



Farm bill, trade among topics addressed by U.S. Ag Seceretary Perdue

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

United States Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue made Kansas one of his stops last week as he travels the country listening to the concerns of agriculture producers and how the USDA can best serve them.

Last Wednesday afternoon saw the historic stone barn at River Creek Farms near Manhattan filled to capacity for a roundtable discussion with producers that, along with the Secretary, also included senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran.

That event was followed by a tour of the National Bio and Agri Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, then Gov. Jeff Colyer moderated a discussion at the Stanley Stout Center for another full house.

"I wish you could talk to every person here," Colyer told Perdue, describing the audience. "This is the Who's Who of Kansas agriculture."

"I'm here to hear and listen," Perdue said. "That's what President Trump wants us to do. My goal as Secretary of Agriculture is to represent to the president and his administration the needs, desires, wishes and hurts of the American agriculture community and all my constituents. And also to represent back to you his views and his policies."

The farm bill was the first topic of discussion and Perdue believes the task of passing one this year will be accomplished. "It's very problematic when we have to extend a year – for FSA offices and all those kinds of things," he said. "I'm optimistic. The president has put his stamp on it and said, 'I want a farm bill before the end of September so our farm constituency can know what's going on, how they can make plans.'"

Work requirements in



Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey introduces Gov. Jeff Colyer and USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue at an event held at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan as part of Perdue's visit to Kansas.

the House version of the bill caused the typically bipartisan legislation to divide the ag committee, and the bill failed to pass in the House on May 18 on a 213-198 vote. "Sen. Roberts, on the Senate side, where he has to get 60 votes, has a different challenge in trying to draw at least ten or twelve Democratic votes to pass a farm bill there, so the dynamic gets a little different on both sides," Perdue pointed out. "I believe what you'll see is some evolutionary changes, not major revolutionary changes, and that's probably good from a farmer's perspective."

Topping the list of priorities in the farm bill is crop insurance, which Perdue called a mainstay that has worked well since the 2014 farm bill. At its current level of risk management, he believes it's a good deal for the American taxpayer. He would like to see it expanded to include some of the specialty crops, as well. "We know that small fruit and vegetable growers, in their risk management programs, aren't as well covered," he told Andrea DeJesus, who runs A&H Farms and is involved with the Downtown Farmers' Mar-

ket of Manhattan. While not divulging details being considered in the farm bill on the Senate side, he told DeJesus he believes she will be satisfied as a small vegetable producer.

With NAFTA renegotiations, China tariffs and threats of a trade war, trade is a subject at the top of ag producer's minds. "Trump came into the presidency thinking that everybody didn't like NAFTA," Perdue explained. "But we were able to sit down with him and show him the benefit that NAFTA had been to agriculture. I'm more optimistic about getting NAFTA done." He added that the U.S. had recently sent a trade team to China to negotiate the purchase of more ag products, much of which would come from the heartland.

"One thing you can say about President Trump, he believes in America," said Perdue. "He is 'America First.' There's no other president that has taken on China. Since they got into the WTO in 2000, they've been cheating ever since... unfair trade practices and everyone's just kind of let them get away with it. He's called their hand on it. I

believe it will turn out well, I think they understand he means business."

On the topic of rural development, Perdue sees the availability of broadband internet access as key to keeping our young people in the state and in rural areas. "We can't expect our young people to come back home and be disconnected from the commercial interstate highway of the 21st century," he emphasized. "If we could do what we did in 1934 with the telephone, 1936 what we did with rural electrification, 1956 what we did with the interstate highway system, it's time to get broadband all across this country and connect us in the 21st century." He said Congress recently gave them \$600 million to start some pilot projects in underserved areas.

As for what he'd seen while touring NBAF, Perdue believes the facility will be an economic magnet for the biotechnology sector in the state. "I'm not sure we can even comprehend the benefit that NBAF will be to the world, to the U.S., but certainly to Kansas and Manhattan," he said. "The diseases keep coming.

These ranchers know that if we had foot and mouth disease here, it would decimate our livestock industry.

This is the kind of facility that can help do the research to create the biologicals, the vaccines and the protections for animals as well as humans." Set to begin operating in 2020-2021, Perdue admits that as a "sooner rather than later guy," he wondered why it takes so long. "But if you went through that facility and saw all the safeguards and all the air-handling, you'd understand why it takes so long," he said. "It's an amazing structure, built to withstand earthquakes and anything else."

As part of his information gathering process, Perdue has a website where people can communicate their concerns with him. He encourages people to visit usda.gov/tellsonny.



Sec. Perdue was the keynote speaker for the opening session of the State FFA Convention Wednesday evening. With the convention kicking off two days after Memorial Day, he spoke of USDA employees who had served in the military and lost their lives in war. He complimented members on the leadership they demonstrate and pointed out that as leaders, they too may one day choose or be called upon to serve their country.

Photos by Donna Sullivan

TV white space could bridge the digital divide

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

A service that in the not-so-distant past may have been considered a luxury is now so deeply engrained in almost every area of society that its absence can be a very real handicap. That service is high-speed internet. While common in some parts of the country, other areas – mainly rural areas and small towns – are hampered by what has become known as the digital divide. From students whose assignments rely on the internet to underserved patients and rural hospitals, reliable internet connectivity is vital to their success.

Small businesses, which employ more than half of the Kansas workforce, and even farmers who practice precision agriculture are also in need of fast, consistent internet service.

Connect America Now, or CAN, is a group of community leaders, rural advocates and leading innovators who have banded together to eliminate the digital divide by 2022. Their plan involves using TV white spaces to expand reliable internet service.

"Internet is as vital as electricity if you want to run a business, school, clinic or just have a higher quality of living," said Zach Cikanek, national spokesperson for CAN.

The group is focusing their attention on the FCC right now. "We're looking to our regulators in Washington in hopes we can secure sufficient radio spectrum so we can employ TV white space all over the country," Cikanek said. "If regulators do not change their current course, those TV frequencies would remain vacant, just white static on the screen, not put to use until a broadcaster comes along and wants to put a TV channel on that station."

According to Cikanek, there has always been vacant television spectrum in many rural communities because there weren't that many channels being



broadcast. Even more were vacated during the digital transition in 2009, because digital signals can carry more info over fewer channels. "So now we have this incredible opportunity to use public airwaves to connect about 19 million rural Americans to broadband," he said.

While cellular and LTE technologies require being near a tower – a challenge for rural areas – TV frequencies can carry large amounts of information nine miles or more and go through natural barriers.

"With TV white space we can reach all the consumers regardless of population density," Cikanek said.

The FCC has already issued regulations that allow one channel in this range of frequencies to be used for digital broadband internet via TV white space. "In order to increase adoption of the technology and create a market for providers, we need at least three channels," he said. "We are asking the FCC to finalize the rule that gives access to the second and promulgated a rule for the third

for unlicensed use." He explained that the availability of vacant channels in each market for unlicensed use will encourage competition so rural broadband becomes more attractive to investors.

Opposition to the plan has been isolated to a coalition of broadcasters who would prefer this particular range of frequencies remain the exclusive territory of television, Cikanek said. But he points out they are only asking for a handful of these frequencies to be set aside for

rural broadband and that television providers would still have open channels available. He believes television providers can work with broadband providers to bring connectivity to rural users.

It's not so much opposition the plan faces as it is the painfully slow process of getting things done in D.C. "When it comes to the regulatory process in D.C., one of the biggest hurdles to overcome is inertia," he described. "The rules have been a certain way for decades and it takes time to change things. Right now the FCC is working through a series of decisions they will have to make before they can address vacant channels and whether TV white space will have access to those." He expects decisions to be made over the next twelve months or so.

Cikanek encourages people to contact lawmakers or the FCC and ask them to make TV white space a priority because of its importance in closing the digital divide. You can visit www.connectamericansnow.com and find a form to send a letter to lawmakers or the FCC.

"In terms of making sure those channels remain available for decades to come, it's important that public airways always be put to use for the public good," Cikanek concluded.

Where We Live

By John Schlageck,
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Reflection is a good thing. It allows you to see where you've been and hopefully chart a better course on where you're going. While on vacation recently I had a chance to think about the small community where I grew up.

Located in northwestern Kansas, Seguin was a small farm/ranch community of approximately 50 hearty souls in Sheridan County, three miles south of Highway 24; the Union Pacific railroad used to run through our small town.

Seguin was a community where families were raised and values – good and sometimes bad – were instilled. Looking back, those fortunate enough to grow up there – like I did in the 1950s and '60s – were surrounded by people with core values that

helped guide us throughout our lives.

Human spiritual nature topped the list. A spiritual quality like, seek ye first this kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things shall be given unto you.

We all grew up with Monsignor Mulvihill and the Sisters of St. Joseph, went to Mass six days a week and learned to abide by the golden rule.

Next was the courtesy level of our town. This was measured by the ordinary civilities a total stranger could expect. Residents of Seguin and the outlying community always welcomed family and friends back for special events – many centered around our church and its congregation. Other celebrations included wheat harvest, a wedding or graduation from school.

Transient laborers,

especially during wheat, milo and corn harvest, were also treated well because of their valuable contributions during these critical periods.

Rootedness or a sense of commitment on the part of a town's people was another cornerstone in our little community. Dependent on the fertile, sandy loam soil of the High Plains, Seguin's families lived by the unspoken agreement that this was a place to stay, put down roots and build a family, a farm, a business and a future.

This quality is closely related to a sense of place, which now grows rarer with each passing day.

Diversity – not necessarily in the form of many nationalities, but rather in the form of creative disagreement was another building block in our community. This meant our little town enjoyed a certain confidence that all its inhabitants didn't have to echo one another to make progress.

On the contrary, a community, like a country, can profit by its differences. Believe me, nearly every-

one I ever knew in Seguin spoke up, voiced their opinions and let their ideas be heard.

Loyalty was the fifth attribute our community was blessed with. Loyalty is often confused with conformity, though the two are really opposites.

It is precisely loyalty to the community, to posterity and to principle that moves a citizen not to conform. A dissenter may never be so loyal as when refusing to go along quietly.

Loyalty is a virtue, but not a simple one. Certainly, it is not as simple as those who use it as a club to enforce their will on an individual or a community.

Generosity was the sixth attribute and not just with material support but a generosity of spirit akin to humility. This broader, deeper attribute sets aside not only personal interests for the sake of community, but personal grudges, slights and obsessions.

One might call this trait charity, but charity in our society has acquired an unfortunate connotation of being optional – not obligatory. Some believe

charity is what you do with what you have left over. Those who believe they owe a debt to their community and embrace the opportunity to repay it practice charity, the real thing.

Pride in our little burg was also clear. Self-respect may be a better word for this civic virtue. It has to do with much more than clean streets, green lawns and painted buildings. It also explains good schools, honest law enforcement and other amenities that make for a proud, self-respecting community.

Openness was the final attribute in our small northwestern Kansas community. Without openness all of these other virtues would only be a facade. Our community was an open book. Everyone knew everyone else and everything that was going on. Candor, candidness, frankness, sincerity and plain dealing were the only way of doing business and conducting each day of your life.

Everyone who lived in Seguin was a member of the community and part of our town. Didn't matter

who you were, where you lived, how old you were or whatever else. Our community was a place of human and humane values.

Sometimes in the rush of everyday life we forget to live by such values. Know your neighbors, co-workers and the members of your community. And, yes, it's all right to argue with them and disagree with them about what is best for the community.

What is important is to care about your community. Think of its best interests and don't let your mind be diverted by lesser concerns or scattered holdings.

Just like the little community I grew up in and the family and neighbors who helped shape who I am today, each of us live in communities that have values and fine traditions to uphold. Be part of yours.

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New study: 'efforts to limit HPO would increase risks to farmers'

Just before the U.S. House of Representatives was set to vote on a Farm Bill amendment that would've crippled crop insurance, a Kansas State University economist sent key policymakers a note alerting them to a new study that shed light on the negative impact of reducing revenue insurance coverage.

The study he circulated

ed was not produced by Kansas State, but its contents were so timely and so significant, that he felt compelled to help its authors at the University of Illinois spread the word.

That paper, by Illinois professors Gary Schnitkey and Jonathan Coppess, examined how farmers use revenue crop insurance tools like the Harvest Price Option (HPO) to help

them forward contract their commodities.

"Recent criticism of crop insurance suggests that amendments could be placed in the Farm Bill to curtail HPO coverage," the authors wrote. "As a result, understanding farmers' pre-harvest hedging activities is important."

Very little information existed about how farmers use these kinds of tech-

niques, so Schnitkey and Coppess began their work with a survey of Midwest growers.

"Survey results indicate that farmers use what can be termed prudent hedging strategies prior to harvest for marketing their crops," the authors explained. In fact, the survey found that 84% of Midwest farmers hedged a portion of their anticipated crop.

The study succinctly explained how it works:

Pursuant to a forward contract, a farmer agrees to deliver grain to a country elevator or processor at some point in the future,

often near harvest time, but based on futures market prices at the time of the contract. This legally binding contract locks in the price for the delivered grain as a hedge against lower prices at the time of delivery. While advantageous to the farmer in terms of protecting against lower prices, it also comes with risks that prices will increase, often as a result of lower yields for the crop nationally. In extreme situations, a farmer with significant yield losses may not have enough bushels to fulfill the contractual obligations and will need to purchase bushels to

make delivery; bushels purchased in such a situation could well be at a higher price than the farmer contracted.

And that's where HPO comes in. Farmers pay more for the insurance option. It indemnifies losses at harvest-time prices rather than planting-time prices, enabling farmers to purchase enough commodity off the open market to fulfill their forward contract.

Without access to HPO, as some agricultural opponents are advocating, farmers would reduce pre-harvest hedging, the study found, and introduce even more risk into farming. This is particularly troubling considering the survey also found that the farmers who most use these techniques also report to obtain the bulk of their families' incomes from the farm.

"In other words, those impacted the most by this policy change (eliminating HPO) are those who most rely on farming for their family income," the study concluded. "Congressional efforts to limit HPO would increase risks to farmers."

Lawmakers in the House overwhelmingly defeated the amendment designed to harm crop insurance, though it still needs to pass the Farm Bill. The Senate is slated to begin its Farm Bill deliberations soon, where critics are again expected to attack HPO and other components of farmers' primary risk management tool.



Did you ever have one of those days that despite your best efforts to screw it up and make it a disaster, somehow things work out and everything turns out okay? Me either, but today looks like it might turn out to be a good day, wrestling success away from the jaws of disaster. All because my smart phone is a whole lot smarter than the operator.

The success of today actually started with some good fortune yesterday. Well, maybe I ought to give you a little background first. I thought I was supposed to deliver my first load of fat lambs to the locker plant on Thursday of this week. This meant that I either needed to deliver them early on Thursday or in the afternoon on Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon and evening were completely booked for me, so I was going to have to deliver early Thursday morning and because I could not be home the night before we decided to get as much ready on Tuesday night as I could. That turned out to be fortunate.

Tuesday night Jennifer, Tatum and I sorted lambs, picked out our replacement ewes and moved the six lambs I wanted to deliver Thursday morning into a smaller pen closer to the loading alley. I lamented about moving the six lambs away from their usual pen and causing them stress. Jennifer and Tatum reminded me that our stress level would be even higher if we had to do all this early Thursday morning.

Doing all of this on Tuesday meant that all I had to do Thursday morning was to hook up the trailer, run the lambs into the alley, load the trailer and I could be gone in a matter of minutes, preserving as much beauty sleep for everyone as possible. We came in about dark Tuesday night as the rain was starting to move in feeling pretty good about getting things done early.

Wednesday morning, I woke up and started with my usual morning routine of brewing coffee and watching the news. Because of the work we had done the night before Wednesday was going to be a little more leisurely; all I had to do were my chores and then I could get ready for a full afternoon and evening of meetings away from the farm without worrying about preparing for lamb delivery Thursday morning (or so I thought).

Just as I was preparing to watch the weather and drink my first cup of coffee my smarter-than-me phone gave the appointed calendar reminder sound. I

was puzzled, it was too early to give me the reminder for my afternoon meeting, I wondered what that stupid phone could be doing. It didn't take me long to figure out what that stupid phone was doing. My smart phone was reminding the stupid human that May 30 was a Wednesday and not a Thursday and that I needed to be leaving now to make it on time. That was when the chaos erupted.

I hollered at Jennifer and Tatum that I needed to get the lambs delivered this morning and not tomorrow. For some reason they did not seem surprised that I would make a mistake like that and pointed out that I merely needed to hook up the trailer and load the lambs. Like a tornado I rushed out of the house and down to hook up the trailer, which I had conveniently parked on the lowest, muddiest part of the farm. After a few minutes of slinging mud that would make any teenage boy excited, I got the trailer around and backed up to the loading alley where Tatum had the lambs pushed up and ready to load.

Somehow, I was in the truck, loaded with lambs and on the road in less than a half an hour. This put me exactly on schedule to get the lambs to the locker plant at the latest possible time of delivery. I had planned on delivering the lambs at 7:00 or earlier, not 8:00, but in all fairness I was twenty-three hours earlier than I had planned, which would have been a new record had we went off my calendar and not the real official one. In any case, I made the delivery and at the locker plant they seemed to have been expecting me at 8:00 and not earlier, imagine that.

My 8:00 delivery made it, so I returned home just in time to clean up, change clothes and leave for my afternoon meetings, nothing damaged except my anxiety level and self-esteem. As I got ready for the meeting I marveled about how I had gotten everything done I had planned to, along with an unplanned trip to the locker plant. I wonder how that happened?

I know how it happened. I was fortunate enough to have married a woman who does not procrastinate and does things early if they can be done early. I am also lucky enough to be just enough tech savvy that I put everything on my smarter than me phone with a built-in reminder. All of this worked together to save me from a total disaster of a day and make things go relatively smoothly.



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KanEquip acquires McConnell's Machinery Ottawa store

On May 24, 2013, KanEquip, Inc. reached an agreement with McConnell Machinery Co. to acquire their Ottawa location and Case IH territory. "The Ottawa store will be the third Case IH dealership within KanEquip; this location will give us the unique opportunity to solely focus

on the Case IH brand and lines that complement it," stated Bryndon Meinhardt, KanEquip's Regional Manager. This acquisition will increase the Case IH territory, operating the same as McConnell's did within Douglas, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Anderson, Coffey, Franklin,

Linn, Miami, and Osage counties.

KanEquip is a leader in the agricultural and light industrial equipment industries, serving primarily agriculture producers as well as government and contractors. "We are anticipating an easy transition since both companies

share similar backgrounds and values,” said Craig Goff, general manager. The transition, which is planned for June 21, 2018, will increase KanEquip’s total locations to nine in Kansas and Nebraska, allowing them to better serve farmers and ranchers of the area.

McConnell Machinery Co. was established in 1936. Over the past 82 years, three generations of the McConnell family have been actively involved in the daily operations and management. McConnell's will keep the Lawrence store location and Kubota territory.

An Open House will be held at the Ottawa store to give local customers, interested community members and KanEquip employees a chance to meet. Please check the KanEquip website, www.kanequip.com, for more information on upcoming events in Ottawa and at other locations.

KDA participates in trade mission to Australia

In May 2018, the Kansas Department of Agriculture hosted a trade mission to Australia, where the team made strategic visits throughout the agriculture sector and exhibited at Australia's national beef expo, Beef Australia, which is held every three years.

The team representing Kansas on the trade mission included Blaze Mollhagen of Moly Manufacturing; Cassy Wilson and Ethan McDonald of Rawhide Portable Corral; Amber Hutchison and Dale Goetz of Double D Family Mat Shop; and Suzanne Ryan-Numrich and Shirley Acedo, from KDA's agriculture advocacy, marketing and outreach team.

The group met with many companies and or-



A Kansas delegation attended Beef Australia in Rockhampton to expand livestock and beef cattle equipment export market opportunities: (from left) Blaze Mollhagen, Moly Manufacturing; Ethan McDonald and Cassy Wilson, Rawhide Portable Corral; Shirley Acedo, Kansas Department of Agriculture; Amber Hutchison and Dale Goetz, Double D Family Mat Shop; Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, KDA.

ganizations including the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Palmvale Red Brahms, Nobbs Cattle Company, Australian Agricultural Company's Goo-noo Feedlot, and Fenech Brahms. The pair from KDA also assisted the U.S. Livestock Genetics Export (USLGE) stand at the show, gathering trade leads for livestock genetics.

"The show was a wonderful opportunity for us to get acquainted with the Australian market as well as how the livestock and agriculture businesses work in Australia," said Hutchison. "We look forward to starting the process of finding the most efficient way to market our products in Australia."

The trade mission

served to identify potential new markets for livestock genetics and beef cattle equipment which translates to possible new global opportunities for Kansas agribusinesses as well as seedstock producers. Global trade with countries like Australia is one of the key economic drivers for U.S. agriculture and rural America. In 2017, Kansas exported over \$1.6 million in agricultural commodities to Australia. The beef cattle sector has

been and continues to be the single largest sector in the Kansas agriculture industry.

The trade mission was sponsored by KDA, and was funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration using a State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant.



NASS reports on Northern Plains farm labor

In the Northern Plains Region (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota) there were 32,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on farms and ranches during the week of April 8-14, 2018, unchanged from the April 2017 reference week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Workers numbered 25,000 during the week of January 7-13, 2018, down 7 percent from the January 2017 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$14.70 per hour during the April 2018 reference week, up 5 percent from the April 2017 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$14.52 per hour, down 29 cents. Livestock workers earned \$13.47 per hour compared with \$12.47 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$14.00, was up 45 cents from the April 2017 reference week. Hired laborers worked

an average of 41.0 hours during the April 2018 reference week, compared with 40.2 hours worked during the April 2017 reference week.

Farm operators in the Northern Plains Region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$14.82 per hour during the January 2018 reference week, up 5 percent from the January 2017 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$14.76 per hour, unchanged from January 2017. Livestock workers

earned \$13.47 per hour, up 70 cents. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$14.05, was up 55 cents from the 2017 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 41.4 hours during the January 2018 reference week,



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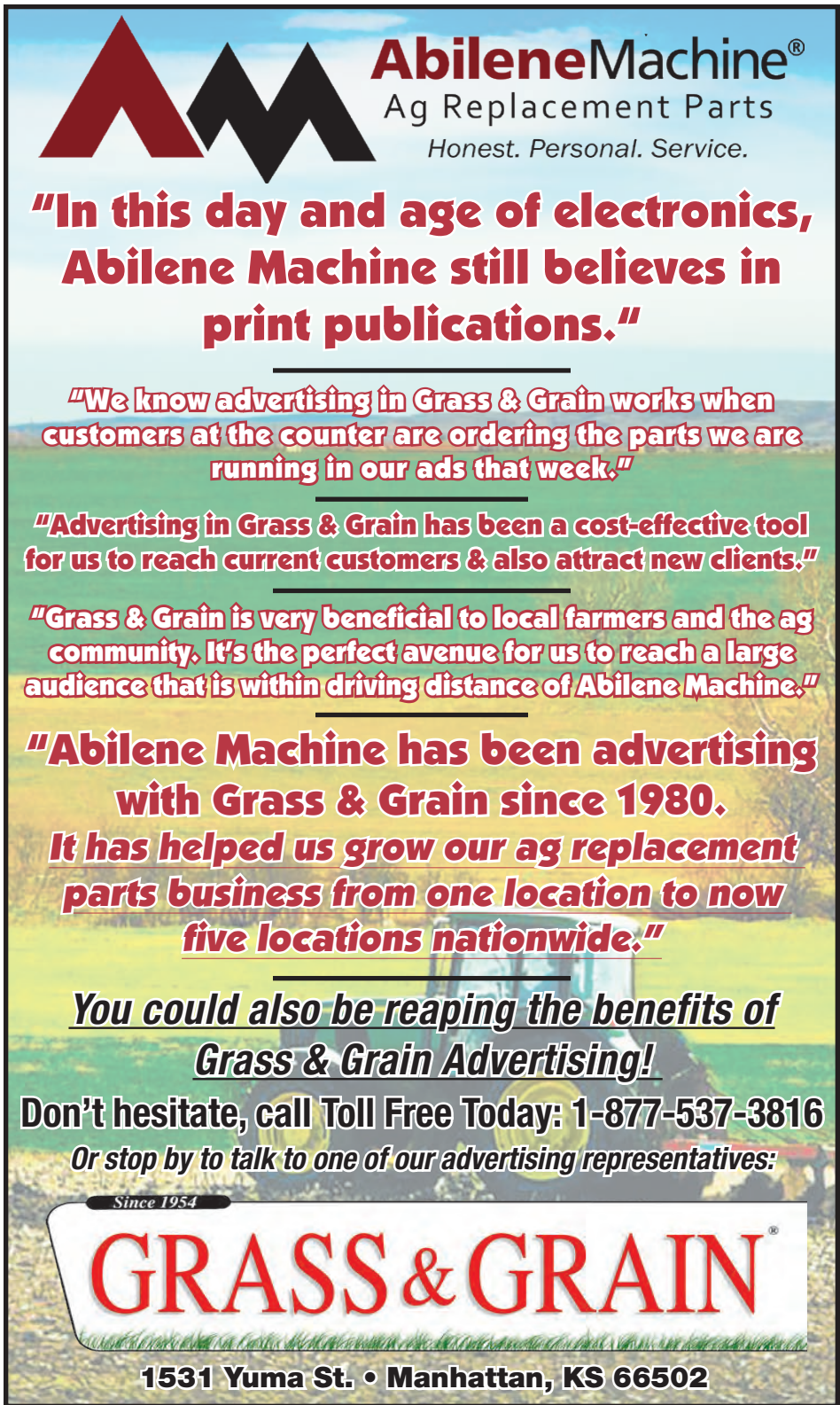
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Beth Scripter, Abilene, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest

Winner Beth Scripter, Abilene: "Here is a new twist on a breakfast casserole. Sure is good!"

TATER TOT BREAKFAST BAKE

4 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled
1 pound sausage, browned
2 1/2 cups sharp Cheddar cheese
2 cups milk
4 eggs
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
2 pound bag of tater tots

Brown the sausage and drain and place in the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Sprinkle 2 cups of the cheese over the sausage. Whisk together the milk, eggs and seasonings. Pour over the cheese and sausage. Put the tater tots over the top of it all and bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Sprinkle the bacon and rest of cheese over the top and bake about 5 more minutes.

NOTE: You CAN make it the night before and pop it in the oven in the morning.

Claire Martin, Salina:
PEACH PLUM SALAD
4 large fresh peaches, pitted & diced
4 plums, seeded & diced
1/2 cup fresh chives, minced (or red onion)
2 tablespoons fresh mint, chopped
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice

Combine all ingredients and serve cold.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

SAUTEED MUSHROOMS & PEAS
3 tablespoons butter

1/2 small yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup mushrooms, quartered
15-ounce bag frozen peas, thawed
1/2 cup chicken broth
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a large skillet melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in peas, broth, zest, salt and pepper; cover and cook until peas are ten-

der, about 5 minutes.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
PASTA WITH SHRIMP & TOMATO CREAM SAUCE
8 ounces uncooked penne pasta
2 tablespoons butter
2 pints cherry tomatoes, halved
2/3 cup minced shallots
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 pound large peeled & deveined raw shrimp
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
3/4 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon chopped tarragon

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and keep warm. Meanwhile melt butter in large skillet over medium high heat. Add cherry tomatoes and cook stirring occasionally, until they start to burst and lose their juices about 3-4 minutes. Add shallots and garlic and cook about 1-2 minutes. Stir in shrimp and cook just until the shrimp are opaque, about 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle the mixture with salt and pepper and stir in heavy cream. Cook until the sauce thickens slightly, about 2 minutes. Stir in chopped tarragon and cooked pasta and serve immediately.

Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia:
CORNBREAD CASSEROLE

1 box Jiffy Cornbread mix
1 small sour cream
1 egg
1 can cream-style corn
1 can whole kernel corn

Mix all ingredients together and put into a 9-by-13-inch pan or dish (greased). Bake at 375 degrees until golden brown on top. Enjoy.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
CROCK-POT POTATOES
2 pounds frozen hash browns
1 can cream chicken soup
1 cup Cheddar cheese, grated

1 can cream mushroom soup
12-ounce carton sour cream

Mix and cook in crock-pot for 4-8 hours.

By Barbara L. Ames, Wildcat District Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

Got a sheet pan in your kitchen? When time is of the essence, it is nice to have a quick and easy meal recipe on hand. That's where sheet pan meals come in handy. A basic sheet pan is like a blank canvas to create easy, tasty and nutritious meals in your oven. Not only are sheet pan dinners easy and delicious, but they leave you with very little clean-up to do afterwards!

While there are many recipes online, you can easily create your own sheet pan meal. The formula is simple: sheet pan + a protein + vegetables + oil and seasonings = a tasty meal! The sheet pan is a rimmed baking sheet and has low sides that help air circulate over and around the food.

For easiest clean-up, line the sheet pan with foil. Any pan with low sides will work and you can mix veggies with oil and seasoning right on the pan. The key with sheet pan meals is to trim or cut each ingredient to the appropriate size so everything cooks at the same speed. Vegetables that take longer to cook should be sliced thinly. Make sure ingredients are spaced nicely, so you don't overcrowd the pan. Overcrowding creates steam and keeps food from browning. We want food to brown because it improves flavor.

Proteins that work well include boneless chicken breasts, thighs and drumsticks, pork chops, salmon and other fish, kielbasa and smaller cuts of beef. Less tender cuts of meat don't work as well. Make sure you season well. Use oil, salt and pepper, and other spices and herbs. Seasoning mixtures and sauces also provide flavor. Sprinkle on fresh herbs and citrus juices at the end of the cooking time.

One Pan Magic Meals



Stagger entry times of ingredients if necessary. Potatoes may take longer to cook than other vegetables and some proteins, so let them cook for 10 to 15 minutes first then add other ingredients. Shrimp and fish also cook quickly, so let vegetables cook a bit first before adding seafood. Tender vegetables should be added later as well.

For more information



SHEET PAN BALSAMIC SHRIMP & VEGETABLES

Makes 4 servings.



2 medium zucchini
1 medium bell pepper, any color
1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes
1 medium red onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
2 cups mushrooms, halved
1 cup asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces
¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, divided
Juice of 1 lemon
1 ½ pounds shrimp, peeled & deveined
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ cup roughly chopped basil leaves
Salt & pepper to taste

1. Place one oven rack in the center of the oven, and the other 4 inches from the top heat. Spray a sheet pan with cooking spray or line with aluminum foil. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

2. Combine the vegetables in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine ¼ cup of olive oil, 2 tablespoons vinegar, and the lemon juice. Add this mixture to the vegetables and toss to coat. Spread on prepared sheet pan and season with pepper.

3. Roast the vegetables on the center rack until they are softened, about 20-25 minutes, then remove from oven.

4. While the vegetables are cooking, place the shrimp in a large bowl and add ¼ teaspoon salt, the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil, the remaining 1 tablespoon of vinegar, and the Worcestershire sauce. Toss gently and let the shrimp marinate while the vegetables cook.

5. After removing vegetables from the oven, turn the oven to broil. Scatter the shrimp and the marinade over the vegetables in a single layer. Broil on the upper rack in the oven until the shrimp are cooked, about 5 minutes. Scatter the basil over the finished dish and serve with brown rice, orzo pasta or couscous.

Nutrition Facts

servings per container	
Serving size	(473g)
Amount per serving	
Calories	350
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 19g	24%
Saturated Fat 3g	15%
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Cholesterol 215mg	72%
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*The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

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As Outdoor Grilling Season Heats Up ... Please Be Safe Grub On the Grill!

By Barbara L. Ames, Wildcat District Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

As the weather warms up, many of us enjoy cook-outs, backyard barbecues, and tailgating with family and friends. Unfortunately, barbeque season brings an increase in foodborne illness. Follow these guidelines to avoid foodborne illness when grilling and tailgating.

MARINATE IN THE REFRIGERATOR

Always marinate raw meats, fish, or poultry in the refrigerator, NEVER on the counter. Set aside a portion of the marinade before adding raw meat or poultry to use later as a dip or basting sauce. Do NOT reuse the marinade the raw meat was soaked in unless you can boil the marinade for five minutes to be sure to kill any bacteria from the raw meat.

WATCH OUT FOR CROSS-CONTAMINATION

The main thing when handling raw meat with tongs is: don't use those same tongs that handled the raw meat with your cooked vegetables or meat. Wash your tongs in between handling raw and cooked foods, or if you have an extra set, use a clean set instead. Also, once you take your meat off the grill, don't put it back on the plate that had the raw meat on it.

USE A MEAT THERMOMETER

A meat thermometer is your best defense against any foodborne illness. To kill harmful bacteria, thoroughly cook meat and poultry to a safe internal temperature. Don't rely on color, because color can be really misleading. Internal temperature is the best way to check for doneness. Digital, instant-read thermometers are the best type to use for grilling because the sensor is on the point of the thermometer. They will give you a reading in about 10 seconds. Insert the tip of the thermometer into the thickest part of the cut. For burgers or thinner cuts of meat, try to insert the thermometer in from the side, not from the top for a better reading.

Depending on the type of meat you are grilling, there are three temperatures to remember:

- 165 degrees F: For any type of poultry, whether it's chicken or turkey, and regardless if it's ground or even whole.
- 160 degrees F: For any type of ground meat, including beef, pork or lamb.
- 145 degrees F: For steaks and chops, whether it is beef, pork or lamb.

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PACK AN ICE CHEST
When transporting or storing food outside, keep food at 40 degrees F or below. This is best done by using an insulated cooler with plenty of frozen ice packs. You should pack the cooler immediately before leaving home, moving food from the refrigerator right to the cooler. Keep the ice chest in a covered area or out of direct sunlight.

CLEAN THE GRILL
Caked-on grease or food can cause a fire, so brush and scrub the grate well. Some spray-on grill cleaners can be effective at removing residue. Remove

the grate and clean left-over grease and food particles from inside the grill. If you are using a brush where the metal bristles are starting to come loose or break, it's time to replace it with a new one. The bristles may break off on the grate itself and if you don't see them, they could get stuck on your food, and you could ingest them. This is also a good time to check the propane tank to make sure it's full and ready to go, and that there are no cracks in the hoses.

For more information, contact the Wildcat Extension District offices at: Crawford County, 620-724-8233; Labette County, 620-784-5337; Montgomery County, 620-331-2690; Wilson County, 620-378-2167; Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP), 620-232-1930. Wildcat District Extension is on the Web at <http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu>. Or, like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district.

GRILLED SALMON

Omega-3-rich salmon steaks hold up well on the grill. Plus, since they're usually sliced to a uniform thickness, they cook evenly. Before you light the fire, coat the rack with cooking spray so the fish won't stick to it.

1 tablespoon smoked paprika

1 teaspoon black pepper

1 teaspoon salt

1 pound salmon steaks

About 4 teaspoons honey

Mix the spices together in a small bowl. Rub the mixture evenly over the salmon. Grill for five minutes per side, drizzling lightly with a squeeze from the honey container (about 1 teaspoon per steak) just before they're done. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition Facts per serving: 190 calories, 23 grams (g) protein, 7 g carbohydrates, 7 g fat (1 g saturated), less than 1 g fiber, 630 milligrams sodium.

Source: NDSU Extension Service, "Grill Something Different."



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Tips for Easy-Breezy Summer Cooking

By Ashleigh Krispense
A crispy drumstick from the first hot batch of Grandma's fried chicken.
Corn-on-the-cob slathered in butter and seasoned with a dash of salt and pepper.
Homemade ice cream meant to be eaten just seconds after the dasher is out...
Summer is just around the corner (officially, at least) and the Kansas heat is already tapping on my front door. Firing up the stove to make a casserole doesn't sound too appealing right now, and neither does starting a pot to simmer! So what do we do during these next several months of heat? Today, I'm sharing with you a few tips to help beat the heat, keep the kitchen cool, and still turn out delicious meals:
First off, understand that raw produce is your friend. It's easy to find, wash, and serve. A relish tray and homemade dip can be a great alternative to the traditional sides like corn, mashed potatoes, etc.
Second, fall in love with your slow-cooker, portable roaster, bread machine, etc! Your bread machine can turn out a fresh loaf of bread in a matter of hours (while you're off picking up the kids from school and running errands) and your slow-cooker or roaster can be used to cook chicken, ground beef, roasts, and so much more. The trick with these last two is to put them out on a small table on your porch or anywhere slightly shady outside. Not only will you get an easy meal with little effort, but you'll save adding any extra heat to your kitchen!
Pin those no-bake recipes! No-bake Oreo Pie is one that needs to be added to your arsenal of easy-to-make desserts, I'm sure! Whenever you see something that involves "no-bake" in the title, give it an extra look before passing by. It might be just what you need for a quick save-me-dessert!
Salad is the bomb! It's easy, cool, and goes great with everything! Keep some washed lettuce on hand in a Tupperware container in the fridge (place a paper towel on top of it and turn upside down in order to soak up excess moisture) and whenever you need a quick side, thinly slice

some peppers, onions, pepperoni, cheese, olives, sandwich meat, and whatever else you have on hand! Top with a little Italian Seasoning and serve immediately.
We all know that summer is the time to pull out the grill. Whether it's grilling salsa-smothered chicken breasts, some veggie kabobs, or the amazing chocolate orange cakes (yes, they're grilled inside an orange! You can find the recipe on the PGC website), the grill is a lifesaver when trying to still cook while beating the heat.
And lastly, serve every meal with fresh, cold fruit, and my favorite, homemade ice cream! (While not a requirement, the latter sure makes mealtime more fun!) Who knows, not only will you eat great and find a few new recipes, but you might actually come to love cooking during the summer!
Email me at prairiegalcookin@gmail.com to share your favorite summer cooking tips! I can't wait to hear from you!
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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Letter to the Editor

The Central Kansas Free Fair Association has been selected to receive a grant under the KDHE Waste Tire Grant Program on behalf of the Depart-

ment of Health and Environment and the Governor's Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Our grant application was one of many projects reviewed by the

Governor's Solid Waste Grants Advisory Committee for FY 2018. KDHE secretary Jeff Anderson, approved the Committee recommended 50 individual waste tire recycling grants, totaling nearly \$458,000 of grant funding that is designed to help educate the public about recycling old tires.

The grant awarded \$2,910 to be used towards the total purchase amount of \$5,832 for recycled picnic tables from area business Champlin Tire Recycling, Inc., located in Concordia. The balance of the purchase amount was received from the Dickinson County Commissioners through the administrative office of Brad Homman. This money was acquired from the recycling of iron through the Dickinson County Waste Transfer Station. The picnic tables will be part of the newly added covered shelter area that was erected last year, prior to the fair, with the assistance of the Community Foundation of Dickinson County, Midwest Concrete Materials, Inc., MW Construction and volunteers.

The Central Kansas Free Fair Association would like lead by example and encourage our patrons to recycle and help make our environment a friendly and healthier space. Please do your part and recycle whenever you can.

Sincerely,
Jean Bender, Secretary
Central Kansas Free Fair



Central Kansas Free Fair vice president Jim Krueger operates the skid steer with board member Ronnie Phillips helping to unload the recycled picnic tables.



Roger Watt, CKFF rodeo committee member, and CKFF board member Ronnie Phillips take a break after assembling the picnic tables.

KFAC now accepting 2019 Teacher of the Year applications

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) is accepting applications for the 2019 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year and Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture Regional Excellence in Teaching awards. The awards honor Kansas teachers who excel at incorporating agriculture into their everyday classroom curriculum. Applications are due June 30, 2018.

All K-12 district-certified Kansas teachers who currently engage in integrating agriculture into a non-vocational agriculture classroom setting are eligible for the award. Applications will be evaluated on creativity and utilization of agricultural information, interdisciplinary approach, advancement of educational standards and student impact.

The Teacher of the Year award winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the National Agriculture in the Classroom (NAITC) convention, sponsored by *High Plains Journal* and *AG am* in Kansas. KFB regional award winners will receive their choice of a \$600 scholarship to attend the NAITC convention or a \$200 cash prize to use toward classroom sup-

plies, sponsored by KFB Foundation for Agriculture. The 2019 NAITC conference is slated for June 18-21, 2018 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award has been in place since 2008. The award honors the late Janet Sims, an educator for more than 30 years and a strong agriculture advocate. Sims served on the KFAC board of directors from 2005 until her

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Understanding pond management

By Jody G.
Holthaus, Livestock and Natural Resources agent, Meadowlark District

Ponds do not come with owner's manuals. Most people stumble into being responsible for a pond without giving a thought to the understanding and management that will be needed.

Here are some of the main perceived problems:

Pond plants are generally beneficial, providing feeding areas for fish, refuge for small fish from bass, and protecting shorelines from wave erosion. However, when plant growth becomes a nuisance, several approaches can be used to manage the problem.

The problem plant must be identified before correct management steps can be taken. Herbicides or other control measures that work on one plant may have no effect on another plant, or even make the problem worse. Collect a fresh sample of the plant and make a sketch of your pond. Take both to your county Extension office for assistance in identification and advice on management options.

There are two common reasons that plants get out of control in ponds. First, too many nutrients may be getting into the pond from sources such as livestock or overfertilized yards. This often leads to excessive growth of algae. Filamentous algae is stringy, lacks any type of leaf, and often resembles green fiberglass insulation. Planktonic algae is visible only under the microscope, but

when overly abundant it gives the water a thick green color, making it difficult to see a shallow submerged object.

Another reason for excessive plant growth is that there may be too many shallow areas in the pond. Areas with less than three to four feet of water are ideal for aquatic plant growth. Many ponds are built with improper shoreline slopes. Livestock around a pond can also trample banks and dams, creating shallow, weed-prone edges.

Herbicides offer quick results, but if the underlying cause of the problem is not corrected, plant growth will reoccur. Grass carp offer an option for controlling most rooted aquatic plants, but if overstocked these fish can completely clean out a pond and leave no feeding or refuge areas for forage fish.

When large numbers of fish show up dead within the period of a day, a fish kill has occurred. Smaller numbers of fish dying over a period of several days indicates a disease-related problem.

Oxygen depletion is the leading cause of fish kills in Oklahoma ponds. Because low oxygen kills are usually sudden and massive, many pond owners mistakenly jump to the conclusion that a pesticide must be responsible. The following signs point to low oxygen as the cause of a fish kill:

- Fish gulping at the water's surface.
- Bass die first.
- Large fish die before

small fish of the same species.

- Pond water changes color.
- Light scum or a film is visible on the water.

If you see fish gulping at the surface and not too many have died, it may be practical to try saving the rest by aerating the water. This can be done by backing a boat into the water and running the outboard motor with the propeller near the surface to maximize splashing. A pump can be set up to allow water to cascade over boards or a roll of fencing to break it up into as many drops as possible. Some pond owners report success in using a tractor-mounted bush hog to aerate the pond. Aeration should continue at least until fish are no longer at the surface and possibly for as long as several days to allow oxygen levels to recover.

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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Thousand Thrilling Stories

Joseph Lehman (pronounced “Lemon”) was only twelve years old when he set out from New York state for Kansas Territory in the mid-1850s. Lehman was big for his age and had “shifted for himself” at an early age. On the way to Kansas, Lehman fell in with Daniel Hussey Page, a studious young man from Rochester, New Hampshire.

Page had attended Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Maine. Lehman and Page made quite a young duo looking for adventure

in the west. Somewhere along the trail, adventure found them in the form of an experienced plainsman known as P. M. Thompson. Thompson spent so much time hunting along the Smoky Hill River that he gained the pseudonym “Smoky Hill” Thompson.

According to Bill Ziegler, a one-time partner, Thompson was already a legendary figure who had once single-handedly defeated a grizzly bear while in its clutches. Using pack horses, the Thompson party toured

through Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, Mexico, California and back into Kansas Territory. The Bowie knife and the long rifle became the tools of trade for Lehman and Page on their adventure through the west.

By late summer of 1859, Thompson’s party, made up of Thompson, Lehman, Page, Adam Weadle, D. Cushman, and a Mexican by the name of Leverato, settled into a hunting camp along the Smoky Hill River west of present-day Marquette. While out on a hunt, a band of Indians stampeded their livestock and ransacked the camp. Left destitute by the raid, the men moved to a wooded creek known to Smoky Hill Thompson and prepared to live on the plains through the winter. Thompson vowed that he would stay in the country until he had recouped his losses.

Thompson selected a location along a freight-trail later known as the Salt Road because a good portion of the traffic carried salt from surface mines on the Solomon River to the Cow Creek Crossing of the Santa Fe

Trail (three miles west of present-day Lyons, Kansas). At Cow Creek, Asahel Beach operated a trading ranch commonly known as Beach Valley. At Thompson’s Creek goods and services were provided to freighters on their way to and from Cow Creek.

The Salt Road provided some business but farther north the army was using a trail known as the Fort Riley Military Road. The military trail, laid out in 1855, led from Fort Riley southwest to the Santa Fe Trail. Page and Lehman noticed that traffic along that road was heavier and chose to set up their own trading ranch at the Smoky Hill River crossing of the trail in the spring of 1861.

The country was a virtual hunter’s paradise of buffalo, antelope, elk, mule deer, rabbits, prairie chicken, and turkeys. When the situation called for a good shot, Joseph Lehman could be counted on to bring home the prize. Family tradition handed down through Daniel Page’s family recounts that Lehman was an excellent shot, especial-

ly with a revolver. Page would confidently hold up a poker chip between his fingers while Lehman shot the chip from his hand. Lehman was described as quiet but active; a man who could take care of himself.

In the coming years the young men found their paradise filled with bold and daring episodes that could only be found at the edge of the frontier. The young men regularly traded with passing bands of Indians. Lehman and another man shot sixty-one buffalo in one stand. The Kansas Stage Company began service in 1862, using the Lehman and Page ranch as a station. Partisan Confederate sympathizers raided the ranch in August, 1862, taking mules, horses, and weapons.

When a Cheyenne Peace Chief was killed, war came to the plains. Thirty miles southwest, a stage station was burned, and a good friend murdered. Hearing drums up river from the ranch, Lehman rode to investigate. From the top of a nearby hill he was amazed to find the valley filled with the

campfires of wild Indians.

Lehman advised area ranchers who had gathered at the Lehman & Page ranch to get out of the country. As the ranchers approached Salina they could see a circle of wagons prepared to defend the town. An American flag was waving above in the center of Santa Fe & Iron Avenues. The anticipated attack never came, but all of the abandoned stations were burned. For Lehman and Page life on the frontier had lost its appeal. They married Salina girls and settled down on farms south of town. Joseph Lehman died June 9, 1890, in Pueblo County, Colorado, and as with so many who had passed before, a thousand thrilling stories would never again be told 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.

Hildebrand Farms celebrates June as Dairy Month with Moo-vie Night

Summer is right around the corner and a local dairy farm is making big plans to celebrate June as Dairy Month. Hildebrand Farms Dairy, 5210 Rucker Rd., Junction City, plans to host a Moo-vie Night on the Farm, June 23 starting at 7 p.m.

The Moo-vie Night on the Farm will feature *Ferdinand* by Big Sky Produc-

tions. The movie will play outdoors at sunset and is free and open to the public.

“As a Kansas dairy that connects directly with our customers we want to offer something special and fun to celebrate June as Dairy Month,” Melissa Reed, operations manager, said. “We are thrilled to offer a moo-vie night on our farm

giving families a fun, yet relaxing, outdoor activity.”

While there is no cost for the movie, the Hildebrand Farm Store will provide a full concession stand with items for purchase. They will offer a special June Dairy Month menu for the event including root beer floats with a souvenir cup, hot fudge sundaes, ice cream cups and cones, movie-style popcorn, candy, water, and soda pop.

Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs. The seating area will be on gravel so blankets are not recommended. No outside food or drink is permitted to ensure this remains a family event.

Also, each Thursday in June the Farm Store is offering any size ice cream cone for \$1, toppings are extra.

“Our dollar ice cream cone days are always a big hit,” Reed said. “It’s the perfect end to a day at the swimming pool or lake. I hope people take advantage of this great deal and come celebrate June as Dairy Month with us.”

Hildebrand Farms Dairy is a third-generation family farm located west of Junction City. The family has been dairy farming since 1930, and in 2008 began processing, bottling and marketing their own milk. Hildebrand Farms Dairy products are available in more than 125 stores throughout Kansas. For more information visit www.hildebrandfarms-dairy.com.

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House members call for end to Thailand’s ban on U.S. pork

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives sent a letter to Virachai Plasai, ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United States, calling for the removal of restrictions on imports of U.S. farm products, including U.S. pork. The bipartisan letter – signed by 44 members and sponsored by representatives David Young, R-IA, and Ron Kind, D-WI – calls for the suspension of U.S. trade benefits enjoyed by Thailand if it does not respond with reciprocal access.

“It’s time for Thailand to end its unwarranted ban on U.S. pork,” said Jim Heimerl, a pork producer from Johnston, Ohio and president of the National Pork Producers Council. “We thank representatives Young and Kind for leading this call to action on behalf of American pork producers and other farmers.”

Recently, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) agreed with a request from the National Pork Producers Council to review Thailand’s eligibility for the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program because of that country’s failure to provide access to its market for U.S. products, including pork. NPPC is urging the Trump administration to withdraw or limit the benefits Thailand receives under the preferential trade program, which gives duty-free treatment to certain goods entering the United States. The program allows for removal of a country’s benefits if it fails to provide the United States “equitable and reasonable access” to its market.

According to the letter to Ambassador Plasai, “If significant progress is not made, we anticipate that the United States may soon consider whether it is appropriate to suspend some of Thailand’s GSP benefits in order to ensure better compliance with the letter and spirit of the eligibility criteria.”

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Neither side felt they could co-exist with the other. It is a conflict that has played out over and over in world history and the results are always tragic – for both sides.

For the past decade, Kansas has been marking the anniversaries of 150 years ago, beginning with the Kansas Nebraska Act in 1854. Last year, there were dozens of significant dates marked – the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail, the Battle at Fort Wallace, the Kidder Massacre, the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty, Hancock's War. This year is just as eventful, and it is all connected.

The events of 1867 led to the decisions made in 1868. Rather than solving anything, the situation had been escalated. General Phil Sheridan authorized the formation of an elite group of scouts, skilled plainsmen to be led by Major George "Sandy" Forsyth. It appeared to Sheridan that the biggest problem in fighting the Indians

had been finding the Indians. These "Fifty Fearless Men," as historian Orvel A. Criqui later called them, would find the Indians and then they could deal with the Indians.

They found Indians all right. For nine days in September 1868, Forsyth's command was pinned down by the Cheyennes on an island in the Arikaree River in northeastern Colorado. Among the casualties were Lt. Fred Beecher, Civil War veteran and a member of the noted abolitionist family, and Roman Nose, the Cheyenne war leader and holy man.

The story of their ordeal and the efforts to save them is the stuff of legend.

In a unique collaboration, Forts Harker, Hays, and Wallace, with the Wray (Co.) Museum, will commemorate these events in August and September. Plans are to include as many descendants as possible and on August 24, the Lincoln County Historical Society will host a program by Mike Day and a dinner for descendants. Many of the original scouts came from Lincoln County. The next day, the enlistment will be re-enacted at Fort Harker, Kanopolis.

Each weekend the events move to a new site. August 25 -26, Fort Harker; September 1-2, Fort Hays; September 8-9, Fort Wallace Museum; September 15-16, Wray, Colorado. Historians, encampments, entertainment – the events at each site will be educational and interactive.

Mounted scouts are being recruited. If you are interested, contact Greg Heller at the Fort Harker Guardhouse Museum at 785-472-5733 or email me at the address below.

This history occurred along the Smoky Hill Trail and that association is a

sponsor of the commemorative events. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism is also a sponsor and be sure you check their website for schedules of interesting things to do and places to visit all Around Kansas!

There are Facebook pages, The Grand Reunion of Forsyth Scouts and an event page by the same name. Follow them to keep up with what's happening.

This series of events is an unique collaboration between private, county, and state historic sites. You do not have to wait for these events to visit these sites. Plan to visit Forts Harker, Hays, and Wallace soon, and get a head start on the story. Join their friends' groups. Get involved and get your kids and grandkids involved.

There is so much happening Around Kansas this summer!!

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I would like to apologize to my readers for a grammatical error, at least the one I noticed. I wrote in a previous column about a cloud formation that made Jake and me think of *Ghost Riders in the Sky*. I wrote, "Jake and I," which was incorrect in that context. It's a pet peeve of mine when others make that mistake and I was mortified. I hope there were no heart attacks due to my transgression.

Deb Goodrich is the co-host of Around Kansas and the Garvey Historian in Residence at Fort Wallace Museum. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

Bayer selling \$9B in ag business ahead of Monsanto merger

(AP) – German pharmaceutical giant Bayer AG has agreed to the U.S. government's demand that it sell about \$9 billion in agriculture businesses as condition for acquiring Monsanto Co., a U.S. seed and weed-killer maker.

Antitrust regulators at the Justice Department say it's the biggest divestiture ever required for a merger. The regulators say they directed Bayer to divest assets such as vegetable oils, seeds and seed treatments to ensure fair competition in the market after the massive agriculture business deal goes through. The assets will be sold to BASF, a German chemical company.

Bayer's \$57 billion takeover of Monsanto has been watched by competitors and environmental groups, which are fearful that the number of players in the business of selling seeds and pesticides will shrink further and give a single company an exclusive grip on the food chain.

Monsanto, based in St. Louis, is one of the world's biggest seed companies. The merger would make Bayer the largest supplier in the world of pesticides and seeds for farmers.

The divestiture proposal will be filed in federal court and opened to public comment for 60 days.

In March, the European Union approved the

merger on condition that Bayer sell \$7.4 billion in assets to BASF to eliminate overlaps in seed and pesticide markets. The U.S. Justice Department said after the European action that it continued to have concerns over the proposed merger, especially its potential impact on American farmers and consumers, which could differ from its effects in Europe. Genetically modified seeds, for example, are used widely in the U.S. but mostly banned in Europe.

The merger also has won approval from China, Brazil and Australia.

Bayer said it has now secured nearly all the needed government clearances for closing the deal.

"Receipt of the (Justice Department's) approval brings us close to our goal of creating a leading company in agriculture," Bayer CEO Werner Baumann said in a statement.

"We want to help farmers across the world grow more nutritious food in a more sustainable way."

Some antitrust experts had warned that the merger would eliminate direct competition between two of the biggest players in the seed industry, giving the new company lopsided control over U.S. cotton acreage, and commercial seed development for canola, soybean and corn.

Two big mergers last year already have reshaped the global seed and pesticide market: Dow Chemical's combination with DuPont last year, and China National Chemical Corp.'s acquisition of Syngenta, a Swiss seed and pesticide maker.

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Smithwick/Bomber/Mepps/etc.; fish finder; 100s of other tackle items, Most New Old Stock Never Opened!; Coleman cooler & camping stove w/boxes; camping supplies; fishing magazines; filet & hunting knives; Flightmaster blue rock thrower; blue rock.
COLLECTIBLES, SEWING, HOUSEHOLD & MISC.
'60s Mid-Century Whiskey Barrel Dinette set w/Barrel Chairs; Nakazato Nickel Silver "Wheat Pattern" 114 piece set w/box; 4 metal lawn chairs; steel wheels; metal garden gate; corn sheller; hay forks; wooden ladders; milk cans; wooden cheese boxes; White Rock Beverage wooden box; neon COLD BEER sign; metal 24x30 Cattle Crossing sign; hay hooks; vintage wrenches; Red Wagon; advertising yardsticks Os/Gold/ Easton; IH wooden sign; implement seat on milk can; Harley Davidson Fat Boy radio control motorcycle; oil lamps; colored jars; mantle clock; owl collection; salt/pepper collection w/noddies; wicker doll buggy; vintage bisque dolls (Cupie) & clowns; paper cut out dolls; Gold Wheat dish set; Ruby Red glassware; clear glass/pottery pieces; avon; Singer treadle sewing machine; china hutch; blonde cedar chest; cedar lined wardrobe; oak bedroom suite; **large collection books:** western, romance, cookbooks; Easton/Leavenworth books; Elna Swiss 1600 sewing machine; quilts, linens, dollies, fabric; GE refrigerator; Maytag washer/dryer; vintage tread-mill; Wilson Ladies golf set w/bag (nice!); 6' windmill; yard art; household décor; box lots; salvage metal; **numerous items too many to mention!**

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Senate Ag Appropriations bill clears committee

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations bill recently, putting it one step closer to being finalized.

Similar to the House version, the bill funds agricultural and food programs and services, including food and medical product safety, animal and plant health programs, rural development and farm services, agricultural trade, financial marketplace oversight and nutrition programs.

Of significant importance to cattle feeders, the bill includes funding for:

Agriculture Research – \$2.73 billion for agriculture research programs, including the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Animal and Plant Health – \$1.004 billion for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection service.

Conservation Programs – \$879.1 million to help farmers and ranchers conserve and protect their land.

Once the bill passes the Senate, members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will meet to work out a compromise between the two versions of the bill. TCFA will continue to monitor the bill's progress.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 — 9:00 AM

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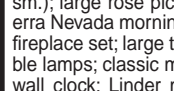
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FURNITURE & PICTURES: round oak table w/4 chairs; matching sofa, chair, coffee table & end tables (pine); gun cabinet; matching full size bed, chest of drawers, dresser w/mirror & nightstand; large lighted cabinet; lg. leather recliner; Lane rocker recliner; wood rocker; TV stand; Broyhill oval end table w/drawer; Marjorie Sharp rose pictures (2 lg. & 2 sm.); large rose picture by Barbara Mock; pheasant hunting picture, Sierra Nevada morning (Albert Bierstadt); Realistic stereo set w/ speakers; fireplace set; large trunk; Sentry safe; old library table; antique rocker; table lamps; classic manor wall chime clock; Alaron 31 day winding chime wall clock; Linder mantel clock; electric fireplace. **COLLECTIBLES & GLASSWARE:** Dempster Mill-210 Well pump; C.I. Uncle Sam mechanical working bank; sm. Lane cedar box; misc. costume jewelry; Bulls Eye pocket watch; several belt buckles (Snap On (solid brass), NRA Member Commemorative the Guns of John Wayne, America—Love it or Give it Back, Harley Davidson, Henry Ford Model T, Theres No Place on Earth like America, Viet Nam Veteran, I'll Give up my Gun When They Pry It From My Cold Dead Fingers; German steins; pewter shot glass set; brass deer & eagle figurines & other brass; c.i. dutch ovens; milk bottles, old bottles; coffee grinder; brown Hull dish set; Newcor dish set; **YARD/ TOOLS/OUTDOOR:** Finco sprayer; scroll saw; hand saws; wheel barrow; propane bottles; lawn cart; Agri-Fab pull behind spreader; Poulon elec. chainsaw; Weed Eater push mower w/20" cut; recip. Saw; electric drills; dolly; Homelite hedge trimmer; 2. sm wheel trailer; 2-gas weed eaters; concrete pig; sea horse bird bath; firewood rack; coolers; canop; iron patio set w/6 chairs & umbrella; smoker/grill; OMC gas barbecue grill; shepard hooks; yard tools; Guardian power, 5 speed, H.D. drill press; anvil; lots of sm. hand tools; gas cans; sm. roll around tool box; B & D cordless drill; ammo boxes; deer sheds; gun cabinet; driftwood décor; fishing rods & reels (Shakespeare 2062, Berberg spinning reel 828 & others). **MISC.:** 2 small chest freezers; space heaters; Christmas decorations; cookbooks; sm. kitchen appliances; pots & pans; Corning ware; Pyrex; Corell; kitchen utensils; lg. granite roaster; microwave; 16 qt. pressure canner & cooker (new); 2- Tramontina 3 qt. chafing dish (new); Tramontina 13 x 9 covered buffet dish (new); Crofton triple steamer (new); lg. Igloo dog house; tackle boxes; lg. industrial metal mop bucket; & **LOTS MORE!!**

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Livestock and poultry on cover crops is focus of Waverly field day

Farmers and professionals interested in soil health practices are invited to see one of Kansas' best at a field day this summer. No-till on the Plains, in partnership with large group of Kansas conservation organizations, are hosting an educational tour on July 24 at the Darin and Nancy Williams Farm, 2293 26th Rd., Waverly. Registration is limited to the first 150 individuals.

The day begins with an 8 a.m. registration and by 8:30 a.m. attendees will see several soils demonstrations from NRCS soil

health specialist Candy Thomas. A number of opportunities to see and discuss cover crops, non-permanent livestock fencing, poultry management, direct seeding equipment and wildlife plantings will round out the morning. Lunch is provided at the Waverly Community Center.

In the afternoon attendees will hear how soil health and cover crops have evolved over the past three decades on the Carroll, Ohio farm of David Brandt. Brandt is a leader in the adoption of soil health innovations in the

United States. Host Darin Williams will explain how his farm, his business and soils has thrived applying regenerative agriculture principles. Finally, the group will learn about the unique forage utilization strategies used by Jacob Miller, 7M Ranch, Culbertson, Neb. The day will conclude with a question and answer session.

Williams says being able to host a field day is a must-do to help further promote soil health management methods. "We invite all who are interested in the integration of livestock, cover crops and low input farming to join us at the farm," Williams says. "Our speakers are designed to give attendees the best info possible

to go home and put their soil to work for them."

Partners and Sponsors for the July 24 field day include: No-till on the Plains, The Nature Conservancy of Kansas, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Natural Ag Solutions, Kansas WRAPS/EPA, Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, Coffey County Conser-

vation District, Kansas Water Office, Kansas Dept. Agriculture, Kansas Rural Center, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Live Wire Fence Supply,

No-till on the Plains. Annual Sponsors include Green Cover Seed, Farmers Business Network, K-Coe Isom, and Noble Research Institute.

Administration announces H-2A reform initiative

The Departments of State, Agriculture, Labor and Homeland Security are working in coordination on a proposal to streamline, simplify and improve the H-2A temporary agricultural visa program.

In a joint statement, secretaries Pompeo, Perdue, Acosta and Nielsen announced the administrative initiative.

"The Trump administration is committed to modernizing the H-2A visa program rules in a way that is responsive to stakeholder concerns and that deepens our confidence in the program as a source of legal and

Sustainable ag – partnering for the better; collaboration with K-State researchers helps farmers fine-tune their inputs, management and yields

Saline County farmer Justin Knopf has no problem trying something new. Make that... a lot of somethings new. A K-State agronomy graduate, Knopf, along with his brother and father, grows wheat, alfalfa, soybeans, grain sorghum, corn and multi-specie cover crops in a dryland, no-till environment.

The Knopfs are collaborating with K-State agronomy assistant professor Andres Patrignani on a project that uses new sensor technology to develop soil-moisture based on

management zones within a field.

"Like most of Kansas, we farm in a water-limited environment, so the amount of water that soil can effectively capture and store is a good predictor for potential productivity," Knopf said. "The ability to divide a field into management zones based on soil moisture would allow farmers to manage each zone more precisely, making the most of the water we receive."

In work with K-State Research and Extension agronomist Ignacio Ciampitti, the Knopfs are using satellite imagery during the growing season to pre-

verified labor for agriculture — while also reinforcing the program's strong employment and wage protections for the American workforce," the secretaries said.

The administration also plans to incentivize farmers' use of the E-Verify program.

The announcement signals the initiation of the process. Regulatory changes could be implemented in time for the FY2020 program season; however, some reforms will require statutory changes that must be made by Congress.

dict crop yields at harvest. The results look promising, Knopf said.

"This is useful for quantifying varying levels of productivity within a field, which will allow us to divide the field into management zones to more precisely manage each area of the field," he said. "It is also helpful for discovering a problem area within a field earlier than we may find it through scouting or visual observations, which may allow us to be more proactive in solving the problem before it causes more damage."

When the family was considering expanding cover crops on their oper-

ation, K-State helped design an experiment, monitor weed levels to quantify suppression from the cover crop, and statistically analyze the data.

"K-State is collaborating with not only our farm on these projects and, of course, many others, but replicating the same projects on a number of farms across the state," Knopf said. "The data and outcomes on other farms is also valuable and relevant to our farm, which is yet another layer of value in the relationship and collaboration between K-State and Kansas farmers."

Animal health contributes billions to U.S. economy

A comprehensive new study, "The Economic

and Social Contributions of the Animal Health In-

dustry," documents the value and role that the companies that produce animal medicines play in the U.S. economy and beyond. The results are clear: In its work to improve the health of nearly ten billion companion and food-producing animals, the animal health industry contributes significant economic and social benefits across America.

Fueled by \$9.9 billion in sales of medicines, the U.S. animal health industry employs 21,257 workers, accounts for more than \$1.2 billion in wages and \$1.2 billion in taxes, and maintains a positive balance in trade.

Furthermore, animal health products directly contribute to the economic activity of other industries, including veterinary services, animal production, meat and dairy production, and pet services. Combined, these four industries generated \$548 billion in output, created almost 1.4 million jobs and paid more than \$52 billion in wages in 2016.

"With more than 67% of U.S. households owning pets, it's undeniable that animals are fully integrated into our daily lives," said Alexander Mathews, Animal Health Institute (AHI) president and CEO.

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Adams, NE: 5 mi. West on Hwy 41 to S. 82nd Rd. (34 B Spur) & 1 ½ mi. south; Pickrell, NE: Hwy 77 & Pickrell corner, 7 mi. East on E. Pickrell Rd. to S. 82nd Rd. then 4 ½ mi. North.

TRACTORS, LOADER, MACHINERY (Sells SUNDAY)
1961 JD 3010 dsl tractor, SN# 4541, WF, syncro-range, dual hyd, 3pt, 13.9x36 rubber (80%), runs
1968 JD 3020 dsl tractor, SN# 120175, WF, power-shift, dual hyd, 3pt, 15.5x38 rubber (50%), runs
1962 JD 3010 dsl tractor, SN# 8841, WF, syncro-range, single hyd, 3pt, 15.5x38 rubber (45%), runs
1964 JD 4020 LP tractor, SN# 77557, WF, syncro-range, dual hyd, 3pt, 18.4x34 rubber (20%), Runs
1966 JD 2510 dsl tractor, SN# 6693, WF, syncro-range, single hyd, 3pt, 13.6x38 rubber (like new), major overhaul, average metal & faded paint, runs
Westendorf TA 25 hyd. loader w/5' bucket, good, came off 3010 JD model 8200 7"x21-hole grain drill w/seeder (nice); JD 3pt 6-row model 400 rotary hoe; Soil Mover 2 yd. scraper; J D #38 7' sickle mower; J D #8 7' sickle mower; slide-in stock rack; 3pt bale spear; 4-wheel elec. gear w/6x11' box wagon; JD 20/30 weight bracket sets; JD slab weights (2); Super Chief 3pt PTO post hole auger; JD 3x14 3pt plow; JD 3pt F-1350/F-1450 4x16 plow; JD 3 pt 12'-shank chisel; JD #25A 3 pt 140 gal poly tank boom sprayer, 20" spacing; JD C11 3 pt 15'6" field cultivator w/2-bar harrow; H/M 8" heavy duty bucket also JD 7' bucket; Oliver model 5240 wagon hoist; 3 pt hog crate 5x7'; 30-Series weight bracket & (2) suitcase weights; 20/30-Series JD shields, panels, dash panel, screens, etc.; Snow Co 8x48' PTO auger; JD 306 PTO auger; Lee battery fork lift.
SHOP EQUIPMENT (Sells SATURDAY)
Carolina H-press, 30-ton; Mini Tune Inc. small bottle torch set w/cart; Generator-Alternator-Start-er tester; chain hoist (2); splitting stands (3); 4 & 5" vise; Chicago 14" cut-off saws (2); diesel compression tester; AC compressor service kit; Central hyd 800lb. transmission jack; 4-wheel cherry picker; 4-wheel 2000lb. engine stand; Goodyear 2-ton hyd shop crane; Omni ½" drill press w/stand; 1.265 battery acid, ½ barrel w/pump; pallet jack; 4-wheel 2x4' shop cart; freight carts; Master Hand 10-drawer tool chest; Craftsman 25-drawer stacked tool chest; Craftsman 3 & 10-drawer tool chests; Craftsman 16-drawer tool chest w/base; Clark 3-drawer tool chest (3); Clark 7-drawer tool chest w/base; Clark 9-drawer tool chest; J D 10-drawer tool chest; 128-hole wooden parts bin; Metal 108 & 42-hole parts bins; Wooden 40-hole (15 x 27") parts bin; (2) 7-tier metal 35" wide metal shelves; acetylene torch set w/Victor gauges & 125' hoses; sleeve drivers & pullers; hyd. flow tester; 9 AC gauge units/manifold kits.
HAND TOOLS (Sells SATURDAY)
NEW: Brands of Craftsman, John Deere, Tool Shop, Gear Wrench, Performax, Mechanic, AKAR, Bench Top, Tool Kraft, Chesco, Pittsburg, Chicago consisting of 3/8" socket sets; 3-14 Pc screw driver sets (11); adj. wrenches; spade & drill bits; band saw; rout-er; metric hex keys; Irwin hand saws (8); marples hand saws (3); hack saws (7); 16" pry bars; 18ga brad nailer; 2" ratchet straps (4); 1" ratchet strap sets (5); combination tool kits (9); ball pin hammers (12); 16 oz. claw hammers (12); 4-Pc pry bar sets (4); torque wrenches (4); saw blades; 6" bench grinder; 220V mig/flux welder; tape measures (18); combination box-end wrench sets (25); 14 & 20" tile cutters; wire brush wheels (20); 4" cutting disc; propane buner torch; Lincoln 12v power grease guns; (2) Briggs/Stratton 12 hp gas engine (NIB); 20 gal parts washer; **USED:** Schumacker 50amp charger; Quick Grip bar clamps; 16-spd Work Light drill press; electrical testers; 7" DeWalt cutting wheels; 6" wire wheels; Chicago 500amp load tester; ½" elec drills; digital multimeters (6); 4-wheel adj. mechanic stand; plastic spring clamps; Quick Grip clamps; Professional 190cc 8.75 hp 3800PSI power sprayer; Makita 4" rt angle grinder; welding rod; wheel pullers; air hose; finishing squares; Pro Snips; razor cutters; vise grips (15); drill bit sets; drill press vises; drill bit sharpener; 160-pc titanium drill bit set; hole saw; driver bit sets; pliers-snips-cutters; Pittsburg 11-pc snap ring plier set; 3-pc aviation snip sets; power point 100-Pc drill bit set; bolt cutters; Pittsburg 9-pc ¾" 21/16-21/2" socket set; 4-way spinners; barrel stands; 40-pc SAE tap-n-die set; Craftsman 74-pc mechanics tool set & socket sets; JD SAE 13-pc ½" socket sets; Tool Shop ¼" 25-pc socket set; numerous other socket sets; pipe wrenches; metal snips; Drill Craft 246-pc accessory set; welding helmet; cable come-a-long; cutting knives; 1 1/4-2" combination wrench set; Snap-On torque wrench; 8-drawer tool organizers (8); plastic & metal tool boxes (10); universal lock-out tool set; dual angle chuck air tester; Karcher 400PSI elec pressure washer; 36" creeper; bushing driver set; nails, screws, washers; Craftsman ¾" drive socket set; 11-pc air tool assessor kit & **many other items.**
PICKUPS ** 1-OWNER (Sells SUNDAY)
1984 GMC Sierra Classic ½ ton 2WD pickup, 31,978 act. miles, V-8, auto, SN# 1GTEC14 HOES527504, bench seat, auto lock & windows, AM-FM-cruise, full size box w/bed liner, running boards & 15" radial rubber (SHARP)
2002 Chev Silverado LS K2500 ½ ton HD 4x4 ext. cab pickup, 130,973 miles, 6.0 eng, SN# 1GCHK29U02E221425, 60/40 velour seat, elec windows-doors-locks, 6' bed
GOOSENECK TRAILER (Sells SUNDAY)
Triple B 8"x20" wood deck tandem axle trailer w/5' beavertail & folding ramps,, 8 bolt rims, 235/R16 rubber, 7500# Champion 12 volt elec winch & front accessory rack (Nice Trailer).
Heavy Duty 9'6" x 25' tarp
MISC. JD ITEMS (Sells SUNDAY)
New & Rebuilt JD tractor parts: hyd pumps/boxes, battery box brackets, O-rings, AC compressors, water pumps, lights, clutch & transmission parts, shifting forks, bearings, tie rod ends dash gauges, brake pads, starter parts, hyd fittings, seat parts & replacements, Syncro shift parts, injector tester, axle wedges, Sound Guard body door, spindles, brake assembly, alternators & generators, carburetors, 3rd links, heater hose, tool boxes, JD owner's manuals-implement books-parts catalogs-misc gaskets & (50) 20-Series operator manuals, 8x12' hay rack of assorted new engine fluids consisting of antifreeze-motor oil-transmission/hyd fluids-grease-starter fluids-134A refrigerant-conditioners etc., reclaim tanks, JD batteries, car/dual stereo radios & **many other items!!**
MISC. (Sells SATURDAY)
Poulan 208cc 27"elec start snow thrower (new); JD L-120 48" cut 20hp V-Twin lawn tractor; JD 111 & 180 lawn tractors (parts); Pax 6-ton bulk bin; 10' galv. stock tank; Stormor bin sign; snow fence; brass post box doors; implement jacks; (2) JD 9.5Lx15 wheel/tires; B&S kick start type 60113 mod y gas eng; automotive wire; elec terminal kits; new tarps & grommet repairs; 3 pt lugs; E clips; multimeters; wire wrap; screw clamps; heater hose; pneumatic ratchets & impacts; Craftsman extensions & breaker bars; jumper cables; CH 250 PSI 12v air compressor; pneumatic 12 & 20 ton hyd. floor jacks; Quick Grips; bottle jacks; wheel pullers; Ridgid pipe wrenches; cable come-a-longs; bolt cabinets; McCulloch chain saw; 5" bench grinder; retractable mechanics light; 10" buffer; funnels; 48" fluorescent lights; Cosco step ladder; 3/8" & ½" air hose; spray paint canisters; power strips & ext cords; trouble lights; Wagner Power 10 paint sprayer; Work Mate benches; barrel pump; 30,000 BTU garage heater; high lift jack; bracket shelving units; wooden 2-wheel freight cart; JD alum. pickup tool box; cast end red/white park bench; dimensional used lumber; hose-rakes-brooms-shovels-gloves-sprayers & **many other items!**

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ANTIQUES
Hohner Coronama button accordion; Hohner button accordion; Concertone steel bronze reed button accordion; fancy oak rocker; Sessions wood mantel clock; Liberty dome clock; cedar chest; fancy floor lamp; double light lamp; McCoy & other vases; post cards; Oneida Tudor plate set silverware in case; set 3 Thomas Kincade oil painting pictures; pictures & frames; hand quilted quilts; mink three quarter length fir coat; black leather womens coat; 3 ladies purses; smoking pipe collection; 15 Bradford Exchange
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TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 — 5:00 PM
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1994 Nissan G20+ Infinity 4-door car.
Antique Oak dropfront desk with mirror; Oak dresser with oval mirror; Oak library table; LG front load automatic washer & dryer (like new); Whirlpool refrigerator.
2 glider rockers; sofa; Samsung flat screen TV; Oak curio cabinet; sofa table; Oak coffee table; china cabinet; Maple dining chairs; 4-door modern bookshelf; 5-drawer chest-of-drawers; tall stand with drawer; several bookshelves; computer desk; child's Bentwood rocker; twin bed; drum table; old child's Oak desk; Waterfall chest-of-drawers; Oak youth desk;

parlor table with glass top display case; folding rocker; bird cage & stand; 2 & 4-drawer file cabinets; wood dinette table; French Provincial 8-drawer chest & nite stand; '50's chair; '50's red & white granite top table; smoke stand; sewing stand; '50's gray dinette table; stands; various benches; metal wardrobe; shelves; dress form; corner chair; area rugs; 10 gallon Red Wing crock; Lowell & one other 5 gallon stoneware jugs; one gallon blue band jug; apple butter jar; Religious figurines; electric appliances; microwave; printer's tray; crockpot; Corningware; Corelle; cast iron skillet; Nativity set;

Holiday decorations; vacuum; graniteware; copper fire extinguisher; 4' & other bottles; fur pieces; what-nots; lamps; pictures; shoe shine box; picnic basket; easel; Hotwheel cars; luggage; pink depression bowl; large Art glass & other vases; Barbie & other dolls; books; toys; fan-on-stand; metal kitchen cabinets; bird bath; concrete Relinets statues; picnic table; well pump.
Toro push mower; step ladder; shop vac; hammers; wrenches; bike; hose reel; electric sewer snake; hand tools; shop items; shovels; garden tools; Boxes yet to be unpacked! Lots miscellaneous.

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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

Online auction (opens May 25; begins to close June 5) — Trucks, mowers, snow plows, snow blowers, seeder, misc. lawn care equipment, trailers, salt spreaders & much more at www.lindsayauctions.com. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction Service, Inc.

Online only estate auction (opens May 24; begins to close June 5) — J.R. Hamil Kansas City Union Station print, Shawnee Mission Indian Mission print, Grace Bilger paintings of Johnson County Courthouse, Desert Rose china, B&G Copenhagen Christmas & Mother's Day plates, glassware, Hummels, furniture, costume jewelry & more for Estate of Charlene Upton. www.dlwebb.com. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates Auctions & Appraisals.

Online only auction (opens May 24; begins to close June 5) — Used farm machinery, JD 2510, Farmall Super A, 1996 Road Boss gooseneck trailer & more at www.dlwebb.com. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates Auctions & Appraisals.

June 4 — 147 acres m/l Clay County, KS farmland held at Clay Center for Van Lew Properties, LLC. Auctioneers: Homestead Real Estate, Gail Hauserman.

June 5 — Piano, furniture, household, collectibles & misc. at Manhattan for Joanne Barkyoub. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 5 — 38.5 acres m/l real estate with equine facility held at Auburn for Wayne L. & Kathryn B. Bill Trust. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Wayne Wischropp.

June 7 — Case 995 diesel tractor, farm equipment, mowers, pecan harvesting & tree equipment, fiberglass canoe, hand & shop tools & more at Perry for Robert Russell. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 9 — Baler, trailer, vehicles, skid steer attachments, equipment & tools, household, bedroom furniture, appliances & more at Benton for Steve Neal. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction.

June 9 — Tractor, vehicles, trailer, farm equipment, antiques, lawn items, household & misc. at Tonganoxie for the Estate of Loran & Norma Thomas. Auctioneers: Moore Auction Service, Inc.

June 9 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. & more at Junction City for Penny Hauserman Estate & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 9 — Construction & farm equipment, shop & household at Newton for

nover for Marilyn Hassler. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

June 9 — Coins, model cars, S&P collection, collectible oak & walnut furniture, old toys, glassware, housewares & furniture at McPherson. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

June 9 — Real Estate & household at Waterville for Irma Sweet. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

June 9 — Antique furniture, crocks, advertising, glassware, military, tools & more at Chapman for Andy Schuler Jr. Trust. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate, Crossroads Auction & Realty.

June 9 — Vehicles, classic vehicles, car parts, skid steer, trailers, tools, antiques, primitives, collectibles, utility shed, misc. iron & much more at Wakeney for James M. Opat Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

June 9 — Camper, Jeep, tractors, ATVs, equipment, firearms, coins, collectibles, household & misc. at Lawrence for Larry & Sharon Powley. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 9 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, lawn & garden, misc. farm items & more at New Strawn for New Strawn Farm & Ranch Consignment auction. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty.

June 10 — Tractor, pickups, travel trailer & ATV, boat, firearms, tools, equipment & misc. at Leon for Jennifer Leeker. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction.

June 10 — Shop equipment, collectibles, guns, tractor, machinery, furniture & misc. at Axtell for Kenny Cain. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

June 10 — Coins, plates, collectibles, belt buckles, pocket knife collection at Manhattan for Kathy & the late Clarence Crowl. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 10 — Car, concession trailer & equipment, primitives, antiques & collectibles, furniture, household, tools & misc. at Hanover for Mary Lou Meerian & the late Richard Meerian. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

June 12 — 1994 Nissan G20+ Infinity, household, antique & household furniture, decor, tools at Manhattan for Mary Sandoval. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 12 — 395 m/l acres of pasture & farmland in Northwest Saline County

held at Salina for Patricia Nelson and Candace Nelson Skinner. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate Crossroads Auction & Realty.

June 12 — Antiques, antique furniture, glassware, crockery, pictures, books, collectibles, household at Concordia for Dorothy Ostrom Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 14 — Leather craft machines & tools, leather shop collectibles & misc., guns, 2012 Sunny scooter & more at Hutchinson for Gibbos Saddle & Leather. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

June 14 — Furniture, glassware, household & misc. at Manhattan for Elizabeth Glowacki. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

June 16 & 17 — Selling Saturday: Shop equipment, hand tools & misc.; selling Sunday: Tractors, loader, machinery, pickups, gooseneck trailer, misc. JD items held at Adams, Nebraska for G&M Service, Gerald Folkerts Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

June 16 — 2007 Nissan FX35 Infinity, 2008 Nissan 3.5 SE, Hustler Mini Z 42" mower, yard tools, household, glassware, collectibles, Hummels & Hummel bells, exercise equipment & more at Newton for (Mary) Li Zhi Wong. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

June 16 — Trucks, tractor, drag blade, John Deere Gator, golf cart, ATV, trailers, guns, safes, ammo, hunting supplies, National Wild Turkey Federation collection, tools & shop, barber chair, barber shop pole light, slot machines, pinball machines, antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Oskaloosa for Becky & Allen Wise. Auctioneers: Town & Country Real Estate & Auction, Hunter Sturgis, Nathan Glessner, Ross Daniels.

June 16 — Firearms, collectibles, pocket knives, watch fobs & more at Abilene for Dewain Krinhop. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

June 16 — Household, antiques, coins & jewelry at Belleville for Arlene O. Baloun Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

June 16 — Lakeside real estate property, 2 bed-

room, 1 bath home, 2 car garage on 4 lots with 1+ acres held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 16 — Tractor & equipment, ATV, tools, fishing items, lots of lures, collectibles, sewing, household & misc. at Easton for Betty J. Alexander Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 16 — Collectibles & household at Herkimer for Mrs. (Melvin) Melba Stohs. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

June 19 — Lake property, Tract 1: 3 bedroom, 2 bath rustic split level home with 8 lots 3.5+ acres; Tract 2: 3.2+ acres, steel framed shop; Tract 3: Combine of 1 & 2 held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 21 — 2 properties in Chase County (TA home on 6 acres for Loy Kathleen Hunter Trust); (TB Morton garage w/living area possibilities and also a 2BR home for McNea Farms) held at Cottonwood Falls. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

June 21 — Real Estate: 1365 square foot 3BR home with 17+ acres, indoor arena, quonset converted to horse barn, run in sheds & more held at Abilene. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates, Real Estate brokers & auctioneers.

June 23 — Parade car, trailer, knives, Frost Cutlery, Chip-Away Cutlery, military, hatchets, bayonet & swords, pocket knives, fishing, camping & hunting & more at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 23 — 4 tracts — 480 acres m/l of Washington County, KS land, country acreage, farm equipment & household held Northwest of Linn for the estate of Ann E. Ukena. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

June 24 — Coins & tokens of all kinds, antiques, vintage, collectibles, movie memorabilia, furniture, old photos & much more at Osage City for Mark Ludwig. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 26 (evening) — Walk-in cooler, restaurant equipment, TVs, bar stools, stackable chairs, tools held at Burlington for South 75 Lanes, Ken & Malissa Caudell. Auction-

eers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 30 — Real estate (2 BR, 1 BA home), furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, decorations, antiques, primitives & more at Maple Hill for Shirley Oliver Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

June 30 — 20 acres of Riley County land, home, outbuildings & more held at Riley for Elwood Schmidt. Auctioneers: Ron Hinrichsen, KW One Legacy Partners, LLC.

June 30 — Trucks, cars, motorcycles: (10) 1953 Chevrolets, Studebakers, '60s Plymouth Yellow cab, Whiting Zip Van mail truck & more held 1 mile North of White City for Steve Kramer Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 6 & 7 — (selling 7-6: 7,500 post cards, jewelry, sewing items & material & more; selling 7-7: antique furniture, crocks, military items, Indian pottery, watch fobs, Hummels, pottery, many antiques & collectibles) at Salina for Norris & Ellouise Marshall. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 7 — UTV, trailer, collectibles, furniture, household & misc., petroleum advertising cans, vintage advertising & more at Lawrence for Mr. & Mrs. Gerald H. Scheid Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

July 7 — Real Estate acreage & personal property held North of Vermillion for Robert & Marilyn Fairchild. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

July 27 & 28 — selling 7-27: stationary engines, rock crushers & more; selling 7-28: 2009 Ford Explorer, 2011 Ford Ranger, 1951 Ford pickup, car trailers, 1963 Ford Galaxie, late '60s Ford Fairlane, '60s Ford 1 ton truck, '60s Ford pickups, '70s Ford F150, '60s Ranchero, farm equipment, collectibles & more held just South of Linn for Elden "Dobie" Wiechmann Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

July 28 — Boats, campers, trailers, guns, farm equipment, vehicles, motorcycles, mowers, tools & more at Salina for consignment auction. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

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AUCTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the Cloud Co. Fairgrounds at the East edge of CONCORDIA, KS

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD

Oak 1 door china; tall pie cupboard; oak 4 drawer chest; oak rocker; oak commode; painted sow belly cabinet; 3 sow belly cabinet bases; camel back & flat top trunks; pine chest; 20's parlor table; 20's white chest; 20's sofa table; oak rocker; maple air plane dresser; 3 pc. 60's bedroom set; walnut Duncan Phyfe table & chairs; 60's

walnut china; drop leaf kitchen table; entertainment center; child's chairs; leaded windows; very large collection of Akro Agate & Jadite (lamps, ash trays, vases); child's American Maid tea sets; orange vases; assortment of glass; steins; cat collection; 60's glasses; crock lye crock; 1 gal crock jug; glass rolling pin; crock bowls; salt & pepper shakers; Indian pictures, rugs; table cloths; bed-

spreads; linens; quilt; hats; luggage; cat TV lamp; Gene Autry guitar; Cootie games; bikes w/ banana seat; basket collection; printers trays; chalk dolls; table lamps; large assortment pictures; comic books; very large assortment good books; neck-lace holders; drum set; sled; Carom board; drying racks; cream can; Balloon wood box; golf clubs; very large assortment of other collectibles.

NOTE: This is the last auction for Dorothy except for her marble collection. This will be a large auction; if you have been at her other auctions, there will be more of the same. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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Tract #2

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ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 21501 211th St. — TONGANOXIE, KANSAS

Directions: From State Ave/Hwy 24-40 in Tonganoxie, head North .4 miles on Laming Rd, turn Right on Tonganoxie Rd and go East 1 mile, turn left on 207th and go North 1.8 miles to Donahoo, turn left and go West ½ mile to 211th then turn right and go North ½ mile to auction. WATCH FOR SIGNS!

TRACTOR

JD 3020, dsl w/loader, Syncro Range, 6364hrs.

VEHICLES & TRAILER

2008 Chevy Silverado 271, 4x4 shortbed ½ ton, auto trans. 23,840 orig. miles. (Very Nice); 2013 Chevy Malibu, 4dr, 16,947 orig. miles; 1995 Buick Roadmaster, 43,758 orig. miles; 5x10 bumper pull trailer.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Land Pride RCR2596 8' Rotary Mower, pull type, 540 pto (like new); JD Model H (Manure Spreader); JD127 5' Rotary Mower, pull type; 7' Blade, 3pt.; 8 Shank Chisel, 3pt.; Work Saver Post Auger, 3pt.; 12" Auger Bit; Bale Carrier, 3pt.; Small Grain Bin (to be removed); 3 misc. Harrow sections; Wooden Stock Racks; Several Panels & Gates 10', 12' & 16'; scythes; Hog Troughs; Calf puller/Dehormer; Hand operated cultivators.

ANTIQUES

Tonganoxie Elevator Thermometer; White wash-tub; Steel Wheels; Red Kids Wooden Rocker; Patio Chairs; Bench; Black Kettle Pot (cracked); Porcelain pots; Butcher Block Work Bench; Scales & Meathook; Tools; Egg Basket; Brass Quilt Stand; White Step Stool; School Bus Bench; Copper Canister Set; Glass Hutch; Lamps; Magazine Rack; Gas Lamps; Washtub & pitcher.

LAWN ITEMS

Troy Built Pony 7 speed Riding Mower; Toro Lawn Mower; Lawn Sweeper; 4 pc Patio Set (iron); 4 pc Patio Set (plastic); Concrete Planters; Steel Wheel Rose Bush Trellis.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Universal Chest Freezer; Rolling Butcher Block Island; Couch & Loveseat; Sofa & 2 chairs; Lane Cedar Chair; Misc.

Country Scene Decorative Plates; Panasonic Microwave; Kitchen Aid Mixer (white); Lodge Skillet; Heart Canister Set; Pfaltzgraff Stoneware Set; Dirt Devil Vacuum; Sony TV; TV Stand; Cookie Jars; Misc. Crystal & Carnival pieces; Several Starter Quilts and misc. material; Dressers.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Lockers, Advantis BBQ Grill, Iron Horse 5.6cfm Air Compressor, Wheel Barrel, Yard cart, Rolls of Barbwire, misc. chains & ropes, hand tools, canning jars, binoculars, several bundles of shingles, minnow sane, fishing poles, car ramps (metal), (4) Uniroyal Tiger Paw Tires P235/70R15, steel, t posts, 12 battery charger, ladder jacks, cast iron sink, lawn chairs, mail box, elec. fence posts, *misc. items too numerous to mention.*

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: The family of Loran and Norma Thomas will be selling the above items to the highest bidder. Early viewing will be Friday, June 8th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. VEHICLES AND TRACTOR TO SELL AT 1:00 pm. View website or like us on Facebook for pictures.

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Andy and I went down to Williston, Florida to visit a couple of characters. This is horse country and these boys were hock-deep in horse training. They were sure hospitable, as indicated in the letter they sent after we left.

Dear Bax,

Flynt and I can't tell you how much we enjoyed your visit. It was sure nice of y'all to take the time to come visit, especially with that bad cold. Even though both kids caught it from you, so far only one has gone into pneumonia.

Flynt thought it was sure great that you castrated all our colts while you were here. Although neither one of us had ever seen quite that much blood, at least we didn't have to wonder what happened when we found eight of them dead the next morning. Flynt got real excited once I explained to him how much money we

were saving by only having to feed two head instead of ten. Not only that, but the two that survived sure look like money-makers once we get them over the tetanus.

Me an' Flynt can't thank you guys enough for letting us pick up every one of the bills down at the cafe. It never occurred to us to order steak for every meal. Thanks for the tip.

Remember when we were sitting in that bank president's office and you were telling how all the smart bankers out west were calling in their unstable cow notes? Well sir, you won't believe this but that banker thought that was such a good idea that he's doing the exact same thing here. By not having any cows to feed or interest to pay there's no telling how much money we'll save this year.

And Baxter, I don't want you worrying about

backing into the carport and knocking it down. In the first place, it's hard to stop any type of vehicle going 55 mph in reverse and secondly, as you remember, Beverly only had that one big gash over her eye when we lifted the roof off her.

Flynt was just commenting the other day about how times sure did get away from us while you were here. All of a sudden we looked up and six weeks and five days had just whizzed by. We were sure sorry to see you go but since our livestock was about depleted and a good portion of our standing structures leveled I guess it was as good a time as any. Oh, by the way, the folks from the car rental place came by and picked up the Lincoln and were kind enough to set us up on a monthly payment plan until the \$6300 in mileage and damages were paid off.

As Always,
Flynt and Frank

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U.S. Senate seeks to fix hours of service for livestock haulers

Legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate recently that would reform federal Hours of Service (HOS) rules to give livestock haulers the flexibility to safely transport livestock. The bill, introduced by U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska), provides more drive time for livestock haulers and grants flexibility for drivers to rest at any point during the trip without the break counting against HOS time. It also allows for another 150-air-mile exemption on the back end of a livestock haul to account for the wait time that occurs when unloading live animals.

"Hauling live animals is not the same as hauling other products," said Jason Peeler, TCFA chairman. "These are living, breathing animals that must be treated humanely. This bill takes the unique challenges livestock haulers face into consideration and allows our industry to transport livestock without jeopardizing the health and well-being of the animals."

Current law requires livestock haulers to start using Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) to track their driving times and distances on Oct. 1, 2018. Under current rules, haulers will be required to turn on their ELDs after crossing out of the 150-air-mile radius from their loading point, after which they can only drive for 11 hours before taking a mandatory ten-hour break.

Specifically, the Sasse legislation:

- Provides that HOS and ELD requirements are inapplicable until after a driver travels more than 300 air miles from their source. Drive time for HOS purposes does not start until after the 300 air miles.
- Exempts loading and unloading times from the HOS calculation of driving time.
- Extends the HOS on-duty time maximum hour requirement from 11 hours to a minimum of 15 hours and a maximum of 18 hours of on-duty time.

Grants flexibility for drivers to rest at any point during their trip without counting against HOS time.

Allows drivers to complete their trip — regardless of HOS requirements — if they come within 150 air miles of their delivery.

After the driver completes their delivery and the truck is unloaded, the driver will take a break for a period that is five hours less than the maximum on-duty time.

Industry groups will continue working directly with Congress on a fix before the Oct. 1 deadline. In the meantime, livestock haulers still need to carry a proof of ELD exemption in their trucks at all times. The document can be printed at tinyurl.com/ELD-90DayWaiver. For questions contact Josh Winegarner at josh@tcfa.org.

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Lot #	Consignor:	Horse	Breed	\$	State	Notes
36	Morehead, Lisa	Chromes Hustler	AQHA	\$24,200.00	NE	2007 Gray mare by Genuine Chrome, 1D barrel horse
28	Gardner, John	Whiz A Roo	AQHA	\$19,500.00	OK	2011 Gray gelding by Dee Cee Whiz, fancy ranch and team roping horse
149X	Guipre, Bryan	Sophisticated Moves	AQHA	\$17,500.00	NE	2010 Chestnut mare by Sophisticated Cat, 125 AQHA Performance points, Farmers & Ranchers Ranch Horse Competition Champion
35X	Swiler, Ty	A Real Shiny Gun	AQHA	\$16,400.00	OK	2011 Gray gelding by Real Gun, fancy broke, 2nd place in Farmers & Ranchers Ranch Horse Competition
126	Myers, Thomas	HR Corona Pepto	AQHA	\$15,750.00	KS	2010 Palomino gelding grandson of He's A Peptospoonful, team roping horse
56	Powers, Marty	Streakin Flingn Bully	AQHA	\$15,700.00	KS	2016 Palomino stallion by a Streak Of Fling
203	Harris, Chad	Diamon H Color Me Zip	APHA-BRED	\$13,700.00	MT	2013 Red roan gelding by Color Me Blue, ranch and team roping horse
254	Schmitt Horse Ranch	Gorilla Glue	AQHA	\$13,100.00	KY	2011 Gray gelding by Palo Duro Cat, ranch and team roping horse
222	Potter, Grady	Cowboys Playn 932	AQHA	\$12,500.00	KS	2009 Gray gelding grandson of Play Gun, ranch and team roping horse
224	Powers, Marty	Little Barney Blue	AQHA	\$11,200.00	KS	2013 Blue Roan gelding by Kings Buddy Blue, ranch and team roping horse
230	Strickler, Matt	Three Dee Slide	AQHA	\$10,700.00	OK	2014 Bay gelding by Three Dee Skyline, ranch and team roping horse
57	Potter, Grady	Roosters Vaquero	AQHA	\$10,000.00	KS	2005 Bay gelding grandson of Rooster, rodeo and team roping horse
13	Harris, Chad	PVF MFO Colonel	AQHA	\$10,000.00	NE	2012 Dun gelding grandson of Colonel Freckles, ranch and team roping horse
175	Turner, Chad	Roleosfriskyfriday	AQHA	\$9,500.00	KS	2012 Sorrel gelding Rondo Leo and Doc's Hickory, ranch, trail and team roping horse
102	Chestnut, Patty	Little Peppy Strait	AQHA	\$9,100.00	MT	2014 Bay gelding grandson of Playgun, team roping, ranch and reining horse
45	Stover, Jamie	Ladys Krog Peppy	AQHA	\$9,000.00	KS	2006 Bay gelding out of Paprika Pine, head horse
238	Janiszski, Scott	Tonites Dream	AQHA	\$8,800.00	KS	2015 Bay gelding Top Sail Whiz and Smart Chic O'Lena, broke prospect
96X	Allyn, Jordan	Smokin Hott Lokota	AQHA	\$8,500.00	CA	2014 Buckskin gelding grand son of Smart Chic O'Lena, team roping horse
127	Schrock, Merle	Tonka Twister Too	AQHA	\$8,500.00	KS	2014 Gray gelding grandson of Mr. Illuminator, broke well, ranch and team roping horse
133	Vogel, Adrian	Badgers Lil Hustler	AQHA	\$8,300.00	MO	2010 Palomino gelding Doc O'Lena and Mr Freckles Olena, ranch and team roping horse



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