



FFA members tackle food insecurity with 90,000 meals

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

"I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds..."

So begins the FFA Creed. And that belief was demonstrated when more than 458 FFA members, advisors and sponsors from around Kansas, who had gathered on the K-State campus for the 90th State FFA Convention, spent time packaging meals to be delivered to local food pantries. About 65,000 meals to be exact, with another 25,000 packed at the State Conference for Chapter Leaders held recently at Rock Springs Ranch for a total of 90,000 meals.

Financial support for the State Day of Service project came through a \$8,000 National FFA Day of Service grant, with additional funding from Ardent Mills, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Co-Bank and MKC. According to Beth Gaines, Kansas FFA Foundation executive director, they partnered with a group out of Kansas City called Youthfront and their program, Something to Eat. Originally called Feed the Hunger, the program began in 2009 as a way of following the example of Jesus of feeding the hungry and caring for the poor, based on the scripture found in Matthew 25:35-36, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Initially the packaged meals were sent to Central Africa. Through the years the group continued to grow and respond to needs around the world, like Haiti in 2010 after a 7.0 earthquake decimated the country. The year 2011 saw the name of the organization changed to Something To Eat. In 2012,



Several FFA chapters joined forces at the Stanley Stout Center to pack 65,000 meals during the State Convention in Manhattan in June. Photos by Donna Sullivan



After the ingredients are in the bags, they are weighed and heat-sealed.

282,528 meals were packed and shipped to Kenya, Africa and were distributed by two ministries, Mchungagi Kundi Moja (MKM) and Firm Foundation (FF), according to their website.

Since their inception the program has packed and shipped more than a million meals. Each package contains six servings made from a recipe of rice, fortified soy protein, cheese powder, vegetables and essential vitamins and min-

erals. In 2016 their focus shifted to addressing food insecurity within the United States rather than abroad. Food insecurity, as defined by USDA is the "lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods." Approximately 50 million people in the United States, or 15.5% of the population,

County at 18.5%. Grant County had the lowest rate at 6.5%.

While not all FFA members are directly involved in agriculture, for most the connection is strong, and the threat of food insecurity might seem more removed for them. But the principal of community service that comes with that blue corduroy jacket is something they are very familiar with.

Grace Roth, who will be moving to Manhattan from Holcomb soon and will attend Blue Valley High School in Randolph, was one of the students who helped with the meal packaging. "It's kind of mind-blowing, how you always hear that there are hunger problems around the world, but the fact that it's right here in our own backyard, and we as FFA members can do something about it is so amazing," she said. "It makes you more mindful and makes you appreciate so many more things in your life." Roth's father is a third generation Kansas farmer, so agriculture has always been the mainstay of their family.

Growing up in southwest Kansas, the high school junior understands the critical role of water in agriculture and says that's where her passion lies. Her Supervised Agriculture Experience is in water advocacy. While in Holcomb she served as the sentinel for her high school FFA chapter and was the SW District treasurer. She looks forward to being part of the Blue Valley High School FFA chapter.

"This was truly a wonderful experience for the students," said Megan Larson, Blue Valley High School aged assistant. "They all put in 100% and we packed so many bags in a small amount of time. Then it went by so fast that they were still wanting to pack more! Everyone that was helping really did this with pride and wanting to help those that would be getting these meals."

"We are blessed with this opportunity to help our fellow Kansans in need, as well as demonstrate to our members that service to others can be fun," Gaines said.



Once sealed the bags are ready to be boxed up for shipping.

American Farmland Trust zeroes in on climate benefits of farmland and ranchland

American Farmland Trust recently joined other major agriculture and conservation organizations at a "Learning Lab" for the U.S. Climate Alliance Natural and Working Lands Initiative. A team of over 50 technical experts from government, academia and industry will provide technical assistance to state

governments on how to draw down carbon from the air and sequester it in the soil across diverse systems such as farms, rangelands, forests and wetlands. The lab also will help states develop strategies related to policy development and funding projects.

American Farmland Trust is working in partnership with Coalition on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (C-AGG), American Forests, the Forest-Climate Working Group, The Nature Conservancy, World Resources Institute, and The Trust for Public Land to support the Natural and Working Lands Initiative.

Governors from the U.S. Climate Alliance member states will be attending the Global Climate Action Summit in September, when thousands of global leaders will convene in San Francisco to strategize about accelerating and scaling up emissions reductions. The U.S. Climate Alliance will provide an update on 2018 initiatives, including the Natural and Working Lands Initiative, at the Summit.

"Only by sequestering carbon on natural and working ag lands can we achieve the goal of drawing down the carbon needed to help reverse climate change," said Jimmy Daukas, AFT senior program officer. "But we are losing three acres of farmland in the United States every minute. It is critical that we protect the best land for food production – and that we improve the health of our soil nationwide so that it sequesters more carbon. AFT has developed proven strategies for achieving both goals."

AFT launched its climate initiative, "Farmers Combating Climate Change," in 2017. The goals of the program are to:

- Protect farmland and promote smart growth to significantly reduce emissions
- Improve soil health to reverse climate change and improve productivity
- Build support among the farm community and advance policies

"The loss of agricultural capacity – in acres of land and inches of soil –

is unsustainable and will contribute to the devastating impacts of climate change,"

Daukas said. "The U.S. Climate Alliance Natural and Working Lands Initiative is

an important and urgently needed effort in the march to stem this loss."

Drinking alone



While some areas of the state have received rain, drought conditions persist and all 105 Kansas counties are in either a drought emergency, warning or watch status. According to the latest crop condition report from National Ag Statistics Service, pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 21 poor, 39 fair, 30 good, and 3 excellent. With temperatures in the 90s for several weeks, this cow near Westfall in Lincoln County was happy for the water source. Photo by Kevin Macy



Better Than Expected

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

"Better than expected, but not what we'd hoped for."

This is what I heard when I asked Kansas farmers about this year's wheat harvest. Still, with the little moisture received during the growing season, the 2018 wheat crop panned out better than most Kansas farmers thought it would.

Steve Boor, Lincoln County farmer, wrapped up harvest June 30, two weeks after he began. The 2018 wheat harvest dragged on longer than usual because of the pesky showers that dropped a few hundredths of rain then disappeared. The rain resulted in harvest delays as Boor and other farmers waited for the crop to dry out.

In addition to the hold-ups, the veteran Lincoln County wheat producer says the quality varied, the yields varied - everything varied. The wheat looked much better going into the header than it did going into the bin.

"Just spots, spots and more spots," Boor says. "We'd be cutting along and go through a thin spot and ask, 'What happened here?' It obviously wasn't the drill, it wasn't the sprayer - it just amazed me that a field of wheat could go from little, if any wheat to good, thick wheat so quickly."

One of the challenges harvesters face in thin wheat is traveling fast enough to keep a steady mat of crop flowing

through the combine. This is necessary to utilize the machine's large threshing capacity.

Traveling at faster speeds to ensure efficient threshing sometimes presents its own inconveniences.

"Hitting a good-sized badger hole at those speeds can certainly jar your teeth," Boor says.

Another sign of a stressed crop this harvest included a small percentage of stalks lodged too close to the ground to recover. Some instances of broken stalks showed up throughout this year's harvest.

Wheat protein levels on the Lincoln County crop will likely range from the upper 12s to the lower 13s. Yields varied from approximately 50 bushels-per-acre on the river bottom ground in widely isolated small patches to the mid-30s on much of the 2018 crop.

"I'm sure the wheat lightened up a bit the longer we cut," Boor says. "Still, I'm hoping the test weight hung tough at least about 59 pounds-per-bushel."

Amazingly enough, this year's wheat crop demonstrated its ever-enduring properties. It proved once again, wheat needs timely moisture to produce an abundant crop.

During the early period of the growing season after the first of the year, Boor wouldn't have bet a "plug nickel" on even harvesting this year's crop considering the lack of snow and

rain. "You cannot fault the wheat for not yielding more," he says. "The crop just played the hand it was dealt and did the best it could."

After talking with neighbors and other producers across Kansas, Boor believes the crop he harvested is like many others across the state.

"I didn't see anyone tearing up the roads with trucks hauling wheat to the elevators," he says. "I have yet to hear anyone pounding their chest and saying, 'Look what we cut.'"

Needless to say, there probably will not be much double cropping beans behind this harvested wheat crop. With the lack of moisture in most places of the state, farmers aren't ready to gamble on a second crop.

The Lincoln County farmer remains optimistic the fall crops will benefit from some timely rains. This would move the milo and beans a long way down the road to a better fall harvest.

"When you're cutting a tough wheat crop, it's nice to look across the field and see milo that looks really good," Boor says. "We're not home yet, but with a few good rains, I think we could harvest a decent fall crop."

And for those few farmers still cutting wheat in the far northwestern region of Kansas?

"Say a prayer for those still trying to finish harvest," he says. "Wish them luck."

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.

Wichita City Council approves bonds for Cargill expansion

(AP) - More than \$38 million in industrial revenue bonds has been approved to help pay for Cargill's new biodiesel plant in Wichita.

The *Wichita Eagle* reports that the city council approved the bonds on last Tuesday. The plant is part of an \$87 million project being built at Cargill's facility. Mayor Jeff Longwell says the city is "thrilled" in the investment in the city.

Cargill currently has a soybean processing plant, a grain elevator and truck and rail bulk loadout operation at the site.

Cargill facility leader John White says the site has produced vegetable oil, but it will transition to making biodiesel. White says it's a "great growth opportunity." He says the new plant should be completed by early next year.

USDA to ensure all have equal access to crop & livestock reports

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced new procedures for the release of market-affecting crop and livestock reports from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) to ensure that all members of the public have access to the information at the same time. Under current "Lockup" procedures, information is released to the public at 11:00 p.m. Central, though the news media are allowed access approximately 90 minutes early, with their reports embargoed until the release time. Prompted by inquiries from the public, USDA examined the procedures and determined that technological advancements have afforded recipients of customized media reports a market advantage not enjoyed by members of the general public. The USDA also sought analytical assistance from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to help inform a policy update to the lockup procedures. As a result, beginning August 1, 2018, USDA will provide media the same access to the NASS and WAOB reports as the public, with

the information becoming available to all at 12:00 p.m. on days the reports are released.

"These reports are greatly anticipated each time they are released, and they can have significant market impacts," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "Everyone who has interest in the USDA reports should have the same access as anyone else. Modern technology and current trading tactics have made microseconds a factor. This change addresses the 'head start' of a few microseconds that can amount to a market advantage. The new procedures will level the playing field and make the issuance of the reports fair to everyone involved."

Background: Current Process

USDA produces a number of reports with significant market impacts, such as commodity futures sold on the Chicago Board of Trade. Those reports are prepared by NASS and WAOB staff under special "lockup" conditions at USDA: no electronic transmission devices are permitted into lockup (such as cellular telephones) and once people enter the lockup they cannot leave until the reports are sent

out to the public at 12:00 p.m.

The public is allowed to enter lockup at 10:30 a.m. to hear about the lockup facility and to sit in on the data briefing that occurs at approximately 11:45 a.m. Again, no transmission devices are allowed into lockup and the public is not allowed to leave until 12:00 p.m.

Lockup is open to any media outlet that meets a set of strict standards. Currently, six news services participate in lockup and are given pre-access to reports: Associated Press, Dow Jones/Wall Street Journal, Thompson Reuters, Market News Int'l/Deutsche Boerse, Bloomberg News, and DTN/Progressive Farmer.

The media are provided an electronic copy of the report at 10:30 a.m.

The media write their articles and other custom reports between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

The media transmit their information at 12:00 p.m.

It takes USDA data roughly two seconds to be transmitted and posted for the public to read. Meanwhile, press organizations have access to high-speed fiber optic lines out of the USDA lockup and advertise paid services to clients that offer 'ultra-low latency' data transmission speed. They have approximately 90 minutes to distill the reports down to their clients' needs.

There is evidence to suggest that there is significant trading activity worth millions of dollars that occurs in the one to two second period immediately following 12:00 p.m., which could not be based on the public reading of USDA data. The inference is that private agents are paying the news agencies for faster data transmission to get a jump on the market.

What is USDA doing to fix this?

USDA is requiring the media to participate in lockup in the same way as the public. Media will no longer receive the reports in advance nor can they utilize high-speed transmission cables from within USDA's lockup facility.



DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

by Glenn Brunkow

I don't know if you have noticed but it is hot and dry outside. It seems like every chance of rain we have builds up and comes our way and just as it gets close enough to hear the thunder and smell the rain, it evaporates. I read that my immediate area is over eleven inches of rain behind the average for the twelve-month period and that is the third driest ever ranking ahead of all the "Dirty Thirty" years. That, folks, is historically dry and is officially a drought.

I have been amazed at how long the crops have hung on, it has just been this week when some of the fields have passed the point of no return, but for the most part, the crops have hung on. All in all, the fact that we have not had another Dust Bowl is a testament to the technology we have in agriculture and points toward how we care for the soil and environment around us. Without advances like no-till, GMO crops and soil conservation, we would be seeing large clouds of dust and enduring a year with no crops.

If you want to know just how bad this drought is I can give you a personal example. A week ago Thursday, the weatherman had predicted a "good" chance of rain. We had baled up all the hay we had mowed down and were trying to decide what to do next. Normally, mowing hay with a "good" chance of rain would not be something we would even think about, but this is not a normal year.

While we pondered what to do, I went about changing a few sections on the sickle mower. It was almost unbearably hot when I started, the sun was beating down on my back (why I did not think about moving it to the shade defies all logic), and soon I was covered in sweat. Suddenly I noticed a cool breeze and then I heard the faint rumblings of thunder. When I turned around I saw big black clouds all around me. A quick check of the radar showed a good area of thunderstorms on three sides and closing in fast and more storms lined up in the same path. I picked up the pace and felt a few stray drops hit the back of my neck.

Soon the new sections were installed and the mower was in working order. That was when I noticed that: first, it was not raining and second, the horizon

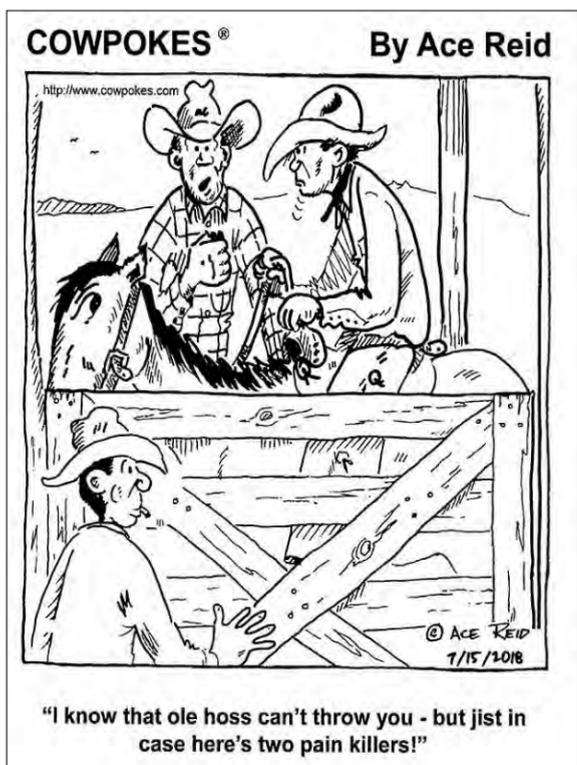
was starting to lighten up. Honestly, after this year, I am not sure why I expected anything different. It was then and there something snapped in me and I decided I was not going to care about what the weatherman had forecast or what the radar said was coming. I was going to do what I wanted to do.

I needed the stock trailer for the next day and it was parked at the bottom of a hill in a grassy area that gets muddy with even the littlest of sprinkles. I had planned on running home and hooking up to the trailer and pulling it up on the grass to make sure I could get to it the next morning. Instead I took off with the tractor and mower, leaving my pickup with both windows down and feed on the back. The radio crackled with lightning and black clouds could still be seen on the horizon.

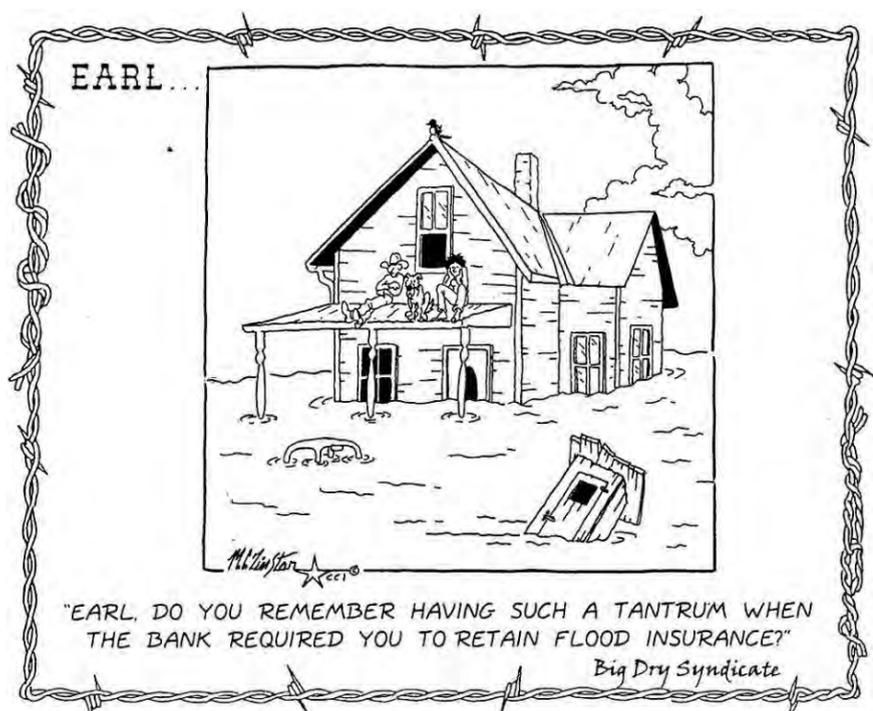
I was not going to roll my windows up, put the feed under cover or do the smart thing by getting the trailer and not mowing hay. Rain be darned, I was going to mow hay no matter what. No amount of rain, lightning or even hail would deter me from doing what I had planned on doing. I mowed without even looking at the western horizon. I made round after round and soon I noticed that the crackles on the radio got fewer and fewer, then the sun popped out through the clouds. That was when I realized just how bad this drought had gotten.

I had never seen a drought that could not be broken by challenging it with newly mowed hay, windows that were down and most of all, exposed feed. I must admit that this has sent me in a tailspin; I am not sure what to do, I have tried all my best tricks and gone for broke. Which, by the way, is where we are headed without some rain. I guess we are down to rain dances and paying some snake oil salesman to make it rain.

I know some of you reading this have had enough rain and for that I am sure you are counting your blessings. However, for the rest of us time is of the essence and we must do everything in our power; this is not time for humility. So, I will take one for the team and I will go outside right away and start a rain dance immediately. Will it work? Probably not, but all I am risking is my dignity and I lost that a long time ago.



"I know that ole hoss can't throw you - but jist in case here's two pain killers!"



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GRASS & GRAIN **Our Daily Bread**

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

Verna Lambright, Beattie, Shares Winning Recipe In Grass & Grain Contest This Week

Winner Verna Lambright, Beattie:
SCALLOPED POTATOES

2 to 3 pounds new potatoes
1 onion, chopped
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 pint sour cream
Salt & pepper to taste
2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup melted butter
2 cups crushed Ritz crackers

Grate potatoes (with new potatoes I don't peel them; I use King Kutter with the ripple slices). Mix all ingredients together except for melted butter and Ritz crackers. Rub the pan with butter before putting potato mixture in and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Mix together butter and crackers and put on top, 5 or 10 minutes before they're done. Serve with meatloaf and a vegetable.

Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center:
EASY COOL SUMMER SALAD

1/2 cup red hots
15-ounce can crushed pineapple, undrained
8 ounces Cool Whip, thawed
Add red hots to pineapple (they will dissolve), then add this to the Cool Whip. Refrigerate until set. Serve and enjoy!

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:
PICKLED EGGS

12 eggs, boiled & peeled
1 jar of dill pickles
Boil and peel the eggs.

Drain the jar of dill pickles. Put in juice as much as it takes to be covered. Refrigerate for 2 weeks before eating.

Amy Feigley, Abilene:
"This is the best banana bread recipe I have ever come across. The title says it all ... easy and delicious to boot. I usually use three small aluminum pans when making this and either give them away or take them to a function."

EASY BANANA BREAD

1/2 cup butter, softened
2 eggs, beaten
2 cups flour

1 cup sugar
3 or 4 bananas, mashed
1 teaspoon baking soda
Cream butter and sugar; add eggs. Add bananas to creamed mixture. Add flour and baking soda and mix just until blended. Place in a large loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Chopped nuts may be added, if desired.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
ZUCCHINI BROWNIES

2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons soda
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 cup oil
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups zucchini, shredded

Sift flour, sugar salt, soda and cocoa. Combine with oil, vanilla and zucchini. Blend together. Spread into greased jelly roll pan. Bake 18-20 minutes at 350 degrees. Can frost with chocolate frosting when cool.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:
SUNFLOWER FUDGE

1 1/2 teaspoons plus 1 tablespoon butter (no substitutes), divided
3 cups semisweet chocolate chips (18 ounces)
10 milk chocolate candy bars (1.55-ounce each), chopped
2 jars marshmallow creme (7 ounces each)
3/4 cup sifted sunflower kernels
4 1/2 cups sugar
1 2/3 cups evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Line a 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan with foil. Grease foil with 1 1/2 teaspoons butter and set aside. In a large bowl combine chocolate chips, candy bars, marshmallow creme and sunflower kernels; set aside. In a saucepan combine sugar, evaporated milk and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a rapid boil and boil for 5

minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour over chocolate mixture and stir until chocolate is melted. Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate until firm, using foil lift fudge out of pan. Cut into 1-inch squares. Store in refrigerator. Yields about 6 pounds.

Katrina Morgan, Americus:
EASY GELATIN PIE

6-ounce Readymade crust
1 package (4-serving size) gelatin (any flavor)
1/4 cup boiling water
(2) 6-ounce containers light yogurt (flavor to match gelatin)
8-ounce tub whipped topping, thawed

In a large bowl dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in yogurt and mix well. Fold in whipped topping. Carefully spread in crust. Refrigerate overnight or at least 2 hours. Garnish with fruit, if desired. Works good with sugar-free gelatin.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
LEMON CURD CAKE

1 lemon cake mix
1 package instant lemon instant pudding
1 1/4 cups water
1/2 cup oil
4 eggs
11-ounce jar lemon curd
8 ounces Cool Whip

Set oven 350 degrees. Beat first 5 ingredients together. Put in bundt pan or tube pan. Bake 50 minutes to an hour until done. Cool 30 minutes in pan then invert on wire rack. Cool completely. Put lemon curd in a bowl and gently whisk in Cool Whip and spread over cake.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
ICE CREAM SANDWICH DESSERT

12 ice cream sandwiches
1 jar of caramel sauce
About 1 cup dry roasted peanuts

1 large Cool Whip
3 or 4 Heath Bars, chopped (optional)
Chocolate sauce

Layer the sandwiches in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Layer the other ingredients in order given. Freeze. Cut to serve.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
SOUR CREAM LEMON PIE

9-inch baked pie crust
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons plus 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 cup milk
1/2 cup lemon juice
3 large egg yolks
1/4 cup butter, cubed
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
1 cup sour cream
1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

In a large heavy saucepan mix sugar and cornstarch. Whisk in milk and lemon juice until smooth. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat to low, cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat to low cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat. In a small bowl, whisk a small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks, return all to the pan, whisking constantly. Bring to a gentle boil, cook and stir 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in butter and lemon zest. Cool without stirring. Stir in sour cream then add filling to the crust. Top with whipped cream. Store in refrigerator.

Fun Camping Foods for Kids

By Cindy S. Williams, Meadowlark Extension District, FACS

The family fun of camping season is upon us. Camping with kids while doing fun healthy outdoor cooking is the best! Getting kids involved in the cooking process while keeping safety as a top priority can teach invaluable lessons and make great family memories.

Recipes that involve putting a mix of ingredients together into a foil packet, allows kids to pick and choose what they want in their mix. Some ideas include: diced potatoes, sliced onions, shredded cheese, bacon bits, butter or oil such as olive, canola, etc. herbs (basil, chives, etc.), salt and pepper to taste. Place the potatoes on pieces of heavy-duty foil. Sprinkle desired toppings over potatoes; dot with butter or lightly drizzle with oil. Fold foil up around potatoes. Seal the edges of foil well. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 30-40 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Try to prepare as much in advance of your camping trip as possible such as shredding cheese and dicing onions. Place ingredients in plastic bags and keep cold in coolers until ready to use.

Building a variety of vegetables and meat on skewers to be grilled or cooked over the campfire can be another fun opportunity for children to help prepare a meal. Kids can learn more about the foods they eat and how to be safe when cooking. Be sure to review food safety with your child in any cooking environment.

Campfire Safety

Campfire safety will make the experience more enjoyable. Rules around campfires:

- *Safety always comes first!
- *A first aid kit, directions to the closest emergency care facility, and cell or land-line phone should be readily available before the campfire activity starts.
- *Always supervise children carefully. Absolutely no running or playing near campfires.
- *Never leave the campfire or grill unattended and have a bucket of water nearby. A responsible adult must be present at all times.
- *Have a safety circle around the campfire or grate.
- *Never wear loose or flammable clothing near campfires.

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(NAPS) — When school's out, it's up to parents and caregivers to keep kids busy. Instead of waiting to hear the dreaded "I'm bored," families can be prepared with fun activities to ensure children are playing and learning all vacation long.

According to experts at The Genius of Play™, a national movement to encourage more play in children's lives, research shows that play is not only critical to healthy child development — it's an important teaching tool. Through play, kids build physical skills, improve cognitive abilities, learn communication and social skills, process and express emotions, and increase creativity.

Meredith Sinclair, author and The Genius of Play Ambassador, suggests writing activities on popsicle sticks and placing them in a play jar to create a PLAYlist of fun ideas. Whenever children are bored or need inspiration, encourage them to select from the play jar to stir up their creativity.

To help get your PLAYlist started, Sinclair recommends the following activities:

- **Grow a garden** — A fun, educational way to let kids get dirty is by having them start their very own vegetable garden. They'll love planting the seeds to watch them grow. They'll also be learning a sense of responsibility and getting a confidence boost by being proud of what has blossomed under their care.



- **Camping** — No need to go far. Gather all the camping essentials, such as flashlights, sleeping bags, s'more ingredients and a pop-up tent, head to the living room or the backyard and set up camp for the night.

- **Rock art** — Whether used as decorations or to leave kind messages around the neighborhood, rock art is a trendy and easy craft. Have kids collect rocks of various shapes and sizes, and once the rocks are clean, use acrylic paint to decorate them.

- **Make a movie** — Nurture your children's inner filmmakers by encouraging them to create their own movie using a smartphone/tablet, some of their toys to play the characters and crafts for scenery. Once the movie is finished, gather the family and some popcorn to have a viewing party and admire your children's creativity.

- **DIY T-shirts** — Have children play clothing designer for the day. Let them personalize a T-shirt with craft supplies such as tie-dye, puff paints, sequins, iron-on patches and anything else they might like.

More play ideas, expert advice and other play resources are available at TheGeniusofPlay.org. Follow @GeniusOfPlay on Facebook and Instagram for even further play inspiration.



ONE-POT, COPY-KAT PIZZA HUT BROWNIES

Pizza Hut offers a brownie recipe that my family just loves. They're chewy, gooey, and chock full of chocolate. While I love to go out to eat, we try not to make a habit of doing it too often! Which led me to try my hand at recreating this recipe into something we could whip up quickly at home. And let me tell you. These are amazing! We've been making them for years now and they are a life-saver when you forget you're supposed to have dessert for a potluck that starts in less than an hour. One pan, little mess, and a brownie that'll leave you with multiple recipe requests afterwards! It's a win-win.

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Semi-sweet or dark chocolate chips

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and grease an 8-by-8-inch pan.



In a small saucepan, melt the butter. Once melted, turn off the heat and then stir in the sugar and cocoa.



Add the eggs one at a time and beat well (and quickly!).



Then stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Mix together well and sprinkle in a few chocolate chips. You know, because this thing needs a few extra calories!



Spread in the pan and sprinkle with some more chocolate chips.



Pop in the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes. It'll still be slightly jiggly in the middle when you pull it out! Cool for 10-15 minutes and then serve and enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, Prairie Gal Cookin' (www.prairiegalcookin.com). She shares everything from step-by-step recipes to local history, stories, and photography from out on the farm in Kansas. Follow PGC online or like it on Facebook for more recipes and ramblings!

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River Creek Farms, Mertz Family – Part 2

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and two U.S.

senators enter the room. That sounds like a description of a Washington, D.C. hearing room, but in this case, it refers to what happened recently in the stone barn of a leading farm family in rural Kansas.

Last week we learned about longtime agricultural leaders Jeanne and Harold Mertz of River Creek Farms near Manhattan. Today, River Creek Farms is owned by two of

River Creek Farm near Zeandale is owned by the Mertz family. Pictured from left are Mary and Bob Mertz, Joe and Kim Mertz.

their sons, Joe and Bob, and their wives Kim and Mary, respectively. The Mertz farm recently hosted the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for a meeting with Kansas farm leaders.

As the name River Creek Farm suggests, their farm ground is situated near a river. That means it is good fertile bottomland with water nearby, but it

also can be risky during flooding. During the 1951 flood, floodwaters devastated downtown Manhattan and struck the Mertz farm and others. Jeanne and her one-month-old baby son Joe were evacuated from the farm by boat.

After the floodwaters receded, the Mertzes returned to the farm. They built a diversified crop and livestock operation, situated between the rural communities of Zeandale and Wabaunsee, population 517 people. Now, that's rural.

Harold and Jeanne raised five children: Joe, Tom, Bob, Jon, and sister Jane. Tom is CEO and owner of a company in Gardner. Jon works at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, and Jane Mertz Garcia is a faculty

member at K-State.

Joe came back to the farm after graduating from K-State in agriculture and serving on the livestock judging team. His judging experience and studies in the animal sciences department at K-State led him to suggest to his father that they try something new: He suggested that he would artificially inseminate their Polled Hereford cows with semen from Simmental bulls. His parents agreed and the resulting hybrid vigor was excellent.

Meanwhile, Joe met and married Kim Newell. His parents moved to a neighboring house, so Joe and Kim began their married life in the same house that Joe's father and grandfather had begun their married lives. Joe and Kim went on to raise four kids on the farm: Asher, Lincoln, Malia and Abram.

In 1985, the Mertzes began offering purebred Simmental bulls for sale by private treaty. They later branched into Simmental-Angus cross bulls and offer a bull sale annually.

Joe's younger brother Bob also went to K-State and competed on the livestock judging team. After graduation, Bob went to work for the National Livestock and Meat Board in Chicago for six years. Here he met a young lady named Mary. They married and also returned to the farm. Bob and Mary had two children, Lisa and David. Harold and Jeanne were proud that all six of their grandchildren got undergrad and/

or post-graduate degrees from K-State.

Today, Joe manages the livestock while Bob has responsibility for the crops. River Creek Farms includes 3,600 acres of crop production which Bob has advanced technological and sustainably. The Mertzes also have what has been described as one of the premier Simmental and SimAngus herds in the country. As the farm website says: "Our guiding principles throughout have remained the same: calving ease and disposition, a sincere focus on end-product value and harnessing the benefits of hybrid vigor. These cornerstones remain in place to this day and characterize every bull we sell, even if much has changed over the past 125 years."

In 2018, Sen. Pat Roberts, the chairman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, was looking for a farm to host the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for a meeting with Kansas farm leaders. The location they chose was River Creek Farms, owned by the Mertz family.

It's time to leave this meeting of the USDA Secretary and the senators, held on a family farm in a rural valley near Manhattan. We commend Joe and Kim and Bob and Mary Mertz and their families for making a difference in Kansas agriculture.

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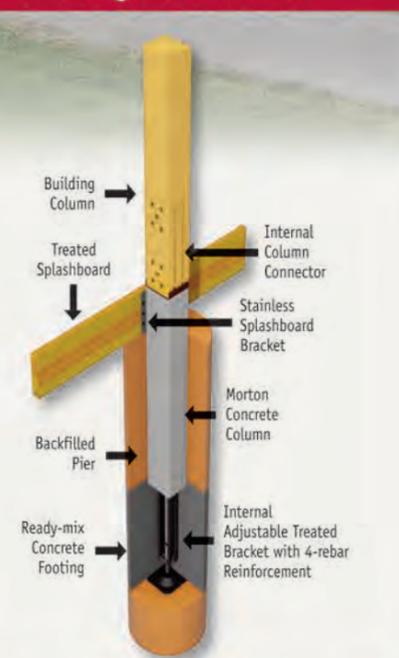
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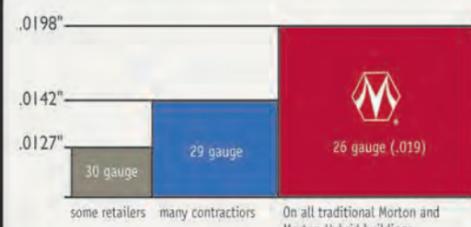
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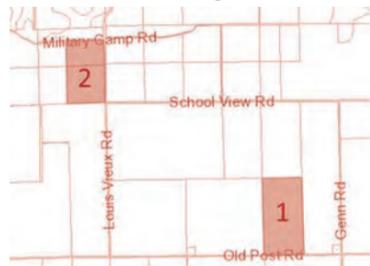
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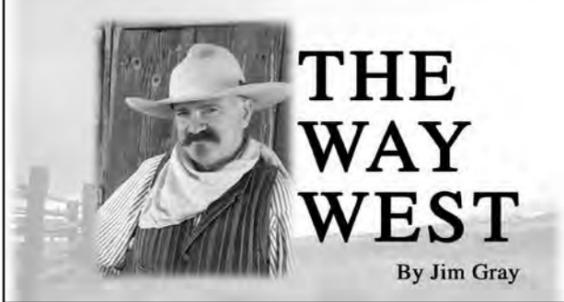
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The Pure Air of Independence

I don't always know where a story will take me. An example can be shown from my search for mountain man A. L. Johnson. I often use *The Beginning of the West* by Louise Barry as a springboard, leading to further research. In a July 18, 1849, reference, Barry notes that "expressman" A. L. Johnson and an unnamed Indian companion had arrived at Fort Leavenworth with about three

hundred fifty pounds of letter mail. Coming from Fort Laramie, Johnson and his companion had been delayed ten days due to high water. Normally, the trip would not have taken much more than two weeks. Expressman Johnson was also described as a mountain man, who having lived in the west "had not been in the States since 1841." I looked through

everything I knew of for another reference to Johnson but only found the famous "Liver Eating" Jeremiah Johnson. He could be a subject for a column in the future but now I was locked into A. L. Johnson. Since he had been in the "States" in 1841, I reasoned that I might find his name among the travelers leaving the Missouri River for the west during that year. While I found only limited information on the travelers' identities I did find an abundance of fascinating material. On May 12, 1841, the first migrant train "set out for the Pacific" from a place called Sapling Grove west of Independence, Missouri. Johnson was not to be found among the sixty travelers identified as the Bidwell-Bartleson party. Nor was he with an additional eleven Jesuit missionaries guided by experienced mountain man, Thomas

Fitzpatrick. On May 31, as the wagons crossed the head of the Little Blue River, the Bidwell-Bartleson wagon train met "six waggons with 18 men, with Furs and Robes (buffalo hides) on their way from Ft. Larimie, to St. Louis... The rusty mountaineers looked as though they never had seen razor, water, or brush..." Could Johnson have been among them? Unfortunately the men were not named. The rest of the Bidwell-Bartleson journey would have made a dramatic story, but I persevered in my search for A. L. Johnson. There were no other wagon trains bound for the northwest until Lancaster P. Lupton's caravan set out for Fort Platte (Wyoming) on September 4, 1841. After picking up an advanced party at the Wakarusa River a total of twenty-four men, including "mountaineers" among

the "greenhorns," made up the company of six wagons. Rufus B. Sage was among them. He later published, *Rocky Mountain Life*, a book of his travels. His description of a "mountaineer" would take up most of this column. The digested version presented the vision of a self-sufficient man, wholly unkempt from a natural life in the wild. "His features and physical structure attain a rough and hard cast... Free as the pure air he breathes, and proudly conscious of his own independence, he will neither tyrannize over others, nor submit to be trampled upon." The caravan's destination was very near the Fort Laramie stumping grounds of A. L. Johnson. He may well have been in the company, for no one felt the obligation to name all the men in Lupton's caravan. The caravan also met a band of mountain men led by Philip F. (H?) Thompson. Thompson was a grand adventurer who had been to California and far south into Mexico. He would later acquire the appellation of Smoky Hill Thompson from his exploits along the Smoky Hill River. Perhaps Johnson was with Thompson? I had found many wonderful stories to be told but could not verify A. L. Johnson among the travelers across "Kansas" in 1841. And so, I returned to 1849 and the *Glasgow* (MO) *Times*. The July 26, 1849,

edition carried a letter that may have been carried by Johnson. The author was a traveler who posted his letter at Fort Laramie. Thousands of gold seekers were thronging to California. With a dateline of June 12, he noted that seventeen hundred wagons had passed the fort. Broken-down wagons were common and "any quantity of provisions was scattered along the route." The summer of 1849 on the trail to California was an intense spectacle of triumph and tragedy. There is a great story to be told of the mass migration driven with visions of gold that summer of '49. I could find no more than Louise Barry's original account on A. L. Johnson. The mountain man and his companion reportedly rode west after a week's sojourn at the edge of civilization. The two planned to make the six hundred forty-mile trip to Fort Laramie in fifteen days, where they would disappear from history and breathe the pure air of independence on the Way West. "The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Executive Director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame*. Contact Kansas Cowboy, P.O. Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

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I told you all a couple of weeks ago about the book *Galvanized Virginians* by my friend, Dr. Thomas Lowry. There is a roster of men who had been Prisoners of War in Union prisons and had been given the opportunity to serve in the West rather than remaining in prison. One of the first names I noticed was that of James Knox Polk Salley.

His name stood out to me because he had served in the 50th Virginia Infantry, the same unit that my great-grandfather and his brothers, uncles, and cousins had joined - all Southwest Virginia boys. He was confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, with many of his brothers in arms. I had done a considerable amount of research on Point Lookout a few years ago; the detail that stands out to me is that the prisoners were starving and ate rotten seagulls that washed up on shore to survive.

His name also stood

out to me because Salley had been on duty at Pond Creek Station in Wallace County, Kansas. If you are starving in the humidity of a coastal prison, wearing the Yankee blue and facing the hardships of the West may not have seemed like such a bad deal.

I went through the book highlighting the men who had done service at Pond Creek, men who were teamsters at Fort Fletcher (Fort Hays), at Fort Ellsworth (Fort Harker). Some had deserted at points in Kansas. I tried to imagine the world they had seen, and what the reaction to these scenes had been for these mountain boys from Virginia.

Last Friday, I was working at the Fort Wallace Museum. It was a rather hectic day and Dr. Jake had come with me since we were working on the Grand Reunion of Forsyth Scouts and the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Beecher Island. This is our consuming passion

right now. As the various locations prepare for the events of August and September, lots of meetings, lots of phone call - lots of work is going on at all the sites as we coordinate a mega commemoration. With our location on Highway 40, we get lots of folks driving to and from Colorado. We get folks from everywhere. Well, Friday, we had a couple of folks from New Zealand, a lovely couple, Tony and Myra Blackbeard. They had visited the Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana, Fort Laramie in Wyoming, and now, they were visiting the "Fightin'est Fort in the West," Fort Wallace.

Also in the museum that day was Barry Cummings, a great-grandson of Peter Robidoux, the legendary pioneering merchant and rancher. Barry and his wife, Linda, live in Billings, Montana, and had not seen the completed Milford Becker Addition to the museum, an addition that includes a facade representing the Robidoux store.

As I was busy with these folks, a young man walked in and Dr. Jake asked if he could show him around. They visited and toured the museum, and when I had a few minutes behind the desk, the young man came up to me, as Dr. Jake had instructed, and told me he was researching his ancestor, a Galvanized Yankee who

had helped build Pond Creek.

"His name was James Knox Polk Salley," the young man continued.

Well, I was flabbergasted. Just days before I had been highlighting the name of this young man's great, great grandfather. Joshua Salley is a computer programmer in Ohio. Dr. Jake drove him down to the ranch where Pond Creek had been located, and to the fort cemetery so he could look across toward the site of Fort Wallace. I took his picture, along with Barry, standing in front of Pond Creek Stage Station, a site that would have been familiar to both their ancestors.

That evening, I received this email:

"Deb, Thank you for your hospitality today! I expected to find little more than a roadside historical marker in Wallace, and it was a pleasant surprise to see that, on the contrary, the history of the place is remarkably well-preserved and remembered. I especially enjoyed the chance to see the original site of Camp Pond Creek where my ancestor worked, fought, and survived under such harrowing circumstances. It's good to know that people like yourself are invested in keeping the

history alive, and I appreciate your efforts. I feel as though I have much greater insight into this part of my family's story because of the things I saw today."

These are the words we live for, and it does take a village. Not just our work today, but the work done by the ancestors of our visitors - they laid the foundation for us. It is a precious thing to connect across time and space, borders and boundaries.

I said good-bye to Josh just as I was phoning former Thomas County Sheriff Doug Whitson to see if he had time to share Tony and Myra around the Kidder Massacre Site at Edson. True to form, he changed his plans and I heard that he and his wife, Pam, spent four or five hours with our international guests. I got a

note from Myra that was almost verbatim the same sentiment expressed by Josh, thanking us for the hospitality.

It was a fantastic day in western Kansas.

Back to the Forsyth Scouts - we are recruiting "50 Fearless Men" to serve as the scouts at Forts Harker, Hays, and Wallace, and then at Beecher Island. If you would like to join, we can help with costumes, horses - whatever you need! Call me at 785-383-8933.

Deb Goodrich is the co-host of *Around Kansas* and the *Garvey Historian in Residence* at Fort Wallace Museum. She will be speaking at the Topeka Public Library on July 29th, at 2 p.m. on her book, *Kansas Music*. Contact her at author.deb-goodrich@gmail.com.

K-State Risk and Profit Conference to feature former U.S. chief ag trade negotiator

Ambassador Richard T. Crowder, former U.S. agricultural trade negotiator and current Thornhill Professor of Agricultural Trade at Virginia Tech, will headline Kansas State University's Risk and Profit Conference planned for Aug. 16-17.

Crowder will speak at the opening luncheon on Aug. 16. The conference will be at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan.

Crowder will address "Trade Policy Changes: Risks and Opportunities for Agriculture." He also served as undersecretary of agriculture for farm

and foreign agricultural services. Prior to his career in public service, he worked in private industry for such companies as Exxon, the Pillsbury Company, and Armour Swift-Eckrich.

Another highlight of the conference will be "A Conversation with a Kansas Producer," this year featuring Shawnee County corn, soybean and wheat producer Bob Haselwood at the Thursday evening general session.

K-State Research and Extension agricultural economists Dan O'Brien and Glynn Tonsor will present the grain market

outlook and the livestock market outlook, respectively, during the conference, which also features 22 breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Those topics include updates on the Farm Bill; factors affecting net farm income; attitudes toward groundwater use in the Ogallala Aquifer; Kansas farm finance issues; principles of hedging livestock sales; and others.

Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/2KGB508>. More information is available by contacting Rich Llewelyn at 785-532-1504 or rwl@k-state.edu.

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"The Voice" of Kaleigh Glanton, in concert at Pioneer Bluffs

A native Kansan who earned a 4-chair turnaround in the television competition, *The Voice*, will share her music and personal story at a historic Flint Hills ranch community event. Included in her story is a 2,190 hike of the Appalachian Trail.

Kaleigh Glanton of Colorado Springs, Co, comes to Pioneer Bluffs near Matfield Green to perform in concert Saturday, July 21. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., visitors can meet with Glanton and

talk with her about her experiences. A slide show from her 2017 Appalachian Trail thru-hike, a six-month journey, will run 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Also beginning at 5:30 p.m., a garden bar dinner can be purchased, provided by Pioneer Bluffs volunteers. Homemade salads and hearty sides from local gardens will be included in the garden bar. Beer and wine will also be available.

The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Guests will

hear why Glanton earned a 4-chair turnaround on *The Voice*.

"She immediately displayed a unique tone to her voice, turning in a performance that just kept getting stronger," says The Voice website. "Adam Levine turned around early in her performance, followed by all the other coaches. Shakira said she adored the 'quirky' tone of Kaleigh's voice; Blake said he loves Kaleigh's 'style.'"

"I describe my music

as an indie folk sound but honestly," says Glanton, "I feel so free to explore different variations of that. I would say it is a mix of folk, soul, blues, rock, pop all into one... I always want it to be organic and I always want it to be me."

Kaleigh Glanton grew up watching her father play classical guitar and at the age of four, she expressed interest in playing guitar also. Of course, Howard Glanton jumped at the opportuni-

ty to share his love for the music that had taken him around the world in international competition and unique performances. There is an opportunity to hear the classical music of Howard Glanton in concert at Pioneer Bluffs, at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4.

Donations gratefully accepted for the concert; and will help fund Glanton's travel expenses along with supporting prairie education programs at Pioneer Bluffs.

Reservations for dinner requested, but not required. For reservations or information, contact executive director Lynn Smith at lynn@pioneerbluffs.org or (620) 753-3484, or visit the Facebook event page.

Pioneer Bluffs, a non-profit dedicated to prairie heritage education, is located one mile north of Matfield Green or 14 miles south of Cottonwood Falls on Flint Hills National Scenic Byway K-177.

KDA participates in USDA agriculture trade mission to Japan

In June, two representatives from the Kansas Department of Agriculture traveled to Japan on an agribusiness trade mission led by the USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Ted McKinney. The trade mission, which was the largest ever USDA-led trade mission, included representatives from state departments of agriculture as well as private agribusinesses.

"Japan is already a top market for U.S. farm and food products, but there are many new opportunities still waiting to be tapped there," McKinney said. "Japan is an import-dependent economy and its 130 million con-



State and federal agriculture representatives participated in a trade mission to Japan in June (from left) Chad Bontrager, Kansas Department of Agriculture; Mary Soukup, KDA; Ted McKinney, USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs; and Mat Habrock, Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

sumers have a real affinity for U.S. food products because of their quality, affordability and safety. I'm eager to return to Japan and continue exploring all the ways we can grow U.S. agricultural exports there."

Kansas was represented by Mary Soukup, KDA assistant secretary, and Chad Bontrager, director of the KDA agribusiness development division. The purpose of this mission was to strengthen the relationship between Kansas agriculture and Japan and explore potential new markets. Japan is among the top export markets for Kansas agriculture. In 2017, Kansas exported nearly \$723 million in

agricultural products to Japan.

The trade mission delegation had the opportunity to meet with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Ken Saito and other MAFF leaders. In addition, they visited food and agriculture retail and processing operations to gain a better understanding of how U.S. agricultural products are used in Japan. They visited Glicopia Chiba Factory, Kikkoman Noda, Yamazaki Kobe and Kirin Beer Kobe.

"Japan is an important partner for Kansas and the entire United States. This trip provided us an important opportunity to meet firsthand with lead-

ers in government and with companies that rely on agricultural products in their businesses," Soukup said. "It was exciting to see Kansas products being used and to explore opportunities to strengthen our relationship with Japan."

KDA strives to encourage and enhance economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy by exploring and expanding both domestic and international marketing opportunities. For information on this or other international trade missions, please contact Suzanne Ryan-Numrich at suzanne.numrich@ks.gov or 785-564-6704.

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Auction will be held at the home 1004 Valley in CONCORDIA, KANSAS

HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES

La-Z-Boy leather recliner; new leather lift chair; Schneider floral divan; Singer 6 pc. queen bedroom set; walnut 3 pc bedroom set; maple 3 pc bedroom set; dinette table & chairs; oak china hutch; oak drop front desk; corner shelf; glass top coffee & end tables; flat top trunk; library table; washer & dryer; Hot Point refrigerator; upright freezer; Window air conditioner; stereo; metal lawn chairs; picnic table; paintings inc: corner painting; 10 quilts; bedding; pink depression pieces; covered turkey; Hull tea pot; figurines; watch fobs; watches; costume jewelry; assortment of other collectible glass; bottles; lanterns; trike; wagon; cream cans; milk can; Grand De Toure cast iron seat; double wash tubs; small appliances; pots & pans; dishes; Tupperware; silverware; cameras; walker; assortment of other items.

BOAT, TOOLS, GOLF CART, MOWERS

Lund 16 ½' Renegade II aluminum boat w/60 hp motor; Club Car golf cart; golf clubs; Craftsman DTL 3000 riding mower; Craftsman push mower; gas edger; gas weed eater; 36" metal lathe; Craftsman 2500 generator; Craftsman twin air compressor; Craftsman 12" table saw; 12 speed drill press; Forney welder; planer; belt & disc sander; stack tool box; Honda power washer; bench grinder; Craftsman gas blower; Stihl chain saw; air bubble; Craftsman 18 volt drill & saw; DeWalt tools; planes; assortment hand tools; shop vac; fishing poles; Pacific bike; 2 wheel dolly; shop fan; wheel barrow; 2 wheel trailer; shovels; rakes; gas cans; chains; boomers; assortment of other tools.

Note: The Gerard's have very quality furniture, and a large assortment of good tools. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

REX & PAT GERARD ESTATES
Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC
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2-DAY AUCTION
FRIDAY, JULY 27 & SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018 • 9:30 AM

Auction will be held at the farm located from ½ mile South of LINN, KANSAS on Osage Road

SELLING FRIDAY, JULY 27 9:30 AM

300+ stationary engines inc.: Eclipse 2 hp; Fairmont; Hercules; Alpha; White; John Deere E; Stover CT 2; Cushman air cooled & Cub; Judson; Novo water cooled; Jumbo P; Economy; Sattley 2 hp; Witt 6 hp; Fairbanks Morris Z & 153LS; Kohler D; Monitor; Witt 6 hp; International A, LA & LB; Yanmar diesel; Maytag; LeRoy not complete; IH LA w/WW grinder on wheels; IHC 6 cy engine on wheels; Allis 4 cy engine (2 head engine) on wheels; Spain engine; **Rock crushers inc.:** (Universal no 2, Rogers w/IHC engine on trailer; 1938 Rogers 233; Universal w/Lycoming motor on trailer; Universal w/IH engine on trailer; New Holland K-56); Air plane shuttle tractors; shop built crawler tractor no motor; 2 shop built tractors; wood water wagon on steel; walking garden tractors; Curtis compressor; Crafon 2 cy Contention power unit; Power-lite generator; US Army signal generator w/4 cy motor; Power Light generator w/Essex solid rubber tires; metal tool on

SELLING SATURDAY JULY 28 9:30 AM

2009 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLS pickup, 4 leader engine auto; 2011 Ford Ranger XLT pickup, 4L V6 engine, 5 speed, air, 96,000 miles; 1951 Ford pickup 4 speed, flat head 8 cy, 20,133 miles; clean inside; 14' tandem axle car trailer; 1963 Ford Galaxie 4 door car, 3 speed, 6 cy. 92,000 miles; late 60's Ford Fairlane 500 car; 60's Ford 1 ton winch truck; several 60's Ford pickup; 70's Ford F150XL w/aluminum flat bed; 1960s Ford Econoline pickup; Sears motor scooter frame; Allis WC un-styled tractor; Allis WD tractor w/ loader; McCormick Deering 10-20 crawler; shop built Case tractor; JD 45 combine; thrashing machine; Yamaha snowmobile; IHC 2 bottom plow; Allis 2 bottom plow; Case manure spreader; Allis 2 row mounted corn pick-

er; side delivery rake; JD disc; JD drill; McDeering 5' mower; tumble bugs; 2-4 wheel grain wagon; 2 wheel pickup trailers; several pieces horse drawn machinery; fenders for Allis tractor; Clipper seed cleaner; Master Mix Master melter; buzz saw; Letz burr grinder; AC parts; Tools inc.: Power Kraft welder; chain hoists; chains boomers; drill press; engine stand; tool boxes; assortment tools; forge; anvil; pedal grinder; water separator; pump jacks; post vice; buckets; corn nubbars; steel wheels for Allis; wooden tool chest; oak dresser; oak high-boy; glass churn; wash bench; electric Aladdin lamp; DeLaval cream separator; oil cans; traps; buggy steps; hog oiler; lanterns; scales; 12 gal RW crock; cream cans; Coop thermometer; assortment magazines; Ford Times; implement manuals; road signs; Army gas cans; metal lockers; assortment iron wheels; chicken feeders; mobile home tires; fans; doors & windows; puzzles; knives; very large assortment of other collectibles.

Dobie has collected for many years. Both days will be large auctions. There are hundreds of items both days. Check our website for pictures & a more complete sale bill: www.thummelauction.com.

ELDEN "DOBIE" WIECHMANN ESTATE
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AUCTION
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 — 10:00 AM

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

SCOOTER, MOTOR BIKE

All State 788.94330 scooter red; Rupp Trail Blazer motor bike.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Coors pottery pieces inc: (rare French coffee pot made only for Coors family, Rose Bud pieces, Coors mugs for employs, steins, other); assortment of clocks inc.: 1930 Lodge Presentation mantel, shelf, others; McCormick display tea pot; Denver Bronco (signed footballs, posters, sweaters, sports cards); sports cards some slabbled; Peter Pan lamp; State Fair strength tester; Bohemian sleigh & trike; cast iron dog, rabbit & ship door stops; Boy Scout hat & bugle; assortment of musical instruments; Bohner accordion; violins; banjo; wooden duck signed Tom Taber 79; Leonard silver wine cooler; several sets flatware; Presi-

dents spoons; assortment silver plate pieces; ink well; torus shell box; 1 cent peanut machine; cane collection; cane holder; Coke tray; shell art; belt buckles; table lighters; paper weights; German beer bowl w/cups; 12" Fiesta plate; 6 swords; Ballinera pottery; Hull tea pot; 12" cast iron dutch oven; beer sign; shoe holders; oak wall telephone; candle stick telephone; KK pieces; Daisy 188 BB pistol; 3 cup malt mixes; single malt mixer; brass items; Elvis records; brass spittoon; light fixtures; 1939 MSA Skull guard hat; folding store basket; cameras; 1909 China Folk songs; CD Gibson drawing book; assortment other good books; deer horns; South West blankets; maps; Army flying goggles; binoculars; 2 qt churn; pictures; hay spear; shoe sturgeon; nut crackers;

spurs; collector plates; horse hitching post; Spider Man, Snoopy & other telephones; lunch boxes; brass items; assortment records; Lionel 027 Texas Southern train; other trains; Snoopy toys; remote firetruck; Disney night light; assortment Match Box & Hot Wheels cars; horses; tin cars; doll furniture; 1966 Barbie dolls; GI Joe; dolls; Ray gun; assortment comic books; Play Station; Snoopy toys; sports cards several slabbled; tokens; rugs; quilts; material; bottles; 20 fishing rods & reels; 12 tackle boxes; Economy wood burning stove unusual; smoke stand; floor lamp w/Jadite; 20's coffee table; 20's end table; 2 chrome dinette set; oak rocker w/claw feet; gate leg table; flat top trunk; pine bench; and-irons; rugs; large assortment of other collectibles.

Note: Ron was a precision grinder for Coors for many years. He has collected a large amount of collectibles, many unusual. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

RON SIMONEAU ESTATE
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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

July 16 — Tractors, equipment, tools & more equipment held near Mankato for Paul Graff Family. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer Auction & Real Estate.

July 20 — Tractors, truck, trailers, farm equipment, tools & misc. held near Lucas for Schwemmer Farms, Inc., Timothy Schwemmer. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

July 20 — 8 Storage Units to be sold for Mabery RFD INC Storage in Manhattan, KS. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 21 — Household, guns, van, 4-wheeler, tractors, equipment, tools & more at Allen for The Estate of Earl W. "Danny" Lyddane. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

July 21 — Real Estate (4BR, 2 1/2 BA home on 3 acres), furniture, collectibles, household & shop equipment at Newton for Sue Swartzendruber, Elbert Swartzendruber. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

July 21 — Personal property at Salina for Mike & Paula Philson. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 21 — Real estate (2BR, 2BA, outbuildings & more), lots of nice wicker furniture, glassware, pottery & collectibles of all kids, antiques, vintage toys & games, railroad items, household, yard & hand tools, artwork & much more at McPherson for Harold & Evelyn Nelson Trust. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

July 21 — Scooter, motor bike, antiques, collectibles & more at Salina for Ron Simoneau Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 21 — Tractors, equipment, collector vehicles inc. a 1964 Chevy truck, 1972 Oldsmobile Toronado car, ATVs, collectibles, tools, 1/16 toys, household, misc. & more at Baldwin City for Jim & Barbara Butell. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

July 21 — Welding supplies, tools, kitchenware, household & appliances, Antique wood hardware cabinet, misc. items and much more for John & Linda Webber estate in Riley, KS. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 21 — Guns, Fishing, Tools, Appliances, Furniture, Household, Collectible and misc. items for Clifford Jantz Estate in

Canton, KS. Auctioneers: William Crane.

July 21 — Tractor, Stock trailer & equipment, ATV, Garden tiller, Lawn mower, Livestock equipment, Shop & lawn tools/equipment, and household items for Travis & Deanna Johnson in Denison, KS. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

July 21 — Antiques, Furniture and misc. items for Naomi Rider and others in Abilene, KS. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Auction Co.

July 21 — Furniture & appliance, glassware & collectibles, tools and miscellaneous items for Paul and the late Henrika Tietz in Junction City, KS. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction.

July 21 & 22 — selling 7-21: Shop items, tools, misc., antiques & collectibles, chain saws, guns; selling 7-22: Tractors, cars, parts, trailers, equipment, 40+ 1/16 tractors, old metal toys & more at Manhattan for Verne W. Hart Estate & Gloria A. Hart. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

July 21 & 22 — Antique auction, most everything over 50 years old, 1966 Plymouth car at Hayden High School in Topeka, KS. Auctioneers: Simmitt Real Estate & Auction, INC.

July 22 — Pickup, tractor, saddles & tack, coins, trailers, Western collectibles & vintage, tools, mowers, antiques & much more at Osage City for Charles & Viola Beatty. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

July 22 — Extra clean well-kept 3BR home on large lot; appliances, furniture, antique Edison Victrola & records, large marble collection, books, lawn items & misc. at Rossville for Mrs. Louise (Don) Redmon. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 23 — Tractor, pickup, RV, 4 wheelers & misc. at Coats for Estate of Curt Durall. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction and Real Estate.

July 23 — 156.05 acres m/l of Osborne County land held at Downs for George E. Maier Trust No. 1. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 26 — Weaver Grocery Store liquidation at Hesston. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

July 27 & 28 — selling 7-27: stationary engines, rock crushers & more; selling 7-28: 2009 Ford Explorer, 2011 Ford Ranger, 1951 Ford pickup, car trailers,

1963 Ford Galaxie, late '60s Ford Fairlane, '60s Ford 1 ton truck, '60s Ford pickups, '70s Ford F150, '60s Ranchero, farm equipment, collectibles & more held just South of Linn for Elden "Dobie" Wiechmann Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction.

July 28 — Household, collectibles, tools at Scranton for Dolores Hollar. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

July 28 — Tractor, ATV, hand & shop tools, household, appliances, much more at Scranton for Charles Noonan. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

July 28 — Firearms, porcelain advertising signs, toys, pedal tractors, John Deere Spec Cast, 1/64th & more at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

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

July 28 — Antiques & collectibles, furniture, clocks, primitives, dishes & glassware, household & more at Marysville for Mary B. Wilkerson. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

July 28 — Consignment auction with 2000+ pieces of machinery in Paris, MO. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

July 28 — Guns & hunting, antiques & collectibles, motorcycle items, appliances & household, outdoor & shop items for Ulli Wallace and the late Kerry Wallace in Emporia, KS. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 31 — Real estate & personal property at Wamego for Edith Alexander Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 31 — Household, collectibles, tools, golf cart, mowers & more at Concordia for Rex & Pat Gerard Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Es-

tate & Auction, LLC.

August 4 — Antiques, collectibles, household & misc. at Ellsworth for Jack Rathbun Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 4 — Consignments: vehicles, tractors, farm equipment, shop tools, livestock equipment, lawn & garden, building supplies, windows & doors, farm primitives & antiques, household, collectibles & more at Hutchinson for K-14 Hwy. consignments. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

August 4 — 9.6 acres with log home in Diamond Creek Valley; tractor, Gator, truck, equipment, antiques, collectibles, household, appliances, tools & outdoor items at Elmdale for property of John & Elsie Bock. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

August 4 — Machinery, shop tools, steel, misc. & more at Sabetha for Deb & the late Rick McClain, McClain Welding. Auctioneers: Ash Realty & Auctions, LLC, the Aeschliman Brothers.

August 7 — Real estate auction of Rice Co. Farm ground in 2 tracts for We Be Farming LLC in Lyons, KS. Auctioneers: Stroh's Real Estate & Auction.

August 6 — Prime Farmland auction selling in 2 tracts (Tract 1 83.2 acres m/l for Orville I. Hupe Trust) & (Tract 2 64.5 acres m/l for Virginia O. Hupe Trust) held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 11 — Shop equipment, Vehicles and Misc. Machinery for Dean & Elaine Begnoche in St. Joe, KS. Auctioneers: 5A Auction Service.

August 18 — Farm equipment, pickup truck & ATV, hay & livestock equipment, tools & miscellaneous at Hanover for the Judy Holle family. Auctioneers: Donald Prell Realty & Auction LLC.

August 25 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

September 15 — Large Coke collection, household goods, tools & antiques at Clay Center for Lavonne (Mrs. Forrest) Hartner. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

Feeding Quality Forum 2018, all new in Sioux City, Iowa

By Sarah Moyer

In its thirteenth year, the 2018 Feeding Quality Forum (FQF) will be reinvented. Until this summer, it has focused on cattle feeders with one-day sessions repeated two days apart in Nebraska and the southern High Plains.

This year, a single Forum will address topics for all segments of the cattle industry in Sioux City, Iowa, on August 28-29. A diverse range of speakers have signed on to create an opportunity like no other.

"We're going to have some topics stretch beyond where the ranch is today, and then there'll be very practical topics that the cow-calf producer, the stocker and feedyard operator can take home and use tomorrow," says Justin Sexten, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) supply development director. Seven allied industry partners are sponsoring the event with CAB.

Presentations begin Tuesday afternoon as longtime FQF favorite Dan Basse of AgResource Company provides a global market overview. Then Nebraska and Kansas State University scientists look at vaccine timing and the advantages of a single step-up ration on feed.

Next, Air Force Reserves Commander and Diamond V technical services veterinarian Sam Barringer will share new ideas in management that address health challenges affecting the immune system, as a way to capture genetic investments on the ranch.

"Dr. Barringer comes with a diverse background of military medical experience in addition to his veterinary training," Sexten says. "He will tell us how and what we feed cattle can influence the immune system response beyond just using antibiotics and vaccines."

Sexten notes two other speakers particularly unique to the forum: IBM Food Trust's Nigel Gopie and Tyson Fresh Meats procurement team of John Gerber and Kevin Hueser.

"We're going to have Dr. Gopie talk about where IBM is already using blockchain in segments of the food industry, and then look at how that technology might influence the flow of information from the ranch through the end product," Sexten says.

"We'll have the packers talking about how they merchandise beef - and direct their procurement team in buying cattle to supply their needs," he says. "Not often do you get to hear directly from a packer, 'This is what we want to buy and why we want to buy it.'"

Others will bring in topics like genetic selection, vitamins and minerals, replacement heifer decisions, weaning and grid marketing.

Networking with other beef producers focused on quality across the supply chain stands as an added attraction at FQF, Sexten says.

Registration by August 14 costs \$100, after which they will be accepted as space allows for \$125. The fee covers all seminar sessions and the Industry Achievement Awards Banquet.

Meeting sponsors include Where Food Comes From, Roto-Mix, Feedlot magazine, Tyson Foods, Intellibond, Zoetis, Diamond V and CAB.

Register online at www.CABpartners.com/events/fqf2018. For more information, visit the website or call Marilyn Conley, 800-225-2333, ext. 298, or email mconley@certifiedangusbeef.com.

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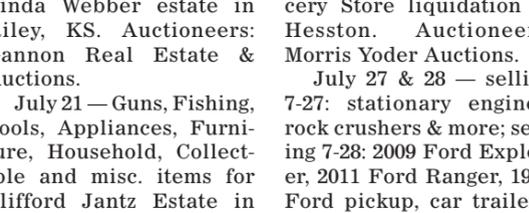
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Civilized

When you hear the word uncivilized, what mental picture do you form? A grizzled trapper? Atilla the Hun burning and pillaging eastern Europe? American Indians

before the Puritans and the Spaniards? And when you hear the civilized, what comes to mind? English barristers wearing wigs? Nobility dueling and drinking tea?

Miss Manners?

By definition civilized is variably described as one who is courtly, urbane, educated and refined. Qualities indicative of good breeding. A king versus a peasant. A business tycoon versus an immigrant laborer. A professional politician versus a cowboy. A Wall Street banker versus an Amarillo cattle buyer.

Underneath this broad definition is the implication that a civilized person has accomplished the

departure from manual labor. Has removed himself from the basic requirements to feed, clothe and shelter himself with his own hands.

To become civilized means no one can survive without the knowledge of how to grow a crop, build a log cabin, dress a deer, tan a hide, sharpen a knife, find water, read a sign or make a ham.

Civilizations are not new. They are as old as Noah's banker. I'm certain there were civilized peo-

ple in ancient Rome who could not milk a goat or catch a fish.

Is America becoming more civilized? Certainly, according to the definition, there has been a mass exodus from the country to the city. The percentage of people who make a living off the land continues to decline. And the stigma of being less civilized still applies to farmers, lumberjacks, fishermen, hunters, miners, ranchers and cowboys. Those whose jobs require exposure to the elements, manual labor and physical risk.

This stigma is a benign prejudice that allows opportunists to manipulate urban opinion to our disadvantage. "Stop the mining, curtail the drilling, up their grazing fee, steal their water, condemn their land, cripple their dirty little towns. After all, they're only peasants. Not really

civilized, you know?"

We fight back with righteous indignation, bluster and the moral conviction that we have rights. That our cause is noble, that our labors are worthwhile for the good of mankind. We feed, clothe and shelter ourselves and our urban neighbors.

So the fight goes on. From the Ottoman Empire, through our century and into the next. And we of the land manage to cling to the outskirts of civilization as unwelcome but as necessary as an IV tube in the vein of a feverish man.

Consoling ourselves with the knowledge that we can live without them but they cannot live without us.

Being civilized has as little meaning as being polka-dot. It says nothing about the heart and soul of a man.

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STEERS					
300-400	\$200.00 - 227.00	61 mix	Abilene	895@150.25	
400-500	\$182.00 - 197.00	58 blk	Marion	893@149.25	
500-600	\$162.00 - 177.00	119 mix	Hope	949@145.50	
600-700	\$155.00 - 169.00	102 blk	Centralia	963@144.00	
700-800	\$150.00 - 163.50	52 blk	Centralia	961@143.00	
800-900	\$140.00 - 155.00				
900-1,000	\$130.00 - 145.50				
HEIFERS					
300-400	\$160.00 - 176.00	23 mix	Durham	298@207.00	
400-500	\$175.00 - 180.00	4 blk	Galva	283@192.00	
500-600	\$140.00 - 155.00	2 mix	Sterling	181@181.00	
600-700	\$135.00 - 148.50	1 blk	Salina	405@180.00	
700-800	\$130.00 - 144.75	6 mix	Sterling	178@178.00	
800-900	\$119.00 - 133.00	2 blk	Concordia	388@176.00	
900-1,000	\$110.00 - 125.00	14 blk	Ellsworth	524@155.00	
		11 mix	Lincoln	502@155.00	
		6 blk	Galva	557@155.00	
		7 blk	Durham	563@151.00	
		7 blk	Solomon	578@150.00	
		21 mix	Ellsworth	611@148.50	
		43 blk	Lindsborg	653@148.00	
		3 blk	Whitewater	640@147.50	
		11 blk	Durham	675@147.00	
		18 blk	Miltonvale	649@146.50	
		2 blk	Durham	678@146.00	
		18 mix	Red Cloud, NE	688@145.00	
		17 blk	Longford	698@145.00	
		4 blk	Marquette	614@145.00	
		15 mix	Miltonvale	701@144.75	
		9 mix	Ellsworth	671@144.00	
		6 mix	Salina	693@144.00	
		12 blk	Durham	728@143.50	
		10 mix	Brookville	698@143.50	
		10 blk	Durham	666@143.50	
		8 blk	Brookville	755@143.50	
		9 blk	Solomon	717@143.00	
		4 blk	Tampa	714@141.00	
		60 mix	Edna	778@137.60	
		65 mix	Edna	753@137.50	
		62 mix	Assaria	798@136.85	
		17 mix	Bennington	792@134.75	
		4 mix	Ellsworth	808@133.00	
		59 mix	Wilsey	883@132.50	
		58 mix	Wilsey	869@132.00	
		17 mix	Bennington	925@125.00	

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MONDAY — HOGS & CATTLE
Hogs sell at 10:30 a.m. Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY
Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

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		BULLS			
1 blk	Concordia	190@400.00	1 red	Geneseo	2270@92.75
1 blk	Tampa	90@185.00	1 blk	Salina	1755@88.00
COWS					
1 blk	Assaria	1605@74.00	1 blk	Minneapolis	1950@86.00
1 red	Geneseo	1970@73.50	1 red	Hillsboro	1685@86.00
2 blk	Beverly	1720@73.00	1 blk	Salina	1610@84.00
1 rwf	Tescott	1540@70.50	1 blk	Salina	1680@84.00
2 blk	Assaria	1563@70.00	1 blk	Lorraine	1600@84.00
1 char	Concordia	1595@70.00	1 blk	Durham	1570@83.00
1 blk	Durham	1535@70.00			
1 red	Salina	1595@70.00			
1 blk	Abilene	1490@69.50			
2 char	Hillsboro	1463@69.00			
2 mix	Halstead	1453@69.00			
8 blk	Lincoln	1488@65.50			

RECIPES WANTED

Send us your favorite recipes for the Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Comm. Co. Friends and Family Cookbook. Please email to ranchcooks@gmail.com

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 19:

140 mostly black steers & heifers, weaned in April, vacc, 600-800; 135 mostly black steers & heifers, 2nd vacc, 500-700; 70 black steers & heifers, weaned vacc, 500-700; 250 mostly black steers & heifers, home raised, 550-650; 28 steers & heifers, weaned 30 days, home raised, 2nd vacc, 500-600; 35 mostly black steers & heifers, vacc, 500-700; 59 black steers & heifers, vacc, open, 500-800; 50 black steers & heifers, 2rds vacc, open, 650-850; 60 black & Charolais steers & heifers, vacc, green, 600-800; 32 black steers & heifers, 650-700; 10 black heifers, off brome, 750-800; 130 black heifers, long time weaned, off grass, 550-700; 100 black/BBY/red steers & heifers, home raised, Jarvis Balancer sired, 600-750; 230 black & Charolais steers, off grass, 850-900; 15 black & Charolais steers & heifers weaned in April, off brome, 750; 66 black steers, off grass, 2nd vacc, 750-825; 85 black & BWF steers & heifers, no implants, 2nd vacc, 650-800; 31 steers, 800; 12 black steers & heifers, home raised, vacc, open, off grass, 600-750; 33 BWF steers & heifers, 650-750; 7 steers & heifers, weaned, vacc, home raised, off brome, 500-650; 40 steers, 700-800; 10 steers, 850, off brome.

UPCOMING SALES:

- **SPECIAL FEEDER SALE** - Tuesday, July 31st @ 9:00 AM
- **SPECIAL COW SALE** - Tuesday, August 14th @ 10:00 AM
- **Friday October 12 - 11 AM - F&R Futurity; 6 PM - Rope Horse Preview**
- **Saturday, October 13 - 7:30-9:30 AM - Limited Preview; 10:00 AM - Fall Classic Catalog Horse Sale**
- **Sunday, October 14th - 20th Annual Colt & Yearling Sale @ 10:00 AM**

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