



Effective, efficient and customer-focused is Perdue's vision for USDA

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

As effective and efficient as Amazon, and as customer-focused as Chick-fil-A – that's the vision Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"I'm astounded when I think of farmers in their combines being guided by signals from satellite, but they have to come to USDA to fill out a paper form to participate in our programs," he told the audience at the 179th Landon Lecture on November 1 at McCain Auditorium in Manhattan.

Perdue said he relies on lessons he learned growing up to guide him as he works to live out the title of his lecture, "Leave it Better Than You Found It: Lessons in Public Service I Learned on the Farm."

Etched into his memory is a lesson his father taught him as a teenager. The elder Perdue had tasked his son with calling the farm supply company to order lime for a field they were renting. As he thought through the financials, it seemed to him that liming fields they owned rather than ones they rented would make more sense businesswise, and he said as much to his

father.

"I'll never forget how he looked at me so intently and said, 'Son, let me tell you something. You need to understand this right now. We're all stewards and we're going to leave this life all the same way. Whether we own it or whether we rent it, we're going to leave it better than we found it.'" Perdue recalled. "That's an image, something that was drilled into me as a young teenager who thought he knew better."

Trust and faith were another lesson Perdue said he learned on the farm. He quoted the final line in the Declaration of Independence, particularly the ten words in the middle, "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence," adding that most of the founding fathers were farmers, and understood their reliance on God to make their endeavors successful. "When a farmer plants a seed, only God can make it rain and make a crop grow," he said. He talked about the wildfires that raced across southwest Kansas last year, as well as cotton and corn crops lost to flooding or drought, and pecan trees laden with bumper crops snapped like



From a farm kid to a businessman then into the political realm, Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue uses the lessons he learned growing up on a farm to shape his decisions in public service.

Photo by Donna Sullivan

toothpicks in a hurricane in other areas of the United States. "These are all facts of life that farmers face year in and year out, but farmers are resilient," he said.

He recalled a severe drought when he was governor of Georgia and he convened a prayer meeting on the steps of the Capitol. While many in the media made fun of him for the move, it seemed like the

only logical solution to Perdue. "There is no bureaucracy in Atlanta or D.C. who can make it rain," he said. "I thought it was my responsibility to escalate it to the One who could."

Perdue believes its those difficulties that develops persistence and feeds optimism, two more lessons he learned on the farm. "You have to be optimistic to be a farmer," he stated. "The road through life is not al-

ways a smooth ride, and sometimes you find yourself in the ditch. Persistence is pushing the car out of the ditch and optimism is believing the road ahead will be smoother."

Shortly after coming to USDA Perdue instituted a new motto, "Do right and feed everyone." With a world population projected to reach nine billion people by 2050, he said the "feed everyone"

part is pretty much an imperative. "And it's the "do right" part that we work on every day," he said. "Personally and professionally, I want to ensure to you all, with my responsibility, my accountability to you, my stewardship of this job, that USDA is the most effective, most efficient and most customer-focused department in the federal government. I want USDA to be the Amazon of federal government."

He also wants the agency to be very customer-focused, and to that end invited leaders from Chick-fil-A and other companies known for their customer service to speak at a customer experience summit at USDA. "It's unfortunate that government as a whole has developed such a customer unfriendly reputation," he conceded. "I don't expect that to be the case at USDA."

"The lessons I learned on the farm are what drive me at USDA," he concluded. "I want to leave it better than I found it. One of the reasons I took this job is my aspiration for our 14 grandchildren. I want to do my part in helping their future be better and brighter, and helping your future be better and brighter."

Lt. Gov. tours farms in Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

In an effort to protect water supply storage and improve water quality in Kansas reservoirs, the 2018 Legislature designated \$900,000 of the \$3.25 million State Water Plan Fund for Best Management Practice (BMP) Implementation. The Kansas Water Office then worked with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation to develop an implementation plan for those funds. Reducing sedimentation in four federal reservoirs – Fall River, Kanopolis, John Redmond and Tuttle Creek, which have lost 35, 39, 40 and 46 percent of their water storage capacity respectively – was the focus of what became the Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative.

On October 31, Lt. Governor Tracey Mann joined



Bill Buessing, left, discussed cover crops on his farm near Axtell as Lt. Governor Tracey Mann, center, got a first-hand look at projects in the Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative. Kansas Water Office director Tracy Streeter, right, helped lead the tour.

representatives from KDA, KDHE, Marshall County Conservation District and the Kansas Water Office for

a field tour to see some the acres enrolled in the project.

Kansas Water Office

director Tracy Streeter explained the scope of the initiative. "The vast majority of the money appropriated

by the legislature is being spent here and above John Redmond," he said. "And I think you have the bulk of it here in Marshall County, which is good, because Tuttle Creek, quite frankly, is probably our poster child for sedimentation in the state. We think we are in the right place with the program."

Marshall County received \$712,000, and according to Leslie Holthaus of the Marshall County Conservation District, about 98% of it was used to plant cover crops. Sixty-one Marshall County producers signed up for the program. "When word got around, the last three days, it was non-stop people signing up," she said.

The first stop on the tour was Bill Buessing's farm, where he talked about his cover crops, including cereal rye. The field was planted 100 pounds to the acre after corn and grazed

as it was coming up and growing. "I'm not a big advocate of that, but I needed the feed," Buessing said. He said they will probably plant soybeans next year, no-tilling right into the cereal rye, which he said will act as a mulch for the beans, holding moisture, providing better water infiltration and decreasing weed pressure.

Rolan Ronnebaum and Evan Meyer also provided stops on the tour. After seeing his neighbors as well as his father benefit from cover crops, Meyer, who farms his grandmother's land, incorporated them into his operation. This is his second year to plant cover crops and along with the weed suppression and increased soil moisture, he has seen a drop in his input costs due to the need for less fertilizer. He will also graze about 80 head of cattle, further bolstering his bottom line.

Jay George inducted into Hereford Hall of Merit

Jay George, Lebo, was inducted to the Hereford Hall of Merit Oct. 26 at the American Hereford Association (AHA) Hereford

Honorees Reception during the AHA Annual Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Hall of Merit inductees have greatly influenced the Hereford breed and cattle industry.

Described as a "true marketer," George has covered the entire spectrum of livestock marketing throughout his 40-year career. Raised on his family's Hereford ranch in Lebo, George was active in 4-H and FFA showing and judging livestock. He continued to be involved in the livestock industry at Kansas State University (K-State), where he competed on the livestock and meats judging teams, served as the president of the Block & Bridle club and worked at the Purebred Beef Barn.

After graduating with a degree in animal science in 1973, George worked as a field man for the AHA,

covering the Dakotas and Upper Midwest territories. During his ten years with the AHA, he developed skills as a marketer and photographer, and many "JG" photos have since graced the covers of breed journals, livestock publications and national ad campaigns. In 1984, he joined United Livestock Brokers, Inc., where his ahead-of-the-curve breeder marketing programs introduced the newest tools and data available for genetic selection.

George served as the Tri-State Livestock News director of field services and was on the board of directors for the Central States Fair and Black Hills Stock Show. He played a major role in initiating the Black Hills Stock Show Hall of Fame, Foundation and the pen bull and commercial heifer shows.

George moved back to his family's Kansas ranch in 2008 after 30 years in Rapid City, S.D. He continues United Livestock Brokers sales management,

is an active partner in the family cow-calf operation and pursues his own Santa Fe Ranch performance Quarter Horse breeding program.

"George is a true believer in white-faced cattle," Bob Harrell says. "He has committed his life to the promotion and betterment of the breed."



Jay George of Lebo was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Merit Oct. 26, at the 2018 Hereford Honoree Reception during the AHA Annual Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured from left are Bruce Thomas, AHA board member, Jay George and Kevin Schultz, 2018 AHA president.



In Praise of Hunting

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

During the early days of our country, settlers hunted out of necessity. While farming and trading provided them with a great deal of food, it wasn't enough for sustenance. To survive, they hunted, fished and trapped wildlife where they lived and worked.

Today, hunting in America offers two major benefits to society: wildlife management and an economic boost.

Most wildlife populations continue to thrive under conservation programs put into place in the early 1900s. For example, the white-tailed deer population was a meager half a million 100 years ago. With careful conservation efforts, plentiful crops, well-planned hunting seasons and reasonable limits for hunters, the population has grown to approximately 32,000,000.

Almost every other

wildlife species has flourished as well. Most of these animals number in the millions today. This wasn't the case before the efforts of hunters and wildlife enthusiasts became commonplace.

Just as impressive are the numbers on the economic impact of hunting. With approximately 6 percent of the U.S. population hunting today, business is booming.

For countless small businesses in rural Kansas communities, hunter spending plays a major role in economic success.

Local shops, outfitters, hotels, convenience stores, restaurants and landowners across the United States all benefit. In 2011, nearly 13.7 million hunters

spent \$38.3 billion, according to a 2011 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey.

In addition to the 680,000 jobs supported by hunters, hunting generated nearly \$12 billion in tax revenues for federal, state and local coffers. Wildlife agency positions are also supported by sportsmen through the purchase of hunting licenses and funds collected as excise taxes through the long-running Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration.

These sportsmen contribute on average \$8 million per day nationally, much of which goes toward conservation efforts. Billions of dollars have been used to protect fish and wildlife habitats throughout the country.

Through conservation efforts, money generated and jobs created, hunting remains a positive engine in this country's economic industry. What many fail to understand about this sacred tradition is that it isn't just about the act itself.

Hunting provides the opportunity to experience nature. Some sportsmen will tell you the best part about hunting isn't shooting. It's the peacefulness and serenity of being outdoors.

Some may even feel a connection with their ancestry while hunting. It's also an opportunity to pass such traditions to their children and friends.

For generations, families have shared these

experiences and it has strengthened their relationships. It is a visceral feeling that can strengthen family bonds. Hunting remains a way of sharing in nature's beauty and the dynamic between human and animal have few comparisons in society today.

Hunting prevails as a part of our American identity. Millions of people take pride in hunting. Their experiences are much bigger than themselves and create this community we call hunting.

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

KDHE launches public awareness campaign regarding well water

On Thursday, Nov. 1, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) unveiled a public awareness campaign to recommend that private well water users have their wells tested for at least two contaminants, every one to three years. The contaminants include Total Coliform Bacteria and Nitrate. The campaign includes a flyer, public service announcement, webpage and social media messaging.

"It's important for residents to understand that the Environmental Protection Agency sets regulations for treating and monitoring community water systems, but these regulations don't apply to privately owned wells," said KDHE Environment Director Leo Henning. "Residents are responsible for monitoring their own wells,

so we want them to have the information they need to ensure their drinking water is safe from contamination."

Approximately 7 percent of Kansans get their water from privately owned wells. The new webpage includes an interactive map, with which residents can select their county and identify entities that will perform water well testing. The webpage also includes a tutorial video on sampling wells. An additional feature is access to the Kansas Environmental Interest Finder, which allows residents to search their neighborhoods for possible contamination, such as where their home sits in proximity to former dry cleaning businesses.

"Protecting the health of all Kansans is a high priority," said KDHE environmental health officer and state

epidemiologist Farah Ahmed. "We want residents to have the tools they need to understand what they are consuming. While most water supplies are safe, there are some inherent risks that come with well water use, and drinking contaminated well water can affect your health."

Campaign awareness materials will be shared within rural communities and with the help of broadcast and print news partners. The campaign will continue indefinitely.

Those who have questions or concerns about their well water are encouraged to call KDHE at 785-296-5500. Learn more at www.kdheks.gov/wellwateraware/.

Sen. Moran hosts EPA acting administrator Wheeler in Kansas City to sign deregulatory emissions rule

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, hosted U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acting administrator Andrew Wheeler in Kansas City, Kan. at the EPA Region 7 Lab. Wheeler signed a rule to amend the emergency release notification

regulations under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) to make clear that reporting of air emission from animal waste at farms is not required under EPCRA.

Moran also hosted Wheeler for an all-hands meeting with EPA's employees, a roundtable with

community leaders and a tour of EPA's Region 7 Lab. While at the lab, Wheeler signed the proposed EPCRA exemption with Moran. They were joined by Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Jackie McClaskey, NASTTPO President Tim Gablehouse, and representatives from USDA, the

Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Livestock Association, Nebraska Cattlemen, the Livestock Marketing Association and the National Pork Producers Council.

"Farmers and ranchers continue to face numerous challenges, and the removal of this unnecessary and burdensome regulation is welcome news for producers across our state," said Moran. "It was never the intent of Congress for normal odors from animal waste on farms to fall under our nation's emergency hazardous waste reporting requirements, so I appreciate Administrator Wheeler taking definitive

action today to provide certainty to the livestock industry. The resources of our emergency responders ought to be focused on protecting the public from true environmental and chemical emergencies, not odors from animal waste."

"This proposed rule is intended to make it clear to the regulated community that animal waste emissions from farms do not need to be reported under EPCRA," said Wheeler. "This action provides much-needed certainty and clarity to America's farmers and ranchers. It also ensures our emergency response officials are focusing their time and

resources on hazardous waste emergencies and not routine animal waste."

"Our proposed rule would provide enhanced clarity for small and large animal producers and reduce confusion for emergency response officials throughout EPA Region 7, which covers the agricultural Midwest including Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri," said EPA Region 7 Administrator Jim Gulliford.

Background on the rule: In May 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court vacated EPA's 2008 regulatory exemption for livestock reporting under EPCRA. Following that court action, the EPA issued guidance stating reporting still does not need to occur from livestock producers based on EPA's interpretation of EPCRA.

The proposal requests comment on the EPA's interpretation that these types of releases are not subject to EPCRA reporting. If finalized, this proposal would maintain consistency between the emergency release notification requirements of EPCRA and CERCLA in accordance with the statutory text and framework of EPCRA.

The proposed rule reflects the EPA's interpretation that, based on the relationship between CERCLA and EPCRA reporting requirements, air emissions from animal waste at farms do not need to be reported under EPCRA.



Let me just start off by saying I knew better. Yes, that is a statement that I can make about nearly all my mistakes. I knew better, but decided to test my luck. In this case my mistake was working on a Sunday. Earlier this year Dad and I had tried to pick corn on a Sunday and broke the hydraulic cylinder that extends the unloading auger. After that mishap a friend told me, "Work on Sunday, fix on Monday." I guess I was warned but desperate times call for desperate measures.

So back to my latest Sunday experience. We are into November and still have a lot of acres of beans to cut, the weather has not been good, and the forecast looked even worse with a couple of snow chances sprinkled in. It had showered just a little on Saturday but had dried off in the afternoon and the wind picked up during the night. Jennifer and I had planned to go help Tatum celebrate her birthday but when I woke up that morning, I told her I was going to stay home and cut beans.

I had planned on going to church then harvesting, but when I went outside and found out the wind was howling out of the north and everything seemed dry, I decided that the proverbial ox was in the ditch and the Good Lord probably would forgive me if I tried to get a couple more hours of harvest in. After all Jesus picked wheat on a Sabbath, so harvesting soybeans was okay, if I didn't make a habit of it. Right?

With pangs of regret I sent Jennifer off to see Tatum and I set about servicing the combine for what I hoped would be a long day of harvest. Dad checked in with me and asked if I needed help., I told him one of us probably ought to go to church and he reminded me of what usually happened when we did something like this. Sheepishly I agreed that it probably wasn't the best idea but we both were anxious to get something done.

By nine o'clock I was in the field. The beans may have looked ready but they were tough. The combine growled at me every chance it got, and I worked around the patches of heavy beans laying on the ground, I would come back and get them later. At least that was my plan - to come back later and finish them. That moment I decided to get the lighter beans up on the sidehill where the wind was

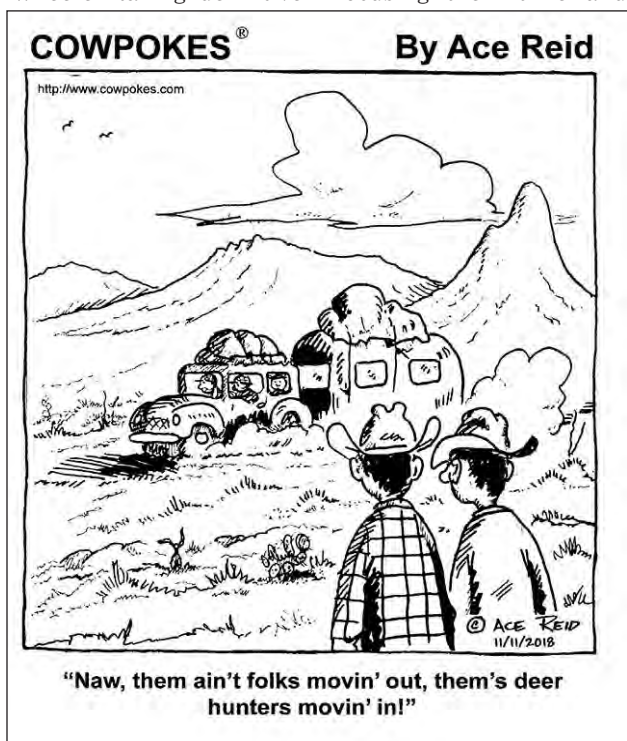
hitting. Anything was progress.

For an hour I inched my way along and gradually it seemed like things were getting better and maybe we would make some real headway. I was feeling good and while I wasn't smug about my choice to skip a trip to see my daughter and church, I did think I had made the right decision. Then it happened. A bearing I had been babying along finally gave out and as it did there was considerable collateral damage. Enough damage that I was sure I couldn't fix it in the field. Still I was hopeful that I could preform triage mechanics on it and keep going for the day.

I pulled into the yard and proceeded to unload the beans onto the truck. That was when the drizzle started. The weatherman had not said anything about any precipitation of any kind. In fact, the forecast was for clearing skies, wind and a near-perfect day to harvest. That had aided in my decision to stay home originally. I think the exact words were zero chance of rain and a great fall day to get outside. I unloaded as fast as I could and got the truck into the shed and went out to diagnose what was wrong with the header.

It would have been easier to describe what was right with the header. Things were in bad shape and it didn't take very long for me to conclude that I was done for the day. Broken parts or not, I was getting wet. I slogged my way back home and warmed up leftovers. Did I mention our church was having a BBQ dinner that day with homemade pie? So, there I was, barely noon and the day was shot, all because of a bad decision to pick work over church and family.

Soon Dad got home and saw the combine parked by the shop and called me to see if it had gotten too wet to cut. It had, but I also had to confess that I had broken down. He paused for a second and said that he figured that would happen. Now, I am not sure God is all that concerned whether I harvest on a Sunday and I am pretty sure my calamity was not due to His wrath. I do know that there is a very good reason we hardly ever work on a Sunday and that church and family should always come before work. I guess I just need a refresher course occasionally because I knew better.



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Crop insurance, commodity programs examined

By Tyler Husa, Extension Agent: Crop Production, River Valley Extension District

The ending of the 2014 farm bill and the anticipation and creation of a new farm bill are both intense concerns for River Valley District producers, as well as producers across the entire U.S. Two of the biggest topics within the Farm Bill are crop insurance and commodity programs (i.e. Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage). Luckily, crop insurance has managed to make it through into legislation relatively unchanged, albeit the talk of eliminating crop insurance was very intimidating at one time. As far as commodity programs, ARC (Agricultural Risk Coverage) and PLC (Price Loss Coverage) are still being "processed," for lack of better terminology. Producers were typically convinced in 2014 to choose ARC due to the fact the first year payment was usually higher than PLC. The one exception was sorghum, which had a higher number of producers who chose PLC for sorghum, which had a higher MYA (Marketing Year Average) price than corn.

grain prices have fallen drastically since the initiation of the 2014 Farm Bill. When asked what a producer should choose, I like to remind producers that we use a decision tool on AgManager to assist with this process. Moreover, a suggestion I have for those producers farming ground with differing farm numbers, is to "hedge" or "offset" your decision by enrolling a portion of a given crop in PLC and a portion in ARC. Again, this can only be done on land with differing farm numbers for that given crop. More than likely, your FSA office will have more detailed information about other considerations for the en-

rollment process. Listed below are a few of the proposed changes considered by either the House of Representatives or the Senate:

ARC-CO (county) yields are currently based on NASS/RMA/Committee data, however, the House is wanting to shift to utilizing RMA data first and keeping a yield update for drought-affected counties. The Senate is proposing a shift to the data source with greatest national coverage first, and then creating a trend-adjusted five-year Olympic Average (also known as a truncated average or the removal of outlying numbers).

ARC-CO (county) payments, according to the

current law, are based on administrative county, but the Senate is proposing to change that to a shift to the geographic county. This is due in part to the fact many producers on county borders may or may not have received payments when the neighbor in the other county right across the way in the neighboring county may have received a payment.

Conservation current enrollment cap is set at 24 million acres with the existing law and the House is proposing to change that to 29 million acres. The Senate version expands cap to 25 million, reduce maximum rental rate to 88.5% from 100%. Senator Thune's amendment language may be added to the Conservation programs to create separate Soil Health and Income Pro-

tection Program for short-term land retirement.

For more information, contact Tyler Husa, Crop Production Agent or Brett Melton, Livestock Produc-

tion Agent in the Concordia River Valley Extension Office by calling (785) 243-8185 or emailing thusa@ksu.edu or bmelton@ksu.edu.



Congratulations to Denny Rezac who was presented the 4-H Service Award at the Pottawatomie County 4-H Achievement Ceremony on October 28th, 2018. Rezac has been a supporter of the 4-H program for over 45 years. He is well deserving of this award. He is pictured here with Erin Tynon, Pottawatomie County Extension director.

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CHICKEN & WILD RICE

- 6 chicken breasts
 - 2 boxes Uncle Ben's long grain & wild rice
 - 3 cups water
 - 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
 - Slivered almonds
 - 2 tablespoons butter
- Empty 2 boxes of rice mixture into 9-by-13-inch pan. Lightly spray with Pam. Place chicken breasts on top of rice. Slowly pour water over rice. Spread undiluted soup over top of chicken and rice. Sprinkle almonds over top. Dot with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours.

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- Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
CITRUS CARROTS
- 2 pounds carrots, diagonally sliced
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange zest
 - 2 tablespoons orange juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

Bring carrots to a boil in enough water to cover in a saucepan. Reduce heat, cook uncovered until tender 8-10 minutes. Drain and return to pan. Add remaining ingredients. Cook over medium-high heat until carrots are glazed, 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia, shares the remaining:
SWEET & SOUR BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 1/2 pound sliced bacon, diced
- (4) 16-ounce packages frozen brussels sprouts, thawed
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

In a Dutch oven cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon remove to paper towels to drain. In drippings, saute brussels sprouts and onion until crisp-tender. Add vinegar, sugar, salt, mustard and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 4 to 5 minutes or until sprouts are tender. Makes 16 servings.

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- 1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup sliced onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Paprika, optional

Place beans in a steamer basket. Place in a saucepan over 2 inches of water. Bring to a boil. Cover and steam for 7 to 8 minutes or until tender. Transfer to a 2-quart baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Drizzle over beans and toss to coat. Set aside. In a small skillet saute onion and garlic in butter until tender. Remove from heat. Stir in bread crumbs and cheese. Sprinkle over beans. Sprinkle with paprika if desired. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 18 to 22 minutes or until topping is lightly browned. Makes 8 servings.

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- ENDIVE & APPLE SALAD**
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
 - 4 teaspoons water
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
 - 1 medium bunch endive
 - 2 apples, peeled & diced

In a small bowl combine first 6 ingredients; set aside. Cut endive into strips. In a medium bowl combine the endive and apples; toss. Pour vinegar over the salad. Toss and serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

The Kansa Prairie Quilters will be having their annual quilt and boutique show at Oskaloosa Middle School December 1 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The show is in conjunction with the Oskaloosa Holiday Open House and Craft Show at 404 Park, Oskaloosa. The event is free to attend.

All quilts will be displayed in the school library. Handmade items

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Proceeds raised from the boutique and raffle go to support non-profit services in Jefferson County.

Food will be available at the middle school cafeteria for sale.

Calm Meal Prep Frustrations ... Make A Plan!

Do you get tired of running to the grocery store several times per week? Do you ever get frustrated because you forget about a food and it goes bad before you can use it? Does hearing your family say, "What's for dinner?" cause tension in your life? If so, perhaps it's time to brush up on your menu planning skills.

To plan a menu for your family, start by picking a length of time that works best - usually a week is a good place to start. Write down your meals and snacks on a dry-erase board, calendar, online app, or whatever works best for your family. Using your menu plan, write down your grocery list and you are ready to go shopping!

SIX SIMPLE STEPS...

1. Check your refrigerator, freezer, and pantry to see what you already have. You can build a meal around something simple you already have on hand. For example, if you have a lot of frozen vegetables, plan meals such as soups and casseroles that you can stir frozen vegetables into. You may need to buy some

foods to go with the items you have. If so, put these on a grocery list.

2. Check weekly grocery ads to find the best deals on foods you need to add to your grocery list. Using sale items in your menu can help you save money. If you see blueberries are a good deal, plan blueberries as snacks, blueberry muffins for breakfast, and a fruit pizza with blueberries for dessert. If they are a really good deal, freeze some for another day. If you don't get the grocery ads in the newspaper, you can download them from the store's website or app.

3. Keep a list of family favorites. List meals and snacks that your family likes and use the list when you have a hard time thinking of meals.

4. Plan to have leftovers. You can make a double batch of something one night and serve it again another night. This works well if you know you have a busy night coming up and will not have time to cook.

5. Review your meals and see if there is something from each of the food groups in most of your meals. This is the simplest way to make sure your meals are healthy.

6. If you have extra money and there are good specials on items your family uses regularly, try to stock up. If you continue to plan using

this method, these bargains will be put to good use as part of your "on hand" list.

Menu planning is a fantastic way to keep your family budget on track. It helps save money on groceries, makes sure your family is getting the nutrition they need, and saves time with deciding on meals and preparation.

For more tips to boost your meal planning success, you can find a 5 Day Meal Planning Worksheet at: <https://iastate.app.box.com/s/nwecnddbm5ghioz3suu>, and a Meal Planning Calendar at: <https://iastate.app.box.com/s/6a073s9g34fia0thev88mu1bp4rzfw2>.

Or, check out the helpful meal planning video located at: <https://spendmart.extension.iastate.edu/video/plan-a-menu-2/>.

Find more information about these programs and others, by contacting 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.

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It's no surprise that Americans rank Thanksgiving among one of their favorite holidays. Steeped in history and tradition, Thanksgiving marks a time to bring your closest family and friends together and celebrate with a bountiful feast.

And while most people relish the traditional Thanksgiving meal, they also enjoy a guilt-free day of grazing on tasty treats leading up to the main event. When hosting a large crowd for Thanksgiving or any occasion, it's always a good idea to serve a variety of snacks to please the many palates in the room. That's why popcorn is a great option.

Plain or buttered, sweetened or spiced, popcorn can be flavored or even combined with other foods like nuts, fruit or cheese to create a delicious and nutritious snack. As a whole grain food, popcorn is a quality carbohydrate source that is not only low in calories, but also a good source of fiber. It's an ideal in-between meals snack because it satisfies, but doesn't spoil your appetite.

To satisfy your crowd this holiday season, try these simple popcorn ideas. For kids, mix popcorn with toasted pumpkin seeds, raisins and other

diced dried fruit and watch how fast the bowl empties. A little butter, brown sugar and cinnamon will satisfy sweet lovers. For those who like a little spice in their lives, try this delicious Spicy Cajun Popcorn and Nut mix - it's sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

SPICY CAJUN POPCORN AND NUTS

Yield: 9 servings
8 cups popped popcorn
1/2 cup toasted, coarsely chopped pecans
1/2 cup peanuts
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1/4 teaspoon each: dry mustard, garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Place popcorn and nuts in large bowl. In small microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter on HIGH until melted, about 30 seconds. Stir in dry mustard, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Drizzle over popcorn mixture and toss well.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION: (Based on 1 serving) — Total Calories 190; Total Fat 17g; Cholesterol 15mg; Sodium 100mg; Carbohydrate 8g; Fiber 2g; Sugars 1g; Protein 3g

The options for mixing and flavoring popcorn are truly endless. And you can make these recipes for popcorn ahead of time leaving you with one less thing to

worry about on the big day. Just keep it fresh in an airtight container or bag, then pop it open, pour it into a bowl and watch the crowd gobble it up.

And remember, popcorn is also steeped in history and facts. Try to stump "know-it-all" Aunt Betsy with some popcorn trivia while you're munching away:

- The oldest ears of popcorn ever were discovered in the Bat Caves of west central New Mexico in 1948 and 1950. They turned out to be about 4,000 years old.

- There are six different types of corn: sweet, dent, flour, flint, pod and popcorn. Only popcorn pops.

- What makes popcorn pop? Water. As the kernel is heated, the water inside the kernel turns into steam. The pressure builds until the kernel finally explodes and the insides turn out.

- The average American consumes 54 quarts of popcorn a year!

For more fun facts about popcorn and other great-tasting popcorn recipes, visit www.popcorn.org.

Fact or Myth? Popcorn was served at the first Thanksgiving. **Answer:** Myth. There is no indication that popcorn had made its way East at the time of the earliest settlers.



Home and Away

Twists and Turns

By Lou Ann Thomas
"Life can turn on a dime."

I've heard that axiom my entire life, but it is now, with decades of experience in living, that I can look back and see not only the truth of that saying, but also the effects of it.

Indeed, life can change quickly. A phone call, a chance meeting, a misstep, or a left turn when you originally meant to go right can all lead to change. Sometimes that change is challenging and sometimes it is filled with promise and expectancy. You never know what might be waiting for you just around the corner. But you will know if you're ready for it.

Sometimes ready means nothing more than stifling your fear and taking the next step. Some-

times ready means you successfully navigated your past challenges, which prepared for whatever is now showing up in your life.

My friend Mary is a good example of how life can bring us for our next adventure without us even knowing it is waiting for us. Mary had outgrown her job as a church administrator, but wasn't actively looking for more challenging employment. She professed to "not do change well" so was okay staying put. It was monotonous, but it paid the bills, so why change?

Then the director of a community organization offered Mary the job of creating a program to enhance junior high-aged girls self-esteem. It was Mary's dream job but she wasn't looking for it when it appeared. Pick up a

dime, Mary, because your life not only turned, but twirled you in a good direction.

Of course, life can also be a wild ride with twists and turns all over the place. My friend Tina was heading to Michigan for a vacation when she received a call that her mother had suffered a brain aneurism. Instead of Michigan, Tina immediately headed to Oklahoma and her mother's bedside. Once there, Tina's life took another unexpected turn when she learned that her daughter, back in Kansas, was in labor with her first child.

Mary and Tina's unexpected life turns remind me to that no matter how hard we try to plan everything out and control the future, life can still take us off in a totally unexpected direction. The only thing we can really count on in life is that it is likely to change and that makes this moment even more precious.

There are no guarantees in life. The only thing life promises is the possibility of experiencing a wide range of challenges and joys. What we do with those is up to us. But knowing how quickly things can change gives me a whole new respect for life - and dimes.

A New Take On Sweet Potato Casserole

(NAPS) — Perfect with a Thanksgiving turkey, for sure — yet easy enough for a weeknight dinner. Try this for a change of pace from sweeter sweet potato casseroles.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE WITH HERBS, WALNUTS AND BROWN BUTTER

Serves 8 to 12
5 pounds orange- or yellow-fleshed sweet potatoes, or a combination, halved lengthwise

1/2 cups butter
2 shallots, chopped
1/4 cup fresh sage leaves

2 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves
2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves
1 1/2 cups cream
1 cup shredded Asiago cheese
Salt & pepper
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup panko

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange sweet potatoes on two large rimmed baking sheets, cut side down, and bake until tender, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Set aside. Increase oven to 400 degrees. In me-



dium saucepan over medium heat, combine butter, shallots and herbs. Cook, stirring occasionally, until butter browns, shallots are tender, and herbs are crisped, about 6 minutes. Scoop flesh from

sweet potatoes into large bowl. Add half of butter mixture, mash. Add cream, cheese, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir in eggs. Transfer to 2-quart baking dish and bake until almost heated through, 20 to 25 minutes. Stir walnuts and panko into remaining butter mixture, sprinkle on casserole, and continue baking until heated through and browned on top, 5 to 10 minutes.

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Kansas Fur Harvesters host rodeo queens

In keeping with tradition, the Kansas Fur Harvesters hosted Kansas rodeo queens at their annual rendezvous in Seneca. Pictured are, from left: Brooke Wallace, Miss Rodeo Kansas 2019, Mikhayla DeMott, Miss Rodeo Kansas 2018, wearing the fur coat she was given by the Fur Harvesters, and Jaylin Pfeifer, Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas. Wallace received her fur coat that night at the banquet.



Midwest Dairy seeking applicants for 2019 ambassador program

College students with an interest in dairy can now apply to be a dairy ambassador in one of eight states across the Midwest. The Dairy Ambassador program provides students with leadership opportunities to connect with consumers and share their dairy story while networking with their peers and industry professionals. Programs are available in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas,

Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

To be considered, applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary school, communicate effectively through writing and speaking and possess a passion for dairy. Applicants do not have to be majoring in agriculture.

Ambassadors are expected to serve a one-year term, starting January 1,

2019 and ending December 31, 2019. Ambassadors participate in a variety of activities which may include interaction with consumers at county and state fairs, school presentations and attendance at dairy industry meetings. Each ambassador will receive a \$1,000 scholarship at the end of their term.

The Dairy Ambassador program is a coordinated effort between Midwest Dairy and various colleges and state Extension programs within the eight states where programs are available. The program began in Nebraska five years ago and has since grown to include multiple states. It is effective in shaping future dairy champions to promote the dairy community and supports Midwest Dairy's mission to give consumers an excellent dairy experience.

Students can apply at MidwestDairy.com, in the For Farmers section, under Ambassadors. Applications are due December 1, 2018. Selected ambassadors will be notified before January 1, 2019.

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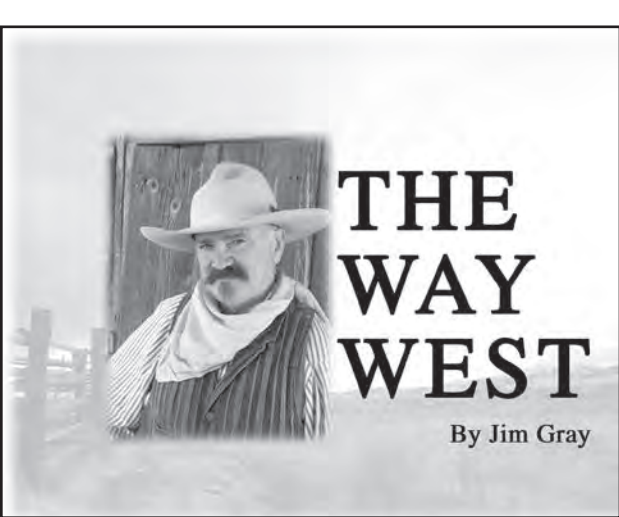


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By Jim Gray

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Organization of Republic County began in 1868. The border of the county in north central Kansas was bounded by Nebraska. Kansas Governor Samuel Crawford was anxious to extend settlement further west. In an executive order dated September 7, 1868, Governor Crawford

commissioned Republic County officers and set the town of Pleasant Hill as the county seat.

By a vote of the people in the fall of 1869 the county seat was changed to Belleville, but that was only the beginning of controversy in Republic County. In May of 1870 citizens petitioned for another relocation of the county seat. The towns of New Scandinavia (Scandia), Belleville, and Salt Marsh (Salt City) vied for the honor. The election was held on August 16, 1870. However, the election was rife with fraud. Exasperated Republic County Commissioners declared that the county seat should remain at Belleville.

The results did not sit well with the good citizens of New Scandinavia, later known as Scandia. I.O. Savage, author of the *History*

of Republic County, wrote that for older Scandia residents the "Belleville Ring" was sponsored by men of "innate villainy and hopeless rascality." The Belleville Ring had "stolen" the county seat. "Every year, just before election, the Scandia lawyers would come around and tell us what candidate or measure to vote for, and they were willingly obeyed."

Mr. Savage recalled all the old arguments. "No water could be had in Belleville, or if one did get any, it was almost poisonous for an honest man or beast, although the 'Ring' seemed to thrive on it; no railroad could ever get there over those hills, and it was altogether a pestiferous place." Scandia, on the other hand, had plenty of good water. It could readily be reached by a railroad. Its lawyers "were the most learned of the profession... (and) her merchants the princes of trade." Scandia editors assailed the Belleville Ring with bitter sarcasm, "especially Jim Humphrey and the (Belleville) *Telescope*." There would be grave consequences.

Scandia had much to be proud of. The Central Branch Railroad reached the town in December 1878. There was no railroad at Belleville. Scandia was incorporated the following March 1879. By 1881 business was boom-

ing in Scandia. General merchandise shipped yearly by the railroad amounted to nearly three hundred thousand dollars.

S. W. Moore edited the successful *Republic County Journal*. Charles F. Woodward purchased the *Journal* on June 4, 1881. Woodward called for a new election, pitting Scandia against Belleville for the designation of the "permanent" county seat of Republic County. Woodward's brother, Dr. William H. Woodward, one of the most prominent physicians in northern Kansas, often voiced his opinions in a column in the paper. Dr. Woodward's wife had died of consumption early in 1880, leaving her husband with three children "to mourn her loss".

Through October and into November 1881, rhetoric between the *Woodward's Journal* and the *Belleville Telescope* grew heated and toxic. An unfortunate comment by *Telescope* editor James C. Humphrey "abused Woodward's family," infuriating the good doctor.

Woodward and Humphrey crossed paths on November 13, 1881. Dr. Woodward angrily told Humphrey that he could, "attack and vilify him in his columns all he chose, but he (Humphrey) had better not say another word against his (Woodward's) wife, daughter, and mother." Incensed,

Woodward added that he intended to slap Humphrey's face, not once, but three times! The two clinched one another in an unabashed fight. Drawn to the loud brawl the deputy sheriff managed to seize Woodward around the body, pinning his arms to his side. Taking advantage of Woodward's helpless situation, Humphrey pulled a pistol, pressed it against Woodward's back and fired.

Humphrey ran for his carriage while the shocked deputy hesitated and finally released Dr. Woodward. As Dr. Woodward slumped to the ground the deputy "halted the murderer at the point of a pistol."

An excited mob tried to take the murderer from jail but the sheriff and his posse kept Humphrey safe from the noose until he could be moved to Atchison for safe keeping. He was tried there and on April 22, 1882, was surprisingly found not guilty. Unfortunately, "Justice" could surprisingly be truly blind 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 Drivers Hall of Fame*. Contact Kansas Cowboy, P.O. Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

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It was one of America's darkest moments – 55 years ago this month the young, popular, energetic president was shot and killed before thousands of witnesses. Millions have since seen the photographs and watched the videos from that sunny fall day. Even for those not alive at the time, the pictures are seared into the public memory: the smiling president waving, his body doubled over in the car, the pink-suit-clad first lady climbing onto the back of the limousine to recover something (we now know it was a piece of her husband's brain and skull), the toddler, John Kennedy, Jr. saluting as his father's coffin passed, the somber vice president sworn in hurriedly on the plane as the first lady stood by in her bloodstained clothes. As soon as the news was announced, the theories

and suppositions about who killed the president began circulating. Enter Topeka's own Bonar Menninger, author of *And Hell Followed With It: Life and Death in a Kansas Tornado*. His book on the Kennedy assassination, *Mortal Error: The Shot That Killed JFK*, represents "the clearest, most plausible explanation yet about the events that day in Dallas," according to the publisher. Bonar wrote, "To those not yet born in the autumn of 1963, or too young to remember, it is difficult to convey the effect President Kennedy's assassination had on the nation and the world. It was a cataclysmic event; a tidal wave that roared out of Dallas across the wires and by word of mouth to every corner of the world, spreading gloom in its wake." The gist of *Mortal Error* is this:

In 1967, a Baltimore man named Howard Donahue began investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Like countless Americans, Donahue was fascinated by the events in Dallas. But what separated him from other amateur sleuths, and even the Warren Commission experts, was a lifetime's experience with guns and ballistics. In *Mortal Error*, Bonar chronicles Donahue's twenty-five-year investigation of President Kennedy's death and the stunning revelation it led him to.

The publisher said, "In crisp, rapid-fire prose, Bonar relates one of the greatest true-life detective stories ever told. More important, he offers solutions to questions that have haunted America for 50 years."

The resulting conclusions offered by *Mortal Error* are more cover-up than conspiracy, more tragic than evil. Bonar's superb writing offers a riveting and very personal story of this cataclysmic event.

The book was not without controversy; the Secret Service contacted the publisher, St. Martin's Press, before the work was published and attempted to discredit the theories, but failed to offer direct evidence doing so. A lawsuit ensued, though the decisions and settlements were not made public.

Kudos, Bonar, for writing a caring, compassionate, compelling story, and

for painstakingly bringing the details to light. *Mortal Error* leaves us with sympathy and sadness for those entrusted with protecting the president, and the presidency.

As you join hands around the Thanksgiving feast this year, gathered around your turkey, candied yams, and pumpkin pies, take a moment to express gratitude for the life of the lady who created the real star of the meal – the green bean casserole.

The woman who created a Thanksgiving staple enjoyed by millions – the green bean casserole – has died at age 92.

According to the New Jersey funeral home handling the services, Dorcas Reilly died on Oct. 15 of Alzheimer's disease.

Campbell's Soup Company released the following statement:

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of... the creator of one of the most beloved recipes in America, the Green Bean Casserole. Dorcas was an incredible woman, whose legacy will live on in more than 20 million American households this Thanksgiving.

As one of the first full-time members of Campbell's Home Economics department, Dorcas created "the mother of all comfort foods" by simply combining two things most Americans had on hand in 1955: green beans and Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup. Originally called "Green Bean Bake," Campbell's Green Bean Casserole requires only a short list of ingredients (just five), doesn't take much time to prepare (only ten minutes).

In 2002, Campbell donated the original recipe card written by Dorcas to the National Inventors Hall of Fame—securing the iconic dish and Dorcas' place in food history.

Take a moment to recall Mrs. Dorcas Reilly, and to send her family a thought of gratitude this Thanksgiving holiday, and reflect on how such a simple, humble food has become a beloved tradition because of this lady.

Deb Goodrich and Frank Chaffin cohost the *Around Kansas TV Show*, syndicated throughout the state and available online. It is the Wednesday feature of *AGam in Kansas*. Deb is also the *Garvey Historian in Residence* at Fort Wallace Museum. Contact her at author: debgoodrich@gmail.com.

ADM and Cargill to help farmers achieve greater profitability with Grainbridge technology joint venture

Archer Daniels Midland Company and Cargill, Incorporated, have agreed to form a technology joint venture, Grainbridge LLC. The joint venture intends to provide grain marketing decision support, e-commerce and account management software for North American farmers. This includes the development of digital tools designed to help farmers across the U.S. and Canada consolidate information on production economics and grain marketing activities into a single digital platform, at no cost to them.

"Farmers can more effectively market grain and improve their profitability using technology and data analytics," said Roger Watchorn, president of Cargill's North American agricultural supply chain. "They need digital tools that seamlessly connect their production and cost-of-production data from a variety of sources already used on their farms – but those tools simply aren't available today. Together, Cargill and ADM's unique technology capabilities, grain handling operations and years of farm consulting experience allow us to more quickly create the digital tools that will drive efficiency and profitability for farmers."

"Farmers deserve the convenience of technology that gives them the power to make quick, effective and fact-based grain marketing decisions," said Wes Uhlmeier, president, ADM Grain. "This new joint venture will provide for these needs with a single, powerful, easy-to-use platform for farmers to manage their accounts, make grain marketing decisions and execute transactions. We're particularly excited to work with Cargill on this joint venture to offer an unparalleled array of tools that provide farmers across the country access to powerful decision support, business intelligence

and transactional efficiency. While remaining strong competitors, we recognize the need to advance technology for farmers and believe that together we can accomplish that common goal."

One of the first tools being developed by Grainbridge will give farmers secure access to their combined ADM and Cargill transactions, including contracts, scale tickets and payment information. This dashboard is being designed to provide farmers with insights into their current grain position and real-time opportunities.

Soon after, the new venture intends to introduce a simple and easy way for farmers to execute grain transactions on their own schedule. With this platform, farmers will have access to automated intelligence that illustrates changing break-even levels (updated based on current crop conditions), margin price targets, total current grain and risk management positions, revenue at risk and access to benchmark and historical insights.

Grainbridge welcomes other grain companies, grain buyers, technology and data providers to participate on the platform. This open approach will enhance the information available on the platform, giving farmers a complete, seamless 360-degree view of their business without having to consolidate these information sources on their own. Strong protections built into the system will safeguard customer data and prioritize privacy. Data will not be on the Grainbridge platform unless approved by the individual farmer, and individual customer data will not be shared between participating companies.

"We are often asked by our farmer customers to provide technology solutions that provide them relief to a problem they are experiencing—and we can sense the underlying need to solve a variety of problems that go unmentioned," said Uhlmeier. "This new platform will be a tool they've long needed that solves many of those known and suspected pain points we hear about each day. We're excited to bring these types of innovative and progressive solutions to the industry."

"The ultimate goal is to help farmers make better, smarter decisions, using the data that is already existing in their operations. We are simply putting that data and related insights at their fingertips, allowing them to more effectively adapt to changing market conditions," said Watchorn. "Both Cargill and ADM are committed to helping farmers succeed. It's why we're in this business, and why we'll continue to invest in these tools well into the future."

The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to close in the next few months. Terms of the joint venture are not being disclosed.

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ANTIQUE TRACTOR AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the farm located from Agenda, Ks. on Highway 148 1 1/2 miles East to 290 Road (Republic Co.), then South 2 1/2 miles; or from Clyde, Ks. 1 1/2 miles North to curve turn on 280th Road (Cloud Co.), then North 4 1/2 miles to farm.

TRACTORS	COLLECTIBLES
Rumbley Oil Pull (X1656); Oliver Hart Parr 70; Oliver HG crawler; Caterpillar 15 crawler; Cletrac crawler (29091); McCormick Deering W30; McCormick Deering 22-36; McCormick Deering 15-30; McCormick Deering 10-20; McCormick Deering F12 on steel; Case SC; Case CC; John Deere un-style A; John Deere A; IHC F30 on steel; IHC W40 on steel; IHC F20 on steel; IHC F 12 on steel; IHC W40; Farmall Regular on steel; Allis C on steel; Massey Harris 44 standard w/hyd.	National wooden threshing machine; McCormick Deering threshing machine; wooden wheel header barge; 2 horse drawn high wheel wood wagon; horse drawn sleigh; wheat binder; Astin Wall potato planter; disc stock drill; 3 walking planters; John Deere grain drill; several horse turn grinder's; sod plows; walking plows; sugar cane press; pull type combine w/folding platform; Minneapolis combine; stationary baler; dump rakes; road graders; plows; listers;

drills; 6' tandem disc; 5 tooth; seed cleaner; 50 steel wheels; Oliver fenders; IHC parts; 40 mags; tractor manuals; yard gates; tin seats; scale beam; house doors; assortment of other collectibles. The following have been setting in the pasture for years: Tractors: (Twin City; F20; Fordson); Trucks & Cars: (1978 Mustang; 60's T Bird; 50's Ford car; Mavrick Mercury Montclair; 1961 T Bird 390 original complete; 40's Chev car; 50's Ford cars; 60's Chev car; 40's GMC pickup; 70's IHC pickup); assortment of other iron and machinery for iron.

Note: Most of the tractors have older restorations. Howard had most of the tractors in the 1976 parade, they came home and were put in the shed and have not been out since. Howard collected for years. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 — 2:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: St. Columbkille's Parish Hall, 13305 Hwy. 16, BLAINE, KANSAS

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Fostoria, KS on Hwy 16, go 3.7 miles North on Spring Creek Rd. to Bucksnot Rd., then 3/10 mile East. Tract 2 is on the South side of Bucksnot Rd. and Tract 1 is on the North side of Bucksnot Rd. and runs for a mile to the East. Cottontail Lane borders Tract 1 on the East side.

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Online downsizing auction (opens Nov. 6, starts to close Nov. 13) — 2004 Harley Davidson bike trailer, Cub Cadet zero-turn mower, lawn tools, household, home brew & wine making equipment, Happy Valley cider press, glassware, Bryer horse items, children's books & much more for Craig & Kelly at www.dlwebb.com. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb & Associates Auctions & Appraisals.

Sealed Bid Real Estate Auction (sealed bids accepted through Nov. 15) — 2 tracts - 50 acres near Paxico. www.flinthillsgateway.com.

Sealed Bid Real Estate (sealed bids due November 13 by 3 PM) — 155.58 acres m/l of Marion County farm ground. www.farmer-national.com. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Fred Olsen, AFM/Agent.

November 13 — 240 acres m/l Rice County land held at Little River for McPherson County Community Foundation. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction & Realty, Bill Oswalt, broker.

November 13 — 157 acres m/l of Marshall County land held at Frankfort. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

November 14 — Railroad collectibles, antiques & household, large collection of paper items, tools & other at Salina for Charles "Lynn" Jones Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 15 — 391 acres native grass pasture bordering Tuttle Creek Reservoir in western Pottawatomie County held at Olsburg for Phillips Brothers. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

November 15 — 320 acres m/l Flinthills rangeland & 80 acres m/l flint-hills rangeland (option), North Butler County held at El Dorado. Auctioneers: SunGroup Real Estate.

November 15 — 394 acres of Clay County farmland & pasture held at Clay Center for Harold Riechers. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

November 16 — Horse drawn wagon, ATV, stock trailer, tractor, equipment & cattle misc. & more at Cedar Point for Coyne Creek Ranch. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Land Brokers.

November 16 & 17 — Selling 11-16: Trucks, Vehicles & trailers, tractors,

equipment, farm tools & collectibles; Selling 11-17: Antiques & collectibles at Russell for David Blake Estate, sale by order of Leah Maupin, admin. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

November 17 — Guns, ammo & SnapOn tools, tractors, pickup, trucks, farm machinery & more at Goessel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

November 17 — Approx. 85 guns, reloading equipment, lots of ammo & more at Salina for estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 17 — Warehouse storage & office equipment including pallet & rivet racks, forklift, lifts & pallet jacks, Toyota Tundra pickup, rolling stairs & much more at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Real Estate & Auction, Inc.

November 17 — Yard & garden items, tools & misc., fishing items, furniture, household, collectibles, grandfather clock, collectible Seth Thomas clock & more held near Delavan for Les Weller and 1 other party. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhafer.

November 17 — Over 400 lots of coins at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

November 17 — Equipment, loader, Bobcat, post digger, Bobcat equipment, skid loader equipment, vehicles, ATVs, trailer, JD Gator, 4 wheelers & more at Chapman for Kolling Pharm (Gary & Devra Kolling). Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service, Randy Reynolds.

November 17 — Tractors, machinery, livestock & utility trailers, wagons, cattle working chute, livestock equipment, gates, household, lumber, tin, shop equipment & tools, antiques & collectibles, JD 620 pedal tractor & more at Sabetha for Mr. & Mrs. Carrol Snyder. Auctioneers: The Aeschliman Brothers.

November 17 — Trucks, semi, Harsh mixer & trailers, tractors, 4-wheelers, lawn mower & misc., fuel tanks combine & equipment, bulk bins & grain handling, cattle equipment, feed bunks, fencing, slide-in sprayer & misc. & more at Madison for Ed & Michelle Huber. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 17 — Vehicles, tractors, equipment, shop tools, 3 pt. equipment, collectibles, household, vintage cookie jars & misc. at Lawrence for Glenn (Darlene) Jones. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Mark Elston & Jason Flory.

November 17 — Jackson County land & personal property held at Emmett. Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auction, Dan Harris.

November 17 — Tractors, horse equipment, older tractors & collectibles held near Agenda for Howard Hammond Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction,

LLC.

November 17 — Machinery consignments at Goessel for Goessel Consignment Auction. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

November 17 — Office, showroom, small business real estate, 40x60 building held at Alma. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

November 17 — 230 acres m/l of Southern Pottawatomie County land with irrigated crop ground held at Wamego for Arthur Dean Fechter Trust. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service, Inc.

November 17 — Tractors, horse equipment, older tractors & collectibles held near Agenda for Howard Hammond Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 17 — Farm machinery estate auction held North of Riley for Richard (Dick) Renz Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 17 — Annual Bull Sale held NW of Eureka for Dalebanks Angus.

November 18 — Guns, furniture, appliances, collectibles & misc. at Council Grove for Roy & Janet Criqui and another seller. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 18 — Horse drawn buggy, antiques, primitives, 300+ license tags, tools, Blacksmith tools, household & more at Rossville for Leo & Rowena Gannon Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auction, Bob Thummel & Don Burnett auctioneers.

November 18 — Riding mower, lots of tools & shop items, collectibles & misc., household & appliances, holiday decorations & more at Cottonwood Falls for property of Elma Nichols & the late Bob Nichols. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 20 — 737 acres m/l of Osborne County farmland held at Downs for Dwight Streit. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 23 — 312 acres m/l of Nemaha County farmland held at Seneca for Alfred Roeder Trust. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 24 — Tractors, truck, equipment & more at Baldwin City for Mike & Cheryl Flory with consignments from Triple B Farms & some neighbors. Auctioneers: Flory And Associates, Jason Flory & Mark Elston.

November 24 — Guns & misc., pedal tractors, toys, NASCAR, antiques, collectibles, beer lights & signs, coins at Swanton, Nebraska for David Kujath Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin, Sommerhalder.

November 24 — Consignment auction at Salina for Lonnie Wilson's Consignment Sale. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 24 — 320

acres m/l of Southern Jackson County farmland held at Hoyt for Alfred Roeder Trust and Darlene Roeder Trust. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 25 — Tractors, combines, trucks, pickups, vehicles, trailers, machinery, collectibles, salvage & misc. held just East of Dighton for The late George & Bessie Lighthall. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 27 — 160 acres m/l of Jefferson County, Nebraska land held at Diller, Nebraska for Richard Johnson Estate. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

November 29 — Coins inc. Franklin silver dollars, walking liberty half dollars, Mercury dimes, Flying Eagles, Kennedy halves, Buffalo nickels, gold coins, American Silver Eagles & much more at Jewell. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 29 — 80 acres m/l of Riley County grassland, timber, rolling terrain, wildlife & spring fed creek held at Randolph. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

December 1 — Tractors, combine & heads, hay equipment, row crop equipment, pickups, truck, skid steer attachments, trailers, grain carts, machinery, livestock equipment, 4-wheeler & garden tractor, tools & misc., household held near Archie, Missouri for Estate of Don & Peg Shipley. Auctioneers: Cantrell Auctions.

December 1 — 160 acres Morris County Native Grass Pasture held at Council Grove for Jim Brooks. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

December 1 — Nemaha County farmland sold in 4 tracts (T1: 157 ac m/l; T2: 152 ac. m/l; T3: 157 ac. m/l; T4: 157 ac. m/l) held at Seneca for Lazy D Ranch, Heirs of Les Droge. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty, Inc., Mike Kuckelman, broker and Dale Wilhelm, auctioneer/sales.

December 1 — Tractors, dozer, shredder, motorcycle, cars, gas engines,

tools, collectibles & more held south of Waterville for (Orlin) Musil Family Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsteads & Sandstrom.

December 1 — Real Estate: 312.6 acres m/l of Northern Flint Hills Native Grass Pasture in Pottawatomie County held at Blaine for Lyle Goodman Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

December 4 — Coins & stamps including silver dollars, 1881CC, Peace & Morgan dollars, silver Eagles, Mercury dimes & more at Concordia for Dorothy Ostrom Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 6 — 2 Tracts of farmland in Osborne County held at Tipton for Anna Streit Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

December 6 — Real Estate — western Clay County farmland held at Clay Center for the Freddie J. Brosie Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Clay

County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

December 8 — Farm & Farm Related consignment auction at Fairbury, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

December 15 — 153.5 acres m/l irrigated Republican County land held at Courtland for Marvin Bergstrom. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring & Mark Uhlik.

March 2, 2019 — Farm machinery, iron, tools & misc. held South of Chapman for Loren Peck. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

March 15, 2019 — 23rd Annual Production Sale at Maple Hill for Sunflower Genetics.

March 16, 2019 — (Rescheduled from Dec. 1) — Real Estate & personal property at Maple Hill for Dan & Judy Burdach. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

Trade update: Japan negotiations on deck

The Trump administration will hold a hearing Dec. 10 as part of a public comment period on proposed trade talks with Japan, according to a recent Federal Register notice. Additionally, Politico reports that U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer has asked the U.S. International Trade Commission to analyze the economic impact of eliminating remaining U.S. duties on Japanese goods.

Japan remains the leading export market for U.S. beef, but the U.S. continues to face tariffs of 38.5-50 percent. Currently the U.S. does not have a free trade agreement with Japan.

Japan was one of six nations that completed ratification recently of the deal formerly known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The first tariff cuts will go into effect on Dec. 30. The U.S. pulled out of the deal at the beginning of the Trump administration. Japan took control of the pact's destiny by rallying the remaining members to keep it alive, according to Politico. The deal was renamed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

FARM AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — 10:00 AM
25160 Loring Road — LAWRENCE, KANSAS
From N. Lawrence US Hwy 24/40 go east 4 miles to Loring Rd. turn Right 1/2 mile to Auction! WATCH FOR SIGNS!!

VEHICLES, TRACTORS, EQUIPMENT, 3 PT. EQUIPMENT, SHOP TOOLS, COLLECTIBLES, VINTAGE COOKIE JARS, HOUSEHOLD, MISC. & MORE!

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018 — 7:00 PM
Auction will be held at the Downs Senior Center — DOWNS, KANSAS

Legal Description: SE 1/4 7-6-13 & SW 1/4 & S 1/2 SE 1/4 8-6-13 & NW 1/4 & N 1/2 NE 1/4 17-6-13 & N 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 & N 1/2 SE 1/4 17-6-13 Osborne Co. Kansas
For a total of 737 acres.
The farm is located 1/2 Mile South of Portis, Kansas then 5 miles West on Co Road 362 Dr. then 1 South on Co Road 671 Ave. Corral are 6 miles West on Co. Road 362 Dr. then 1/2 South, The road on East side is graveled, the road to corral is graveled. The farm is all grass with 7 ponds and 2 wells. The South side has new fence, there are divide fences on the farm. Seller will pay 2018 and all prior year's taxes. Purchaser will pay 2019 taxes. 2017 taxes were \$1,016.84

Possession: Possession will be upon closing.

Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before December 30, 2018. Down payment will be escrowed with Gregory Law Office. Escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.

DWIGHT STREIT
Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC
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AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018 — 12:30 PM
1274 W Hwy 4 — DWIGHT, KANSAS
DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Dwight on Hwy 4. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

<p>TRACTORS & COMBINES AC D14, wide front with loader with trip bucket, runs good; AC D17, narrow front, runs; AC 180, gas 3pt., runs; AC 200, cab, 3pt., dual hyd, not running; JD A, not running, tin is OK; JD D on rubber, rough and not running; JD A, salvage & parts; Tractomotive TL-10 loader, 4 cyl. gas with 6ft bucket, runs; Gleaner F11, 14ft. header, 6cyl. gas, not running; Gleaner A2, 3 row corn head, 4 cyl. gas, not running.</p> <p>TRUCKS, PICKUPS, VEHICLES & TRAILERS 1959 Ford 600, 15 1/2 ft. Midwest bed & hoist, V-8, 4 spd-2spd, runs; 1958 IH, 15 1/2 ft. bed & hoist, metal floor 4 spd., 6 cyl.; 1979 Chevrolet 3/4 ton, 4x4, auto, 350, runs; 1986 Chevrolet conversion van, 3/4 ton, 350, interior is in good condition; 1978 Chevrolet 3/4 ton, 4x4, 350, 4 spd., flatbed, not running;</p>	<p>1972 Ford 1/2 ton, not running; 1970 Ford 1/2 ton, salvage; 1984 Dodge Colt, salvage; 1987 Chrysler LeBaron, salvage; W&W 16x6 stock trailer, good floor; 16x6 flatbed trailer, good; tilt bed lawn mower trailer, 9'x4', good; pickup bed trailer with enclosed top; HD lowboy type trailer, homemade.</p> <p>MACHINERY Killbros 350 bu gravity box on 10 ton running gear, good condition; mounted pull type harrow, hyd. lift; 2 IH Vibra-Shank field cultivators, 18ft. & 14ft.; JD 14ft. hay wagon, good floor; JD 450 7ft. pull type sickle mower; JD 400 3pt. rotary hoe; several 3bt. pull type plows; 5ft. 3pt. box blade; AC 1600 pull type chisel; JD pull type chisel; AC 6 row planter; Krause 10 ft. tandem disk; JD 35 sickle mower; 3 ton tandem axle dry fertilizer spreader, good; 3pt. bale mover; MFS 80855 8 in. grain</p>	<p>auger, PTO, 55ft. long; 3pt. lawn finisher & thatcher; Hesston 500 swather; IH grain drill, good box; Krause 3pt. chisel; Crustbuster 6 row rotary cultivator; 5ft. pull type rolling mower; snap couple traction booster; 2 3pt. root ripers; 2 50 gallon fuel tanks; Lincoln side lift air jack; Wisconsin engine; 300 gal. plastic water tank; hyd. tire lift.</p> <p>COLLECTIBLES, SALVAGE & MISC. Numerous steel, wheels; CI hog oiler; McCormick wood corn sheller; Dump rake; New Idea & Case side delivery rakes on steel; JD 45 combine; MF Super 92 combine; MH Super 27 combine; JD 740 field cultivator; AC 611 Hdro lawn tractor; flail mower; US military jet refueling system; 10ft. salt spreader box; numerous other items for salvage; large selection of Vibra Shank parts; 2 wagons of farm primitives, tools & misc.</p>
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THE LATE GEORGE & BESSIE LIGHTHALL

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AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 — 12:30 PM
MORRIS COUNTY 4-H BUILDING, 612 US Hwy 56 • COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS
DIRECTIONS: 1 mile east of Council Grove on US Hwy 56. Watch Signs.

<p>GUNS Remington Md 870 Wingmaster 20ga pump shotgun, like new, modified choke; Mossberg Md 500A 12ga shotgun pump, like new, modified choke; large selection of 20ga shells.</p> <p>FURNITURE & APPLIANCE Lazy Boy recliners; floral sofa; dinette table; 3 walnut dining chairs; stereo & cabinet; 2 patio tables & 4 chairs, very nice; GE side by side refrigerator, frost free.; Roper refrigerator, frost free; Whirlpool upright freezer; metal file cabinet; portable TV; Sony large flat screen TV; wood hutch; Easy-Flo central vacuum for house; Brinkman smoker; queen size bed.</p> <p>COLLECTIBLES & MISC. Steamer trunk; numerous Place Dairy milk crates & bottle caps; 4 qt. butter churn; #10 Pittsburg crock; #5 gallon crock, good condition; large selection of butter dishes; cookbooks & vintage books;</p>	<p>wood mallet; vintage prints; primitive tools; kerosene lamp; cameras; canning jars; linens; magazine rack; satellite controller; sewing & knitting items; manual sewer machine; misc. tools & boxes; organizer with hardware; boat motor prop; several life jackets & boating items; Snap-On ACT 3000 refrigerant recovery recycling center; bicycle; Wii controller & games; small drone & other electronics; various kitchen & household items.</p>	<p>ator, frost free; Whirlpool upright freezer; metal file cabinet; portable TV; Sony large flat screen TV; wood hutch; Easy-Flo central vacuum for house; Brinkman smoker; queen size bed.</p> <p>COLLECTIBLES & MISC. Steamer trunk; numerous Place Dairy milk crates & bottle caps; 4 qt. butter churn; #10 Pittsburg crock; #5 gallon crock, good condition; large selection of butter dishes; cookbooks & vintage books;</p>
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Grandpa Tommy Saved The World

We were watching the History Channel at Grandma's casita. It was a story about the USS Enterprise being attacked. It was 1945. They were describing acts of heroism that occurred. Stories of men risking their lives, staying with wounded comrades instead of swimming to safety. Stories that never made the paper or were recognized but were remembered only by those brave souls who dog-paddled in the waves next to a burning ship three miles above the sea floor.

It was one of those moments where my son and I were engrossed. I said, "Isn't it funny, the only person in this house who really understands what we're watching is asleep in his chair." Grandpa Tommy. Kansas farm boy, Junior Petty Officer on a rebuilt WWI destroyer, three years, three months,

21 days operating as troop ship on the Pacific ocean, docking only twice in ports other than atoll island landings.

Now asleep in his chair, 89 years old. He has no scrapbook of his service, no contact with those of his caliber who went through the cauldron of war, no medals or pins commemorating his contribution. The only souvenir I'm aware of is his "coconut knife" U.S. Navy issue, which he gave to his grandson. When the subject of war comes up his light-hearted response is, "I saved the world."

It's his joke. It comes and goes so quickly. The subject changes and the opportunity to ponder his answer disappears. Which is unfortunate, because he, and countless thousands of others did save the world. Anyone who doubts that Germany and Japan had

intentions of conquering us all is deluding himself. Seldom has freedom and slavery or good and evil been so clearly defined. But at the time America reluctantly joined the Allied Forces in 1942, it was not so clear; there were many doubters.

Elected leaders make decisions of enormous consequence. They put the wheels of war, peace, conflict and resolution into motion. Korea, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Lebanon, Kuwait, Bosnia, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, North Korea, Iran... China?

Elected leaders ride into battle, voices loud, sabers rattling and flash bulbs popping, on the backs of men like Grandpa Tommy who answer the call and if they are lucky, come home to the welcoming arms of a thankful country.

Political leaders are honored on President's Day. Grandpa Tommy is honored on Flag Day, July 4, December 7, Memorial Day, and, I guess, every day that I draw a free breath. I'm proud and I'm gonna tell him I appreciate that he saved the world... soon as he wakes up.

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KDA offers pre-application for industrial hemp research program

In April, the Kansas legislature passed Senate Bill 263 to enact the Alternative Crop Research Act and charged the Kansas Department of Agriculture with implementing the Industrial Hemp Research Program. This fall, KDA requests that individuals who are considering participation in the Industrial Hemp Research Program in Kansas in 2019, whether as a grower, distributor or processor, submit a Pre-Application and Pre-Application Research Proposal.

The Pre-Application is voluntary, and it is not an application for a license; anyone who plans to participate in the spring will still need to obtain a license through the official application process after the regulations become effective. Those who submit a Pre-Application with a Pre-Application Research

Proposal will have an opportunity for the Industrial Hemp Research Advisory Committee to informally review the research proposal to determine the likelihood of its approval when the regulations are effective. In addition, those who submit the Pre-Application will get direct notification as soon as the full research license application process is available.

The Pre-Application is not the full research license application; there is no fee requirement or fingerprint-based state and national criminal history record check requirement to submit the Pre-Application, although both will be required with the research license application when it becomes available. In the Pre-Application Research Proposal, potential growers, distributors or processors will be

asked to explain in detail the research they plan to conduct in their participation in the Industrial Hemp Research Program in Kansas.

The regulations that will guide the Industrial Hemp Research Program are still in the midst of the approval process as outlined on KDA's industrial hemp webpage. A public hearing will be held soon, which will be one of the last steps prior to the adoption of the regulations.

The deadline for submission of the Pre-Application and Pre-Application Research Proposal is December 1, 2018. The Pre-Application forms and additional instruction — along with much more information about the new Industrial Hemp Research Program in Kansas — can be found at agriculture.ks.gov/industrialhemp.

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STEERS

300-400	\$176.00 - 207.00	14 Blk	Kanopolis	649@157.50
400-500	\$173.00 - 200.00	48 Blk	Ellsworth	715@156.00
500-600	\$166.00 - 182.00	10 Blk	Salina	722@156.00
600-700	\$145.00 - 162.75	7 Blk	Hays	739@156.00
700-800	\$142.00 - 156.00	13 Blk	Minneapolis	529@155.50
800-900	\$140.00 - 155.00	16 Blk	Marquette	604@154.00
900-1,000	\$135.00 - 151.25	17 Blk	Minneapolis	702@145.00

HEIFERS

400-500	\$142.00 - 170.00	1 Blk	Kanopolis	435@170.00
500-600	\$137.00 - 152.50	4 Blk	Minneapolis	424@169.00
600-700	\$135.00 - 150.50	3 Bwf	Salina	443@167.00
700-800	\$132.00 - 146.00	4 Blk	Marquette	453@162.00
800-900	\$130.00 - 141.00	3 Blk	Hays	453@160.00
900-1,000	\$127.00 - 133.00	6 Blk	Hutchinson	445@160.00

MONDAY, NOV. 5 CATTLE & HOG SALE:

HOGS

3 Fats	Lindsborg	253@40.00
1 Sow	Tescott	525@38.00
8 Fats	Burdick	268@36.00
11 Fats	Manchester	257@36.00
7 Fats	Tescott	297@35.00

BULLS

1 Blk	Solomon	2520@83.00
1 Blk	Solomon	2470@78.50
1 Wf	Gypsum	2085@72.00
1 Blk	Ellsworth	1845@69.00
1 Blk	Hillsboro	2320@68.50

COWS

1 Red	Beverly	1835@71.50
4 Blk	Abilene	1621@70.50
2 Blk	Enterprise	1778@70.50
1 Blk	Lindsborg	1660@70.00
5 Mix	Ellsworth	1601@69.50
1 Bwf	Newton	1725@69.00
1 Blk	Lindsborg	1565@69.00
1 Blk	Abilene	1675@69.00

TUESDAY, NOV. 6 SPECIAL CALF SALE:

STEERS

3 Blk	Salina	383@207.00
3 Blk	Tescott	392@200.00
2 Blk	Minneapolis	425@200.00
2 Blk	Burton	413@196.00
11 Blk	Holyrood	424@187.50
20 Blk	Lorraine	457@186.50
66 Blk	Lorraine	529@182.00
7 Blk	Salina	458@181.00
2 Blk	Sterling	485@178.00
28 Blk	Lorraine	580@178.00
4 Mix	Rush Center	511@175.00
8 Blk	Hutchinson	490@175.00
5 Blk	Lorraine	514@174.50
8 Blk	Minneapolis	511@174.00
3 Blk	Burton	522@173.50
6 Blk	Marquette	538@171.50
8 Blk	Marquette	517@171.00
12 Blk	Hays	535@170.50
10 Blk	Salina	557@169.00
25 Mix	Waldo	525@167.00
8 Blk	Hutchinson	576@167.00
24 Blk	Lorraine	564@166.00
4 Blk	Inman	533@165.00
21 Mix	Rush Center	590@163.75
2 Blk	Sterling	505@163.00
49 Blk	Ellsworth	646@162.75
15 Blk	Lorraine	609@160.50
6 Mix	Minneapolis	626@160.25

IN STOCK TODAY:

- Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders
- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER METAL TOP
- 6'8" X 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER
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14 Blk	Kanopolis	649@157.50
48 Blk	Ellsworth	715@156.00
10 Blk	Salina	722@156.00
7 Blk	Hays	739@156.00
13 Blk	Minneapolis	529@155.50
16 Blk	Marquette	604@154.00
17 Blk	Minneapolis	702@145.00

HEIFERS

1 Blk	Kanopolis	435@170.00
4 Blk	Minneapolis	424@169.00
3 Bwf	Salina	443@167.00
4 Blk	Marquette	453@162.00
3 Blk	Hays	453@160.00
6 Blk	Hutchinson	445@160.00
10 Blk	Holyrood	409@158.00
11 Blk	Rush Center	526@152.50
10 Blk	Minneapolis	480@152.50
30 Blk	Holyrood	517@149.00
3 Blk	Kanopolis	512@147.50
9 Mix	Garden Plain	486@147.50
20 Blk	Holyrood	589@147.25
22 Blk	Minneapolis	585@146.75
10 Bwf	Salina	584@145.00
24 Blk	Rush Center	570@144.50
8 Blk	Hutchinson	602@143.50
12 Mix	Brookville	600@142.00
29 Blk	Ellsworth	638@141.00
5 Mix	Kanopolis	612@141.00
10 Mix	Garden Plain	626@141.00

THURSDAY, NOV. 8 FEEDER SALE:

STEERS

7 Blk	Longford	414@196.00
5 Blk	New Cambria	514@177.00
28 Blk	Longford	522@171.50
9 Blk	Goodland	545@170.00
2 Blk	Tescott	525@169.00
14 Blk	Marquette	532@160.00
11 Blk	Tescott	623@156.50
5 Blk	New Cambria	611@154.00
61 Mix	Valley Center	869@153.00
18 Blk	Atlanta	797@153.00
36 Mix	Hillsboro	835@152.00
52 Blk	Atlanta	908@151.25
41 Blk	Longford	639@150.00
5 Blk	Lincoln	612@149.50
55 Mix	Buhler	845@149.50
28 Blk	Marquette	630@148.00
4 Mix	Gypsum	920@146.50
19 Blk	Lincoln	661@145.50
57 Mix	Chouteau, OK	976@144.00
44 Blk	Atlanta	1033@141.75

HEIFERS

7 Blk	Tescott	452@158.00
46 Mix	Salina	644@150.50
4 Blk	Whitewater	411@150.00
3 Blk	New Cambria	437@150.00
6 Blk	Salina	638@149.50
18 Mix	Salina	516@147.00
28 Blk	Tescott	636@144.00
10 Mix	Gypsum	723@144.00
14 Blk	Tescott	550@143.00
3 Blk	Bennington	740@142.00
7 Red	Courtland	800@141.00
29 Blk	Longford	651@138.50
60 Mix	Whitewater	800@137.00
4 Blk	Canton	903@133.00

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MONDAY — HOGS & CATTLE

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THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9 steers home raised weaned 30 days off grass 2rnd vacc 450-650; 100 CharX steers and heifers weaned 45 days 2rnds vacc Eaton sired 500-550; 40 Black and Red Angus steers and heifers fall vacc weaned 600-650; 80 Black and Charolais steers and heifers home raised 550-650; 200 steers and heifers weaned 45 days fall vacc 550-650; 18 steers and heifers 400-600; 17 steers and heifers 400-600; 85 black mostly steers fall vacc 600-700; 69 black steers and heifers home raised weaned 1 rnd vacc open 650-800; 85 black angus steers and heifers home raise fall vacc knife cut 500-700; 50 Red and RWF steers 550-750; 17 black steers and heifers fall vacc weaned 30 days 550-700; 260 black and red mostly steers weaned 30 days vacc 450-700; 50 black steers and heifers home raised long time weaned 2 rnd vacc no implant 700-950; 80 black steers and heifers 500-600; 75 steers and heifers long time weaned all vacc open 550-650; 35 blk/bwf s&h 500-650 knife cut/fall vacc; 12 mostly blk str/bulls 450-600 weaned 45 days; 15 charX s&h 650-750; 120 mostly blk s&h 650-900 weaned 30 days or longer.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, SPECIAL COW SALE

COWS: 300 3yr olds bred to Angus; 20 old cows bred to Angus; 150 black ad red Angus bred cows, bred to black Deer Run Angus bulls 3-5 yrs old; 15 black and red Angus cows 3-5 yrs old weaned big calves bred to McCurry Bros bull or red Angus bull; 125 black and red Angus 3-5 yr old Spring bred; 40 black and red angus bred cows bred to Swanson Balancer bulls 3-5 yrs old; 20 black older cows bred to Red Angus; 14 red angus 4 yr olds North Dakota origin bred to Ponderosa Red Angus bulls; 7+7 black and BWF pairs 4 to 5 yrs old calves worked; 4+4 Charolais 5 yr old pairs gentle calves worked; 35 Black and BWF 3-5 yr old bred to black Feb calvers; 70 black and BWF 6 to older cows bred to Gardiner Angus of Upstream Ranch Herefords wormed and vacc; 35 black and BWF 10 yr olds bred to Sons of Networth wormed and vacc; 5 spring bred 4 yr olds; 68 Black and BWF cows 5 to older spring bred to Herefords; 100 black cows 8 to older Gardiner genetics or home raised bred to Gardiner bulls start calving Feb 8; 30 black cows running age bred to Sim/Angus spring calvers; 12 black fall pairs 3-5 yrs old calves worked; 50 3-5 yr olds spring bred black cows bred to Dale Banks Angus or B&D Herefords; 5 older bred cows calve end of February. **HEIFERS:** 100 angus heifers One iron Rocky Norby Ranch Sidney, Montana Coneally Consensus calve Jan 20 for 58 days; 82 black heifers Leachman and Conneally sired bred Ponderosa Red Angus 1 iron; 7 black heifers bred McCurry LBW bull off McClure Ranch OCHV'd; 45 Red Angus heifers AI bred to Son of Redemption cleaned up with Sons of redemption 60 day calving period; 68 black heifers off 1 ranch 2 rnd vacc bred to sons of 10X and Full Throttle start calving Feb 4; 90 red Angus heifers home raised bred to LBW Mushrush Red Angus bulls in may 15 calve Feb 21st for 60 days scourguard; 102 black and BWF heifers bred to Red Angus bulls slected for calving ease with high growth EPD's bulls in May 10 for 60 days; 47 angus heifers one iron Stroberg Origin OCHV'd bred to Gardiner Angus Feb 25th for 60 days.

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