



Roberts-Orman address ag issues in State Fair debate

By Melanie Musselman

Agriculture issues took center stage at the Kansas Senatorial debate at the Kansas State Fair, Saturday, September 6 between incumbent Republican US Senator Pat Roberts of Dodge City and his Independent challenger businessman Greg Orman from Olathe.

After the candidates' opening statements the first of prepared questions by the media panel dealt with the proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to dramatically expand their jurisdiction of waters under the Clean Water Act. Both candidates stated they did not support the proposal.

"On the last day of Congress, (before the current recess) I along with nine others senators met with EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy, and told her how much damage this could do to farmers and ranchers," began Roberts. "This proposal started out as two pages, then 88 and now there are 363! And yet we are supposed to be exempting farmers and ranchers. Folks, what we are talking about here are farm ponds. Farm ponds are supposed to be clean enough so that all farmers at 5 p.m. can swim in a farm pond. That's ridiculous! We urged the Secretary McCarthy to back off."

Roberts adamantly feels



Agriculture issues were some of the topics addressed as Senator Pat Roberts debated Independent challenger Greg Orman at the Kansas State Fair.

this is yet another example of government overreach and excessive regulations and believes this is a state issue.

"Let the state control this issue. Our Governor has a 50-year water plan. Let's work on that. Let's keep the federal government out. I think she (meaning the EPA Secretary) will back off until the election (in November), but then look out."

While Orman agrees with Roberts in not supporting the EPA proposal, he doesn't think Roberts is doing enough to solve the problem.

"I agree with Senator Roberts, farm ponds shouldn't be regulated by the EPA. In fact as a businessman, I have to face regulators every day. My father, who's owned a furniture store in Stanley,

Kan., for 41 years refers to this as a 'beehive' of regulation. We end up facing regulatory burdens from state, local and federal agencies. I agree those burdens are inappropriate and bad for business," Orman said. "I think the Senator could demonstrate more leadership here and actually propose changes to the rules that could make it explicitly clear that the EPA is not regulating farm ponds."

Roberts countered by pointing out that he has already done that. He also explained why a vote for Orman would essentially be supporting President Obama's agenda.

"We have a bill and it's a bipartisan bill. It has the EPA Secretary back off. My opponent has a record of voting

for Barack Obama, running against me as a democrat and donating to Harry Reid. If we didn't have Harry Reid in the Senate, we could consider that bill and we could take care of it," exclaimed Roberts.

It was one of 18 times Harry Reid, D-Nev., was mentioned in the debate. Reid, in office since 1987 and Senate Majority Leader, has been a thorn in the side of Republican Senators, continually blocking legislation which they sponsor. Roberts, who is completing his third term in the Senate, further expounded on why the Senate has been in gridlock and expressed his sheer frustration.

"Getting business done in the Senate? Really," quipped Roberts rhetorically. "Three hundred and fifty bills have come from the House and are gathering dust in the Senate. This is where good legislation goes to die. It's because Harry Reid will not allow any amendment, Republican or Democrat. I probably have 40 bills, pieces of legislation, covering every part of the Kansas economy that is being overregulated by this administration, the administration that my opponent is responsible for. I can't get them addressed. We haven't had a budget in the Senate for five years. We don't do any appropriations bills, that's Harry Reid. He's a one-man

rules committee. I'm the only one on this stage that can make a Republican majority, put Harry Reid out to pasture and get things done!"

Orman picked up on Roberts continually referring to Reid in his answers and asked him what he hadn't heard from him is how he is going to solve problems.

"I've heard you say the words Harry Reid and Obama fight a whole lot. What I haven't heard from you is what you're going to do to get things done. And I think ultimately that's what the voters in Kansas need to hear from you."

The immigration issue as it relates to agriculture also surfaced in the debate. Orman said the immigration crisis is an example of what is wrong in America and both parties have failed to solve it.

"When my opponent went into the House, we had 3 million undocumented people in the country. Today we have over 11 million. For immigration reform to work, it needs to be tough, practical and fair," maintained Orman. "Tough meaning to secure the border and maintain it; but, I think it's impractical to think we are going to find and deport 11 1/2 million people. And, I think frankly it's ill-advised. There are whole towns in western Kansas that would go away. The agricultural in-

dustry, the meat packing industry would go away."

Orman said to make it fair to tax payers; undocumented people should register with ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement), pay a fine, obey our laws, hold down a job and pay taxes. Then, he thinks, you should be able to stay here in this country. But, he emphasized, that both parties have fallen short of progress on the immigration issue.

Roberts on the other hand, reiterated his position on immigration by securing the border with no amnesty. Immigration is yet another topic he said that he is at severe odds with President Obama on.

"One of the biggest problems we're going to face right away when I go back to Washington is President Obama when he says he will declare by executive order an immigration policy with amnesty."

On the subject of job growth and business development, Roberts and Orman were asked how they would specifically support job growth and bring Kansas numbers higher as compared to other states and the national average. Roberts gave the prime example of bringing NBAF to Manhattan as how he has helped to improve the Kansas economy.

"I think the business cli-

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Vilsack considers additional beef checkoff program

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

As the U.S. cattle herd has shrunk, so have the revenues captured by the \$1 per head beef checkoff assessment designated for the promotion of the beef industry. Even as the ink was barely dry on a Cornell University study that found an \$11.20 return on investment for

each dollar assessed between 2006 and 2013, members of the beef checkoff enhancement work group were informed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack on September 30 that due to their lack of progress, he was considering a plan to establish a companion check-off program under the 1996 Generic Commodity Research and Information Act. The current beef checkoff was established as part of the 1985 farm bill and can only be changed through Congressional action, while language in the 1996 Generic Commodity Research and Information Act allows a checkoff to be implemented without any vote or official approval from the beef industry and a referendum would be held three years after it was implemented. A referendum under the current beef check-off is triggered by a petition with at least 10% support. Vilsack said the new checkoff could be up and running by January, 2016.

The beef checkoff enhancement work group was



formed by Vilsack in 2011 to address not only the decline in funds, but also concerns with how and by whom those funds are spent. Represented in the group are the American Farm Bureau Federation, American National Cattlemen's Beef Board, Federation of State Beef Councils, Livestock Marketing Association, Meat Importers Council of America, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Livestock Producers Association, National Milk Producers Federation, National Farmers Union and the United States Cattleman's Association. National Farmers Union had recently voted to leave the group.

Key issues for the group have been raising the assessment from \$1 to \$2 per head and a possible refund of the increase to members opting not to participate; changes to the check-off's beef promotion operational committee nominating process and establishing a regular schedule for referendums.

According to National Cattlemen's Beef Association CEO Forrest Roberts, who spoke during a conference call with ag media following the meeting with Vilsack, the group had recently developed a draft memorandum of understanding to bring forth. Roberts said a change in contracting authority, where more organizations would have the ability to earn checkoff contracts, had already been brought to Vilsack and implemented. "I think now there's north of fifty organizations today that are now eligible contractors," he said. "Another real important outcome was that we were able to look at the feedback on how we would remove a policy organization from having a

seat on the joint advisory committee. So the joint advisory structure was essentially totally restructured and is focused in to those seats being occupied by members of the federation of the state beef councils as well as that of the Cattlemen's Beef Board."

According to Roberts, Vilsack delivered several key points, including that, from his perspective the working group had not yet delivered solutions and therefore he was going to move forward with some ideas for bringing more resources into the beef industry through the creation of the new beef checkoff program. Vilsack added this was not the approach he would have wanted to take but felt he could model this after some other successful programs under the 1996 generic act.

NCBA immediate past president Scott George said the reaction he has most received since the secretary's announcement is one of shock that starting a second program is being considered rather than enhancing the

current one. He stated that producers need to educate themselves on the 1996 generic commodity program, which he describes as very much a top-down, government-run program compared to the current program under the 1985 act that was tailored by producers for producers and currently has an 80% approval rating.

United States Cattlemen director Chuck Kiker of Texas was quoted in the *Tri-State Livestock News* as saying, "This is the most positive thing for the beef industry in a long time concerning the checkoff." The article continued with Kiker saying the current beef checkoff will remain "untouched" but that Vilsack's new checkoff would "put more money into the kitty to promote beef." He added that the Secretary will be taking comments as he prepares to write the new checkoff language. "I hope the new checkoff is done so that everybody supports it, not just NCBA. Hopefully it will not be controlled and manipulated by a policy organization."

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By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Farms and ranches offer children a unique environment in which to live, play, work and grow up.

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Childhood farm injuries and fatalities most often occur while children play

where farm activities are going on, or the youngsters are innocent bystanders.

Each year, hundreds of children are killed, and thousands more are injured in farm-related incidents, according to National Safety Council statistics. Children younger than 10 years old experience one of the highest rates of pediatric farm-related injuries, says Holly Higgins, Kansas Farm Bureau safety director.

"In an ideal world, parents should keep children away from farming activities and environmental hazards associated with farming and ranching," Higgins says. "Never invite children to ride in the tractor. Stress that your youngsters stay away from machinery. Don't let them play or hide under or around machinery like tractors."

Education and awareness are the key ingredients to help make the farm a safer place for children to play, Higgins says. Brushing

up on some of the potential hazards can also make it safer for parents.

While barns, grain handling facilities and big buildings can be fun to play in, children can fall or be exposed to harmful substances like chemicals and electricity.

Explain the dangers associated with stored grain. Stress that grain can entrap a person almost immediately. Children should never play around, or in grain that is stored in bins, trucks or wagons. Emphasize that it is difficult, or can be impossible, to pull a child out of grain if he/she becomes trapped.

Discuss with your children the potential dangers involved with farm animals. Remind them that while animals are fun to be around they can also bite, trample and stomp.

Tell your youngsters the signs that show an animal may be dangerous. Some of them include pawing the ground, snorting, raised hair and ears laid back.

"Animals — even friendly ones — can be unpredictable," Higgins says. "Have children stay away from large ones. Emphasize

they stay away from animals with newborn or young. Tell them to remain calm, speak quietly and move slowly when around animals."

Wide-open spaces can provide children with ideal playgrounds. However, this isolation may also lead to difficulty finding help in the event of an emergency.

Remember, it is important youngsters have a safe place to play. Ask them to identify safe play areas. Talk about areas away from farm machinery, animals, manure pits and silos.

Carefully define safe boundaries. Let children know where they can and cannot play.

Safe play areas remain the best alternative to bringing children into the worksite. This is especially important when off-farm child care is not available.

Keep your youngsters safe while they play on the farm.

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

DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

by Glenn Brunkow



I have often heard other farmers and ranchers say one of the things they like about being involved in production agriculture is that no two days are ever the same. For the most part I have to say I agree with that; the challenge of the unknown is often what makes our job interesting. However, the unknown can also be quite maddening.

I have often said that there is no such thing as an average temperature, average rainfall, average snowfall... well, you get the idea. I am not sure I ever remember a year that was average. Average is the middle between the two extremes and I am quite certain we spend a good portion of our lives closer to the extremes than the average. To be honest it is kind of refreshing in a world where we try to control just about everything to know that the weather is still out of our grasp.

Harvest this year has been frustrating, to say the least. Crops have been slow to dry down and we have had to hit the pause button a couple of times. I like harvest the best when we can start and keep running without any pauses. One of the hardest things I have had to learn in agriculture is that nature has its own schedule and there is nothing you can do about it.

Often I am asked by non-farm people to give them an idea of what the typical farm year looks like. I often laugh and then give very vague answers. Yes, the typical farm year or the typical farm calendar is much like the average rainfall. Everything happens in its own time, especially fall harvest. I have explained that harvest can start in August, but that is often a bad sign. Usually that means drought and bad crops. We have also seen harvest last until November and that is usually a good sign, but it is also much more stressful.

I am not sure that anyone not associated with agriculture truly understands how much we are at the mercy of the weather. I have often heard that farmers are the only business people who don't know how much they are going to produce or how much they will get paid for what

they do produce before the business cycle starts. It takes the faith of a farmer to dive into the deep end of production agriculture.

So what good does it do us to explain all of this uncertainty to our non-ag brethren? First, it helps to make them understand just a little better how fragile our way of life is. We have no idea when we will be faced with catastrophic weather events and we often experience a couple each year. Hopefully it will help them to understand just how difficult it is to bring them the full shelves they enjoy at their local grocery store.

We also need to explain that the highs and lows in production have been greatly off set by our new technologies. Rarely do we ever see a complete crop failure but we all know it could still happen. However, thanks to technology like GMO crops we usually produce something. That alone is amazing given the unknowns we face.

The farm bill and, most specifically, crop insurance is the best reason for us to help the general public understand the uncertainty we face each year. The promise of crop insurance helps ease the fear of the unknown. Without it I suspect many of my western Kansas friends would not have made it through their extended drought. Many would have gone out of business, and then where would we be? I am not sure, but it is something I do not want to think about. Food security is the cornerstone of all great societies and I like to think we are one of them, and therefore protecting our food supply should be of paramount importance to us. Crop insurance and the support of it in the Farm Bill is the key to that.

They say change is the spice of life and nothing changes more than the weather. If that is the case, then I guess all of us in agriculture like our lives spicy. Although judging by the heartburn I feel each time I look at the forecast maybe bland wouldn't be so bad. Who am I kidding? That would make things just a little too boring, and boring is not what I signed up for.

Kansas-Nebraska water case headed to U.S. Supreme Court

A long-simmering water dispute between Kansas and Nebraska will reach the U. S. Supreme Court this week, according to Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

Schmidt said the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments at 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday, October 14, in Kansas v. Nebraska and Colorado. The case addresses remedies to which Kansas is entitled for Nebraska's overuse of water in the Republican River basin in 2005 and 2006 and also addresses whether the compact accounting procedures should be reformed to account in the future for groundwater originating in the Platte River basin that migrates into the Republican River basin.

"We are seeking strong incentives for our neighbor to the north to consistently comply with its obligations under the interstate compact governing water use in the Republican River basin," Schmidt said.

Kansas sought permission from the Supreme Court in 2010 to bring the lawsuit and filed its case in 2011. After a trial, a Special Master appointed by the Supreme Court ruled in 2013 that Nebraska had over-used water in 2005 and 2006 by 70,000 acre-feet and recommended Kansas be awarded \$3.7 million in actual damages and another \$1.8 million in partial disgorgement of Nebraska's unjust gains. The Special Master also recommended future changes in the formula that accounts for groundwater migrating into the Republican River basin from the Platte River basin.

Schmidt will lead the legal team representing Kansas to the Supreme Court, and the state's argument will be delivered by Solicitor General Stephen R. McAllister.

The case is State of Kansas v. State of Nebraska and State of Colorado, No. 126, Original.



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Kansas Department of Agriculture works to improve response plans

Learning to execute the Kansas animal health emergency plan and identifying existing gaps were the goals of Invisible Fire, an emergency preparedness exercise conducted in locations across the state Sept. 22-24, 2014. The exercise included emergency personnel in Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie and Lyon counties as well as members of the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) emergency management team and the Division of Animal Health.

Over 150 individuals participated in the exercise, which was based on the

confirmation of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) in Kansas.

Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey said the exercise provided valuable experience for the agency and all stakeholders. "We have a responsibility to be prepared to respond to an incident that could have significant economic effect upon our state's largest industry," McClaskey said. "That includes making sure our local partners also understand and can effectively respond in the case of an animal health emergency."

KDA continuously works with local emergency preparedness officials to develop and improve emergency response plans. KDA emergency management director Sandy Johnson provides opportunities for county officials to develop appropriate local-level responses to function within the larger, state-wide agricultural emergency response plan.

"A response to an agricultural emergency is completely different to the emergencies and disasters that happen regularly in Kansas. Fortunately, we don't get practice with

"real" events, so it is important that we continue to plan, train and exercise on a regular basis," Johnson said.

The KDA Division of Animal Health has been working with more than 50 stakeholders from a variety

of agencies including the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Kansas Emergency Management and

other state agencies as well as state agricultural associations and others to refine plans and ensure collaboration and continuity of business for the livestock industry should a highly contagious disease outbreak occur in the U.S.

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1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

In a skillet over medium heat, combine corn, cream, butter, sugar, salt and pepper. In a bowl, whisk milk and flour, then stir into corn mixture. Cook stirring until mixture thickens and corn is cooked through 10-15 minutes. Remove from heat. Add Parmesan and stir until melted. Serve hot.

Clarie Martin, Salina: "A family favorite for years!"

CHICKEN CHILI

1 pound dry navy beans
6 cups chicken broth
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon oregano
1 tablespoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon cloves
4.5-ounce can green chiles
1 cup water
5 cups chicken, cooked & chopped

Toppings to serve:
Monterey Jack cheese
Sour cream
White corn tortilla chips
In a large pot place beans, chicken broth and next seven ingredients. Bring to a boil.

Cover, reduce heat and simmer 2 hours. With a large spoon mash some of the beans against the side of the pot and stir back into thick soup. Stir in chicken, chiles and water. Bring to a boil. Simmer stirring often for 1 hour. Serve with sour cream, grated Monterey Jack cheese and tortilla chips.

Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia:

BRIDE'S SALAD

1 package lime gelatin
2 packages lemon gelatin
2 cups grated cabbage
2 cups small marshmallows
2 cups chopped apples
1 cup broken nuts
1 cup crushed pineapple
Make gelatin according to directions. Chill until starting to set. Add rest of ingredients and set completely.

QUICK SALAD

16 ounces small curd cottage cheese
1 can fruit cocktail, drained
1 pint whipped topping
1 small package lemon gelatin

Mix cottage cheese, fruit cocktail and whipped topping. Sprinkle gelatin on top. Mix and refrigerate until set.

PINEAPPLE SALAD

1 medium can crushed pineapple
1 large container whipped topping
1 box pistachio pudding
Mix dry pudding mix and pineapple. Add whipped topping and let set overnight.



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Celebrate Popcorn

conscious consumer. Yet it's the taste and versatility that continue to make this one popular snack food. Americans consume some 16 billion quarts of popcorn each year. That's roughly 51 quarts per man, woman and child.

Add in popcorn's irresistible aroma, connection to good times, seemingly magical transformation and the fact that it strikes a chord with the budget minded, and it's easy to understand why there's a monthlong celebration for this American icon every October.

You can join in the fun by making this autumnal treat, from a recipe by The Popcorn Board.

Down Home

Apple Pie Popcorn

A timely fall treat, combining luscious flavors of the harvest. Yield: 10 cups
3 tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
8 cups popped popcorn
1 cup dried apple chips, broken into large pieces
1/4 cup toffee bits

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Whisk melted butter with vanilla. Toss brown sugar with cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg. Toss popcorn with butter mixture. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar mixture. Stir. Transfer to baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle apple chips and toffee bits over top. Bake for 15 minutes or until toffee bits start to melt. Cool before serving.

Tip: Add chopped pecans for extra crunch.

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To prove it, he's created the ultimate wing dish: Churrasco Chicken Wings with Angry Orchard Chimichurri.

Churrasco Chicken Wings with Angry Orchard Chimichurri

4 large egg yolks
1/2 cup Angry Orchard Crisp Apple
2 tablespoons poultry seasoning



2 tablespoons kosher salt
1 cup canola oil
20 whole chicken wings, separated into flats & drums, wing tips discarded
(14) 12-inch metal skewers

In a food processor, blend the egg yolks, Angry Orchard, poultry seasoning and salt until the yolks fluff, about 30 seconds. With the processor running, put the pusher tube in the top and pour the oil into the tube to emulsify the mixture. Pour 1/4 cup of the marinade in a small jar, cover and refrigerate. Place the chicken and remaining marinade in a large zip-lock bag, massaging the chicken and completely covering with the marinade. Zip the top closed, removing any air as you seal the bag. Place the bag in a bowl and refrigerate. Heat grill to medium high. Prepare an area of indirect heat to grill the chicken. Use reserved marinade for basting. Remove the chicken from the zip-lock bag and pat completely dry.

Using 2 skewers, pierce the chicken through each end, so you have 2 skewers through each wing/drumette, leaving a little space between pieces so you have nice, flat, 2-skewer, 6-piece kebabs to work with. After 10 minutes, flip the kebabs, moving them to a new, hot part of the grill, still over indirect heat, and grill another 5 minutes. Baste with the reserved marinade, flip the kebabs and baste again. Grill another 5 minutes for a total cooking time of 20 minutes. Remove the chicken from the grill, brush with the remaining basting sauce and rest for 10 minutes. Serve with Chimichurri Sauce.

Chimichurri Sauce

Makes about 1 1/2 cups

1 bunch parsley, stems removed, leaves chopped, to make about 1/3 cup
3 tablespoons fresh oregano, chopped
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup Angry Orchard

Crisp Apple

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon Espelette pepper
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled
2 tablespoons finely diced red onion
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon dried chili flakes

Mix parsley, fresh oregano and olive oil and set aside. In a separate bowl, whisk the cider, vinegar, dried oregano, salt and Espelette pepper until the salt is dissolved. Grate the apple on the largest holes of a box grater onto a paper towel. Stir 1/4 cup of the grated apple, onion, garlic and chili flakes into the cider mixture and set aside. Just before serving, mix the oil mixture with the vinegar mixture.

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How to Store

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Servings: 48 servings

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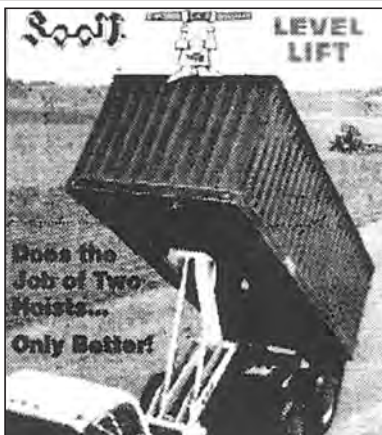
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Roberts-Orman address ag issues in State Fair debate

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mate in Kansas is such that people want to know how to plan ahead. They want certainty. They don't want this tremendous overflow with regulations. Look at my record," Roberts pointed out. "NBAF will bring \$3.5 million to the Kansas economy. I am the father of NBAF. We will get this done this session. And it will be the jewel in our effort for the animal health corridor which will help transform our Kansas economy."

While Roberts called himself the 'Father of NBAF,' Orman is enlisting the aid of the 'Godfather of Ag Policy in Kansas' Barry Flinchbaugh of the K-State Ag Economics Department and well-known ag policy consultant, for advice on how to grow the Kansas ag economy.

"I agree with the Senator's statement we need to have certainty. But what certainty he means is Congress needing to get its business done. I spoke with Barry Flinchbaugh at K-State and

he said we would have significantly more growth in the ag sector in Kansas if we created certainty in our immigration policy," Orman stated. "I think we would have significant growth and additional investments if Congress would get their act together and let American businesses know they are going to solve the financial crisis that we have in this country."

Even though the ink is barely dry on the Agricultural Act of 2014 which was signed into law in February of this year, Roberts and Orman were asked about ag policy and future farm legislation. They were to identify what they see as key elements to equip Kansas farmers with the tools to feed a growing and hungry world. Orman questioned Roberts' motivation and standing up for Kansas values because he voted against the last farm bill. Orman said he would like to see more equitable crop insurance premiums between the different crops grown.

"The farmers I've talked

to say the most important element of the farm bill is crop insurance," Orman shared. "I've talked to farmers in Kansas who have said they'd like to plant more milo but the cost of insuring it through the federal crop insurance program is significantly more expensive than with corn. And milo, as we know, consumes half as much water. So I think we need to make sure that our federal farm program encourages water conservation so that we can preserve that resource for western Kansas."

Roberts thanked Orman for bringing up crop insurance because it was he and former Senator Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who forged present day risk management programs and made crop insurance more affordable for farmers back in 2000. He defended his decision to vote against the 2014 farm bill and cited three reasons.

"I'm the father of the crop insurance program. And in this farm bill, it was tough because there were enemies of crop insurance. I protect-

ed it, I saved it and we improved it," retorted Roberts. "I voted against the farm bill because it goes in the wrong direction. Many farmers aren't going to worry about low-intensive water (making reference to Orman's suggestion that farmers want to plant more milo). Farmers will now be planting for the government instead of making the decision themselves. Number two, (it had) more regulations and we don't need any more of that; and lastly, number three, food stamps. If there was any program in need of reform, it's food stamps. None of that happened."

The candidates also tackled other current issues of concern including the Middle Eastern terrorist group, ISIS, and if they agree with President Obama's handling of the situation; Democrat Chad Taylor dropping out of

the race; permanent or semi-permanent residency for a senator; military cuts in the federal budget; the legalization of marijuana in the US; the Patriot Act; campaign finance laws; gun control; and social security.

In closing remarks, Roberts said, "Kansans know me and they know my record of fighting for Kansas."

"My record is clear, proposing nearly a half a trillion in spending cuts since Obama came to power. I will continue that fight. My vision is our vision. Most of all, I will fight every waking minute to restore our faith in government and restore our individual freedoms," Roberts resonated. "I am the only one on this stage that can be trusted to change the Senate."

Roberts further emphasized his experience in the

race by declaring his endorsement from former Senator Bob Dole from Kansas. In Dole's words, "When the world is on fire and there is chaos and scandal here at home, we must have proven and experienced leadership to safeguard our national security and get our economy on a sound track."

Orman described himself in his closing remarks as a fiscally-responsible businessman who will work hard to go to Washington and solve problems, not play party politics.

"I've tried both parties and like lots of Kansans, I've been disappointed. That's why I'm running as an Independent. My opponent would like you to believe I'm a liberal masquerading as an Independent. I will be beholden only to you as Kansans, not to party bosses and not to special interests."

Limited staff in Riley/Geary County Farm Service Agency office, Oct. 15-17

Chris McAfee, executive director of the Riley/Geary County Farm Service Agency (FSA), has announced that all Riley/Geary County FSA permanent farm program employees will attend Farm Bill training on Oct. 15-17, 2014. The statewide Farm Bill training will ensure that all Kansas FSA employees receive the same training to better serve Kansas farmers and ranchers.


"We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our customers," said Chris McAfee. "Soon after this training, we will conduct a Farm Bill Informational Meeting to make sure Riley/Geary County farmers and ranchers are knowledgeable of new program policies and eligibility criteria."

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The founding years of Kansas Territory are filled with so much intrigue that a full accounting of events reads more like fiction than reality. Soon after the Kansas-Nebraska Act became law in 1854, pro-slavery supporters organized a secret association known as the Blue Lodge. Blue Lodge members were charged with the defense of the southern way of life which included the preservation and spread of slavery. Blue Lodges, Social Bands, and Sons of the South, were principally political in nature organized to influence the vote in Kansas in favor of slavery. Each organization had secret handshakes and signs known only to them. "The Self Defensives" wore hemp in their lapels and declared the Missouri goose to be emblematic of their fight for the institu-

tion of slavery. Within their ranks advocates for slavery were said to be S.O.G. or "Sound on the Goose."

By the first territorial election of May 30, 1855, the Blue Lodge members took on a decidedly militant stance intimidating abolitionists and overwhelming the polls with an invasion of Missouri voters. Territorial Governor Anthony Reeder referred to the invaders in a speech as "border ruffians" and the label stuck. Within weeks Reeder was replaced by the vehemently pro-slave Wilson Shannon. From the Free-State faction the Emigrant Aid Society sent several thousand abolitionist settlers, including women and children, to Kansas in 1854. Reorganized as the New England Emigrant Aid Society, an additional nine hundred settlers arrived in 1855.

In response to the Blue Lodges and the Missouri election invasion, the abolitionists formed their own secret society, the Kansas Legion. The border ruffians reacted with indignation toward the vile abolitionists who would threaten their security with an immoral secret society. The two factions were so far apart in their thinking that they truly did not understand one another. Strong differences of opinion also existed within the Free-State - abolitionist movement. Free-State men were inclined to send freed slaves back to Africa. Abolitionists sought to include freed slaves within a new holistic society.

Lane wanted a peaceful resolution to the slave issue but his involvement in the Kansas Legion revealed a belief that peace would not be won without military action. Robinson believed the state could be won through peaceful political action. The Kansas Legion was something he could never condone. Nevertheless, the two men were thrown together to advance the Free-State - abolitionist cause. Territorial Governor Shannon organized a separate Kansas Militia to "protect" pro-slavery factions from the abolitionists. All the while, political positioning

bounced the territorial government around between the two opposing sides.

Under threat from the Kansas Militia the village of Lawrence organized for defense with Charles L. Robinson as their commander. Jim Lane was his lieutenant. Six weeks later on January 15, 1856, Robinson was elected governor at a Free-State convention in Topeka. However, Robinson, Lane, and other abolitionists were indicted for high treason for their participation in the federally unauthorized convention. Robinson was arrested and while he was under arrest Lawrence was sacked and burned by pro-slavery men. Kansas descended into civil war. John Brown led a bloody foray against slave sympathizers on Potawatamie Creek. Pro-slavery men blocked all northern emigrants from entering the territory from Missouri. Jim Lane responded by leading an "army" of settlers through Iowa and Nebraska and into Kansas along a trail designated "Lane's Trail."

In an interesting turn of events, pro-slavery supporters considered Lane's "Army of the North" an invasion upon the sovereign territory of a legitimate slave holding society. Considering Lane's association

with the secret Kansas Legion, border ruffians had reason to suspect military intentions. Lane's actions convinced David Atchison and Benjamin Stringfellow of the need to organize a new secret military society known as the Army of Law and Order. Meanwhile, Governor Shannon resigned, giving over the territory to Secretary Daniel Woodson. Shannon would later lament, "Govern Kansas in 1855 and '56! You might as well attempt to govern the devil in hell."

Acting governor Woodson declared the territory to be in a state of open insurrection and rebellion, but he only had to deal with the madness for a few weeks. Presidential appointee John Geary arrived just in time to snuff out the fire. Governor Geary ordered all operating militias disband-

ed. Amazingly everyone complied with the order. By 1857 a majority of Free-State men were elected to the legislature, shifting the political balance. A new Kansas militia was organized under commanding officers elected and controlled by the legislature. Kansans continued to suffer but they had miraculously survived an era of intrigue when opposing cultures attempted to invent a place called Kansas on The Way West.

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ESTATE AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 — 10:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: From Frankfort, KS, 1 mile north on Hwy. 99, then 4 1/2 miles East on Hwy. 9 to Hwy. 87, then 5 miles north on Hwy. 87 to Navajo Rd., then 3 miles West to 23rd Rd., then 1 mile North OR From the Jcts. of Hwy. 36 and Hwy. 99 South of Beattie, KS 3 miles South to Navajo Rd., then 1 1/2 miles East to 23rd Rd., then 1 mile North to: 2306 Matador Rd., Frankfort, KS 66427. **SALE ORDER: 10 AM Tools & Misc. followed by Collectables, Guns @ 1:15, Vehicles @ 1:30 Followed by remainder of Collectables & Furniture**



VEHICLES & TRACTOR (to sell at 1:30 pm)

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Kansas Pork Association hosts pork tailgate at K-State football game

The Pork Checkoff's "We Care" trailer rolled into Manhattan October 4 for the annual Kansas Pork football tailgate. This year's event was held before the Big 12 conference match-up between Kansas State University and Texas Tech University. Kansas pork farm-

ers and friends volunteered to turn about 300 pounds of pork loin, sponsored by Seaboard Foods, into near-

ly 3,000 delicious samples. The samples and pork recipes were available outside the stadium. The "We



Left, the Pork Checkoff's "We Care" trailer with its kitchen and grills, was set up at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan to promote pork to tailgaters and fans. Above, volunteers hand out samples of pork loin, which was sponsored by Seaboard Foods. Nearly 3,000 samples were distributed, as well as recipes for preparing pork.

Care" trailer, which includes a kitchen facility and grills, is utilized nationwide to support Pork Checkoff

key messaging and involve pork producers in the promotion of the pork industry.

Kansas Farm to School Month showcases ag education and fresh foods efforts

Amongst rotary hydroponics filled with growing greens and vertical gardens hydrated by aquaponics, Maize High agriculture education and culinary program students mingled with state and national leaders in agriculture, education and nutrition services. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback proclaimed October as Kansas Farm to School Month and Oct. 6-10 as Kansas Farm to School Week. Recently leaders took student-led tours of the Maize USD 266 Farm to School and culinary programs to learn more about food education. Kansas Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary Jake Worchester was joined by

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Kansas Interim Commissioner of Education Brad Neuenswander, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Regional Administrator Darlene Barnes, as well as other state and national officials and Maize High students to recognize the growing number of diverse farm to school programs in Kansas.

"All across the state, KDA Farm to School subgrantees are selecting food

production systems that fit best into their program, serve students, while also educating students about the importance of agriculture and nutrition." KDA Assistant Secretary Worcester said. "The Maize High agriculture education and culinary programs prove that when we allow students to utilize their talents, great things happen."

The event included a student-led tour of the

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Mr. Jay Super, agricultural education instructor at Maize High School explains the process for growing greens in the classroom as part of the Farm to School program.

Chapman barn featured in Coke commercial

Nearly 100 attendees of the annual Kansas Barn Alliance (KBA) Barn Fest received the long-awaited answer to the months-long lingering question, "What barn was selected for the Coke commercial?" All media, even the Kansas City Star paper, hadn't found out this summer.

Early last spring, a call went out in search of a Kansas barn, preferably in a wheat field, to be a possible location of a commercial by New York film production company, Flex Collective. The inquiry, directed first to the KBA and then through the Kansas Sampler Foundation, generated over 2,500 responses via photo submissions.

2014 Barn Fest Event Coordinator and KBA vice president, Lori Hambright, Chapman, asked Kevin Kirkwood, Lecompton, who submitted the winning photo, to be a presenter at the Barn Fest conference during the Friday evening program held recently at Brown Memorial Park, rural Abilene. The topic was to illustrate that even old barns, considered beyond a useful life, could be repurposed, even for a TV commercial. By conference time on September 26, Flex Collective was ready to reveal their work.



The film crew takes a break on the set of the television commercial filmed in a Chapman-area barn by New York production company, Flex Collective, in late May. The barn is owned by Lonnie Heigle.

Photo by Kirkwood Kreations

"A lot of people were involved in this filming process, many local that put in hundreds of hours and donated use and items of their own property. Flex was so impressed by Kansas hospitality and the work put forth voluntarily, that we (Kansans) have made a strong and lasting impression on this New York production company. Yes, they do want to come again to Kansas to do work," said Hambright.

The sixty-second commercial was shot on location in late spring. It featured Coca-Cola and Ford

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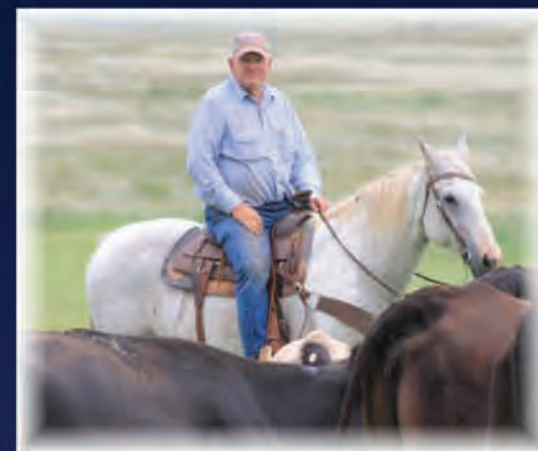
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Maize Farm to School program which incorporates several different food production methods, including hydroponics and aquaponics. Culinary program students gave event attendees a tour of their kitchen facilities and explained the value of culinary education.

At Maize High, student ideas are turned into reality in the Career & Techni-

cal Education programs. Stylan Roberts, Senior at Maize High and Maize FFA chapter president enjoys seeing his classmates' model drawings come to life. "We can do this ourselves, we can grow our own food and sustain ourselves. It's wonderful to see younger students become inspired to engage with agriculture," Roberts said.

Guests enjoyed a meal that included greens from the Maize Farm to School

program which were also served in the cafeteria that day. Nearly all the ingredients were locally sourced for the menu which included sweet and sloppy joe on whole wheat bun, cucumber and onion salad, roasted vegetables, spring salad mix with balsamic vinaigrette, and juicy apple crisp with honey whipped cream. The meal was developed and prepared by Maize culinary program students with a little help

from event guests. Alongside students, event attendees helped harvest the greens and prepare the salad for lunch. Maize USD 266 is one of eight recipients of the KDA Farm to School sub-grant awarded this spring. Sub-grants are derived from the grant KDA received from the USDA in the fall of 2013 to support efforts to connect school cafeterias with local farmers and ranchers through the Farm to School pro-

gram. The purpose of the grant is to expand the prevalence of fresh, local foods in school cafeterias and bolster agriculture and nutrition education.

"I am so impressed with Kansas and their Farm to School activities," USDA FNS Regional Administrator Barnes said. "So far, more than 34 percent of Kansas schools are participating in Farm to School and they are mainly buying local produce to increase

the fruits and vegetables served in school meals. Because Kansas just got a USDA Farm to School grant, I know that more schools will get involved and help healthy habits take root."

For more information about KDA Farm to School, please visit agriculture.ks.gov/farmtoschool or contact KDA Education and Events Coordinator, Nellie Hill at Nellie.Hill@kda.ks.gov or 785-564-6756.

Water research tackles growing grassland threats: trees and woody vegetation

Two Kansas State University biologists are studying streams to prevent tallgrass prairies from turning into shrublands and forests.

By looking at 25 years of data on the Konza Prairie Biological Station, Allison Veach, doctoral student in biology, Muncie, Indiana, and Walter Dodds, university distinguished professor of biology, are researching grassland streams and the expansion of nearby woody vegetation, such as trees and shrubs. They have found that burn intervals may predict the rate of woody vegetation expansion along streams.

Their latest research appears in the peer-reviewed journal PLOS ONE in an article "Fire and Grazing Influences on Rates of Riparian Woody Plant Expansion along Grassland Streams."

Grasslands in North

America and across the globe are rapidly disappearing, Veach said, and woody plants are expanding and converting grasslands into forest ecosystems. This change in environment can affect stream hydrology and biogeochemistry, said Dodds, who has studied streams and watersheds on the Konza prairie for more than 20 years.

"This is an important issue regionally, because as trees expand into these grassland areas, people who are using grassland for cattle production have less grass for animals, too," Dodds said.

In their latest research, the biologists studied 25 years of aerial photography on Konza and observed the expansion of trees and shrubs in riparian areas, which include areas within 30 meters of streambeds. The researchers focused on

three factors that affect grassland streams: burn intervals; grazers, such as bison; and the historical presence of woody vegetation.

Their analysis revealed an important finding: Burn intervals predicted the rate of woody vegetation expansion. Burning every one to two years slowed the growth of trees and shrubs, Veach said.

"Although we can reduce woody expansion by burning more frequently, we can't prevent it from occurring over time," Veach said. "Woody plant encroachment may not be prevented by fire alone."

The research shows the importance of burning to maintain the tallgrass prairie, Dodds said. While burning can help to slow the expansion of trees and shrubs, additional actions are needed to maintain quickly disappearing grassland ecosystems.

"It's clear from this research that if you don't burn at all, these grassland streams basically are going to switch to forests and will not be grassland streams anymore," Dodds said.

Dodds and Veach also found that bison do not significantly affect woody vegetation expansion along streams. Previous Konza research has shown that bison do not spend significant time near stream areas, so they may not influence the growth of nearby trees and shrubs, Veach said.

Woody vegetation also may be expanding in grasslands because of more carbon dioxide in

the atmosphere, Dodds said. Grasses and trees compete for carbon dioxide, and grasses are much better at conserving water and efficiently using carbon dioxide. As atmospheric carbon dioxide levels increase, it becomes easier for trees to gather carbon dioxide and gives them a growing advantage over grasses.

"The tallgrass prairie is almost nonexistent on the globe," Veach said. "In order for us to preserve tallgrass prairie, we need to look at woody encroachment because it has been an issue. Things like no fire or differences in climate change may allow woody plant species to

competitively take over grasslands."

The biologists plan to continue studying water quality and quantity issues at Konza. Konza is an 8,600-acre tallgrass prairie ecological research site jointly owned by the university and The Nature Conservancy.

Veach and Dodds received research funding from the National Science Foundation's Konza Prairie Long-Term Ecological Research program and the Kansas Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. The research also involved Adam Skibbe at the University of Iowa.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — 10:00 AM

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Grandfather clock; large glass curio cabinet (very nice); modern Oak Queen bed with bookcase headboard & matching dresser; very nice sofa; 7pc white wicker patio set; Oak glass front bookcase; entertainment center; daybed couch, chair; Oak curved glass china cabinet; washstand; piano bench; Tracy L-shaped wood sewing cabinet (nice); Oak church pew; Walnut sewing cabinet; Oak rocker; cedar chest; oval stand table; tall shelf; arm chair; sewing machine cabinet; boat whatnot shelf & matching boat plate holder with Terry Redlin plates; quilt rack; office chairs; floor lamps; tall arched wicker shelf;

wooden cabinet; iron bed; Oak chair; 1940's high chair & baby bed; wood lounge chair; room dividers; exercise bike; wood rocker; school desk; Oak shelf with hangers; folding banquet table.

Collection of Terry Redlin & other prints & artwork: Wayne Willis print; Lots of K-State prints, memorabilia & Bowl Game items; several sets of dishes; churn; several crocks; David Frykman collection; costume jewelry; **Longaberger baskets & pottery;** 2 quilts; throws; bedding; lamps; roasters; microwave; Bissell shampooer; white shelf; wreaths; lots of fabric & sewing notions; Fostoria; pink & green

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The Highest Bar For Bragging Rights

There was a palpable stir from a small knot of people gathered at a cluster of stock pens on a ranch a few miles north of Greenleaf in Washington County last Saturday when Duane Bruna swung open a gate and stood back. Well back, making sure to keep his appendages and face as far from the metal railing as possible. It wasn't that he was afraid of the massive beast lumbering forward but that with a horn rack measuring almost 10 feet in width there was little room for error. A casual turn of the animal's head could gouge out an eye or snap bones like twigs.

Cell phones and digital cameras tracked the longhorn steer's approach. A preternatural hush fell as if the crowd had taken a collective breath. Other than a whisper of shuffling boots in the dust, there was only the

sound of heavy horns clattered against metal.

"Nobody is going to beat that animal," Joe Sedlacek said. Sedlacek, co-owner of Lazy J Longhorns, stood on the far side of a industrial-strength modified squeeze chute he had designed for measuring prize-winning longhorns. Unlike others used for regular cattle, it included a series of vertical bars latticing the sidewalls to restrict the movement of a longhorn's head. It was, in effect, a Texas longhorn's version of a full-body mammogram machine, and when his prize steer entered the chute six burly men would leap into action to swing the clamshell gates shut.

From an outsider's perspective—and one raised in the city at that—the cattle chutes and stock pens at Sedlacek's operation were

about standard in size. Functional, adequate, no-frills, in combinations of rust and shiny chrome. For all that, they seemed utterly unfit for the task at hand, something I imagined the longhorns themselves would agree with were they able to articulate rational thought.

From a longhorn's perspective as it sauntered from stock trailer to squeeze chute, the stock pens and chutes were ridiculously, insanelly, insultingly inadequate. At five feet in width, maybe six at most, the narrow opening posed an almost insurmountable hurdle for a beast with horns stretching as wide as nine feet, or, in the case of Sed-

lacek's prize longhorn steer, a quarter-foot shy of the ten-foot mark. Without fail, each longhorn halted for several seconds while contemplating the constricted passage. If one were afflicted with anthropomorphic tendencies, it's easy to image them shaking their massive horned heads in disgust before snorting out a contemptuous, "Riiiiiiight."

Instead, they upended their heads vertically, horns sweeping the air like ivoryed scythes, and passed through with much more grace than seemed possible.

Sedlacek's wife, Stephanie, watched from the sidelines. The clipboard she cradled contained the figures of hundreds of measurements for the fourth annual Horn Showcase, sponsored by the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America. The ranch served as a satellite measurement facility for the upcoming Horn Showcase in Fort Worth, Texas, something Sedlacek compared to the World Series or the Superbowl.

"In the sports world, this is our championship game," he said. The showcase drew

32 animals representing 19 ranches across South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. Like all sporting endeavors, the ultimate goal is the acquisition of bragging rights. Factor in a bunch of rich Texas breeders who have had the pleasure of keeping the world record safely contained within the boundaries of the Lone Star State, bragging rights equal lavish income potential. Sedlacek wants to take that record away from them and share it with his native state.

"I've wanted to hold a Guinness Book of World Records forever," he said. "When I was little I used to read the books like crazy. I wanted to be part of that. When I set my bar, I set it higher than I thought possible. You have to. I never thought I would be able to beat the rich guys, but I've won nine records, and that steer is only eight years old. He could hold it for a long time to come. It's pretty exciting."

The sharp clang of steel gates swinging closed jarred him back to the present. Several men wrestled the

horns into position as Sedlacek's prize steer shrugged itself into a more comfortable position. Tape rulers came out and a roll of bright fluorescent orange weed eater cord. After some wrangling and double-checking, a measurement was certified, duly photographed and witnessed by a dozen onlookers: 117 and a quarter inches tip to tip.

"That's two and a quarter inches wider than the Guinness World Record," Sedlacek said.

The Fort Worth horn showcase might hold a few surprises of its own, he knows, so he's cautious about getting too cocky. Still, it was impossible not to feel optimistic. Two and a quarter inches...

"It'll be a few weeks before we really know anything," he said, as if downplaying the measurement. The gates swung open and the steer, seemingly nonplussed, wandered off toward a holding pen. Its nonchalance was the opposite of Sedlacek's nervy anticipation. I had a feeling it was going to be a long few weeks for Joe Sedlacek.



The champion market hog at the Lincoln County Fair was shown by Tyra Meyer of the Bullfoot Creek/Sylvan Hustlers 4-H Club.

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Dickinson County hosts annual barn fest conference

A symbol of rural America, the barn, often holds the center of attention on the farmstead. It stands tall and strong, built in the time when our forefathers were still settling and heading west. Built to last, built for life.

Over the years, however, farmsteads are passed down through generations or even sold out of the family and sometimes the upkeep and care of the buildings goes by the wayside. You've seen it as you drive down the highway, a barn with a sagging roof, collapsed side or a entire structure that appears could give at even the slightest breeze. The Kansas Barn Alliance (KBA), a non-profit organization founded in 2006 is on a mission to help eliminate the number of deteriorating barns you see, or don't see for that matter. As outlined in their mission, the KBA aims to discover, memorialize and preserve the story of rural Kansas, especially barns. They facilitate an evaluation grant program, "Let's Get Started," in which the awarded grantee will receive an evaluation and a list of repair needs created by an experienced preservation contractor. To promote their efforts, each year the KBA coordinates an annual "Barn Fest" conference in which they invite all barn enthusiasts for a couple of days of barn touring, education and camaraderie. This year Dickinson County was host to the annual conference hosting

approximately 100 attendees. The event, held at Brown's Memorial Park near Abilene, kicked-off on Friday, Sept. 26 with a presentation of the Kansas Flint Hills Barn Quilt Trail, led by Judy Sorenson of Elmo. Sorenson continues to promote the barn quilt movement and encourages participation in the agri-tourism aspect of the quilt trail.

Sue Stringer, manager of Kansas Byways and Agri-Tourism Division of Kansas Travel, showcased how barns and farms can be intertwined in agri-tourism businesses, a variety of them in Kansas. Sarah Martin, coordinator of the National Register Historic Places for the Kansas Historical Society, highlighted the process for researching, documenting and nominating historic farmsteads to the National Register. She also featured properties that have gone through the process, one of which was on the Saturday tour. Following lunch, Len Schamber expressed his advocacy for preservation and restoration of barns with his presentation, "Barn Tootin'... We Like Barn Rootin'" Schamber is an active partner in the family business, Schamber Historic Preservation LLC, Damar, Kansas, and has restored many structures in Kansas including the Home on the Range cabin where the Kansas state song was penned. Dr. Darrin Rubino, professor of dendrochronology at Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, described his methods

of using patterns of tree rings to date construction and modification of historic buildings. Along with his students, Rubino has dated scores of barns, churches, houses and smokehouses, just to name a few. He even took samples from some of the barns on the Saturday tour, leaving guests anxious to learn of his findings.

Friday evening was full of special events for those in attendance. Guests were treated to musical entertainment while enjoying a meal prepared by local caterer Amanda Collins of Amanda's Bakery & Bistro, Abilene. Certificates were presented for the "Let's Get Started" grant and the first Golden Hammer Award, which was given to J.M. & Louise Frey, also of Abilene. These recognitions were followed by a feature presentation by Kevin Kirkwood of Kirkwood Kreations, LeCompton. His presentation was unique to the audience.

Early last spring, a call went out in search of a Kansas barn preferably in a wheat field to be the possible location of a commercial by New York film production company, Flex Collective. The inquiry, directed first to the KBA and then through the Kansas Sampler Foundation, generated over 2,500 responses via photo submissions.

Kirkwood, photographer of the selected photo submission, illustrated during

his presentation that even old barns, considered beyond a useful life, could be repurposed, even for a made-for-TV commercial. By conference time on Sept. 26, Flex Collective was ready to reveal their work.

A barn-wood-framed "Coke barn" print, donated by Kirkwood Kreations and a wooden pepper mill grinder made with reclaimed wood dating to the 1700s donated by Dr. Rubino were auctioned at the end of the evening. Proceeds from both the live and silent auctions benefitted the Barn Fest and Kansas Barn Alliance.

Provided with a hearty meal to start the day, guests of the conference enjoyed a biscuit and gravy breakfast furnished by the Dickinson County Garden Guild on Saturday morning before they set out for a day of barn tours. The first stop was hosted by Prospect Park Farm, Dale and Sonya Anders Family of Chapman. This farmstead is no newcomer to group tours. Boasting two double level stone barns plus, tour guests were split into two groups as Dale and Sonya told the history of what are known as the Taylor barns built in 1876 and 1882.

While it was hard for the group to leave the first location, the tour moved on to the next stop at the Harlan Janke Farm. This particular barn is modeled after the well-known dairy barns at Kansas State University,

now home to the K-State Gardens. It served as an active dairy barn for the Janke Family until 1993, when they dispersed the dairy cattle. The Janke Family has continued to farm since. The lunch location for the tour on Saturday was fitting with the rest of the tour stops that day as the conference attendees enjoyed lunch at Lyona Methodist Church, near Lyons Creek. Members of the limestone-built church served guests, entertained with trivia about the exterior stone walls and invited all to attend the annual pancake and sausage field held annually on Groundhog Day. The tour made its way to the third stop for the day, hosted by Jim & Jean Wohler of the rural Chap-

man area. Showcasing the J.S. Hollinger barn, guests were captivated by the special attention to detail of the preservation of the structure, as Jim told of the history of the barn. Gordon & Joyce Taylor and son Terry Taylor hosted the final barn tour of the day with what is known as the Larson/Taylor Barn. A bam-brel-style limestone barn, it is one of the most photographed barns in Kansas.

The conference concluded with a driving tour of structures through rural Dickinson County on the return to Brown's Memorial Park.

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APHIS report shows source of unapproved GM wheat inconclusive

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) were notified Friday, September 26, 2014, that USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has completed its investigation into the May 2013 discovery of an unapproved Roundup Ready (RR) trait in isolated volunteer wheat plants. APHIS has determined that the source of the RR trait is inconclusive but reconfirmed that there is no indication that any wheat with this regulated trait has entered the commercial supply chain. This is consistent with the results of independent testing by Japan and Korea that

has not identified a single event among all classes of U.S. wheat exported to those countries. APHIS also noted that in 2004, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration concluded that the Roundup Ready trait in wheat did not pose a health risk in food or animal feed.

"As we have said before, nothing is more important than the trust wheat growers have earned with our customers," said Paul Penner, NAWG president and wheat farmer from Hillsboro. "We appreciate the thorough and diligent investigation that APHIS has conducted and we accept its findings. We also believe those findings show that our

customers can be confident that we are still producing a reliable supply of high-quality, wholesome and nutritious wheat."

"As we move on from this isolated incident, wheat growers remain committed to keeping up the dialogue with partners and customers at home and around the world," said Roy Motter, USW chairman and a Desert Durum® grower from Brawley, Calif. "We have always provided the resources and information they need to make the best decisions about the wheat they purchase and that will not change."

Like many other farmer organizations from the United

States, Canada and Australia, USW and NAWG believe innovation in wheat varieties is needed in the years ahead. Yield increases are needed because wheat is and will remain essential to helping meet rapidly growing global food demand. Changes in consumer preferences call for more sustainable production through the use of less water, fertilizer, fuel and pesticides and for improved wheat foods. The organizations applaud the increasing private and public research investment in hybridization, high throughput genetic screening and in biotechnology that will help farmers responsibly grow

more and better wheat with less impact on the environment.

"At the same time, we understand that choice is paramount," Motter said. "We respect consumer preferences and are committed to ensuring all customers have access to non-biotech or biotech wheat, whichever

they may prefer. And we stand ready to assist all industry segments to assure supplies of non-biotech wheat within reasonable commercial tolerances to markets that require it."

For more information visit <http://www.wheatworld.org/issues/biotech> or www.uswheat.org/biotechnology.

Soy buyers prefer predictability of U.S. shipments

Some international buyers prefer U.S. soy to that from top competitors Brazil and Argentina because they can count on it reaching them in a timely manner, according to a new soy checkoff-funded study.

In fact, foreign soy buyers often pay as much attention to the timeliness of a shipment delivery as they do to the price. That's because late shipments can be expensive for buyers, as they incur costs in trying to find replacement crop, slowing down crush facilities and other problems that arise when shipments don't arrive in the time frame that was promised.

"Our industry depends on the reliability of our transportation system to keep us competitive in the global market," says Dwain

Ford, soybean farmer from Kinmundy, Illinois, and United Soybean Board (USB) International Opportunities Target Area coordinator. "This study really shows the advantage the roads, rails and rivers give us and how important it is to maintain and improve our infrastructure."

Conducted in partnership with the checkoff-supported Soy Transportation Coalition, the study gathered input from buyers in China, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam to get firsthand reports on the timeliness of shipments and the repercussions late shipments have on their businesses. In most of these markets, U.S. shipments were the most predictable, with several participants adding that they prefer to

buy from the United States because of this predictability.

Argentina has the advantage when it comes to shipping costs because of its relatively short distances from the growing areas to major ports for export. But U.S. soy rises to the top because of the relatively short amount of time it takes for soybeans to move from the growing areas to export position, which greatly impacts the United States' edge in delivery predictability. Even though U.S. soybeans have the longest distances to travel, the extensive U.S. rail and river infrastructures move these beans

quickly, and the port infrastructure allows for timely loading and limited delays. Both Brazil and Argentina have significantly less rail and underdeveloped inland waterway systems, so roads are the main mode used to move products from growing areas to export position.

"It's great to see the infrastructure here in the United States is still doing its job," adds Ford. "But if our competitors continue to update their infrastructure and we don't, we could easily fall behind. It's vital to U.S. soybean farmers and the U.S. soy industry that we protect this advantage."



Breeding Meat Goats: Marissa Bland, Bullfoot Creek/Sylvan Hustlers 4-H Club, led the reserve champion breeding meat goat at the Lincoln County Fair, pictured with Judge Garrett Steede. Leading the grand champion breeding meat goat was Kyle Cavalli of the Salt Creek 4-H Club.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 10:00 AM

Location: 7064 E Locust Road — BEATRICE, NEBRASKA
*From Beatrice, Hwy 77 & 136, 6 - miles east on Hwy 136 to South 66th Rd, 3-miles South to E Locust Rd (Brethren Church), ¼ - mile east.

TRACTOR, MACHINERY, TRAILER (SELL AT NOON)

2006 Jinma 354 4WD tractor, #06121800152, 2.2L 3-cylinder diesel engine, 127.3 hours, ROPS, 3 pt Cat. I, single hydraulic, Koyker 160 hydraulic loader with joy stick & 5 ft bucket, 7.50 x 16 front & 11.2 x 24 rear rubber; **Machinery:** 3 pt L Clipper 500 5 ft shredder; 3 pt L M C 5 ft box scrapper; 3 pt L M C 5 ft blade; 3 pt Ferguson 88 in 5-shank cultivator; 3 pt Ferguson 10 ft straight disc; Huskee 4-wheel gear mod 165 gravity wagon w/9.5 x 14 rubber. **Trailer:** 2-wheel 2 in ball trailer w/104 in x 5 ft steel flat bed, 15 in tall bed rail & 20.5 x 75 x 14 rubber & spare.

PICKUP

1989 Chevy 2500 Scottsdale extended cab 2WD pickup. 300,652 miles, 350 cu. in. engine, air, radio, 8 ft box, 235x85x16 near new rubber (Needs master cylinder).

4-WHEELERS, LAWN & GARDEN

1988 Kawasaki 225 Bayou with new rubber; 1988 Honda Four Trax 250 with new front rubber; JD SSt16 O-Turn 16 hp V-Twin - 38" cut riding mower w/556.4 hours; JD LA125 lawn tractor w/129.3 hours (No Deck); ATV 25 gal poly tank sprayer w/elec pump & booms; B & S 5.5 hp gas engine water pump w/hose; Craftsman Big Wheel 6 hp - 22" weed trimmer; Craftsman 6 hp - 21" lawn mower; ATV 32 x 43 in 2-wheel box trailer; D-Tex & Jetco metal detectors.

ROLLING DEER STAND

2-wheel 1 7/8" ball hitch rolling wooden deer stand, 4 x 8 x 6 1/2 ft, sliding windows & set-up jacks.

GUNS, BOW

Mossberg (NIB) mod 88 12 ga Maverick, #MV08311T w/28 in barrel; Remington mod 742 150th Anniversary Woodsmaster 30.06, #238344, 3 x 7 Pecar scope; Marlin mod 917V heavy barrel 17 H M R, #94635555, Bushnell 3 x 9 scope; Browning Arms Citori special steel invector plus 12 ga, #20159NP103; Springfield 30.06 w/Tasco scope; Hoyt Pro Star compound bow w/hard case. **Misc:** (21) wooden shell boxes; assorted vintage shell; (100+) vintage card board shell boxes; (21) African Tribal Ceremonial daggers, swords & masks; Queen Easton broad head arrows; Western hand trap.

HUNTING, FISHING & WATER SPORTS

Vintage tri-pod duck decoys; Canadian goose chair; 12 Big Foot goose decoys; 6 Big Foot floating decoys; wind sock stakes; Snow goose wind socks; Snow goose kites; 24 floating duck decoys; Mojo duck; 2-man paddle boat; Minn Kota 35 elec trolling motor; Fusion-X water ski knee board; 2-man 81 in skiing raft; 8 rods-reels; 2 Mercury OB throttle controls; 3 Penn 209 reels; Berkley lip grip; adult & youth life jackets; ski & bungee ski rope; 2 metal live traps; 5 spring traps; boat trailer winch & trailer rollers; OB trolling plate; Big Game tree stand; BSA 8x60 spotting scope w/tri-pod & window; battery box; spot light; vintage 5 ft Northern Pike fish display.

FENCING SUPPLIES

Zareba SP3B solar fence; (50) plastic elec sheep wire post; (8) rolls barbed wire; aluminum cable & splicer; ground rods; metal fence stretcher; plastic snow fence; chicken wire; (55) 9 ft hedge post; (35) 7 ft concrete post; (80) 6 1/2 ft steel T-post; (14) PVC 4 x 4 x 6 ft line post; elec fence insulators; (1) roll elec fence wire; 4x4 oak post & (18) railroad ties.

MISCELLANEOUS

Magic Chef apt size refig; Turkey Fed. Wooden table & 2-chairs; 3 bar stools; Emerson DVD; wooden bunk beds; new, double barrel wood stove w/chimney; new, (NIB) 45 watt solar panel kit; kids plastic swing/play set; kids plastic table & chair set; Road Master 15-spd men's bicycle; youth lawn chairs; wire rabbit cages; 26" glass cylinder; flower stand; 8 solar LED lamps; galvanized bucket; rubber tire Goodyear clock; Conair bath spa; bird bath; basketball goal; metal & plastic 55 gal barrels; 2-wheel hose reel; 4 Chev rims w/225x 75 x 16 rubber; Chevy bumper, beauty rings & grill; Chevy skid plate & new bug deflector; extended trailer mirrors; hitch receiver; 10-hole metal chicken nest; tow rope; log chain; window screen; stock prod; fiberglass 12 ft step ladder; Sears chain saw; wire tomato racks; 210 gal vertical water tank; Shop Vac 3 hp - 10 gal wet/dry vacuum; plastic concrete stamps; 1 1/2 ton hyd floor jack; 1000 gal propane tank; 6, heat lamps & Many other small items.

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HOUSEHOLD & TOOLS
Couch; 2 recliners; china cabinet; twin beds; dressers; dinette table; lamps; RCA disc changer; Sanyo VCR; JVC VHS recorder; RCA CD player; file cabinet; Sharp microwave; dual chime clock; quilts; linens; bedding; baskets; assortment dishes; pots & pans; kitchen appliances; Guns inc.: single shot 22, High Score & Air Soft pellet guns; Mead high power telescope; Radio Shack & Uniden CB; Tasco binoculars; pet carrier; ivory Mahjong set;

harmonicas; books inc Mickey Mouse; videos; CD's; games; collector stamp book; razor strop; commemorative medal (Coronation Empress Maria Augusta & Ferdinand of Bohemia); 1822 silver dollar; 10 Susan B dollars; 69 Sacagawea dollars; 22 president coins; \$1 & \$5 silver certificates; Confederate (1864 \$10, 1864 \$1, 1864 \$5, 1840 Texas \$3 note); Canadian coins & bills; 10 World War II Military payment certificates; Foreign bills from 1940's; Vegas slot coins; 1991 Babe Ruth card; fishing equipment; Power Station Pro 1000 peak amp; portable air compressor; assortment of hand tools; assortment of other items.

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LAND AUCTION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 — 10:00 AM
Auction held at Blaine's Church Hall (Jct. Hwy. 99 & 16)
80 ACRES & 160 ACRES MARSHALL COUNTY FARMLAND

TRACT #1- LEGAL: S 1/2 NW 1/4 of 24-5-9 Clear Fork Township, Marshall Co., Ks, consisting of 80 acres more or less.
TRACT #2- LEGAL: SW 1/4 OF 26-5-9 Clear Fork Township, Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 160 acres more or less.
FARMS LOCATED: West of Lillis, Southeast of Frankfort, North of BLAINE, KANSAS

Both tracts are terraced cropland farms with no buildings. Tract #1 presently has 75 crop acres, and Tract #2 has approximately 130 crop acres. Both tracts have had a good crop rotation. Both farms will be sold separately as individual tracts.

Possession is subject to the present tenants rights. Sellers will receive all 2014 farm incomes and will pay all 2014 real estate taxes.

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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2,070 ACRES OF NESS COUNTY LAND
AUCTION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — 11:00 AM
SELLERS: VERNIE ANTENEN HEIRS

LOCATION: NESS CITY, KS—NESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 202 W. SYCAMORE

TRACT #1. N/2 36-17-22, Less 80' Strip for Roadway on S Border, Ness Co., KS. 310 Ac., More or Less, Consisting of 81.2 Ac. in CRP at \$33.74 per Ac. Through 2025. Total Annual CRP Pymt of \$2,741.00. Buyer to Receive 100% of 2015 & All Future CRP Pymts. Balance is Fenced Pasture, Pond, Roadway & Easements. Possession at Closing. 2014 Taxes to be Paid by the Sellers. Closing Will Occur After January 1st, 2015. 2013 Taxes Were \$283.78

TRACT #2. All of Section 24, N/2 25, N/2 26, E/2 & SW/4 23 All In 19-21, Ness Co., KS. 1760 Contiguous Ac., Consisting of 350.1 Ac. in CRP (5 Contracts) with Total Annual Pymt. of \$12,895.00. Buyer to Receive 100% of 2015 & All Future CRP Pymts. **Balance (Approx. 1410 Ac.) is Fenced Pasture.** Possession at Closing. (1) Submersible Well with Water Line to (7) Tanks. Approx. (8) Ponds. Large Steel Windbreak and Steel Corrals. 2013 Taxes Were \$1318.38.

TERMS: \$15,000 Down on Tract #1 on Day of Sale. \$100,000 Down on Tract #2 on Day of Sale Balance Due in 30 Days or Sooner With Title Approval. Title Insurance Will Be Used, Cost Will Be Shared 50/50 Between Buyer & Seller.

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October 15 — 2 BR bungalow at Scranton. Auctioneer Wayne Wischropp, Miller & Midyett RE.

October 15 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

October 16 — Commercial property (acreage, restaurant, building, indoor pool, commercial pad) at Abilene for Wheat Shock Capital, LLC. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

October 17 — Tractor, farm equipment, generator, hand tools, scrap iron, fishing equipment & more at Leon for Estate of Marvin Beaumont. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

October 17 & 18 — Living Estate tag sale at Clay Center for Marc Fullington. Sales Manager: Stephanie Avery.

October 18 — Tools, primitives & folk art & more near Herington. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhafer.

October 18 — Furniture, antiques, collectibles, glassware & misc. at Wamego for I.O.O.F. of Wamego, KS.

October 18 — Tractor, ma-

chinery, trailer, pickup, 4-wheelers, lawn & garden, rolling deer stand, guns, bow, hunting, fishing & water sports, fencing supplies & misc. at Beatrice for Lance & Jackie Kolb. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

October 18 — Furniture, china, collectibles, household & tools at Manhattan for Louis & Marylois Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 18 — Tractors, tools, antiques, household, '66 Corvair at Osage City for property of the late Kenneth Lindburg. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 18 — Antiques & collectibles at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

October 18 — Tractors, JD Gator, guns, tools & household at Topeka for Brad & Sue Haynes. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.

October 18 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, old toys & banks & more at Junction City for John Seitz & Others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

October 18 — Over 100 vehicles at Salina. No reserves. Auctioneers: Auto House Towing.

October 18 — Household & collectibles & tools at

Marysville for Leland (Red) & Velda Shepherd. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

October 18 — Antiques, primitives, kitchenwares & household at Abilene for Paul Brown & Pam Mosher. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

October 18 — Furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles, tools, misc. & household items at Portis for Willis J. Pierson Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

October 18 — Real estate (4 bedroom house), tractor,

machinery & shop items at Burrton for Alan Beam. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

October 18 — Guns, ammo, hunting items at Olpe. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

October 18 & 19 — Antique tractors & equipment, collectible farm items, antiques & household at White City for Junior Hultgren Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

October 19 — Furniture, appliances, motorcycles, bikes, toys, glassware, primitives, tools & misc. at Topeka for Turk & Cindy Garland. Auctioneers: Kooser Auction Service.

October 19 — Furniture, appliances, collectibles &

misc. at Council Grove for Charlotte A. Ruhl. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 19 — Furniture, quality household, artwork & Longaberger baskets at Manhattan for Nyle & Norma Larson. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 19 — Tractor, combine, combine head, truck, stock trailer & equipment at Ottawa for Jim Ferguson Estate, Donna Ferguson Living

Estate. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

October 19 — Antiques, tools, furniture & household at Osage City for property of the late "Loy" Hutchison. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 19 — Antiques, collectibles, household items, van, mowers, tools & misc. at Centralia for Cecelia R. Reinhart Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

October 19 — Tools at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson

AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 — 10:00 AM

1003 Brant Street — OSAGE CITY, KANSAS

(From Sonic Drive Inn at Hwy. 31 & N. 9th, 2 blks North, 1 Blk East)

7 guns sell first at 10 AM; antique chest of drawers; maple hutch; large modern roll top desk; Amana microwave; Roper auto washer; Whirlpool dryer; IH refrigerator, collectible; Thru the Years Reading, KS 1857-1976; antique Budweiser cooler; 2 old trunks; old soda bottles; 6 kerosene lamps; IH M & 2 JD

"B" tractors, not running; Snap-

per tiller & mower; Standard

garden seeder; Red Cross

Model 48 corn sheller; AC com-

bine canvas, like new; '53

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Description:

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AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 — 10:00 AM

120 NORTH STREET — LEON, KANSAS

ESTATE OF MARVIN BEAUMONT

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743B Bobcat diesel Skidsteer w/attachments

2002 Titan 18' flatbed trailer 14K lb axles

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Realty & Auction Service. October 21 — Furniture, collectibles, household & garage items at Green for Patricia Rooding. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 21 — 3 BR home at Scranton for property of the late Loyola "Loy" Hutchison. Auctioneer: Wayne Wischropp, Miller & Midyett RE.

October 21 — Brown County land (pasture, hay meadow, wildlife, cropland) held at Netawaka for Martin Eichelberger, Janeeka Gayden & David Brittian. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring & Mark Uhlik.

October 22 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

October 23 — Van, car, household & tools at Belleville for William & Donna Stark. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 24 — Nemaha & Jackson Counties land at Soldier. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

October 25 — Pickup, row boats, collectibles, antique furniture, household goods, guns, books, coins, glassware & misc. at Beatrice, Nebraska for Bernard Lynn Saltzman. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

October 25 — Real estate, former Greenleaf school building at Greenleaf for USD 108. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

October 25 — Tractors, combine, farm related items at Lehigh for Rufus Unrau Estate, Leola Unrau, seller. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

October 25 — Antiques & collectibles at Marysville for Betty Bell. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

October 25 — Marshall County land & personal property at Lillis for Bernard J. Brown Estate. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

October 25 — Guns, tools, farm equipment, blacksmith & household, cars, trucks, antique tractors, caterpillar, farm equip. & trailers & more East of Clyde for Eddie & Leona Charbonneau Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 25 — '31 Chevy, guns, camper, tools, antiques, furniture at Vassar for Carol Cummins & Mr. and Mrs. Victor Olson. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 25 — Industrial building at Salina for Salina Spring & Axle. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 25 — Gas station/convenience store real estate at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 26 — D2 Caterpillar, Cub Cadet mower, nice line of household appliances, antiques & household goods at Abilene for Lowell Hettenbach. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

October 26 — Vehicles, tractor, guns, antiques, collectibles, household, furniture, appliances, shop tools & misc. near Frankfort for Joel M. Spiller Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

October 26 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, household, misc. & much more at Lawrence for 3 estates, Gary & Jean Brooks, Christine Kaplan Estate, Joann C. Lewis Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 26 — Toys & collectibles at Salina for Donna Sherwood Estate & Ray Sherwood. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 26 — Massive Clown collection, beer steins, college collectibles, figurines at Osage City for property of the late "Loy" Hutchison. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 26 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 27 — Farm machinery, tractors, combine, trucks, trailers, augers, shop tools & more near Sawyer for Paul Kennedy Estate. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate, LLC.

October 28 — 5,000 +/- ac. ranch on Solomon & Smoky Hill Rivers. Osborne, Rooks & Russell counties held at Russell for Shields Family Limited Partnership. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc.

October 28 — Commercial real estate (vacant lot) at Concordia. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction

Service.

October 29 — 240 ac. Marshall County farmland held at Blaine for Helen M. Johnston Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auctions.

October 29 — Annual Kansas Livestock Auctioneers Competition at Emporia. Sponsored by Kansas Auctioneers Association.

October 29 — Real estate (bungalow style house) at Alta Vista for Rita J. Shade & the late William H. Shade. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 29 — Commercial real estate (vacant lot) at Lyons. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 29 — Fink Beef Genetics Annual Angus & Charolais Bull Sale at Randolph.

October 31 — Nemaha County land (80 ac m/l) North of Goff for Madelyn Turnbull Estate. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction.

November 1 — Kitchen supplies, furniture, vending machines, exercise equipment & misc., communication tower, fuel tank at Beatrice, Nebraska for Beatrice Community Hospital. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

November 1 — Real estate (house), household & collectibles at Blue Rapids for Helen M. Johnston Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

November 1 — Farmer & dealer equipment consignments at Fort Scott. Auctioneers: Kelly & Company Sales.

November 1 — Marion & Harvey County bottomland cropland, hay, grass, building sight hunting held at Peabody for Larry & Thelma Blosser and Robert & Sandra McVey. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 1 — Harley Gerdes Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

November 1 — Irvine Ranch Annual Simmental & SimAngus Bull & Cow Sale at Manhattan.

November 2 — Household contents at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 3 — 160 acres Marion County land held at Hillsboro for Monty & Patsy (Hett) Frazier. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 3 — 2,070 acres of Ness County land held at Ness City for Vernie Antenen Heirs. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.

November 3 — 320 acres Lincoln County land held at Westfall for M.L. Kopf. Auctioneers: Hill Realty.

November 3 — Cloud County real estate (cropland) held at Concordia for Norman & Pattie Elliott. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 3 — 155 acres Saline County cropland held at Salina for Carlson Family Education Trust. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

November 4 — 930 m/l Mitchell County prime salt creek land, hunting held at Beloit for Ultimate Hunt Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Hill Realty.

November 6 — Dickinson County Farmland at Herington for Donald & Virginia Hamilton Trust. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction and Realty.

November 7 — Marshall County land (160 ac. m/l) at of Blue Rapids for Dan & Ellen Clark. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction.

November 7 — 380 acres land: pasture, tillable & timber in 2 tracts held at Cameron, Missouri. Auctioneers: Cates Auction Real Estate Company.

November 7 & 8 — Living Estate tag sale at Clay Center for Mrs. Ruby Larson. Sales Manager: Stephanie Avery.

November 8 — Car, JD yard tractor, JD lawn mower, ATV, trailer, shop air compressor, Shop Smith, woodworking tools, welder, torch set, household, antiques, glassware, furniture & more in rural Geary County for Nadine & Dwayne Riekman. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

November 8 — Tractors, trucks, equipment, shop, misc. items, buildings to be removed, hay & more at Allen for Donald & Deborah Johnson. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

November 8 — 78.81 ac. Northern Shawnee County land, development potential, 6 tracts held at Hoyt for Edwin & Goldie Vance and Frank & Joyce Vance. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 8 — Pottawatomie County land

(hunting/building site) at Westmoreland. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 8 — Moser Ranch 23rd bull sale at the ranch. 110 SimAngus, Simmental and Angus bulls.

November 9 — Real estate at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 11 — 40 acres Marion County land held at Hillsboro for Darrell & Glenda York and David & Gwen Harris. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

November 14 — 240 acres Marshall County farmland at Beattie for Edna Mae Schwarz. Auctioneers: Tim, Tom & Rob Olmsted.

November 14 — Marshall County cropland (632 ac. m/l prime farmland sold in 4 tracts) at Frankfort for Dannels Family LP & Joann Dannels Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan.

November 15 — Farm machinery, farm related items, antiques & household goods West of Leonardville for Wava & Arlo Peterson. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

November 15 — Real estate, 2 farms at Clifton for Wilcid & Edna Michaud Trusts. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 15 — Shawnee County grass (858 m/l ac., development potential, hunting, grazing W. side of Topeka) onsite West of

Topeka for Dr. Russell Reitz. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty

November 17 — Ottawa County real estate (320 ac. pasture & cropland) at Miltonvale for Marjorie J. Bulleigh Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 20 — 620 acres m/l Dickinson County farmland at Abilene for Harold & Geraldine Hoover Estates. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.

November 21 — Farm machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

November 22 — Real Estate (35 ac. grass w/barn & new steel pens at NW corner of Alma), livestock, farm & household items & misc. at Alma for Bill Baldock & the late Ann Baldock Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

November 22 — Annual bull sale at Eureka for Dalebanks Angus.

November 29 — Consignment sale at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

December 7 — Construction equip., farm equip., trucks, cars, lawn equip., farm supplies, shop items, hay, hedge posts, livestock equip., household at Wetmore for St. James Consignments.

January 1, 2015 — Harley Gerdes 30th annual New Years Day Consignment Auction at Lyndon.

March 5 — Bull sale at Courtland for Jensen Brothers.



The reserve champion market meat goat at the Lincoln County Fair was shown by Cheyenne Meyer, left. Judge Garrett Steede, center, selected the entry shown by Brody Schofield, right, as the grand champion market meat goat. Both are members of the Bullfoot Creek/Sylvan Hustlers 4-H Club.

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By a mill that roars he does his chores
He come here to jis' punch cattle.
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The ones that wuz burnt in his hide
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Than we'd ever care to ride.
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But in a slick pen or a mud and snow blend
He'll go where you won't go afoot.
In dust so thick you can't see
He breathes the same air that you breathe
And in cold rain he feels that same pain
That numbs and stiffens yer knees.
When the sun's beatin' down on yer head
And the rest of the day lies ahead
He's dreamin' too of the ranch he once knew
Where green grass and shade made a bed.
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And feels each ache that you ache.
And sweats, two fer one, every drop that you run
And seldom asks for a break.
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