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Mini pumpkins lead to successful agritourism business for Kansas couple

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

She didn't know it at the time, but a simple request from her boss would turn Becky Walters into a pioneer in Kansas Agritourism.

"Carroll and I got married in 1980," she reflected. "I was a city girl, this is his family farm. I wasn't any good with cattle, horses scared me to death – still do – and I couldn't drive a tractor." Carroll farmed and ran cattle on 1,700 acres. Becky was working at Seivley's Greenhouse in El Dorado and her boss asked if she would be interested in growing miniature pumpkins like florists in Wichita were using in arrangements if he could get the seeds. "I thought, 'Yeah, I can do something on the farm.'"

They had a little five-acre field and Carroll gave her one acre for the pumpkins while he planted milo on the other four. They used a garden rototiller to work her acre, and she planted the Sweetie Pie miniature pumpkin seeds. "We did everything by hand," she said. "We didn't know there were herbicides and insecticides. Every squash bug I squished with my thumb and forefinger." When the pumpkins were ready they picked them, washed them and put them in boxes of 25 to be sold to local greenhouses and florists. "That first year we made \$583, which was twice as much on that ground as Carroll made on his milo," said Walters.

About that same time some friends in Missouri told them about the North American Farmers Market Association (NAFMA). They went to a conference featuring Jane Eckert and were impressed with the possibilities agritourism offered. They came home and called the Kansas Department of Agriculture to see if anything was going on with agritourism in the state.

Later Becky received a phone call inviting her to the Governor's Agritourism Initiative Council in Topeka. "There were chairmen of this and presidents of that and I stood up and said, 'I'm Becky Walters and I'm a pumpkin farmer.' Everyone laughed, because I was doing what they were setting out to develop."

Eckert came out to consult with them and they initially added a 30x50' building for the gift shop. "I didn't even know what to put in it to try to sell," Walters admitted. But she would stand in the doorway of that gift shop and gaze over to the pasture right beside it and dream. "I said one of these days I'm going to have a building over there that we can make pumpkin salsa in. I had this dream of pumpkin salsa in a pumpkin-shaped canning jar." But a phone call to Anchor Hocking could have put the brakes on that dream for good. She was told it would cost \$30,000 just for the mold for a pumpkin-shaped canning jar. But one of her nieces knew a lady that owns a glass manufacturing plant. They sent her the specs on



Becky and Carroll Walters began growing miniature pumpkins in the 1980s and over the years have built a very successful agritourism business near El Dorado.

Photos by Donna Sullivan

the jars they wanted and they now have the only pumpkin-shaped canning jars in the world.

Through a matching Attractions Development Grant from the State of Kansas, they were able to build another building with a commercial kitchen; and working with Dr. Armani at Kansas State University on food

safety, they now fill those jars and others with pumpkin salsa, pumpkin butter, jellies and so much more. The building also includes a concession stand.

In 2004, Becky and Carroll decided it was time to turn what had been a hobby into a full-fledged business and they registered as such with the state. Becky left her

job managing a doctor's office and a couple of years later Carroll retired from the refinery, where he had worked, as Becky puts it, "since we tried to go broke in the '80s." And from there, the pumpkin patch grew as fast as the vines that inspired it. They now plant a 30-acre patch, using a one-row planter in ten rows.

They added a larger gift shop and an event center, where they host about 20 weddings a year. And each year they add attractions to the pumpkin patch. "I was always the dreamer to dream this stuff up," Walters said. "Then it was up to Carroll to have to build it." New this year is a train depot, Cinderella Carriage and tic-tac-toe and checkers tables. There's an over-sized swing, giant jumping pillows and numerous play areas including a combine and pirate ship. And of course, there's a corn maze and a 30-acre pick-your-own pumpkin patch.

The Walters will host about 30,000 visitors each year, including around 4000 children on school tours. They hire about 40 people for the six week season.

There have been many memorable moments through the years, but one that stands out in Becky's mind is a school group that came for a tour. As she made her presentation, she noticed a mother in the back with a little boy who seemed very agitated. The next day, the

mother came back out to visit Becky, and explained how her son was autistic and had other learning disabilities. Although he had never put together a complete sentence before, that night he said, "I love my pumpkin."

"Just those kinds of things that have happened over the years, I wouldn't trade this for anything," Walters said. "I'm 65 years old and I'm tired, but when you see people coming out and enjoying what you've created, it makes it all worth it."

While the pumpkin patch is only open from mid-September until the end of October, Walters said they begin working on the next year on November 1. The gourds are brought in out of the fields to dry so they can be painted by Delores Shannon, an artist near Cassoday, to sell in the gift shop the next season. "She's just amazing," Walters said. "She takes my ideas and just creates it."

When starting and building a business, the banker is an integral part of the equation and Walters said Emprise Bank in El Dorado really rose to the challenge of nurturing the fledgling enterprise. "They have worked with us in ways that a lot of banks probably wouldn't," Walters stated.

Marketing and advertising has been somewhat of a challenge for them. "All those dollars that you spend trying

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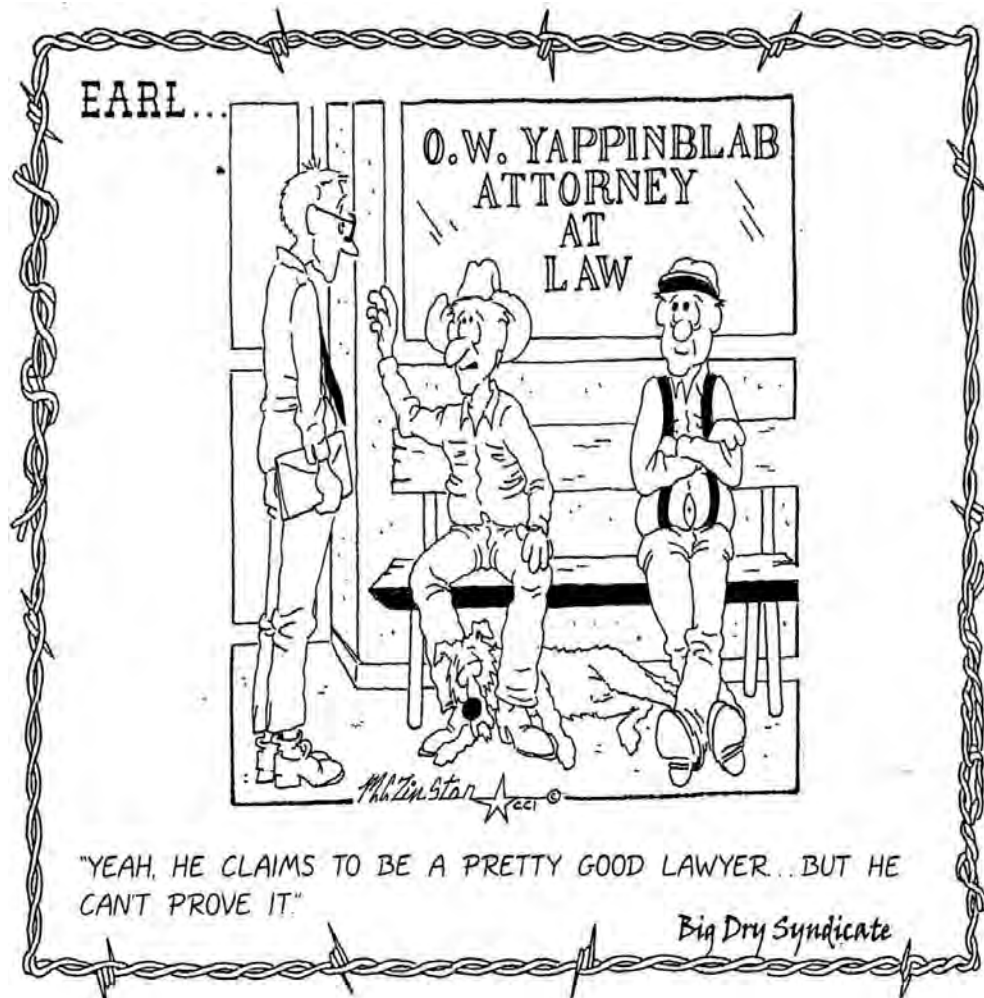
How far can a pumpkin fly? Visitors to Walters' Pumpkin Patch can find out, thanks to the Pumpgun Cannon, one of the many unique attractions at the farm.



Visitors can work up a hearty appetite at the farm and find plenty of good things to eat at the Pumpkin Seed Cafe, including their pumpkin chili, baked goods and other delicious food items.



Many of last season's gourds are dried and painted by a local artist to be sold in the gift shop. Becky and Carroll travel to Las Vegas and Dallas each year to find unique fall decorating and gift items for the store.



Thankfully last Monday I was at a meeting and was not subjected to the presidential debate on television. I did get to see the highlights (or maybe lowlights) of the debate for days following it as the pundits went over every insult and accusation in minute, excruciating detail. As I watched the debate I had the same thought I have had all election season. Are these candidates really the best we can do?

The answer, sadly enough, is I am not sure, but these are the only two choices at this time. Please understand that if either one of these candidates are the one you chose and backed, good for you. Just because I disapprove of the candidates does not mean they are terrible choices. We live in a democracy and the winner is the one who can draw the majority of the support from those who exercise their right to vote.

However, as I watched the news clips of the debate and as I watch the news coming out of each of the campaigns it is apparent that both candidates are deeply flawed. I know, probably all of our presidential candidates over the years have been deeply flawed individuals, but I have never noticed it to the extent I am this year. Maybe I am older and more cynical but I think more likely something has happened in our society and our political system to surface candidates willing to say or do anything to get elected.

What has happened to us? I wish I had the answer, then we might be able to work toward fixing the problem. I am sure there is someone out there who does have a better handle on the situation and more of an answer than I do and we need to find that person. This election magnifies the need for a change in the mindset of all of us as United States citizens.

Am I saying there are no good, normal people involved in government? Absolutely not, I have the opportunity and privilege to interact with many elected officials at all levels and there are many, many good people who are there for the right reason and try to do the right thing. However, I am worried that we are making it more difficult for those who are civically minded to become involved.

I do think the tide can be changed but it

is going to take an effort from all of us to do it. We do still live in a democracy and I do believe that a majority of the people can affect change. Here is the catch: we actually have to get involved and work to make those changes. We can't sit back and watch the news and lament about how bad things are, real change takes hard work. We have to roll up our sleeves and dig in.

That is where the problem is. Too many of us (myself included) are too busy in keeping up with our everyday lives to add another thing to the list. We work hard only to come home to evenings of even more activities. In short, most of us suffer from self-induced exhaustion. We do not have time to be involved with government at any level.

I completely understand, I feel the same way myself. It seems easy to ignore what is going on in our government. It is easy to forget until it affects your everyday life and then we wake up. Then we do what we are doing now and wonder out loud how we got to this place. I don't know about you, but this is a place I don't want to be.

Does this mean that we are in a hopeless situation? The answer is a resounding no. We still live in the greatest nation on earth with more freedoms and opportunities than anywhere else in the world. Maintaining those freedoms and opportunities takes work and they cannot be neglected; part of the cost of living in a democracy is being involved at some level.

What do we do for the rest of this election cycle? Take the time to watch the debates, learn more about the candidates and vote for the one that best matches your viewpoints. I know this may be painful and we must also be thinking about the next election cycle and make sure that we find and support the best candidates. We cannot sit idly by and let it play out on its own.

It is time for all of us to take ownership of our government and exercise the right we have been given to have a say in the direction we are going. I believe that we do have the best form of governance ever created and that we will right the ship. I also believe it is high time that each of us roll our sleeves up and get involved. I know it won't be easy but it is the right thing to do.

More than 6,000 farmers ask Congress to pass TPP

To date, 6,325 corn farmers from across the country have written letters to members of Congress, urging them to take up and pass the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement in 2016. The National Corn Growers Association will be delivering them to Capitol Hill.

"America's farmers and ranchers need Congress to step up and pass TPP now," said Chip Bowling, president of the National Corn Growers Association and a farmer from Newburg, Maryland. "At a time when the farm economy is struggling, exports represent a rare bright spot for American agriculture. America's farmers and ranchers stand ready to share our bounty and meet the challenge of feeding and fueling a growing world. But we can't do that without trade agreements like TPP."

The Trans-Pacific Partnership is a trade agreement between the United States and 11 Pacific Rim countries, representing 40 percent of the global economy and one of the fastest-growing regions in the world. President Obama signed the TPP agreement earlier this year, but it now must be voted on by Congress.

"Trade is good for America, especially our farm economy," said Bowling. "On behalf of all corn farmers across America, we urge Congress to act now. Pass TPP and give America's farmers and ranchers a chance to compete for the world's business."



A fall harvest for the ages

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

It's a fall harvest for the record books. Corn, milo and soybean crops continue to bust the bins and pour into on-farm storage and elevators across Kansas. Thousands upon thousands of bushels of these fall crops may end up on the ground or cement slabs temporarily.

If you've traveled to any of our row crop fields across the state, you know what I mean. They continue to teem with fall harvest.

Combines chomp through the fields of corn, milo and soybeans eager to dump the bountiful crops into waiting trucks and grain carts. Today's green, red and silver monsters move through the fields a little slower than some years as they growl and grind through the abundant crops.

On gravel and blacktop roads tandem trucks and semis race back from the elevators so the machines can fill them up again. Fall harvest in Kansas marks that magical time of the year when producers of food and fiber reap what they have sowed. Without a doubt, this year's crop will be one for the ages.

Seeing this bountiful production unfold, under-

scores the importance of farming and ranching in Kansas. Our Kansas farmers – and their contemporaries across this great land – continually risk all that is theirs; hoping success is what each harvest and year will bring.

They work with the land, chemicals, computers and livestock. They must understand markets, people, soil crops and climate. Their livelihood is largely dependent upon factors that are oftentimes completely out of their control.

Still, farmers farm to succeed. They farm to grow and harvest crops and produce livestock. Farmers see their vocation not only as a business, but also as a way of life to preserve in good times and bad. They have their feet planted firmly in their soil. They are dedicated to the land and providing us with the safest, most wholesome food on the planet.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the average person consumes approximately 194 pounds of cereal products annually. When you couple that with approximately 66 pounds of oils, 115 pounds of red meat and 63 pounds of poultry it's readily apparent why Kansas harvest is an important time.

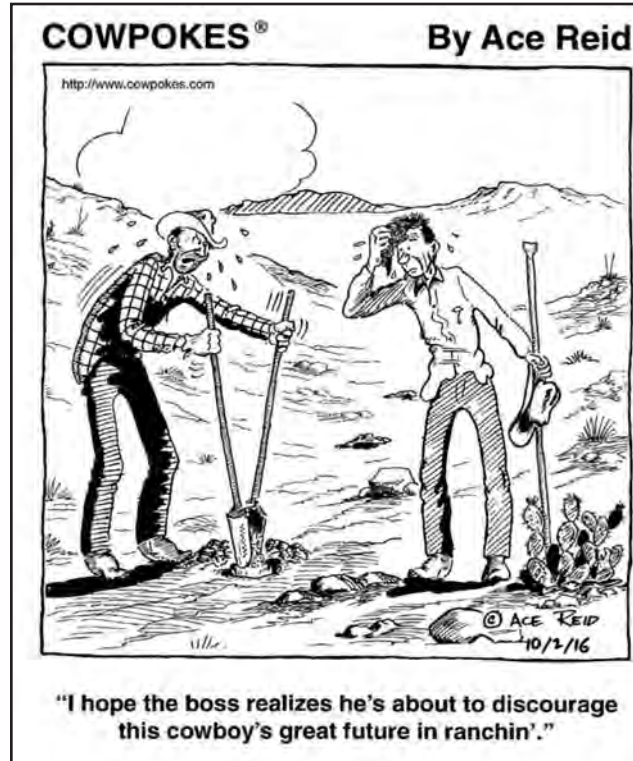
Today's consumer has the option of using nearly 4,000 different corn products. These uses range from corn flakes to corn sweeteners. Corn and milo remain the top source of livestock feed.

Countless foods are made from today's fall soybean crop. Some of these include crackers, cooking oils, salad dressings, sandwich spreads and shortenings. Soybeans are used extensively to feed livestock, poultry and fish.

Sunflowers from the Sunflower State can be used as an ingredient in everything from cooking to cosmetics and biodiesel cars. And as you probably already know, they're a really tasty snack – and healthy too.

So if you have an opportunity to visit our state's fertile fields this fall, think about the professionals who are busy providing the food we find on our tables each and every day. Tip your hat, raise an index finger above the steering wheel of your car or give a friendly wave to these producers of food and fiber who are dedicated to feeding you and the rest of the world.

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.



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NAWG welcomes dialogue on benefits of voluntary conservation

The House Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a public hearing recently regarding voluntary conservation practices in the rehabilitation of the Chesapeake Bay. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) chief Jason Weller and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture secretary Russell Redding were scheduled to testify.

NAWG is pleased to see action being taken in discussing the positive effects of voluntary conservation practices on the environment, particularly with recent successes of efforts to improve the health of the

Chesapeake Bay. Independent reports have shown positive trends in water quality, habitat, and ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay, due to a focused conservation effort by the NRCS along with voluntary investment and participation from farmers.

"It is critical that we are taking the steps now to protect our nation's water sources, including the Chesapeake Bay," says NAWG president Gordon Stoner, a grower from Outlook, Montana. "Adopting modern conservation practices in my own operation reduces my environmental impact without sacrificing

my yields, my profitability, and my productivity. It is vital that growers and NRCS continue to invest in these practices to improve water quality in watersheds around the country."

The benefits of voluntary conservation practices are many and varied. Producers work to address the specific resources needs on their own operations because they know that a one-size-fits-all approach does not work for wheat growers, or for agriculture production as a whole. Farmers are actively participating in practices intended to improve water quality around

the country. In the Bay watershed alone, the NRCS has invested over \$890 million in federal conservation funding, while farmers and forest landowners voluntarily contribute financial and management resources, increasing the investment by about \$400 million. With state and local governments providing substantial assistance, these conservation practices have been successfully implemented in the Bay area, with positive results in reducing erosion, managing nutrients, and restoring populations of Bay wildlife.

Last month, USDA re-

leased a Chesapeake Bay Progress Report highlighting the investments in voluntary conservation by the federal government, states and individual farmers. Maryland wheat growers Eric Spates (a NAWG board member) and Jason Scott (chairman of U.S. Wheat Associates) joined USDA secretary Tom Vilsack and NRCS chief Jason Weller and several other farmer leaders for a conversation about agriculture, voluntary conservation and the Bay at the release of the Progress Report. USDA's Conservation Effects Assessment Project found that adoption of conservation practices is

on the rise, with 99 percent of agricultural acres in the Bay having at least one conservation practice installed. These practices, such as buffer strips, cover crops, reduced tillage and nutrient management efforts are having positive impacts on the health of the Bay.

NAWG encourages Congress to continue support for investment in voluntary conservation practices, as it allows farmers to flexibly participate in conservation without unnecessary restrictions and regulatory burdens, while also actively improving the environment in tangible and positive ways.

Hunting, fishing and trapping amendment on November ballot

In addition to voting for their chosen candidates and other important matters in the November 8, 2016 general election, voters will decide whether to amend the Kansas Constitution's Bill of Rights to add a constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap wildlife.

The proposed amendment would specify the people have a right to hunt, fish and trap by traditional methods, subject to reasonable laws and regulations that promote wildlife conservation and management and that preserve the future of hunting, fishing and trapping. The amendment would also specify that hunting and fishing are the preferred means for managing and controlling wildlife, and that the amendment shall not be construed to modify any provision of law relating to trespass, eminent domain or other private property rights.

The amendment would be created if approved by a majority of Kansas voters. A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of adding the amendment to the constitution, and a "No" vote will be a vote against adding the amendment. If the amendment passes, current laws and regulations governing hunting, fishing and trapping of wildlife would still apply, as the proposed right is subject to reasonable laws and regulations. If the amendment fails, there

would be no changes to current laws and regulations.

The proposed amendment was introduced into the 2015 Legislative Session as House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 5008 by representatives Couture-Lovelandy and Lusker, but no action was taken. It was carried over to the 2016 session where it passed both chambers by large margins. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) testified in support of the resolution.

According to the website Ballotpedia.org, 19 states currently have similar constitutional provisions for

the right to hunt and fish. Two others have constitutional provisions guaranteeing the right to fish, and two have statutes providing for the right to hunt and fish. Vermont established its right to hunt and fish in 1777, but most of the other states have created their rights since 2000.

Hunters and anglers provide all of the support for the state's wildlife and fisheries management programs. These programs are entirely funded by license/permit fees and a federal match from the excise tax paid by hunters and anglers on equipment

they buy (these revenues can only be used to fund wildlife and fisheries programs (they cannot be used for state park maintenance). The state's share of the federal excise tax can only be returned to Kansas if someone buys a license or permit. KDWP does not receive any state general funds for any of its programs.

For more information about the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, visit KSOutdoors.com or TravelKS.com.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 — 1:00 PM

Auction will be held in the Community Center — LURAY, KANSAS

Tract I: Legal Description: SE ¼ 10-10-12 Osborne Co. Kansas

The farm is located North of Luray, Kansas on 260 Drive between 80th Ave. & 677 Ave. with a gravel road on 3 sides. There are 154.98 acres with 115.28 acres of crop land. The balance is grass. Bases are wheat 33.17, yield 39; grain sorghum 30.31, yield 69; corn 2.82, yield 109 for a total base of 66.3 acres.

Seller will pay 2016 and all prior years taxes. Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$1,251.16.

Possession: Possession of ground planted to wheat will be after 2017 wheat harvest, approximately 35 acres. Purchaser will receive 1/3 landlord share of 2017 wheat. Purchaser will be responsible for 1/3 of expense on wheat. Possession of summer fallow & pasture will be January 1, 2017.

Tract II: Legal Description: W ½ NW ¼ & NW ¼ SW ¼ 9-10-12 Osborne Co

The farm is located 1 mile West and ¼ mile North of Tract I. Entrance is from the East side off 95th Ave. There are 119.45 acres of grass. Seller will pay 2016 and all prior years taxes. Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$88.92.

Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before December 1, 2016. Down payment will be escrowed with Paul Gregory Attorney. Escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

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Carol Ricketts, Clay Center, Wins Weekly Recipe Contest & Prize

Winner Carol Ricketts, Clay Center:
ENGLISH APPLE PIE

1 egg
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 pinch salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped apples
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Beat egg in a bowl then add sugar gradually and beat. Mix in flour, baking powder, salt and vanilla. Add chopped apples and nuts. Pile into greased pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

Karen Saner, Burns:
BREAKFAST BURRITOS

1 pound pork sausage or seasoned ground turkey
1 medium potato, cooked & shredded or hash browns
Onion to taste
6 eggs, beaten
1 can of green chiles, chopped (4 1/2 ounces)
2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 can refried beans
1 package flour tortillas
Picante sauce or salsa
Green peppers (cooked), bacon bits, rice pilaf, squash (optional)

Brown meat and drain; add potatoes and onion and cook until browned. Add

beaten eggs and green chiles. Cook until set, but still moist (add optional items if you want). Spread refried beans on the flour tortillas and add the egg mixture and sprinkle cheese on top. Add some salsa if you desire. Wrap up and put a paper towel around each one. Microwave until hot and add more salsa or picante sauce and enjoy. Makes around 10-12 burritos depending on how full you make them and size of tortillas. These freeze well.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:
APPLE WALNUT COFFEE CAKE

Cake:
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup oil
2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 tablespoon cinnamon
2 cups apples, peeled, cored & chopped
1 cup chopped nuts

Glaze:
1 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

In a bowl, combine all cake ingredients except apples and nuts. Mix well. Stir in apples and nuts and pour into greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 45 minutes. Increase heat to 325 degrees and bake an additional 20 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 20 minutes then turn out onto a serving plate. For glaze: In a bowl, whisk powdered sugar, milk and vanilla and drizzle over cake before serving.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

HOLIDAY PUMPKIN DESSERT

1 package yellow cake mix
1 stick of oleo
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
2/3 cup evaporated milk
3 1/2 cups pumpkin
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup pecans, broken
Blend package of yellow

cake mix, 1 stick of oleo, 3/4 cup of sugar and 1 beaten egg. Press 2/3 of the mixture in 9-by-12-inch pan. Mix 3 beaten eggs, 1/4 cup of sugar, 2/3 cup evaporated milk, 3 1/2 cups of pumpkin, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon ginger and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Pour over crust; crumble remaining cake mix over. Sprinkle 3/4 cup of broken pecans and 3 tablespoons of melted oleo over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes.

Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia:

ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 eggs, beaten
1 cup oil
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups grated zucchini (skin left on)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups flour
1/2 cup nuts or raisins

Mix well. Divide dough equally into 2 loaf pans. Bake 1 hour at 325 degrees.

Cristi Ellexson, Tescott:
"An easy new spin on applesauce to use extra apples from my tree."

CINNAMON-ORANGE APPLESAUCE

5 cups sliced Granny Smith apples
1/2 cup orange juice
2 to 3 teaspoons grated orange peel, to taste
1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar, to taste
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a 3-quart microwave-safe bowl combine apples, or-

ange juice and orange peel. Cover with plastic wrap, leaving vent hole; microwave on high for 12 minutes or until apples are tender. Stir in sugar and cinnamon; mix well. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes.

NOTE: For smoother applesauce, puree cooked mixture in blender or food processor. Yield: 3 cups.

JoAnne Breault, Wamego:
"A favorite fall apple cake recipe with an amazing caramel icing to top it off. Bake off in a 9-by-13-inch pan and will be a great cake to bring to your next family reunion."

CARAMEL ICED APPLE CAKE

3 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups diced apples
1 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup chopped raisins (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 8-inch pans lined with waxed paper. In a mixer at medium speed beat eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla until blended. Sift together flour, soda and salt; combine and beat until blended. Stir apples, nuts and raisins into batter. Spread into prepared pans. Bake 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes then invert pans onto racks to finish cooling.

Caramel Icing:

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, cubed
1/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 to 2 cups confectioner's sugar

Combine brown sugar, butter and milk in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Cool to lukewarm. Gradually beat in confectioner's sugar until frosting reaches spreading consistency. Spread layer of icing between both layers and top of cake.

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1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup nonfat buttermilk
15-ounce can unsweetened pumpkin puree
3/4 cup dark brown sugar, packed
1 large egg, at room temperature
1 large egg white, at room temperature
1/4 cup canola oil
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Glaze & Garnish:
1/2 cup packed confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon nonfat butter-milk
2 tablespoons mini chocolate chips, or toasted chopped nuts (see Tip)

To prepare cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 12-cup Bundt pan with cooking spray. Whisk all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, granulated sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice and salt in a medium bowl. Blend 1 cup buttermilk, pumpkin puree and brown sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer on low speed. Beat in whole egg and egg white. Stir in oil, corn syrup and vanilla. Gradually add the dry ingredients, stirring until just combined. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan. Bake the cake until a wooden skewer inserted in the center comes out with only a few moist crumbs attached, 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Let cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove from the pan and let cool completely on the rack, about 2 hours.

To glaze & garnish cake: Combine confectioners' sugar and 1 tablespoon buttermilk in a small bowl, stirring until completely smooth. Place the cake on a serving plate and drizzle the glaze over the top; garnish with chocolate chips (or chopped nuts) while the glaze is still moist.

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Don't Let the Good Go Bad

By Martha Murphy
Wildcat District
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Pittsburg EFNEP office

Nobody likes to find rotten fruits or vegetables in their refrigerator. Enjoy the tastes of the season by keeping your purchases fresh. Buy the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables that you and your family can eat within the storage limits shown in the table below. Fresh foods from a garden or farmer's market generally will keep longer than items purchased at a grocery store. Read on for more tips to help you get the longest storage time for your fresh fruits and vegetables.

Avoid Excess Wetness and Keep Them Cool

- Do not store fruits or vegetables that show signs of spoilage.

- Wait to wash fruits and vegetables until just before using them.

- Refrigerate all cut or peeled fruits and vegetables immediately.

- Most refrigerated whole fruits and vegetables last longest when they're stored in plastic bags with six to eight small holes poked in each bag. The plastic holds in moisture and the holes let in some oxygen. Line the inside of the plastic bag with dry paper towels to keep excess moisture from spoiling the fresh produce.

- Store apricots, berries, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cherries, corn, grapes, green beans, leafy greens, herbs, mushrooms, radishes and summer squash in a crisper draw-

er, which is the coldest section of the refrigerator.

- Uncut apples, bananas, melons, nectarines, peaches, pears and tomatoes keep best if left to ripen on a counter before being refrigerated. Once ripe, eat them or store these foods in the refrigerator crisper drawer for optimal freshness.

- Store dry onions, garlic, oranges and other citrus fruits, and potatoes in mesh bags in a dry cool dark place, not in the refrigerator, for one to two weeks.

Fruit/Vegetable Refrigerated Storage Time

Apples	1 month
Beets	2 weeks
Berries	2-3 days
Broccoli	3-5 days
Carrots	2 weeks
Corn	1-2 days
Fresh herbs	2-3 days
Grapes	3-5 days
Green onions	3-5 days
Head lettuce	5-7 days
Leafy greens	1-2 days
Melons, cut	3-4 days
Nectarines	5 days
Peaches	5 days
Pears	5 days
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Tomatoes	2-3 days
Turnips	1-2 weeks

For additional information, contact the Wildcat Extension District, Crawford County, 620-724-8233, Labette County, 620-784-5337, Montgomery County, 620-331-2690, Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP), 620-232-1930. Our website is <http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/> or follow us on Facebook: Wildcat Extension District.

Laundry 101

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark District Agent
Family Life

So you're excited about starting college. Well, here's the American Cleaning Institute's easy guide to college laundry: Sort ... Analyze ... Take charge!

The care labels on your garments are the key to basic care. Anything labeled "dry clean only" is a laundry no-no! Put anything labeled "delicate" in its own pile. Linen and sweaters are likely candidates for this group.

Sort by Color. Sort what remains into four piles: 1) whites, 2) color-fast pastels, medium and bright colors, 3) darks, 4) "fuzzies" - mostly towels, but include anything else that might shed lint onto other items.

Analyze. While you're sorting, empty the pockets, turn down pant and shirt cuffs, close zippers, snaps and hooks. Tie strings and sashes, so they won't get tangled. Remove belts, pins, and other non-washables. Turn jeans inside out if you want to slow down the fading process.

Must-have Laundry Products. Here are the basic products:

- 1) Prewash stain remover for treating spots and stains before you drop them into the washing machine. These come in convenient stick, gel, or spray formulas.
- 2) Laundry detergent. Try liquids, powders, or the pre-measured tablets that take the guesswork out of how much to add.
- 3) Bleach. Check the garment care label to see if bleach is safe for the fabric and whether chlorine or non-chlorine (oxygen) bleach is recommended.

Take Charge. Choose the water temperature that's best for the clothes. Read the garment's care label for the recommended temperature that's safe for the fabric.

Wash delicates on their own "delicate" setting. The longer soaking time and shorter agitation cycle puts less strain on the clothes.



Home
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Away

Time away

By Lou Ann Thomas

Boone and I recently enjoyed a week's vacation. Like many farm folks, I don't take many vacations so it was kind of a big deal. It's not easy to vacate when you have a farm to tend. The land and animals don't take days off, so even when we do, we have to plan ahead for the care and well-being of all that surrounds us. With that done, I headed to one of my favorite places on the planet - Taos, New Mexico.

I use to enjoy backpacking. I loved the freedom of knowing you had everything you needed in a pack on your back. These days I require a lot more comfort than pitching a tent and cooking on a tiny pack stove, but I still like the feeling of paring down to what I may need and leaving the rest behind.

I loved the drive through the changing terrain. Even in the 650 miles between here and Taos the landscape shifts and moves from the tall grasses and neatly planted fields of my part of the country to the mountains

and open ranges of Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

With Boone along I had a capable co-pilot, when he wasn't napping in the back seat, and he was good company on any adventure that offered a hike and/or a snack. Boone and I hiked in the mountains, and along streams and rivers that eventually made their way to the Rio Grande. We visited the ancient pueblo at Taos, which houses the oldest continuously inhabited community in our country. No one really knows for sure when people first lived in the Taos Valley, but we do know the present multi-story buildings of the pueblo were constructed before 1350 AD.

I visited art galleries and museums and consumed as much New Mexican cuisine as I possibly

could. I also met new people, read, wrote, and soaked up some dry desert air, which was a welcome relief from our hot and humid weather. But as I prepared to return, there was a moment when I fully acknowledged that I may someday drive somewhere on a vacation and end up living there only because I don't want to make the drive back home.

However, returning home is possibly one of the best things about going on a vacation in the first place. But, it's ironic in that to feel that joy of pulling into your own driveway knowing this is a place where you belong, you have to first leave.

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Mini pumpkins lead to successful agritourism business for Kansas couple

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to publicize your facility, and then still people haven't heard of us and we've been here twenty- some-odd years," she said. There's another challenge for her husband, who bleeds purple. "That Carroll hasn't been able to go to a K-State football game has been very detrimental to our relationship," she laughed. They are learning about technology and social media, which Walters said would have been much easier in their 30s, but

they keep at it.

As the pumpkin patch and all its attractions have grown, Walters is careful to take time to enjoy it, rather than let it all just seem like work. She has a small pond with a dock and paddle boats that is stocked with catfish and koi. When she needs a momentary break, she heads for the tool shed and fills a couple of cans with fish food. "You have to make yourself time to stop and enjoy it," she said. "Instead of stop and smell the roses,

for me it's stop and feed the fish."

Looking back, Walters marvels at the support she received from her late mother-in-law, who could have resisted such changes in the family farming operation. "She was our biggest cheerleader," she says wistfully. "She said, 'Anything you can do to make this farm make money, go for it.'" Mom Walters, as she calls her, passed away ten years ago at the age of 95. Walters also received enthusiastic sup-

port from Carroll's sisters, which she deeply appreciates.

The recent downturn in the farm economy has drawn many comparisons to the 1980s when so many producers were forced out of farming. To today's farmers who might need to look for alternatives to commodity crops or livestock for additional income, Walters has some advice. "My first thing would be, what do you love doing? If you could do anything in the whole world, what would you do? Think outside the

barn doors, what would it be? And then proceed. Don't be afraid to try it. Start small and see if it's going to work and if you can actually make money from it. Follow your heart and follow your dreams." While she wouldn't encourage every farmer to open a pumpkin patch, she thinks there are plenty of other options, and maybe some that haven't even been thought of yet. She believes a zip line tour through a wooded area would be good and has seen people be suc-

cessful in offering ranching experiences. There are so many people that want to get out of the city and experience life on the farm or ranch, that there are many opportunities out there. "Yeah, you're going to have liability issues, you're going to have to be insured and that doesn't come cheap," she acknowledged. "But there are ways to make more money than what your expenses are if you're good at business. And keep adding, don't quit dreaming. It's fun to dream."



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Cuban flour millers exchange information with Kansas wheat farmers

Kansas Wheat recently hosted an informational exchange with a group of Cuban flour mill professionals. This first-of-its-kind event allows these Cuban millers to experience Kansas farming and its wheat industry first-hand. The millers represent two of the six flour mills in Cuba. Technical Specialist Marcelo Mitre from the USW Mexico City office is traveling with the team.

The trip included a visit to Kansas Wheat Commissioner Jay Armstrong's farm, opportunities to discuss crop quality in the state with USDA and Kansas Wheat representatives, as well as tours of the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, the IGP Institute, the Hal Ross Flour Mill and the Kansas Grain Inspection Service.

Cuba imports all its wheat needs, but is not currently importing any wheat from the United States because of challenges related to the U.S. embargo. Total wheat imports from all origins in marketing year 2015/16 are estimated at 800,000 metric tons (29.4 million bushels).

"With current decade-low commodity prices and pressures on the U.S. ag economy, we need to be fostering trade partners and relationships, not prohibiting them," said Jay Armstrong, Past Chairman of the Kansas Wheat Commission. "Despite many difficulties associated with the U.S. trading with Cuba, it is apparent that we have a major transportation and logistical advantage in shipping, given Cuba's proximity to the United States. A level playing field with Canada and



Kansas Wheat Commissioner Jay Armstrong hosted the Cuban flour mill professionals at his farm as part of their informational exchange trip.

Courtesy photo

Europe is critical for U.S. wheat farmers to fully realize their export potential to Cuba. Kansas wheat farmers support ending the embargo entirely."

The week's events kicked off on September 19, when Kansas Wheat joined Engage Cuba and other farm groups in launching the Engage Cuba Kansas State Council.

"Kansas wheat farmers are excited to be here today, to be founding members of the Engage Cuba Kansas State Council. By being members of this group, we can play an important role to influence significant decisions that have to be made before we can enjoy Cuba as a trading partner," said Armstrong.

Kansas Wheat has been working for decades to open up the Cuban wheat market,

including meetings with Cuban leaders and trade missions to the island nation.

In January 2002, the first shipment of hard red winter wheat in more than forty years left the Port of Galveston, Texas, and began a beneficial trade partnership. That first shipment contained wheat from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma, and was the beginning of a total first shipment of 2.6 million bushels, in the wake of Hurricane Michelle.

That trade partnership continued until 2010. One of the key reasons that wheat

purchases from the U.S. have not continued is because there is a lack of available credit from the U.S., which means that all U.S. imports have to be paid with cash. Because other competitor countries are able to offer credit to Cuba, the U.S. is effectively shut out of the market.

During those years of trade, Cuba was a dedicated buyer of U.S. wheat, purchasing up to 70 percent of their wheat imports from the United States.

As that first shipment left the dock at Galveston in 2002, an expert flour miller funded by the Kansas Wheat Commission was on his way to demonstrate hard red winter wheat milling techniques. Elie Posner, a U.S. Wheat Associates milling consultant, provided the technical assistance.

Raisner Ramos Vanega, Director of Balance and Delivery from Grupo Empresarial de la Industria Alimentaria (GEIA) and representatives from Empresa Mixta Industrial Molinera S.A. (IMSA) flour mill, a joint venture operation with a Mexican company and a Cuban holding company, spoke about their desire to purchase U.S. hard red winter wheat.

"We've always wanted to buy wheat from the U.S., and unfortunately politics have not allowed us to be able to purchase that wheat; however, it has always been our desire and our intent to

buy wheat from the U.S., but the possibility to do so has been outside our grasp," said Amyris Herrera Garcia, Quality Specialist from IMSA mill.

"Hard red winter wheat is a good wheat; transportation costs are a lot lower; and we've had good yields in processing that wheat," José Suarez Linares, Quality Department Supervisor from IMSA mill, said. IMSA produces flour, semolina and bran. Whole wheat products

are not popular in Cuba, so most of the flour is used to make white pan bread and rolls. The bran is removed from the kernel and used as animal feed.

"We hope to continue strengthening these relationships, so that when the embargo is fully lifted, these friends will have the information they need to successfully incorporate U.S. and Kansas wheat into their milling operations," said Armstrong.

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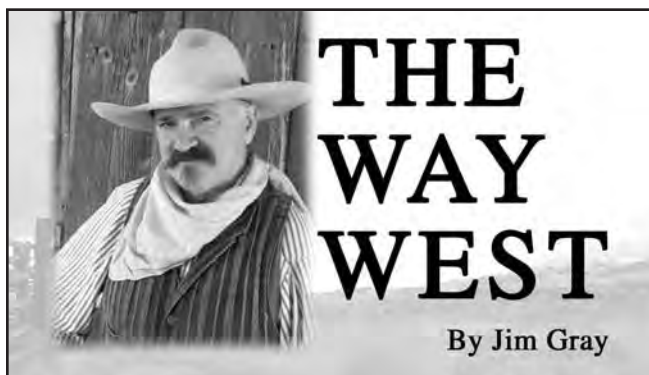
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It's the Daltons!

The morning of October 5, 1892, dawned with a chill in the air, but not so cold as to hold a man back. It was Indian Summer and the sun was shining in all its splendor upon a prairie scene

that left the air crisp and clean. Riding out of the south five horsemen crossed the man-made border that separated the State of Kansas from Indian Territory. Just a mile and a half

ahead was the border town of Coffeyville.

Three of the horsemen were brothers. Born in Missouri to a large family, there would eventually be fifteen children. The Dalton family settled near Coffeyville, but Lewis, the father, seemed to be always on the move. In 1882, Lewis moved his family to Locust Hill near the thriving frontier town of Vinita, in Indian Territory.

Frank, the oldest son at twenty-four years, was accepted into the U.S. Marshal's Service in 1884, riding for "the hanging judge" Isaac Parker. Regrettably, he was killed in a wild shootout with horse thieves in 1887. Grat, Bob, and Emmett also became Deputy U.S. Marshals. However, instead of staying the course as peace officers they turned to stealing horses and robbing trains.

This particular October morning the three Dalton brothers were planning one big robbery that would set them up for life. One big job and it would be wine and roses in South America! Two banks operated just across the street from one another. Surely robbing two banks at once would yield an impressive take! Dick Broadwell and Bill Powers rounded

out the outfit, riding along the road to Coffeyville.

As they rode into the town that had known them in their youth they tried to cover their identities by wearing false beards. The heavily armed men were seen by a number of unconcerned citizens. It was hunting season and lots of men carried their guns at that time of year.

It had been a while since the Daltons had been in Coffeyville. Right away they had to alter their plans. The hitching rails where they were planning to tie their horses had been moved to accommodate street repair. Riding on, they turned up an alley and tied their horses near others that were hitched behind several businesses, including a stable and a blacksmith shop. Looking out onto the street and across the plaza, the fronts of the First National Bank and Isham's hardware were plainly in view. The Condon Bank was on a narrow wedge of property just out of sight to the left.

As the men stepped out onto the plaza they still garnered little attention, excepting one man, Aleck McKenna, who was sweeping the walk in front of his dry goods store. The false fa-

cial hair didn't look right and with a closer look McKenna recognized a distinctive walk and the shape of the head that he knew from his earlier association with one of the brothers.

His suspicions swelled when three of the men turned to enter the Condon Bank while the other two continued across the street to the First National Bank. Through the windows of the Condon Bank McKenna watched in astonishment as he saw a Winchester leveled at the banker. Bolting into action, McKenna spread the alarm. It's the Daltons!

Inside the Condon, Grat Dalton, Dick Broadwell, and Bill Powers were filling a grain sack with cash and gold coin. They were told that the vault was on a time lock, not set to open for another ten minutes. It was a bluff. The vault was unlocked, but failing to try the door for himself, Grat announced they would wait.

At the First National Bob and Emmett Dalton gathered up some twenty thousand dollars, herded the bank personnel and a handful of customers out the front door, unaware that the citizens of Coffeyville were marshaling an army against them. Once they cleared the

doorway a barrage of bullets seared the air about them. Backing into the bank, the Dalton brothers seemed trapped, but Bob brought his Winchester into action, putting one of the Coffeyville defenders out of action. Other defenders turned their weapons on the Condon Bank. Bullets were flying everywhere as the Dalton gang ran for their horses tied in the alley. Unfortunately, the alley allowed the defenders to send a barrage of bullets in a concentrated deadly volley that ripped the men to pieces.

When the smoke cleared only Emmett was breathing. Broadwell had succeeded in riding out of the alley, but fell dead from his horse just outside of town. Back in the alley the smell of blood invaded the cool morning air of Indian Summer. The Dalton Gang was no more. It was as good a day as any to die on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier*, Executive Director of the National Drivers Hall of Fame. Contact Kansas Cowboy, P.O. Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com

LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 10:00 AM
Linn American Legion, LINN, KS

83.9 ACRES± WASHINGTON COUNTY KANSAS LAND

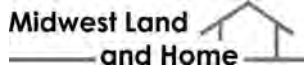
This tract consists of predominately Crete Silty Clay Loam soil considered prime farmland. This tract has approximately 59.7 acres in crop production and approximately 24.2 acres in pasture. A high percentage of the pasture could be converted to cropland. This property lays nice and has been well taken care of. This property is located 1 1/4 miles east of Linn along 8th Rd. The intersection of Quivira and 8th Rd is the Southeast corner of the property.

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Educational Building — Just South of Methodist Church
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Property Description: This property is located in Northwest Pottawatomie County between Olsburg and Westmoreland. This is an L shaped pasture with 1/4 mile of frontage on paved Westmoreland Road at the north side and good gravel Cree Road along 1/4 mile of frontage at east side. The pasture is mostly native grass with a small pond and spring water. A tree lined draw runs through the south side of the property with hard and soft wood mature trees that provide wildlife habitat and shade for livestock.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 — 1:00 PM

Auction will be held at the school Community Center — REPUBLIC, KANSAS

TRACT I: NW 1/4 26-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas
The farm is located on Ash & 290 Road.

There are 158.10 acres with 145.39 cropland acres. Base acres are 33.91 wheat with 41 bu yield, 59.77 corn with 166 bu yield, 2.80 grain sorghum with 145 bu yield, 34.52 soybean with 50 bu yield for a total base acres of 131.0. Conservation system is being actively applied.

This farm has a 7 tower T & L pivot w/end gun, 3x4 Berkley pump 1000 gal per minute, 2012 John Deere diesel 4024 power unit. Half of the pivot is 2011, the other half 2014. 69.2 irrigated acres.

2015 General Taxes were \$3,815.22, 2017 Bostwick irrigation \$3,061.55, Bostwick repair \$303.10.

TRACT II: N 1/2 NE 1/4 22-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas

The farm is located on Birch & 290 Road. There are 77.01 acres with 77.01 cropland acres. Base acres are 19.20 wheat with 41 bu yield, 33.80 corn with 166 bu yield, 1.60 grain sorghum with 145 bu. yield, 19.40 soybeans with 50 bu yield for a total base acres of 74. Conservation system is being actively applied. This farm has irrigation pipe. 45.5 irrigated acres.

2015 General taxes were \$1,722.20, 2017 Bostwick irrigation \$2,082.74, Bostwick repair \$199.29.

TRACT III: NE 1/4 27-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas.

The farm is located on Ash & 290 Road. There are 154.79 acres with 141.39 cropland

acres. Base acres are 32.58 wheat with 41 bu yield, 57.42 corn with 166 bu yield, 2.69 grain sorghum with 145 bu yield, 33.17 soybean with 50 bu yield for a total base acres of 125.86. The pivot, pump and motor are owned by the renter. 120.8 irrigated acres.

2015 General taxes were \$3,463.08, 2017 Bostwick irrigation \$5,344.25, Bostwick repair \$529.10.

Tract IV: NE 1/4 34-1-6 Jewell Co. Kansas, less 26 acres on East side irrigation ditch.

The farm is located on Z & 290 Roads. There are 117.87 acres with 115.74 cropland acres. Base acres are 43.29 wheat with 42 bu yield, 56.58 grain sorghum with 88 bu yield, .16 soybeans with 36 bu yield for a total base acres of 100.03.

2015 taxes were \$1,046.28. Seller will pay 2016 taxes, purchaser will pay 2017 taxes.

Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before November 16, 2016. Down payment will be escrowed with Downing, Alexander & Wood Attorney, escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

Possession will be March 1, 2017. **Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.**

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Kansas Simmental Association and Manhattan Commission Co. to hold Simmental Influenced Feeder Calf Sale November 4 in Manhattan

The Kansas Simmental Association will host a 'Simmental Influenced' Feeder Calf Sale on November 4 at the Manhattan Commission Co. in conjunction with the regular Friday sale. Feeder

steers and heifers out of SimGenetics bulls and/or females are eligible for this special sale. For feeder steers and heifers, it is recommended, but not required, that calves be vaccinated for three diseases at least two weeks before the sale (Respiratory, Pasteurella, and Black-

leg/Somnus). Weaning is also recommended, but not required. If weaned, calves should be weaned at least three weeks before the sale. Vaccination and weaning information will be provided to buyers before the sale and announced from the auction block.

Superior Livestock Auc-

tion reported from a large study on its sale platform in 2014, a \$12.06 per-hundred-weight health price advantage for weaned and vaccinated calves. Dr. Hilton, a Purdue University veterinarian, stated "If you are not adding value to your calves, you are making a huge mistake, leaving money on the table, and giving my feedlot owners a lot poorer-quality cattle."

"Age and Source Verification" would be the way to capture the pre-weaning and pre-conditioning premium. There are several good auditing programs available to verify Age and Source, including one provided by the American Simmental Association. For more information on Age and Source verification, call the ASA at 406-587-4531, or your seed-stock supplier.

For more information and/or to consign to the KSA sponsored Simmental Influenced Feeder Calf Sale, contact: John Cline, Manhattan Commission Co. 785-532-8381 (or 785-889-4775), or Ralph Brooks 785-556-0385; Michael Dikeman 785-770-2977; or John Irvine 785-313-7473.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 — 1:30 PM

Auction will be held at the home 822 Blunt in DOWNS, KANSAS

ART & COLLECTABLES

Art & pictures inc.: (Bobbie Burns & Highland Mary from Dobson Painting print, 2 Stephenson paintings, GRA Horerly print, assortment of other pictures); Yale floor safe w/cow picture on front; painted drop desk chest unusual; oak dresser base; oak gate leg table; child's rocker; pine 2 door cabinet; pine shelf; pine shelf w/drawers; school chair; wash bench; RPC Supply slotted box; Doctor Shearer sign; Dalton chamber pot, cup & tooth brush holder; Cambridge

pitcher, stems, candle sticks, plater; American Fostoria pieces; 12 place set Wentworth china; 12 place set Noritake china; Aladdin table lamp; Meteor fount lamp; finger lamp; jardiniere; qt. bottom mark Red Wing jug; 3 gal Western crock; 8 place set Holmes & Edwards flat ware; German alarm; set pocket books; Fisher Price train; dolls; books; games; 1951 Calvin Implemant Osborne JD pocket ledger; cameras; sprinkling can; Griswold cast iron skillet; bayonet; Christmas decora-

tions; assortment of other collectables.

HOUSEHOLD

Walnut Duncan Phyfe table & 4 chairs; walnut buffet; 3 pc pine bedroom set; curio cabinet; oak dinette table w/4 chairs; Flex Steel rockers; floral divan; oak end tables; hide a bed love seat; desk; oak entertainment center; 20's half table; full bed; 3 drawer chest; Sony Wega TV; card table & chairs; Hoover upright vacuum; luggage; golf clubs; step ladder; small amount of tools; assortment of other household.

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AROUND KANSAS



Well, readers, it is back to the barnyard for another versatile plant lesson!

This unassuming plant has many names: buffalo gourd, calabazilla, chilicote, coyote gourd, fetid gourd, fetid wild pumpkin, Missouri gourd, prairie gourd, stinking gourd, wild gourd, and wild pumpkin.

It clings to the roadsides in central and western Kansas, and is ideally suited to the plains, having adapted to semi-arid climates and sandy soil. It does not require a lot of rain. One reference said that it is particularly well-suited to "marginal agricultural lands."

According to the website Medicinal Plants of the Southwest, American Indians have used this little gourd for thousands of years.

"It has been used traditionally in various ways as a food, cosmetic, detergent, insecticide, and ritualistic rattle," said the site.

The plant is easily recognized as being a member of the squash or gourd family by the large yellow trumpet bloom common to squash or pumpkins. It grows quickly, and with a very long taproot, helps hold the soil in place, though some consider it a nuisance. The taproot can be several feet long and weigh over a hundred pounds. It has been used for laundry soap and shampoo.

The website described medicinal uses as everything from a pain reliever to a dewormer, disinfectant to ulcer cure. As a source of food, the gourd may be cooked like squash when it is young and the seeds may be roasted or ground into meal when the gourd browns.

I picked them to dry and decorate. Since painting gourds with my Granny, I have loved their versatility and beauty and these are perfect for crafting. Granny had dipper gourds, the long-necked variety, and the gourd vine was intertwined with the wisteria. It was the most beautiful combination. We dried them, made birdhouses, and yes, even dippers, and yes, we actually drank from them!

Like so many things beneath our feet, this common little gourd is not so common after all.

Deb Goodrich is the co-host of Around Kansas TV show, the Wednesday feature of AGam in Kansas. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.



District Court dismisses HSUS suit against EPA over CAFO air regulation

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has dismissed a suit filed by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other environmental and animal activist groups against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which sought to have EPA take action on petitions asking EPA to regulate air emissions from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). The suit sought to force a deadline for EPA to respond to petitions from HSUS asking for regulations on CAFO emissions. Judge Tanya Chutkan has dismissed the case due to HSUS not providing EPA with a notice of intent that HSUS was filing the case against EPA.

Senate slams WOTUS as "extreme overreach"

In a report released recently the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works highlighted examples of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) illegally asserting jurisdiction over features traditionally exempt from the Clean Water Act. Despite the fact that the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals continues its nationwide stay on enforcement of EPA's waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) final rule, the report demonstrates that EPA is enforcing the WOTUS rule and expanding jurisdiction

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Offering for sale at Public Auction, located at 1000 N. Spencer, NEWTON, KS.

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1944 John Deere A NF tractor; 1946 John Deere A NF tractor; 1948 AC WC NF tractor; 1935 IH Farmall F-20 tractor; 1936 IH Farmall F-20 tractor; 1950 IH W-6 tractor; MH 44 row crop tractor; Case row crop tractor; Ford 8N tractor; 1936 IH Farmall W-30 tractor; MH 44 WF tractor; 1949 W-6 tractor; 1951 IH H tractor; 1940 Oliver 70 row crop, steel wheel tractor; 1925 Fordson steel wheel tractor; 1935 IH Farmall F-12 tractor; 1939 IH Farmall F-14 steel wheel tractor; Gleaner A combine; MM pull combine; mower trailer; steel wheels; fenders; part tractor; old wrenches; NI sickle mower; 3 row lister; 3 btm. pull plow; snake killer; pump jack; 2 - IHC LB 1 1/2 - 2

1/2 stationary engines on trucks; corn sheller; MW 1 1/2 hp stationary engine on trucks; Kohler generator; Cushman engine; IHC 3-5 hp stationary engine on trucks; Fairbanks-Morris Z stationary engine on trucks; IHC 1 1/2 hp stationary engine on trucks; Maytag washers; 3 - Maytag engines; Dayton sm. mill/grinder; wood stove & pipe; cream cans; blow torches; wood planes; corn planter; cistern pumps; Ranch Trac pedal tractor; cobble set; Mo. A jack; tricycles; fuel tanks & stands; Detroit Engine Works 6 hp stationary engine; Cushman Mo. C engine on wheels; old radiators; doors; tractor parts; acetylene generator; tires & wheels; pick-up toolbox; wheelbarrow; wagon tongues; carpenter box; seed cleaner; misc. lumber; scrap iron & more.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 2:30 PM

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TRACTORS, CAR, TRUCKS & MACHINERY

2010 Hyundai Sonata 4 door car, 4 cy, auto, power, gray color 112,000 miles, good; 1996 Chevrolet 2500 extended cab pickup auto, 8 cy, long box; 1960 GMC 4000 1 1/2 ton truck, V6 engine, 4speed 2 speed 15' w/hoist; Massey 180 gas tractor 3 pt.; Case 830 diesel tractor Case O Matic, 3 pt. like new rear tires w/GB 900 loader 6' bucket; Land Pride RCR 1872 3 pt. 6' mower; 3 pt. 6' blade; JD 38 sickle mower; 3 pt. bale fork; 3 pt. post hole digger; 4 wheel flat bed trailer; Huskee log splitter on 2 wheels w/gas engine; bale elevator w/gas engine; bale fork for loader; buzz saw; dump rake.

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COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD

52" flat screen TV; recliner; 2 divans; bunk bed like new; 1930's 3 pc. white bedroom set; 20's painted chest; cedar chest; pecan dining table; 5 drawer chest; queen bed; oak wash stand; Sentry safe; 15 cu chest freezer; metal lawn chair; wash bench; neck yokes; double trees; chicken nest; wooden barrel; well pump; pitcher pump; IHC cream separator; 2 crock jugs; games; hay fork; egg baskets; scythe; metal toys; wood tool box; walking plow; 5 tooth; wooden sled; wash tub; cream can; wireless printer; Kenmore canister vacuum; canner; dehydrator; canning jars; pots & pans; kitchen appliances; assortment of household.

GUN AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 10:00 AM

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20. Winchester 30 M1 Carbine 111317x; 21. Savage 250 model 99 D45913x; 22. Savage 303 Savage model 99 28247x; 23. Savage (Stevens Favorite) 22 model 71 1021XSF; 24. Savage 22-250 G25745x; 25. Savage 245-E 22/410 over under; 26. Revelation 410 model R310EC JO1043x; 27. Revelation 410 model 350 D53445x; 28. Revelation 410 model 350 D53445x; 29. US Rifle H & R 30M1 Garand 578768x; 30. International Harvester 30 Garand 453429x; 31. Remington 30 model 03A3 338946x; 32. Springfield Armory 30 model 1903 142931x; 33. Springfield Armory 30/40 model 1898 18872x; 34. Springfield Armory 30/40 model 1896 5065x; 35. Springfield Armory 22 model 1899 22762x; 36. Springfield Armory 30

Garand 87195x; 37. Springfield Trap Door 45-70 model 1882 21560x; 38. Enfield 303 MK2 590729x; 39. US Carbine Standard Product Co. 30 216661x; 40. Steyr-Autriche 45-70 model 1878 242x; 41. Ruger 223 Mini 14 1803785x; 42. Henry 22lr 10119x; 43. H & R Topper 20 ga. model 150 AL29725x; 44. Interarm 22 mag HO2786X; 45. Iver Johnson Champion 410 9146XFX; 46. Thompson Black Powder 54 cal 3144X; 47. Daisy Heddon 22 model V/L 19x; 48. Daisy Heddon 22 model V/L 19x; 49. S & W 38 pistol 16584x; 50. Forhand 32 pistol 16213x; 51. H & R 32 pistol 35754x; 52. Iver Johnson 22 pistol K5827x; 53. Iver Johnson Target 22 pistol N1500x; 54. Savage 22 LR pistol 5259x; assortment of ammo.

Note: This is a private collection, check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. We will be open for viewing at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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Auction Calendar

October 4 — 390 +/- acres all in Geary County, in Junction City for Lawrence R. Young. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service.

October 5 — 303.1 acres m/l Ford County, KS land held at Dodge City for heirs of Larry Handshy Sr. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 6 — Appliances, artwork, computer items, furniture, office supplies, chain link fence & much more at Manhattan for

Riley County Public Works. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 6 — 118.5 acres m/l of Chase County Middle Creek Valley land held at Cottonwood Falls for property of William Lamey & the late Donna Starks Lamey. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

October 6 — 351.23 acres m/l Cheyenne County, KS land held at Bird City for Diane E. Malleck. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 8 — Real estate, 2007 Ford Explorer, Harley items, firearms & household at Topeka. Auctioneers: Murray Auction and Realty.

October 8 — Estate auction at Hanover for Jerry I. Pillard Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

October 8 — Black Herefords Production Sale, J&N Ranch, Leavenworth, KS.

October 8 — Primitives, old toys, Santa Fe, antiques, Boy Scout, collectibles. Property of the late Leon & JoAnn Mannell. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 8 — Tractor, 4 wheeler, mower, tools & farm, collectibles & household items for Susan & Orlan Anderson in Salina, KS. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

October 8 — Antique & collectible furniture, Antiques & collectibles, Pottery & glassware, vintage toys & dolls, household & misc items for 2 estates in Cottonwood Falls, KS. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

October 9 — Art, collectibles & household at Downs for Thorald & Georgia Cowley Estates.

Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 9 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 10 — Tractors, Dozer, Pickup trailers, hay, household, tools at Vassar for Bauck Family Trust. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 11 — House & 9.9 acres ± in Geary County held at Junction City for James David Harrel. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

October 11 — 800 +/- acres of Ottawa Co. pasture & farmland for Kay Family Farms in Minneapolis. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate - Crossroads Auction & Realty.

October 12 — Unreserved online machinery auction (www.bigiron.com).

October 12 — Irrigated Riley County land held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

October 14 — 1490+/- acres Of Rolling Native Cattle Grazing Pasture of Elk Co. KS ranch held at Howard. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Realty.

October 15 — Collectibles, vintage furniture, pictures, tools & misc. at Lawrence for Mrs. (William) Darlene Naff. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 15 — Guns, pocket knives, coins, S&P shakers, clocks, toys, primitives, model cars, antique furniture & more at McPherson for Gerald & Marilyn Winslow Estate. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

October 15 — Auto, tractor, machinery, 3-wheeler (for Delmar & Sharon Schoneweis); semi storage trailer, military command

center semis, iron work equipment gun safe, ammo, generator, tools, misc. at Beatrice, Nebraska for Pinnacle Bank. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

October 15 — Vehicles, lawn mowers, tools, antiques at Cuba for Barbara Reynolds Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

October 15 — Guns, ammo, fishing items, pickup, ATVs, stock trailer, tractor, mowers, tools, farm & livestock related items, woodworking tools, shop & hand tools & more near Ottawa for Donald J. Callahan Trust. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 15 — Household goods, antiques, tools & misc. at Clay Center for Vi Spurrier Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service.

October 15 — Antique tractors, farm related items & collectibles at Newton for Maurice & Dolores Clark Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

October 15 — Tools, collectibles & household at Marysville for Buck & Ruth Overman Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

October 15 — Guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 15 — Shop tools & equipment, antique tractor & items & misc. at Minneapolis for Art Weis Repair. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Co.

October 15 — 83.9 acres m/l of Washington County Land held at Linn for Denny Trumble Rev. Trust & Jan Radley. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 15 — Business Liquidation for Custom Hardwoods, personal property

& real estate for Jon Nelson & Leon Nelson. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service.

October 15 — Tractors, cars, trucks & machinery, tools & farm, Collectibles & household items for Steve & Polly Pearce Estate in Wells, KS. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

October 15 & 16 — Tag sale: almost new appliances, antique furniture, collectibles & household at Abilene for Mr. & Mrs. Bob Purdy. Annette's Liquidation Service.

October 16 — Three bedroom home, Car, Antiques, Glass, Furniture, Collectibles at Lyndon for Property of the late Marjorie M. Dlugosh. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 17 — Jewell County land held at Republic for Charlotte Walters Estate, James R. Brooks Trust, Anna M. Hoover Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 18 — 160 acres m/l farmland, house, barns, pasture held at Wellsville for Percy & Grace Van Horn Family Farm, Currier Family Estate & Trust. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty, Webb & Associates Auctions & Appraisals.

Online only (opens Oct. 18, starts to close Oct. 24) — Tractor, backhoe, pickups, equipment, tools, trailer, car port, concrete blocks & more. www.dlwebb.com for J.D. Heitman Estate. Auctioneers: Dave Webb, Webb Realty, Webb & Associates Auctions & Appraisals.

October 18 — Mitchell & Jewell County land held at Jewell for Beverly Smiley & Paul Hartsel. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 18 — 237.08 acres m/l Marshall County land held at Frankfort for Jones/Stewart Farm. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 20 — Osborne County land in 2 tracts held at Luray for Robert & Rodger Salkeld. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 20 — 79.4 acres m/l Morris County land held at White City for William Baker Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

October 21 — 114 acres of Marshall County farmland held at Frankfort for Charles E. Wendling Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate.

October 22 — Antiques & collectibles and many unique items at Salina for Doug & Deanna

LAND AUCTION

114 ACRE FARM IN VERMILLION TOWNSHIP, MARSHALL COUNTY, KS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016 -- 10:00 A.M.
Auction held at the Legion Cabin in Frankfort, KS

Tract Legal: W1/2SW1/4 of Section 3 - Township 4 South - Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. and E1/2E1/2SE1/4 of section 4 - Township 4 South - Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. Marshall Co., KS., consisting of 114 acres more or less.

Farm Located: From Frankfort, KS - North 1 mile on Hwy 99 to Hwy 9, then East 1/2 mile. Farm sits on the north side of Hwy 9.

Tract consists of approximately 70 acres of cropland. The balance consists of timbered grassland, creek, and road. There is an optional rural water meter right available to the buyer.

Terms: Cash with 10% down payment/earnest money on day of sale with the balance due in full on or before November 21, 2016 with delivery of deed & marketable title. Buyer receives full possession following Fall harvest. Seller & Buyer equally split cost of the title insurance and attorney fees for preparation of contract-deed-escrow.

This land is located in a good farm 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.

Seller - CHARLES E. WENDLING TRUST

For inspection or inquiry, contact Brokers & Auctioneers - Olmsted Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 — 7:00 PM

Auction will be held in the Community Center on the South side of the square in JEWELL, KANSAS

TRACT I: 49.59 acres in S ½ SE ¼ 3-6-8 Mitchell Co. Kansas

The farm is located on 260 Rd. 5 miles North of the Highway 24 & Solomon Rapids corner. There are 49.59 acres of crop land. Bases are wheat 18.58, 43 bu yield; grain sorghum 9.43, 94 bu yield; soybeans 12.69 acres, 40 bu yield; total base acres 40.7.

Taxes: Seller will pay 2016 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$733.34

Possession will be after 2017 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$50.00 per acre on the 2017 wheat.

TRACT II: SE ¼ 27-5-8 Jewell Co. Kansas

The farm is located 2 miles North of Tract I on the corner of 170 Road & B Road. There are 159.95 acres with 86.66 acres cropland. Bases are wheat 32.48, 43 bu yield; grain sorghum 16.48, 94 bu yield; soybeans 22.18, 40 bu yield; for a total base of 71.14. The balance of 73.29 acres are pasture.

Taxes: Seller will pay 2016 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$1,589.12.

Possession will be after 2017 wheat harvest on crop acres. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$50.00 per acre on the 2017 wheat. Possession

of pasture will be March 1, 2017.

TRACT III: NW ¼ 27-5-8 Jewell Co. Kansas

The farm is located in NW corner of Tract II on the corner of 160 Road & C Road. There are 159.33 acres of farmland with 157.85 acres cropland. Bases are wheat 59.16, 43 bu yield; grain sorghum 30.0, 94 bu yield; soybeans 40.4, 40 bu yield; for a total base of 129.56 acres.

Taxes: Seller will pay 2016 taxes, Purchaser will pay 2017 taxes. 2015 taxes were \$2,559.56.

Possession of land planted to wheat will be after 2017 wheat harvest. Purchaser will receive cash rent of \$50.00 per acre on 2017 wheat. Possession of open ground will March 1, 2017.

Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before December 15, 2016. Down payment will be escrowed with Weltmer Phillips law office, escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

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

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ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 10:00 AM

LOCATED: 1111 Broadway — MARYSVILLE, KS (W. of Courthouse)

TOOLS, COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD

Few hand & long handled tools; 16' wood ladder; step ladders; 2 wheel lawn cart; dolly; C-clamps; buck saw; bits; Lufkin surveyors tape; 100' tape; reel mower; wood bench; el. drill; jig saw; battery charger; camp stove; sprinklers; log chains; 2 wood tool chests; shepherds hooks; wicker baskets; metal shelf; **Collectibles:** Wood parlor stove; glass front kitchen cabinet; glass front china cabinet; oak chest of drawers; child's wicker rocker; glass footed organ stool; Sessions mantle clock; wicker trunk; vanity; old trunks; corner cabinet; cedar chest; hall tree; few dolls; U-King child's banjo; kero lantern; older pictures; GE fan; Elgin pocket watches; fancy glassware inc.: pink Depression & Carnival; marbles; old silverware; few pocket knives; Leroy lettering kit; pocket watches; straight razor; leather hat; old Royal typewriter; handiwork; bell collection; knock knacks; Perfection 2 burner stove; antique old toaster & coffee maker; rug beaters; wood pulley; wagon hub; metal tub; horse hames; old scale; washboard; shoe shine box; brass UP spittoon; **Appliances & Household:** Frigidaire refrig.; LG S/S flat top range; GE el. dryer; Maytag washer; GE range; GE S/B/S refrig.; dinette table w/4 chairs; dropleaf dining table w/6 chairs & 3 leaves; 3 cushion divan & matching chair; lg. bath medicine cabinet; wood desk; table & floor lamps; 2 drawer file cabinet; console stereo; 33 records; Sanyo color TV; Celestron telescope; Eureka upright vacuum; metal wardrobe; full sized bed frames; older leather divan; 4 wood dining chairs; wood rocker; sm. elec. organ; books; towels; sleeping bags; wool blankets; quilts; pots & pans; cast iron skillet; Corningware; Stanley thermos; el. ice cream freezers; Tupperware; cookbooks; hand appliances; sewing machines, cabinet & items; material; **numerous other items. For pictures see websites. 2 hour auction of nice quality items!** www.olmstedrealestate.com • www.marshallcountyrealty.com

TERMS: Cash Sale Day. Statements sale day take precedence. Seller & Auctioneers not responsible for accident or theft. **No lunch served.**

BUCK & RUTH OVERMAN ESTATE

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the farm located at 6800 E. Crawford — SALINA, KANSAS

TRACTOR, 4 WHEELER & MOWER

1993 Belarus 505M diesel tractor, 1304 hrs., 3 pt., dual hyd, w/loader & 6' bucket; Country Clipper O turn lawn mower; Troy Bilt Horse rear tiller; 5 hp Craftsman tiller; Troy Bilt weed eater; Bolens lawn mower; Outlander Bombardier 4 wheeler, 2 wheel drive; 3 pt. 300 gal sprayer w/booms; bale fork for loader; Allis 5' pull type shredder; 3 pt. 6' blade; Graham Hoeme 10 shank chisel; 2 wheel pickup bed trailer; 3 section springtooth; pull sprayer for lawn tractor; sprayer for 4 wheeler; Jackson 2 wheel wheel barrow.

TOOLS & FARM

Craftsman 10" band saw; Sears 10" table saw; Sears 12" wood lathe; Dura Craft 16" drill press; Farmhand portable air compressor; bench grinder; ½" drill; angel grinder; wet dry vacuum; floor jack; bar clamps; car ramps; Werner Multi ladder; 8' fiber ladder; aluminum extension ladder; manual tire bead breaker; come a long; Handy Man jack; jack stands; log chains; wood tool box; plastic water tank; 10' x 10' dog pen; T posts; electric fence posts; 4 wire cattle panels; 4' x 8' partial board; front tractor weights; assortment lumber; shovels; rakes.

COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD

Whirlpool 25 side by side refrigerator; oak china cabinet; pr. blue recliners; lamp tables; leather recliner; painted corner cabinet; pine corner cabinet; full bed w/night stand; dolls; pictures; cups & saucers; books; Teddy Bears; dolls; birds; 5 tooth cultivator; John Deere walking plow; store scale; 3' x 30" safe; propane grill; ping pong table; 3 bicycles; Pro Form 835 tread mill; assortment of other items.

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SUSAN & ORLAN (ANDY) ANDERSON

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Clemence. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service. October 22 — Roseville, Festa, Hull, carnival, furniture, dolls & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. October 22 — 252 acres m/l Republic County land held at Munden for Roger & Pam Dean. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home. October 22 — Motorcycles (2005 Harley Davidson Sportster, 1985 Harley Davidson Iron Head Sportster), antiques, collectibles & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC. October 23 — Indian, railroad, collectibles, furniture, glass at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. October 25 — 4 BR, 2 BA farm house, barn & out-buildings on 6 acres m/l held at Manhattan for Marcy Cassel. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction. October 26 — Fink Beef Genetics Angus & Charolais Bull Sale at Randolph. October 27 — 4-wheeler, mower, antiques, household & other held near Hedville for Virgil H. Claussen. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. October 29 — Farm machinery, antique vehicles, tractors, antiques & collectibles, shop items & misc. at Onaga for Harold Berg. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC. October 29 — Household goods, tools & misc. at Clay Center for Gail & Cheryl Schooley. Auctioneers: Kretz & Bloom Auction Service. October 29 — Collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. October 29 — 197 acres m/l NW Pottawatomie County pasture held at Westmoreland for Still Corporation. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service. October 29 — Tractor, combine, trucks, farm machinery, primitives & tools at Scranton for Mrs. Ralph

(Linda) Ullery. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions. October 29 — 337.1 m/l acres Marshall County land in 3 tracts held at Marysville for Gee Family Trust & Edna M. Gee Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home. October 29 — 162 acres Clay County land & 3BR 3BA ranch home held at Green for Don & Klara Wright. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home. November 1 — Ness County grassland held at Ness City for Ummel Brothers Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc. November 2 — Farmland Auction for Dale L. Robeson Trust in Summerfield, KS. Auctioneers: Olmsted. November 3 — 400 acres m/l southern Pottawatomie County Rock Creek bottom, native meadow & native pasture land held at Wamego for Donald & Evelyn Zoeller Trust. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty. November 6 — Coins, art, glassware, sterling silver, bulk silver at Abilene for Dr. Frank Holtz Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service. November 12 — Moser Ranch 25th SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Bull Sale at the ranch, Wheaton. November 15 — Real Estate in western Clay County, Kansas for David & Kathleen Dunn and Darrell & Nancy Hosler. Clay County Real Estate. Auctioneer: Greg Kretz. November 19 — 275 acres m/l Nemaha County farmland, pasture land, native meadow & farmstead offered in 3 tracts held at St. Benedict for Rupert R. Rethman Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.



LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 — 10:00 AM
Munden Community Center, MUNDEN, KS

252 ACRES± REPUBLIC COUNTY KANSAS LAND
Tract One (1) Info: This tract is approximately 180 acres with about 92 acres cropland, the balance in trees and wildlife habitat. The blue outlined areas are where we believe additional crop acres can be obtained. There is a permanent conservation easement on most of the balance of the property (call for details).
Legal Description: E1/2 SW1/4 & W1/2 SE1/4 & S1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4, S02, T02, R01W, ACRES 180.3, LESS ROW
2015 Real Estate Taxes = \$820.10.
Property Location: Located on the south side of Section 2, Twp 2, Range 1W of 6th P.M. Hickory Rd is on the south and 300 Rd is on the east side of the mile.
Tract Two (2) Info: This tract is approximately 72 acres with 54 acres of cropland. The abandoned RR tracts are on the north side of the property and there is a small residential tract on the east side which is not for sale. 75% in crop production.
Legal Description: N1/2 NE1/4, S09, T01, R02W, ACRES 71.9, LESS 6.8 AC TR & ROW.
2015 Real Estate Taxes = \$460.95
Property Location: Birch Rd is on the north and 220th Rd is on the east. This tract is straight north of Munden KS approximately 5 miles.

ROGER & PAM DEAN, SELLERS
Listing Agent's Notes: Tract 1: is an exceptional hunting tract. There are bedding areas, live water, and plenty of roost trees. The income from the cropland is an added bonus. Tract 2: good soils, consistent yields, a good rolling upland farm. The backbone of Kansas cropland. Give Mark Uhlik a call for more details (785) 325-2740.
Terms & Possession: 10% down day of the sale, 1/2 the balance due at closing on or before November 30th, 2016. The second half due on or before Jan. 13th 2017. Sellers to pay 2016 taxes and will retain the 2016 rental income. Title insurance, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and sellers. Possession on closing. This property to be sold as-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and will not be subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to sale day. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the sellers only. All information has come from reliable sources; potential bidders are encouraged to verify all information independently. William Navis, Atty will act as escrow & closing agent. Announcements made the day of sale will take precedence over all other information

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Winning At Weaning workshop to be held October 18

This year's calf crops have survived chilly winter mornings. They have grazed the lush spring growth and dodged thunderstorms. All summer they have grown strong on forages and milk. Soon it will be time to separate the calves and cows in the fall tradition we call weaning. This year don't just wean, focus on Winning At Weaning.

Weaning is the most stressful period in a calf's life. In a short time things go from as good as it gets to new surroundings and chaos. Making weaning a smooth process can ease the transition, reduce weight loss, and enhance calf health. With proper management weaning can be a success.

Winning At Weaning is a K-State Research and Extension workshop devoted

to helping producers succeed. Dr. Dale Blasi, K-State Beef Stocker Unit Director, will share knowledge on reducing shrink and starting calves effectively from his many years of stocker cattle research trials. Afterwards, Dr. A.J. Tarpoff, K-State Extension beef veterinarian, will outline herd health management protocols before and after weaning and receiving. Before joining K-State, Dr. Tarpoff worked with feeders to maximize receiving cattle health and optimize feeder cattle wellness.

Winning At Weaning takes place Tuesday, October 18 at American Ag Credit's Salina office located at 925 West Magnolia Road, right beside Menard's. Brian Harris of Merial is generously sponsoring a delicious meal that begins at

6:00 pm. Speaker presentations will begin at 6:30 pm. Cost is only \$5 if you RSVP before October 10, otherwise it is \$10 at the door. To sign up for the event call 785-392-2147 or email anruiz@ksu.edu. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Whether you are shipping ranch raised calves or

developing stockers this fall Winning At Weaning will present knowledge and expertise to be victorious on pasture and in the feed pen.



LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 — 2:30 PM
1945 27th Road — GREEN, KANSAS

162 ACRES± CLAY COUNTY KANSAS LAND & 3BR, 3BA RANCH HOME

OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 1-3 PM

Tract One (1): 162± ag acres, approx. 87.8 acres dryland and 66.5± acres pasture. There is a 36x12 farm utility storage shed on the property. This property has been groomed to produce trophy whitetail and world class bird hunting. **Tract Two (2):** 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch style home on approx. 4.6 acres. Property includes a 70x20 barn with a large lean-to and a 125x60 machine shed. **Property Locations:** From Clay Center go north on Hwy 15 approx. eight (8) miles. Turn east on 27th Rd and drive approx. 5 1/2 miles. The north boundary of Tract (1) will be on the south side of 27th Rd. Tract (2) - home & acreage - will be on the north side of 27th Rd.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

160 Acres m.l., Farm Land, House, Barns, Pasture

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 7:00 PM
Wellsville Community Center, 7th & Locust, WELLSVILLE, KS

PERCY & GRACE VAN HORN FAMILY FARM CURRIER FAMILY ESTATE & TRUST

REAL ESTATE: This house was constructed in 1957 and contains 1,776 square feet of living space with a crawl space. There are three bedrooms and two baths, with a combination of flooring. The roof and HVAC unit were replaced in 2011. Additionally there are older but usable farm barns on the property, most constructed in the 1950's and 1960's. There are 63 tillable acres on the property, 21 acres of CRP that expires October 1, 2016. Pasture is 70 acres, the remainder is the homestead area. The property is enrolled in the ARC Co. program. Base acres are Wheat 11.5, Corn 10.5, Beans 44.2.
PROPERTY LOCATED: 4814 Pawnee Road, Wellsville, KS (Five miles South of I-35 on K-33 to Pawnee, then East ½ mile to property.)

PROPERTY OPEN HOUSE & INSPECTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH • 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: The Van Horn and Currier families served as pastors, ambassadors, stewards, and missionaries for the American Baptist Church in the U.S. and around the world; all while making this farm the home place. Please see the family history on the website associated with this auction. This property offers many opportunities for a new owner. We look forward to having you at the auction, and we appreciate you being there. Refreshments available.
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AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 — 9:30 AM
LOCATION: 501 East Eighth St. — MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS
AUCTIONEER NOTE: Mr. Weis has been in the mechanic repair business for 50 years. Will sell numerous parts for older model IHC tractors and equipment. **To view the sale bill in its entirety on the Internet go to www.wacondatradecor.com & www.salina.com**

Consisting of mechanic hand tools & equipment, tractor, miscellaneous IHC parts & antique sign

SHOP TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
Lincoln stick welder ac 225 & access.; oxy-acetylene cutting torch set & cart; oxy-propane cutting torch set; metal chop saw; metal welding shop table; 2 platform wheel carts; hyd. lift floor crane; **and much more!**
MANY ANTIQUE TRACTOR & ITEMS & MISCELLANEOUS

TERMS: Cash. All items sell in as-is condition. Not responsible for accidents. Statements made day of sale take precedence over printed matter. Lunch served by Brenda Forte.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, October 15, 2016 -- 10:00 A.M.
Location: Gage County Fair Grounds — Show Barn
Logan & Scott Streets (Southwest Beatrice) Beatrice, NE

AUTO	TOOLS
1967 Ford Fairlane 500 Ranchero, white, S/N 7K48C157286 with 289 cu in V-8 engine, vinyl roof, 88793 miles & new rubber	Chicago 12 in compound slide miter saw; Kawasaki 14in cut-off saw; Industrial chop saw; 14in TCT stainless steel saw blade; 12in carbide tipped ripping blade; Craftsman router ; Craftsman router; Sears table saw ; Tig torch, hoses & gauges; Air stapler; Wheel puller; Misc hand tools & Vise Grips; Ridgid pipe threader; Stanley wood planes; New, Gallagher MPE II electric fence
TRACTOR Late 40's 8N Ford tractor, S/N 6269, 4-speed, grill guard, 11.2 x 28 new rear rubber; Ford tractor chains	MISCELLANEOUS New, Thermos 3-burner propane BBQ grill; New, Brinkman 30qt turkey fryer; La-Z-Boy recliner; 2, load locks; 2-wheel acetylene bottle cart; Stainless steel beer kegs; 14in TCT stainless steel saw blade; Implement jack; Rolls of plastic; Reese Tow Champ hitch; Car creepers; 50 amp extension cord; 3 hp Dempster gas transfer pump; 18.5 x 3.5-8 lawn mower tires; Mono chain saw ; Sprayer plumbing parts; Car stands; O-ring faucet kit; R-134A air conditioning kit; Water skis; Tent stakes; Little Red wagon; Mighty Net tire chains; Post hole auger; Shop Vac; Gas powered post hole auger; Honda OXV270 gas engine; 8 gal wind shield fluid; 11/4in OD under ground tubing ; Saw Horses; Clear packing tape; Large tarp; Fog lights; Freight cart; Utility light; Metal assortment cabinet ; Numerous 316 stainless steel fittings; 12 Kern Lite 4 x 8 sheeting; 4-sections double wall heating duct; Stainless steel 1/8in sheets; Stainless steel welding wire; Draw knife; Hydraulic motor & pump 5-step aluminum semi trailer ladders; Drafting table; Air canister sprayer; 2in ratchet strap; Welding stands; Exmark gas tank; Stainless steel washer & nuts; Military: foam mats, Army t-shirts, fiberglass tent poles, 2-wheel rescue carts, back packs, belts & ammo vest; 4, Die-Cast toy trucks; New 1/2in rope; Metal 4-drawer file; Small yard bell; Solo back pack sprayer; Propane bottle w/heat unit; B/D spot light; Ice tongs; Chimney sweep; Billiard ball set; Nylon electric fence; Old style water hose clamps; Large roll of galvanized wire; Treble light; 9in car polisher; 2, 4 x 8ft diamond embossed aluminum sheets; Miller Max Star 152 welder, salvage; 4-drawer metal file; 4-cylinder re-man engine; New, Nova 4-wheel walker w/seat; Modern wash stand; Tonka dump truck & 4-wheel loader
MACHINERY Dearborn mod 10-158 2 x 16 3pt plow; 3pt 50 gal poly tank sprayer w/pump & 10ft booms; 7ft 3pt blade; 3pt 5 1/2 ft shredder; 3 pt boom/cherry picker; 3pt bale fork ; TSC 2-wheel lawn sprayer w/100in boom & 3.5hp gas engine	
3-WHEELER Adventure 3-wheel 3-speed bicycle with hand brakes	
SEMI STORAGE TRAILER 1988 Trailmobile tandem axle Reefer/Storage trailer, GVWR 65,000 #, 48ft & 265/75R/24.5 rubber	
MILITARY COMMAND CENTER SEMI'S 2, 1972 Military tandem axle van semi trailer command center with expandable sides, 6-ton.; 267in long x 98in wide, 55in rear cargo doors & 9.00 x 20 military rubber (Sold with bill of sale)	
IRON WORK EQUIPMENT Jet 13 BH Series 2 hp metal lathe with 13 in swing & 36in bed; Uni-Hydro mod 55-24 iron worker, S/N 1P55174; Uni-Hydro 30-ton iron worker, S/N1PM228; Zero Blast-N-Penn, S/N 8739 cabinet blaster; Duracraft 16-speed 5/8in chuck floor drill press; Lee mod W275 stick welder, salvage; Quincy QE-5 7.5 hp twin cylinder 230 volt vertical air compressor; Larin 5in pipe fitter/vise on 30 x 30in plate welding table; Air Flow ¾ hp air system	
GENERATOR New, Generac XT800E generator with HV 420CC gas engine	

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Combines were rolling in Kansas last week, as seen in this Riley County corn field. Photo by Ken Sullivan

Fall harvest under way across state

Fall harvest has begun across the state, with 29% of the corn acres harvested as of the September 26 Crop Progress report from National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent. Corn mature was 81 percent, equal to last year, and near 79 average. Harvested was 29 percent, behind 38 last year and 40 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 56 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 34 percent, behind 45 last year and 48 average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 4 both last year and average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 96 percent, near 95 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Mature was 46 percent, behind 52 last year, but ahead of 32 average. Harvested was 10 percent, near 13 last year and 6 average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 29 fair, 64 good, and 4 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 94 percent, behind 99 last year, and near 98 average. Bolls opening was 39 percent, near 36 last year and 43 average. Harvested was 3 percent, equal to last year, and near 1 average.

Sunflower condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 28 fair, 63 good, and 5 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 77 percent, near 75 last year and 81 average. Bracts turning yellow was 55 percent, well ahead of 33 last year, but near 59 average. Bracts turning brown was 23 percent.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 81 percent complete, near 78 last year, and well ahead of 61 average.

4-H alumni asked to share their stories during National 4-H Week

Every 4-H alumnus has a story. It could be how they learned to win graciously. Or, even lose graciously. How they helped their community; how they were empowered by those around them. While their individual stories may vary, what all 4-H alumni share is the life skills they gained from the nation's largest youth organization, an organization still empowering youth with life skills today.

October 2 kicks off National 4-H Week, and 4-H is asking its alumni to share their stories online through the 4-H website or through the social media hashtag #4HGrown. Whether you showed animals, gardened, sewed or baked, 4-H wants to hear how you grew within the organization.

"We have a network of successful alumni who are leaders in their organizations and communities, and we want to hear from them," says Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO, National 4-H Council. "4-H taught our alumni compassion, respect and the value of hard work. Now, we want them to share their stories with future 4-H'ers and help pass along that tradition to today's young leaders."

Alumni interested in sharing their stories can do so in several different ways. They should first visit www.4-H.org/share to share their story. Alumni can also share their photos and stories via social media channels using the hashtag #4HGrown.

"4-H is the organization it is today because of our alumni," adds Sirangelo. "We love hearing the stories they have from their experiences in 4-H; we hope that they'll share those experiences with others and help spread the word that 4-H helps to grow true leaders."

Sharing alumni stories is just one way to celebrate during National 4-H week. In communities, nationwide, current 4-H members and volunteers are also showcasing what 4-H is today and the life skills the organization continues to deliver to tomorrow's leaders. Alumni are encouraged to participate in their local club, community and state activities as well.

Kansas Forest Service seedlings available now

This fall, the Conservation Tree Planting Program of the Kansas Forest Service is offering containerized seedling trees for sale through Oct. 14. Fall is a great time to plant seedlings, as it allows the trees to get established before winter. Seedlings will then have the advantage of growing early during optimum growing conditions in the spring.

The conservation team is

working to provide a greater variety of seedlings that are adapted to Kansas conditions. The cost is \$50 for 25 seedlings, plus shipping and sales tax. Customers are also welcome to pick up the seedlings at the KFS Manhattan office at 2610 Claflin Road. Seedlings must be used for conservation purposes such as windbreaks, wildlife habitats, riparian plantings, wood lots, and Christmas trees.

It's always best to plant seedlings as soon as they are received, but with proper care, they can be held for several weeks. The seedlings can be stored upright in light shade protected from the wind, with the root plug saturated with water three times a week. Do not store the seedlings on the ground as the roots will quickly grow into the soil.

After seedlings have been planted, water them in. The amount and frequency of watering will vary depending on the soil type, wind velocity, and temperature. Irrigate by saturating

the root zone, then letting it partially dry out as this will promote soil aeration and root growth. Seedlings will need watering assistance for up to three years. After three years, seedlings should be adapted to your soil and self-sustaining.

If a fall planting isn't on your mind, or you aren't prepared yet, spring planting is on the horizon, and now is a good time for site preparation. Site preparation is critical to the survival of tree and shrub seedlings. Any other vegetation is competition for moisture and nutrients from the seedling. The preparation done before a planting and care after a planting will help to ensure successful establishment of seedlings.

Spring conservation tree sales will open on Dec. 5, 2016 and run through May 1, 2017. To order online, visit the Kansas Forest Service website: www.Kansasforests.org and click on "Conservation Trees." For questions, or to order by phone, call 1-888-740-8733.

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