Lot 33: Ruger Mark 3, auto, 22 cal., pistol, used  
Lot 34: Mossberg 702 Plinkster, Mdl 715, 22 cal., 10 round clip, black  
Lot 35: Mossberg Ducks Unlimited Auto (NEW), 12 ga., 24" barrel & 28" barrel, VR & chokes  
Lot 36: Authentic Indian Long Bow, Osage Orange, 6 arrows/dogwood  
Lot 37: New alum. Ducks Unlimited 2 gun case  
Lot 38: Nova Extreme Compound Bow w/arrows & acces. (used)  
Lot 39: Remington 742, auto, Woodmaster, 243 cal., Tasco 4x32 scope  
Lot 40: Winchester Model 42, 410 cal, 3" chamber, wood  
Lot 41: Winchester Model 270, 22 pump, wood, adj. sights w/case  
Lot 42: Smith & Wesson 38 Special, 38 cal., 9" w/holster, like new  
Lot 43: Remington 700 ADL (NEW), 270 cal., fancy wood w/scope  
Lot 44: Lakefield Model 93, 22 mag., Bushnell scope  
Lot 45: US 1917 Remington Enfield, bolt, wood, soft case  
Lot 46: Ducks Unlimited Browning AE (NEW), 12 ga., 2007 Ducks Unlimited Gun of the Year, gold & silver engraved, wood, hard case  
Lot 47: Weatherby Vanguard, 270 cal., Banner scope, hard case  
Lot 48: Winchester Model 94, 30/30 cal.  
Lot 49: 007 Pistol, 38 cal., silver, collector, NO finger guard  
Lot 50: Remfire Haven Model 1800, 22 cal., pump, hex barrel  
Lot 51: Savage Arms 12-25-1906, 22 cal., hex barrel, pump  
Lot 52: Remington 783 (NEW), 30-06 w/scope, bolt action, black, 22" barrel  
Lot 53: Browning Auto A5 (NEW), 12 ga., Ducks Unlimited, camo  
Lot 54: Smith & Wesson aluminum frame, 38 cal., 3" barrel w/holster  
Lot 55: Savage Model 93, 17 cal., bolt action, wood  
Lot 56: Beretta Auto AL 390 (NEW), 12 ga., DU Gun of the Year (2011)  
Lot 57: Stoeger, 410 cal., side by side, wood  
Lot 58: Ithaca Model 100, 20 ga., side by side, wood  
Lot 59: Mossberg, bolt action (NEW), 270 cal., 3x9 scope, Turkey Fed.  
Lot 60: CZ-USA Redhead D1x 103 (NEW), 20 ga., O/U, 26" barrel, VR  
Lot 61: Ithaca, The Beast, 12 ga., side by side, 30" barrel, double trigger  
Lot 62: Mossberg Model 183K, 410 cal., bolt action, poly choke, wood  
Lot 63: Taurus Pistol Millennium C2 (NEW), 9mm, 12 shot clip  
Lot 64: Ruger auto pistol LC-9 (NEW), 9mm, hard case  
Lot 65: Ruger Auto Mark-3 (NEW), 22 cal., hard case  
Lot 66: Ruger pistol, SR9C (NEW), 9mm, hard case

**ALSO SELLING:** Fish finder, extra gun barrels, gun cleaning kits, game cameras, duck calls & decoys, wildlife prints, brass fire extinguishers, Jack Daniels DU decanters and a Full Collection of SW Bell Jim Beam Telephone Decanters!

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTES:** Lynn has been collecting firearms for nearly 50 years! This is an outstanding collection of firearms including DU, NWTf and One-of-a-Kind Long Bow & Arrows made from local Osage Orange and Dogwood. Guns will not be at sale location until sale day with PREVIEW at 10:00 AM DAY OF SALE ONLY! You won't want to miss this collection

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**PASTURE LAND AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4 — 10:00 AM**

**Blue Rapids Community Center — BLUE RAPIDS, KS**

**270 ACRES± MARSHALL COUNTY PASTURE**

For a VIRTUAL TOUR of this property, directions & complete information visit [www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com) and watch upcoming issues of **GRASS & GRAIN!**

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This pasture is perfectly located on the north end of the Flint Hills just 3 mile south of Kansas Hwy. 9 in southern Marshall County. This is a very clean pasture featuring well managed native grass, ample water and excellent fencing.

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**LAND AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — 10:00 AM**

**Cougar's Den - 219 N. Main St. — MORROWVILLE, KS**

**645.3 ACRES± WASHINGTON COUNTY KANSAS LAND**

**TRACT 1: 159.9 acres±** with 145.72± DCP cropland acres featuring predominantly Crete silty clay loam, 1 to 3% and 3 to 7% slopes. This is considered prime farmland. There are 140.40± base acres allocated as follows: Wheat: 64.9 acres, Yield 44bu.; Grain Sorghum: 48.6 acres, Yield 96bu.; Soybeans: 26.9 acres, Yield 36bu.

**Directions:** From the intersection of Osage Rd. and Hwy 15 on the south edge of Linn KS, go south on Osage Rd approximately 1.5 miles, turn east onto 6th Rd. Go approximately 3 miles, the intersection of 6th & Rainbow Rd is the southeast corner of the property.

**Legal Description:** SE 4, S36, T04, R03, 6th P.M., ACRES 159.9, LESS ROW.

**Program Elected:** ARC County

**2016 Real Estate Taxes = \$2,313.18**

**TRACT 2: 269.08 acres±** estimated with 228.42± DCP cropland acres featuring predominantly Muir silt loam (Mill Creek bottom), Longford silt loam, 3 to 7% slope and Crete silty clay loam with 1-3% slope all considered prime farmland. There are 215.40± base acres allocated as follows: Wheat: 65.61 acres, Yield 48bu.; Corn: 51.5 acres, Yield 98bu.; Grain Sorghum: 28.8 acres, Yield 101bu.; Soybeans: 69.49 acres, Yield 42bu.

**Directions:** From the corner of 19th Rd and Hwy 15 in Morrowville Ks go west 1.5 miles to Indian Rd. Then north 1 mile to 20th Rd. This is the northeast corner of Tract 2

**Legal Description:** Legal description pending survey.

**Program Elected:** ARC County

**2016 Estimated Taxes = \$4213.00**

**TRACT 3: 216.32 acres±** grassland pasture. This is an exceptionally clean native grass pasture with good water, and good fences. No noxious weeds were noticed, while viewing the property. There is access from the east road in two places.

**Directions:** From the corner of 19th Rd and Hwy 15 in Morrowville KS, go west 1.5 miles to Indian Rd. This is the southeast corner of Tract 3.

**Legal Description:** Legal description pending survey.

**2016 Estimated Taxes: \$648.00**

**HEIRS OF WILLIAM L. WURTZ TRUST, SELLER**

**Listing Agent's Notes:** This property has been in the Wurtz family for many years. The property is well cared for and has had the same tenants for many years. Seller to retain 49% mineral rights, buyer to receive 51%. If you are wanting to add to your existing farm/ranch operation or add to an investment portfolio, you can't go wrong on these tracts. For questions or to view the property, please call Mark Uhlik, Broker at 785-325- 2740.

**Terms & Possession:** 10% down day of the sale, balance due at closing on or before March 24, 2017. Sellers to pay 2016 taxes. Title insurance, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Buyer to take possession at closing. Subject to tenants rights on existing planted wheat. Sellers share of the wheat crop and expenses will be passed to the buyer. This property to be sold as-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and will not be subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to sale day. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller's interest. All information has come from reliable sources; however, potential bidders are encouraged to verify all information independently. Statements made sale day take precedence over printed material.

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**PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION**

**FOR VIOLET MERRILL**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 — 9:00 AM**

**627 Market Street — PORTIS, KANSAS**

**ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVES, COLLECTIBLES inc.:** Button Eyed Teddy Bear; Glass Eyed Teddy Bear; curved glass picture; Chalk Bulldog; Quilts, Quilt pcs. & tie comforts; pillow silks; hankies; 1 qt. butter churn; Fire King & Pyrex; lots of Fancywork (Day of the Week Tea Towels, tablecloths & more); Cow Creamers; Milkglass plates; Green Roulette Depression; Pink Hobnail Depression; Cabbage Rose Pink Cookie Jar; Vaseline Opalescent Hobnail Opalescent Vase; Lady Wall Vase; Willie & Millie Salt & Pepper & others; New Carnival Pitcher w/glasses; Green & other Granite Roasters; lots of scrapbooks w/stamps, Postcards; sad irons; Pheasant glasses; Nice Old Books; asst. Crock Bowls; LOTS of JEWELRY inc. Rings (some turquoise, 1931 Class Ring, etc), Rosary Boxes w/Rosaries, 1861-1866 Grand Army of Republic Veteran Pin, Mickey Mouse Watch w/Mickey Mouse Band; Alum. Christmas Tree in box; Brass Top Ford Car Lamp; Clucking Chicken Toy; ladies gloves; sugar sacks; aprons; Davy Crockett glasses; cabinet jars; Marx Child's Watering Can; Howdy Doody Puppet; Home Crest galv. washboard; galv. tubs & pails; Tapestry pcs.; 1907 Geological Survey Rep. River Valley Book; antique reference books; Cl Skillets; unusual stapler & pencil sharpeners; US Maine Battleship Plate; Wagner Cl Cornbread Pan; Blue Eye Glass; 48 Star Flag; Chenille Bedspreads; Covered Wagon Strong Box;

Grapette Banks; Lucky and Jolly Joe Banks; Ig. Amberina basket; Glass Eyed Dog; Unusual Ear Piece; 1912 Livestock A Cyclopedic; Old Travel Brochures; Iridescent Carnival Pitcher w/glasses; Vases; The Nebraska Story Book; Shawnee Kitten S&P; Green Cabinet S&P; Really Nice Photo Albums w/photos (some tin type; Edwin Knowles China Set; Shawnee Cat Creamers; Cl Alligator Boot Jack; Iris and Herringbone Candle Holders; Glass Pin Cushion Holders; Glass Rabbit, Train, Dog Candy Containers, etc.; Dog Paper Mache Candy Container; Chalk Donald Duck; 12" Remington Scissors; Brass Candy Thermometer; Blue Fruit Jars; Teardrop Pails; Horse Windmill Weight (no tail); Cabbage Patch Telephone; Scottie Dog Creamers; Gold Hat Pins; Mustache Cups; TipTop Glass Pitcher; Pickwick Camera; Steuben Glass Portrait Carnival Vase; Unusual Smoker; Pattern Glass; German & American Military Items; Clickers; Mother of Pearl Sewing Set; DAV Tags; LOTS of POCKET WATCHES (Elgin 15 & 17 j, Illinois, Waltham 17j, Elgin Key Wind, many w/gold cases); Watch parts & chains; sm. Celluloid & Bisque Dolls & Frozen Charlottes (black & white); 1939 2 Reich Spfennig; Brass Front Stanley Level; Coty Matchsafe; Shapleigh & Keen Kutter scissors. **VEHICLE:** '91 Chev. van, 56K. **FURNITURE:** 42" rd. Oak table; dropfront secretary; Tear-drop pull commode; Nice hall tree; 2 dr. glassfront bookcase; miniature lamp table w/glass ball feet; child's high chair/rocker; Metal Yard Chairs. **LOTS OF ADVERTISING ITEMS!**

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## Auction Sales Scheduled

Online Estate auction — Opens February 6 (closes February 21) — antiques, collectibles, Aladdin lamps, Coleman lamps, Jewell Tea collection, Depression glass, toys, tools, anvil, trailer & more for Estate of Mr. & Mrs. Burl Slawson. At [www.dlwebb.com](http://www.dlwebb.com) or [www.lindsayauctions.com](http://www.lindsayauctions.com). Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates Auctions & Appraisals and Lindsay Auction Service.

February 3 — 160 acres m/l Marshall County land held at Frankfort for Johnny C. Bramhall Estate. Auctioneers: Horigan Auction.

February 4 — Antiques, primitives, collectibles, furniture, advertising items, tools, household, appliances & more at Portis for Violet Merrill. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

February 4 — Vehicles, trucks, trailers, lawn mowers & ATVs, hay & straw, trusses, new lumber, tractors, machinery, tires, livestock supplies, hedge posts, firewood, misc new & used iron and tin, shop tools, collectible coins & more at Axtell for consignments. Auctioneers: Cline & Cline, Wilhelm, Kostal, Dalinghaus, Dalinghaus, Horigan, Prell & Prell, Olmsted.

February 4 — Furniture, antiques, collectibles & misc., lawn tractor, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Bill & Jane Swofford. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

February 5 — Signs & collectibles, Cape Cod at Salina for individual collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 8 — Unreserved online machinery auction ([www.bigiron.com](http://www.bigiron.com)).

February 8 — 560 m/l acres Woodson County productive land held at Yates Center for Bert & Cathy Carlson. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction & Realty.

February 8 — 320 acres pasture held at Osborne. Auctioneers: Agri Affiliates, Inc.

February 9 — Combine & heads, tractors & accessories, semi & trailers, farm machinery & misc., camper, stock trailers & more at Fairbury, Nebraska for Ben & Megan Larkins. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

February 9 — 890 acres cropland, pasture & hunt-

ing land held at Mankato. Auctioneers: Agri Affiliates, Inc.

February 10 — Axes & hatchets, antiques, tools, 1934 World Series pictures & more at El Dorado for Leroy "Ozzie" Hildreth. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

February 11 — Real estate; trucks, vans, machinery, tools & misc., electrical & plumbing supplies at Seneca for United Bank & Trust (former property & assets of Rogers and Son Electrical Co.). Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

February 11 — 1/4 section of Washington County cropland & native grass held at Palmer for the Winter Family. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

February 11 — Banquet tables, household goods, antiques, misc. at Clay Center for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

February 11 — New & used firearms, telephone decanters & others, collectibles, decoys, wildlife prints, gun cleaning kits & more at Louisville for Lynn Pugh. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

February 11 — Bull sale held at Agenda for Ledoux Ranch.

February 11 — Bull sale held at Leavenworth for J&N Ranch.

February 16 — 253 acres m/l Douglas County land offered in 3 tracts held at Baldwin City. Auctioneers: Heck Land Co. and United Country Real Estate Heart of America Real Estate & Auction.

February 17 — 160 acres m/l Pawnee County, Nebraska land held at Tecumseh, Nebraska for Leo & Pauline Rinne Estate. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

February 18 — Vehicles, skid steer loader, log splitter & trailers, tools & misc., household at Belleville for Larry Beeson Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

February 18 — Guns, hunting & fishing, tools, household & dog equipment at Salina for Donabauer Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 18 — 645.3 acres m/l Washington County land held at Morrowville

for Heirs of William L. Wurtz Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik & Jeff Dankenbring.

February 18 — 147 acres m/l Pottawatomie County cropland, native grass, creek & timber held at Westmoreland. Auctioneers: Robert Chew, real estate agent; United Country/Gateway Realty & Auction.

February 18 — Bull sale at Emporia for Badger Creek.

February 19 — Truck, juke box, stairlift, wood-working equipment & tools, household & misc. at Lawrence for Living Estate of Ben & Shirley Tibbitts. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 19 — Slot machine, advertising, collectibles, art at Salina for 2 individuals. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 20 — 191 acres m/l Marion County land in 3 tracts held at Hillsboro for Rubena Esther Bartel Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

February 24 — Farm machinery West of Marysville for Mike & Susie Wilson. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

February 25 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

February 28 — 410 acres Chase County pasture sold in 2 tracts held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auction & Real Estate.

February 28 — "Brand That Works" Bull & Female sale at Manhattan for Mill Creek Ranch.

March 1 — Farm & industrial equipment consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

March 1 — 27th annual production Bull Sale at Agra for Ferguson Angus.

March 2 — 148 acres m/l Dickinson County farmland held at Abilene for the Gugler Family. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction.

March 3 & 4 — Barn find cars, tractors, early Blacksmith, many unique items Southwest Agenda for Howard Hammond Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 4 — 270 acres m/l Marshall County pastureland held at Blue Rapids for Keith & Patty Holle. Auctioneers: Midwest Land

& Home, Jeff Dankenbring and Mark Uhlik.

March 4 — Bull sale, Cowboy auction at Pawnee Rock for Loving Farms.

March 5 — 80 pistols, 20+ long guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 6 — 29th annual Lyons Ranch Superior Genetics bull sale at Manhattan.

March 9 — 16th annual Bull Sale at Manhattan for BJ Angus.

March 11 — Annual Concordia Optimist Club consignment auction at Concordia.

March 15 — 6th annual production Bull Sale held at Overbrook for Woodbury Farms.

March 19 — Furniture, collectibles & unique items at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 20 — Tractors, combines, trucks, farm machinery & more held near Beloit. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer Auction & Real Estate.

March 25 — Many unique collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Es-

tate & Auction, LLC.

March 25 — Farm machinery, equipment & misc. at Durham for Annual Consignment sale in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

March 25 — 4WD JD tractors, JD combines, semi trucks, tandem axle trucks, feeding & tillage equipment at Minneapolis for Ron & Lou Weis. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Service.

March 25 — 160 acres m/l land: pasture, hunting, development land & collectible equipment at Alma for Larry Mogge. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

March 26 — Toy collection & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 28 — GeneTrust at Sunh Cattle Co. Bull Sale at Eureka.

April 1 — Antiques, collectibles at Beatrice, Nebraska for Mary Lou Rickter. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 8 — 200+ motorcycles & parts at Burr Oak for Doug Frasier. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 10 — Farm items, 7630 JD tractor, 9500 JD combine, trucks, machinery at Denmark for Stan & Connie Crawford. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 15 — Huge Blacksmith (anvils, blocks, forges, blowers, etc., antique & new metal cutting & grinding equipment) auction at Valley Center.

April 22 — 165 guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 29 — Trucks, collector car, tools East 24-81 Junction for George Larson Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 27 — 150 crock collectibles at Salina for individual collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 28 — Halloween, toys, collectibles at Salina for individual collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 29 — Country store items & collectibles at Salina for individual collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

## ANTIQUA AUCTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Salina Co. Expo 900 Greeley SALINA, KANSAS

## SIGNS &amp; COLLECTIBLES

Signs inc.: Wanda, Fisk Tire, Polarine, Iso-Vis, Standard, other oil, Eureka Harness, Chevrolet, Hartford Insurance, David Harum Feeds, cigarette inc.: Viceroy, L & M, Twenty, muffler signs, new old stock USS Ammonia, railroad crossing; Coke collectibles; Chevrolet advertising inc.: award lamp w/truck, 1980 Ciation ads, other; Budweiser, Schlitz & Coors lights; Lowenbrau clock; large Falstaff advertising platter; Camel cigarette advertising inc.: tin square folding sign; large collection of pictures inc.: (William McKinley, yard long boy & girl, yard long 1921 Popeian Beauty lady, other yard long, dogs, girls, horses, ice cream sandwich, many other); Boyd Lumber Formoso chain picture; Boston Rex Sox vs Pittsburgh Pirates Oct 1, 1903 world series poster; war poster; oak 3 section stacking bookcase; oak pattern back rocker w/carved arms; Buster Brown mannequin; 10 Aladdin lamps;

Note: This is an individual collection, they have been collection for over 50 years. There are many signs and collectibles. Many boxes of glass.

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new old stock Aladdin lamp & shades; 3 railroad switch lanterns inc BR; railroad lanterns (ATSF, MoPac, DW & P; skater lantern; reflector lantern; wall weight driven clock; hood ornaments; toys; saddle; Tailor book; tins inc.: Wanda, Archer, Cinco; Tahoma biscuit wood box shipped to Minneapolis Kansas; 1926 Peters calendar; Montrose Ks memorable; Wyandotte shooting gallery target; glass Easter eggs; paper weights inc.: Metz Packing Mankato, Ks.; 6 figural clothes sprinklers; 7 head vases inc.: George Washington; 20 pieces carnival glass inc.: bowls & vases; Murano glass clown; Fiesta inc.: (green coffee pot, red 10" vase, green craft, ivory syrup, stick creamer, ball candle holders); cut glass pieces; pattern glass; pressed glass; etched candle holders; Lefton china, birds, tea set, salt & pepper; 300+ pieces Cape Cod (vases, creamers, sugars, cruets, shakers, goblets, Hurricane lamp, candle holders,

mugs, soup & cereal bowls, bread & butter plates, glasses, wines, cup & saucers, platters, cake plate, candy dish, napkin rings); assortment of glass; Royal Copley pieces; china table lamps; pink & yellow depression glass; donkey, elephant & Scotty dog powder jars; assortment of other glass; silver sugar bowl w/ spoon holder; several dolls; Barbies; tobacco cutter; windmill weights inc.: (Hummer chicken, large chicken, short tail horse, Eclipse wet & dry); cast iron bull; John Seaton Atchison, Ks cast iron step; wooden radio; aluminum Case eagle; wooden boxes; brake lining wall cabinet; hose fixture wall cabinet; child's cast iron Crescent stove; music box; flour sacks; post cards; paper advertising; assortment McDonald inc.: Hercules movie posters, Beanie Babies, Fast Macs, assortment of other good collectibles.

## AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 — 10:00 AM

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H BUILDING • 612 US Hwy. 56 • COUNCIL GROVE, KS  
DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Council Grove on US Hwy. 56. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

## FURNITURE

Leather sofa, love seat & 2 recliner, caramel & beige; king size bed with Simmons Beautyrest mattress, very good; cherry chest of drawers & dresser; large Mission style oak dining table & 8 chairs, with seat 10; Amish made armoire, pine, very nice; oak computer desk, nice; walnut sewing machine cabinet with electric lift; beige sofa sleeper; large round coffee table; 2 twin beds, very good; bamboo shelf unit; wrought iron table & 4 chairs; several iron stools; small slate top table; 2 Adirondack lawn chairs & other patio furniture.

## ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES &amp; MISC.:

1950's metal toys; pull toy circa

1900; antique zither-like instrument; vintage clock; wooden box with painted checkerboard; trunk; chicken incubator; coffee bin; wooden dough box; primitive shelf unit; 40 plus cow skulls; Bennington bowl & pitcher; numerous Ironstone pcs, platter, pitchers, bowls, etc.; Federalist Ironstone tea set; T&R Boote porcelain tureen; yellow ware; Red Cliff cups; juice set; small beer stein; various crocks, bowls & jugs; westerns, quilting & coin books; brass hanging rack & book shelf, wall sconce lamp; 3 duck calls, dog whistles; pocket knives; numerous prints & pictures; 2 wooden ironing boards; sharpening stones; 8x10 area rug; Dyson portable vacuum & 2 upright vacuums, good; Mo-

torola Talk Abouts; King size bedding & other linens; various kitchen items.

## LAWN TRACTOR, TOOLS &amp; MISC.:

2011 JD X320 lawn tractor, 245 hrs., very good; 2004 tilt bed trailer, 5x10, good; Kobalt 60 gallon upright air compressor, good; vegetable drying stand, very good; Craftsman shop bench; 2 floor jacks; bench grinder on stand; numerous organizers; extension & step ladders; Garden Way cart; Troy Bilt weed whip; shelves; rods & reels, other fishing equipment; various hand tools, power tools & shop items

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## MACHINERY &amp; EQUIPMENT AUCTION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 — 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Channel Seeds Building, North Highway 15, Fairbury, NE — Watch for signs.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: The Larkins have decided to quit farming to devote more time to their other businesses. This is a complete listing, PLEASE BE ON TIME.

CONCESSIONS: ON THE ROAD AGAIN

## COMBINE &amp; HEADS

• 2003 John Deere 9550 Hill Country Combine, touch button float, 3959 engine hrs., 2884 separator hrs., professionally gone through about 150 hrs. ago  
• 2006 John Deere 625F HydraFlex 25' header, Sharp  
• John Deere 8 Row corn head, SNH00843x651387  
Corn head snouts

## TRACTORS &amp; ACCESSORIES

• 1983 John Deere 4650, cab, heat & air, quad range, w/ duals, good 80R42 rears, approx. 1500 hrs. on complete overhaul & clutch  
• 1978 Massey Ferguson 2705 tractor, cab 20 — 50# suitcase weights Quick hitch

## SEMI &amp; TRAILERS

• 1999 C12 Freightliner, turbo,

50,000 miles on overhaul, new clutch, 10 sp. Transmission

• Kaufman Trailers, Inc. 48' lowboy trailer w/ ramps

• 1980's Merritt 40' grain trailer w/ rollover tarp

• 1970 American 37' alum. Grain trailer w/ rollover tarp

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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Mechanical Problems

On the coldest morning of last December my pickup wouldn't start. It wasn't the battery; it turned over. I ground away at the starter, manipulating the manual choke (it's 30 years old) until the battery began to weaken. Installing my daughter behind the wheel and hooking up the jumper cables, I

squirted jets of ether down the carburetor's throat as my daughter ground the starter. Occasionally it would catch and a ball of flame would shoot from the two-barrel!

I broke off and went to town for more ether. My daughter suggested it was outta gas. She switched the gas gauge from MAIN TANK to AUX, "See," she said, "it's empty."

"No," I explained, "You've just switched it wrong. See, the other tank is full."

I used another can of ether to no avail. I released my daughter, unhooked the cables and left my pickup for the wolves.

That night I lay in my

bed plotting how to pull it to the mechanic in town when my unconscious mind finally spoke up, "Dummy, switch yer tanks. Yer outta gas!"

Which I was. I haven't confessed to my daughter yet, so if she doesn't read this column I'll still retain my position as "The Perfect Father."

Unfortunately, Bruce's whole family was there when Mr. Lanham diagnosed his mechanical problem.

Bruce was a recent arrival to northeast Missouri. As the new Extension Service man from California, he was making big waves. Because everyone knows that California produces people on the cutting edge of agricul-

tural technology!

Bruce's tractor was on the blink. Either the transmission or the linkage was fouled. "I've checked it thoroughly," he told his wife and kids, "I'd better call Mr. Lanham."

Mr. Lanham is to the age where he doesn't worry about coddling people. He asked a few questions over the phone. Bruce, a grad of Fresno State, became impatient explaining he'd done all he could but the tractor still wouldn't start. Would Mr. Lanham please come and check it?

When Mr. Lanham arrived Bruce pointed to the shed, sat down to lunch and answered the phone.

Three minutes later Mr.

Lanham appeared at the kitchen door.

"Are you gonna have to haul it to town?" asked Bruce.

"Nope. It's fixed." "Great! What was wrong?"

"Hard to explain..." "Okay, so how much do I owe ya?"

"Not sure." "I don't understand. Ya fixed it, right? So, how come you don't know?"

"Wull, ya had a wrench stickin' outta yer tool box so the lid wouldn't close. The clutch pedal was hittin' the lid so it wouldn't go down all the way. And Sonny, I never charged anyone to rearrange a toolbox before."

## 2017 Ag Stewardship Conference announced for February 17 in Overbrook

Farmers and ranchers in east-central Kansas, especially in Douglas, Franklin, Osage and Shawnee counties, are encouraged to attend the 2017 Ag Stewardship conference. This will be the fourth Ag Stewardship Conference which has been held every other year since 2011. All producers in the area are invited, but a special invitation would include absentee landowners, new and beginning farmers, and small or specialty crops

farmers.

The line-up of speakers for the 2017 event includes: Roger McEowen, the Kansas Farm Bureau Professor of Agricultural Law and Taxation at Washburn University School of Law, who will give a presentation focusing on agricultural law and taxation updates. Tom Leffler, owner of Leffler Commodities, LLC will talk farm profitability. Forrest Buhler with Kansas State University will discuss ag mediation. John Welborn from the Shawnee County Weed Department will cover grassland health and weed control, including sericea lespedeza. The day will wrap up with a presentation from Ray Asebedo, KSU assistant professor, Precision Agriculture, focusing on technology and the use of drones in agriculture.

The conference is free to all attendees and lunch will be provided. However, to arrange for conference materials and the meal, pre-registration is required before February 10, 2017, by contacting the Conservation District in Lyndon at 785-828-3458. Space is limited.

The one-day conference will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Grace Community Church, 310 East 8th Street (Highway 56), Overbrook. The conference will start at 9:00 a.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. Persons with disabilities who require accommodation to attend or participate in this event should contact the Conservation District in Lyndon by February 10th.

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