



MKC named 2017 Precision Impact Award Winner

MKC has been named the recipient of the Precision Impact Award by AgPro magazine at the 2017 Ag Retailers Association (ARA) Conference and Expo on November 30, 2017. This prestigious award recognizes one ag retail company in the United States for the outstanding people, programs and organizations that are making a difference in the precision ag industry. The award is co-sponsored by ARA and SST Software.

"The award reflects our great customers," said Dave Spears, MKC senior vice president and CMO. "MKC is better because of progressive producers that continue to raise the bar for all of us. In addition, this achievement was earned because of our precision ag department and agronomy divisions'



Pictured at the awards ceremony are, from left: Margy Eckelkamp, Editor, AgPro; Patrick Sanders, Key Account Manager, SST Software; Troy Walker, Precision Ag Manager, MKC; Ross Benisch, Precision Ag Specialist, MKC; Daren Coppock President & CEO, Ag Retailers Association

focus on providing unique and innovative solutions. Without their dedication, passion and hard work, this award would not have been possible."

For the past eight years, the team at MKC including Precision Ag Specialists Ross Benisch and Craig Miller has focused on growing its offerings to serve farmers with precision ag services. To help show growers the value of adopting precision ag while being mindful of the cost, MKC has rolled out a new program, Optimal Acre. This includes a four-year contract for grid soil sampling, VRT fertilizer and seeding prescriptions, data analysis, and WinField United R7 in-season imagery with the costs spread out over four years.

"We are extremely

honored to receive this award, and look forward to further innovation in our precision ag offerings for farmers," said MKC Precision Ag manager Troy Walker. "We have seen the great value and benefits precision agriculture provides to our customers, and we will continue to help our growers understand the data to help them be as successful as possible."

A leader in the industry, the core of MKC's precision business is centered on data — analytics, analysis and more. With variable rate prescriptions for fertilizer, seed, and irrigation, MKC is helping farmers maximize their input investment.

More information and feature video about the award can be found at www.precisionag.com.

Titgemeyer named KSU Animal Science and Industry interim department head

Dr. Evan Titgemeyer, Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry graduate program director and research coordinator, has been named the KSU ASI interim department head effective Jan. 2.

Titgemeyer joined the K-State faculty in 1992. With 70% research and 30% teaching appointment, his research focus has been ruminant nutrition and he primarily teaches graduate nutrition courses. His research program has been very productive as evidenced by 150 journal articles and more than \$2 million in research support.

"Our department has a long history of meeting the needs of stakeholders



by providing excellent teaching programs, relevant Extension programs, and growing research programs that all target the needs of the livestock and food industries of Kansas," Titgemeyer says. "My goal as the interim department head is to build on these strengths. I'm excited about

the opportunity to help our great faculty and staff continue their mission of serving the needs of Kansans."

Titgemeyer grew up on a small family farm in northwest Ohio. Following completion of a bachelor's degree at The Ohio State University in 1984, he completed both master's (1986) and Ph.D. (1989) degrees at the University of Illinois. His graduate work was focused on determining amino acid requirements of growing cattle; this is an area of research where he is still active. He also completed post-doctoral training at the University of Illinois in the area of fiber chemistry before joining the KSU ASI faculty.

Titgemeyer's research

program studies amino acid utilization by growing cattle and has demonstrated that the efficiencies of amino acid use for growth differ among the amino acids, and are often much less than predicted by current models. Eleven of his graduate students have been placed as university faculty.

He has served as a section, division and associate editor for the Journal of Animal Science. He received the 2016 American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Fellow Award: Research Category and the American Feed Industry Association Award in Ruminant Nutrition Research in 2007.

Evan and his wife, Lori, have two children, Taylor and Jack.

Kansas Corn begins second class of Kansas Corn Corps

Kansas Corn kicked off the first session of the Kansas Corn Corps Class 2 recently outside of Junction City at Rock Springs Ranch. Kansas Corn created the program in 2015 as a way for young farmers to network, learn more about the corn industry and develop new business skills that can benefit their own operations in the future.

"Kansas Corn is hosting this program to invest in our young farmers," says Stacy Mayo-Martinez, Kansas Corn industry relations director. "The Corn Corps participants will



Class 2 kicked off their Kansas Corn Corps experience and is looking forward to learning more about the Kansas Corn industry and opportunities to enhance their own farms. Pictured are, front row from left: Alicia Allen, Sara Ellison, Tyler Millershaski, Arissa Kennedy, Hayden Guetterman Back Row: Ben Bellar, Chris Ostmeier, Garrett Kennedy, Ryan Niehues.

walk away from all three sessions with skills they can put back into their operations and are introduced to opportunities to get engaged in various ways to move the corn industry forward."

The focus of the three-day session was welcoming the new participants, building an understanding of their strengths, understanding their roles as young farmers and learning more about the state, national and international corn industries.

"The relationships we are building within members in our group and the presenters we are meeting stretch our way of thinking," says Garrett Kennedy, Corn Corps Class 2 par-

icipant. "The way I view things on the farm will not be the same after being a part of this group. I greatly look forward to the challenge this group brings. From ideas that push us past our current thinking to new relationships that encourage us, Corn Corps is challenging us to improve individually, as a couple, and as a farm."

This program is funded by both the Kansas Corn Growers Association and the Kansas Corn Commission. It is free to all members of KCGA that are under the age of 45 and play active roles on their farming operations. Learn more at ksccorn.com/corncorps.

The Kansas Corn Corps

Class 2 participants are listed below with their names, farming operations and hometowns.

David and Alicia Allen, Smith Cattle Company, Sharon Springs

Ben Bellar and Sarah Ellison, Bellar Farm Inc., Howard

Hayden Guetterman, Guetterman Brothers Family Farms, Bucyrus

Garrett and Arissa Kennedy, Knopf Farms/Tri-Valley Seed & Services, Gypsum

Kyler Millershaski, MK Farms, Lakin

Ryan Niehues, Niehues Farm, Goff

Chris Ostmeier, Ostmeier Family Farms, Park City

Canola College 2018 planned for Jan. 19 in Enid, Oklahoma

The latest developments in canola production and marketing will be highlighted at the Canola College 2018, this year set for Jan. 19 at the Chisholm Trail EXPO Center, 111 W. Purdue, in Enid, Oklahoma. The conference is sponsored by Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, Great Plains Canola Association, and canola industry partners.

Canola College will once again be the premier canola educational event in the region, said Mike Stamm, K-State Research and Extension canola breeder. "We feel like this year's topics are tailored specifically to the needs of new and experienced canola producers," Stamm said.

"Producers will hear about research we have been conducting over the past several years with regard to seeding rates and genetics, and their interactions. Also, we will address how timely harvest management is critical to maximizing yield and oil content," he said.

Canola College is for anyone with an interest in canola production including new and experienced producers, crop insurance agents, bankers, members of agricultural governmental agencies, and canola industry service and product suppliers.

Opening and concurrent breakout sessions include:

- * Why We Grow Winter Canola – Heath Sanders, OSU agronomist and Josh Bushong, OSU agronomist;
- * Advanced Production Practices – Bob Schrock, grower, Kiowa, Kansas, Jeff Scott, grower, Pond Creek, Oklahoma, and David Seck, grower, Hutchinson;
- * Interactions of Seeding Rate, Row Spacing, and Genetics – Kraig Roozeboom, K-State cropping systems specialist;
- * Canola Cropping Systems – Josh Lofton, OSU Extension cropping systems specialist;
- * Managing Harvest to Maximize Yield and Oil Content – Mike Stamm, K-State canola breeder;
- * Canola Harvest Management and Combine Adjustment – Randy Taylor, OSU agricultural engineer;
- * Canola Economics – Trent Milacek, OSU Extension agricultural economist and Rodney Jones, OSU Extension agricultural economist;
- * Weed Control – Misha Manuchehri, OSU Extension weed scientist;
- * Disease Control – John Damicone, OSU Extension plant pathologist; and
- * Insect Management – Tom Royer, OSU Extension entomologist.

Attendees will have the opportunity to visit a perennial favorite – the Canola Learning Lab. A meal and coffee breaks will be sponsored by members of the canola industry. The lunch program will include updates from Canola College sponsors. Time will be allotted on the program for attendees to meet with sponsors at their booths.

Register for Canola College 2018 at: www.canola.okstate.edu

For more information, contact Mike Stamm at 785-532-3871 or mjstamm@ksu.edu.

The deadline for the January 2 issue of Grass & Grain will be Friday, December 29 at 10 a.m. for classifieds and noon for display advertising.

Due to the New Year's holiday, delivery will be one day later.

The staff at Grass & Grain wish you and yours a Happy New Year.



The Gift of Memory

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau
If I could request but one gift during the holiday season, I'd ask for a book. Books abound with a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. They provide hours of adventure and entertainment rarely found anywhere else in today's culture.

A couple of books I would like for on any wish list include, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese and *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. *Cutting for Stone* is

about Marion and Shiva Stone who are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance and bound together by a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. This novel is an unforgettable journey into one man's remarkable life, and an epic story

about the power, intimacy and curious beauty of the work of healing others.

Pillars of the Earth is set in 12th-century England and the story line revolves around the building of a cathedral in the fictional town of Kingsbridge. The ambitions of three men merge, conflict and collide throughout 40 years of social and political upheaval as internal church politics affect the progress of the cathedral and the fortunes of the advocates.

Another book I once read, and pick up to review from time to time, is Howard Thurman's *The Mood of Christmas*. The message in Thurman's book revolves around a gift he says everyone should enjoy and use in the best way. This gift is memory.

Thurman defines memory as, "one of God's great gifts to the human spirit without which neither life nor experience could have any meaning."

What Thurman urges in his book is to use your memory now, today and often. Think what a priceless gift it is.

What if you had no memory?

Every second, minute and hour of every day would have to begin for the first time. Learning would be impossible, and education would be meaningless.

Instead, humans have the power to store vast amounts of information and experiences throughout their lives. All we must do is think about it and we can recall these thoughts and experiences

on demand with the use of our memory.

Some people store only unpleasant memories. Every slight is filed away. When a later encounter is made with the person responsible for the offense, the individual is chastised again, either mentally or verbally.

After a period, the memory storehouse is full of unpleasant thoughts. The mind is filled with suspicion, resentment and hate.

For others, only pleasant thoughts are stored for safekeeping. Such thoughts can be summoned at a moment's notice. They restore faith and re-establish confidence in life at difficult and trying times.

Remember with the coming of the New Year,

look to the future with hope - the confident expectation of good. Use the gift of memory to your benefit. Enjoy past experiences and remember life is what you make of it.

Make it good.

And as for reading or giving a book this holiday season, there are plenty of other wonderful books waiting to be read. So, go on-line, visit your favorite book store or swap books with a fellow reader. Just remember, this is the perfect time of year to read a book.

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.

Chapman FFA Alumni plans centennial celebration

Plans are in the works for the 100-year celebration of Agricultural Education in Chapman. Members of the Chapman FFA Alumni will host a community celebration Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Chapman High School in conjunction with the annual FFA Work Auction.

The celebration commemorates the U.S. Congress signing the Smith-Hughes National Vocational Education Act of 1917, which promoted and provided federal funds for vocational agriculture programs to train people "who have entered upon or who are preparing to enter upon the work of the farm." Chapman High School, then Dickinson

County Community High School, was one of the first schools to establish an agriculture program under the act. In fact, records show the school had agricultural curriculum dating back to 1908.

With the assistance of Chapman Area Preservation Society and the Talmage Historical Society and Museum, academic catalogs from Dickinson County High School have revealed information from the program's early years, 1908-1932. These special pieces, along with many other items, will be on display during the celebration.

Registration for the event will begin at 3 p.m. at the Chapman High

School entryway. Social hour, tours of the school, silent auction and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) fair will be from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A formal presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. featuring alumni and former advisers highlighting a century of achievements in agricultural education in Chapman and looking to the future.

Following the presentation, a group photo will be taken of all alumni in attendance. Former members are encouraged to dust off their FFA jackets to be worn or shown in the picture.

Dinner will be catered by Ricky's Café starting at 6 p.m. for \$10 per plate.

Tickets will be limited, but can be held at registration for those who RSVP. To RSVP please reach Melissa Reed at melissa.hildebrand.reed@gmail.com or 785-477-9313. Free childcare will also be available for those who RSVP with the names and ages of those children needing care. Childcare will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue through the work auction.

The work auction will then begin promptly at 7 p.m. and will auction FFA members to perform eight hours of labor. The work auction committee also seeks donations of items from area businesses to help reach their fundraising goal of \$20,000. Funds

support FFA senior scholarships for secondary education and scholarships to defray the cost of attending the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

For the first time, area businesses have the opportunity to show their support for the Chapman FFA through Work Auction sponsorship. Interested business leaders should contact Rebecca Stoffer at jrstoffer@eaglecom.net for more information.

The Chapman FFA Alumni continues to seek memorabilia, photos and stories related to Chapman FFA's storied history to compile in a keepsake booklet, as well as to be

loaned for display during the celebration. Items of special interest include FFA jackets from the program's early years, including the 1930s and '40s, as well as an FFA sweetheart jacket. Contact Shannon Krueger at skrueger03@gmail.com with information regarding any contributions of photos, stories or memorabilia you may be able to make to the Chapman Agricultural Education story.

The next planning meeting for the celebration will be Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapman Ag. Building. The meeting is open to all alumni and friends interested in helping with event preparations.

U.S. soybean farmers see record \$28 billion in exports

Farmer investments in international markets produced strong results in the 2016/2017 market-

ing year.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. soybean farmers exported a

record 2.6 billion bushels of U.S. soy and soy products, valued at over \$28 billion last year. It

marked the second year in a row that exports exceeded 60 percent of U.S. soybean production.

But record soybean production is no longer enough to ensure markets

for U.S. soy.

"Soy production is growing worldwide and end users have choices," says Derek Haigwood, soybean farmer from Newport, Arkansas, and

director on both the United Soybean Board and the U.S. Soybean Export Council. "To position the U.S. as a preferred supplier, we need to differentiate our product and farming practices to customers around the world."

Global economic growth is increasing demand for soy worldwide. To maintain and grow market share globally, the soy checkoff is making investments in areas where U.S. soybean farmers have the greatest opportunity to differentiate their product. More specifically, the checkoff is focused on growing sustainable soybeans that produce better quality meal and oil for end users.

"While exports are rising, U.S. soybean farmers can take even more market share if we differentiate ourselves in the global marketplace," says Haigwood. "Improvements to meal and oil will help us keep a strong foothold in these crucial overseas markets."



By the time you read this 2017 will nearly be in the books and 2018 looms on the near horizon. That does not even seem possible, it wasn't that long ago that 2018 seemed like a lifetime away and now it is this year. It is true that the older you get the faster time goes by; that is kind of scary. In any case, 2017 is nearly in the rearview mirror.

Personally speaking, 2017 was one heck of a year. Last year I could never have imagined what kind of wild ride 2017 was going to take us on. We were comfortably settled in our "forever" house, the one the kids were going to have to move me out of when I went into the home or "home." One thing 2017 did was to teach me to never say never. Less than a month before we bought the new place, I made fun of a friend who was moving and said I would never do that again. In less than a month I was negotiating on our house and eating crow.

It is funny how moving can change your perspective on things. Maybe it was going through everything and all the memories that stirred up. At some point this year I came to the realization that my kids were no longer children but young adults and contributing members of society. Despite my parenting blunders they seem to have turned out just fine. I suppose there is some comfort in that, but it is disconcerting to suddenly realize that their childhood is behind them. Much like Christmas coming and going each year, I have the unsettling feeling of having missed something.

I am not sure if it is a good thing, but it is bittersweet to walk out of a house leaving it just as empty as the day you bought it and moved in. In that last pass-through of the house you see all the scars on the walls evidence that life was lived, and memories were made there. The last time I was in the house I was there by myself and I swear I could hear the kids echoing through the rooms. I admit I am sentimental and this whole year has been one of difficult transitions for me. The week before the closing on the old house Tatum wanted to go back one last time for some closure. I couldn't admit it to her at the time, but I just could not go back.

Yes, moving was hard and traumatic but it was also exciting and one of the best things I have ever done. The new house feels more like home and my life is dramatically easier. There are times I miss the "alone time" I had when I commuted back and forth, but those times are very few and I enjoy the extra hour I have much more. This past week I finally got my pens done, animals situated, and I could take a deep breath, reflect and give thanks.

Yes, 2017 was one heck of a ride. We had our successes and our setbacks and, in the end, lived to tell about them. Survive and move on, that seems to be my goal each year. This was a year of the highest highs and the lowest lows but one that we will, undoubtedly remember forever. Events beyond my own farm, community and little piece of the world were exciting, entertaining, troubling, unsettling and unpredictable. The only thing I am sure of is that I am unsure of what might happen.

I do know this. Last night I walked out of the house to check the ewes and as I leaned up against the fence and observed something. I felt a comfort, a peace and a satisfaction that I had never felt before. Maybe it is just getting older and coming to the realization that I should be satisfied with my life. Could it be that I have finally learned that no matter what you have, life goes by too quick and instead of worrying about what we don't have we should appreciate what we have been given? Life and all the things we hold near and dear are gifts and we should treat them as such, enjoying them, savoring each moment and spending less time fretting.

No, I have no idea what 2018 will bring. I really hope it is not as exciting or challenging as this past year, but I suspect it will hold its own surprises. It is probably a good thing we cannot see into the future and know what is coming. I am just glad that I had a moment of time to step back and reflect on this crazy past year before I buckled my seat belt in anticipation of the rollercoaster up ahead. Bring on the new year, I am as ready as I will ever be.



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Kansas State University officials say food supply threatened

(AP) – The president of Kansas State University has told Congress that the school needs federal funds to continue vital research into fighting disease and biological threats that he warned could devastate America's food supply.

"Hungry people are unhappy people," President Richard Myers testified. "America still feeds the world and there is an urgent need to protect America's food crops, food animals and food supply from naturally occurring and intentionally developed and delivered biological threats. Either could be devastating."

Myers said the university needs federal funding to

continue research on four emerging animal diseases, the *Wichita Eagle* reported. The university has been using its own biological isolation labs to research Rift Valley fever, Japanese encephalitis and two variants of swine fever in anticipation of the opening of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, he said.

The more than \$1.2 billion facility is under construction near the university's Manhattan campus and is expected to operate starting in 2022 or 2023. But Myers said Kansas' commitment to pay for disease research will end in 2019, so the school will soon need federal assistance to continue until the facility opens.

He also said the country needs more agricultural scientists, veterinarians and doctors who have the necessary security clearances to act on classified intelligence information.

Republican Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, who serves as chairman of the Agriculture Committee and who invited Myers to testify, said Myers' recommendations should be written into Congress' next farm bill. Roberts said agricultural security is important "to consumers, the American economy and the safety of our country."

Congressional tax bill: benefits and concerns for ag

The national ag accounting and business advisory firm K-Coe Isom said the House-Senate tax bill provides near-term benefits to many ag producers but rate reductions and estate tax changes beneficial to ag are temporary.

"The core of this bill is a 21% flat rate for C corporations," said Doug Claussen, Principal and CPA with K-Coe Isom. "Most farm businesses are not structured as C corps and won't benefit from this rate unless they restructure. For farms that are structured as C

corps, those in the 15% tax bracket would actually see a tax increase from this flat rate. The majority of farmers, however, are sole proprietors or structured as pass-through entities. These farmers should see some benefits from the deduction for business and pass-through income, immediate expensing of capital purchases, and to some degree from reductions in individual rates."

The House-Senate Conference bill cuts the tax rate for C corporations to 21% from 35% beginning in 2018 and reduces tax rates for the highest individual

earners. The bill also includes a 20% deduction on business and pass-through income and flattens and reduces individual rates – though by a much smaller amount. Finally, the bill effectively repeals the alternative minimum tax for many farmers and will allow for immediate expensing of most capital purchases.

In addition to positive changes for agriculture, the tax bill also repeals or limits a number of provisions important for farmers:

- The bill limits the ability of farmers to carry

back losses only two years rather than the current five years.

- The bill limits the ability of larger farmers to deduct business interest expense.

- The bill repeals the Domestic Production Activities Deduction (DPAD/Sec. 199) deduction used by many farmers and cooperatives.

- The bill eliminates the use of like-kind exchanges for personal property.

"One key concern among agriculture is that the benefits of this bill – lower rates, bonus depre-

ciation for immediate expensing, increased limits for estate taxes – these are all temporary. The individual rates and estate tax changes expire at the end of 2025 while the bonus depreciation begins phasing out in 2022 and fully expires in 2027. The loss and limitations on deductions currently used by farmers, however, are permanent," said Claussen. "Farmers could see their taxes increase in the future if rate reductions or enhanced expensing provisions are allowed to expire."

"We will be working closely with our clients

over the coming months to help them assess their individual tax situations and determine whether they need to reorganize or otherwise change their operations to benefit from this bill," said Brad Palen, a Principal and ag CPA with K-Coe Isom. "The tax code didn't get much simpler – in some respects this bill actually raises new questions for farmers. We believe that many ag businesses will do just fine with these changes but we'll need to think carefully to tailor solutions for each individual ag business we serve."

CAB offers \$40,000 in Colvin Scholarships

By Diane Meyer
Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) is now accepting applications for its annual Colvin Scholarship, awarded to college juniors, seniors and graduate students committed to the beef industry.

The Colvin Fund honors CAB co-founder and executive director of 21 years, Louis M. "Mick" Colvin, for his dedication to the brand, carrying on his legacy of inspiring others to achieve and to be their best.

This year's Fund features a record amount of up to \$40,000.

Five undergraduate scholarships in the amounts of \$7,500, \$6,500, \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000, total \$26,000. Juniors and seniors who have shown that commitment through coursework or extracurricular activities should apply by Jan. 15, 2018.

Submit two essays along with a transcript copy and two recommendation letters. The first is

a 1,000-word response to the prompt, "Over the next ten years, what marketing strategies can Certified Angus Beef LLC develop to meet the demands of the rapidly changing global demographics and to keep up with future expansion?" The second is a 500-word response to, "Why are you pursuing the career path you have selected?"

"The Colvin Scholarship was instrumental to my success at Ohio State during my final three years of college," said Sierra Jepsen, the 2016 undergraduate first-place winner. "Funding from the Colvin Scholarship allowed me to travel abroad to Brazil, and gave me the gift of time to join the 2016 meats judging team and to be a more devoted president to the Ohio Collegiate Cattle Association rather than taking on an additional job. As a direct result of this scholarship, I was able to graduate debt-free, and have built lasting rela-

tionships with the folks behind the Certified Angus Beef brand."

Up to two graduate-level scholarships will be awarded for \$7,500 and \$6,500. Those conducting applied or basic research and pursuing a degree related to high-quality beef production are eligible to apply by the Jan. 15 deadline, outlining details of their research.

Last year's graduate winner, Clay Eastwood, of Texas A&M University, found new ways to learn and interact along the path to her profession.

"This scholarship afforded me the chance to interact and network with many areas of the industry while attending the (CAB) annual conference," she said. "For a graduate student, these opportunities are invaluable to enhancing our knowledge and making connections for our future careers."

This year's first-place undergraduate and graduate winners will also re-

ceive an all-expense-paid trip to the 2018 CAB annual conference in Maui, Hawaii. Winners will interact with leaders in the production, packing, retail and foodservice communities.

"I am very passionate about how our partners support these students," said Lindsey Hoover, CAB education and events planner and chair of the selection committee. "It shows from our success at the Colvin Auction. There's a lot of comradery, and even though some of our partners are competitors, they all come together for a great cause."

The Mick Colvin Classic Title Sponsorship, the final auction item each year, sold to Sysco Corporation for \$87,000, besting the previous record of \$43,000. All proceeds raised for the Colvin Scholarship Fund during

2017, including Anderson Bean custom-logged boots, was \$125,120.

Applicants will be selected by the Colvin Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee and judged on their activities and scho-

lastic achievement, written and verbal communication skills and reference letters. Winners will be announced in March. For more details, visit <https://www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/>.

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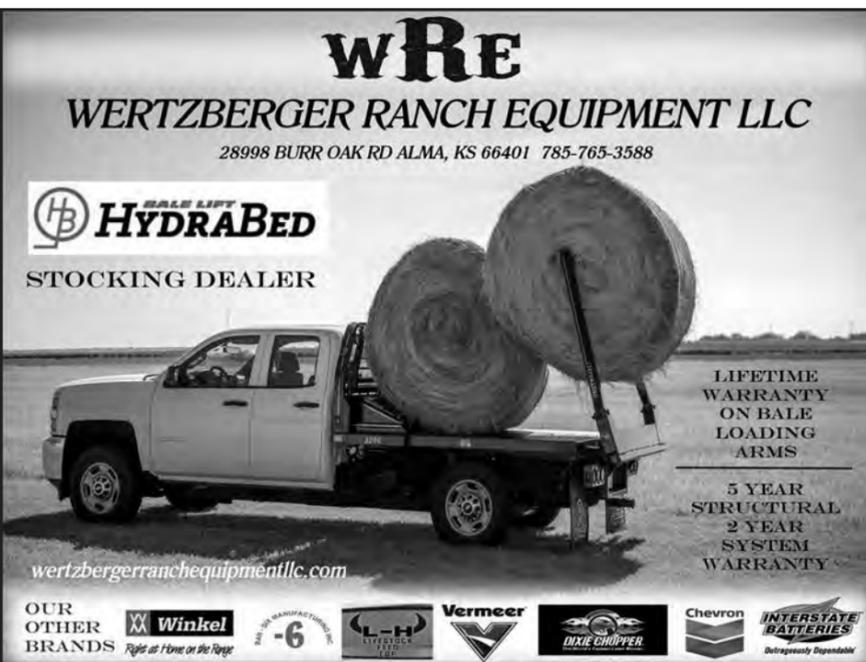


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 1/2 cup maple syrup
 2 tablespoons melted butter
 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans, toasted

Coat a 4-quart oval slow cooker with cooking spray. In a medium bowl stir together pumpkin, half & half and brown sugar; set aside. In a large bowl stir together 2 cups flour, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in 1/4 cup cold butter until pieces are pea size. Add pumpkin mixture all at once to flour mixture. Stir just until combined. In a small bowl combine blueberries and 1 tablespoon flour; toss until berries are coated. Fold berries into batter. Spoon batter into prepared slow cooker. Pour maple syrup and 2 tablespoons melted butter over batter in slow cooker; sprinkle with pecans. Cover and cook on high heat setting for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. If possible, carefully rotate crockery liner halfway through cooking time ensure even cooking. Turn off cooker. Carefully remove lid to prevent condensation from dripping onto cake. Completely cover opening of slow cooker with paper towels. Place lid on top. Cool for 30 to 45 minutes. Run a knife around inside of crockery liner; remove cake from cooker. Cool completely on wire rack.

Loretta Shepard, Helena, Oklahoma: "A favorite chicken salad."
CHICKEN SALAD
 4 cups cubed chicken breasts
 1/2 cup raisins
 1 cup chopped celery
 1/4 cup chopped green onion
 1/2 cup real mayonnaise
 1/4 cup sour cream
 1 tablespoon mustard

1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
 1/8 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/2 cup slivered almonds

Boil chicken breasts until done; chop chicken. Mix all ingredients together and chill in refrigerator overnight. Tastes best if chilled one day before serving.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
CROCK-POT COCOA
 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips
 1/4 cup cocoa
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup cream or half & half
 6 cups whole milk
 1 cup marshmallows
 Miniature marshmallows, for garnish

Combine all ingredients except marshmallows in crock-pot. Stir well. Cook until all is melted, about 2 hours on low, stirring occasionally. Before serving drop marshmallows on top. Let them get melty then serve.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

ORANGE LOAF
 2 1/2 cups sugar
 1 1/2 cups whole milk
 1 cup oil
 3 large eggs
 2 tablespoons orange zest
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 3 cups flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

Orange Glaze:
 2 cups powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon orange zest
 1/3 cup orange juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray (2) 8-by-4-inch loaf pans with baking spray with flour. In large bowl, beat sugar, milk, oil, eggs, zest and vanilla with a mixer at medium speed until combined. In a bowl sift flour, salt and baking powder. Gradually add flour mixture to sugar mixture beating until smooth. Spread batter into prepared pans. Bake for 30 minutes. Loosely cover with foil and bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 30 minutes more. Let cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and let cool completely on a wire rack. In a bowl whisk together all glaze ingredients until smooth. Drizzle loaf with glaze and let stand until set, about 20 minutes. Store in an air-tight container for up to 3 days.

Joyce Jandera, Hanover: "Better double the recipe — they go fast!"

The following recipes are leftover from the Holiday Contest! ENJOY!

Shirley Deiser, Kanopolis:
TATER TOPPED CASSEROLE
 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 16-ounce package frozen vegetables, thawed
 2.8-ounce can French-fried onions
 1/4 cup butter
 10 3/4-ounce can condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
 10 3/4-ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
 1/2 cup milk
 16-ounce package frozen tater tots, thawed

In a large skillet cook the beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. In a greased 9-by-13-inch pan baking dish layer beef, vegetables and onions. Dot with butter. In a large bowl combine soups and milk. Spread over vegetables. Top with tater tots. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until golden brown.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
COCOA FUDGE
 3 cups sugar
 2/3 cup cocoa
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 1/2 cups milk
 1/4 cup butter or oleo
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 tablespoons corn syrup
 1 cup nuts

Mix sugar, cocoa, salt, milk, oleo and vanilla well. Before cooking add the corn syrup. Cook to soft ball stage (dropped in cold water). Add nuts after cooking. Pour into buttered dish to set. Score for setting for easier cutting.

Nancy Rhodes, Abilene: "This recipe is so easy and quick. It's so very good."
NUTTY PEACH CRISP
 29-ounce can sliced peaches, undrained
 18.25-ounce package yellow or butter pecan cake mix
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1 cup flaked coconut
 1 cup chopped pecans

Arrange peaches in an ungreased 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake over top. Drizzle with butter; sprinkle with coconut and pecans. Bake at 325 degrees for 55 to 60 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 15 minutes. Serve warm or cold. Yield: 12 to 15 servings.

Beth Scripser, Abilene:
STRAWBERRY POKE CAKE
 (slightly different version)
 1 box strawberry cake mix & ingredients for it
 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
 1.75-ounce jar of strawberry topping (ice cream topping)
 8-ounce container Cool Whip

Mix and bake cake as directed. Stir condensed milk and strawberry topping together. While cake is warm poke holes in it with a wooden spoon about 1 inch apart. Pour condensed milk, strawberry topping mixture over top.

Claire Martin, Salina: "Perfect for a cold day!"
LONDON FOG
 1 Earl Gray tea bag
 Steamed milk
 1 "pour" of Torani vanilla syrup

Steam (or heat) milk and pour over tea bag into a mug. Steep for 5 minutes. Remove tea bag and stir in vanilla syrup. Serve.

Barbara Barthol, Olathe:
SAVORY MUFFINS
 1 cup self-rising flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 cup milk
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise or Miracle Whip

Combine all the above and fill 6 greased muffin tin cups 2/3 full. Bake for 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Makes 6.

BLINK THEY ARE GONE
 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 8 strips bacon, cooked & crumbled
 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
 1 pound whole fresh mushrooms, stem removed

Preheat broiler. Mix cream cheese and garlic powder. Stir in bacon and green onion. Place the mushrooms in an ungreased 15-by-10-by-1-inch pan, stem side up. Fill with cream cheese mixture. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until heated through, 4 to 6 minutes. Yum! Makes 2 dozen.

Kellee George, Lawrence
CHUNKY TOMATO SOUP
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 tablespoons flour
 3 cups chicken broth
 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper

In a large Dutch oven or big pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Stir in flour; cook stirring constantly for 1 minute. Stir in broth, tomatoes, sugar, basil, salt and pepper and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Cover and reduce heat; simmer for 40 minutes. Serve.

Estaline Bouray, Courtland, shares the following poem:
HAMBURGER AGAIN
 I'm a recipe clipper,
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Ireta Schwant, Blaine: "This is great to make ahead and pop in oven when you get home."

9 LAYER CHICKEN CASSEROLE

9 slices bread (cut off crusts)
4 or 5 cups bite-size chicken
4-ounce can mushroom pieces
(2) 8-ounce cans sliced water chestnuts
1/2 cup mayonnaise
9 slices Cheddar cheese
4 eggs, beaten with 2 cups milk and 1 teaspoon salt
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of celery soup
Topping:
Buttered croutons
Chopped almonds

Layer as given in 9-by-13-inch pan (will fill to top) except croutons and almonds. May be made previous day and refrigerated. Bake 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees. Last 15 minutes, add buttered croutons and sprinkle on chopped almonds. Feeds 15.

Glenda Tullio, Council Grove: "This is fun to do with children."

MARSHMALLOW POPCORN BALLS

6 tablespoons butter
3 cups tiny marshmallows
Half of a 3-ounce package of raspberry gelatin
3 quarts unsalted popcorn, popped

Melt butter or oleo over low heat; stir in marshmallows stirring until melted. Blend in gelatin then remove from heat and pour over popped corn. Butter hands and form into balls.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance: **CHOCOLATE CHIP BAR COOKIES**

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
4 eggs
12 ounces chocolate chips
Put all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Press dough into large cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

CRANBERRY BARS

Filling:
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon orange peel grated
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
1 cup chopped walnuts
Crust:
2 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups butter
1 cup sugar
3 cups quick oatmeal

In a saucepan bring sugar and water to a boil. Add cranberries and cook until they pop, about 4-6 minutes. Add orange juice, peel, butter, cinnamon and salt. Cook 5 minutes more or until thickens. Remove from heat, stir in walnuts and set aside. For the crust, in a bowl combine the flour

and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Add sugar and oats and mix well. Spoon half into greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Pat firmly into pan. Spread filling evenly over crust. Top with remaining crumb mixture, pat lightly. Bake at 400 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool.

Doris Shivers, Abilene: STRIPED RED VELVET CAKE

Cake:
2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick)
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
2 eggs
2 ounces red food coloring
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon white vinegar

Frosting:
1 cup heavy cream, cold
16 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
1 teaspoon vanilla
Fresh berries (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease (2) 8-by-2-inch round cake pans. Line bottom of pans with parchment paper. Lightly grease paper. Flour pans, shaking out excess. For the cake, in a bowl whisk together the flour, cocoa and salt. In a large bowl combine butter, sugar and oil. Beat on medium until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the food coloring on low (mixture may look curdled). Alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk, beating on low after each addition just until combined. Add vanilla; mix just until combined. In a glass measuring cup, dissolve the baking soda in the vinegar. Add to the batter; beat on low just until combined. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in centers, comes out with a few moist crumbs. Cool in pans on a wire rack 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans. Cool completely. Wrap cooled cake in plastic wrap; chill at least 2 hours.

For frosting, in a medium bowl beat the cream on medium to nearly stiff peaks. In a large bowl beat cream cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla on medium until smooth and fluffy. Add whipped cream to cream cheese mixture and beat to combine. With a long serrated knife, cut each cake in half horizontally. Place one half on a serving plate; frost top with about 1 cup frosting. Repeat with remaining cake and frosting. Arrange fresh berries around cake. Refrigerate to store.



Home and Away

Finding Hope

By Lou Ann Thomas

Happy 2018! I know we're not quite there yet, but I'm so happy to see the end of 2017 that I can't wait for the New Year. This has been quite the year. I witnessed things I thought I'd never see and a lot of things I thought I'd never see again.

But as we turn the last page on 2017 I hope the pages ahead bring us the opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning. That's the thing about New Year's, isn't it? It provides a line of demarcation between what was and what might be ahead. With a tick of the clock we get to start over. And that alone gives me some hope that, despite having been through so much this last year, we have learned and grown in the process.

Despite the challenges of 2017 it hasn't been all

bad. For one thing, many of us have become more engaged, realizing the "we" in "we the people" meant all of us and that it's about time we stepped up and did our part. We're also talking about things now that we have not addressed for a very long time if ever, even though the silence around issues of racism, sexism, income disparity, and the inequality of power in our culture only serves to hold us back. No matter how uncomfortable our conversations about these things may be we must be able to talk about them. I hope, we are also beginning to listen to each other when we do.

It hasn't just been human-created storms that have made 2017 feel like the light at the end of the tunnel is a freight train bearing down on us, but

nature has also provided us hurricanes, floods and fires. In the midst of unbelievable and heart breaking loss and destruction we witnessed the best of our humanity as despite any artificial divisions, such as class, income, race, orientation or political affiliation, neighbor and stranger alike, reached out to help lift us all up.

May that compassion and responsive care for each other continue in 2018. I also hope we become better examples of

kindness and acceptance. Kindness doesn't cost anything, but pays enormous dividends. We are a diverse people and what makes each of us different is the exact thing that makes each of us special. May we learn to accept, celebrate and embrace our diversity, and learn from our differences.

But the most ardent hope I have for all of us in the sparkly New Year is, I simply hope we do better because I honestly believe we are better.

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LCS Jet tops 2017 National Wheat Yield Contest

Phillip Gross of Warden, Wash., was named the highest yield winner of the National Wheat Founda-

tion's 2017 National Wheat Yield Contest. Gross entered the competition with Limagrain Cereal Seeds

variety LCS Jet and a blockbuster irrigated winter wheat yield of 184.29 Bu/A — 247.7% over the

average county yield.

Of the contest entries that featured Limagrain Cereal Seeds (LCS) varieties, more than 75% were named winners. LCS growers topped the irrigated winter wheat leaderboard in both Washington and Oregon, including first place showings for Gross and Nathan Rea of Milton Freewater, Ore., with LCS Jet and LCS Drive, respectively.

Gross learned about LCS Jet from Washington State University trials. "I watched the plots and really, really liked how it did — with disease, yield potential, standability and overall with the way we

farm," says Gross, noting that LCS Jet came out on top when university harvest data was published. "We acquired seed the next year, and it did terrific for us."

"LCS has a first-class breeding program in the Northwest. They're leading with the top varieties in hard red and soft white categories, and in barley as well," says Rea. "They are really focused on high yields, but also excellent disease resistance. They're also focused on providing some earlier varieties, which is helpful in our area."

In the dryland winter wheat category, Jason Beechinor placed first in Oregon with LCS Jet. Northwest Duet also produced award-winning yields in the contest.

LCS National Winners:
Overall High Yield Winner: Phillip Gross, Warden Hutterian Brethren (WA), 184.29 Bu/A with LCS Jet

5th Place Winter Wheat-Irrigated: Nathan Rea, HT Rea Farming (OR), 161.99 Bu/A with LCS Drive

LCS State Winners:
1st Place Winter Wheat-Irrigated Oregon: Nathan Rea, HT Rea Farming, 161.99 Bu/A with LCS Drive

2nd Place Winter Wheat-Irrigated Oregon: Nathan Rea, HT Rea Farming, 142.44 Bu/A with Northwest Duet

1st Place Winter

Wheat-Irrigated Washington: Phillip Gross, Warden Hutterian Brethren, 184.29 Bu/A with LCS Jet

2nd Place Winter Wheat-Irrigated Washington: David Gross, Spokane Hutterian Brethren, 170.40 Bu/A with LCS Jet

3rd Place Winter Wheat-Irrigated Washington: Jason Beechinor, Beechinor Farms, 161.94 Bu/A with LCS Jet

1st Place Winter Wheat-Dryland Oregon: Jason Beechinor, Beechinor Farms, 158.33 Bu/A with LCS Jet

3rd Place Winter Wheat-Dryland Washington: Nathan Rea, HT Rea Farming, 148.83 Bu/A with LCS Jet

The National Wheat Foundation created the National Wheat Yield Contest in 2015 to spur wheat productivity and encourage innovation in wheat growing. The competition has grown along with yields over the years, attracting 287 farmers from across the United States this year.

"The yield program is an excellent opportunity for growers to participate in a national contest and challenge themselves to maximize yield on wheat. It's going to encourage farmers to do a better job of maximizing resources," asserts Rea, who adds, "LCS varieties are allowing us to maximize our resources. We don't have to spray a second time for rust, for example. We're getting the most bang for the buck."

"We are delighted to see that the hard work our breeders have put in selecting varieties for U.S. conditions is beginning to pay dividends," says Frank Curtis, COO of Limagrain Cereal Seeds, who also manages the sales and marketing of LCS varieties in the Pacific Northwest region. "This is still a very young program, and we are very excited to see just how much our varieties can achieve as it matures over the next few years."

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Washington County FFA Veterinary Science team named national champions

The Washington County FFA Veterinary Science Team, consisting of Levi Gauby, Christopher Wright, Makinna Bentz, and Scuyler Zenger, finished as the National Champion Team at the National FFA Veterinary Science Career Development Event.

To compete at the National contest, each team must first win their state contest in order to qualify. This is the first time that the Kansas FFA Association has ever had a chapter win the National Veterinary Science Championship.

At the awards breakfast following the event, the WCHS FFA was announced as the National Championship Team of 2017 with over 42 teams competing in the event. For this honor, each of the



Pictured are, from left: Washington County FFA Advisor John Kern, Makinna Bentz, Levi Gauby, Christopher Wright and Scuyler Zenger.

team members received a \$1000 scholarship and a plaque at the final National Convention session broadcast live on RFD-TV Saturday afternoon. All

four of the team members placed in the individual Gold Division (Top ¼). Scuyler Zenger led the individual scoring for the Kansas team by placing as

the First High Individual Overall in the nation. Christopher Wright placed 4th individually, Levi Gauby finished as the 7th place individual and Makinna Bentz placed 30th out of over 160 individuals competing in the event.

The national contest is considerably different than the state competition. The students complete a general knowledge exam, interpret veterinary scenarios using critical thinking and problem-solving skills, complete a veterinary mathematics practicum and identify nearly 400 different specimens including different microscopic parasites, veterinary tools and equipment, breeds of rabbits, cats, dogs, small companion animals, birds, reptiles, poultry, horses, cattle, swine, sheep and goats.

They had to perform hands on demonstrations in front of real veterinarians, veterinary technicians and college professors. In order to prepare for this activity, they had to learn handling and restraining techniques for both large and small animals receiving veterinary care, rope and knot tying, making halters, restraining methods for venipuncture, catheter placement, recumbency, etc. Additionally, they had to demonstrate clinical procedures including wound treatment, recording vital signs, applying medications, giving injections, collecting samples for laboratory testing, using microscopes, preparing surgical packs and procedures, removing sutures and filling prescriptions. The final activity is a team event that requires

each team to research a pre-determined topic and create a 15-minute presentation assuming the different roles of the veterinary clinic staff including the veterinarian, technician, assistant, office staff, client, etc. This year's theme concentrated on the various aspects of the management and implementation of the Veterinary Feed Directive. The team then answered questions from the officials at the conclusion of the presentation.

Makinna Bentz is the daughter of Dr. Phil and Lainie Bentz of Washington, Levi Gauby is the son of Gary and Tricia Gauby of Washington, Christopher Wright is the son of Steven and Deanna Wright of Morrowville and Scuyler Zenger is the son of Tim and Lisa Zenger, Washington.

Give the gift of education, youth and research

In this gift-giving time of year, give a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year through the Angus Foundation. Charitable gifts to the Angus Foundation always are appreciated, regardless of the time of year; however, often, charitable giving decisions are made at year-end once an individual or couple knows their income tax situation for that respective calendar (tax) year. The charitable gifts fund educational opportunities for cattle producers, undergraduate and graduate scholarships and significant research projects to benefit the Angus breed for generations.

Pay special attention to timing when it comes to year-end gifts as 501(c)(3) charities such as the Angus Foundation, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines, will recognize the U.S. Postal Service's postmark denoted on the outside of the carrier envelope used by the donor in transmitting the gift to the charity. In order to qualify for tax savings on your 2017 tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash gifts, this means your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the Angus Foundation in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31.

Also, if you're planning to make a gift of securities (appreciated stock) electronically, please call the Angus Foundation well in advance of the Dec. 31 deadline, so necessary arrangements can be made for the transfer of your securities and gift.

For Angus breeders and supporters at least 70½ years of age, the opportunity exists to capitalize on the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Charitable Rollover to support the Angus Foundation or other qualified 501(c)(3) not-for-profit the individual is passionate about supporting.

The IRA Charitable Rollover, or qualified charitable distribution, is a special provision allow-

ing certain donors to exclude from taxable income — and count toward their required minimum distribution — certain transfers of IRA assets made directly to public charities, including the Angus Foundation.

Since it was first made available in tax year 2006, Angus Foundation supporters meeting this age requirement have used this popular option to fund Angus education, youth and research programs of their choice with restricted or unrestricted gifts for general support.

IRA Charitable Rollover gifts of \$10,000 or more, for example, can be designated by the Angus supporter to establish a permanent endowment fund in their name, Angus farm/ranch name or in memory of a family member through an Angus youth scholarship carrying

their legacy in perpetuity.

Additionally, charitable IRA rollovers make it easy to use IRA assets to make charitable gifts during an individual's lifetime. Under current law, withdrawals from traditional IRAs and certain Roth IRAs are taxed as income, even if they are immediately directed to a charity. The donor receives a tax deduction for his or her donation, but various other federal, and sometimes state, tax rules can prevent the deduction from fully offsetting this taxable income. As a result, many donors have chosen not to use IRA assets for lifetime gifts. The charitable IRA rollover eliminates this problem.

An individual taxpayer's total charitable IRA rollover gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per spouse (\$200,000 per couple) in a calendar year.

"One very appealing feature is if you have not already taken your required minimum distribution in a given year, a qualifying IRA rollover gift also can count toward satisfying this requirement," said Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "You will want to act quickly if you wish to support the Angus Foundation or other qualifying charity of your choice with a charitable IRA rollover gift by Dec. 31, 2017."

To learn more about this charitable giving option, please consult with your income tax advisor and financial planner.

Feel free to also contact Jenkins at 816-383-5163 (office) or 816-390-4357 (mobile), or email mjenkins@angusfoundation.org to learn how your support through a charitable

IRA rollover provision or other charitable giving to the Angus Foundation can make a difference in education, youth and research for the advancement of the Angus breed.

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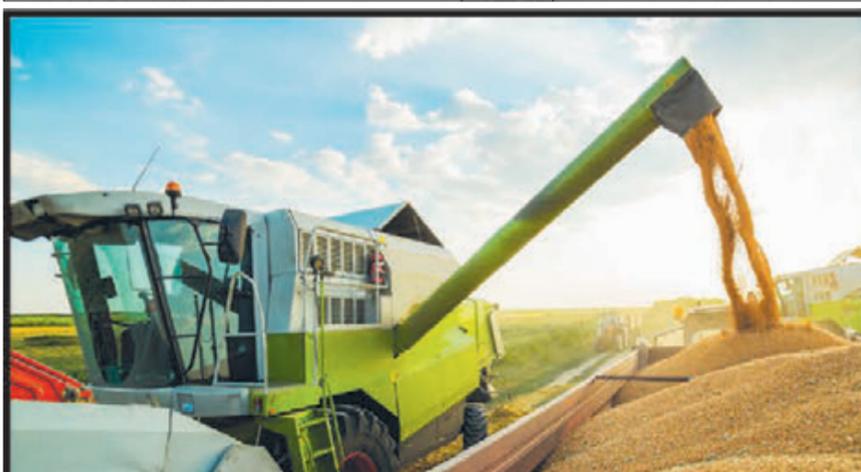
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From potential to profit – Angus Value Discovery Contest winners named

By Nicole Lane Erceg
If anyone else had made the phone call to Jamie Hoffman, he'd have thought it was a mistake or joke. The manager of Hoffman Angus Farm, Otwell, Ind., was on the line with his bull supplier, a beaming James Coffey, who told his customer of four years he'd just won the inaugural Angus Value Discovery Contest.



Randy Bayne of Protection, center, was nominated for the Angus Value Discovery Contest by Mark Gardiner, right. Also shown at the awards presentation was veterinarian Randall Spare, left of Bayne.

"We've known for a long time, we have good ones that grade, but as many people as there are feeding cattle out there, it was incredibly humbling and surprising news," Hoffman said.

Coffey, who nominated him and manages Branch View Angus, Hustonville, Ky., wasn't shocked.

"From my first conversation with Jamie, I knew he and his wife were dedicated to raising and feeding high quality Angus cattle," he said. "This group that won didn't happen by chance. They've concentrated on raising the right kind for years."

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) organized the contest as a way for Angus seedstock suppliers to reward commercial customers who invest in top genetics and finish the progeny.

Pens of 30 head or more were evaluated on feed-yard performance, quality grade and yield grade (YG), as well as grid premiums and discounts. Close-

outs for each pen were assessed based on the grid average at harvest time in CAB-licensed packing-houses through July 31.

Hoffman's Grand Champion entry of 40 graded 100% Choice or better, with 75% qualified for the Certified Angus Beef @ (CAB®) brand, including 32.5% Prime.

Great cattle, but not the highest grading pen.

What set Hoffman's cattle apart was a lack of discounts, with no death loss or even sickness on feed, said Justin Sexten, CAB director of supply development.

"They demonstrated quality and leanness with a high percentage earning YG1s and 2s that produced a significant percentage of CAB and Prime," he said. "But there were no YG4s or 5s and no heavyweights."

Hoffman said it's a disciplined focus on the details of animal care he learned from his father, along with quality carcass genetics selected for moderate frame, and feeding them a corn silage ration at home.

"Most Angus cattle can grade well," he said. "But I wait until my cattle are ready before selling them to the plant. Oftentimes I have to tell my buyer no, I need to feed them another 30 to 45 days to ensure I get the expressed value from my genetics and on-farm investment."

The Reserve prize went to a partnership that spans the beef industry. Mark Gardiner of Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan., nominated long-time customer Randy Bayne, of nearby Protection, along with his feeding partner and veterinarian, Randall

Spare, Ashland.

Bayne and Spare's pen of 67 head all made Choice or better, with 89.2% earning the CAB brand, including 54.3% Prime.

"The reserve winner excelled in quality grade, which earns exceptional premiums," Sexten said. "However, each carcass only retains the full value of premiums if it simultaneously avoids discounts. The pen had a large percentage of YG4s and some 5s, causing discounts that left them in second."

A Gardiner customer for more than 20 years, Bayne said he leans on his suppliers' expertise when selecting carcass genetics and Spare for creating the optimal health program. Gardiner and Spare credit Bayne's management and business sense as keys in producing high-performing, profitable cattle.

Gardiner said the "disciplined" cattleman works "toward selecting cattle that are in the upper percentiles without compromising reproduction and maternal function."

Spare manages health programs for both Gardiner and Bayne.

"The thing I appreciate about Randy is his understanding of genetics and how to maximize them to their environment," the veterinarian said. "We come alongside him and make suggestions to help facilitate that optimal expression and eliminate the

infectious process so every day can be a good day in the life of these calves."

The first year of the Angus Value Discovery Contest drew 27 nominations by nine suppliers on 1,914 finished cattle from across the country.

"We all like to compete whether it's in ball or cattle," Gardiner said. "The benefit for everyone isn't about who wins, it's about what we can learn from looking at the data. We find out who is doing it well and how we can apply what they've learned to do better on our own operations."

Contest winners earned trips to the National Angus Convention, in Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 3-6, 2017, where

they received the awards. Hoffman's Grand Champion pen merited \$2,000 in credit towards his next bull purchase with Branch View Angus, while Bayne earned a \$1000 credit to spend with Gardiner Angus Ranch.

Nominations to the 2018 Angus Value Discovery Contest are open for pens harvested August 1, 2017, running through the end of this coming July. A simplified entry process requires only completing an online form at <http://www.cab-partners.com> and submitting harvest reports on 30 head or more by scanning those documents. For any current questions, email Klee@certifiedangusbeef.com.

KGFA welcomes back Shahira Stafford as vice president of government affairs

Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) recently announced the hiring of Shahira Stafford as its vice president of government affairs. Stafford is well-known in the industry, previously serving as KGFA's vice president of communications for ten years before transitioning into a legislative profession.

Stafford will officially join KGFA on Jan. 2, 2018 and under KGFA's management contracts with Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association and Renew Kansas, will also serve as vice president of government affairs for those organizations.

"The opportunity to return to KGFA and represent agribusiness in this new capacity is exciting,"

Stafford said. "I'm honored to rejoin this top-notch association team and help serve the members I've grown to love."

Stafford will be an integral part of KGFA's presence at the Kansas capitol as its vice president of government affairs. She will be responsible for the lobbying and monitoring of state and federal legislative and regulatory activities and will also administer the Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders program.

"We are pleased to welcome Shahira Stafford back to the association team," KGFA president and CEO Ron Seeber said. "Her work ethic, intelligence and talents are exceptional and she will - without a doubt - excel in

her new capacity."

Stafford arrives back at KGFA after providing government affairs and communications services to a variety of lobbying and association clients in Kansas for the past two years. During her time serving as KGFA's vice president of communications from 2006 until 2015, Stafford oversaw and executed all communications, marketing and branding efforts on behalf of the association and its affiliated agribusiness organizations.

Stafford earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kansas in strategic communication from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications in 2002. She has served on the

board of directors for the Junior League of Topeka, been the chairwoman of the membership committee of the Kansas Society of Association Executives and is a 2015 graduate of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Services Series.



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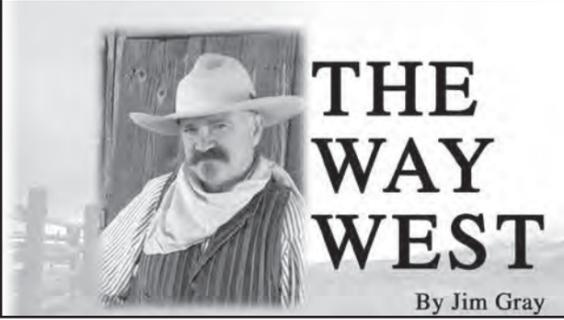
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Winter Range in Buffalo Land

As Theodore Davis wrote, "...the chill, keen winds of the Plains begin their frosty song, 'More hair, more hair.' It is late into fall and nature is preparing for the deep freeze of winter. The animal that has become known in modern times as

"bison" prepares by growing a thick coat of hair. I prefer to call them "buffalo" as they were called by the plainsmen of the Old West. After all, who has ever heard of Bison Bill?

Buffalo calves are born in the spring of the year with a coat of light brown hair. The light color remains until fall when the aforementioned chill of fall abruptly calls for a new growth of rich brown fabric for winter protection. When on the move a great herd goes as one, every head except a designated few sentinels. Any sign of danger comes from them and so the majority are content to graze with their heads so low that according to Davis, "the long matted beard drags and brushes the ground."

Davis noted that from the last of July to the first of September "the buffalos are engaged in settling family matters for the year to come." The bulls fight vigorously for the right to service the attending herd of cows. Inevitably, the old bulls lose their vigor and young ones take their place. The old and useless bulls are driven from the herd and content themselves by wandering either singly or in small groups separated from the main herd.

Gray wolves were the constant companion of the buffalo. They were more than willing to attend to a

sick or wounded animal. With the coming of winter, starvation works upon all animals and wolves were not immune. During winter storms wolves were frequently "starved into bravery" to the point of taking on the solitary bulls that wandered over the prairie. Such a bull did not go down easily, "for the old bull will fight furiously." A pack of wolves had the advantage, but several wolves would generally quit before the bull's last breath.

Davis recalled an old adage. "To the brave belong the fare." The leader of the pack will take his share of the kill while the others wait for "his wolfship" to satisfy his cravings. When all have satisfied their starving cravings the smaller coyote risks all for a turn at the "table," occasionally interrupted by sharp snaps from the wolves that have remained nearby.

The principle food of the buffalo was the short grass that became known as buffalo grass. At its best the leaves reach to only four or five inches. Davis related, "At first sight the short, fine buffalo grass seems but a scanty forage for the vast herds; but close examination will reveal the fact that grazing on it will be full and abundant. During the summer months the color of this grass is greenish gray; as autumn approaches it

becomes more brown in its tint; but late fall and winter spreads a mantle of gray, with just a perceptible tint of blue that is in pleasant harmony with the delicate skies of the Range."

John Palliser, a young Irish geographer was in Fort Union over the winter of 1847-48. Palliser notice that the domestic calves from the herd of cattle held at the fort mingled with the wild buffalo "without the slightest hesitation". Even more astonishing, the little calves seemed to prefer the companionship "of the most colossal bulls". On closer inspection Palliser discovered the attraction. Buffalo have "an admirably shaped shovel nose" giving them the ability to effectively move the snow cover blanketing the grass beneath. Once exposed the grass was readily eaten by the little calves that could not move the snow for themselves. Palliser was amazed to see how two of the little calves fearlessly contested for nutritious morsels under the very beard of one of the biggest animals in the herd.

Unlike cattle, buffalo are uniquely winter-hardy. When cold winter winds blow, cattle turn and walk with the wind. Their propensity for "drifting" before the great blizzards often set cattle to walking beyond their home range. Buffalo, with a substantial

growth of woolly hair on the head, shoulders, and hump, head into the wind, standing or slowly moving into the storm instead of away from it.

Buffalo lived their lives in close family clusters. When a great herd moved over the prairie the herd was, in fact, made up of fifty, sixty or more smaller herds of closely related families.

It is just as probable that every great herd seen on the plains was essentially one large, interrelated family grazing its way through time 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.

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January 16, 2018 — Antiques, collectibles & household at Concordia for Dorothy Ostrom Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 20, 2018 — Absolute land auction - 105± acres in Reno County held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: National Land Realty, Rusty Riggan, land broker.

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January 27, 2018 — Fur-

niture & collectibles at Salina for Donmyer Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 3, 2018 — Farm machinery at Washington for Leroy & Donna Long. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

February 24, 2018 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

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.

Grain elevators weigh opportunities for improved margins next year

The coming year is likely to offer opportunities for grain elevators to secure positive margins, according to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange Division. Significant carry, a weak harvest basis and low transportation rates point to improved margins for 2018. Additionally, a wet fall in the eastern corn belt and northern plains will likely improve drying revenue in those areas.

"A large carryover and another huge crop have created an attractive carry in futures markets, particularly for wheat," said Will Secor, an economist with CoBank. "Current market conditions will provide elevators with better returns year-over-year if they are able to purchase the grain."

U.S. ending stocks for corn and soybeans in 2018 are currently estimated to be the largest since 1987/88 and 2006/07 respectively, but stocks-to-use ratios remain manageable. However, the supply situation for wheat remains more burdensome, with large stocks expected to continue to weigh on the market in the coming year.

As a result of these large supplies, localized storage shortages have developed in the western corn belt, especially Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

Carry, Basis and

OCM/HSUS seek to reinstate GIPSA anti-competition rule

The Organization for Competitive Markets (OCM), which is backed by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), has filed suit against USDA for withdrawing the Farmer Fair Practice Rule after the agency announced in October it would withdraw the final rule.

The lawsuit seeks to reinstate the rules, but TCFA, NCBA and other groups say that, if the anti-competition rules had been implemented, they would have had a negative impact on the entire beef industry.

The rules would have

encouraged frivolous lawsuits based on accusation of harm rather than economic evidence, and would have required buyers to justify all transactional price difference to disprove undue preference or advantage. They would have taken the beef industry back 30 years. TCFA filed comments in June opposing the rule before it was ultimately withdrawn. To read those comments, visit tinyurl.com/TCFA-GIPSA-2017.

Meanwhile, transportation rates are expected to remain low, with barge rates in line with the three-year average and ample railcar availability at significantly lower cost than previous years. However, diesel prices are up,

which may impact margins for elevators that do not have rail or barge access. "With strong domestic growth and tightening global corn and soybean balance sheets, many elevators should benefit from strengthening basis this year and an improvement

in margins year-over-year," concludes Secor. A brief video synopsis of the report, "Who Will Own The Grain? Elevators Eye Improved Prospects" is available on the CoBank YouTube channel. The full report is available at CoBank.com.

On-farm storage capacity and local end-user demand is also likely to influence basis. "This dynamic may play a large role, with farmers reluctant to sell corn at low prices and willing to store it themselves if they can," said Secor.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 — 9:30 AM
400 Grandview (Armory) — NEWTON, KANSAS

This is a small sampling of the primitive & antique items on the auction. Many Boxes are from early 90's storage & are yet to be opened. This sale is a follow-up to the great sale last October! ONE SELLER!

Hay Fork Patio Table; Trunks; Iron Wheeled Engine Truck; Patio Table/Iron Wheels; 4 Sided Island; Crocks; #5 Crock Jug; Crock Water Dispenser/Blue Ring; Kerosene Dispenser; Wooden Boxes; Desk; Benches; 16, 24 & 34 Wooden Drawer Organizers; Tall Pie Safe; Counter Top Glass Display Case; Parlor Table; Child Size Oak Carpenter Work Table; 5-Drawer Child's Chest; Feed Store 4-Wheel Dolly, MUCH MORE!

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Seventeen (17), Range Four (4), Marion County, KS less Hwy.
LAND LOCATION: From Lincolnville, Three (3) miles North on Hwy 77.
LAND DESCRIPTION: 144 Acre tract of all grassland. The pasture has good access from Hwy 77 and also has county roads on the South and East sides. Water supply is from a pond.

NOTES: This is a great opportunity to buy a very well located pasture at Public Auction. Cattle prices are strong and the cattle industry is leading agricultural today. This pasture would make a great heifer pasture as the roads provide good boundary on three sides and there is no adjoining grass to the North.

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ESTATE AUCTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 — 9:30 AM
2110 Harper Bldg. 21 Dg. Fairgrounds — LAWRENCE, KS

FURNITURE
Ethan Allen: King Size Sleigh Bed w/Armoire, Dresser & mirror & Bedside Tables, Coffee Table w/baskets (Colonial Classics), Entertainment Center (Vintage Pine), Sofa (Gibson), Sofa Table (Colonial Classics), Armoire (Country Classics), Floor Lamp; **Polynesian Rattan Style Furniture:** Dining Room Table w/Cane Chairs & buffet, parlor table, side tables, Queen bedroom Suite chest/dresser/side tables, wooden wicker wardrobe, glass top table; Round Top Wooden Glass Curio Cabinet; French Country kitchen wooden dinette & chairs; primitive library table; Sun Room wooden dinette w/ wooden folding chairs; 1900's Brass Bed; Danish Teak desk w/matching credenza; rod iron island chairs; iron coffee table & side table; office sound partitions; Stuart David Alderwood credenzas; Brownstone Classic Console Table & Cocktail Table; Wicker Sun Room Set; International Sofa & Chair; Sun Room Sofa; area rugs; book shelves; single bed; cedar chest; wicker make-up vanity; sewing machine w/cabinet; many other pieces! **THIS FURNITURE IS OUTSTANDING!**

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It's Christmas time again in the city. Street lights, store windows, parties, jolly songs are being sung, tv and radio commercials are pronouncing its coming! Most of the attention centers around giving and receiving gifts, cards, trees,

eggnog, turkey dressing, decorations and company coming. And in the midst of all this joyous chaos of celebration, someone is bound to remind us of the "real meaning" of Christmas; the birth of Jesus Christ.

It's understandable that we need reminding. We get so busy just being "busy" about earthly stuff that it comes between us and our Maker. It is especially true if our world circles around skyscrapers, big malls, traffic jams and 8 to 5 commitments. Folks who live in the

country have the opportunity to be a little closer to God. Not that they always take it, but the opportunity is there. We get to witness a brand new life begin. A baby calf, a litter of pigs, corn sprouting, apple blossoms, a staggering colt. Sometimes we get to help God create these miracles. He even allows us to take partial credit, but lest we get too cocky, He doesn't allow us to take it for granted. A hailstorm, a case of killer scours, or drought reminds us who's really responsible.

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believe in His son. I guess He expects us to believe in miracles. Maybe that's why most country people are church goin' Christians; we get to see His miracles on a regular basis. I am sure God spends time in the city. He's there working in the shopping mall, the factories and the office buildings that speckle our wonderful nation. But I figger He must commute; 'cause I'll bet when He goes home for Christmas, He goes to the country. www.baxterblack.com

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50 Mostly Steers, Weaned, Home Raised, All Vacc.'s. 750. 90 Black Steers, 600-750. 27 Black Steers and Heifers, 60 Days Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc. 500-650. 11 Black Steers and Heifers, 60 Days Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc, 500-650. 65 Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1st, Vacc, Wormed, 650. 100 Steers, Home Raised, 750-800. 100 Heifers, Home Raised, 700-750. 26 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc, 700. 7 Steers and Heifers, Black, 450-650. 90 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned and Vacc, 600-800. 50 Steers, Long time weaned, 2nd Round Vacc, 750. 6 Steers and Heifers, Fall Vacc, Weaned, Worked, Knife Cut. 600.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 11:

147 Black Steers, Long Weaned, Vacc, 500-750. 20 Black Heifers, Long Weaned, Vacc, 500-600. 30 Black Steers and Heifers, Long time weaned, Fall Vacc. 95 Steers and Heifers, 2nd Round Vacc, Sept. weaned, Home Raised, Gt'd Open. 600-850.

IN STOCK TODAY:

- Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders
- 6'8" X 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER METAL TOP
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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, Weaned/Vacc Sale
STARTING AT 11:00 AM (not Noon)

25 Angus & CharX Steers & Heifers, Off Wheat, 500-600. 160 Black Steers, Running on grass, 500-700. 66 Steers & Heifers, Red & Black, Weaned since mid Oct., Open, Off Wheat. 400-500. 75 Black Steers & Heifers, 500-700. 5 Steers & Heifers, Black/BWF, 350-500. 38 Steers & Heifers, 500-700. 12 CharX Steers & Heifers, 500-650. 41 Steers & Heifers, Mostly Black, Home Raised, Weaned 65+ Days, Snd Round Vacc, 600-700. 20 Red Angus Steers & Heifers, Weaned Nov. 19, 600-700. 120 Steers & Heifers, Black, Weaned Nov 5, 650-800. 8 Steers & Heifers, Weaned 60 days, 2nd round Vacc, 550-700. 75 Steers & Heifers, 45 Days+ Weaned, Mostly Black, 500-600. 100 Steers & Heifers, 45 Days+ Weaned, Mostly Black, 500-600. 40 Steers & Heifers, BIK/BWF, Weaned 12 Weeks, 2nd Round Vacc, 600-800. 45 Black Steers & Heifers, Home Raised, Fink Cows, Hemmy Angus Bulls. 550-700. 107 Black Steers & Heifers, Swanson Balancer Sired, 700-800. 250 Black Steers & Heifers, 90 Days Weaned, 600-800. 100 Steers & Heifers, 500-600. 70 Black & Red Steers & Heifers 700-800. 80 Black Steers & Heifers, 500-650. 200 Steers & Heifers, 650-750. 200 Steers & Heifers, 650-750. 100 Steers, 700-750. 100 Black Steers & Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1, 550-900. 300 Black Steers & Heifers, Home Raised, Heifers Replacement Quality, 600-800. 300 Black Steers & Heifers, Home Raised, Heifers Replacement Quality, 600-850. 100 Black Steers & Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1, 550-900. 75 Black Steers & Heifers, Weaned Oct 1, 550-850. 45 Steers & Heifers, Black, Vacc, Weaned 75 Days +, Open, 550-700. 35 Mostly Black Steers & Heifers, 400-650. 40 Black Steers & Heifers, 600-700. 70 Steers & Heifers, BIK/BWF, 500-600. 46 Mostly Steers, 600-700. 20 Black Steers, 650-700. 125 Sim/Ang. Steers & Heifers, Cow Camp Sired, 700-850. 100 Black Steers & Heifers, 600-750. 54 Black Steers & Heifers, 550-650. 70 Black Steers, No Sort, 600-650. 35 Steers Weaned 45 Days, Vacc, Wormed, 450-600. 20 Black Steers & Heifers, Home Raised, 750-850. 110 Mostly Black Steers & Heifers, Off Cover Crops & Wheat, 500-700. 50 Mostly Black Steers & Heifers, Off Cover Crops & Wheat, 600-800. 40 Steers, 700. 40 Steers & Heifers, Black, Sired By McCurry Angus, Weaned Oct. 1st, 2nd round Vacc. 600. 40 Black & Char. Steers & Heifers, Fink Sired, 550-750

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, Special Cow Sale:

BRED HEIFERS: 125 Black Heifers, Montana Origin, All AI Bred to Sub Zero. 68 Black Heifers, Montana Origin, AI Bred to Sub Zero, Cleaned up with Mill Brae Bulls. 28 Black Heifers, OCHV'd, Bred to Mill Brae Bulls, Start Feb 1st. 60 Black White Faced Heifers, Northern Origin, All 1 Iron AI bred to Sting Ray, Start Feb 25th, for 45 Days. **COWS:** 45 Black, Bred Cows, 3-8 Yrs old, Bred Black. 70 Red Angus 3 yr olds, Bred to Red Angus, off 1 ranch in North Dakota as Calves. Start Feb 20 for 60 Days. Fancy and Gentle. 11/11 4-7 yr old cows, bred back to Black Cline Bulls, Fall Vacc. 7/7 Black Pairs, 7 yrs old, Big calves, Exposed Black. 20/20 Black Solid Mouth Pairs, 250+ lb calves, exposed black. 50 Cows, 3-Solid, Spring and Fall Bred Cows, 20 Black Cows, 4-7 Years, Bred Angus. 10/10 Black Pairs, 3 yrs old, big calves, cows exposed back. 80 Angus Cows, 3-8 yrs old, Home Raised, AI Bred to Benoit Blue Print, Calve Feb 1st, Cleaned up with Benoit Bull, Scourguard. 4 Black Cows, 4-8 Yrs old, Bred Black and Char. 8 Cows, 3-6 yrs, bred to black McCurry Angus Bull. 6/6 Black and Red Pairs, 6-8 Yrs old. 40 Spring bred Cows. 30 Running age cows, Spring Calvers. 15 Running age Cows, Spring Calvers.

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