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Fallow deer offer solution to drought-stressed pastures for Augusta couple

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

For Brendon and Becky Compton of Augusta, raising livestock had always been a part of their lives. He grew up on a farm outside of Horton, and Becky near Frankfort. After graduating from the K-State campus in Salina, Brendon went to work for Beechcraft in Wichita and has been there ever since. The couple shared an enjoyment of livestock and the outdoors, so they purchased a 59-acre homestead.

They brought down some heifers from Brendon's home farm to put in with the spring calvers, and for the first year, that worked fine. Then drought hit and changed everything. "The ground started looking bad and hay was expensive," Brendon said. "I hate seeing pastures get beat down to nothing." So they sold some of the cows and now just bring down a bull or two to keep in a pen.

They wanted to continue raising livestock, and since Brendon had grown up hunting, he began looking at raising deer or elk. He went to a meeting of the Kansas Elk and Deer Association and met an elk farmer that changed his course once again. "He had his entire herd euthanized because of a case of Chronic Wasting Disease," said Brendon. "That made me take a step back. Whitetail deer are also susceptible to it." However, there is a species that is not affected by the disease - fallow deer. "They've even tried to give it to them and they don't react to it," he said. Fallow deer are historically native to Turkey and possibly the Italian Peninsula, Balkan Peninsula, and the island of Rhodes in Europe. They were introduced in the United States by the Hillman Land Company around 1918.

As he discussed his aspirations at work, he learned that a classmate of one of his co-workers had a fallow deer farm west of Wichita. He was one of the original breeders to bring them to the area and had been raising them for thirty years. A year later, Brendon had convinced himself to move forward and built the first pen. Thus, in 2022, BRC Fallow Deer was born.

Brendon built all the eight-foot fencing himself. The state requires only six-foot fences, but he doesn't recommend anything shorter than eight feet.

"I've seen a video of a fallow deer jumping next to an eight-foot fence," Becky agreed. "Believe me, you don't want anything shorter."

Their original intent was to keep all the animals in one large pen and take a more hands-off approach, letting the bucks do the breeding and the fawns be born. "Then we learned about the breeder market and AI'ing," Brendon said. "We already AI cattle, so that's not new to me, so we built dividing fences."

"The breeding market is crazy high right now," Brendon described. "They started a registry in 2017 or 2018, so now they have



Brendon and Becky Compton are shown with their children Rhett, 5 and Eve, 2. Courtesy photos



Becky, Rhett and Eve admire a fawn.

registered animals and pedigrees, so there's a ton of value in that market, "\$100,000 animals and that kind of thing, but it won't last forever."

Another market is raising bucks and does for hunting. Becky emphasized that while hunting preserves are sometimes looked at unfavorably, the meat from the hunted deer is never wasted. The hunters themselves usually take it home to feed their families, and if not the preserves have avenues for getting the meat to needy people, or will it themselves. "I really think hunting preserves get a bad rap from people," she said. "It's an avenue for people to get venison and take it home to eat."

Bucks are generally sold as two- or three-year-olds, as the antlers take a good jump in growth between year two and three, and that's usually when the palmate forms.

The third market for the fallow deer is for meat. "There's always been a strong venison meat market," Brendon said. "The problem is it's hard to make much money unless you're tied in with a restaurant or have a direct pipeline,

but then you have to have enough animals to supply that market. Most venison used in the United States comes from New Zealand and Australia."

So for the Comptons, their target market is stocker bucks for hunting. "That's been a consistent market," said Brendon. "There's always more demand than supply."

Right now they have 24 fallow deer on their farm. They brought one registered doe up from Texas, which was bred to one of the top ten bucks in the country. They now have a fawn out of that buck. They also bought 50% interest in a buck whose grandsire is one of the biggest fallow bucks that existed. His sire is also really big. "It's kind of one of those things that I thought if there was some of that breeder market to get into, when we're starting this herd, if we use what should be a big cover buck, we're inserting that into our entire genetics," Brendon explained. "We've also drawn semen off of him and there's a huge market for that right now."

"We AI-bred this fall with five different pedigreed semen," Becky added.

The Comptons believe the venture with fallow deer will be profitable, and a good use of the land they work so hard to protect. "We're not veterans in this by any means," Brendon said. "But there is pretty good economic value when you look at per-acre prof-



There is a wide variation in color in fallow deer, from light tan with or without spots to chocolate brown, also with or without spots.



Becky feeds peanuts to a doe in a chute as it goes into the AI process. Also pictured are Brendon and Chris Harrold, a friend who lends a hand when needed.



Chief is the sire to the Comptons' breeder buck. Chief is the son of Bullwinkle, who is believed to possibly be the largest fallow buck to date.

it, even using conservative numbers. When you look at just selling stocker bucks, you could do \$2000 per acre per year. In my pastures on an average year, you might have no more than one cow/calf pair in six acres. I can easily have eight deer on an acre. Even though the fencing is expensive, there is profit potential without a lot more work."

"It's not just a Texas thing," Becky pointed out. "It's really a viable option for Kansas. They do well in the cold and in the heat. Nothing seems to affect them."

There are no wild fallow deer herds in Kansas, and state officials plan to keep it that way in order to protect the whitetail herd. "Kansas is very diligent about these animals not becoming a wild population," Brendon said. "If I have to notify the state within 48 hours, so that

if it is seen it is either recovered or shot. They don't want to disturb the whitetail population that is native to Kansas."

More information on BRC Fallow Deer can be found on their website, brcdeer.com. Also featured on the website is *The Deer Wife* blog by Becky.

They also have a Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

Their love for the land and dedication to keeping it as healthy and viable as possible drives each decision the couple makes as they build their fallow deer herd and their business.



This fallow deer buck shows the lighter coloration, and his antlers are just beginning to palmate.



The Future of Paper Calendars

By Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County farmer
and rancher

One of my annual routines to kick off a new year is to replace our big family calendar that is posted in our mudroom and begin filling it out. Our local insurance agent provides the huge month-at-a-glance calendar every December, and it's one of the first things I give my attention to at the start of the year.

While my family keeps a shared digital calendar

we can edit and refer to on our phones, computers, watches and tablets, our big paper calendar posted on the wall also serves an important role.

My parents and grandparents always had multiple paper calendars on display in their homes. These calendars were never purchased but gifted prior to Christmas from some of the local businesses my family frequented.

It was always exciting to flip through the calen-

dars provided to us by our feedstore, bank, local livestock sale barn and insurance agency to see either the landscapes of nature or funny farm and ranch cartoons that had been put together in a monthly sequence.

Every bathroom and bedroom wall had a calendar on display, and there was always at least one calendar posted in the garage. Our farm truck also had a small calendar stuck either to the dashboard or the driver's side sun visor annually. But the most important calendar was always posted in the kitchen within reach of the wall-mounted landline telephone.

That kitchen calendar was half the size of my current behemoth of a month-at-a-glance calendar, but it was always able to clearly contain all of the important information

added to it.

Birthdates, game schedules, meetings, 4-H and school events filled the pages of that kitchen calendar.

Aside from important upcoming dates to remember, notes would be added to that calendar throughout the year as well. Rain and snowfall totals were penciled in throughout the year. Additional notes of when the bulls were turned out with the cows, when a calf was born, when the cattle were moved to another pasture or when the first cutting of alfalfa was baled were also noted.

We always knew when we had planted our sweet corn in our garden or when we had received our allotted irrigation water because it was always written down on that kitchen calendar.

It was truly a histor-

ical document that captured so much information during a given year. Both my parents and grandparents would file those kitchen calendars at the end of every year in a place that was easily accessible so they could make quick references or previous year comparisons.

I think back and wonder if that's why, even in this digital age, I still keep a paper calendar in our house. While our calendar isn't utilized the same as it was when I was a kid, it is still present and referred to and edited throughout the year. However, at the end of each month, the page is removed and disposed of instead of kept and filed away.

I've caught myself referring to photos on my cellphone to identify the dates of previous popcorn

harvests. Facebook memories help me remember the dates we started harvesting wheat in different years. An app we subscribe to quickly provides rain and snowfall totals for us.

I often reflect on how the processes and procedures utilized by my parents and grandparents impact how I operate today. As I removed the final page of my 2023 calendar and replaced it with my 2024 calendar, I wondered if my children will eventually even utilize a displayed paper calendar in their homes based on how we use ours in this day and age.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Rise at the 20th Women Managing the Farm Conference

Women from across Kansas will gather at the 20th Women Managing the Farm Conference in Manhattan February 14-16, 2024. The conference, which began in 2005, will feature nationally renowned keynote speakers, in-depth breakout sessions, and the opportunity for women to network with other farmers, rural business leaders and landowners.

"We are so excited to be hosting our 20th conference this year," said Sandra Wick, co-chair of the Women Managing the Farm conference planning committee. "WMF is a fantastic event that provides women with the necessary skills, resources and knowledge for success in a competitive agricultural landscape."

Building on the success of the past 20 conferences, the 2024 edition will Rise to new heights. Keynote presentations will be given by Mark Mayfield, Kim Bremmer, and Terrain economist Matt Roberts. The attendees will also be treated to a Master Farmers and Homemakers panel.

Conference sessions are designed to keep women up to date on the latest advancements in agriculture and thriving within their rural communities. During the two-day conference, attendees will select from breakout sessions covering many topics, including farm financial planning, production agriculture, balancing farm and life responsibilities, direct-to-consumer and retail businesses, as well as transition planning.

Women from across the state are invited to attend this special 20th anniversary conference. And to extend the opportunity to attend to as many people as possible, Women Managing the Farm is organizing six pre-conference tours in the Sunflower State Showcase. In partnership with local K-State Research and Extension units, attendees will have the ability to ride a bus from their corner of the state and stop at pre-selected tour locations on their way to Manhattan.

"Whether you are involved in on-farm production,

are an off-farm landowner, or part of the agriculture industry as a business professional, WMF has content for every woman involved in ag," said Lori Rogge, co-chair of the Women Managing the Farm conference planning committee.

Early registration runs through January 18, 2023, at \$175, with scholarships available for those who apply before that deadline. A student rate of \$75 for any high school or college students will also be offered this year. After January 18, registration is \$200. Additional pre-conference sessions are available for \$25, including a session on emotional wellness and the pre-conference tours.

Learn more or register for the Women Managing the Farm Conference at <http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/>. Stay up to date with the latest from the conference on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm>.

Kansas State Parks receive accessibility grant from Ford Bronco Wild Fund

Kansas State Parks, in partnership with the Ford Bronco Wild Fund, is excited to announce that Tuttle Creek State Park has been awarded a grant for a TrackMaster Series 2 track chair to increase accessibility for the public. With a percentage of funds from the sale of each Ford Bronco going into the Bronco Wild Fund, Ford Motor Company is able to

provide grant opportunities to assist in removing barriers of participation for individuals to experience the great outdoors. With that, the Bronco Wild Fund partnered with America's State Parks to administer a grant this year for track chairs. Kansas State Parks was one of just eighteen states awarded a track chair through this grant.

"Kansas State Parks are committed to ensuring our natural spaces remain accessible to all," said Linda Lanterman, Kansas State Parks director. "This grant will allow our staff at Tuttle Creek State Park to provide quality experiences for those with physical disabilities, and we look forward to this TrackMaster being the first of many track chairs made avail-

able to the public at Kansas State Parks."

The company TrackMaster was established to assist users in the medical equipment industry through mobility equipment such as track chairs. In their early years as a company, they quickly realized that the only designs on the market at that time were based off that of skid steers and heavy

equipment. TrackMaster then made it their mission to provide a high-quality machine that met the everyday user's needs without sacrificing quality. The TrackMaster Series 2 track chair allows users to maneuver rough terrain with a more modernized and efficient design than its previous versions.

At Tuttle Creek State Park, individuals will be

able to use the track chair to participate in outdoor recreation opportunities they would not have otherwise been able to. Those opportunities include hiking, wildlife viewing, and participating in special events at the park along with many other activities.

Kansas State Parks is grateful to both the Bronco Wild Fund and America's State Parks for this grant award.



2024 came in on a cold, clear note. At least that is what I heard because I was all warm and cozy in bed, asleep. I know I am old but any more that is the way I want to celebrate the New Year; that way I feel a whole lot better to start the next morning and the new year out. I don't know if that is age or wisdom.

This upcoming year is going to be one for the history books. That isn't a statement for how the history will go because I have no idea what to expect from this year, but I do know it will be a year for the record books. For reasons we can somewhat control and others that we have no control over, this will be a year that will change the direction of our country and our world.

I prefer to focus on where I can effect some change. We know that we have an important election coming up in November and if you aren't sick of the campaigns, you will be by then. I know the easiest and most palatable thing to do is to tune out all the noise and pretend nothing is going on. Please don't do that; we need everyone to participate in this election.

The decisions we make in the elections both in August and November will have a huge impact on the future of our great nation and this is not a time we can afford for people not to be involved. You must ask yourself which candidates most closely align with your values and beliefs and then tell everyone around you who they are and why you feel that way. We can no longer be silent and let the elections happen.

This election will be about the future direction of the United States. I am not trying to be dramatic here, just stating what I believe and what I have seen. This election will decide our course and the rest of the world is watching, so this is an "all-hands-on-deck" call. Take the time to do your research, be informed and speak out. It is our right and that right must be protected.

We must also make sure that we insist that the campaign and all the hype

around it is respectful and civil. I also truly believe that if we all demand those things from our candidates the tone of campaigns will change, but only if we demand it.

I am as fed up as anyone with the current state of politics and it will never change if we don't ask for it. It won't be easy, but it is something we all need to do. It will take everyone getting involved at some level and at the most local level possible. That means city council, township board or school board. I could even make the point that most of those have more of an impact on your day-to-day life than the state or national politics. The bottom line is that we all need to be involved in the governance of our great nation,

There is one other thing we all can do that will help more than anything else; that is to pray for the elections and for our candidates. I know that increasingly our fellow citizens don't believe in the power of prayer and that is why those of us who do need to double down on it. Honestly, I believe that prayer can have more of an effect on the elections but again it is an all-hands-on-deck calling.

As I stated earlier, I do believe that this is something we can influence but each of us can only do so much, and alone it is not enough to move the needle. However, I do believe that if each of us all do our own part, we can move mountains and we can change the course.

Then there are the things we cannot change like the weather. The only thing we can do here is to pray. Funny how everything comes back to that. I guess that is probably the secret to everything in life; prayer and faith in those prayers. I don't know much, and I do need to be reminded that prayer is the secret to all of this. You might not get the solution you asked for, but you will get the solution you need and the faith to see it through. 2024 will be a turning point year and it will be interesting. We had all better buckle up and say our prayers, because here it comes.

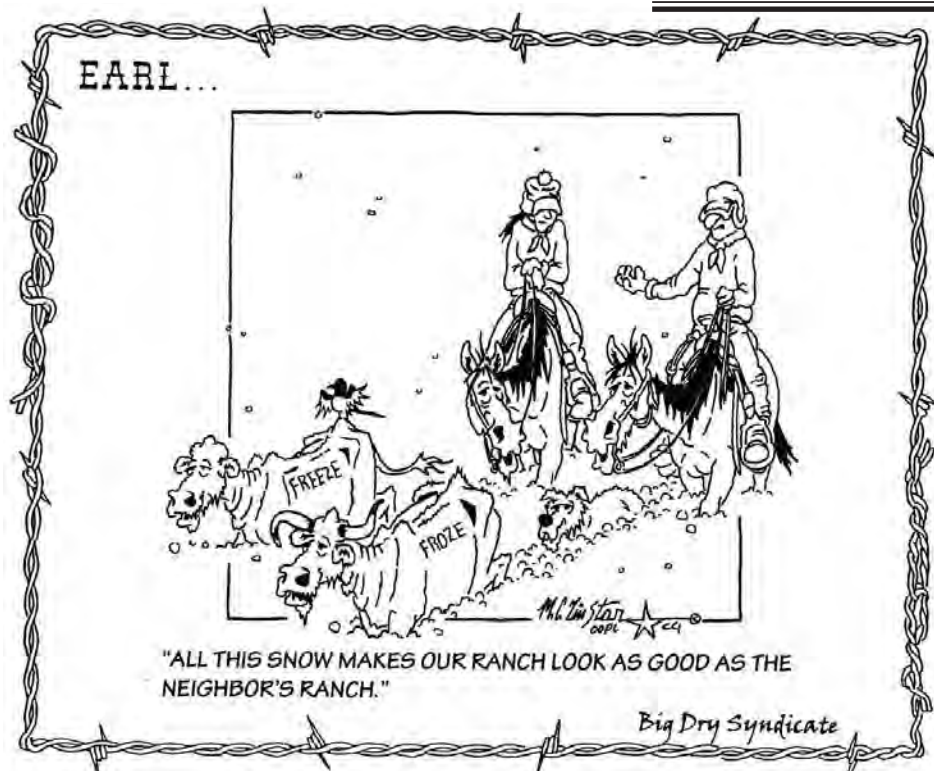
Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



"Corn? But, this is where I keep my antiques!"

"Do not stop thinking of life as an adventure. You have no security unless you can live bravely, excitingly, imaginatively; unless you can choose a challenge instead of competence."

--Eleanor Roosevelt



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Kansas Farm Bureau to recognize tradition, heritage of family farms

Kansas Farm Bureau is continuing in 2024 its recognition for "Sesquicentennial Farms" in conjunction with its annual "Century Farm" program. The Century Farm program honors Farm Bureau members who own farms of at least 80 acres within the same family for 100 years or more. The Sesquicentennial Farm recognition goes to farms in the same family for at least 150 years.

"Kansas farmers and ranchers have a lot to be proud of," Joe Newland, Kansas Farm Bureau president, says. "One thing we take pride in is our value in the traditions and strong family ties through generations of rural living. Kansas Farm Bureau is honored to celebrate those through the Century Farm and Sesquicentennial Farm programs."

The deadline for consideration to be part of the 2024 programs is May 15. Kansas Farm Bureau has recognized 3,144 Century Farms and 112 Sesquicentennial Farms since their inception. Complete details for qualification and applications for both programs can be obtained at county Farm Bureau offices across Kansas or on the KFB website, www.kfb.org/centuryfarm.

K-State 105 brings NetWork Kansas, K-State Research and Extension together to build up statewide youth entrepreneurship program

Two K-State 105 partners — NetWork Kansas and K-State Research and Extension — are collaborating to bring the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge to new heights as one of the leading youth entrepreneurship competitions in the state of Kansas.

A first-of-its-kind commitment from K-State Research and Extension and Kansas 4-H will fully fund the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge, or KEC, which is a program of the NetWork Kansas Entrepreneurship (E)-Community Partnership. The contribution involves nearly \$100,000 in program support for KEC per year for three consecutive years, beginning with the current 2023-24 competition year.

"A next-generation land-grant university is invested in the future, and that is exactly what we are doing as we partner with NetWork Kansas to build up the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge," said Gregg Hadley, Kansas State University assistant vice president and director for extension. "Young entrepreneurs are the future of economic prosperity in Kansas, and it's

a natural fit for K-State Research and Extension to support a program that builds on youth development in all 105 counties in Kansas."

The Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge represents the culmination of a sequence of community-based entrepreneurship competitions for students in grades 6-12, known as the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, or YEC, series.

NetWork Kansas, a statewide entrepreneurial organization, coordinates the YEC series and KEC in partnership with the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship in the K-State College of Business Administration. The 2023-24 competition year marks the 11th annual YEC series.

During the most recent 2022-23 competition year, the YEC series held 56 local-level competitions featuring 1,136 high school and middle school students from across Kansas. More than \$90,000 in prize money was awarded to winners across the state. First place winners of local YEC events, plus 15 wild-card entries, advanced to KEC, which oc-

curred at K-State in spring 2023.

At KEC, young entrepreneurs competed in three rounds of live mock board rooms and a separate, optional trade show as well as a networking game. Overall, \$65,000 in total prizes were awarded in the 2023 KEC high school division.

"We at NetWork Kansas are so excited to announce our partnership with K-State Research and Extension," said Amara Kniep, director of E-Community partnership. "Their dedication to serving Kansans and offering resources across the state aligns closely with our mission. We are very much looking forward to working together to provide hands-on learning opportunities for youth across all 105 Kansas counties."

For K-State Research and Extension, the collaboration represents an opportunity to extend another proven program to build vital communities across the state. The strengthened partnership with NetWork Kansas creates a pathway for future work.

"Through 4-H, K-State has a long history of pro-

viding high-quality positive youth development programming in all 105 Kansas counties," said Sarah Maass, program director for 4-H youth development. "I'm excited to continue the momentum through this new partnership with NetWork Kansas. The Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge provides a unique educational opportunity to empower young people, which is a key element of the 4-H mission."

New materials, including updated competition guidelines, are available to help support series coordinators and competition organizers.

Key dates for the 2023-24 competition year include:

- March 19, 2024: Cutoff date for sanctioned community entrepreneurship competitions.
- March 19, 2024: Wild-card entries for KEC State Championship due.
- March 19, 2024: Executive summaries for KEC State Championship due.

versity's collective knowledge and solution-driven innovation to every Kansan, right where they live and work. Additionally, K-State 105 forges the connections and partnerships that create access to additional expertise within other state institutions and agencies, nonprofits and corporations — all part of an effort to build additional capacities and strengths in each of the 105 counties in the state. For more information, visit k-state.edu/105.

K-State's Cattlemen's Day scheduled for March 1

Kansas State University's Animal Sciences and Industry Department will host Cattlemen's Day 2024 on Friday, March 1 at Weber Hall in Manhattan. A highlight of this year's event will be Richard Linton, K-State president, who will discuss K-State's strategy for the future.

The program begins at 10 a.m. with Linton followed by ASI department head Mike Day who will share how ASI plans to embrace the past and look to the future. The morning program will wrap up with Glynn Tonsor, K-State ag economics professor, giving a beef industry economic outlook.

"We're excited to announce our 111th KSU Cattlemen's Day program," says A.J. Tarpoff, K-State associate professor and Cattlemen's Day co-chairman. "Our goal is to share the latest information and research with attendees to better prepare them for management decisions in the upcoming year."

The day starts at 8 a.m. with refreshments, educational exhibits and a commercial trade show. Tarpoff adds, "This year we have numerous participants signed up for our allied industry trade show. Hosted on the floor in Weber Arena, the trade show provides a forum for the attendees to observe what's new in the beef in-

dustry and network with key industry leaders."

Lunch will be smoked brisket sponsored by U.S. Premium Beef and trade show exhibitors. Cajun-spiced catfish will also be available. The afternoon sessions will feature K-State faculty and industry presentations in Weber Hall 123, 146 and 111 discussing an array of topics, including:

- K-State ASI Beef Research Update - ASI Beef Team
- Beef Cuts that Add Value - Michael Chao, K-State ASI associate professor.
- Reproduction Update - Sandy Johnson, K-State ASI Extension beef specialist, and Nicholas Dias, K-State ASI assistant professor.
- Wildlife and Ranching - Drew Ricketts, K-State Extension wildlife management and control specialist.

The cost to attend Cattlemen's Day 2024 is \$25 if paid by February 23 or \$35 at the door. There is no charge for students who pre-register. For more information and online registration, visit KSUBeef.org.

The 47th Annual Legacy Bull & Female Sale will begin at 4 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center (2200 Denison Ave). Visit asi.ksu.edu/legacysale to learn more about this year's offering and to request a sale catalog.

On February 29, the evening before Cattlemen's Day, Galen and Lori Fink will be honored as the Stockman of the Year at the Annual Stockmen's Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center. A separate registration is required for the dinner. Information can be found online at asi.ksu.edu/stockmensdinner.

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GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Carole Monahan, Westmoreland, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Prize
 Winner Carole Monahan, Westmoreland:
APPLE ENCHILADAS

- 21-ounce can apple fruit filling
- (6) 8-inch flour tortillas
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup water

Spoon filling down center of tortillas. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Roll up and place seam side down in a lightly greased baking dish. Bring butter, sugars and water to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring constantly, for 3 minutes. Pour over enchiladas. Let stand 30 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Kellee George, Shawnee:

- OLIVE DIP**
 9-ounce jar green olives, roughly chopped
 8 ounces cream cheese
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
Veggies & crackers
 Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise and garlic powder. Stir in olives. Refrigerate overnight. Use with crackers and veggies.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

- PEACH CRISP**
 29-ounce can sliced peaches, well drained
 1/2 cup rolled oats
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup flour
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/4 cup butter
 Arrange peaches in 8- or 9-inch baking dish. In a bowl combine remaining ingredients. Sprinkle over peaches. Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Serve with ice cream.

Joy Ferdinand, Reading:

- CRANBERRY FRUIT NUT BREAD**
 2 cups sifted flour
 1 cup sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 cup shortening
 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
 3/4 cup orange juice
 1 well-beaten egg

- 1 cup fresh cranberries, coarsely chopped
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 Sift together dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Combine orange peel, juice and egg. Add to dry ingredients, mixing just to moisten. Fold in cranberries and nuts. Turn into greased 9-by-5-by-3-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes. Cool. Wrap and store overnight.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

- CAULIFLOWER WITH ALMONDS**
 1 head cauliflower, about 1 1/2 pounds
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 tablespoon flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 cup milk
 Shredded Cheddar cheese (about 1/2 cup)
 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
 Place cauliflower in Dutch oven and steam about 12-15 minutes until tender. Melt butter then blend in flour and salt. Add milk and cook until thick. To serve, cut off stem and place cauliflower on serving dish. Spoon sauce over top. Sprinkle with cheese and almonds.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:

- DIP**
 8 ounces cream cheese
 1/4 cup horseradish
 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
 1 cup apricot preserves

Place cream cheese bar on a serving dish. Mix remaining ingredients and spread over cream cheese. Dip for veggies or crackers.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

- CROCK-POT CHICKEN PIE**
 1/4 cup chicken broth
 2 or 3 boneless chicken breasts

- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
 1 bag frozen vegetables
 1/4 cup sour cream

Add all ingredients together in crock-pot except sour cream. Cook on high 3 to 4 hours. Make sure chicken is done. With fork, shred chicken in crock-pot. Mix in sour cream. Good served with biscuits.

Power Out? Here's How To Keep Food Safe Guidelines On Food Storage During Outage

K-State Research and Extension news service
 MANHATTAN — Keeping food safe during a power outage begins well before winter storms hit, said Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

Before the power goes out, Blakeslee advised keeping an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer. According to guidelines from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the temperature inside the refrigerator should be 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and the freezer at 0 F or below.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for food safety, said having a thermometer in place before the power goes out helps to assure the appliance temperature does not stray outside the recommended range.

It may also be a good idea to stock up on canned and non-perishable goods.

"Dried foods, such as fruit and crackers, are great for snacks," Blakeslee said. "Keep foods that family members enjoy, but also healthful foods to provide nutrient-dense nourishment."

Blakeslee recommends storing pantry foods in a cool, dry, dark location.

When power is first lost, leave the door of the refrigerator and freezer closed to preserve cold temperatures as long as possible. If the power stays out for a longer period of time and the refrigerator is not staying cold, Blakeslee has some additional ideas for protecting food.

"Coolers filled with ice are very helpful in an emergency," Blakeslee said. "Make sure ice surrounds the food for the best chilling effect."

For food in the freezer, dry ice can be used if available – but thick gloves should always be worn when handling dry ice to prevent skin damage. Dry ice should then be kept in a ventilated area.

Food spoilage may be unavoidable if the power outage is lengthy. Blakeslee outlines key factors that may be an indication of foodborne illness:

- * Color changes.
- * Unusual odors.
- * Texture changes.

The most susceptible foods are meat, dairy, eggs and cut fruits and vegetables. Extra care should be taken when examining these food items.

"Don't taste any questionable food that has thawed out," Blakeslee said. "When in doubt, throw it out."

If a power outage lasts more than four hours at temperatures greater than 40 F, refrigerated or frozen food kept without another cold source should be thrown out.

For more information on food safety during the power outages, Blakeslee recommends consulting the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage.

Blakeslee publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More information is also available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

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Parents Are Important Role Models In Helping Children Develop Empathy

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Hearing the words "what a kind, compassionate child you've raised" is often one of the greatest compliments a parent can receive as they turn their young person out into the world.

The foundation for this empathy, says Kansas State University child development specialist Bradford Wiles, happens early in life.

"Children start to figure out that other people have different beliefs, thoughts and desires other than their own at about the age of three," Wiles said. "This is a crucial time to teach them to appreciate and enjoy other people's perspectives." Before that, he said children can recognize differences in the way people dress or skin color, but they don't have any opinions — positive or negative — about that.

"As children grow up, they are exposed to our family, regional and local community cultures, and if your family culture is one of acceptance and embracing others, children will pick up on that," Wiles said.

Embracing others ties to the skill of empathy, Wiles said.

"Empathy is being able to appreciate and understand someone else's perspective; it's putting yourself in their place, which is different than sympathy where you feel bad for others," Wiles said. "Empathy is also different than tolerating something unpalatable."

He cited the example of how when sitting in a waiting room a person might tolerate overhearing a cell phone conversation, but those who can empathize have an appreciation for what is being discussed in that conversation even if it is something that they personally don't have an experience with.

And children who learn empathy at a young age often grow into adults who can navigate social situations and perform well as members of a team, Wiles said.

"Research has shown that people who ex-

press empathy are able to better work with other people to solve problems in the workforce," he said.

So how is empathy developed?

"It starts with family modeling; if you have friends from diverse backgrounds, make sure your children interact with them and it isn't just people of different cultures," Wiles said. "In the U.S. there tends to be a lack of empathy for people who are low income. For some, the perception is that poor people don't work hard, and while that may be true for a small subset, the vast majority are working hard to maintain a level of poverty."

To help children cross those cultures Wiles encourages parents to demonstrate empathy by volunteering in the community or in school where children can see them engaging with others and modeling that all people have worth, even if they are different.

"Through volunteer work, parents can demonstrate to children that all people have value, and they are richer for those interactions," Wiles said.

Another way to model empathy is to expose children to a wide range of books and have family discussions about the story, Wiles said. He explains that through books, children can be exposed to characters who are developmentally delayed or physically challenged, come from another culture or are from a different social class, among other differences.

"One of the best things about books is that the characters provide early opportunities for a parent to facilitate a discussion with the child by asking 'What do you think that character is thinking about?' and that forces the child to engage in the process of empathy," Wiles said.

More information is available online from K-State Research and Extension.

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Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

Have You Got The Winter Blues?

By Ashleigh Krispense

The fog this morning seemed as though someone had wrapped the earth in a thick, white wool blanket. The dense cloud settled and clung for hours, making it hard to even see very far behind the house. By the time I went outside, it looked like a frosty winter wonderland. Both tree branches and fence wires were outlined in white frost. As I walked towards the chicken pen to give them some more grain to peck and scratch around at, each little square in the wire fence stood out a bright white.

Sometimes the cold, overcast days can make people feel a little down. Once the holidays have passed and we're left staring into the bleak winter ahead, it can be a little challenging to remain upbeat. Here are some simple and fun little ways to add a bit of excitement to your day:

Find Your Happy Place... At Home

If you're a home body, your happy place might be right there waiting for you beneath the dirty dishes... Believe me, I understand! Set aside some time to get your house tidied up and then do something to make it a little more special or cheerful. Buy some fresh flowers at the grocery store, set your table with a favorite tablecloth and centerpiece, or light a candle and turn on some of your favorite music. And if you're feeling up to it — invite some friends over! It can brighten an evening for both you and them when you spend time together with good food, laughter, and some card games. It's not a new idea, but sometimes we just need a prod to get it done!

Make Some Spring Plans

While I might not be fully ready to jump back into spring and inevitably the summer that follows it, I have already been making some spring plans. Just yesterday I found a seed catalog in our mailbox and some time before that, I ended up with a new poultry catalog that I have been thumbing through in search of perspective new chicken breeds. Hopefully later tonight I'll get to place an order through a hatchery for some layers and fryers.

Find a Shovel and Get Outside!

Yesterday afternoon, I was back in a new garden plot breaking apart and planting little cloves of garlic in the moist dirt. It was quiet outside and the air was cool and crisp. While this might not be the ideal time to be planting garlic, I'm hoping it's still early enough for them to do okay and produce something for me to harvest later in the summer. If you haven't been outside and worked in the dirt recently, give it a try. Even if you have no real need to. Find a sunny afternoon and go admire all of the little tiny green plants that are popping up in both the dirt and gravel. You might be surprised at all of the new life that's appearing! (If you can, look for a local greenhouse that might be open right now, even if only by appointment. Grab a coffee and stop by for a little bit to wander through a warm jungle for an extra dose of plants!).

Grab a Friend and Go!

I've been reminded before when I've talked about getting together with a friend at a coffee shop that you don't necessarily have to go out and spend money

to visit with friends... and it's true! Why not have a friend over to your house for an afternoon? (It'll give you an extra incentive to clean!). If it's a nice day out, plan to go for a long walk and visit while you burn off those extra Christmas cookies. If a shopping day is your thing — here's your reminder to set aside some time in your schedule and make it happen. It's easy enough to talk about, but how often do you actually get together and make it happen?

What's A Hobby?

Have you ever gotten to know somebody and found out that they have a surprising hobby you just didn't expect? What is a hobby that you used to enjoy but gave up on? What if you set aside a couple hours this weekend to go work on it? Or maybe you should consider letting go of something that no longer fits you and pick up a new project. Whether you're into greenhouse gardening, sourdough bread making, archery, keeping aquariums, going bowling, playing guitar, riding horses, jewelry making, building small model farms, scrapbooking, collecting antiques, restoring vintage furniture, training dogs, working with clay pottery, designing landscapes and flower beds, raising chickens, quilting, or smoking meat — find something that you look forward to doing!

Well, it's time for me to head towards one of my current projects... I have cabinet doors just waiting to be finished and painted. I won't say it's the most fun project, but hopefully we'll enjoy it when they're done. If you end up with some smoked brisket or a loaf of fresh sourdough bread, feel free to send it my way. I might need it by the time I'm done with those doors!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website, *Prairie Gal Cookin'* (www.prairiegalcookin.com), where she shares step-by-step recipes and stories from around the farm in Kansas.

Family Meals... Worth Making A Priority And Reaping The Benefits

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

When was the last time you sat down for a meal with your family? For many, family mealtime has been lost in our over-scheduled lives. School, work schedules and extracurricular activities can make it difficult to find time to eat together and some go days or weeks without sitting down to share a meal as a family. However, family meals are important. Researchers have found that families who share meals together on a regular basis, whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner reap many benefits.

In an article, Maureen Bligh, Andrea Garen and Ashley Rosales, Registered Dietitians with the Dairy Council of California, shared the following information re-emphasizing studies which have shown that children who eat with their families are

better nourished, have lower rates of obesity and better vocabularies. These factors can have a positive impact on classroom behavior and academic performance. And when it comes to improving the health of our children, family meals are a great way to instill healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime.

Research into family meals and their benefits is becoming more in depth, with some interesting findings:

* Dining as a family can create an environment for parents to lead by example for their children.

Children who eat with their families consume more fruit, vegetables, milk and dairy foods compared to those who eat fewer family meals.

* Adults also report that eating as a family is a positive portion of their day. Mealtimes creates a feeling of togetherness and family cohesion. The

concept of a family meals does not exclude single-parent homes or couples without children. The routine associated with meals can provide a protective value for some of the risks associated with single-parent homes. For couples, the routine of sitting down together carves out time for each other and creates work schedule boundaries creating a balance between work and personal life.

* There is an association between family meal frequency and lower rates of obesity.

But the benefits of family meals go beyond nutrition and family unity. Family meals are also an opportunity to promote child development. Regular family meals teach children many things that will enrich their lives beyond the immediate health benefits of eating nutritious food. Isn't it time to make family meals a habit in your home?

Sweet Potatoes Or Yams? Most People Likely Have Never Eaten A Yam

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Did you know sweet potatoes and yams are not the same? In fact, you've probably never eaten an actual yam, says Kansas State University horticulture expert Karen Blakeslee. Confusion between the two stems from labeling.

"Sweet potatoes are members of the morning glory family," Blakeslee said. "Fresh sweet potatoes are harvested in the fall and are sweeter than yams."

Sweet potatoes are available in four colors:

- * Rose-colored skin with orange flesh.
- * Pale copper-tan skin with white flesh.
- * Red skin with dry white flesh.
- * Purple skin and flesh.

Yams are related to lilies and are very starchy in texture, Blakeslee said.

They are less sweet, larger and have a short shelf life.

"They look more like logs with thick skin," Blakeslee said. "Yams must be cooked as they may contain toxins."

Sweet potatoes are more nutritious than yams and contain fewer calories. Blakeslee said they both contain amylase which helps break down starch into sugar that our bodies can use readily.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's

Rapid Response Center for Food Science, publishes a monthly newsletter called *You Asked It!* that provides numerous tips on food safety.

More information is also available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

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Listening: A Vital Dimension Of Respect

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

The virtue of respectfulness is demonstrated by being courteous, being civil, and treating everyone in a manner that acknowledges and honors their essential human dignity.

An important but often neglected aspect of respectfulness is listening to what others say. Respectful listening is more than hearing. It requires us to consider what's being said. That's hard when we've heard it before, aren't interested or don't think much of the persona talking. It's even worse when we act like we're listening but are just waiting for our turn to speak.

The fact is, most of us don't listen well, certainly not all the time, and especially with those closest to us. Kids are es-

pecially adept at tuning out their parents, but parents are equally skilled at ignoring or dismissing as foolish or irrelevant what kids have to say.

The disrespectfulness of not listening is most apparent when others ignore or patronize us (rolling their eyes in a show of impatience or contempt or faking interest with a vacant stare or wander-

ing eyes).

We all want to know that what we say and think matters. But if we want others to care about what we say, we need to care about what they say. Like all the important virtues, we teach respect best by demonstrating it. So, listen up! It'll make people feel better, and you may learn something.

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Grand Theft: Auto

Winter of 1979-80 was one of those that stick in your memory, much like that following summer of 1980 with weeks on end of triple-digit actual temperatures (back before something now called a "heat index").

That was the winter that my buddy Marty and I were house-sitting for his brother down on Booth Creek. The same winter as the big New Year's blizzard that snowed us in down there, and if I remember correctly this story happened

after the roads had been cleared from that storm. I do remember it was cold enough to freeze the radiator on my '68 F-100 pickup, and neither of us had dressed for walking!

We were both working in Clay Center at Hutch Royal and our clock in time was 7 a.m., which meant we left the house by 6, giving us enough time to grab a pastry at the donut shop on the square in Clay. Driving into a north wind, the wind-chill factor must have been about -40F. I

had failed to properly winterize my truck and once we emerged from the canyon it didn't take long for it to overheat due to lack of coolant flow through the iced-up radiator.

Not wanting to permanently damage my truck engine, we abandoned it and took off walking into that same north wind, myself in a leather jacket with a broken zipper, and Marty in a jean jacket and both of us in Wranglers.

By the time we had walked the half-mile to the next homestead, we were numbed with cold and in desperate need of shelter. Philip Hanson's barn was right next to the road and we holed up inside for a while, rubbing circulation back into our hands and legs, blowing on our fingers. After about 30 minutes we decided we would walk up to Philip's house and see if he would allow us to borrow his old pick-

up truck, about a 1949 or '50 model, to get to Marty's parents place another couple miles up the road.

The old stone foundation walls of the barn had provided the needed reprieve from the icy wind, and as soon as we stepped out for the hundred yard walk to the house, we both muttered a couple of four letter words as we picked up the pace!

Marty knew the old farmer best so he stepped up and rapped on the door. Waiting a few seconds and no response, he banged harder on the door. Still no answer. It was still dark, and both Philip and his sister were up in years and hard of hearing. Marty tried the door once more while verbally announcing our presence. Still no response.

Disappointed and anticipating our next move, we were starting to freeze again, so we headed back toward the barn. On the way past the old truck, Marty popped the door open and yelled "Hey, the

keys in it!"

Well he didn't have to tell me what we were doing next, so I opened the passenger door and hopped in. Marty turned the key on and pulled the choke, throwing the shifter into "neutral." Stepping on the starter switch (it used to be on the floor beside the accelerator for all you youngsters) the engine started cranking! He pumped the gas pedal with his heel and that old truck fired up like a champ! "Yes!" we both exclaimed!

We looked back up toward the house half-expecting to see Philip with a shotgun by now, but still no response, so Marty put her in gear and we drove to Lee and Joann's out on K16. We coffee'd up and had breakfast, calling Hutch and telling them we weren't going to make it to work.

A couple hours later we were warmed and well-fed. Marty's brother followed us back down to Philip's place to return his truck, and go get mine.

Marty parked it where we found it and I went up and knocked on the door, but still we couldn't raise anyone. Feeling a little guilty about taking his truck without permission, I peeled a \$5 bill out and laid it on the driver's seat of the old Chevy.

Several weeks later we saw Philip outside and we stopped in. He never even knew that we had taken the old truck, and he never found the \$5 I had left in it. I suppose it blew out on the ground or maybe even under the seat. After explaining what had happened and how we had holed up in his barn before driving off in his truck, he said, "You boys ever need anything I got, you help yourselves."

That's a good neighbor to have, especially for a couple of mindless yahoos who had to learn life lessons the hard way!

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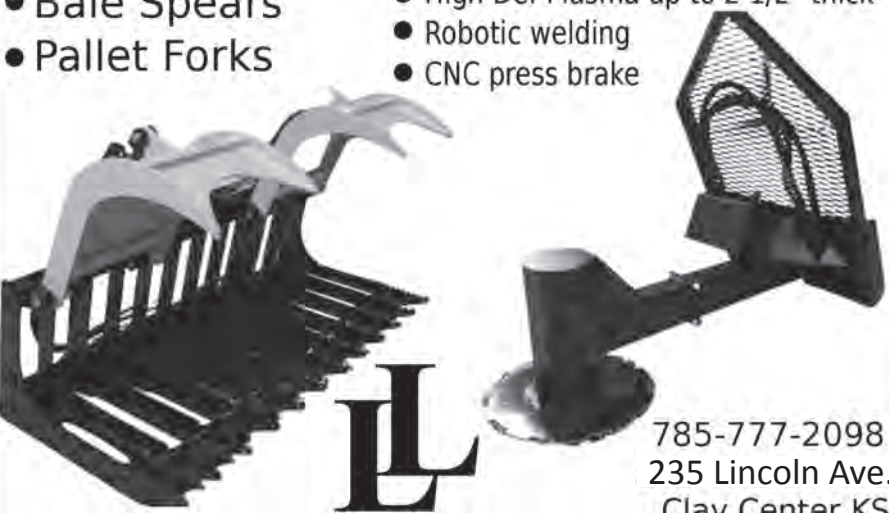
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Cattle Chat: Value of record keeping

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

With the new year, many people work to lose holiday pounds by following a weight loss program that typically involves keeping a daily record of food consumption as a way to help them learn how to develop healthy food habits. In other words, data-driven decision-making.

That is also the concept that the K-State experts at the Beef Cattle Institute encourage producers to follow to guide their herd management system. This was the topic of a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

"It is important for producers to follow a record-keeping system that is appropriate for the complexity of their operation," said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson.

An electronic system that Larson recommends is one that was developed

at K-State called CalfDex.

"This system is an easy way to collect records and then if a producer wants to share some of the information, the app can facilitate the electronic transfer of the records to the buyer of the feeder calves," Larson said.

Records that Larson places a high value on are tracking dates of calving and weaning as well as the weaning weights and cull cow weights.

K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster, meanwhile, said there are two levels of data he advises producers to document.

"One is herd-level data that allows producers to track production over time, and the other is recording individual data that can help give information about the calf's genetic performance," Lancaster said. "If I am keeping replacement heifers, knowing which cow lines

are most productive is good information to help me make that decision."

K-State veterinarian Brad White agreed, adding: "Having data on subgroups within the herd such as breeds or sire lines helps producers better sort the cattle into management groups."

Along with cattle performance records, K-State agricultural economist Dustin Pendell said producers also need to closely monitor feed expenses.

"The largest expense for any operation is feed cost, so producers need to know how much they are feeding and the associated costs," Pendell said. "If you are in a drought situation and need to reduce feed costs, having this data will be helpful in your decision-making."

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Sabetha teacher Elizabeth Badertscher named ag foundation's teacher of the year

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KFAC's Teacher of the Year award recognizes teachers who instill a passion for learning about agriculture within their students. KFAC honors one teacher annually who has successfully integrated agricultural education into their pre-existing curriculum.

Badertscher is in her ninth year of teaching, where she incorporates agriculture into math, sci-

ence, and STEM classes. She incorporates Journey 2050, an agricultural simulation game, into her classes as a unique way to assess students' knowledge of the topic practiced

that day. She also adds daily exit questions to help students reflect on the ripple effect the actions in the game could have on their lives.

"I believe I have helped my students better understand agriculture and the ripple effect it has on many aspects of our world," Badertscher says.

In another class, students study wind energy with the end goal of building a wind turbine. Students study every aspect of wind, turbine and blade design, and figure out how much wind it would take to power their classroom. Combined with a novel study, students learn about another country's

agriculture and sustainable agriculture practices.

Badertscher introduces many aspects of agriculture to her students to show them how important agriculture is to their community and what they can do to support it. By using innovation and technology, students stay engaged and are excited to learn more. She used the American Farm Bureau Purple Plow Challenge to allow students to use their knowledge and imagination to create their own food truck designs and sell food to other classes using the challenge criteria.

Badertscher will receive an all-expense

paid trip to the 2024 National Agriculture in the Classroom conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Badertscher will also be considered for the 2024 National Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award, presented by

National Agriculture in the Classroom.

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U.S. farmer sentiment stable as inflation expectations subside

The latest report from the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer indicates that U.S. farmers' inflation expectations have subsided while overall producer sentiment changed little.

The December barometer recorded a reading of 114, just one point lower than in November. Both sub-indices of the barometer, the Index of Current Conditions and the Index of Future Expectations, mirrored this slight decline, settling one point below their respective November figures at 112 and 115. Notably, farmers' inflation expectations for the upcoming year were markedly lower than those reported a year ago for 2023. This month's Ag Economy Barometer survey was conducted from Dec. 4-8.

Farmers reported another improvement in their farms' financial performance during the month of December. The Farm Financial Performance Index saw a two-point increase compared to the previous month, marking a continued positive trend. Since late summer, the index has climbed 11 points, and at year-end, it was 21 points above the low point for 2023, which occurred in May.

"The shift in farmers' perception of financial performance during the fall quarter corresponds with USDA's (U.S. Department of Agriculture's) more optimistic 2023 farm income outlook released in late November, which was \$10 billion higher than their previous forecast," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Farm Capital Investment Index reading of 43 was only one point above November's, but it marked a 13-point increase compared to the same period last year. Respondents endorsing the notion

that now is a favorable time for substantial investments in their farm operation cited "higher dealer inventories" and "strong cash flows" as key factors supporting this perspective. While the percentage of respondents selecting "strong cash flows" as a rationale for investment rebounded from the previous month, it remained less popular than in July and August. Conversely, in December, the percentage of producers citing "higher dealer inventories" as a primary motivation for investment was more than double the proportion who expressed a similar sentiment in July.

"High input costs continue to be concerning for U.S. farmers, although a notable shift in concerns took place as 2023 unfolded," Mintert said.

Farmers concerned about the risk of lower prices for crops and livestock increased from 16% of respondents in January to over one-fourth (26%) by December. Number three on the list of concerns for the upcoming year was "rising interest rates," chosen by 24% of farmers in December's survey.

Producers' inflation expectations moderated, with 70% expecting inflation in 2024 to be less than 4%. By comparison, 50% of the producers anticipated an inflation rate of 6% or higher a year ago. When asked about interest rates, about one-third (34%) of respondents said they anticipate rates declining in 2024 while 22% expect no change in interest rates in the upcoming year.

Perspectives on farmland values weakened slightly in December compared to November. The Short-Term Farmland Value Index fell 4 points to a reading of 121, while the long-term index decreased by 2 points to 149. Compared to a year ago, the short-term index was down 3 points, while the long-

term index was 9 points higher.

"The improvement in farmers' interest rate expectations since late 2022 could help explain the year-to-year rise in farmers' long-term farmland value expectations," Mintert stated.

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Nobody wants to look stupid.

Though it is sometimes unavoidable because, well, sometimes we are just stupid.

Thank goodness for

Andy Obermueller.

Andy is a fine example of why the William Allen White School of Journalism has such a great reputation. After a career that has taken him back East

and all over, he has returned to Kansas and he shares the fruits of his education with us.

Andy is writing a blog that is sometimes personal and inspiring (sharing his journey with Diabetes I and his experience on the waiting list for a kidney), or it is teaching us how to use language.

I have to admit I often turn to Andy for grammar answers, or grammatical answers, or answers to my questions about grammar... whatever is correct. So, I was very happy to see his manuscript *Sound Like A Billion* shared in segments on Substack. It

is accessible and affordable, as in, I think it's free.

Andy begins by addressing AI (Artificial Intelligence) which is increasingly used by news outlets, corporate communication, and, apparently, a lot of other people.

He rightly says, "AI can generate text only by analyzing, mimicking and assimilating what others have written. AI can follow its algorithms to search and find and use material, sometimes cleverly and well, but it can't really "create." Translating original ideas into effective, readable prose

– or even just a succinct PowerPoint slide – will always be a highly valued and marketable skill."

There are so many entries here that I should have known, but I didn't. Or, I have forgotten. But I probably never learned. Whatever. Now is my opportunity. For example, **BATED BREATH** Not bated. Bated means "to reduce the force or intensity of, to take away or deduct." If you are bating your breath, you're holding it, as in anticipation.

I swear, I do not want to appear stupid in public but I did not know this.

There are many other entertaining and useful examples which I would share but I do not want to reveal the extent of my ignorance. Let me just say, I am very grateful for Andy's sharing his knowledge with us.

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So we don't look stupid.

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Husker team receives \$5M grant to reduce methane emissions from cattle

A Husker research team has received \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to research more sustainable dairy and beef production.

The research team is composed of University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members from the Department of Animal Science and Department of Biological Systems Engineering, along with researchers from the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska. The team will study the interrelationships among animal genetics, the gut microbiome and nutrition, with the ultimate goal of developing tools and management practices that can lower methane emissions from livestock.

The funding, which is through the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, is part of the U.S. government's \$10 million investment toward projects reducing inter-



Paul Kononoff, professor of animal science, hooks up Lila, a 10-month-old Jersey cow, in a portable booth, where her breath will be measured and sampled to determine the amount of methane produced by the animal.

tinal methane emissions from ruminant animals. The response aligns with President Biden's Global Methane Pledge made in September 2021.

The project is led by Paul Kononoff, along with fellow Husker faculty Sa-

modha Fernando, Matt Spangler, Galen Erickson, Jessica Sperber, Richard Stowell and Tammy Brown-Brandl. Additional researchers include James Wells and Bryan Neville from the Meat Animal Research Center.

and other materials that humans are unable to digest into an important protein source.

However, a byproduct of rumen fermentation is the creation of methane, a greenhouse gas. Cattle may produce between 200 and 500 liters of methane daily. Once produced, methane is then belched into the environment. The volume produced highly depends on an animal's size and the feed consumed, as well as on its genetics and unique gut microbiome.

"We're developing a better understanding of the role of animal genetics and gut microbiome on not only methane production, but energy use and feed efficiency," Kononoff said.

Kononoff and his team will also investigate ways to establish a healthy microbiome in young animals that supports normal growth and production while reducing the amount of methane an individual animal produces.

"This work will ensure

that young animals get off to an even better start in life," he said.

The research results will be used to develop new tools and practices for producers to continue producing food while reducing methane production from the animals that they care for. It will also help producers make better breeding decisions and improve feed efficiency for their animals. These science-based solutions will be delivered to producers through university Extension programs, aiding in the profitability and sustainability of family dairy and beef operations.

"This is innovative, high-impact research that is going to point us in a direction where we will have a better understanding of the interconnected factors that impact methane production in cattle and build a more comprehensive understanding of cattle nutrition and performance," said Derek McLean, dean and director of the Agricultural Research Division at Nebraska.

Ultimately, Kononoff hopes the research improves efficiency and profitability for livestock producers, too.

"Beef and dairy products are some of the most healthy, nutrient-dense and best-tasting foods we can enjoy," he said. "This research should further support the many sustainable practices that beef and dairy producers currently employ in delivering food to consumers, opening new doors so that this food is produced in a manner that lessens the effect on the climate and Earth we all live on."

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2024 Cover Your Acres conference set for Jan. 16-17 in Oberlin

Producers, consultants, and experts will gather for the 21st annual Cover Your Acres Winter Conference on January 16-17, at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin. The conference is a joint venture between K-State Research and Extension and conference sponsors.

"Weed management, soil fertility -- and weather, of course -- are always on farmers' minds," said

Lucas Haag, an agronomist with K-State Research and Extension's Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby. "So, we have (K-State weed management specialist) Sarah Lancaster and (multi-county Extension specialist) Jeanne Falk Jones tackling weed management with a focus on resistance issues and how farmers can adapt their management."

Haag also pointed to sessions on how phosphorus moves in crop and soil systems, and a discussion on how El Niño and La Niña effect the Tri-State Region, featuring Jesse Lundquist of the National Weather Service.

Mark Wood, the lead economist with the Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association, will outline what is driving profitability in northwest

Kansas farms and the potential pitfalls producers should be aware of. Haag will focus on long-term dryland rotation trials conducted by K-State at Tribune, looking at agronomic and economic aspects.

Other topics include sprinkler setup for maximizing effective irrigation with Colorado State University's Joel Schneekloth; new wheat markets, pre-

sented by Evan Backhus with Purefield Ingredients; managing drought-driven insects with K-State entomologist Anthony Zukoff of K-State; and a session focused on how producers can maximize the benefit of new technology on sprayers and planters with K-State agricultural engineer Ajay Sharda.

The same programs will be offered both days of the conference. Haag said participants attending both days will find it easier to catch most or all of the programs. The program offers a total of ten continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisors and three CEU's for Commercial Applicators.

Registration begins at

7:45 a.m. with educational sessions ending at 5 p.m.

Early registration is due by Jan. 10. The fee is \$55 for Tuesday, \$60 for Wednesday, or \$80 for both days. After Jan. 11, the cost is \$80 for each day. The conference fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments, and educational materials.

The full conference schedule and online registration are available at www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveyouracres. For questions, call 785-462-6281.

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New world record corn yield of 623.84 bu/a achieved

Farmers across the nation who planted Pioneer® brand corn hybrids from Corteva Agriscience have seen field-proven performance with winning results in this year's annual National Corn Growers Association yield contest. David Hula of Charles City, Virginia, set a new world record of 623.84 bushels per acre with Pioneer brand corn product P14830VYHR. Hula crushed his previous world record of 616 bushels per acre set in 2019 with the Pioneer brand P1197 family of products.

"Congratulations to David and to all of the winning farmers in this year's contest," said Judd O'Connor, president, North America Business, Corteva Agriscience. "Your results reflect the incredible goals farmers across the nation aspire to achieve. This is why we continue to invest in R&D advancements to provide farmers with the latest corn seed technology and top-tier genetics they need to be successful on their farms."

This milestone yield was achieved with a new hybrid from the freshman class of corn products from Pioneer. To bring new high-yielding hybrids to the market faster, Andy Ross, Corteva Agriscience corn breeder, explains the power behind the company's breeding program and how new Pioneer brand leader products advance to the market.

"We know what our customers think of a leader hybrid and different traits come into play," said Ross. "By having our germplasm and our people in different environments across the Corn Belt, we couple that knowledge and accountability to refine the lineup of our corn pipeline for traits that are important to our customers. As we do that, it changes the overall dynamics of our germplasm because we're constantly improving our germplasm for what all of our growers need."

This win marks Hula's fifth time setting a new world

record with Pioneer brand corn products.

"As we think about where our success has come from, we have relationships with a lot of seed providers, but that relationship we have with Pioneer and the agronomic team is far superior to any other relationship we have," said Hula. "Not only do we have a proven track record but Pioneer clearly has a proven track record, and they have the genetics there."

When selecting next year's hybrids, Hula encouraged farmers not to be afraid of the freshman class from the new Pioneer and Corteva breeding programs. With the P14830 platform, he achieved a yield of 623 bu/A and a yield of 590 bu/A with the P10811 platform -- it was both hybrids' first year in the market. Hula also provided his top two considerations when making seed decisions.

"When you're trying to select a hybrid, clearly, we look for yield. But then No. 2, what is the next step that one has to overcome, whether it's disease, standability, grain quality, drydown or just maturity?" said Hula. "When we look for hybrids, we're looking for yield and standability, and then we can control most of the other things. If a grower can't control some of the other struggles, then they have to select a hybrid that can give them that strength that they need."

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USB Chair reinforces ASA/WISHH partnership value

United Soybean Board Chair Steve Reinhard reinforced the value of strategic partnerships with ASA's World Initiative for Soy in Human Health program last month. Reinhard, a soybean grower from Ohio, spoke at WISHH's 2023 global food security dialogue at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. WISHH's dialogue convened dozens of international organizations, institutions, and businesses together to discuss the value of soy protein for populations worldwide.

Reinhard reinforced the importance of WISHH's international work, which strengthens the value of U.S. soy. He also noted how WISHH's work is complementary to USB's strategic plan.

"Today's event is an example of how USB partners with ASA and WISHH. Partnerships are key to our USB strategic plan," Reinhard said. "I

am so pleased to meet with WISHH's strategic partners who are here today in this room. We can build markets together that offer nutritious foods that are vital for global food security."

Reinhard was one of the founding members of WISHH more than 20 years ago, and reminded attendees that WISHH continues to fulfill the role farmers intended.

"The state soybean checkoffs, including Ohio, were looking to the future and they saw from population growth trends that much of the population growth was going to occur outside of the United States," Reinhard contin-

ued. "U.S. soy would be needed to help fill a protein gap and still not displace local farmers' production."

Later in the month, Reinhard also mentioned USB's partnership with WISHH in an interview with Farm Week Now, particularly pointing out WISHH's work in sub-Saharan Africa, where countries are responding to booming population increases.

As far as markets go, Reinhard noted, "There is also great potential in African countries. WISHH is making better sources of protein available to people living in developing countries. The program

helps improve food security there and allows for more opportunities to export U.S. soybeans."

USB's partnership with WISHH includes projects that support building the next generation of aquaculture specialists (and future soy trade partners) in sub-Saharan Africa, provide research to increase the amount of soy in foods, and lead discussions with global food security thought leaders to build even greater partnerships.



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A look at Wagyu history in the United States

By Burt Rutherford
Wagyu breeders, some of whom are new to the breed and the cattle business, were treated to a special panel during the recent World Wagyu Conference in San Antonio, Texas, as three of the breed's founding fathers gathered to reminisce and recall the early days. Moderated by past American Wagyu Association President Pete Eschelmann, the panel consisted of Jerry Reeves, Ph.D., retired from Washington State University Animal Sciences Department; Ray Record, owner of AgriService International; and Dr. Albert J. Wood, oncology and hematology physician.

The First Wagyu
According to Dr. Reeves, the first Wagyu came to the U.S. in 1975. While those four bulls, two blacks and two reds, are the foundation of Wagyu genetics in America, it was a number of years before any real interest in the breed began to grow. In 1988, the state of Washington initiated a program

to develop ag products for export to Japan and other Asian countries. "They found out that tariffs and quotas were going to come off meat into Japan in 1991 and Japan could only produce one-third of the meat they needed," Dr. Reeves said. "So, I was lucky enough to be one of the people selected to go there from our university to evaluate how to prepare us for that market." He had never heard of Wagyu. "I saw things that I couldn't imagine. The slaughter plants, the cattle and carcasses were just phenomenal," he said, "and we didn't know at that time that there were already four bulls in the U.S." At the time, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives was from Washington and had previously been the ambassador to Japan. He got Washington State University permission to bring Japanese cattle to the U.S. "The U.S. was the only place in the world that could get them out," Dr. Reeves recalls. The plan was to cross

Wagyu genetics with cattle in the U.S. to produce half-blood product to ship to Japan, which became a successful venture for several ranches. "We didn't assume we would be able to sell this to Americans," he told Wagyu breeders. That changed in a big way in 2003 when bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE was diagnosed in the United States. "All the meat that was going to Japan stopped," Dr. Reeves recalled, "and there was no place for it to go except back into the U.S." That took on profound implications because they hadn't developed a market to sell Wagyu beef or Wagyu cattle in America. "Most of that meat was sold for 60 cents on the dollar. Nobody wanted it," Dr. Reeves said. However, restaurants began getting the beef at a discount and consumers were introduced to Wagyu beef. "That changed the whole system," Dr. Reeves said. "We went from trying to be an exporter (and we're consuming our own meat now and basically, we probably have the best market (for Wagyu beef in America) in the world right now." But that was a difficult period for the Wagyu breed. "We had contracted 2,000 calves and had to come up with the money to pay the producers, because we knew if we didn't, they wouldn't be there next year. We weren't even sure we were going to be there," he said.

"It was the worst of times and the best of times, because I think that was the second-best thing that ever happened," he said. "The first was bringing in the new genetics."

Wagyu Association Formed

The American Wagyu Association was formed in 1990, according to Ray Record, who was vice president of operations at Granada Land and Cattle at Wheelock, Texas, at the time. Prior to then, there were 14 people who recorded Wagyu cattle and they formed a group called the Texas Kobe Breeders. It was owned and led by Don Lively, whom all three remembered as a true character and a wheel-dealer. "If any one person is the founder of Wagyu in America beside Morris Whitney, who brought the first bulls in, it'd be Don Lively, because he bred the first cows and really started the marketing," Record said. However, the small group thought being Texas-oriented was too limiting, so they formed Kobe Beef Producers Incorporated, Record said. As time went on and the breed began to attract attention, it became evident that the breeders needed an actual association, not a group that was owned and led by one person.

"So he (Lively) agreed that we'd form an association that would get the thing off the ground. So, I asked a good friend, Jim

Scott, to help because he had a lot of association experience," Record said. Scott, who ended up being the first AWA executive director, owned some of the first Charolais that came to the U.S. and was the executive director of the American Paint Horse Association. "We needed a baseline of cattle to register, so the only place we had to go was the Kobe Beef Producers Incorporated," Record said. He asked for the herd book and was handed a bunch of scratches on a 10-column accounting pad. "That had all the information on all the cattle that had been recorded up to that point in time," he said. "So, Jim and I spent a lot of time going through there trying to make pedigrees out of those. I think we ended up with 180 head of cattle officially in the beginning that we could start with as a base for the association."

What's Ahead

Dr. Wood was one of the foundational Wagyu breeders in the 1970s after the first four bulls came to America. He began practicing medicine in Corpus Christi, Texas, in the 1970s and bought a ranch soon after. "We started line breeding and soon ran into problems with inbreeding," he told Wagyu breeders. "So, when it comes to

the small gene pool, we knew we had to get genetics out of Japan; new, fresh genetics." But things didn't go well. "After many years of blocking the export of Wagyu cattle, the dam broke in Japan in 1993. In 1994, we were able to get three full-blood bulls and eight females out of Japan and into quarantine," he said. By 2006, however, Dr. Wood's Red Wagyu enterprise was broke and he returned to practicing medicine. That changed in 2023 when he again became a Wagyu breeder. "The future looks very bright for Wagyu cattle," he said, remarking on the changes that have taken place in the fullblood Red Wagyu business and the remarkable acceptance of Wagyu beef in America. That rapidly growing consumer demand for highly marbled Wagyu beef has made Wagyu the fastest growing breed in the country. "Pearls of wisdom? Well, I can tell you how not to run a cattle business," he joked. "However, I can see that you all have done things right and there's enough room for this business for everyone in the U.S. to do well. However, if we're going to have any impact on the global industry, we're going to have to work together."

Consumers rank beef sustainability attributes

A recent consumer survey funded by the Kansas Beef Council asked several questions about which beef attributes are most important with particular focus on sustainability attributes. Consumers were asked to rank the importance of attributes like flavor, nutrition, affordability, animal welfare, antibiotic/hormone use, local beef, employee compensation, land and water conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions among others. Attributes ranked above average (greater than 0) by consumers from across the United States were the traditional attributes of freshness, food safety, affordability and flavor.

Of the sustainability attributes, animal welfare and no added hormones or antibiotics were ranked the most important. This is similar to other consumer surveys, where animal welfare and no antibiotics are somewhat synonymous with sustainability in the mind of the consumer. Thus, continuing to improve animal husbandry and welfare is important for the beef industry, as well as continuing to communicate this to consumers.

One of the surprising results was the low importance of nutritional value of beef. Beef is a good source of several vitamins and minerals and high-quality protein. Probably the most surprising result was the very low ranking of greenhouse gas emissions from beef. It seems that most of the negative news stories and social media posts about beef focus on the negative impact of the greenhouse gas emissions, particularly methane. The reasons consumers ranked greenhouse gas emissions so low are unclear from this survey.

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LAND AUCTION
157+/- ACRES MARSHALL COUNTY, KS CROPLAND
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 — 10:00 AM
Auction held at American Legion, AXTELL, KS (Follow Signs)
TRACT: SE1/4 in Section 17, Township 2 South, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 157 acres m/l (Murray Township).
FSA Info: Farmland Acres: 157.30; DCP Cropland Acres: 129.75; Estimated Base Acres 116.73 - Corn 45.09, Wheat 35.98, Soybeans 35.66; PLC Yield: Corn 137, Wheat 49, Soybeans 35.
Farm Located: From Axtell, KS, go 2 1/2 miles west on blacktop/Indian Rd. to 27th Rd. The farm is on the north side of Indian Rd. and the west side of 27th Rd. Hwy. 99 is 1 1/2 miles west of this farm.
Description: The farm is terraced, and had 120+/- acres of planted crop this past season. This farm has been in a Corn and Soybean crop rotation. There is 10+/- acres of waterways, and 14+/- acres of meadow is hayed. There is an older farmstead, 2680 Indian Rd., on 4+/- acres that includes a 3-bedroom house, barn and other out-buildings on well water and Nemaha-Marshall Electric service. The balance of 9+/- acres is mostly tree-lined ditches. This farm is located along a blacktop road and only a few miles from a grain elevator.
TERMS: Cash with 10% down payment/earnest money on auction day, and the full balance is due on or before March 1, 2024 with delivery of deed and marketable title. Full possession will be given at closing. Seller & Buyer equally pay for owners title insurance policy, attorney fees for preparation of contract and deed, and escrow fees.
This land is located in a good farming community, and should merit the serious consideration of anyone wanting an individual unit or add-on acres. Look it over before sale day, and come prepared to bid. Statements made day of sale take precedence over any advertised or previous statements.
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LAND AUCTION
79+/- ACRES NEMAHA COUNTY, KS CROPLAND & 160+/- ACRES MARSHALL COUNTY, KS CROPLAND
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024 — 10:00 AM
Auction held at Centralia Community Center, 106 John Riggins Ave., CENTRALIA, KS (Follow Signs)
TRACT #1: N1/2 SW1/4 Less Tract in Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Nemaha Co., KS, consisting of 79+/- acres in Home Township.
FSA Info: Farmland Acres: 79.72; DCP Cropland Acres: 78.47; Base Acres - 75.51 - Soybeans 44.03, Corn: 24.88, Wheat 6.60; PLC Yield: Soybeans 37, Corn 100, Wheat 36.
Farm Located: 4 mi. SW of Centralia - From Hwy. 9/187 in Centralia, go 4 mi. south on Hwy. 187 to 56th Rd., go west 4 mi. on 56th Rd. to C Rd., go south 1/2 mi. on C Rd. to farm that sits on the east side.
Description: 98% cropland production farm that is a terraced mixture of Wymore and Pawnee soil types. This farm has been in a Soybean and Corn crop rotation. There is a R.W.D. #3 pump house on 0.80 acres in the SW Corner. The farm is only 2 1/2 miles away from a blacktop road.
TRACT #2: SE1/4 in Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 160+/- acres in Noble Township.
FSA Info: Farmland Acres: 159.72; DCP Cropland Acres: 158.30; Base Acres - 152.29 - Soybeans 88.80, Corn: 50.18, Wheat 13.31; PLC Yield: Soybeans 37, Corn 100, Wheat 36.
Farm Located: 4 mi. SE of Vermillion - From Vermillion, go 3 1/2 mi. south on 29th Ter. Rd. to Wildcat Rd., go east 1 1/2 mi. on Wildcat Rd. to 31st Rd. (MS/NM Co. Line), and go south 1/2 mi. to farm that sits on the west side.
Description: 98% cropland production farm that is terraced, and predominately Wymore and Pawnee soil types. This farm has been in a Corn and Bean crop rotation. The farm is located along the Marshall-Nemaha County line, and is accessed by a good rock road.
TERMS for Each Tract: Cash with 10% down payment/earnest money on day of auction, and the full balance is due on or before February 22, 2024 with delivery of deed and marketable title. Full possession will be given at closing. Seller & Buyer equally pay for owners title insurance policy, and attorney fees for preparation of contract-deed-escrow.
This land is located in a good farming community, and should merit the serious consideration of anyone wanting an individual unit or add-on acres. Look it over before sale day, and come prepared to bid. Statements made day of sale take precedence over any advertised or previous statements.
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 * 2:00 PM
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 — 10:30 AM
Auction held at the Greyhound Hall of Fame Building, 407 S. Buckeye in ABILENE, KANSAS
440 ACRES m/l PASTURE * 4 TRACTS
TRACT #1: 78 acres m/l in Dickinson County * 2 ponds
TRACT #2: 25 acres m/l in Dickinson County
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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 — 10:00 AM
LOCATED: Indoors at BEATTIE, KS Community Center. FOLLOW SIGNS.
GUNS, TOOLS, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD
GUNS Sell at Noon: SKS 7.62x39 w/Bayonet; Mosin Nagant M44 7.62 w/Scope & Bayonet; Anderson (AM-15) 223/5.56 w/Scope; DPMS Model RL-308 AR10; Savage #11 243 w/Scope; Marlin 30-30; US Carbine Inland Div. 30 Cal. w/Clip; 3 Remington Nylon 66 22cal. - 2 Black, Brown has Scope; Remington #870 20ga. Shotgun; **Pistols:** Colt Agent 38 Special CTG; Rossi Ranch Hand #92 44 Mag.; Smith & Wesson SD40VE 40cal. w/2 clips.; 2 Smith & Wesson SD9VE 9mm; North American Arms Guardian 32 w/Clip; Ruger SR22; **Gun Safe:** Orscheln Outdoors 56 Gun, 42x59"; **Lots of Ammo:** 22cal. 4+Bricks; 12ga.-10box 7 1/2; 223; 243; 308; 30-30; 32; 38 Special; 40; 44 Inc. 4 bags reloads; 9mm; Schrade Old Timer Knife & Other; Outdoor Edger Butcher Lite; Binoculars; Hunting Clothes- Camo & Orange; Books; Camping Gear - Tents Inc. 11x15ft, Sleeping Bags, Cookware, Coolers; **Tools:** Red Stack Tool Chest on wheels; Black Tool Chest; Milwaukee 18v drill; Makita el.- drill, jig saw & angle grinder; DeWalt el.- recip. saw, sander, angle grinder; Craftsman el.- var. drill & mouse sander; DeWalt drill bit set; ratchets- 1/4 & 3/8; 1/2 in breaker bars; sockets; vise grips inc. C-style; wrenches - combo & crescent; hammers; levels; tape measures; hand saws; pliers; cutters; screwdrivers; wood saw horses; hardware items; tarp; painting supplies; jumper cables; Murray 11.5hp/38" riding mower; Toro 22" push mower w/bagger; Precision Polybed yard dump trailer; alum. ladders- 16ft ext. & 6ft step; Remington 40w weed eater; Worx blower/vac; el. hedge trimmer; gas chain saw; pressure washer; wheelbarrows inc. Truper 2-wheel; seeder/spreader; post-hole driver; long handle tools; limb saw; black metal flower bed fence sections; metal yard gate; deer yard art; 2 bird baths; bird houses & feeders; chicken feeder & waterer; shepherd hooks; garden hose & reel; flower pots; dog house & kennels; live trap; plastic fold-up picnic table; 2 patio tables inc. mesh-top; white plastic folding table w/6 chairs; 2 stack chairs & chaise lounge; 4 blue fabric stack chairs; charcoal grill w/smoker; like-new Goplus adult tricycle w/basket; fold-up exercise bike; walker & shower stool; furniture: leather 3-cushion couch, loveseat & oversize chair; wood square end tables; dining table w/4 cushion chairs; king bed; Cal. king bed frame only - hd & ft bd; (2) 5-drawer dressers; 2 dressers w/mirror; armoire dresser; 2 night stands; 3-stall trash cabinet; 4 cube storage cabinet; 2-door white cabinet; computer desk; laundry divider cart; **Samsung Front-Load Washer & Dryer on Pedestals**, 1yr old; 2 upright freezers - Midea 17cft- New; G.E. 21cft; Onn 55" FlatScreen TV; upright vacuums inc. Shark Professional & Dirt Devil PowerMax; table lamps; framed pictures; rug; king size bedding; blankets; Sony Handycam Vision video H18; 500+ DVD movies; computer hardware items; rocking horse; oil lamp; 3 cups & saucers; 2 small Christmas trees; 2 cast iron skillets; pots & pans inc. lots of Calphalon; baking tins; Corningware; glass dishes; slow cooker; pressure cooker; silverware; Tupperware; **Other Items.** For Pictures See Website.
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****REAL ESTATE AUCTION****
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 • 2:00 PM
502 Albert (Emporia Livestock Sale Barn), EMPORIA, KS
152.74 acres, mostly Neosho River Bottom cropland and building site, Lyon County, KS
LAND IS SELLING BY TAXABLE ACRES:
TRACT 1: 60.27 acres in the South half of the Northwest quarter Section 29-18S, R11E. Cropland all in one field. **Address:** 2000 Road H, Emporia. **Taxes:** 2023 taxes were \$555.38. Buyer responsible for 2024 taxes **Terms:** \$40,000.00 as earnest money
TRACT 2: 57.95 Acres in North half of Northeast quarter and North half of South Half of Northeast quarter lying West of creek, 29-18S R11E, mostly cropland, with hay meadow and creek/wildlife habitat. This tract joins Tract 1 at its SW corner. **Address:** 800 Road 210, Emporia. **Taxes:** 2023 taxes were \$404.14. Buyer responsible for 2024 taxes. **Terms:** \$40,000.00 as earnest money.
TRACT 3: BUILDING SITE with 16.51 acres in the West half of the Southeast quarter Section 17, 18S, R11E. An old home, rural water meter from RWD #5, cropland, grass and some timber. **Address:** 2204 and 2200 Road H5, Emporia. **Taxes:** 2023 taxes were \$197.66. Buyer responsible for 2024 taxes. **Terms:** \$7,500.00 as earnest money.
TRACT 4: 18.01 Acres in Southeast quarter Section 12, 18S, R10E. Land lays South of an old railroad and by Roads 230 and F5. Cropland. There is an easement for RWD #11. **Address:** 2300 Road F5, Americus. **Taxes:** 2023 taxes were \$192.22. Buyer responsible for 2024 taxes. *This tract is subject to a rental agreement for the growing wheat crop. Buyer to receive possession of land after current wheat crop is harvested or August 1, whichever is earlier. Buyer to receive prorated share of cash rent.* **Terms:** \$7,500.00 as earnest money.
POSSESSION: At closing on or before March 1, 2024
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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

Hundreds of auctions, on-line and in-person. www.kansasauctions.net/gg/ Online Land Auction (bidding open now with a dynamic closing starting at 12 p.m. on January 9) — 730 Acres m/l of Wabaunsee County land (land located near Es-ridge), T1: 252 ac. m/l, T2: 478 ac. m/l, T3: 730 ac. m/l (T1 & T2 combined). In the heart of the Flint Hills, 3 creeks, former bottomland cropland, wildlife sanctuary selling for Stuart R. Collier Rev. Trust. Bidding at Vaughn-Roth.com. Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers, Henry Ott.

January 10-12 — Superior Livestock Auction Bellingring Video Auction at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. SuperiorLivestock.com

January 12 — Land Auction consisting of 320 acres m/l of Marshall County land; T1: FSA Farmland = 157.16 ac. w/126.24 DCP acres; T2: FSA Farmland = 158.99 acres w/120.23 DCP acres held at Beattie for Harley & M. Elaine Keller Trust. Online bidding available (opens December 29, 2023): www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Dankenbring, listing broker.

January 13 — Land Auction consisting of 315.79 acres m/l of Nemaha County tillable land, large fields, easy to farm, good access held at Corning for Darlene Nolte, Roeder Trust. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty, Mike Kuckelman, broker, Dale Wilhelm, auctioneer.

January 13 — Antique furniture, advertising items inc. trays, tins, thermometers, oilers, tokens, lots of primitives, Schwinn 12" Lil Tiger banana seat child's bike, nice set of toys, sterling silver & flatware, glassware, china, pottery, crocks, lamps, jewelry & watches, books, cameras, knives, sewing & so much more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 13 — Land Auction consisting of 440 acres m/l of Dickinson & Ottawa County Pastureland sold in 4 tracts held at Abilene for Mills Sibling Trusts. Auctioneers: Reynolds RE & Auction, Dan Reynolds, auction manager.

January 14 — Estate Auction #2: Firearms including 75+ outstanding firearms, ammo, hunting & miscellaneous held at Ottawa for Mrs. Karon "John" Stevens. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 17 (Wednesday) — Real Estate, Farm Equipment Auction selling harvesting equipment, sprayer & support equipment, grain trailer, trucks, tractors, farm equipment, other farm items, pickups, shop equipment, lawn & garden, household & more held live near Tri-

bune with live internet bidding on some larger items at www.equipmentfacts.com for RE&L Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

January 18 (Thursday) — Special Bred Heifer & Cow sale with bred heifers, bred cows, cow/calf families held at Beatrice Livestock Sales, Beatrice, Nebraska.

January 19 (Friday) — 160 acres of Marshall County & 80 acres of Nemaha County cropland Farm Auction held in Centralia for Delores Harries Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auctions.

January 20 — (2) 2023 Texas Bragg gooseneck trailers, greenhouses (including 30x140 greenhouse set up and complete that sells with all contents) & accessories, furnaces, duct work, tables, plant trays, water hoses, pumps, yard art, office supplies, misc. lumber & much more held at Hutchinson for K&K Sales (former Benton Greenhouse). Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

January 20 — Land Auction consisting of 76.82 acres m/l of Nemaha County tillable land, good access held at Seneca for Raymond A. Droge Living Trust. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty, Mike Kuckelman, broker, Dale Wilhelm, auctioneer.

January 20 — Personal property auction including Guns, tools, appliances (Samsung front-load washer & dryer on pedestals, 1 yr old), furniture, household & more held at Beattie for Darlene & Randy Hatke. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

January 20 — Antiques & collectibles including a rare horse-drawn cotton planter, cream separator collection, cast iron & tin seats, buggy step collection, Railroad lanterns, wrench collection, kitchen primitives & many more primitives held at Belleville for Frank J. Hartley Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 20 — Real Estate auction with a 5200 sq. ft. Executive home on .8-acre lot, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 fireplaces, garages, sunroom, 2 decks, storage shed & much more held at McPherson. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service, Lonnie Wilson, broker.

January 20 — New Strawn Consignment Auction by S&S Sales, LLC. including Farm & Construction Equip., tools, vehicles, tractors, trucks, trailers, ATVs, skid loader attachments, cattle equip. & more held at New Strawn.

January 20 — Household goods, doll collection & miscellaneous held at Clay Center for Larry & Dee Mosburg and Geraldine Bushell. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

January 21 — Pottery, crocks, glassware, Aladdin lamp, ice cream table, belt buckles, Christmas items, prints, cast iron, bird cages, Hoosier cabinet & some furniture & more primitives held at Salina for Kenny Brichacek Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 22 — Land auction consisting of 152.74 acres of Lyon County land, mostly Neosho River bottom cropland and building site sold in 4 Tracts and held at Emporia for the Kermit R. Grother Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

January 23 — Land Auction of Lane & Ness County land including T1: 115.93 acres of dry land cropland with 32.12 acres of native grassland in Lane County; T2: 151.37 acres of Ness County dry land cropland held at Dighton. Auctioneers: Lawrence & Assoc. Realty, brokers with Russell Berning, auctioneer/agent.

January 26 — Cropland auction consisting of 157 acres m/l of Marshall County, KS farm held at Axtell for Shirley Spangler Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auctions.

January 27 — Annual January Consignment Auction selling 3000+ pieces of machinery from area farmers and dealers held live at Paris, Missouri with online bidding available at equipmentfacts.com. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

January 27 — Skid steer, pickups, mowers, tools & more held at Ottawa for Eric Watts Estate. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions, Lester Edgecomb & Brady Altic.

January 27 — Land Auction consisting of 905 acres m/l of Washington County land selling in 6 Tracts: T1: 135.3 FSA acres; T2: 157.59 FSA acres; T3: 156.95 FSA acres; T4: 151.52 FSA acres; T5: 157.82 FSA acres; T6: 144.42 FSA acres held live at Hanover selling for Raymond & Anne Feldkamp Family Trust. Online bidding available (opening January 13) at www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

January 27 — Furniture, signs, crocks, collectibles, Wurlitzer juke box, clock collection, dolls, table lamps, pictures, prints, head vases & much more held at Belleville. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 27 — John Wayne Collection, collectibles & miscellaneous held at Lawrence for Robert "Bob" Lemon Estate Auction #1. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 28 — 150+ pieces of Fenton, many signed, other nice glassware, col-

lectibles, prints, decanters, 1910 catchers mitt, cast iron items, gumball machine, wooden boxes, yard art & more collectibles held at Salina for Jeff & Kay (Bearnese) Heilman Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 1 — Land Auction consisting of 341 acres m/l in McPherson County offered in 5 tracts: T1: 80.13 ac. m/l cropland, 69.34 ac. m/l native grass pasture, 4.79 ac. m/l wildlife habitat; T2: home built in 1907, machine sheds, barn & other; T3: 3.33 ac. m/l cropland, 72.77 ac. m/l pasture/hay meadow, machine shed; T4: 30.82 ac. m/l cropland, 1.18 ac. m/l timber & creek; T5: 53.55 ac. m/l cropland, 21.25 ac. m/l timber & river. Auction held live at Marquette for Willa Loder. Online bidding available: apwrealtors.hibid.com. Auctioneers: Coldwell Banker APW Realtors, Chris Rost, broker, Mark Baxa, auctioneer.

February 3 — Large Tire Store Liquidation auction including Snap-On 6' tool box & tools, equipment & tools of all kinds & more held at the shop at Horton for Horton T. Tire, Inc. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

February 3 — Axtell Knights of Columbus Consignment Auction held at Axtell.

February 3 — Nice collection of vintage signs, crocks, Coca Cola portable bar, tobacco tins collection, hand tools, vintage toys, lunch boxes, Star Trek collections, dolls, clocks, jewelry, Keith Urban electric guitar w/amp, English saddle & more held at Salina for Scott & Lisa Schwinn. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 10 — Real Estate Auction consisting of 240 acres m/l of South-ern Richardson County, Nebraska Pastureland, native grass CRP, Four Mile Creek Bottom Farmland & timber for wildlife habitat to be offered in 2 tracts (T1: 80 ac. m/l

brome grass & native grass mix pasture land, 2 ponds; T2: 160 ac. m/l w/50.27 low land tilled acres, 59.19 ac. native CRP, 22.76 ac. native CRP filter strip with balance of 27.78 ac. timber) held at Bern for The Howard Harter Heirs. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC

2-day auction: February 17 & March 2 — Farm auction including 20+ IH Tractors, IH parts tractors/equipment, IH parts & memorabilia, hit & miss engines, truck, trailers, tools, collectibles, salvage & more held at Tecumseh for Wayne Anderson. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 24 — Selling quilt material & supplies, Norman Rockwell items, some coins, vintage ranch romance stories, Hallmark, glass, angel collection, much more held at Osage City fairgrounds for Dr. Roberta R. Daniels. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

February 24 — 15+ pedal tractors, 300+ farm toys, 1974-current Heston Rodeo belt buckle set, collectibles & misc. held at Lawrence for Private eastern Kansas seller. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 3 — Gold Bullion Group - Offering 80 simmental & simangus bulls and 40+ commercial and breds. Schaake Farms Sale Facility, Westmoreland Kansas.

March 7 — Jensen Bros. Hereford Bull Sale selling 80 Homozygous Polled, Polled & Horned Hereford bulls, 12, 18 & 24 mo. old, 150 blk & bwf spring open replacement heifers, OCV Baldie Cow Makers Heterosis Advantage GE-EPDs for predictability held at the ranch in Courtland with online bidding at DVAAuction.com

March 16 — Springhill Herefords - On Target Bull sale: Our 2024 offering will include bulls sired by Houston, Wall Street, Defiance, Long Haul, Perfecto, Leader 182F and KCF Trust B279. Visit our website

for more details about the sale, private treaty offerings.

March 23 — Sandhill Farms Spring Production Sale. Selling 150 Bulls, 30 Proven Cows, 100 Open Commercial Hereford & Baldy Heifers. Haviland Kansas.

National Corn Yield Contest 2023 winners announced

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) is excited to announce the winners of the 2023 National Corn Yield Contest. This group of farmers put up some impressive yields and proved, once again, the ingenuity and resiliency of the U.S. farmer.

In its 59th year, the National Corn Yield Contest saw nearly 7,000 entries from farmers in 46 states. Entrants across the 10 production categories, including the pilot category for nitrogen management, Class J, had verified yields averaging 269 bushels per acre, compared to the projected national average of 173 bushels per acre. This includes a new national record yield of 623.8439 bushels per acre from David Hula in Charles City, Va., besting the previous record of 616.1953 bushels per acre.

"Year after year, the National Corn Yield Contest remains the most popular program for NCGA members," said Harold Wolle, president of the National Corn Growers Association. "It is an opportunity for farmers across the country to put their skills to the test and show the true craftsmanship it takes to grow a successful corn crop, and the agronomic data generated by the contest each year helps provide valuable information for future success."

The 27 national, 526 state and 3 Class J winners will be honored by NCGA at Commodity Classic in Houston, Texas, February 28-March 2, 2024.

A complete list of the 2023 National and State winners can be found at ncga.com/mcyc.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the commercial building located at the Fairgrounds in BELLEVILLE, KANSAS

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Rare horse drawn cotton planter; cream separator collection; corn rubber collection; cast iron & tin seats; buggy step collection; Railroad lanterns; railroad switch stand lights;

railroad engine markers; kerosene lamps; lanterns; wrench collection many unusual; insulators; kitchen primitives; meat grinders; many other primitives.

NOTE: Frank started collecting in the 1950s, there are many unusual items. Check our website for a more complete sale bill and pictures www.thummelauction.com

FRANK J. HARTLEY ESTATE

Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC, 785-738-0067

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Fairgrounds, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KS

FURNITURE: 54" round oak table; square oak table; 2 gate-leg tables; table top showcase; mahogany medicine cabinet; ladder back chair; captain's chairs; **Advertising:** Russell State mech. Bank; Coors tray; thermometers: (Gooch's Best Feeds; NBC; Peters Lumber McPherson); advertising oilers; Pepsi salt & pepper; Remington shell; whiskey bottle stopper; Standard Oil Co. Micah Axle grease #10 bucket; J.S. Dillon wood box drawers; Iris; Master Mfg Co oil dispenser; Chicago Wonder Bread ad World's Fair 1934; Ashtons Supermarket tokens; Hygieia chalk box; Graham Cracker tin; The Fuller Brush Co; Thumby book & doll; Socony Vacuum Oil Co Santa candle; Golden Acre's Hybrid seed 36" thermometer; Elmore ice cream containers; Central Coal Co iron wall mount match safe; **Primitives:** Dayton #59 stove counter top Computing scale no pan; double lamp wall sconce; cast iron Zenith Pedigree egg scale; porcelain door knobs; iron casters; silhouette winter scene pictures; spice cabinet; shoe shine box iron foot rest; White Mountain 6 qt. #643 ice cream freezer new in box; irons; twist-end handle, Taylor's #6 flat iron, sad iron; Mahoney polishing; 1926 Kansas tag; wood butter paddles; Sawyers view master w/cards; Underwood viewer & cards some military; cast iron Griswold #273 corn stick pan; Wagner Ware rare salesman sample waffle griddle handled w/base pat 1910; small tea kettle; small rendering kettle; #12 drop lid Dutch oven; #8 drop lid 10 5/8" handled Dutch oven; #8 deep skillet & griddle; Griswold lamp mold; coffee grinders wooden table top; Arcade; wall mount #1 Ray; stain glass win-

dows; recipe boxes wood, metal, deep freeze; porcelain red & white pans; fancy vinegar cruet; wooden bowls; cookie cutters; buffalo hide scale H. Barker Co. Germany; oval WWI Army soldier picture; Marble Collection: 2000+ swirls, cats eyes, Bennington, clay, game solid colors, Peltier multi color, rain-bo, Christmas tree, green red white ribbon, Pee Wee, Bloodies, Vitvo Patches, Red Devils, Bumble Bees, Akro Agates, cork screws, milky ox bloods, Christenson opaque, books; shooters; marble displays; porcelain coffee pot; hornets nest; 2-brass brain tester bucket & scales; large ladies pictures 1920's; wood folding bench wringer #58 Hubbard Spencer; square wash tub; Rapid washer; wash boards; brass school bell; Presidents hat rack & mirror; metal Repousse Relief "The Spring" Le printemps; sprinkling cans; ice tongs; farm tools; animal traps; convex glass Baley picture; music; nut cracker outfit; milk bottles "See-gers" Dairy, JoMar, Rideneer Grocery KC; wire locker room basket; dolls & clothes; Pacific International Exposition views; **Schwinn 12" Lil Tiger banana seat child's bike rare blue color & chrome mint;** Schwinn mends Panther III bike; **Toys:** Fisher Price; Barbie doll case & clothes; Mattel; Barbie Country Camper; child's desk & chair twisted iron & wood; Tinker Toys & Jumbo Construction set; Lincoln logs; toy tin dishes; Golden Books; Skilcraft #506 chemistry lab; Troll House suitcase; Potato Head Pete & Pepper; Playhouse furniture; Match Box cars; Power Breaker game; Revell Monogram #383 Lightning Airplane 1/48 th scale model; Shapleigh Red Racer wagon; Round The World pinball game;

IHC RF200 Sales & Service tractor & low boy w/350 tractor display; Strombecker slot car set; windup toys; **Sterling silver & flatware:** sets in chests; 8 place Alvin-Chapel Bells (58); 1934 Rose Point 8 place (51); Gorham Green briar 1938 4 place set (17); Wallace carving set w/sharpening stone; Reed & Barton 1941 Georgian Rose 8 place set (52); sterling pieces; candle sticks, serving pieces, Air Force Police badges, fruit knives; match piece embossed Indian, other pieces; Holmes & Edwards Inlaid IS 8 place set (75); Holmes & Edwards deep silver 12 place set (92); 5 pc serving set English; Webster Art Nouveau figurial lady; **Glass, china, pottery crocks:** assortment clear pressed glass; clear depression flour, sugar canisters & spice jars w/wire rack; Pyrex; pitcher & bowl sets; Red Wing cornucopia #1152; Hull pig bank; Roseville bowl & pitcher; many Hull, Weller and other pcs; rare Blue Western stone ware jar; **Lamps:** rare 1937 B86 diamond quilt green Jade Moonstone (made 1 yr) w/hand painted shade; Aladdin #6 metal; Nutype model B clear glass; Nutype model B clear & green; milk glass lamp shades; Art Deco cast iron ceiling chandelier fixtures; Floral Hurricane lamp; **Jewelry & Watches:** Minnesota Vikings & KC Chiefs autographed footballs; Ukelin in org box; **Books:** Dakota Sandstone geode; Brazilian agate bookends; **Cameras; Knives:** Seedboro gram scale; Apothecary drug store window; **Sewing:** buttons; beads; thimble collection; large collection quilts work; 15 hand stitched quilts; men's ties; scarfs; gloves; purses; Assortment of other collectibles. **CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR A MORE COMPLETE LIST.**

NOTE: This is a private quality collection. Check our website for pictures www.thummelauction.com

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AUCTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 — 9:30 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Fairgrounds, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KS

POTTERY, CROCKS, GLASS

Large collection Roseville pottery; 30+ jardiniere & pedestals; pitchers, vases, covered pieces; Dryden pcs inc: animals, boots, pitchers, glasses, many other pieces; 4 Rosemeade animals; Candlewick pieces; carnival glass bowls; Fostoria stems; spice sets; Occupied Japan figures; red, green, pink Depression; blue glass; Cosmos pieces; butter dishes; pressed glass vases, compotes; assortment clear glass; Pyrex; cookie jars; chick- en pitchers; green canister jars; Shawnee corn pieces; Oklahoma Indian pitcher & glasses; glass water dispenser; condiment sets; Red Wing Bob White pottery; Chez spice sets; flower frogs; advertising plates; collector plates; many other pieces of glass; **Crocks:** Koverwate No 5; Western buttermilk feeder; Red Wing buttermilk feeder; Pittsburg chicken water; crock

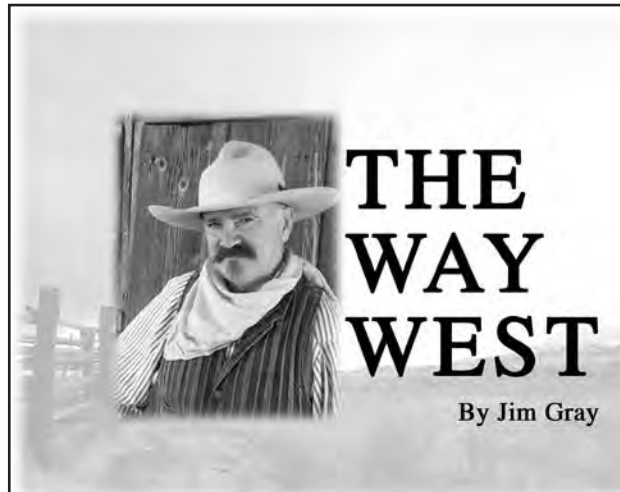
cat face; butterfly salt glaze crock; 3 & 5 gal Red Wing churn; 6 gal salt glaze churn; 4 gal brown churn; 2 gal Western churn; Holsum Bread door push; electric coffee grinder; Table lamps; electric & kerosene lamps; electric Aladdin lamps; TV lights; Daisy 880 BB gun; Chez BB gun; Coke trays; Precious Moments; Hand-E-Knit machine; 3 stack oak cabinet; Boye Needle Hook store display; 21 drawer hand made cabinet; oak Hoosier cabinet; 48" round oak table; set pattern back chairs; newer curved glass china cabinet; child's ice cream table & chairs; ice cream table; unusual Enterprise slicer; King Jr. butter cutter; etched glass door glass; green porcelain sink; shoe stand; sample park bench; Three Bros grease tin; Sally Clover Coffee & Rolled Oats tins; keys; jewelry; belt buckles; Christmas items; paintings; Garden Of Eden painting; pictures inc: Charles

Rogers "The Broken Tree", Parrish pictures, Polsky Morgan prints, yard long flowers, Case picture, New High School Salina, many other; Walker Radiator thermometer; Land O Lakes thermometer; unusual scale; Loop A Loop toy; cast iron barn & animals; cast iron dog & donkey; Buddy L fire truck; Safe-way truck; Mojo walking horse; AMF wagon; wooden coaster wagon; horses; bulls; horse bookends; Stitch Mistress toy sewing machine; toy wringer washer; Coronado toy washing machine; Dial typewriter; Dolls; nun doll; store mannequin dolls; Campbell Kid dolls; Beanie Babies; deer tapestry; mink stole; sleeve measure; yard sticks; Texaco Home oil can; cast iron Christmas tree stand; cast iron owl bookends; Fred Hartley sign; bird cages; platform scale; unusual wooden sifter; Gooch's Best sacks; cream tester; **many other items.**

NOTE: There is a very large collection of Roseville, many boxes have not been unpacked. This is the third sale for Kenny, There are many pieces of Roseville, Dryden, Depression glass. Check our website for pictures www.thummelauction.com.

KENNY BRICHACEK ESTATE

Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC, 785-738-0067



Difficult Times

In the light of modern-day standards the trials of turning Kansas Territory into the 34th State in the nation are not easily understood. Harrowing stories of Free State/Pro Slavery conflict make for exciting reading, but how often are the undercurrents of uncertainty considered rippling through each day and unsettling those who ventured forth into the promised land.

Editor George W.

Brown's Lawrence, Kansas, *Herald of Freedom* bore witness to those uncertain days. Established in 1854, the *Herald of Freedom* chronicled the upheaval that held the territory in a state of "revolutionary confusion" in the spring of 1856. The *Herald's* office was burned, and the press destroyed by pro-slavery forces but Brown and his newspaper endured.

The bloody "days of '56" were behind him when

Brown published a letter from a friend from Mound City in the southeastern Kansas county of Linn. The letter was found on page 2 of the Saturday morning, January 8, 1859 edition of the *Herald*.

"I regret to observe that there are newspapers in Kansas, whose editors profess to be governed by principle, which continue to uphold the crimes daily perpetrated, by sustaining highway robbery, murder, and expulsion of our population from Kansas because of a mere difference of opinion."

Having lived in Linn County since October of 1855 he had seen "crimes of every grade, perpetrated both by night and day... Little did I think, in '56, that professedly Free State men would be guilty of the same crimes, for which we denounced the Pro-Slavery men of that year, and which raised such a storm throughout the nation."

The closing months of 1858 gave Kansans hope that hostilities were ebbing giving rise to an agreed upon accord of harmony between the factions. All parties were to lay down their arms. Yet according to the writer, "the Montgomery faction, in the face of that compromise," liberated a murder suspect (Benjamin Rice) from confinement at Fort Scott.

Sources other than the letter supplied the missing details.

Hearing the commotion caused by the release of Benjamin Rice, John Little wiped the dust from his store window to look out. His action was discovered, and thinking the store was defended by a band of armed men a Sharps rifle was fired, the bullet striking Little in the forehead. Once they entered the store the Jayhawkers followed their old habit of looting of the dry goods, boots, and saddles," estimated by the writer to be "some \$5,000 worth of goods..."

Drawing a comparison to the bloody raid on Lawrence, Kansas in 1856, the writer noted, "It only proves that human nature, under the influence of a bad heart, is about the same everywhere."

Another letter from an unnamed clergyman of Moneka, Kansas declared, "...I am sick, heart sick with humanity. Here are men claiming to be christians, and even ministers of the gospel who profess to be guided in their actions by the teachings of the Prince of Peace, who have organized a body of murderers, robbers, gamblers and horse thieves... subsisting by plunder, they are riding over the country, and committing the

basest of crimes. If this is christianity, anything would be preferable to it; but it is not!"

Southeast Kansas was in turmoil. Territorial Governor Samuel Medary's office was inundated with letters of complaint against the outrages of Montgomery and other Free State leaders operating in the region. The governor offered a \$250 reward for Montgomery's arrest. United States President James Buchanan added another \$250 to the reward.

For his part Montgomery actively continued to work for the cause of peace in spite of the bounty placed upon his head. A letter chronicling past difficulties, written by Montgomery on January 15, 1859, was published in the *Lawrence Republican* on January 20th. He did not deny that driving violent pro-slavery men from the country required a certain suspension of legal standards, however since the call to lay down arms, Montgomery insisted that he had disbanded his company six months before on July 5, 1858. According to the compromise of peace the courts were to, "let by gones be gones." And now they were offering a reward for his arrest.

Montgomery called the release of Benjamin Rice, "a popular move-

ment," that involved some men from his former company and many who had never been with him before. John Little had been killed in the heat of the moment. When the looting began Montgomery explained that he could do little to stop them.

Montgomery insisted that he desired peace and would work to obtain it on honorable terms. Three days after penning his letter Montgomery arrived in Lawrence to give himself up to Rush Elmore, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Kansas. He was released on a \$5,000 bond posted by friends, and went to work speaking for peace. By February 2nd he returned to Lawrence with six men of his former company surrendering to Judge Elmore.

Governor Medary noted Montgomery's actions and wrote to President Buchanan that "...the worst is over, and peace will soon be generally restored." The path to Kansas Statehood as a Free State was nearly won but the ultimate goal would take another two years on The Way West.

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Farmers & Ranchers

AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

Selling Cattle every Monday
Hog Sales on 2nd & 4th Monday of the month only!

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE - 7,854

STEERS		21	Blk	Ada	920@213.00		
300-400	NO TEST	120	Blk	Lindsborg	891@212.00		
400-500	\$328.00 - \$339.00	83	Blk	Longford	886@212.00		
500-600	\$322.00 - \$336.00	38	Blk	Lindsborg	934@211.50		
600-700	\$285.00 - \$296.00	23	Mix	Wilsley	938@211.50		
700-800	\$237.00 - \$248.50	60	Mix	Westmoreland	936@209.00		
800-900	\$225.00 - \$237.00	64	Mix	Hope	941@204.60		
900-1,000	\$210.00 - \$219.50	12	Mix	Marion	950@203.50		
HEIFERS		25	Mix	White City	1028@202.00		
300-400	\$289.00 - \$300.00	32	Blk	Longford	1007@197.50		
400-500	\$300.00 - \$312.50	14	Blk	Concordia	1122@191.00		
500-600	\$283.00 - \$295.00						
600-700	\$255.00 - \$266.00	2	Blk	Inman	438@312.50		
700-800	\$210.00 - \$221.00	5	Blk	Marquette	442@312.00		
800-900	\$199.00 - \$204.00	8	Mix	Marquette	416@305.00		
900-1,000	\$180.00 - \$193.50	6	Blk	Beverly	433@302.50		
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024		12	Blk <th>Falun <th>501@295.00 </th></th>	Falun <th>501@295.00 </th>	501@295.00		
STEERS		9	Blk <th>Minneapolis <th>498@294.00 </th></th>	Minneapolis <th>498@294.00 </th>	498@294.00		
17	Blk	Assaria	517@336.00	10	Blk	Assaria	496@293.00
4	Blk	Inman	490@331.00	10	Mix	Courtland	494@290.00
4	Blk	Assaria	439@329.00	4	Blk	Lyons	491@288.00
3	Blk	Marquette	538@328.00	2	Blk	Inman	500@286.00
3	Blk	Minneapolis	505@327.50	23	Mix	Hutchinson	517@286.00
9	Blk	Beverly	514@327.50	12	Blk	Beverly	536@285.00
6	Mix	Scandia	413@327.00	8	Blk	Chase	526@284.00
2	Blk	Walton	548@326.00	6	Mix	Marquette	514@283.00
4	Mix	Marquette	434@325.00	2	Blk	Canton	488@282.50
5	Blk	Inman	503@324.00	6	Blk	Minneapolis	506@282.00
3	Blk	Lyons	455@320.00	3	Blk	Salina	517@278.00
3	Mix	Walton	437@320.00	8	Mix	Durham	530@275.00
14	Blk	Gypsum	495@320.00	7	Blk	New Cambria	540@275.00
3	Blk	Bennington	447@317.00	4	Red	Walton	523@272.00
8	Blk	Falun	544@311.00	4	Blk	Partridge	525@271.00
9	Blk	Minneapolis	560@309.00	5	Red	Newton	529@262.50
3	Blk	Salina	537@298.00	9	Blk	Delphos	543@257.00
5	Blk	Partridge	558@298.00	5	Blk	Canton	606@240.00
13	Red	Oak Hill	538@297.00	5	Mix	Hillsboro	604@239.50
13	Blk	Durham	568@292.00	9	Blk	Chase	604@238.00
12	Mix	Marquette	560@291.00	4	Mix	Tampa	624@235.00
14	Mix	Marquette	595@288.00	22	Blk	Marquette	658@234.00
11	Blk	Inman	570@285.00	20	Mix	Minneapolis	623@230.50
5	Blk	Chase	605@283.00	10	Mix	Salina	623@229.50
16	Blk	Minneapolis	611@282.00	31	Mix	Delphos	606@227.50
20	Mix	Delphos	629@279.00	11	Mix	Canton	698@221.00
4	Mix	Canton	611@275.00	57	Blk	Gypsum	726@216.50
8	Blk	Beverly	616@275.00	14	Blk	Inman	705@215.50
7	Blk	Canton	633@272.00	16	Blk	Canton	759@215.00
5	Blk	Lindsborg	624@272.00	29	Mix	Canton	722@215.00
50	Red	Oak Hill	627@267.50	71	Blk	Lindsborg	705@215.00
5	Blk	Canton	654@262.50	3	Blk	Ellsworth	707@214.00
16	Mix	Falun	642@260.50	37	Mix	Tescott	701@213.00
34	Blk	Assaria	674@256.00	30	Mix	Delphos	729@212.00
25	Blk	Marquette	700@248.50	73	Blk	Lindsborg	777@212.00
15	Blk	Beverly	688@247.00	15	Blk	Ada	784@211.00
18	Blk	Morganville	731@240.00	16	Mix	Salina	771@208.50
12	Blk	Canton	727@239.00	24	Mix	Salina	797@208.00
59	Red	Oak Hill	699@238.50	47	Mix	Inman	786@207.00
24	Mix	Minneapolis	742@237.50	21	Mix	Marion	810@204.00
5	Blk	Minneapolis	724@236.50	64	Blk	Assaria	817@201.00
11	Mix	Ada	799@235.00	16	Mix	White City	900@193.50
21	Blk	Lindsborg	819@233.50	20	Mix	Wilsley	917@192.00
12	Blk	Ellsworth	847@233.00				
11	Blk	New Cambria	740@233.00				
18	Mix	Culver	706@232.50				
26	Mix	Claflin	728@232.00	7	Blk	Rush Center	474@339.00
10	Blk	Morganville	836@232.00	4	Blk	Geneseo	478@335.00
2	Blk	Canton	728@231.00	5	Blk	Burton	482@335.00
4	Blk	New Cambria	739@231.00	17	Blk	Ellsworth	491@332.00
9	Mix	Morganville	724@231.00	5	Blk	Salina	510@330.00
27	Blk	Canton	825@229.50	17	Blk	Lorraine	539@330.00
20	Mix	Canton	769@229.50	6	Blk	Beloit	513@328.00
58	Blk	Gypsum	839@229.50	2	Blk	Windom	515@325.00
7	Red	Salina	789@227.50	11	Blk	Wilson	547@319.00
4	Blk	Tampa	759@227.00	8	Blk	Delphos	534@318.00
57	Mix	Osborne	816@226.75	32	Blk	Ellsworth	559@318.00
22	Blk	Gypsum	809@226.00	4	Blk	Wilson	464@317.00
140	Blk	Lindsborg	783@224.00	9	Mix	Delphos	502@317.00
8	Mix	Claflin	839@223.50	5	Char	Beloit	530@314.00
55	Blk	Roxbury	820@218.75	27	Mix	Delaware, OK	516@314.00
17	Blk	Bushton	882@217.50	2	Mix	Delphos	425@314.00
56	Mix	Hope	906@214.50	17	Blk	Rush Center	551@313.00
60	Mix	Benton	923@214.00	4	Blk	Hillsboro	533@310.00
58	Mix	Hope	864@213.50	3	Blk	Canton	527@305.00

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12	Blk	Windom	615@296.00	7	Mix	Delphos	529@282.00
14	Blk	Hillsboro	589@285.00	4	Blk	Windom	509@282.00
46	Mix	Lorraine	607@280.50	11	Blk	Beloit	558@278.00
59	Blk	Ellsworth	642@278.50	35	Blk	Ellsworth	561@277.00
16	Blk	Burton	600@278.00	10	Blk	Salina	592@273.50
22	Blk	Wilson	649@273.50	7	Blk	Beloit	475@272.00
12	Blk	Salina	625@271.00	12	Mix	Beloit	564@272.00
26	Blk	Rush Center	632@271.00	5	Blk	Wilson	528@270.00
10	Blk	Wilson	611@268.00	17	Blk	Windom	578@270.00
21	Blk	New Cambria	651@265.00	24	Blk	Wilson	636@266.00
9	Blk	Smolan	665@255.00	20	Blk	Delaware, OK	510@266.00
10	Blk	Hillsboro	750@248.00	6	Mix	Delphos	552@265.00
30	Mix	Ellsworth	725@245.50	20	Mix	Rush Center	596@260.00
18	Blk	Windom	699@245.00	7	Blk	Geneseo	599@258.00
22	Mix	Halstead	725@243.00	4	Blk	Clay Center	638@257.00
31	Blk	Wells	772@242.50	11	Blk	Wilson	634@253.00
9	Blk	Salina	727@240.00	16	Blk	Hillsboro	580@252.00
42	Mix	Wilson	721@239.75	21	Mix	Beloit	615@247.00
23	Blk	New Cambria	781@239.00	11	Blk	New Cambria	631@241.00
25	Blk	Wilson	828@237.00	23	Blk	Windom	689@231.75
14	Mix	Spivey	738@235.50	17	Blk	New Cambria	688@229.00
47	Blk	Wilson	743@235.00	5	Blk	Smolan	645@229.00
7	Blk	Minneapolis	783@233.00	12	Mix	Hillsboro	678@228.50
6	Mix	Windom	783@233.00	29	Blk	Wilson	690@227.00
61	Blk	Longford	853@229.25	14	Blk	McPherson	715@221.00
75	Blk	Wells	854@228.00	20	Blk	Smolan	696@220.50
76	Blk	Leonardville	867@220.00	20	Mix	Galva	727@220.25
27	Blk	Clyde	907@219.50	18	Blk	Clyde	742@219.00
HEIFERS		75	Blk	Wells	785@219.00		
3	Blk	Salina	420@310.00	10	Mix	Wichita	709@218.50
5	Mix	Ellsworth	441@310.00	59	Blk	Longford	794@218.50
4	Blk	Rush Center	458@305.00	12	Mix	Ablene	753@218.00
3	Blk	Ellsworth	362@30				