



The Voice of the Chiefs Mitch Holthus brought a message of courage, perspective, passion and preservation to Kansas Livestock Association members gathered for their annual convention and trade show in Wichita. Photo by Donna Sullivan

Look ahead by looking behind, Holthus tells KLA audience

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

Mitch Holthus, the Voice of the Kansas City Chiefs, was the keynote speaker for the Kansas Livestock Association Convention and Trade Show, held November 28-30 in Wichita. The eight-time Kansas Sports-caster of the Year brought a message of courage, perspective, passion and preservation to the large audience of cattle producers. "I love this state, I love this industry, and I love KLA," he said. Describing what he called a flashpoint, a critical time for both the state and the cattle industry, he probed, "Where do we go from here? Where do we start, what do we do and where do we fit?"

He encouraged his listeners to move ahead by looking behind. "One of the best things you can do with your families, in your communities or with your operation, is look back." He spoke of his great, great, great grandfather who came to Kansas from Germany, tried to farm in Brownville, Nebraska until he went broke, then joined the Union Army in 1861. On September 17, 1864, while serving with 66 members of the 2nd Kansas Cavalry and 38 members of the First Kansas Colored Infantry, he was ambushed by 2000 Confederate soldiers.

"It was more of a massacre than a fight," Holthus described. While his great, great, great grandfather was wounded twice, the black soldiers were hunted down like rabbits and killed, with no chance for surrender. "I'm proud of my great,

great, great grandfather because he was a white man serving shoulder to shoulder with black soldiers at a time when at the very least it was awkward to do so, and at the worst, some refused to do it," Holthus said. After spending some time in a Prisoner of War camp, he went back to his Nebraska farm.

"The challenge in here for you, in your families, communities and operations is to look back. Keep digging until you find it, then perpetuate it as we move forward."

Moving forward in these challenging times will also require guts, he pointed out. "The one thing I want you to remember tonight is that unusual courage can produce unusual results. Sometimes that courage means saying no, sometimes it means being a listener rather than offering our opinion all the time."

He spoke of Chiefs player Eric Berry's battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma; the interception he ran back for a touchdown in his first game, played in his hometown of Atlanta, after returning from cancer treatments. "Movie producers couldn't write this stuff," he said. "It was life imitating art." After the touchdown, Berry carried the ball to his mom in the stands, then looked at his father and promised, "I'll be back."

"Like Schwarzenegger or something," Holthus quipped.

Later, with the Atlanta Falcons leading 28-27 and going for a two-point conversion, Berry picked it off in the end zone and ran it back to give the Chiefs the two points instead. The Chiefs then led 29-28 and he had a football for his dad. It was the only Pick-2 in NFL history, according to Holthus. "And what was Berry's jersey number? 29," he said.

He recalled seeing the same courage and dedication to the cause in the eyes of volunteer firefighters as they fought to defend the town of Ashland from the raging wildfires last spring. "They were determined to make it their Alamo," he said. "Unusual courage produces unusual results."

Moving forward will also require perspective he said, and looking beyond the obvious impact of our actions. "We all have a 'beyond the obvious' impact

that we don't even know about," he said. "But if we search, we can find it and it can change our perspective." He showed a video of a young blind man who came to understand the game of football – which he'd previously believed to be entirely too visual of a sport for him to ever follow and appreciate – by listening to the play-by-play Holthus provided. "All of the sudden, as I sat there thinking about the next day's game, my perspective changed completely," the broadcaster reflected. "I was thinking about how many times I have to present a blank canvas and draw on a canvas someone cannot see."

"So the challenge for all of us is to understand that it's going to take some guts, we're going to have a 'beyond the obvious' impact, and also, what is there to preserve and protect?" Holthus told of the Home on the Range cabin that sits on his family's property in Smith County, where the poem that eventually became the now-famous song was first penned. For sixty years, his great aunt and uncle preserved and protected the cabin, turning down large offers to purchase and move it. The baton was then passed on to his father, who continued the work of preserving it. Now they have a 501(c)(3) in place to continue it's legacy and Holthus said he feels the slap of the baton in his own hand now. *Home on the Range*, it's your Kansas state song and it's become our passion to protect it, to preserve it and to pass it on."

"The question we have here is, what is there to preserve, what is there to protect and pass on?" he pressed. "Don't let it drift, it's too important to answer these questions. Kansas and the industry depends on the people in this room. If we don't do it and we don't think it, who's going to?"

"Yes, I'm fired up to beat the Raiders, and yes, I'd love to win a Super Bowl," Holthus concluded. "I'd love to have a parade with confetti on my head. But more than any of that, I'm really most anxious to make my days count. To understand what there is to preserve and protect and pass on, then work all the days that God has give me to do exactly that."

'Mr. Volunteer,' Ron Shivers, dies

By Kathy Hageman,
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If dictionaries still had photos exemplifying the definition of words, "volunteer" would have a photo of Ron Shivers.

The Abilene man died Friday, Nov. 23, at Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a battle with a cancer.

Working as an auctioneer and realtor since the mid-1980s, Shivers was always busy, either working or volunteering his time to benefit various Abilene and Dickinson County organizations as well as other groups, statewide and beyond.

His list of memberships and accomplishments exemplifies a lifetime of service.

Shivers was a member of Talmage Lions Club, Dickinson County Sheriff's Posse, Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association and Sand Springs Saddle Club. He was a 50-year member of Oakhill-Wakefield-Clay Center Blue Lodge and of Oakhill-Wakefield Order of Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, and Isis Shrine Club of Salina.

He was a member of the Kansas Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, National Auctioneers Association and Kansas Auctioneers Association. He was inducted into the Kansas Auctioneer Hall of Fame in 2005. He was a member of Abilene Elks Lodge for 50 years and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving as vice president and president.

He was co-chairman of the Chamber AG-Committee and Chamber representative on the Central Kansas Free Fair Board, holding the offices of vice president and president. He was inducted into the Fairs and Festivals Hall of Fame in 2010.

Shivers was named Distinguished Citizen of the year in 2001 by the Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce. He helped Dickinson County 4-H Horse Club raise funds. He was the parade marshal in 2018 at the Abilene Wild Bill Hickok Parade and was recognized as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year by Dickinson County Historical Society.

Dedicated volunteer

"He did numerous volunteer things down here at the Heritage Center," said Twila Jackson, Dickinson County Historical Society office manager. "But whenever he came in, he always sat down and visited."

He was on the board of trustees, serving as both president and vice president. He helped with Chisholm Trail/Heritage Days, ran the carousel, was the auctioneer for the yearly ice cream social, was involved with Christmas in the Cabin and did dozens of other things to benefit the center.

"He and his wife, Doris, have been part of the Adopt a (carousel) Horse program since it started," Jackson said. "Ron has been a good member for many, many years."

But Jackson's memories of Shivers go back further than just his time at the Heritage Center. She knew him years ago.

"I grew up with him. I lived in the Buckeye community and he was in the



Along with decades of work in the real estate and auction business, Ron Shivers was involved in many organizations and volunteer activities.

Photo courtesy of the Shivers family

Manchester community," Jackson said. "He was just a good guy, always willing to help anybody."

Lifelong friend

Lifelong friend Bill Marston said he and Ron knew each "longer then we can remember."

"That might sound silly," Marston said, "but I have a document that shows we were both on the cradle roll at Industry Methodist Church. Him and I and his sister Evelyn were all on it."

A cradle roll is the first Sunday school class in a church, Marston said.

Marston discovered the cradle roll coincidence years later after he found the certificate in his mother's things.

The two men had plenty in common. Besides being lifelong friends, they served together on the historical society and fair boards.

Jackson said Shivers and his wife, Doris, and Marston and his wife, Nancy, often could be seen handing out hot chocolate in Berkland Store during Christmas in the Cabin.

Marston said he and Ron grew up during the time when farming was transitioning from horses to smaller tractors.

"We were always kidding each other about things. Like when that snow was coming in, we would have kidded each other, 'Think we'll leave the horses in the barn today.' We'd talk about milking the cows by hand back in the 1940s," Marston said. "We had a lot of fun together."

Shivers' family liked to have fun "wherever he was at."

"He was always a prankster, the joker. He had a serious side to him but also had a very fun side with a comment or quick response," Marston said. "He was fun to be around."

A prankster

Former Central Kansas

Free Fair Board Secretary Jacque Karl laughed while recalling some of the times she and her late husband, Steve Karl, had working with Shivers during the fair.

Shivers was a long-time CKFF board member, holding the offices of president and vice president.

"If we needed something and we couldn't come up with it, Ronnie was always the one would could figure out how to fix it or make it or where to go get it," Karl said.

She remembered how Shivers would play pranks to lighten up what sometimes was a tense atmosphere.

"He brought golf carts for us to use so we didn't have to do so much running, and he'd pull tricks on us. One year, he switched the keys on the golf carts and we couldn't figure out how come they wouldn't work. Another time, he switched the electric plugs on the carts so we couldn't recharge them and then he would stand around the corner, laughing," Karl said. "It made things go easier. It was more fun."

She also remembered how Shivers "always had your back."

"If somebody was upset about something, maybe we couldn't get a camper in the right way or a vendor set up the way they wanted, we could always holler for Ronnie. He'd come around the corner and take care of it for you," Karl explained. "He always made you feel good."

Shivers' death is a big loss to the community, Karl said.

"He was very dedicated and very giving," she said. "He was a father to a lot of people and a big brother to a lot of people. It's going to be a big hole to fill."

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Where We Live

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau
Reflection is good for the soul. It allows you to see where you've been and hopefully chart a better course on where you're going. During the Thanksgiving holiday I took the time to contemplate my early life in the small community where I grew up.

Located in northwestern Kansas, Seguin was a small farm/ranch community of approximately 50 hearty souls. It was located in Sheridan County, three miles south of Highway 24 and the Union Pacific railroad used to run through our small village.

Seguin was a community where families were raised and principles – good and sometimes bad – were instilled. Looking back, those fortunate enough to grow up there like I did in the 1950s and '60s were surrounded

by people with core values that helped guide us throughout our lives.

At the top of this list of virtues my community provided was spiritual in nature. A spiritual quality like, Seek ye first this kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things shall be given unto you.

We all grew up with Monsignor Mulvihill and the Sisters of St. Joseph, went to Mass six days a week and learned to abide by the golden rule.

Next, was the courtesy level of our town. This was measured by the ordinary civilities a total stranger could expect. Residents of Seguin and the outlying community always welcomed family and friends back for special events – many centered around our church and its congregation.

Transient laborers, especially during wheat,

milo and corn harvest, were also treated well because of their valuable contributions during these critical periods.

Rootedness or a sense of commitment on the part of a town's people was another cornerstone in our little community. Dependent on the fertile, sandy loam soil of the High Plains, Seguin's families lived by the unspoken agreement that this was a place to stay, put down roots and build a family, a farm, a business and a future.

This quality is closely related to a sense of place, which now grows more rare with each passing day.

Diversity – not necessarily in the form of many nationalities – but rather in the form of creative disagreement was another building block in our community. This meant our little town enjoyed a certain confidence that all its inhabitants didn't have to echo one another in order to make progress.

On the contrary, a community, like a country, can profit by its differences. Believe me, nearly every-

one I ever knew in Seguin spoke up, voiced their opinions and let their ideas be heard.

Loyalty was the fifth attribute our community was blessed with. Loyalty is often confused with conformity, though the two are really opposites.

It is precisely loyalty to the community, to posterity and to principle that moves a citizen not to conform. A dissenter may never be so loyal as when refusing to go along quietly.

Loyalty is a virtue, but not a simple one. Certainly, it is not as simple as those who use it as a club to enforce their will on an individual or a community.

Generosity was the sixth attribute and not just with material support but a generosity of spirit akin to humility. This broader, deeper attribute sets aside not only personal interests for the sake of community, but personal grudges, slights and obsessions.

One might call this trait charity, but charity in our society has acquired an unfortunate connotation of being optional – not obligatory. Some believe

charity is what you do with what you have left over. Those who believe they owe a debt to their community and embrace the opportunity to repay it practice charity, the real thing.

Pride in our little burg was also readily apparent. Self-respect may be a better word for this civic virtue. It has to do with much more than clean streets, green lawns and painted buildings. It also explains good schools, honest law enforcement and other amenities that make for a proud, self-respecting community.

Openness was the final attribute in our small northwestern Kansas community. Without openness all these other virtues would only be a façade. Our community was an open book. Everyone knew everyone else and everything that was going on. Candor, candidness, frankness, sincerity and plain dealing were the only way of doing business and conducting each day of your life.

Everyone who lived in Seguin was a member of the community and part

of our town. Didn't matter who you were, where you lived, how old you were or whatever else. Our community was a place of human and humane values.

Sometimes in the rush of every day life we forget to live by such values. Know your neighbors, co-workers and the members of your community. And, yes, it's all right to argue and disagree with them about what is best for the community.

What is important is to care about your community. Think of its best interests and don't let your mind be diverted by lesser concerns or scattered holdings.

Just like the little community I grew up in and the family and neighbors who helped shape who I am today, each of us live in communities that have values and fine traditions to uphold. Be part of yours.

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Milford Lake Watershed RCPP agreement signed at Governor's Water Conference

Nearly 30 partners joined Lt. Governor Tracey Mann, Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter, and National Resources Conservation Services State Conservationist (NRCS) Karen Woodrich to sign the Milford Lake Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Project last week during the Governor's Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas.

"To have this many partners in the room, who come from organizations representing such a diverse sector of Kansans, is monumental to me," said

Lt. Governor Tracey Mann. "Seeing public water suppliers to agriculture commodity organizations, producers and cities coming together to address the impact of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) demonstrates the core essence of what makes us Kansans – coming together and leading by example to solve this issue."

Throughout the United States, HABs impact operations for many raw water sources utilized by public water supplies. When HABs are present, toxins and taste-and-odor compounds can be produced which can lead to

increased treatment costs for water suppliers as well as public health concerns. Milford Lake, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoir in north-central Kansas near Junction City and Fort Riley, is a prime Kansas example of the impacts HABs can have on drinking water sources as well as collective efforts which are in progress to reduce the magnitude and frequency of HABs occurring.

"We know phosphorus loading from the Lower Republican River Watershed is one of the contributing factors leading to the formation of HABs in

Milford Lake," said Kansas Water Office director Tracy Streeter. "In an effort to reduce the phosphorus loading entering Milford Lake from the Republican River, our office has engaged with a number of partners who are impacted by releases from Milford as they travel downstream as we recognize the value of source water protection related activities to help reduce nutrient and sediment runoff."

Starting over a year ago the KWO engaged with NRCS and a partnership team including state government agencies, cities and public water suppliers, agricultural commodity groups and organizations, county conservation districts, non-profit organizations, and businesses surrounding Milford Lake to develop the framework

for an RCPP project to provide additional financial assistance to producers to adopt conservation practices which reduce nutrient runoff within the Milford Lake watershed.

"We are glad to be part of this partnership and utilize NRCS funds to provide sign-up incentive payments for certain practices," said NRCS state conservationist Karen Woodrich. "It was a great day when we shared the word that the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project had been successful in receiving a commitment from NRCS of \$2.88 million to be utilized in conjunction with partner team contributions to provide financial and technical assistance within the watershed to increase the adoption of conservation practices through the EQIP."

The ceremony signified the beginning of public outreach events associated with year one of the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project in advance of producer outreach events scheduled to take place starting later this month. For more information about the project or where the upcoming public outreach meetings will take place visit www.kwo.ks.gov.

In addition to KWO and NRCS, the following project partners have committed to contributing to the success of the project:

Acorns Resort; City of Lawrence; City of Olathe; City of Topeka; City of Wakefield; Clay County; Clay County Economic Development Group; Dickinson County Conservation District; EcoPractices (Sustainability Partners); Flagstop Resort & RV Park; Friends of the Kaw; Geary County Conservation District; Jewell County Conservation District; Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams; Kansas Biological Survey; Kansas Corn Growers Association; Kansas Department of Agriculture - Division of Conservation; Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Kansas Farm Bureau; Kansas Forest Service; Kansas Soybean Commission; Kansas Water Office; National Sorghum Producers; Riley County Conservation District; Sustainable Environmental Consultants; The Nature Conservancy-Kansas; Thunderbird Marina & RV Resort; United States Department of Agriculture-National Resources Conservation Service; WaterOne of Johnson County; Westar Energy.



DUST ON THE DASHBOARD

by Glenn Brunkow

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas. It is festive with all the snow on the ground, decorations galore and Christmas music on the radio. I must admit that I am not feeling it. We still have crops out in the fields and cows that need those crops to be harvested so they can graze those fields. I am afraid it just isn't going to feel much like Christmas until we get all the work done. That alone is really bumming me out because I really love everything about Christmas and the season.

Of course, those Christmas decorations really have nothing to do with the season, most of the retail stores put their Christmas displays up sometime after the Fourth of July. No, most years, the Christmas season starts after Thanksgiving, or at least it does for me. I like to enjoy my holidays one at a time and I refuse to move the timeline up. This year has everything discombobulated. Normally, my goal is to have the cows and the sheep in their winter resting spots by Thanksgiving. Instead I spent Thanksgiving afternoon on the combine. An interesting side note to this is that I have never felt better the evening of Thanksgiving than I did this year.

In any case I am feeling just a little bit stressed (that is an understatement) lately and the weather gives me the hives. I know we are all wishing for a white Christmas but a week of sixty-degree temperatures would be at the top of my Christmas list this year. I don't want to seem greedy – two weeks or even three would be best, but I would settle for one week of warm, dry weather. I don't think that is too much to ask for.

It is that time of the year when I am asked for my Christmas wish list. It is also this time when I realize I have reached the point in my life where Christmas gifts just aren't that important. Yes, I have become my parents. I remember the frustration of asking Mom and Dad what they wanted for Christmas and getting the response of "nothing." I tell my kids that I really don't need anything and what I want, you can't afford. But just in case, a new tractor, pickup or combine would be at the top of my list.

I guess I have gotten to the point in

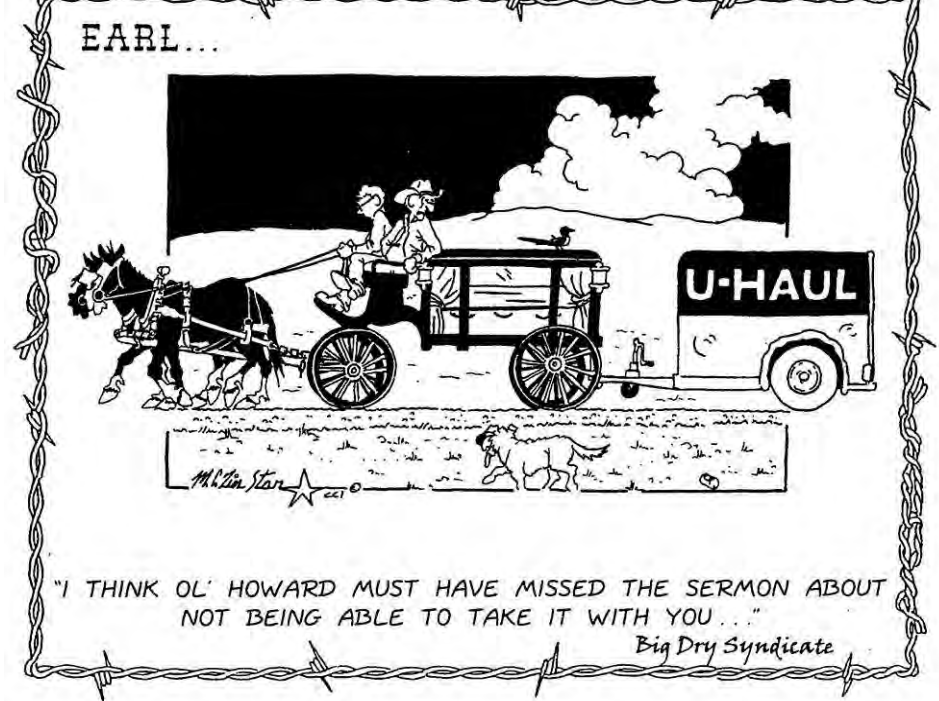
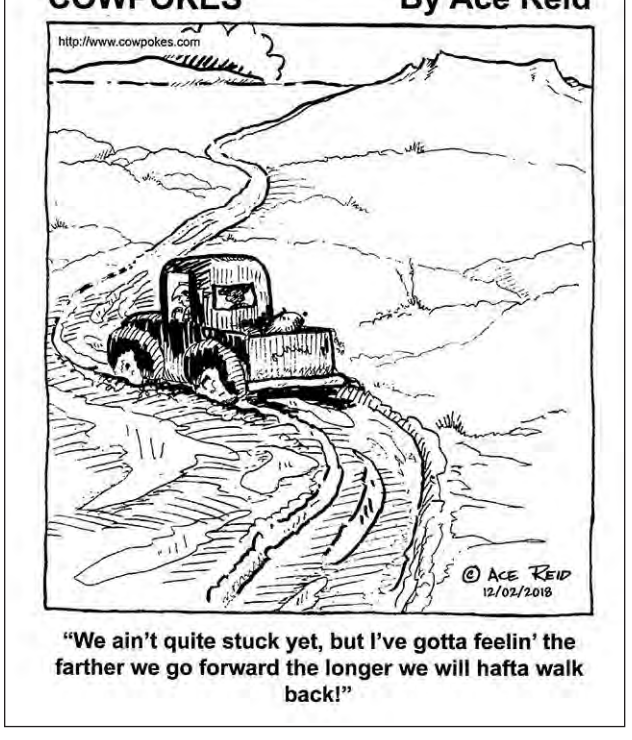
my life where if I need something, I go get it and that makes my wish list to Santa Claus much more abstract. Let me give you some examples. I already shared my number one wish and that was for dry, warm weather. If anyone knows how to make that happen, I would be eternally grateful. I don't need much, just the nice fall days I was shorted around the end of October and the beginning of November. I bet that would be a popular gift with the farmer and rancher types this year.

I would also like a decent price for my crops. I am not going all-out and asking for fifteen-dollar beans and seven-dollar corn; just a little something above the cost of production would be nice. If that happens, we can knock the new tractor, combine and truck off my list. If I could make a little money, I could buy them myself. Just this week I had some work done on my house. The carpenter joked that he would like to be paid like a farmer. I said, "Sure, you owe me a hundred bucks."

Next on my list would be things that worked like they should, started when I wanted them to and tires that held air. Really, I don't think that is too much to ask. To go along with that I would like my animals to cooperate – little things like staying where I put them and not getting sick. Those all seem like simple things on my list to Santa Claus; hopefully the old guy can come through with them.

My Christmas wish list can be summed up by three things. I want good weather, good markets and good luck. Maybe that list with a new tractor, combine and truck doesn't sound so daunting after all, compared to the three things farmers and ranchers have absolutely no control over. We aren't hard to buy for, we are impossible to please.

Call me the Grinch but I will continue to sit here in the glow of our Christmas tree, drinking hot chocolate, listening to Christmas music, but not really in the mood. I guess all I really want for Christmas is to be caught up. It's funny but my whole family agrees as to what they want, a father/husband who is not so whiny. Let's hope we all get what we want.



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First-ever no-till farming history book released

Think back to a time before there were drones, genetically modified crops and black soils turned over by plows. Fast-forward to today and no-till (farming without disturbing the soil) represents 100 million acres in the U.S. alone, conserving soil while reducing costs and labor. The history of no-till has been a long time coming.

From Maverick to Mainstream is a chronicling of the personal history that Frank Lessiter saw from the near-beginnings, as the first and only editor of *No-Till Farmer* since 1972. The concept of no-till farming was still in its infancy at that time, just ten years after one "crazy" farmer in Kentucky, Harry M. Young, tried it out on less than 1 acre.

Harry's son, John Young, remembers, "I was 11 years old then, and didn't recognize the huge changes that were about to take place in farming. Back in the early days, Frank flew down to our western Kentucky farm on more than one occasion to visit with my late father. He was a keen enthusiast for no-till from the beginning, and remains so today."

From Maverick to Mainstream: A History of No-Till Farming contains numerous short items "from the archives" of *No-Till Farmer* issues and 56 chapters including:

- Notching the No-Till Milestones Through the Years
- Meet the No-Till Legends
- Plowing is a Practice from the Past
- More Earthworms
- Liven Up No-Till Fields
- No-Till Acres Jumped Dramatically
- Once Roundup Arrived
- No-Till Success Spawns 'Spin Offs'
- Most of the 'Big Guys' Spent their Time Bad Mouthing No-Till

Lessiter's life work is much more than just a history book. "It covers the people and their trials and successes," says his son, Mike, president of Lessiter Media Inc. "It will interest everyone in agriculture, but also anyone who enjoys celebrating the early adopters and underdogs who changed the world. The book serves as a lasting reminder of how innovations, and their deter-

mined personal champions like those profiled in the book, can still make a difference — through grit, learning and sharing, and the encouragement and support of others." With 45-plus years of archival articles, photos, comic strips, ads and infographics, this stunning collection is the perfect gift for any admirer of American innovation. If you have any questions about *From Maverick to Mainstream: A History of No-Till Farming*, call (866) 839-8455 or email Joanne at jvolkert@lessitermedia.com. Details can be found at NoTillFarmer.com/AHistoryofNoTillFarming.

Kansas Leopold Award presented to Hoeme Family Farm and Ranch

Hoeme Family Farm and Ranch of Scott City has been named the winner of the 2018 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award. Presented November 19 during the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Convention in Wichita, the \$10,000 award recognizes landowner achievement in the field of voluntary conservation.

water quality and wildlife habitat. Stacy Hoeme and his son, Caston, farm and ranch about 9,000 acres along the Smoky Hill River and another 10,000 in Scott County.

Limited tillage and crop rotation practices have helped the family improve soil health and manage water usage. They developed a cattle grazing program that recognizes the prairie requires grazing and rest periods to maintain natural productivity. The Hoemes were among the first ranchers in

western Kansas to protect water quality by fencing off ponds and using solar power to pump water to livestock.

The diverse collection of plants in the Hoeme pastures supports some of the largest known populations and densities of the lesser prairie chicken in the bird's natural range. They manage food plots for deer, pheasant, bobwhite quail and migrating song birds.

Land owned by the Hoemes was the focal point of the largest study

ever conducted on lesser prairie chickens, clearly illustrating the family's support for research on the bird. They also participated in a large research project on the long-term decline in mule deer numbers. Insights gained from these studies has influenced how government, conservation partners and other landowners manage the landscape for wildlife.

Other finalists for this year's award were Alexander Ranch of Sun City and the Z Bar Ranch in Lake City. The award was presented by the Sand County Foundation, Ranchland Trust of Kansas and KACD. In addition to the \$10,000, the Hoemes received a crystal depicting renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold.

Funding provided to improve native prairie

Karen A. Woodrich, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Kansas State Conservationist, announced funding to landowners to improve the health of some of the last native prairies in Kansas. The Nature Conservancy, Kansas State University and other partners have joined NRCS in a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to offer financial assistance to help landowners institute conservation practices on their land. NRCS is providing funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There will be two fiscal year 2019 EQIP application evaluation periods for this RCPP project.

such as removal of red cedar trees or other invasive vegetation such as sericea lespedeza, developing grazing plans, or conducting prescribed burning.

Funding from this project can also be used to clear dead cedar trees still standing after the Anderson Creek wildfire in south central Kansas. Without removal, new cedar trees

will grow up under the dead trees.

For more information, go to the Kansas NRCS website www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or visit your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center. To find a service center near you, go to offices.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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2018 Grass & Grain Holiday Recipe Contest



This Week's Holiday Contest Winner Is Marcile Shippy, Woodbine
 Winner Marcile Shippy, Woodbine: "A tasty, old recipe. Nice in a cookie plate."
PEPPERMINT STICKS

2 cups flour
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup butter, softened
 1 egg, separated
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 12-ounce package mini chocolate chips (could use less)
 1/2 cup finely crushed peppermint candy
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, sugar, butter, egg yolk and vanilla in mixing bowl and blend until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips. Spread in an ungreased 15-by-10-inch jelly roll pan. Beat egg white until frothy and brush over bars. Spread crushed candy over bars. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly and cut into bars. Makes about 40 bars, depending on size cut.

Put sugar, raisins and 1 cup water in a saucepan and boil for a few minutes. Let cool. Add vegetable oil, egg and nuts then stir in dry ingredients. Bake in greased and floured tin cans for 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Let stand 15 minutes on side before removing.

Katrina Morgan, Americus: TACO SOUP

1 1/2 pounds hamburger
 1 package taco seasoning
 1 tablespoon dried minced onions
 15-ounce can whole kernel corn, undrained
 15-ounce can chicken broth
 15-ounce can kidney beans, undrained
 15-ounce can tomato sauce
 2 cups salsa
 Tortilla chips
 Cheddar cheese, shredded
 Sour cream (optional)
 Brown hamburger with dried onions then drain. Mix in taco seasoning. Add corn, chicken broth, kidney beans, tomato sauce and salsa. Simmer 20-30 minutes. Dip into serving bowls then top with Cheddar cheese and sour cream, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips.

JoAnne Breault, Wamego: "This quiche is my favorite and enjoyed by all. One can also use cooked and crumbled bacon, cooked and crumbled sausage, mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, onions, a variety of other cheeses, to name a few that can be used with the filling mixture to offer a choice of quiches for holiday brunch or any meal. Merry Quiches!"

SPINACH ARTICHOKE QUICHE

Filling:
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 cup mayonnaise
 1 cup cream or milk
 4 eggs
 2 unbaked pie crusts, thawed
 1 cup frozen spinach, thawed & squeezed dry
 15-ounce jar artichokes, drained & chopped, add more to liking
 1 1/2 cups shredded Parmesan cheese
 1 1/2 cups shredded white or yellow shredded cheese
 Diced red & green peppers for a holiday presentation, optional
 Grated Parmesan for top of Quiche

Mix together filling ingredients and set aside. Divide and scatter other ingredients (except additional Parmesan for topping) over the two pie shells. Pour half the filling over each pie. Top with grated Parmesan as desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Let rest for 15 minutes before serving. Each pie serves 6 to 8 servings.

Kellee George, Shawnee: "Makes good gifts. Put in 1/2-pint jars with instructions for making cup of the drink."

SPICY FRUIT TEA MIX

20-ounce container orange drink mix
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup unsweetened instant tea mix
 1/2 cup sweetened lemonade drink mix
 1/4-ounce package sweetened raspberry-flavored drink mix
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 Combine all ingredients

and mix well. Store in an air-tight container. Makes 5 1/2 cups mix. When gifting, attach instructions: Stir 2 tablespoons mix into 1 cup of hot water.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance: BAKED CHICKEN & RICE

5 chicken breasts
 1 1/2 cups water
 1 package dry onion soup mix
 10.5-ounce can cream of chicken soup
 1 cup raw rice
 Salt
 Pepper
 Seasoned salt
 Frozen corn, optional
 Combine rice, water and soups in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Mix in corn, if desired. Season chicken with salt, pepper and seasoned salt and place on top of rice mixture. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Margie Wohler, Randolph: "My sons favorite cake."

BUNDT CAKE

Crisco
 1 package yellow cake mix
 1 package regular vanilla pudding mix
 3/4 cup oil
 3/4 cup water
 4 whole eggs
 2 teaspoons butter flavoring
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/4 cup white sugar
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
 Grease bundt cake pan (mold) heavily with Crisco (not oil). Mix the white sugar, cinnamon and nuts, if using, and sprinkle mixture around edge and bottom of tubes (save some of this mixture for in the cake). Mix cake mix, oil, water and pudding mix on medium speed. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat well after each. Beat mixture on high speed for 6 minutes; after 4 minutes, add butter

flavoring and vanilla. Alternating batter and cinnamon mixture, (3 layers of each), pour into pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.
 Glaze:
 1 cup powdered sugar
 2 tablespoons milk
 1/2 teaspoon butter flavoring
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 Combine glaze ingredients and drizzle over cooled cake.
 NOTE: We found that instead of regular vanilla pudding, regular butter-scotch makes a good flavor.

Darleen Bernhardt, Tecumseh: PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL

(2) 8-ounce packages cream cheese
 6 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese, finely shredded
 1/2 cup green onion, chopped
 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
 1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped
 Mix all ingredients in mixer bowl, except pecans. Beat at low speed. Refrigerate a few hours. Make into ball and roll in chopped pecans. Wrap in foil. Can be kept refrigerated a few days. Makes one large cheese ball or two small ones. Serve with crackers.

Lydia J. Miller, Westphalia: SPECIAL K NO-BAKE COOKIES

2 1/2 cups sugar
 2 1/2 cups white syrup
 3 pounds peanut butter
 10 cups Special K
 Combine sugar and syrup in a very large pan. Place on heat and stir. When starts to boil, boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter until about melted. Add Special K. Using a No. 30 dipper or one tablespoon drop onto waxed paper. Yield: about 50 or 60 cookies.

Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center: "I got this recipe from one of my sisters many years ago and they are always included in my holiday baking."

BUTTERNUT CRUNCH

1 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup water
 1/2 cup butter
 1/2 cup chopped black walnuts
 6 ounces chocolate chips
 Combine sugar, salt, water and butter and heat to boiling then cook to 285 degrees. Add black walnuts and pour into a well-greased cookie sheet. Cool.

Melt chocolate chips and spread half of the chocolate on the candy. Cool. Turn candy over onto waxed paper and spread remaining chocolate on it. Cool and break into pieces.

Mary Hedberg, Clifton: HOB0 BREAD

1 cup sugar
 1 1/2 cups raisins
 1 cup hot water
 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 egg
 1 cup nuts (optional)
 2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt

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 2018 Tax Information: General Tax: \$ 4,103.23; Specials (Irrigation District): \$ 6,163.61; Total 2018 Tax: \$10,266.84.
 • Property is located in the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KBID). Property has averaged 14 allotted inches of water per year 2013 thru 2018.
 • APH Report shows this property consistently raises 200 bushel corn and 60 bushel beans.
 Property Location: From the intersection of US 36 & 30th Road (Courtland Corner) go North 2 miles. Property is located on the Northeast side of 30th Road & Nickels Road intersection.
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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CRANBERRY CHERRY PISTACHIO PRETZEL BARK
 (4) 12-ounce packages white chocolate morsels, divided
 3 cups crushed pretzels
 1/2 cup dried cranberries
 1/2 cup dried cherries
 1/2 cup chopped pistachios
 Line a large rimmed baking sheet with waxed paper or parchment paper. In a large microwave-safe bowl heat 3 1/2 packages of the morsels on high in 30-second intervals stirring between each until melted and smooth. Stir in pretzels. Spread in an even layer on prepared pan. Sprinkle with cranberries, cherries and pistachios, gently press into chocolate mixture. In a small microwave-safe bowl heat remaining 1/2 package white chocolate morsels on high in 30-second intervals, stirring between each until melted and smooth. Drizzle melted chocolate onto bark. Let stand until set, about 2 hours. Break into 2- to 3-inch pieces. Store in an air-tight container for up to 1 week.

 Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:
CRANBERRY GELATIN SALAD
 1 large box strawberry gelatin
 1 large can crushed pineapple
 3-ounce package cream cheese
 1 can cranberry sauce
 Mix all ingredients well and cool overnight.

 Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Nebraska:
 "Enjoy! These are very good and easy to make."
GOLDEN GRAHAMS S'MORES
 3/4 cup light corn syrup
 3 tablespoons butter
 11.5-ounce package milk chocolate chips or butterscotch chips (or use one-half package each for recipe)

1 teaspoon vanilla
 12-ounce package Golden Grahams cereal (9 cups)
 2 cups miniature marshmallows
 Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Microwave syrup, butter and chips in a 4-cup microwave bowl uncovered on medium-high for 1 1/2 minutes; stir until almost smooth. Stir in the vanilla. Pour over cereal in a large bowl and toss until coated. Fold in marshmallows 1 cup at a time. Press in pan with buttered back of spoon. Let stand 1 hour then cut into 2-inch squares. Store loosely covered at room temperature. Can be frozen for later date.

 Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
GREEN BEAN & RICE CASSEROLE
 (1) 3.5-ounce bag Success brand white rice, uncooked
 1/2 pound fresh green beans, cut diagonally into 2-inch lengths
 1/4 cup water
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 onion, chopped
 1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
 1/2 cup sour cream
 2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded & divided

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare rice as directed on package. Place beans in medium microwaveable bowl. Add water and cover with waxed paper. Microwave on high 4 minutes. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 2 minutes. Stir in mushrooms and cook 3-5 minutes or until evenly browned, stirring occasionally. Combine rice, sour cream and 1 1/2 cups cheese in a large bowl. Add mushroom mixture and mix well. Spoon into a 9-inch square baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Drain beans and spoon over rice mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheese; cover and bake 25-30 minutes or until casserole is heated through, uncovering for the last 5 minutes.

 Amy Feigley, Enterprise: "As a child, my grandma Ruthstrom would make traditional Swedish dishes for our Christmas Eve celebration. I have made this for my family and it doesn't last very long."
OSTAKAKA
 3 eggs
 12-ounce container cottage cheese
 1 tablespoon flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 1 cup whipping cream
 Garnish: Lingonberries
 Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Lightly beat the eggs and add the creamed cottage cheese (cream with fork or potato masher). In a separate bowl, mix the flour and sugar together. Add that mixture to the cottage cheese mixture. Lastly, add the remainder of the ingredients (except lingonberries) and mix until blended. Pour into a small baking dish (I use a pie plate) and bake for about one hour or until a knife comes out clean. Serve either warm or cold, but make sure to add a spoonful of Lingonberries.

 Claire Martin, Salina:
RUBY CRANBERRY SAUCE
 12-ounce package cranberries
 1 teaspoon orange zest (plus extra for garnish)
 1 1/4 cups sugar
 1/4 cup port wine
 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 2 tablespoons cold water
 Cook cranberries, sugar and orange zest and port in a saucepan over medium heat until berries pop, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Combine cornstarch and water until smooth. Stir into cranber-

ries. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir until berries finish popping and sauce thickens, about 2 minutes. Refrigerate. Garnish with freshly grated zest, if desired, when serving.

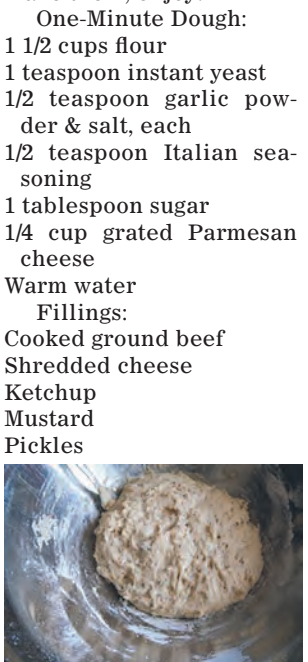
 Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
FRUIT CAKE BARK
 (2) 4-ounce bars bittersweet chocolate, semisweet chocolate or milk chocolate baking bars
 (2) 4.4-ounce white chocolate bars
 2 1/2 cups dried fruit cake mix
 A few chopped pecans
 Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment paper allowing about 2 inches to extend over the long sides of pan. Break bittersweet chocolate into small pieces and microwave on low or medium until melted. Quickly pour onto parchment paper. Spread out with spatula until even. Place in refrigerator and chill until cold and set, about 1 hour. Break white chocolate up and melt in microwave. Quickly spread over bittersweet chocolate, working fast while white chocolate is still warm. Sprinkle fruit cake mix and pecans over top. Cover and refrigerate until bark is firmly set, about 1 hour. Break into pieces and store in an air-tight container at room temperature.

 Jackie Doud, Topeka:
SWEET POTATO CRANBERRY BAKE
 4 large sweet potatoes
 2 cups cranberries
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 2 tablespoons butter, melted
 1/2 cup orange juice
 Topping:
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 4 tablespoons butter
 Place sweet potatoes in a large pan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes or until tender. Drain. When cool enough to handle, peel sweet potatoes and cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place half in a greased 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Top with half the cranberries, brown sugar and butter. Repeat layers. Pour orange juice over the top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. In a small bowl, combine the walnuts, brown sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture. Bake uncovered until topping is golden brown, about 10 minutes longer.

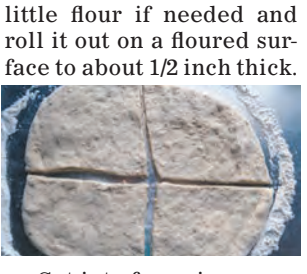
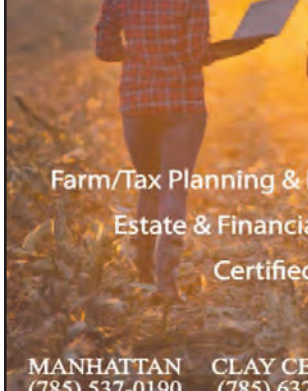
 Start by simply mixing together all of the ingredients for the dough (this is based off of another recipe featured a few weeks ago — refer back to it if you want more detailed instructions for a complete pizza recipe!)
 Once it's been mixed together, set aside and let rise for 25 minutes.



Easy Cheeseburger Pockets
 By Ashleigh Krispense
 We've made it to December! Pretty lights, festive music, and lots of food are going to be a part of our lives for the next month. But, most importantly, remembering the reason for the season — Christ being born — is something we will focus on even more during these next few weeks. There's just a feeling of excitement in the air and while I would love to have a beautiful meal gracing our table every noon, we have to be practical. It ain't gonna happen. So, for those days that need something a little more on-the-go, here is one of my staples! I love these easy cheeseburger pockets and they're especially quick to make if you've got some cooked hamburger in the freezer. While it is best to let them rise at least once, I have to admit that there are many times when they get popped into the oven as soon as they are put together! So however you make them, enjoy!
 One-Minute Dough:
 1 1/2 cups flour
 1 teaspoon instant yeast
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder & salt, each
 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 Warm water
 Fillings:
 Cooked ground beef
 Shredded cheese
 Ketchup
 Mustard
 Pickles



After rising, knead in a little flour if needed and roll it out on a floured surface to about 1/2 inch thick.



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Pull the corners up together and pinch the seams.
 Shape into a ball and place on a greased cookie sheet. Let rise 10 or 15 minutes and then bake at 350 degrees for 13-15 minutes, depending on your oven.



Let cool a few minutes before serving!
 Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, Prairie Gal Cookin' (www.prairiegalcookin.com). She shares everything from step-by-step recipes and easy DIY projects, 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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Dalebanks Angus bull sale averages \$5901

A crisp fall day with falling temperatures did not cool the demand for "Practical. Profitable. Genetics." at the 2018 Dalebanks Angus Bull Sale, November 17, 2018. The Perrier family hosted roughly 225 customers and friends

in their recently renovated sale facility northwest of Eureka. Bidding was extremely active, as 72 buyers purchased 131 bulls in less than 90 minutes. The bulls averaged \$5901. Bulls sold to profit-minded commer-

cial cattlemen in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Colorado and Arkansas. The large majority of bulls sold to buyers within 150 miles of the ranch. Lot 1, Dalebanks Upward 228 7173, sold for \$15,500 to John & Aaron Nilhas, Wakeeney. Corey Baker, Toron-

to, purchased both Lots 3 and 7, Dalebanks Uptown 7113 and Dalebanks Comrade 7020, for \$13,000 and \$12,000, respectively. Long-time customer Hashknife Ranch, Wilmore, assembled a high-quality set of seven herd bulls, with Lot 13, Dalebanks Broken Bow 7198, at \$11,500. They also

purchased Lot 11, Dalebanks Broken Bow 7071, for \$10,500. New customer Stonehill Land & Cattle, Miami, Okla., selected Dalebanks Payweight 7261, at \$11,000. Cross L Ranch, Sedan, purchased Lot 4, Dalebanks Composure 7009, for \$10,500. Eleven bulls sold for over \$10,000. Prices ranged from \$2750 to \$15,500. 68 coming two-year-old bulls averaged \$6933 and 63

yearling bulls averaged \$4785. Dalebanks' 114-year focus on breeding sound, functional bulls that offer optimum levels of maternal, calving ease, growth and end-product traits was evident, as buyers showed their appreciation for this balanced approach to genetic selection. The Perriers were very grateful to all those who made this day such a success for their family.



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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Town Called Shoo Fly

In May of 1868 the Osage Nation signed a spurious agreement to sell 4.6 million acres on the southern Kansas border to the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston Railroad. The price was one million six-hundred thousand dollars or 19 cents per acre. Known as the Osage Diminished Reserve, the land contained well-watered, deep soils especially suitable to farming and stock-raising.

Immediately settlers began to move in, hoping to gain property through the 1841 pre-emption law that allowed the head of a household to acquire one hundred sixty acres of public land at a price of \$1.25 per acre. However, under the terms of the agreement with the railroad, the land was not public and not legally open to pre-emption. Luckily, the agreement was also subject to Congressional approval. Congress rightly recognized the agreement as a swindle meant to defraud the Osage out of lands that were valued at least six times the price offered. Finally, in February of 1870 Congress rejected the purchase agreement. Instead, on July 15, 1870, Congress approved the sale of Osage lands at the pre-emption price of \$1.25 per acre to be paid directly to the Osage Nation.

By that time, plans were well in motion not only to settle with farms but to establish towns. During the uncertain year of 1869 settlement began, faltered, and began again. Early in 1870 the town of Winfield was established on the banks of Walnut River along an Osage hunting trail. Following the Walnut on a southerly course to its confluence with the Arkansas River "a rolling peninsula" was platted for the town of Arkansas City. Farther to the west settlers were taking up land along Shoo Fly Creek, a tributary to the Chikaskia River. The popular song, *Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me*, had taken the entire United States by storm, which undoubtedly led to naming the tributary. The inspiration for the song supposedly came from a black soldier during the Civil War.

The commanding officer, Thomas Brigham Bishop, claimed he wrote the song after he overheard a soldier tell a tall tale which was dismissed by another soldier with the curious comeback, "Shoo fly don't bother me." However, some have suspected that Bishop may have actually heard soldiers singing the song while in camp. One report stated that it had been sung on the plantations of Georgia before the war, as early as 1856. By 1869, Bryant's Minstrels, a black-face minstrel troupe, made the song popular from the stage in New York City.

Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me spread across the country like a wild prairie fire. By February, 1870, the *Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch* declared "Shoo Fly is now more popular than The Lord's Prayer." The song could be heard on every street corner. "The senseless song" seemed to echo in every ear without relief.

In the meantime, as settlers flooded into the former Osage Diminished Reserve, a supply trail was laid out from Arkansas City west to Caldwell before continuing southwest into the Salt Plain of Indian Territory. The trail crossed Shoo Fly Creek about twenty miles west of Arkansas City, giving rise to the name Shoo Fly Trail.

In 1871, the settlers near Shoo Fly Creek proposed building a town, and of course, the town was named Shoo Fly City. Col. Thomas Hunter, J.R. Musgrove, Si Beard, and Fred Meister each gave a quarter section of their adjoining land to form the town company. Even before the town was officially platted people began moving in. The town recorded one hundred people by New Years Day, 1872.

Ann Jacobs Failing & Maurice Robinson wrote about Shoo Fly City's earliest days. "The dusty streets were packed and became less dusty. Boards were laid for walks and for even greater comfort of their customers, metal and board awnings in front of their business houses were added by most merchants." Main Street was a hard-beaten path. The

path that led out of town "fanned out into three other straight paths leading in opposite directions." As grass gave way to "a hard pan of black dirt," hitching rails were erected in front of the business houses. Tethered horses stood at the ready in front of busy stores.

School children have sung *Shoo Fly, Don't Bother Me* for generations, although a much tamer version than the original, which contained mocking themes filled with racial slurs. Everyone who lived in Shoo Fly City loved the name, but when they applied for a post office Washington officials suggested that a more dignified name should be submitted.

Being only a few miles from the southern Kansas border, with several town founders from South Haven, Michigan, Shoo Fly was shooed away in favor of South Haven. Yet the name survives in the creek that flows past South Haven, recalling the days of a town called Shoo Fly on The Way West.

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Oleen announces KPA resignation



Jodi Oleen has announced her resignation as KPA's director of consumer outreach, effective December 14. Her love of digital media and the farmers she has worked to represent over her ten-year employment will be missed.

"We have made considerable strides to become a leader in consumer outreach and our Kansas pork producers have benefited," said Tim Stroda, KPA CEO. "We appreciate Jodi's hard work and contributions to our farmers."

"This decision was a very difficult one for me to make," Oleen said. "I feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve our Kansas pork producers and I am grateful for all of the

friendships and colleagues that I have gained in my time at the Kansas Pork Association. I look forward to continuing outreach to consumers and will always strive to be an advocate for farmers."

Oleen plans to continue her work in promoting farming and food, digital communications, marketing, and public relations by growing her consulting firm.

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NRCS sets Monarch butterfly habitat RCPP funding application cutoff for December 21

Karen A. Woodrich, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Kansas state conservationist, announced funding to help landowners improve restore, manage, and conserve habitat for Monarch butterflies on agricultural and tribal lands. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other partners have joined NRCS in a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to offer financial assistance to help agricultural producers increase milkweed and nectaring plants on agricultural land to improve habitat needs for Monarch butterflies, according to Woodrich.

NRCS is providing funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There will be two fiscal year 2018 EQIP application evaluation periods for this RCPP project.

The first application evaluation period will be for applications received by December 21, 2018. The second application evaluation period will be for

applications received by March 15, 2019.

Targeted areas where EQIP funds will be available for agricultural producers interested in implementing conservation practices include all counties in Kansas. Funding will go toward conservation improvement practices such as milkweed plantings, pollinator plantings, brush management, prescribed grazing, as well as others.

For more information, go to the Kansas NRCS website www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or visit your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center. To find a service center near you, go to offices.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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NRCS sets program funding application cutoffs for Dec. 21, 2018 for reducing sedimentation in Doniphan County

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Doniphan County Conservation District, and other partners have joined in a Regional Conservation Partnership Program to offer financial assistance to help landowners improve water

quality by reducing sedimentation from field drainage areas that are impacting county roadways in Doniphan County. NRCS is providing funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There will be two fiscal year

2019 EQIP application evaluation periods for this RCPP project.

The first application evaluation period will be for applications received by December 21, 2018. The second application evaluation period will be for applications received by

March 15, 2019.

Targeted areas where EQIP funds will be available for agricultural producers interested in implementing conservation practices will include Doniphan County. Funding will go toward water quality—excess sediment

in surface water improvement practices such as terraces, grassed waterways, water and sediment control basins, filter strips, grade stabilization structures, as well as others.

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Producers hear strategies to mitigate drought at Alma meeting

Area beef producers gathered in Alma at the Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds on November 19th, to learn strategies for winter cattle feeding following a drought. The meeting was co-hosted by Wabaunsee County Cattlemen's Association, Wabaunsee County KLA, and K-State Research and Extension - Wabaunsee County.

Wabaunsee County was in the heart of severe drought conditions which began last year and persisted through the summer months. During this time, the drought impacted forage supplies in terms of

volume and quality. Many of these stored forages will be fed during the upcoming winter months to local cow herds and in background operations.

The 50 attendees enjoyed a barbeque style meal catered by Smokin'G's BBQ of Lake Wabaunsee prior to hearing from four speakers.

KSU Beef Systems Specialist Dr. Jaymelynn Farney introduced several methods to limit costs while maintaining and/or increasing cow body condition scores, including confinement feeding, annual forages, and limit grazing. Limit feeding in a cow herd is a way to meet cow requirements and results in less waste — you feed to meet needs and not to what the cow "feels she needs." While explaining limit feeding in a confinement setting, Farney mentioned research that shows mineral needs to be included in the grain component of the limit-fed ration to ensure appropri-

ate consumption.

KSU ruminant nutrition specialist Dr. Mike Brouk's presentation included heavy emphasis on proper harvest, storage, and nutrient testing of silage. He emphasized adequate packing density and immediate sealing of silage piles and trenches post-harvest. Brook warned of the potential for mold growth in silage this year due to drought followed by heavy rains; high mold levels may cause abortions in cattle.

Regardless of forage type, speakers during this meeting and during September's Ranch and Range Tour encouraged producers to forage test prior to feeding. Forage probes may be checked out from the Wabaunsee County Extension Office.

Local beef producer Randall Debler serves on the Kansas Beef Council Executive Board and the Cattlemen's Beef Board. Debler walked attendees through a flow chart of

how the Beef Checkoff dollars are spent. Producers pay \$1 for every head of livestock they sell. A majority of dollars are spent directly on research and marketing of beef. Currently, these dollars aren't directed at marketing to millennials and younger. Debler stated the marketing reflects "healthy, active people including beef in their daily diets to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle." Also, Debler reminded producers to renew their Beef Quality Assurance training every three years.

Kansas Livestock Association vice president of Legal & Governmental Affairs Aaron Popelka outlined various efforts KLA is currently involved with in regard to the Kansas legislature and state agencies. One key item KLA is engaged on is CattleTrace, a disease traceability pilot project. CattleTrace is owned by Cattle Trace, Inc., a privately held non-profit that is collaborating with the Beef Cattle Institute, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct a two-year pilot project to explore methods of implementing an industry-wide disease outbreak traceability. An upcoming December 10th meeting at the Manhattan Commission Company in Manhattan will focus on this endeavor. Popelka wrapped up his update discussing forecasted changes in Topeka and Washington following the November 6th election.

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Edwards receives Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Award for Grassland Merit

William "Bill" Edwards, rural Olsburg, recently received a distinguished honor at the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts' (KACD) Annual Awards Banquet during the 74th Annual Convention held in Wichita at the Double Tree by Hilton hotel near the airport on November 19, 2018. The awardee is chosen by the Grasslands Committee for the Association with the purpose to recognize an individual, business or organization providing exceptional service and support to the conservation, management and/or education of the grasslands in Kansas.



Bill Edwards, right, is pictured with the Chairman of the Grasslands Committee for KACD Daryl Donohue.

Bill has been the operator of the Edwards/Dry Creek Ranch for more than 36 years. He appreciates the value of good range health and is constantly striving to maintain and improve his family's grasslands.

Grazing distribution and intensity is important to Bill for supporting the grasslands on the ranch. He uses high-tensile electric fences and practices intensive rotation for short-term double stocking with his cattle resulting in the grassland being pre-

served. Edward's philosophy for management of his grasslands was adopted with the act of rotational grazing early on, he would say he is a pioneer in this area and shares his ideas with specialists and the public when prompted.

Educating others on working with the Kansas grasslands has been a desire for Bill. The ranch has held tours and several wildflower/plant identification walks. The

eradication of Old World Bluestem is also important to him. He speaks to local and statewide groups about his experience of late summer burning for these invasive grass species. Not only is grassland management education for others significant to Bill, but for himself. He keeps abreast of the subject by attending the KGLC Adult Range School every year, rangeland health schools, numerous workshops and

meetings in efforts to reach out.

Bill has been a Supervisor for the Pottawatomie County Conservation District (PCCD) Board for 13 years, has been on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition (KGLC) for ten years, a member of the Kansas Livestock Association for the past 18 years and associated with the Society for Range Management for ten years. He also served a term for the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Association and is a volunteer rainfall reporter for CoCoRahs for his area.

Bill works with his parents, Robert "Bob" and Bonnie Edwards, who live nearby. He has two daughters, Erin and Katie, and thoroughly enjoys his grandchildren. He attends the Cowboy Country Church and the Randolph

United Methodist Church where he is known to sing cowboy tunes and play guitar on occasion. Edwards holds memberships in several trail ride clubs. As he and his horse trot through the grasslands, Bill enjoys stopping and pointing out various native grasses, plants and flowers.

This annual statewide award is a reflection of conservation awareness, a

lifetime spent sharing the word and a job very well done. Congratulations to Bill Edwards. The banquet was also attended by Bob and Bonnie Edwards; Justin Boswell, chairperson of PCCD and his wife Gina; Dennis Schwant, vice-chairperson and his wife Ireta; Molly Schmidt, district manager and Chalee Braun, district secretary.

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Kansas NRCS and the KDA-DOC providing \$1.4 million in financial assistance

Karen A. Woodrich, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Kansas State conservationist, announced funding for landowners to improve water quality impairments in the middle and lower Neosho River watersheds in Kansas. NRCS and the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA-DOC) and other partners have joined in a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to offer financial assistance to help landowners institute water quality improvement conservation practices on their land.

NRCS is providing funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There will be two fiscal year 2019 EQIP application evaluation periods for this RCPP project.

The first application evaluation period will be for applications received by December 21, 2018. The second application evaluation period will be for applications received by March 15, 2019.

In Kansas, portions of Cherokee, Labette, and Neosho counties are the targeted areas where EQIP funds will be available for agricultural producers interested in implementing conservation practices. Funding will go

toward water quality improvement practices such as terraces, grassed waterways, nutrient management, filter strips, grass plantings, as well as others.

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MULTI-PARTY FARM AUCTION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 – 10:00 AM
 Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 56885 PWF Road
 FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA

VEHICLES: 2003 GMC 1500 HD Crew Cab pickup, 6.0L V8 eng., automatic, 4x4, PW, PL, new tires, 189K 2-owner miles; 2006 Jeep Commander, 4x4, 4.7L V8 eng., 4 dr., 128K mi, Bull Guard.

BLADE: Western Wide-Out Contractor Grade Snow Plow w/ lights, 8' or 10'. **TOOLS & SHOP ITEMS:** Craftsman tool cabinet; Task Force tool cabinet; Hilti Ramset loads; Husqvarna chain saw; misc. welding rod; bench grinders; 5 gal. 15w-40 diesel oil; misc. heavy casters; heavy arbor press; sm. gas tank & hose.

HORSE EQUIPMENT: Voitures Robert, Inc. carriage, made in Canada, nice; 2 whl. driving cart for light horse; Terry Pierce wagon w/horse tongue, towing tongue & 2 wood side benches; Pioneer Breaking sled w/tongue & neck yoke; Fore Cart w/dash-board, needs repair; adj. all steel tongue for draft & light horses; all steel Draft Horse shaves; light horse shaves; 2 sets of shaves for fore cart; Quarter Horse team show harness; Draft Horse web single harness; 2 pleasure driving harness; 2 Quarter Horse farm harness; misc. harness parts; 3 English saddles, 1 w/irons; English saddle blanket; 15" Western padded seat saddle; 13" youth Western saddle; misc. cinches. **STOCK TRAILER:** 1995 Travalong 16' bumper hitch stock trailer, good floor & rubber. **FENCING:** Walk gates; fence panels; 150± steel fence posts; 80± hedge posts, 10' corners & lines; new & old rolls of barbed; 37± 5'x6' pens; wire; wood posts; elec. Solar Fencer. **IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT:** Ford Industrial V8, propane w/water pump; Chevy 327 propane w/ Berkeley pump; (33) 8" irrigation pipe; pipe trailer. **EQUIPMENT:** A&L 508 grain cart; Gehl 135 grinder-mixer w/long unloading auger; JD rotary hoe; New Holland windrow inverter; Kelly Ryan 5'x12' steel floor manure spreader, PTO; 4'x7' 3 pt. hog carrier; 7 Powell farrowing crates. **MISC.:** Alkota hot water pressure washer; Silent Diesel Generator Model DG6NR, 60hp; (2) 150-gal. saddle tanks; JD hyd. cyl., 16' hoses; cattle oiler; ear corn hoops.

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Industrial hemp, a variety of Cannabis sativa, can be used in a range of products, including paper, textiles, biodegradable plastics, construction, health, fuel and food. It's the same plant species as marijuana, but is genetically different and distinguished by its use and chemical makeup, according to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. In April 2018, the Alternative Crop Research Act was enacted and the KDA was charged with implementing the Industrial Hemp Research Program.

In southwest Kansas, Stevens County farmers have increasingly planted soybeans, which can be considered an alternative crop for that part of the state, said agriculture and natural resources agent Ron Honig.

A few farmers in Stevens County have grown soybeans successfully for years, he said, but the number of acres planted to soybeans has increased the past two years, driven by low net returns on corn and improvements in soybean genetics.

"We've had less wheat planted in the last three to five years because of the prices," said Sandra Wick, crop production agent in the Post Rock District which spans five north central counties. Instead, farmers have shifted some acres to corn and soybeans, but are also looking to field peas as an option.

"We're in the infancy of that," Wick said, adding that K-State has field pea test plots at the universi-

ty's North Central Kansas Experiment Field near Belleville which will help determine what varieties are best suited for growing in the state's northern counties.

She has coordinated educational meetings on alternative crops and is planning one on field peas, so farmers can learn the latest on soil fertility considerations, plus seeding, planting and harvesting requirements.

Some producers in that part of the state have tried winter canola, she said, but winter kill is a problem in the northern tier counties.

Growers in that part of the state, Wick added, are also considering cover crops, which are typically grown either to enhance soil health or as a crop on which to graze cattle. The first consideration is to determine which of those two is the primary purpose of the crop. If it's to improve soil health, she said, a farmer would plant a different species than if the purpose is to graze cattle.

Invasive Asian bush honeysuckle can be controlled in the fall

Asian bush honeysuckle is an invasive species that is slowly taking over Kansas landscapes, negatively impacting wildlife habitat and decreasing local ecosystem functionality.

"There are many options when it comes to controlling bush honeysuckle," said Ryan Armbrust, forest health forester with the Kansas Forest Service, adding that fall presents an ideal opportunity to identify and treat the invasive species.

"Bush honeysuckle is one of the last woody plants in our Kansas landscapes to drop leaves in the fall. Combined with the bright red fruit the plant puts on, bush honeysuckle is easy to spot starting in early November," Armbrust said.

As other plants go dormant in early and late fall, bush honeysuckle remains active. Chemical treatment in the fall is an effective option when controlling large stands with minimal or no damage to desirable plants while they are in a dormant state.

Large stands of bush honeysuckle can easily be chemically treated with the use of a backpack mist blower, Armbrust said. Mist blowing offers effective control at a low cost per acre by decreasing the time spent and possibly the cost of chemicals. A backpack mist blower allows for quick treatment of large areas without a decrease in effectiveness. It is common to treat one to two acres per hour effectively with little impact on non-target species when applied in the late fall.

To assist in chemical treatment, KFS has two backpack mist blowers that are available for loan to private landowners, contractors, or other state and federal agencies. Contact Armbrust at rarmbrust@ksu.edu to request a mist blower.

More information about the chemical treatment of Asian bush honeysuckle can be found in a publication through the K-State Research and Extension Bookstore.

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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

Sealed Bid Land Auction (bids accepted until Dec. 12 at 11 am) — 288 Ac +/- River bottom tillable on the Solomon River between Verdi & Niles. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

Sealed Bid Land Auction (bids accepted until Dec. 14 @ 3 pm CST) — 161.47 m/l acres in Osborne County, KS. Bid to Klint @ Kennedy Berkley Law Firm, questions Curt Marshall.

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

December 4 — Real Estate — 160 acres Rice County land held in Alden for Karen Boyle Estate. Auctioneers: Oswald Auction & Realty.

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

December 6 — Real Estate — western Clay County farmland held at Clay Center for the Freddie J. Brose Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

December 7 — Furniture, collectibles, tools & more at Lawrence for Bill & Betty Wapp. Auctioneers: Edgcomb Auctions.

December 8 — Antiques, florals, shelving, household, furniture, old doors, signed Black Bear Bosin & Georgia O'Keefe prints, vintage, glassware, quilts, Halstead advertising pieces, small display cases, crocks, some tools, 1927 National Cash Register, City of Sedgwick old street light & much more at Halstead for Halstead Floral. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

December 8 — Guns, bits & spurs, traps, Horn furniture & art, chalk art, oil & petroleum collectibles, chuck wagon/kitchen, hog oilers, railroad, antlers, mounts, antler art, signs & prints, display cases, salesman samples, fishing, knives, cast iron, blacksmith, hunting, lighting, pedal vehicles, ammo, scopes, etc. & more held at Strong City. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

December 8 — Vehicles, blade, tools & shop items, horse equipment, stock trailer, fencing, irrigation equipment & other farm & farm-related items for multi parties at Fairbury, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

December 11 — Commercial Real Estate - 1.2 acres on a large corner lot, warehouse held at Salina for Jack A. Wilson Trust - Advantage Trust Company, trustee. Auctioneers: Mark Baxa,

Coldwell Banker Antrim-Piper Wenger Realtors.

December 15 (rescheduled) — Tractors & combines, trucks, pickups, vehicles & trailers, machinery, collectibles, salvage & misc. at Dwight for the late George & Bessie Lighthall. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

December 15 — Real Estate (5 acres with 2-story home, barn, garage, other outbuildings) & Personal property inc. Pickup, 1966 Ford Galaxy, appliances, wood stoves, mowers, chain saws, furniture, TVs & electronics, LP records, DVDs, household & more at Bennington for John Beichle Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

December 15 — Huge year-end reduction inventory auction including 200 pieces of tractors, combines, heads, sprayers, tillage, hay, grain equipment & more farm machinery held at Palmyra, Missouri & online at www.wheelerauctions.com for Sydenstricker John Deere. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

December 15 — Farm equipment, machinery, vehicles, firearms, collectible automobile & misc. at Lyndon for Marvin Hansford Estate. Auctioneers: Sanders Auctions, Jim Sanders.

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

December 15 — Toy Tractors: IHC Special Edition, International Harvester, John Deere Precision Classics, John Deere Special Addition, John Deere toys, Massey, Ford Precision, Allis Chalmers Precision Classic, AC Special Addition,

Caterpillar, and Franklin Mint toys held at Marysville for Gary Skoch. Auctioneers: Olmsted's & Sandstrom.

December 16 — Gun consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

January 5, 2019 — Collectibles inc. tobacco items, milk jars, hand planters, advertising & more, pedal tractors, vintage toys, comics, vintage fishing items inc. reels & rods, plugs & lures, glassware & misc. at Lawrence for Steve & Jo Ellen Kasson. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 5 & 6, 2019 — Estate real estate (house) & personal property including appliances, vehicles, mower, motor scooter auction at Salina for James Mullen. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

January 8, 2019 — Real Estate Auctions: (1) 3 BR/1.5 BA home w/114 acres of pasture & cropland; (2) 3BR, 2BA walkout rancher with 124 acres of pasture & cropland held at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Sanders Auctions, Coldwell Banker Griffith & Blair, Inc., Jim Sanders.

January 9, 2019 — 312 acres m/l of Marshall County farmland, grass, hay ground, waterways & timber held at Frankfort for Kennedy Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction.

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

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

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

Diversification of local food systems featured during regional town hall meeting

At a town hall meeting to discuss state and local food and farm issues, Cloud County citizens learned that only 29.6% of the county's eligible voters turned out for the August primary election. This means that only one in three people eligible to vote took the time to do so and are making decisions to critical to everyone's well-being.

The meeting was part of a series of four forums the Kansas Rural Center (KRC) held across the state in late August and September to encourage greater engagement in public policy making by facilitating discussion of local and regional economic and social issues, and urging people to get out to the general election in November.

About 30 area citizens attended the event in Concordia where they listened to speakers discuss state economic and budget issues, food access initiatives that benefit both consumers and farmers, and held a lively round table discussion on local food system issues. The Dinner and Dialogue town hall meeting was held on August 30th in Concordia. Citizens enjoyed a locally sourced meal prepared by Marla's Joy House.

Round table dialogue included discussion about low voter turnout during the primary election, how to mobilize the community to vote, questions to ask candidates prior to the general election, and other interest topics critical to the election year.

Local/regional organizations who presented included: Republic County Economic Development, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Climate + Energy Project, Kansas Appleseed, Kansas League of Women Voters and Kansas Rural Center.

The speakers and organizations fielded questions from attendees covering Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit recipient requirements, local food distribution challenges, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification for growers, and marketing obstacles for local prod-

ucts. These topics surfaced through an open dialogue session highlighting local and regional needs and concerns.

Paul Johnson, a policy analyst for KRC, opened the dialogue, stating, "We need to set a standard by 2025. Can we get to 20-25% of food grown and sold in Kansas? Currently this figure is less than 5%." KRC and others at the meeting are working to elevate the importance of local and regional food production for local economic development.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, and Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, led a panel discussion highlighting businesses using locally grown and produced ingredients. In addition to sharing the many accomplishments in the region, challenges with distribution, marketing, and consumer education were also shared. Regional statistics from their presentation included:

All meat served in Concordia schools are sourced from a local meat locker.

Republic County is the #1 pumpkin-producing county in the state.

Donated meat to schools and pantries are better tax-wise for farmers than a bad day at the market.

This event is a part of a series of evening "town halls" KRC is hosting around the state to pro-

vide information and analysis on federal and state level food and farm policy and programs. Within the broader context of state budget and revenue issues and the need for greater citizen engagement, the town halls focus on local and regional level efforts to strengthen community access to food, resources for farmers, health care, and education. A round table dialogue at each meeting reaches deeper into the issues and highlights how to get involved or take action.

These forums are part of KRC's "Community Food Solutions for a Healthier Kansas" initiative and Integrated Voter Engagement project, working toward better incorporating Kansas farms and communities into the state's healthy food supply chain. Individuals and organizations attending are encouraged to continue to share information, and reach out to their neighbors and other citizens to work on local and regional issues and encourage grassroots engagement.

The mission of KRC, founded in 1979, is to promote the long-term health of the land and its people through community-based research, education, and advocacy that advances an economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming system in Kansas. For more information, visit kansasruralcenter.org.

ESTATE AUCTION

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FEATURES OF PROPERTY
 1.2 Acres on the corner of York and North Street. The warehouse located on the property was constructed in approximately 1985 and has public access with two paved roads leading to the property. The warehouse is metal with a steel frame and is approximately 60'x80' or 4,800 sq. ft. The lot size is large at approximately 53,108 sq. ft. The property is zoned I-2 (Light Industrial District). The property is assessed for taxation purposes as residential use. Taxes for 2017 were \$1,600.26. The property is vacant.

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RESCHEDULED AUCTION

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DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Dwight on Hwy 4. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

TRACTORS & COMBINES: AC D14, wide front with loader with trip bucket, runs good; AC D17, narrow front, not running; AC 180, gas 3pt., runs; AC 200, cab, 3pt., dual hyd, not running; JD A, not running, tin is OK; JD D on rubber, rough and not running; JD A, salvage & parts; Tractomotive TL-10 loader, 4 cyl. gas with 6ft bucket, runs; Gleaner FII, 14ft. header, 6cyl. gas, not running; Gleaner A2, 3 row corn head, 4 cyl. gas, not running.

TRUCKS, PICKUPS, VEHICLES & TRAILERS: 1959 Ford 600, 15½ ft. Midwest bed & hoist, V-8, 4 spd-2spd, runs; 1958 IH, 15½ ft. bed & hoist, metal floor 4 spd., 6 cyl.; 1979 Chevrolet ¾ ton, 4x4, auto, 350, runs; 1986 Chevrolet conversion van, ¾ ton, 350, interior is in good condition; 1978 Chevrolet ¾ ton, 4x4, 350, 4 spd., flatbed, runs but needs work; 1972 Ford ½ ton, not running; 1970 Ford ½ ton, salvage; 1984 Dodge Colt, salvage; 1987 Chrysler LeBaron, salvage; W&W 16x6 stock trailer, good floor; 16x6 flatbed trailer, good; tilt bed lawn mower trailer, 9'x4', good; pickup bed trailer with enclosed top; HD lowboy type trailer, homemade.

MACHINERY: Killbros 350 bu gravity box on 10 ton running gear, good condition; mounted pull type harrow, hyd. lift; 2 IH Vibra-Shank field cultivators, 18ft. & 14ft.; JD 14ft. hay wagon, good floor; JD 450 7ft. pull type sickle mower; JD 400 3pt. rotary hoe; several 3bt. pull type plows; 5ft. 3pt. box blade; AC 1600 pull type chisel; JD pull type chisel; AC 6 row planter; Krause 10 ft. tandem disk; JD #5 sickle mower; 3 ton tandem axle dry fertilizer spreader, good; 3pt. bale mover; MFS 80855 8 in. grain auger, PTO, 55ft. long; 3pt. lawn finisher & thatcher; Hesston 500 swather; IH grain drill, good box; Krause 3pt. chisel; Crustbuster 6 row rolling cultivator; 5ft. pull type rotary mower; snap couple traction booster; 2 3pt. root rippers; 2 50 gallon fuel tanks; Lincoln side lift air jack; Wisconsin engine; 300 gal. plastic water tank; hyd. tire lift.

COLLECTIBLES, SALVAGE & MISC.: numerous steel, wheels; CI hog oiler; McCormick wood corn sheller; dump rake; New Idea & Case side delivery rakes on steel; JD 45 combine; MF Super 92 combine; MH Super 27 combine; JD 740 field cultivator; AC 611 HDU lawn tractor; flail mower; US military jet refueling system; 10ft. salt spreader box; numerous other items for salvage; large selection of Vibra Shank parts; 2 wagons of farm primitives, tools & misc.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 — 1:00 PM
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TRACT I:
Legal Description: E ½ S ½ 3-8-11 Osborne Co. Kansas
 The farm is located 3 miles West and 3 miles North of Tipton along 181 Highway. There are 156.74 acres of grass with a spring feed pond. 2017 taxes were approximately \$340.21

TRACT II:
Legal Description: SW ¼ 31-7-11 & E ½ SE ¼ 36-7-12 Osborne Co. Kansas
 The farm is located 2 miles West of Highway 181 on 120th Drive. There are 225 acres of grass with pond. 2017 taxes were \$389.86.

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