



Wright Farms wants to change your oil

By Lexi Wright

Wright Enterprises is a 3,000-acre farm tucked in the northwest corner of the state, just north of Bird City. While they may be your typical family farm at first glance, the Wrights are cooking up something special from their farmstead.

In addition to farming traditional row crops, the Wrights also farm a few hundred acres of sunflowers. While growing sunflowers in the sunflower state is not so uncommon, take a peek inside their new business headquarters, located on their family farm's original homestead, and you will see a press and filter system that the father-son team uses to turn their sunflowers into a beautiful golden oil.

Don and Dennis Wright saw the potential for their crop and decided to invest in it by creating a value-added, Kansas-made, farm-to-table product that can go straight from their farm to your kitchen. The golden oil, that actually looks like sunflowers in a bottle, can be used in cooking, baking, making popcorn, frying, in salad dressings, and even as a skin and hair moisturizer. Sunflower oil is known to be high in Vitamin E, which carries benefits for the skin and internal organ function.

Not only is the oil locally made – being grown, harvested, cleaned, stored, pressed, filtered, and bottled all by the Wright family on their farm; it also has excellent nutritional value. This is thanks to the cold press system the Wrights use to make the oil. The process takes shelled sunflower seeds through a screw press, creating a black oil. The by-product, sunflower meal, is used as a high-protein cattle feed. The black oil is then run through a plate filter several times, getting lighter in color each time until it is a sunshine golden yellow. The oil is unrefined, meaning



Don and Dennis Wright turn their hundreds of acres of sunflowers into a nutritious, value-added, Kansas-produced oil that is good for cooking and baking, as well as a skin and hair moisturizer.



Dennis Wright showcases his sunflower oil with Chef Alli and Chris Fisher on WIBW in Chef Alli's apple dumpling recipe featuring an oil-based pastry dough.

there is no heat used in the pressing process. This allows the nutritional value to remain intact and no nutrients to be lost from the sunflower seed to the

bottle.

The Wrights press their oil in small batches to maintain the high quality product that retains its natural flavor, aroma, and high

nutrient level. The sunflower oil is similar to olive oil, with a low smoke point. The oil has a nutty flavor that can be carried through in your baking for a unique

addition to your dishes. Being unsaturated and carrying no trans-fats, the oil can be used as a healthy substitute in your cooking. The Wrights like to say it is



A cold press system filters the sunflower oil until it is golden yellow.

“the healthiest oil, made in the healthiest way, from our farm, to your table.”

The value of the Wrights' sunflower oil is obvious once you take it home to your kitchen. But Don and Dennis also create value through their farming methods. Being farmers in northwest Kansas they are in a low rainfall environment. To them, it is essential to conserve moisture whenever possible. They use no-till farming practices in order to keep the soil covered, slowing transpiration in the summer months and allowing the roots to decay naturally in the soil. This helps the soil's water-holding capacity. Tackling the water challenge head-on allows them to focus more on other challenges of growing sunflowers such as controlling weeds and insects.

It takes about 30 pounds of sunflower seeds, or between 75 and 100 sunflower heads, to produce one gallon of sunflower oil. The Wrights sell their oil in 16 oz and 32 oz bottles and it can be purchased in several groceries and stores across Kansas, including Kansas Originals, and online at shop.fromthelandofkansas.com. They also market their oil through the High Plains Food Cooperative, which serves over 300 families in the Denver and western Kansas area. The oil is also being included in a special Kansas themed holiday gift box produced by From the Land of Kansas, along with other products from across the state.

Using this local Kansas product in your kitchen is a wonderful way to celebrate our Kansas heritage. The Wright family is proud to produce their product completely on their family farm and know that it add new value to the way you cook. Perhaps Don Wright says it best: “We want to change your oil!”

Kansas holds animal disease response preparedness exercise

The Kansas Department of Agriculture held a tabletop exercise on Tuesday, Nov. 28, as the first stage of the state's annual emergency preparedness exercise. This year's exercise, named Phoenix, will continue Dec. 18–20, 2017, as the agency simulates a foreign animal disease event to practice the state's agriculture emergency response plan.

The three-day functional exercise in December will be based out of KDA headquarters in Manhattan, but



More than 100 people attended the animal disease response preparedness tabletop exercise last week in preparation for a three-day functional exercise that will be held in December.

will also involve multiple counties across the state in the simulation. It will enable KDA and its partners in other state agencies, federal and local government, university, agriculture industry, and several other states to practice the state's foreign animal disease response plan. More than 100 individuals attended the November tabletop event, and more than 200 individuals

plan to participate in the multi-day Phoenix exercise in December, which will be based on the confirmation of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in the United States.

Kansas leads the nation in foreign animal disease planning, training, and exercising, which benefits all partners across the state in understanding roles and responsibilities in a response.

Responding to a foreign animal disease like FMD will require cooperation among state, local and federal government, private industry, educational institutions and others to stop the spread of the disease and enable the industry to get back to business as quickly as possible.

“Agriculture is the largest industry and economic driver in Kansas, and an outbreak of a highly conta-

gious animal disease would be a high consequence event for the Kansas economy and could have a devastating effect on Kansas farmers and ranchers,” said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey. “We are grateful to have so many partners join us for this exercise in our effort to serve and protect Kansas agriculture.”

The KDA Division of

Animal Health has worked on a long-term strategic plan to improve its ability to respond to animal disease emergencies, including complex, interactive exercises involving a wide range of partners throughout the state. Each exercise builds upon plans and procedures that have been developed based on past exercises and actual emergency events.

In addition to KDA, which will operate as the Incident Command Post for the exercise, several counties will activate emergency operations centers as part of the Phoenix exercise, and several private facilities will participate to practice their own biosecurity plans.

Foot-and-mouth disease was last identified in the United States in 1929. FMD is a highly contagious disease of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, deer and other cloven-hooved animals. It is not a human food safety concern nor a public health threat. It is a primary concern for animal health officials because it could have potentially devastating economic consequences due to disrupted trade and lost investor confidence.

The exercise has been funded with a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



and grandchildren. They work years to leave a legacy of land or a business. Unfortunately, that shared dream is threatened by an estate tax that has hung above the heads of farmers and ranchers for far too long. If farmers cannot pass on their land from one generation to the next, it threatens the future of our farms and forces farmers and ranchers to find alternatives to keep the family business alive.

For the first time in more than 30 years, Congress is looking at major tax reform. The transfer of land used in farming and ranching must be part of this discussion. This remains a huge task and with the right provisions, and an updated federal tax code, it could yield economic growth across Kansas and rural America.

Land remains our paramount asset. Still it can also be the most difficult to come by as property values increase.

Younger farm and ranch generations remain burdened by the challenge of holding onto family property if they cannot pay the estate tax. If this occurs, they may not return to the family farm or ranch.

When Uncle Sam comes to pay his respects, surviving family members without enough cash may be forced to sell land, buildings or equipment they need to keep their operations running, just to pay the tax bill.

Rural communities and businesses suffer when farms and ranches are dismantled and farmland is sold. When this occurs near urban centers farmland is often lost forever to

development. The money farmers pay to the government in capital gains taxes is money that could be reinvested in the farm or ranch and indirectly into the rural community where the farm is located. Local machinery, fuel, herbicide, fertilizer and parts dealers will suffer. Such businesses keep people employed and provide much-needed money to local governments in the form of county or city sales taxes.

Estate taxes can also threaten the transfer of farmland between farmers and ranchers. As farmers consider retirement, they set the selling price of land or other assets high enough to recover the cost of capital gains taxes. This increases the likelihood farmland may be developed for other uses because few young farmers can afford to buy from these retiring producers.

Contact your lawmakers as tax reform legislation comes up for a vote. Estate tax relief will give future generations hope they can maintain the family legacy and keep the farm. Most importantly, estate tax relief will keep alive the American dream – if you work hard and plan ahead, you can pass the fruits of your labor to your children and grandchildren.

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.



"If you don't like change, leave it here," reads a sign the teenagers that work for me put on the tip jar at the pizza restaurant.

Oh, if only it were that easy.

In an effort to be forward-thinking and proactive, the publisher of *Grass & Grain* looked at our aging web press and the potential for disaster it posed if it were to break down, and decided to move the printing of *Grass & Grain* to Kansas City. What followed was a series of events no one could have foreseen or prevented... and lots of phone calls from subscribers.

About the same time we made our change, the postal service made one, as well. Discontinuing some of their routes and changing others, they went to a two-day standard for delivery. We were already going to be one day later due to production constraints, now it would be even one more day.

We are continuing to work with the post office to resolve the issues, and truly hope to be able to get the paper in the hands of our readers in a more timely fashion.

We're also encouraging all of our advertisers to run the ads for their events or auctions sooner than they normally would to make sure they are seen in time.

In the meantime, we hope you will take advantage of our online edition that is free to all print subscribers. It's very easy to set up – just call our office – and very easy to use on your computer, tablet or smart phone. It's available each Monday afternoon.

As for all those phone calls I mentioned; we understand that many of you are very frustrated with how this has gone, but for the most part, you have been very patient and kind when calling our office. We deeply appreciate that. Believe me, it's also been extremely frustrating for us, as we value every one of our subscribers and advertisers and want to make sure we deliver the paper to you as quickly as possible.

We sincerely hope you will ride this out with us as we get it all worked through. Change is never easy and rarely smooth, but we do appreciate your patience and continued support.



A couple of weeks ago one of my rams and I had a slight misunderstanding that resulted in him charging me. He didn't really hit me that hard and didn't stick around to finish me off. To be honest it was my fault for not paying enough attention and doing too many things at once and that is not the point of this column.

When I went down I landed on my left arm wrong and did something to my shoulder. It really hurt and continues to really hurt. I need to see a doctor, but our lovely health insurance has made our deductible so high I hate to think about what it might cost. I also do not have time to be laid up, so I am being the typical farmer and dealing with the pain and limitations. If it still hurts when I get caught up, I might go see the doctor.

The worst part is at night. A couple of times each night I roll over on it and it really hurts. The only way to deal with it is to go sit in the living room for a half an hour or so until the pain goes away. While I am doing that I watch a little late-night television and sometimes that is even more painful than the shoulder.

I am just amazed at the advertising and the claims that are made. I guess consumers are a little like lemmings and really don't take time to think things through and some of the claims made by these products. Last night I saw an ad for dog food that advertising it was made with farm-raised chicken. Any ideas of where else you might raise chicken? Wild or backyard were two options that came to mind right away. The obvious insinuation was that most chicken was somehow modified by evil corporations who probably developed it in a laboratory and either manufacture it there or on an even more sinister factory farm,

This dog food had pumpkin, blueberries, spinach and, of course, farm-raised chicken. I am not sure how much time these people have spent watching their dogs, but gourmet food with delicate flavors are probably not what dogs really want. They should follow my dogs around for a while and see what they pick out on their own to eat. Then we would be seeing ads for dog food made with three-day-old road kill that is unidentifiable in its origin with hints of fescue grass and calf feed. Dogs really don't care how the meat was raised,

where it came from or even how it was "harvested."

While this may make us chuckle, it is a sign of how far we have come in terms of the disconnect between farmers and consumers. All meat is farm-raised. Some is raised on bigger farms, some on smaller, but no matter the configuration all meat is raised on a farm. For that matter, all meat is antibiotic-free too. That is another popular claim I see on TV ads. All meat that is USDA-inspected is free of antibiotics but if you have never been on a farm or ranch, it is an easy trap to fall into. I would say shame on the company that makes a buck advertising these claims but it is possible that they don't even understand the differences.

The most outlandish ad I have seen lately was for vitamins. These vitamins would cure any malady, make you live forever and improve the lives of your descendants. Okay, maybe I am embellishing it a bit, but this product made claims that if you had even the most rudimentary nutrition knowledge you would know it was not true. However, the last claim made me fall out of my chair. The vitamins were advertised as GMO-free. I guess it is an accurate claim since vitamins don't have DNA, so they cannot be genetically modified. However, that makes the claim one of the dumbest, most outlandish I have ever seen.

Well, most ridiculous GMO-free claim I have seen this side of the paper plates I ate off of at a motel a couple of months ago. It demonstrates the total lack of understanding of basic science and the total disregard some companies have for honesty in marketing. Anything to attract attention and sell more product. Tap into the consumers lack of knowledge and exploit it for more sales regardless of what is right.

This will continue to happen until we make a better effort to educate our consumers and show them what we are doing. Present the sound science and exhaustive studies that our products go through to prove their safety. Companies marketing products will continue to make these claims until the consumer understands the farce. Who knows maybe there is a GMO-free painkiller out there that will help me sleep through these ads.

Kansas wheat farmer testifies to Senate Commerce Committee on data-driven farming practices

In November, the Senate Committee on Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, & Data Security convened a hearing titled "Technology in Agriculture: Data-Driven Farming," which examined the potential benefits of advancements in agricultural technology and the collection and utilization of data in farming. Kansas wheat farmer Justin Knopf, the vice president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and a National Association of Wheat Growers board member, testified on his own behalf.

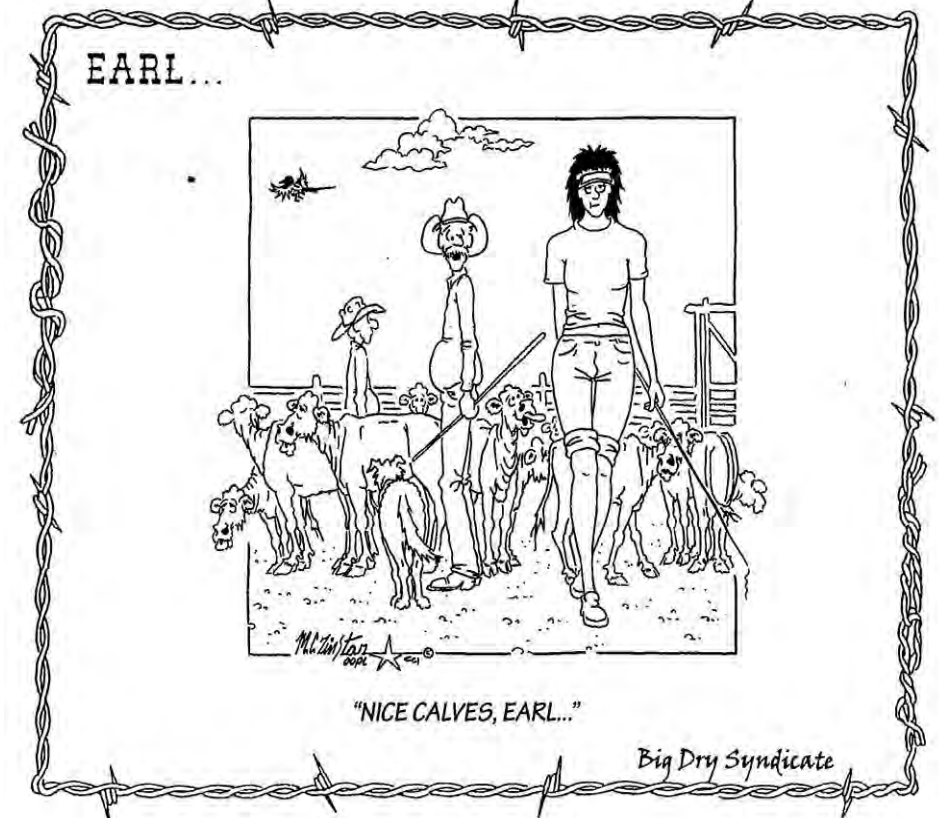
"Data is a valuable tool for Kansas wheat farmers, and future legislation regarding data and its ownership is a pressing matter for farmers around the country," said Justin Gilpin, CEO of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. "Justin Knopf is a cutting-edge farmer who realizes the importance of data, and the significance of farmers retaining ownership of the data gathered on their farm."

In his remarks, Knopf discussed how he collects and utilizes data to improve his farming practices. He stated that this is the "obvious benefit of data" which is to help farmers improve their management decisions. With the world population

growing to more than 9.1 billion people in the year 2050, Knopf argues that farmers will need to rely more on data and technological advancements to produce more food on less land and with fewer inputs.

"We are pleased that the Committee held a hearing on this very important topic and invited a wheat farmer to testify. Wheat farmers are continuing to utilize good stewardship and conservation practices on their farms which can be leveraged even more with better data," stated NAWG president Gordon Stoner. "However, as Justin Knopf remarked, while we find new ways to collect and utilize valuable data we need to make sure we protect the ownership interests and rights of farmers. Data must be used to help farmers improve their management practices and not misused or misconstrued by those who are not aligned with our interests."

Additional witnesses included Dr. Shannon Ferrell, associate professor, Oklahoma State University; Dr. Dorothea Haman, professor and chair, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Gainesville, Fla.; Mr. Todd J. Janzen, president, Janzen Agricultural Law, LLC; and Jason Tatge, co-founder and chief executive officer, Farmobile.



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National Young Farmer survey reveals a generation ready to defy odds

America's new generation of young farmers expects to overcome major barriers to their success in agriculture, including access to land, affordable health care, and mounting student loan debt, but success will require deliberate policy change at all levels of government, according to the 2017 National Young Farmer Survey. The survey was conducted by the National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC) in partnership with Dr. Kathleen Merrigan, executive director of sustainability at George Washington University and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

"The time is now for our country to help young farmers defy the odds, preserve farming as a livelihood, and revitalize our nation's rural economy," said Lindsey Lusher Shute, executive director and co-founder of NYFC. "This report proves that there are thousands of young people ready to build new farms in the United States, but we've got to do our part and make sure that they will succeed."

The survey, conducted with 94 partner organizations, collected data from 3,517 current, former, and aspiring U.S. farmers under 40 years of age. In its report on the survey, NYFC finds that the top challenge cited by young farmers is land access, particularly finding and affording land on a farm income. It is also the main reason why farmers quit farming and why aspiring farmers haven't yet started.

A groundbreaking survey of young farmers and ranchers

"America desperately needs young people to repopulate our farm and ranch lands. This survey reveals the daunting challenges they face. As policymakers sit down to write our next farm bill, I hope they pay attention to these survey findings," said Dr. Merrigan. "If nothing more is done to help transition young people into American agriculture, we will be importing all our food."

NYFC reports that young farmers surveyed are capitalizing on the demand for local food by selling directly to consumers and growing a diversity of crops and livestock. The survey also indicates a generation of producers strongly committed to environmental stewardship, with 75% of current young farmers describing their practices as "sustainable," and 63% describing their farming as "organic," though many of them have not sought certification.

Like their millennial counterparts, young farmers surveyed by NYFC were highly educated

and increasingly racially diverse, and despite challenges and relatively low income, the survey found high optimism: 63% of respondents said they are making or eventually would make sufficient income to meet their life goals.

"Things are changing in American agriculture and our perceptions and policies need to keep pace," said Dr. Merrigan. "This survey reveals that it's no longer Old MacDonald of storybook fame. Rather, it's Ms. MacDonald, a college graduate who didn't grow up on the farm and considers her farming practices to be sustainable or organic."

How lawmakers can help young farmers
Considering these findings, NYFC called on lawmakers to enact a slate of policy reforms it calls the "Young Farmer Agenda," which includes: addressing land access and affordability; helping young farmers manage student debt; increasing the skilled agricultural

workforce; enabling farmers to invest in on-farm conservation; improving credit, savings, and risk management opportunities for young farmers; and addressing racial inequity among farmers.

Young farmers need consumer, community, and business support

"Ensuring the success of our nation's newest farmers and ranchers requires deliberate policy change at all levels of government," said Shute. "It

also demands the support of every stakeholder—individuals, communities, and businesses."

NYFC called on supporters to act: help grow your local food economy; rent or sell farmland to young and beginning farmers; enable your business to be part of the solution; and join NYFC to add your voice to the young farmer movement. (For details, visit www.youngfarmers.org)

The full survey, includ-

ing the executive summary, charts, policy recommendations, and stakeholder action steps, are available at NYFC at www.youngfarmers.org.

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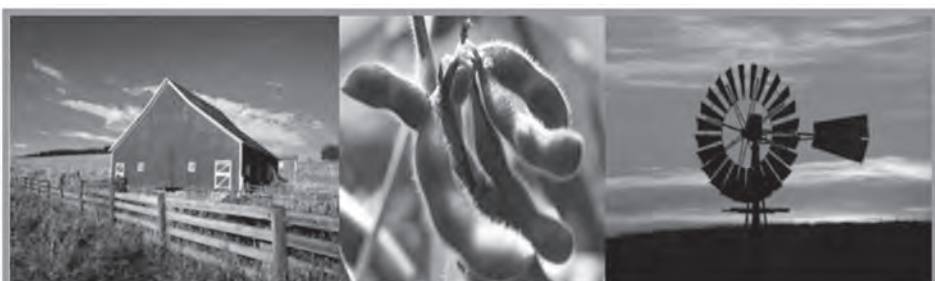
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Amy Feigley, Enterprise Wins Holiday Contest

Winner Amy Feigley, Enterprise: "As a child, my Grandma Ruthstrom would serve Swedish dishes on Christmas Eve. I am trying to continue that tradition, bringing some new Swedish traditions into our family. I made this recipe for a family reunion this past summer, and it went over well."

LINGONBERRY SPICE CAKE

7 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups dark brown sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cardamom
1 teaspoon ginger
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda or 2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup cultured buttermilk
1/3 cup lingonberry preserves

Grease and flour a 6-cup loaf pan. Melt the butter and let it cool. Beat the eggs and sugar until light yellow and very thick. Combine the dry ingredients and add alternately with the buttermilk, butter and preserves. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake on a low oven rack for around one hour, at 350 degrees.

Joy Pfizenmaier, Randalph: "This recipe my daughter-in-law gave me. I served it at the Green Ladies Birthday coffee. Everyone wanted this easy recipe. Good for this time of year!"

PUMPKIN SPICE CAKE

1 spice cake mix
3 eggs
1/4 cup water
15-ounce can pumpkin
8 ounces caramel ice cream topping
Tub of Cool Whip
1/2 cup toffee bits

Combine cake mix, eggs, water and pumpkin; beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Put into lightly greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool completely. Poke holes with wooden spoon handle halfway down into the cake. Pour caramel ice cream topping over the holes and cake. Top with Cool Whip then the toffee bits.

NOTE: No oil in this recipe.

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2017 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest

Mary Altenhofen, Westmoreland:

PEANUT LOG

1 cup sugar
1 cup white corn syrup
1 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup margarine or butter
4 cups Corn Flakes
2 cups Rice Krispies
1 cup salted peanuts

Combine sugar and syrup; heat until sugar dissolves. Stir in peanut butter and butter. Add Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies and salted peanuts. Mix well. Pour into greased pan.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos: "A very good winter holiday salad."

EVELYN'S CRANBERRY SALAD

2 cups raw cranberries
2 cups sugar
2 small packages cherry gelatin
3 1/2 cups hot water
1 cup celery
1 cup nuts
1 orange
1 apple

Grind cranberries and cover with sugar. Dissolve gelatin in hot water and cool. Grind celery, nuts, orange, apple. Add to the cranberries and mix all together well and let set.

Linda Elston, Lawrence:

SWEET POTATO PATTIES

2 quarts cooked & mashed sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cups cracker or bread crumbs

Mix all ingredients together except cracker crumbs. Shape into patties and roll in crumbs. Fry in butter until brown.

Maria Krohn: "Makes 30 good-sized brownies."

Kay Kruse, Hays: "Super easy. Great alone or added to your favorite yogurt, ice cream or whatever you like. Would be so quick and easy for the holidays and all your family."

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1/3 cup butter
2 tablespoons honey
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup chopped almonds
1/3 cup dried cranberries

In a skillet over medium heat add oil and oats. Cook and stir until starting to brown and crisp, approximately 5 minutes. Remove from heat and spread on cookie sheet. In same skillet over medium heat melt butter. Stir in honey and brown sugar. Cook, stirring constantly until bubbly. Return oats to pan then add cranberries and almonds. Mix well; cook and stir 5 minutes more. Pour out onto cookie sheet and spread out to cool. Enjoy.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance:

CINNAMON APPLES

6-8 apples, sliced
4 cups water
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup Red Hots cinnamon candy

Peel and slice apples; then boil them in water with the sugar and Red Hots cinnamon candy. After they come to a boil, lower the temperature and continue to cook for 20-30 minutes until apples are soft.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

2 cups powdered milk
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
Dash salt

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Store in a tightly covered container. To serve, use 4 tablespoons of mix to a cup of boiling water.

OPTIONAL: Can add marshmallows or dash of whipped cream.

NOTES: For a richer mix, add 1/3 cup powdered nondairy creamer and/or 1 to 2 tablespoons malted-milk powder. If you make a lot of hot chocolate in the winter, you can double the recipe.

JoAnne Breault, Wamego:

CRANBERRY FETA PINWHEELS

8-ounce carton whipped cream cheese
8-ounce carton crumbled feta
1/4 cup chopped green onions
5-ounce package dried cranberries
(4) 10-inch flour tortillas

Combine filling ingredients. Spread about 1/2 cup mixture over each tortilla and roll. Wrap each in plastic wrap. Chill 1 hour. Cut each into 10 slices. Yield: 40 appetizers.

Marcile Shippy, Woodbine: "We love these cookies. So good and nice for a Christmas Cookie plate."

BLACK FOREST COOKIES

12-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate morsels, divided
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter, softened
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
6-ounce package dried cranberries
1 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place 3/4 cup chocolate morsels in an uncovered large microwave-safe bowl. Reserve remaining morsels. Microwave morsels for 2 minutes on high; stir until chocolate is smooth. Stir in brown sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla. Add flour and baking powder; mix until well combined. Stir in reserved morsels, cranberries and pecans or walnuts. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto parchment paper covered baking sheet. Bake 12 minutes or until cookies are puffed and set to the touch. For a firmer cookie add 2 minutes to baking time. Cool on baking sheet for 2 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack and cool completely. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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Sharon Vesecky, Baldwin City:

PUMPKIN ROLL

3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup pumpkin
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3/4 cup rice flour*
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Handful chopped pecans (maybe 1/2 cup)
1 cup powdered sugar
4 tablespoons margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
8 ounces cream cheese

Beat eggs on high 5 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Set aside. Sift together flour, nutmeg, baking powder, salt, ginger and cinnamon. Fold into egg mixture. Spread onto a 10-by-15-inch greased and floured (rice flour*) pan. Top with pecans. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Turn onto towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Roll up towel and cake together. Cool. Beat powdered sugar, vanilla, margarine and cream cheese until smooth. Spread on unrolled cake. Roll up again. Chill.

*Original recipe called for all-purpose wheat flour

Joyce Jandera, Hanover: "This makes about 36 cookies. They are really yummy!"

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE TRUFFLES

11-ounce bag white chocolate morsels
10 tablespoons unsalted butter, cubed
6 tablespoons heavy cream
1/2 cup toasted pecans, chopped fine
1/2 cup finely chopped dried pineapple
1 1/2 cups sweetened flake coconut

In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine chocolate morsels, butter and cream. Microwave on medium in 1-minute intervals, stirring between each until almost melted, about 2 minutes. Whisk until mixture is completely smooth. Stir in pecans and pineapple. Pour into a 9-inch pie plate. Refrigerate until firm but not solid, about 1 1/2 hours. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Using your hands, roll balls to smooth edges. Roll in coconut. Cover and refrigerate for up to 10 days. Let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes before serving.

Barbara Barthol, Olathe:

POPPY SEED BREAD

4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup hot water
1 package yellow cake mix
1/2 cup nuts
1/2 cup oil
1/4 cup poppy seeds
1 package instant coconut pudding mix
1 tablespoon vanilla

Mix all ingredients together well. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Makes 2 small loaves.

Doris Shivers, Abilene: "This is so pretty."

FIVE-MINUTE TRIFLE

2 cups cold milk
3.4-ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix
1 loaf (10 3/4 ounces) frozen pound cake, thawed
3 cups fresh or frozen raspberries, thawed
Whipped topping & additional raspberries

In a bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Cut the cake into 1-inch cubes; place in a 2-quart glass bowl. Top with raspberries and pudding. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Garnish with whipped topping and additional raspberries.

NOTE: You can use any fruit you like.

Katrina Morgan, Americus:

BROCCOLI SALAD

6 cups fresh broccoli, cut in small pieces
1/4 cup white raisins
8 slices crisp bacon, crumbled
1 small onion, chopped
1 cup Miracle Whip
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon white vinegar

Mix broccoli, raisins, bacon and chopped onion. Then mix Miracle Whip, sugar and vinegar in a small bowl. Pour over vegetables. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

CHRISTMAS ICEBOX COOKIE

2 cups butter (no substitutes)
3 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
Dash salt
1 egg
4 1/2-5 cups flour
Decorating sugar

Beat butter in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer 30 seconds. Add sugar, cream of tartar and salt; beat until combined. Add egg, beat until well combined. Beat in as much flour as you can then stir in enough remaining flour to make a stiff dough. Divide dough into thirds. Shape into logs about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and 9 inches long, wrap and chill until firm, 1-3 hours. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cut rolls into 1/4-inch thick slices and arrange 1 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with decorating sugar. Bake until bottoms and edges are golden brown, 8-10 minutes. Makes about 90 cookies.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

HOLIDAY GELATIN

12 ounces crushed pineapple, undrained
2 packages raspberry gelatin or cranberry gelatin
16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce
2/3 cup chopped nuts
1 apple, chopped
Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add enough water to make 2 1/2 cups.

Bring to a boil in saucepan. Add to dry gelatin in a bowl; stir 2 minutes or until completely dissolved. Stir into pineapple all other ingredients. Refrigerate until firm.

Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis:

OATMEAL COOKIES BY THE GROSS

3 pounds soft shortening
3 pounds brown sugar
12 beaten eggs
3 pounds flour
6 teaspoons soda
6 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 pounds rolled oats (9 cups)
6 cups Corn Flakes
1 1/2 pints chopped nuts
Vanilla

Mix well and drop by teaspoons onto cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 300 cookies.

Kellee George, Lawrence:

WHITE CHOCOLATE CRANBERRY COOKIES

1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 3/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1/2 cup white chocolate chips

Beat butter in a large bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugars beating until combined. Add egg and vanilla and beat until smooth. Combine flour, baking powder and baking soda; gradually add to sugar mixture, beating well. Stir in cranberries and chips. Shape dough into 1 1/2-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 14 minutes or until golden. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

FLUFFY CRANBERRY RASPBERRY SALAD

2 cups frozen raspberries
1 package instant vanilla pudding
1/2 cup cranberry juice
1 can whole berry cranberry sauce
8 ounces Cool Whip
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Microwave raspberries in medium bowl on high 1 minute or just until thawed. Add dry pudding and cranberry juice; stir 2 minutes. Add cranberry sauce and stir until blended. Gently stir in Cool Whip, then marshmallows. Refrigerate 1 hour. Refrigerate up to 2 days.

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WACKY CAKE

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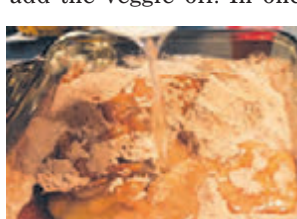
This recipe came from Cook's Country and here's a little history behind this cake: During the First World War, butter, eggs, sugar, and milk were often hard to come by, so women improvised and created these "make-do" cakes. Since the cake doesn't have any eggs, it relies on the last-minute reaction between the baking soda and vinegar to help the thick batter lift. Be sure not to over mix it and leave just a few streaks of flour in the batter. Also, don't try mixing it in another bowl and then dumping the batter in the pan as the reaction between the vinegar and baking soda doesn't last that long so it needs mixed in the pan and then quickly popped into the oven.

You'll need:
1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons veggie oil
1 tablespoon white vinegar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup water

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease an 8-by-8-inch pan.



In the pan, combine the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, and salt. Dig three holes, one large and two small. In the large hole, add the veggie oil. In one



small hole, add the vinegar and in the other the vanilla.

Pour the water over that and then stir until mostly combined with a few streaks left.



Bake for 30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar, and then serve with whipped topping. Enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, Prairie Gal Cookin' (www.prairiegalcookin.com). She shares everything from step-by-step recipes 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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Lydia Miller, Westphalia:

EASY CHOCOLATE TURTLES

(3) 6-ounce packages chocolate chips
1 can sweetened condensed milk
7 ounces marshmallow creme

4 cups pecan halves
2 teaspoons vanilla
Melt chocolate chips over low heat. Add remaining ingredients. After mixing drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Set in a cool place until hard. Store in airtight container.

Kellee George, Lawrence:

RED VELVET ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

1 box red velvet cake mix
2 large eggs
1 stick butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 gallon ice cream, softened

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a large baking sheet or jelly roll pan with parchment paper. Combine cake mix, eggs, butter, vanilla and salt in a large bowl and mix until smooth. Spread bat-

ter onto baking sheet and bake 18-20 minutes then let cool completely. Cut cake into two even rectangles. Spread ice cream onto one rectangle and place the other on top. Freeze for two hours and cut into squares and serve.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

PEPPERMINT MACAROONS

2 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon salt
14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
(2) 14-ounce packages sweetened flaked coconut

1 cup white chocolate morsels
1/2 cup crushed peppermint candies
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. In a large bowl whisk together egg whites and salt until foamy, about 2 minutes. Whisk in condensed milk and vanilla. Stir in coconut, chocolate and peppermint. Using a 1 1/2-inch spring loaded ice cream scoop, scoop dough onto prepared pans. Bake

until lightly browned, about 20 minutes. Let cool on pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans and let cool completely on wire racks. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:

MICROWAVE PEANUT BRITTLE

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 to 1 1/2 cups raw peanuts
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda

Mix sugar, syrup and salt. Microwave on high for 5 1/2 minutes, stirring once halfway through. Stir in peanuts and cook another 5 1/2 minutes, stirring halfway through. When finished, quickly stir in butter, vanilla, baking soda (last). Let mixture foam as you stir. Pour onto a buttered cookie sheet; cool.

NOTE: Watch mixture closely during last 5 1/2 minutes. If mixture starts to turn golden, it's done. Burns easily!

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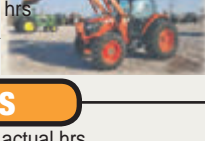
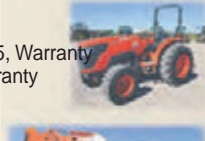
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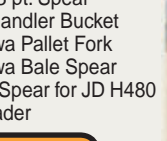
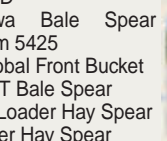
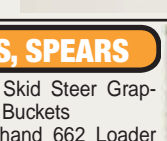
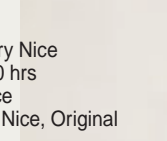
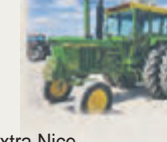
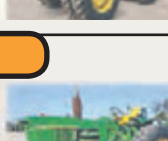
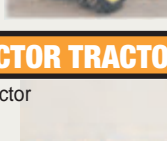
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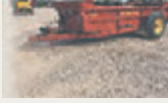
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FFA members truly living to serve

Thirty-nine FFA members from Axtell, Marysville, Valley Heights and several members from the K-State Ag Club were able to make 8064 meals for those in need on Monday,

November 13th. The meals made will do donated to The Food Panty in Marysville and also distributed in Marshall County schools backpack organizations to reach more people in need.

The program was through Marshall County Farm Bureau, KSU Ag Club, Wal-Mart, Valley Heights, Marysville and Axtell FFA chapters, J&J Excavating, Bremen Farmers Mutual, Farmer's Co-op, Ehnen's Auto, Valley Vet, State Bank of Bern-Axtell Branch, Landoll Corp., Ed and Marla Porting, Krammer Oil/CJ Express, Titan Trailer, and Nemaha Co. Co-op.

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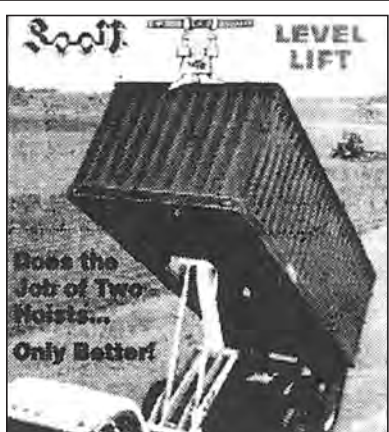
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AROUND KANSAS



Rance Howard has passed away. He was 89. Ken Spurgeon had the opportunity to work with the patriarch of the Howard clan (including sons Ron and Clint), on his recent film, *Home on the Range*.

"With a very heavy heart, we have learned of the passing of Rance Howard today," Ken said last week. "We had some precious times with him on the set of *Home on the Range* and when he came back this past May for a

screening at the Orpheum. He was a wonderful man, a Kansas/Oklahoma boy, and a master storyteller. I have lots of beautiful memories that I'll share someday. We were blessed to have him invite us to his home in Burbank this past summer where he graciously told us stories about Hollywood's past. What a gift and blessing. His son Ron's tweet is below:

"Clint & I have been blessed to be Rance Howard's sons. Today he passed

at 89. He stood especially tall 4 his ability to balance ambition w/great personal integrity. A depression-era farm boy, his passion for acting changed the course of our family history. We love & miss U Dad."

Other actors or crew from *Home on the Range* shared their thoughts on Facebook as well.

Mark Mannette posted, "RIP Rance. Such a privilege to have a chance to work with him."

Randy Edens performed in *Home on the Range* and Ken's other films as well. He posted, "Such sad news. I feel blessed that I got to meet and talk with him, the few times that I did. He loved acting and was easy to talk to, I was looking for to more opportunities for future discussions. He will be missed by many I am sure."

Around Kansas featured a segment with clips from both the film

and discussion with Rance and co-star Buck Taylor. You can find that on Facebook or in our archives at AroundKansas.com.

Home on the Range will be shown December 15, 6 p.m., at the Beaux Arts Centre in Fort Scott.

As a Kansan with roots in Mayberry, I was especially touched by Rance's performance and his comments on what this project meant to him. Ken noted that he was so nice, polite on set, something that doesn't always happen. He had an incredible career and as his son said, lived and worked with integrity.

He carried his Kansas values to Hollywood and we have all been blessed by his life.

Godspeed.
Deb Goodrich is the co-host of the Around Kansas

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Kansas rural population rate sees rapid decline

(AP) - A new federal report says rural areas across the country are losing population at an unprecedented rate as both people and industries are concentrating in urban areas.

"Rural America at a Glance" is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual report on employment, population and poverty trends in rural counties. The latest edition was released last month, the *Lawrence Journal-World* reported.

While Great Plains and Corn Belt states like Kansas have seen a decline in rural population for decades, what's new is the decline's extension into the eastern U.S., said John Cromartie, a geographer with the department's Economic Research Service.

Cromartie said one of the biggest contributing factors to the trend is a slowing rate of suburbanization on the edges of metro areas.

"In the past you would see rapid growth in areas around the edges of cities like Atlanta or Nashville, Columbus or Indianapolis," he said. "And that's just not happening right now."

Another factor has been the out-migration of young adults and declining birth rates among young adults who remain in rural areas, according to Cromartie. He also said there's been a rising mortality rate among working-age adults in rural counties.

The report didn't include data specific to counties or states. But it showed that population declines have become widespread throughout rural America since

around 2010. The number of "non-metro" counties losing population reached more than 1,300 between 2010 and 2016, with a combined population loss of just under 790,000.

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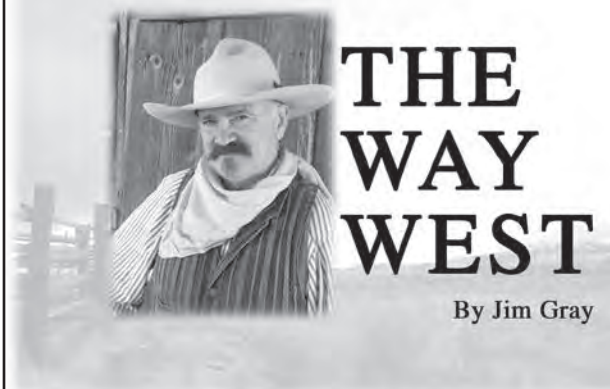
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The Wakarusa War

In late November 1855, settlers along the Santa Fe Trail south of Lawrence were faced with the troublesome concept of popular severity put forth in the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854.

Because early settlement was dominated by Missouri slave holders and slave sympathizers pro-slavery proponents expected Kansas Territory to enter the Union as a slave state. However, abolition and "free state" advocates rallied, sending groups of emigrants into the territory with the intention of outlawing slavery in Kansas.

Along Wakarusa Creek south of Lawrence abolitionists congregated. Their settlements reached eastward, eventually coming into conflict with pro-slave settlements. Along the Santa Fe Trail pro-slave proponent Franklin Coleman killed abolitionist Charles Dow over a disputed piece of land. Coleman surrendered and was placed under custody of Sheriff Samuel Jones, a pro-slavery man. In the meantime, Sheriff Jones also took an abolitionist, Jacob Branson into custody. However, in a few miles, Sheriff Jones found the road blocked by Bran-

son's friends and Branson was released.

The stage was set for a larger confrontation. Jones called on pro-slavery men to rally near the town of Franklin, a few miles southeast of Lawrence. Two hundred fifty men quickly gathered at the "Wakarusa Camp". Despite efforts to keep the town of Lawrence out of the conflict the resentment at Franklin quite naturally was directed toward the recognized seat of abolition. Sheriff Jones and his militia knew very well that the destruction of Lawrence could very possibly end the Free State abolition crusade in Kansas Territory. The Wakarusa Camp swelled to fifteen hundred armed men, fully intending to wipe Lawrence off the map. To his credit, even though he supported the men at Franklin, Governor Shannon did not want bloodshed. As governor over a divided constituency he hoped to somehow negotiate a peace.

As tensions rose, the citizens at Lawrence began to prepare for an attack from the "invaders." Free State militias arrived in Lawrence from other parts of the Territory. Approx-

imately eight hundred men with "Sharpe's" rifles, shotguns, and/or pistols drilled and built earthen defenses. They had even smuggled a cannon through pro-slavery lines.

On the other hand, Sheriff Jones was bent on complete destruction of the Free State Party. Relying on his authority as sheriff, Jones audaciously entered Lawrence to assess the situation. He was able to do so unmolested, while Free State leaders sent communications to Governor Shannon for help in diffusing the dangerous state of affairs.

On December 7, without Sheriff Jones, Governor Shannon and Colonel Albert Boone entered Lawrence to negotiate with Free State leaders, Charles Robinson and Jim Lane. Introductions were solemnly conducted over the corpse of Thomas Barber. He had been killed the day before while trying to pass through pro-slavery lines on his way home from Lawrence.

Shannon hoped to diffuse the situation with a convincing argument for disarming not only the Free State militias but everyone in Lawrence. Robinson and Lane refused.

They were not about to allow such an advantage to the Missouri men just beyond their city limits. Shannon returned to the Wakarusa camp with a promise that an agreement for peace would be reached the following day. That evening he learned that within the Missouri ranks men were preparing to attack no matter the outcome of negotiations. Shannon appealed to his military leaders to preserve order within their ranks. Every moment brought a new worry.

On his return to Lawrence the morning of December 8, 1855, Governor Shannon found a prepared document waiting for his signature. The treaty declared that the entire incident had been framed by one misunderstanding built upon another. Lawrence officials admitted to no part in the rescue of Jacob Branson and that the city was committed to upholding the Territorial laws of Kansas. In doing so they were recognizing Wilson Shannon as their governor, despite his pro-slavery stance. They demanded in return, due process within the Territory and bail for the accused. All persons arrested without

due process "shall be set at liberty."

Upon signing the document, Governor Shannon concluded with an address from the doorway of the Free State Hotel. Having assured the crowd that peace was at hand, he returned to Franklin to disperse the pro-slavery forces. Robinson and Lane accompanied him to face thirteen pro-slavery men. Over the next three hours the three men spoke to the crowd before retiring for the night.

The next morning, December 9, 1855, a brutal blast of winter blew in. With winter nipping at their heels the would-be warriors were forced to give up the contest and return to their everyday lives. The clumsy Wakarusa War was over, but it was just the beginning of troubles for those who chose to make their lives in the new territory of Kansas on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Executive Director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame. Contact Kansas Cowboy, P.O. Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

2017 Census of Agriculture gets under way

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has started mailing the 2017 Census of Agriculture to the nation's producers. Conducted once every five years, the census aims to get a complete and accurate picture of American agriculture. The resulting data are used by farmers, ranchers, trade associa-

tions, researchers, policymakers, and many others to help make decisions in community planning, farm assistance programs, technology development, farm advocacy, agribusiness setup, rural development, and more.

"The Census of Agriculture is USDA's largest data collection endeavor, providing some of the most widely used statistics in

the industry," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "Collected in service to American agriculture since 1840, the census gives every producer the opportunity to be represented so that informed decisions can support their efforts to provide the world with food, fuel, feed, and fiber. Every response matters."

The census will be mailed in several phases through December. Farm operations of all sizes which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2017

are included in the census. The census is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation.

NASS revised the census forms in an attempt to document changes and emerging trends in the industry. Changes include a new question about military veteran status, expanded questions about food marketing practices, and questions about on-farm decision-making to help better capture the roles and contributions of beginning farmers, women

farmers, and others involved in running a farm enterprise.

"Producers can respond to the census online or by mail. We highly recommend the updated online questionnaire. We heard what people wanted and we made responding to the census easier than ever," said NASS administrator Hubert Hamer. "The online questionnaire now has timesaving features, such as automatic calculations, and the convenience of being accessible on mobile and desktop devices."

The census response deadline is February 5,

2018. Responding to the Census of Agriculture is required by law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113. The same law requires NASS to keep all information confidential, to use the data only for statistical purposes, and only publish in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation. NASS will release the results of the census in February 2019.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (800) 727-9540.

Collaboration launches new wheat varieties for the CoAXium™ Wheat Production System

Three major agricultural organizations, Colorado Wheat Research Foundation, Inc. (CWRF), Albaugh, LLC and Limagrain Cereal Seeds, LLC (LCS) have announced the release of the first two new herbicide-tolerant CoAXium™ Wheat Production System varieties. Incline AX and LCS Fusion AX, both hard red winter wheats, will be launched in the fall of 2018 with certified seed available to growers in Colorado,

Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana and parts of Oregon and Washington. LCS Fusion AX is marketed by LCS, and Incline AX will be marketed under the PlainsGold brand by CWRF. CoAXium Wheat Production System is a joint collaboration focused on the delivery of innovative and novel solutions for wheat producers in North America and around the globe. The new, innovative CoAXium Wheat Production tech-

nology platform combines a patented herbicide-tolerance trait and elite germplasm together with novel herbicide brands and best-in-class industry stewardship.

"The CoAXium Wheat Production System is the product of vision, innovation and collaboration. Colorado wheat farmers, Wheat Breeding and Weed Science teams at Colorado State University, and our commercial partners are excited to implement this technology at home and share it with farmers around the country and the world. Incline AX is the first CoAXium wheat variety to help showcase the power of working together toward a common goal," said Brad Erker, executive director at Colorado Wheat.

"We are delighted to be involved with the release of one of the first two varieties for use with the CoAXium Wheat Production System, and we chose the variety name

LCS Fusion AX very carefully. The word fusion signifies the coming together of three major agricultural organizations in order to deliver this exciting new technology to growers," stated Frank Curtis, chief operating officer at Limagrain Cereal Seeds.

"CoAXium Wheat Production System was built from the ground up with innovation, performance and grower value in mind," stated Chad Shelton, Global Proprietary Products director at Albaugh LLC. "With the commercial launch of Incline AX and LCS Fusion AX wheat varieties, growers in the U.S. wheat market will start to maximize their return on investment by controlling tough winter annual grasses, including Group 2 (ALS) resistant biotypes. The CoAXium Wheat Production System is a combination of a patented herbicide trait, elite varieties, a new herbicide brand and a strong focus on industry stewardship."

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Sealed Bid Auction — bidding deadline Dec. 14 — Vacant lot on North Summit Ridge Dr., Tuttle Creek Lake in University Park. Auctioneers: Lonnie Wilson Auctions.

December 5 — Tractors, trucks, car, machinery, trailers, cattle equipment & tools held just north of Hunter for Doug Greiner Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 6 — Coins & guns consignments held at Lawson, Missouri (and online proxibid.com). Auctioneers: Gary Ryther Auctioneers, Inc.

December 6 — 77.44 acres Flint Hills grassland, building site, grazing, hay meadow held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

December 7 — 240 acres in Woodson County, cattle starting/growing facility, barn, pens, bunks, processing equipment w/7 BR, 3 BA home held at Yates Center for Bert & Cathy Carlson. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction & Realty.

December 9 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, misc. at Junction City for Mary F. Hall Estate & others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

December 9 — Antique furniture, collectibles, full line of household & garage items, 1969 El Camino (not running) at McPherson for Harold & Gloria Schrag Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

December 9 — Oil & gas producing equipment, farm equipment, UTV, storage units, misc. near Chanute for John & Juanita Mears. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

December 9 — Vehicles, trailer, household, shop equipment & tools, lawn & garden equipment at Lyons for Ray Legleiter. Auctioneers: Stroh's Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 9 — Tractors, combines, headers, trucks, trailers, machinery, old & salvage machinery, ATVs, livestock & misc., shop, antique car & collectibles near Marion & Elmdale for

Brad & Sharon Matz. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

December 9 — Semi tractor, tractors, equipment, grain trucks, trucks, trailers, ATV, mower, stationary engines, parts, etc., livestock & fencing equipment, tools & shop items, misc. & more at Fairbury, Nebraska for Multi-Party Farm Auction. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc. Real Estate & Auction Service.

December 9 — 135 acres m/l of Northern Nemaha County farmland, pastureland & wildlife habitat held at Seneca for Heirs of the Ambrose & Mary Ann Schmitz Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 9 — Tractors, Pickup, ATV's, Tools, Toys, Household, & Machinery held North of Waverly for Duane & Veva Young Estate. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

December 10 — Guns, ammo & other related items held at Lawson, Missouri. Auctioneers: Gary Ryther Auctioneers, Inc.

December 14 — Real Estate (commercial building & undeveloped lot) & business merchandise (office equipment, shearing equipment, forklift, spinning wheels, fencing, inventory of new show, sheep and goat supplies & more) held at South Hutchinson for Mid-States Wool Growers. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

December 16 — Guns from Civil War to new: shotguns, short guns, black powder, pellet, BB & cap guns, military collectibles, knives, western collectibles, salesman samples, traps, stationary engine, ammo, skeet thrower & more at Strong City for Private Collector. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction &

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Real Estate.

December 16 — 2.1 acre in the city of Olsburg with metal on wood frame warehouse building held onsite at Olsburg for Pottawatomie County. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 16 — Farm & ranch equipment of all kinds held at Burlington for Larry & Sandra Paxson. Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Auctions.

December 16 — 281 acres Wabaunsee County native grass land held at Alma. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

December 21 — Tractors & auto steer, semis, trucks, trailers, Cadillac, Corvette car & pickups, irrigation equipment & livestock equipment, machinery, 4-wheeler, lawn mowers & misc. near Sublette for Wayne Allen Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auction.

January 1, 2018 — Harley Gerdes 33rd Annual New Years Day consignment including farm & construction equipment held at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auction.

January 13, 2018 — Approx. 1,000 pieces of Fiesta collection held at Salina for Majorie Thorup Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 6, 2018 — Bull sale at Lacrosse for Cornwell Farms.

March 10, 2018 — Concordia Optimist Club Annual consignment auction held at Concordia. Auctioneers: Thummel Auctions.

AI topics to be discussed during KCA Regional Meeting in Fort Scott

Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) will host a Regional Meeting to discuss industry topics in Fort Scott December 5 at the Ellis Fine Arts Center on the Fort Scott Community College campus. The free event is open to the public and will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a USA Beef supper. KCA will provide industry updates and Dr. Drew Crisler of Fort Scott Veterinary Center and ReproLogix™ will discuss embryo transfer and IVF.

KCA is actively supporting independent producers in Topeka and Washington, D.C. KCA staff will be available to discuss current legislative work in addition to projects they are working on to help support independent cattle producers.

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• Winchester 74 .22 semi auto
• Winchester 290 .22 semi
• 2 Hamilton .22 boys rifle
• Remington 1902 .22 boys take down rolling block rifle
• 2 Stevens Little Scout .22
• Stevens Favorite .22
• Stevens Favorite .25
• 3 Stevens m26 Crack shot .22
• Stevens m1894 .32 long
• Remington .32 long, Octagon rolling block
• German .22 rifle
• Stevens m 07 .22 take down pump
• Werk Erfurt m 1 .22 single shot
• Stevens Junior .22 single shot
• Stevens m87A .22 semi
• Remington m 597 .22 semi
• Marlin m 6083 wagon Train comm. .22 semi
• Stevens Marksman .22
• Remington 514 .22
• Remington 1909 .22 take down
• Springfield m16 .22
• Remington 41 .22 bolt
• Remington Nylon 66 .22-brown
• Octagon barrel .22 percussion single
• J Stevens Octagon .22
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• Cimarron m1866 44-40 brass frame lever action, mint
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• Flint Lock .50 walnut stock with silver inlays
• Lebel MLE 8MM bolt action 1907-1915
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SHOTGUNS
• Winchester m24 16 ga. side by side
• Rare Remington m17 20 ga. pump, not many built from 1921-33
• Harrington & Richardson m 58 Topper single shot
• Remington m11 16 gauge semi

PELLET, BB & CAP GUNS
Daisy (Arkansas) 5 shot pellet rifle, 5 shot cylinder in barrel; 2 Crossman 350 BB slide action; Crossman .357 6 shot pellet; Daisy M 1200 BB hand gun; Benjamin Pellet rifle- old pump up; New pellet gun; Break Over pellet rifle, no name; Cap gun double action pistol, Long Tom, 10" cast iron in Lone Ranger holster; Make Star 6" cap gun.
MILITARY COLLECTIBLES
US 1913 bayonet; Unused US Bayonet-M14 or M16; German Dress Dagger (Nazi) 11" blade; German (Nazi) Bayonet 10" blade; German Dress Dagger, Rosewood handle, inlays, 14", (All for Germany on blade); Large Trench Art Lamp made from a .50 caliber, of lady dancing; Wooden Peg Leg; Powder flask from as cased set of pistols US Buckle; Brass Bugle.
KNIVES
Bowie custom made, engraved, 15"; Buck hunting knife, 6"; Buck folding knife, 4"; 3-Schrade Uncle Henry1981 LB7 USA folding knives, nib; S&W Special Ops flip blade folding; H. Stern Co. Solingen Germany hunting knife, bone handle; Walnut grip hand made folding; Sara Jane Rowe engraved Schrade hunting knife-USA.
WESTERN COLLECTIBLES
Brass Post office box-32 boxes; Pipe tomahawk; Display of 48 arrow heads found in Kansas and Missouri; Buffalo Hide coat; 5" Wells Fargo Brass Padlock; Wooden water canteen; Red Fox and Black Squirrel mounts; Leather tools; Sit down Harness vise; Sweet Heart #8 18" parlor stove (Coal or woodburning); 100 year old silver inlay spurs, 3" rowels; Other spurs; Leg irons; Hand cuffs with key; Hand Forged ID stamp for blacksmith shop; Cowboy leather chaps; Cartridge belt and holsters; Bit and Spurs hard back book by Ned and Jody Martin; 72" Wooden bow from 1880's; Wood and reed arrows-1800's, forged tips; 3 other wooden bows, 1 is Ben Pearson; 1932-33-35 Field and Stream magazines; Vintage ammo-rim fire; Louis Marx 1950's electric train set in box; 5 Santa Fe train cars -1950's; RR Caboose lantern-Southern Railway Co; Train picture; Civil war pictures; Boot Jack- Brown Bro's Chicago, Pat May 18, 1889; Box of Elephant ivory; Deputy US Marshall badge; Ice tongs; Balance scale; US saddle bags.
SALESMAN SAMPLES
Window display horse for Graf Harness Co. New Albany Ind. 17" tall, 18" long for display harness. The harness is mostly deteriorated; Horse Collar, Saddle; 8x20 Picture of Graf Harness shop.
TRAPS
Antique Bear trap-32" end to end with 11" jaws with teeth; Duke Bear trap 42" end to end, 16" jaws, (newer); Several hand forged foot traps; other traps.
STATIONARY ENGINE and scale model steam engines
Fairbanks 1 ½ hp stationary engine on truck; Several small steam engines.
AMMO
.30 cal clips for M1-4" and 2"; 9MM; 338 mag; 12 ga.; 35 Rem; 30-30; 270 black powder; Peters wood ammo box; Vintage rim fire ammo; Box 12 ga. Brass shells.
SKEET THROWER: Western Master skeet thrower on cart
OTHER
Coyote Decoy IOB; 1922 Victrola m IVV 280 cabinet type hump back-works; Allen Wall phone; **AND MORE**

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 — 11 AM
As we have retired we will sell the following at Public Auction located at The Farm from Chanute, KS jct. of Hwy 169 and Hwy 39, West on Hwy 39, 8 miles to Scott Road then 3 miles North on Scott Road to 10th Road then ½ mile West or from Buffalo, KS, 1 mile North on Hwy 75 to 2400 Road then East on 2400 Road 2 miles to Reno Road then North 1 mile on Reno Road to 10th, then ½ mile East on 10th Road.

OIL & GAS PRODUCING EQUIPMENT: 35) "Genuine" Pump Jacks (16000# Peak Torque); 9) Cook Pump Jacks; 6) Jensen Pump Jacks; 1) National Pump Jack; Several Reconditioned Pumps; Electrical Switch Boxes & Timers; 2) 4 Wheel Pipe Trailers; 2009 Bumper Pull, V-Bottom, Tandem Axle Pipe Trailer, Like new; 2 Wheel Trailer; 6" X 30" Pipe; Lots of 1" Used Pipes; Pipe Racks; Lots of Gauges & Valves; Oil Field Pumper Tools; 4) Large Steel Gun Barrels; 6) Steel Storage Tanks; 4) Fiberglass "Open" Top Tanks; Platforms, Ladders, & Walkways; 2) 8X10 Galvanized Buildings.

FARM EQUIPMENT (WILL SELL AROUND 1:00 PM): 2012 CIH Farmall 140 Tractor w/ L760 Loader, FWA, Like New- Only 612 Hours, Cab & Air, 3 Hyd., 3 pt. PTO, Bucket & Forks; Tractor has had excellent maintenance- Always shedded; 2615 Legend Bushog 15' Batwing Mower, 540 PTO, Nice! Always Shedded; 2) Fuel Tanks on Stands.

UTV: 2015 Kubota RTV 500 A.
STORAGE UNITS: 2) Approx. 26'x8' Semi Trailers w/Rolling Doors.
MISCELLANEOUS: Valves; Gauges; Water Pump; Hand Tools; Fuel Cans; Other items found on an oil lease.

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TRACT 2 Undeveloped lot, 1.35± acre, zoned commercial.
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TERMS: Closing to occur on or before Jan. 15, 2018. 10% down of purchase price day of sale, non refundable Earnest deposit to be held in Escrow. Title company fees to be split 50/50 between buyer and seller. 2017 taxes to be paid by seller. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over previous printed materials. Ruckert Realty and Auction are representing the Sellers.

BUSINESS PROPERTY: Scales, sheep panels, fiberglass sheep feeders, stir fans, metal wheel flatbed rail carts, wool carts, wool cards, ram marking harnesses, wooden conference table, wooden desks, office equipment, spinning wheels, display cases, sharpening wheel, shearing equipment parts, battery charger, grinding wheel, shelving, cash register, mineral feeder, Hyster propane fork lift, feed scoops, sheep shears, buckets, pallet racking, sheep trimming stand, sheep halters. Lots of Gallagher fencing supplies including chargers, all new. Large inventory of new show, sheep and goat supplies. **MUCH MUCH MORE!**
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Hunting Camp Cook

Fall is hunting season. Airports from Bozeman to San Antonio are filled with men in camouflage suits carrying gun cases out of baggage claim. They are

here to stalk the fleeting deer and the wily elk. And, they bring with them millions in revenue, part of which winds up in the pockets of outfitters and

guides. Good hunting camps do much to attract hunters, often year after year. Some camps are elaborate, others Spartan but all boast a good cook.

Hank's brother Dan ran a guide service in the Big Hole. He enjoyed much repeat business due, according to other outfitters, to his reputation of having the most entertaining camp in western Montana.

The star of the Big Hole Wilderness Experience and Wildlife Procurement Extravagance was Big Eddie, a puppy-hearted pit bull/Power Wagon cross. At 6-foot-6, 280 with a full beard, he took up a lot of room in a two man tent. He was, officially, the camp cook.

There was a natural hot spring near the camp. Dan

had tapped this resource by installing an 8-foot stock tank in the spring thus creating the only hot tub on the mountain. One twilight a member of the hunting party came in dog tired. He swung up the trail to the hot tub anticipating a good soak before supper.

Unknownst to him, Big Eddie was basking in a little hot water therapy. As the hunter stumbled into the clearing, Big Eddie rose to his full height, shedding water like a 300-pound buffalo robe and covered himself in surprise! The frightened hunter wheeled and ran into camp screaming there was a grizzly bear in the hot tub!

On another occasion Big Eddie had stayed in camp during the day to

watch the sourdough rise. From his tent that morning he spotted a nice cow elk ease into a clearing near camp. Eddie grabbed his gun, chambered a shell and stepped through the flaps. His dangling suspenders caught on the up-right and jerked him over backwards. A shot rang out! The propane tank exploded! The supply tent caught on fire, disintegrating a pack train full of expensive, down-filled, waterproof, brand-name, guaranteed, color-coordinated, Davy Crockett-recommended, eco-approved, nothing-under-\$300, stuff. Not to mention a couple of

Weatherbys.

But despite his frequent Boone and Crockett screw-ups, Eddie had a way about him that reminded the visiting hunter that they were in the presence of a primitive force.

Eddie served stew one night. The whiner of the group stirred it with a spoon and then griped, "I don't like carrots." Big Eddie bent over the petulant hunter. He took the plaintiff's fork and picked the carrots out of his bowl one at a time, and ate them.

"There," he said.

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Feds say all Kansas counties meet air quality standards

(AP) - Kansas says the Environmental Protection Agency has informed the state that all 105 counties in the state meet the most recent ozone standards.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said in a news release that EPA administrator Scott Pruitt recently sent a letter to Gov. Sam Brownback saying this is good news for the citizens of Kansas. Pruitt's letter also encouraged the state to continue efforts to maintain air quality that meets the 2015 ground-level ozone standards.

EPA strengthened its standards based on scientific evidence about ozone's effects on public health, particularly for at-risk groups such as children, older adults and people with lung diseases.

Kansas has 20 air monitors across the state.

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500-600	\$180.50 - \$192.00		14 blk	Wilson	445@174.00
600-700	\$164.00 - \$177.00		6 blk	Manhattan	440@174.00
700-800	\$145.00 - \$158.25		4 blk	Canton	446@173.00
800-900	\$142.00 - \$159.25		17 mix	Clay Center	422@171.00
900-1000	\$146.00 - \$160.00		6 red	Hillsboro	413@169.00
HEIFERS			9 mix	Lincoln	517@169.00
300-400	\$170.00 - \$179.00		4 mix	Courtland	465@167.00
400-500	\$169.00 - \$189.00		16 mix	Ellsworth	485@167.00
500-600	\$152.00 - \$169.00		14 mix	Wilson	509@161.00
600-700	\$150.00 - \$152.00		10 blk	Hutchinson	528@161.00
700-800	\$142.00 - \$153.00		6 blk	Wilson	519@160.00
800-900	\$140.00 - \$145.00		6 blk	Falun	528@160.00
STEERS			7 blk	Minneapolis	520@159.00
3 blk	Falun	418@207.00	7 blk	Canton	559@159.00
2 mix	Burrton	390@204.50	10 mix	Ellsworth	532@159.00
6 blk	Wilson	422@204.00	10 blk	Inman	528@158.00
10 blk	Ada	442@200.00	6 mix	Falun	500@157.00
6 mix	Clay Center	407@197.00	6 blk	South Hutchinson	515@157.00
13 blk	Manhattan	481@194.00	132 mix	Salina	743@153.00
5 blk	Lincoln	522@192.00	10 blk	Minneapolis	608@152.00
3 blk	Canton	493@191.00	12 blk	Minneapolis	631@151.50
7 blk	Hutchinson	484@190.00	4 blk	Falun	658@151.00
4 blk	Delphos	520@188.00	8 blk	Ellsworth	621@150.00
4 blk	Inman	509@187.00	36 red	Bennington	784@145.25
19 blk	Wilson	489@186.00	4 mix	Glasco	801@145.00
9 mix	Inman	545@186.00	CALVES		
13 mix	Ellsworth	502@185.00	1 blk	Durham	225@435.00/HD
10 blk	Bennington	529@184.00	1 blk	Salina	160@350.00/HD
8 blk	Ada	555@183.00	1 bwf	Falun	135@275.00/HD
3 mix	Lost Springs	547@180.00	1 bwf	Lehigh	70@250.00/HD
5 mix	Falun	533@180.00	1 bwf	Canton	60@200.00
17 mix	Ellsworth	561@179.00	COWS		
3 blk	Culver	507@177.00	1 blk	Tampa	1200@73.00
18 blk	Lincoln	604@177.00	2 bwf	Durham	1203@72.00
17 mix	Barnard	618@175.50	6 blk	Delphos	1740@68.50
7 blk	Minneapolis	615@175.00	1 blk	McPherson	1705@68.50
10 blk	Inman	605@175.00	1 blk	Delphos	1755@67.00
5 blk	Falun	600@175.00	1 blk	Abilene	1720@67.00
7 mix	Lost Springs	616@172.00	1 blk	Abilene	1935@67.00
21 mix	Wilson	620@172.00	1 blk	Salina	1555@67.00
26 blk	Ellsworth	635@172.00	1 blk	Salina	1605@66.00
14 blk	Brookville	629@171.00	1 blk	Lyons	1735@65.00
15 mix	Hillsboro	606@171.00	1 blk	Abilene	1875@65.00
19 blk	Minneapolis	694@169.50	BULLS		
60 mix	Valley Center	913@160.00	1 blk	Oakhill	1795@82.00
118 blk	Marion	861@159.25	1 blk	Marquette	2050@76.00
31 blk	McPherson	763@158.25	1 blk	Delphos	1575@76.00
52 red	Bennington	817@158.00	1 blk	Little River	2160@75.00
60 mix	Salina	316@156.75	1 blk	McPherson	1805@74.00
18 mix	Bennington	806@156.50	SOWS		
7 mix	Halstead	849@154.50	2 wht	Salina	658@37.50
22 mix	McPherson	873@154.00	1 wht	Salina	615@37.00
HEIFERS			HOGS		
12 blk	Ada	429@189.00	15 wht	Tescott	281@39.50
3 blk	Wilson	348@180.00	15 wht	Nelson, NE	279@37.00
2 bwf	Burrton	360@179.00	10 mix	Newton	286@37.00
6 mix	Lincoln	462@176.00	8 mix	Esbon	309@35.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th:

60 Mostly Steers, Home Raised, Long time Weaned, Vacc. 700-750. 80 Black and BWF Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Weaned and Vacc. 550-700. 12 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Vacc. Weaned, Running Out. 650-550. 12 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Vacc. Weaned, Running out. 400-600. 24 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Vacc. Weaned, Running out. 400-600. 20 Steers and Heifers, Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc. 700-800. 74 Steers and Heifers, Black, Home Raised, Weaned, Vacc. 500-700. 5 Steers, Red, Home Raised, Long time Weaned, all vacc. 60 Steers and Heifers, Black/BWF, 2nd round vacc, 400-750. 75 Black Steers, Home Raised, Weaned in Oct, 650-750. 65 Steers, No Sort, 800-850. 65 Heifers, No Sort, 750. 35 Heifers, Black, Weaned 45-60 days, 550-700. 19 Black Steers, Weaned 30+ days, Fall Vacc, Off Brome, Hotwire Broke, 550-600. 20 Heifers, 750. 10 Black Heifers, Long Weaned, Hay Fed, Open, 750. 60 Steers and Heifers, Black/BWF, Long weaned, off cover, 550-700. 4 Bulls and Heifers, Long Time Weaned, Bunk Broke, 2 Round Vacc, 300-400. 20 Steers and Heifers, 40+ days weaned, Fall Vacc.

IN STOCK TODAY:

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Tuesday, January 16
Tuesday, February 20
Tuesday, March 20

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Tuesday, January 2
Tuesday, February 6

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017:

COWS: 10 Black cows, 5-6 years old, black and reds bred to Winney Angus Bulls, Feb-April Calvers. 10/10 Black 3-6 yr old Pairs, Some are 3 in 1 packages. 172 Black Cows, 3-5 yr olds, mid Feb calvers for 75 days, Bred Angus. 77 Angus Pairs, 3-4 yrs old. 25 Black Spring Calvers, Bred Black. 15 Short, solid, mixed cows, bred to Wooden Cross Char. Bulls. 40 Red and Black Cows, 3-5 yr olds. 66 Black Cows, 4-5 yr olds, Bred Angus, Start April 1st. 40/40 Black Pairs, 3-5 years old, Angus Poars, AI Sired Calves. 100 Black Cows, 3-4 years old, AI Bred to Conneally Angus Bulls, Start Dec 31st. 35/35 Black 3-5 year old pairs, Aug-Sept Calvers. 9/9 Angus Pairs, 4-8 yr olds, bred Angus, 6 Angus Cows, 4-8 yr olds, bred Angus. 260 Black, BWF, and Red Angus Cows. 100 5 yr old Spring Bred Cows, 7 Bred Running Age Black Cows, Spring Calvers, 30 Black/BWF mostly 3-4 yr olds, calve mid Feb. Bred Black. 2/2 Running age pairs, Black cows and calves. 80 Red Angus Cows, 7-9 Years old, Start Feb 20th for 75 days. 28 Black Cows, 3-8 Years Old, Bred Angus. 35 Black, Young-Older, Bred McCurry Angus, March Calvers. 15 Black, Young Bred Cows and Pairs. 40/40 Running Age Pairs, 460 Black, BWF, and Red Angus Cows, 3-Older, Most of the Cows are Northern Origin, Bred Red Angus, Char, Or Herf. **BRED HEIFERS:** 16 Red Angus Heifers, OCHV'd, Bred to LBW Reg. Red Ang. Bull, All local Heifers, Poured and Scourguard. 20 Black Heifers, Home Raised, AI Bred, Cleaned up with Sons of Final Answer, Start Jan 20 for 60 Days. 140 Black/BWF Heifers, 1100 lbs +. Native Heifers, 2 Irons, PB Angus, or FI Cross. Start Feb. 1st, Scourguard, Bred Ohlde Angus. 125 Black Bred Heifers, AI'd to Connealy Sting Ray, Harms and Cow Camp Clean up, Feb 5th start. 175 Red Heifers, Montana and North Dakota Origin, AI Bred to 2 Irons Mushrush Express, clean up with Red Angus, Start Feb 5th for 60 Days. 150 Black Heifers, AI Bred to Barrett Walt 385, Fink Genetics on, Sons of Walt as Clean Ups, Start Jan 26 for 45 days. 25 Black Ang/SimX Heifers, 1100 lbs, OCHV'd, Bred to LBW Red or Black Angus Bulls, Start Feb 1st for 60 days. 150 Red Angus Heifers, OCHV'd, Bred AI to Brown Legend on 5/1 and 5/2, Cleaned up with Char. 5L Legend Bull, pulled July 1st, Piper Breeding, Home Raised in NE. Start Feb 7th. 45 Black Heifers, AI Bred, OCHV'd and Pelvic Measured, 1000lb+. 50 Black Heifers, Feb Calvers, Bred Black. 12 Red Angus Heifers, Home Raised, Bred to Red Ang. Start Feb 1 for 60 days. 10 Black Heifers, Home Raised Bred Black, Start Jan 25. 50 Angus Heifers, AI Bred to Top End LBW Angus Bulls, Start Feb 1st for a few days. **HEIFER PAIRS:** 10/10 Black Pairs, Some are Bred Black. 77 Black Heifer Pairs, Black October Calves.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st:

100 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Long time weaned, Vacc, 600-750. 30 Black Heifers, Long time weaned, 600-700. 27 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Long time weaned, 2nd Round Vacc, Open. 600-750.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, Weaned/Vacc Sale:

75 Black Steers and Heifers, 500-700. 5 Steers and Heifers, Black/BWF, 350-500. 38 Steers and Heifers, 500-700. 12 CharX Steers and Heifers, 500-650. 41 Steers and Heifers, Mostly Black, Home Raised, Weaned 65+ Days, Snd Round Vacc, 600-700. 20 Red Angus Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 19th, 600-700. 120 Steers and Heifers, Black, Weaned Nov 5th, 650-800. 8 Steers and Heifers, Weaned 60 days, 2nd round Vacc, 550-700. 75 Steers and Heifers, 45 Days+ Weaned, Mostly Black, 500-600. 100 Steers and Heifers, 45 Days+ Weaned, Mostly Black, 500-600. 40 Steers and Heifers, Blk/BWF, Weaned 12 Weeks, 2nd Round Vacc, 600-800. 45 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Fink Cows, Hemmy Angus Bulls. 550-700. 250 Black Steers and Heifers, 90 Days Weaned, 600-800. 70 Black and Red Steers and Heifers 700-800. 80 Black Steers and Heifers, 500-650. 200 Steers and Heifers, 650-750. 55 Steers and Heifers, 600-650, 100 Steers, 700-750. 100 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1st, 550-900, 75 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned Oct 1st, 550-850. 45 Steers and Heifers, Black, Vacc, Weaned 75 Days +, Open, 550-700. 35 Mostly Black Steers and Heifers, 400-650. 40 Black Steers and Heifers, 600-700. 70 Steers and Heifers, Blk/BWF, 500-600. 107 Black Steers and Heifers, Swanson Sired, Balancer, 700-800. 20 Black Steers, 650-700. 125 Sim/Ang. Steers and Heifers, Cow Camp Sired, 700-850. 100 Black Steers and Heifers, 600-750.

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