



Rezac Livestock Commission Company still going strong after 70 years

By Nancy Rezac

On December 19, 2017 Rezac Livestock Commission Co., Inc. celebrated its 70th year of doing business just outside of the St. Marys city limits with a customer appreciation day and lunch. Rezac Livestock's customers have been an essential part of its success. The Rezac family has been fortunate to have a business in a progressive agricultural community where the supply of cattle to buy and sell has been endless.

Owners and operators Dennis, Kenneth and Lynn Rezac are the second generation keeping Rezac Livestock going.

Delaine Rezac (1919-2006) built the original cinder block building the winter of 1947 with the help of



Sheila Marney, Lynn Rezac, Rex Arb, Dennis Rezac, and ring man Gale Myers keep the auction moving on sale day at Rezac Livestock Commission Co., Inc.

be bigger and faster. With cattle coming to town in semi tractors and trailers, instead of in two-ton farm trucks, as before, larger lots of cattle were being sold. It was no longer acceptable to weigh cattle eight at a time until 2:00 a.m. during the long fall auction runs. The sale barn was remodeled in 1973, and a floating ring scale was installed over an excavated hole where the old ring had been in 1978. Cattle came through doors that were hydraulic-powered.

The Rezac sons decided to computerize the business beginning in 1979, which cut the time the sales lasted by several hours. They hired a company to set up a program for the barn. Kenny Rezac later designed the computer program current-



Phyllis Davis and Nancy Rezac run the office on sale day at Rezac Livestock Comm. Co., Inc.



Cattle buyers John Lutz, Emporia, and Richard Behrends, Weber, enjoy the brisket dinner at Rezac's 70th Anniversary and customer appreciation day December 19.



Martin Channel and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Baumchen, Emmett, look over the memorabilia on display at Rezac Livestock's 70th anniversary. Joe is one of the few customers left that can remember all 70 of those years.

neighbors in what was an apple orchard that had been riddled by a tornado. Apple sheds were converted into pig pens and pens were added for cattle. Delaine and his wife Phyllis had the first sale May 7, 1947.

From then through December 31 that year, 3000 head of cattle were sold. Commission at that time was 3% on the first \$500 sold for the consignor at each sale, and 2% for the amount over \$500. A record

of one sale on August 19, 1947 showed the sale started with the selling of used items (junk), followed by 14 hogs and 34 cattle. Payroll that day consisted of three people earning \$3.75 each, two auctioneers earning \$30.00 total, and clerking and office help totaling \$20.00. In 2017 Rezac Livestock has sold 76,624 head of cattle.

It takes a lot of people to run a successful business. Gene Toby, Seneca, was hired as the first auctioneer. Joe Gresser at Peoples State Bank in Rossville became the head bookkeeper and held that position for 20 years. In the early 1960s Phyllis Davis was added to the office staff. At that time Delaine believed in visiting each consignor's farm to talk to them about selling their cattle. It was a big job and he enlisted as field man Paul Kramer, a very good family friend, who farmed northwest of St. Marys. In the 1960s Elmer Imthurn, a cattleman from west of Maple Hill, and Eldon Arb,

from Melvern, also became field men. Leland Bailey, from Mayetta, joined the team in the 1970s. Rex Arb replaced his father Eldon in the 1980s. As the older field men passed away, Dennis Rezac took over much of the customer contact work and spends a great deal of his time on the cell phone. He also communicates with the order buyers each week.

The first office crew also included Gertie Kramer and Kay Fulmer. "Doc" Fulmer was the first sale day vet. Neighbors worked on sale day penning cattle. Through the years many high school boys had their first work experience at Rezac Livestock Commission Co.

As Delaine and Phyllis' three sons, Kenneth, Lynn, and Dennis became big enough, they learned to work at the family's sale barn. As they grew up they took on more jobs around the barn and in the family business. Denny attended Missouri Auction School and fulfilled a dream to cry the weekly auctions. After

military service, Kenneth and Lynn returned home to continue to operate the family business. A lot of changes have transpired since they began working.

The sale barn café has been known for years for its delicious homemade pies. At first pies were purchased at the Landis Bakery on the north side of Bertrand. Phyllis Rezac knew her pies were better and decided to make them herself. At one time the café sold 15 to 20 pies each week. Three people worked in the cramped quarters of the little café which had seating of ten bar stools. Phyllis did the baking until she handed the job down to her three daughters-in-law, Chris, Pat and Nancy, in the 1990s. Chris and Nancy continue to run the café. In addition to running the café, Kenneth's wife Chris books cattle in at the stock trailer dock on Tuesdays, and Denny's wife, Nancy, handles the buyer side of the office.

When the barn originated, each farm in the Kaw

Valley had a barn, pens, and a corn crib to fatten their own small herds of calves. More and more farm feed lots were later turned into fields to grow more corn and beans in eastern Kansas. Commercial feedlots began appearing in western Kansas and Nebraska, and eastern Colorado in great numbers. By the 1980s there weren't very many fat cattle on the farms to buy. The sale barn's focus turned mostly to cattle that grazed the pastures. Some of the customers began backgrounding young cattle. These farmers, from Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, take weaning age calves and grow them until they're old enough to send west to the feedlots. Rezac Livestock Commission Co. became a place for buyers from those feed lots to come to buy feeder cattle.

The 1970s became a time when sale barns were keeping up with other industries and things had to

ly in operation, and keeps the system running.

Rezac Livestock Commission Co., Inc. obtained a website at www.rezaclivestock.com, and began videoing auctions for internet bidding July 2006. The website features a market report for the previous week's auction, upcoming sale consignments, directions to the barn, and directions for internet bidding. Rezac's Tuesday sales can now be viewed at www.dvauctions.com where bidders can buy cattle without traveling to St. Marys.

Long-time employees Phyllis Davis, bookkeeper, Marty Schindler and Alvin Stutzman yard men, Rex Arb, auctioneer, and the many other employees that it takes to run the auction have played a valued part in the sale barn's success. It has taken a good team to keep the barn going for the last 70 years.



Steve Glanzer, cattle buyer from Randolph, was the door prize winner of a horseshoe art piece at Rezac Livestock's 70th anniversary and customer appreciation day. The horseshoe star was created by Jason Harries, a customer of Rezac's.

KDA receives grant to support SAVE Farm

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to support the development of the Servicemember Agricultural Vocation Education program, also known as SAVE. The award was one of 36 grants made through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which aims to help address issues associated with the rising age and decrease in number of U.S. farmers and ranchers.

SAVE works to bridge the gap between the need for new farmers in our country and the large population of veterans and transitioning service members looking for new opportunities, a high percentage of whom indicate an interest in farming. The SAVE

Farm vision is to provide occupational agricultural training, therapy and engagement to a significant number of veterans, serve members and family members on a training farm in Kansas.

"This grant is central to SAVE's growth and success," said Gary LaGrange, president of SAVE. "As we move toward a mature, comprehensive training model for our service members and veterans, this grant enables us to significantly expand our reach and ability to bring new, younger men and women into farming and agriculture. It is a pleasure to work with KDA and USDA as we seek to address the national challenges facing veterans and farmers."

This grant will support three specific programs as part of the SAVE Farm: a bee-keeping training program, farm tours including

farm business planning and financial management, and apprenticeships on working farms with potential succession possibilities.

"The SAVE Farm serves a valuable role in providing a bridge between the agriculture community and the service we owe to our veterans as they transition to civilian life," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey. "The hands-on training and therapy provided through this program open the door for these veterans to a fulfilling future career in agriculture."

The average age of farmers in the U.S. is approaching 60, and farm succession has been an increasingly critical concern. More than 60 percent of veterans come from families that have farmed in the previous generation. NIFA's mission is to invest in and advance agricultural research, edu-

cation and Extension that solve societal challenges, and this \$257,000 grant to Kansas will serve that mission. At the same time, it will further KDA's purpose

to serve, promote and grow the state's largest industry: agriculture.

For more information about the SAVE Farm, go to www.thesavefarm.org.

29th Topeka Farm Show to be held January 9,10,11

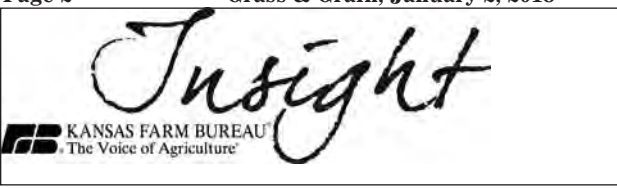
The Topeka Farm Show will celebrate its 29th anniversary January 9, 10, and 11, 2018. It will be held at the Kansas Expocentre. The show has grown to include over three hundred exhibiting companies, and 550 booths. It boasts daily horsemanship clinics, events for the entire family, free parking, free admission, and free health care programs.

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Cut Your Profit Margins?

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau
The holidays are over, and winter has set in. Although the days remain shorter, farmers and ranchers are busy planning the new year.
Some may be dreaming about a wonderful winter wheat harvest while others are caring for their livestock and others may be preparing for the up-

coming fall planting season. All of which, depend on whether we're blessed with moisture.
During this period, it's healthy to interject a little humor into the daily diet. A chuckle or comic relief is good for the mind and body. With that in mind, here's my offering for the beginning of the New Year.
I've yet to meet a farmer or rancher who isn't

continually searching for new, innovative ways to make profits. This week, let's peek at the opposite end of the spectrum. Here are ten sure-fire ways to cut your profit margins.
Blindly follow seasonal trends or patterns. If the market is going up – do not sell – it may go even higher. If the market is falling – do not sell – it may turn around and rocket back up.
Never, under any circumstances, trust U.S. Department of Agriculture crop and livestock reports. From all the information available, these reports are “strictly legit.” But never mind. Discard these

reports at all costs.
Blame the big grain companies. Everyone knows they manipulate the farmer and make all the profits.
Assume prices and costs are related. No place is it written that because you spend thousands of dollars an acre to produce irrigated corn, you are guaranteed a profit on your product.
Hold the short crop because less corn, wheat, beans or milo must mean the price of these commodities will increase. In reality, by the time you hear a crop is in short supply, everyone else has heard the same news and the price

has already gone up.
Follow the majority. If your neighbor sells his corn, it is probably the right time for you to sell yours too. Ignore most conversation in the local coffee shop, the town hall or other meeting places. Figure out your own marketing strategy.
Ignore the futures market and basis because everyone knows that a bunch of speculators are rigging the market. Remember, speculators lose money too and provide liquidity for the market.
Never sell until you have a crop in the bin. Often, before you harvest a crop is the best time to

look at profits. Take a hard look at future contracting.
Always, always shoot for the market high. Smart marketers have abandoned this philosophy for the goal of “shooting for higher.”
When all else fails, blame your banker or your wife. You may just want to take a closer look at yourself and your production and marketing strategies.
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.

Farm analyst encourages farmers to communicate with lenders

Falling commodity prices and sliding farmland values over the past three years are pushing some farmers into troubling financial territory. It's tough to think about the future when you're worried about making mortgage payments or paying off equipment, but Kansas State University economist Duane Hund is urging farmers to be proactive in taking stock of their situation and talking with their lenders.
“I've been hearing from people I haven't talked to in ten years or more,” Hund said of the concern people are expressing about their financial situation. As the director of the Farm Analyst program at K-State, he and a team of farm economists work confidentially with farmers across the state to determine the best path to profitability.
Some people are over-extended credit-wise, he said, and having trouble

getting renewals on their lines of credit. That's partly due to the unstable land market in some parts of the state, which is sparking caution among lenders, especially where a farmer's land is used as collateral.
The declining value of crop insurance, which famers use as collateral for their operating loans, is another concern. As average commodity prices go down, Hund said, so does the level of coverage a farmer can purchase.
The average price of U.S. wheat fell to \$4.89 per bushel in the 2015/2016 marketing year from \$7.77 three years earlier, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The average price of corn was \$3.61 a bushel in 2015-2016, about half the 2012-2013 price of \$6.89.
Hund, who has worked with more than 1,000 farmers over the past 32 years, said some people are asking if a recent increase

in interest rates is a harbinger of what happened in the 1980s, when interest rates soared and the farm economy plummeted. He referred to the Dec. 13, 2017 announcement by the Federal Reserve that it was raising the benchmark federal funds rate by a quarter of a point to a range of 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent, the third increase in 2017. In its announcement, the agency noted an overall strengthening labor market and economic activity, even amid the year's hurricane-related fluctuations.
“This may not be a negative, but could be positive,” Hund said of the interest-rate increase. “I'm somewhat hopeful that this isn't a harbinger of a problem but an increase in demand.”
He said the current economic situation is especially difficult for young farmers just starting out: “Some don't have a lot of equity, and machinery val-

ues are down, especially in comparison with what they owe on it. In some cases the value of machinery is below what the debt is that's against it.”
Lenders are being cautious about how they value machinery, he said, but added that the criteria banks use can be subjective. If they see equipment that doesn't sell for much at a farm sale in their county, it can influence the lender's thoughts, but that same type of equipment may sell for much more next week in another part of the state.
“Some banks are optimistic and willing to take on a new loan or two. Others are pessimistic and concerned that conditions can get worse before they get better and are being very cautious about extending credit or writing new loans,” he said. “One bad loan can influence a lender's thoughts about all of their farm loans.
Hund said he's not

aware of any foreclosures currently, but some farmers who were already nearing retirement are exiting now. Others are filing for Chapter 12 bankruptcy, which allows farmers to restructure their finances and avoid liquidation or foreclosure.
He suggests that farmers work on a financial statement and talk with their lender. In some cases, it's not declining production but the declining value of production that's the problem.
“It's nothing you've done. If you're a good producer and doing everything right but negative only because of a decline in commodity prices, banks are more likely to hang with you and do what they can to help you stay in business,” Hund said.
Seek help if you need help assessing where you are financially, he added. If the outlook isn't what you were hoping for, this is the time to make adjust-

ments. Almost every farm has adjustments they can make to better their situation.
Hund said he's also received calls from spouses of farmers who were seeing anger and depression and concerned about their husbands' emotional health. Farmers are feeling defeated, in some cases.
“I'm not saying anything is at the level that we saw in the 1980s, but we're seeing levels of depression and anxiety we haven't seen in a long time,” he said.
Unlike large corporations where committees are formed to address the company's challenges, farmers are often the one and only decision-maker in their business, which can be a lonely place in times of financial stress. They might say ‘Am I failing?’ ... ‘I'm at a place I'm not used to’ ... ‘I don't know what to do.’
“Often when we sit down with a farmer and his family, and they are able to verify that their production practices are not the problem, there's a sense of relief and renewed optimism. That's important in charting a path forward. Nothing's worse for a producer than the feeling that he can't take care of his family,” Hund said.



Happy New Year! Yes, I have reached the point in my life when in all likelihood if I am awake at midnight on New Year's Eve it is because I woke up. Time marches on and not that long ago 2018 sounded like a long time off in the future. As much as it feels like I was transported into 2018 and dropped off, skipping several years, I know for a fact time has just passed by that quickly.
Along with writing the wrong date on my checks (which will happen into April), putting up a new sale barn calendar and cleaning out my files, the coming of the new year means one thing. It is time for my prognostications for the year. I will put my Swami hat on, channel my inner Johnny Carson and predict what 2018 will bring us. If you will remember my predictions from the past year you will recall that I had about the same accuracy as a weatherman or commodity market expert. So here goes nothing (which is about my success level).
2018 is a big political year so we will start there. There will be much scandal, finger-pointing, fighting and downright dirty politics this year. That will be the primaries with even more and worse scandals, finger-pointing, fighting and dirty politics to follow in the general election. I am not sure what the elections will bring but I do know it will be ugly. As far as what will get done? Probably not much outside of making good material for political pundits and late-night talk show hosts.
Now on to an area that is a lot less murky and devious, the commodity markets. At times the markets will rise to the level of just being depressing and other times they will fall to the level of “hide the sharp objects.” Fluctuations in the market will be caused by foreign countries, our own government (both sides), leap year, high tide, predictions made by Nostradamus or a poll of second-graders. The one thing you can bank on is that none of it will make sense.
We can't go without making predictions about the weather in this upcoming year either. We will have record highs and usher in talk of global warming, which will be followed by record lows and discussions of the next ice age. We will have periods of extended dryness or

drought followed almost immediately by monsoons and too much moisture. Neither of these periods will come at the right time and every farmer and rancher will complain about the current state of the weather. You can believe that the weather in Kansas will continue to be wild and unpredictable; that is a prediction I will take to the bank.
Now for my favorite area to predict, sports. Kansas State football will be in the playoffs next year and everyone will wonder if Coach Snyder is coming back. He will deflect all questions and decide at the end of the season. Kansas State basketball will beat Kansas for the Big 12 title or at least finish in the top 12 in the league (how is that for being a homer and stirring things up). The Kansas City Chiefs will finally win a Super Bowl. Chiefs head coach Andy Reid will continue to dress like Santa Claus because the chances of both Santa being real and this prediction coming true are about equal. The Kansas City Royals have just as much chance of winning the World Series as the K.C. professional basketball team has of winning the NBA title. No matter how any of our teams do, we will put far too much of our own happiness into the outcome of something meant as simple entertainment.
Politics, markets, weather and sports, I think I have touched on every popular area to predict. I have spent a whopping thirty minutes or so thinking about these predictions and I will put them up against any “expert” out there. Keep track of them and let me know how I do next year; I will bet that my success rate is somewhere between zero and five percent. Or better than the average prognosticator.
In any case I want to wish each and everyone of you a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope this will be a year of happiness filled with family and friends. Success and prosperity are all fleeting and completely subjective. While I hope those things for you also, happiness, friendship and love are far more important in the grand scheme. The truth is that I have no idea what the coming year will bring, but it will be exciting. May 2018 be filled with health and happiness.



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Farm bill action possible in early 2018 if Congress keeps much of present law

There's an open window for passing a farm bill in early 2018, says Scott Brown, University of Missouri policy analyst. But potential passage gets tough by late spring.

Getting action depends on Congress quickly agreeing to pass a farm bill much like what exists.

Mostly, farmers are pleased with current legislation, Brown told the MU Crop Management Conference. But every commodity group has ideas for tweaks to their parts of the farm bill.

Insurance to cover disaster losses has gained favor with farmers. However, dairy farmers don't care for their margin protection plan added to the last farm bill.

If House or Senate agriculture committees open talks for dairy changes, other groups will want changes as well. "Proposed changes likely will cost more, not less," Brown says.

In writing a farm bill, spending will be important. With concern about the federal deficit, cutting costs will drive most decisions.

If debate opens over spending priorities, that slows passage to a standstill.

Farm groups must watch what's in the appropriations bill that keeps being pushed back. Budget will decide what happens in many areas.

"What happens in dairy support may be affected more by budget than by

farm bill," Brown says.

"How much can this Congress agree upon?" Brown asked a recent audience.

Action on major legislation often slowed or stalled.

At the start of each farm bill debate there are attempts to remove food stamps from the farm bill. From the standpoint of votes, the removal isn't likely, Brown says.

The Congressional Budget Office reports 77 percent of farm bill spending goes for nutrition aid.

Legislative votes from farm districts are limited. "Nutrition matters for many more legislators," Brown says. Previous congressional votes to cut nutrition from the farm bill

failed.

"There may be moves to change who qualifies for food stamps," Brown says.

Congress has been moving away from ad hoc disaster assistance toward insurance programs, Brown says. Some attempt to reduce subsidies to insurance programs.

Overall, insurance spending is a "drop in the bucket" compared to many federal expenditures. Agricultural aid was eased with higher crop prices after the last farm bill was passed. Support comes from the market.

The current farm bill expires in September 2018.

When it comes to writing a new farm bill, there's a common belief it happens every five years.

"Not so fast," Brown says. "Few farm bills are written in exactly five years." Legislators stick with what they have. That could happen with the present farm bill.

"Overall, there's support for what we have," Brown says.

Passage of the last farm bill dragged on for four years. "From 2011 to 2014 the agriculture committees were exhausted updating their legislation annually before one finally passed," he added.

"It took a lot of baling wire to tie together provisions that gathered votes needed to pass a bill."

The House and Senate agriculture committees have held many hearings, Brown says. That increases the chance of something happening quickly, but if delayed until after spring other issues take priority.

A mid-term election year ahead slows all action.

However, legislators will look for bills they can agree on so they can show what they have done.

The window for a farm bill remains open.

Kansans recognized for conservation efforts

The Division of Conservation in the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA-DOC) is pleased to recognize Lazy VJ Farms near Fredonia as the recipient of the 2017 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award® and Andrew Larson Jr. of Finney County as the recipient of the 2017 Don Rezac Memorial Award.

The Kansas Leopold Conservation Award® honors Kansas landowner achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources, and is presented by the Sand County Foundation in conjunction with the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas. Lazy VJ Farms is owned and managed by Rod Vorhees and his family. When Vorhees began taking a leadership role at the farm, he focused on improving land health, converting tillage land to cover crops and using other methods to extend the time of available quality forage. The pastures on the ranch are managed using rotational grazing, and dedicates care to land management issues such as nongame wildlife, pollinators and migrating species.

The Don Rezac Memorial Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies commitment to conservation, community leadership and family, and is presented by the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts. Larson is a self-employed farmer who has served Kansas conservation efforts in a number of roles including on the State Conservation commission since 1994 and on his Conservation District Board starting in 1978. He embraces the grassroots approach to conservation: "locally led, locally developed and implemented" and values the building and maintaining of relationships and partnerships throughout many levels.

"The Division of Conservation appreciates the

dedication of both Rod Vorhees and Andy Larson to the efforts of conservation in Kansas," said Rob Reschke, director of the KDA-DOC. "Local involvement is critical to conservation, and we are fortunate to have the leadership of these two individuals, as well as the example they have set for others by implementing conservation practices on their own land."

The Kansas Division of Conservation works with local conservation districts, watershed districts, other special purpose districts, and state and federal entities to administer programs to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, conserve water, reduce flood potential and

provide local water supply. These efforts support KDA's mission, which includes helping to ensure a safe food supply, protecting natural resources, promoting public health and safety, protecting animal health, and providing consumer protection to the best of their ability.

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CHICKEN ARTICHOKE CASSEROLE
2 cups bowtie pasta, uncooked
2 cups cubed cooked chicken
14-ounce can water packed artichoke hearts, rinsed, drain & chopped
10 3/4-ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup 2% milk
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup garlic & onion salad croutons, coarsely crushed
Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine the chicken, artichokes, soup, cheese, mayonnaise, milk, garlic, onion powder and pepper. Drain pasta and add to chicken mixture. Transfer to a greased 2-quart baking dish. Top with croutons. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through.

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1/2 cup raisins
2 1/4 cups water
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 cup butter
Vanilla ice cream or sweetened whipped cream (optional)
Lightly coat the inside of a 3 1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray; set aside. In a medium bowl stir together gingerbread mix and milk until moistened. Stir in raisins (batter will be thick). Spread batter evenly in the prepared cooker. In a medium saucepan combine the water,

brown sugar and butter. Bring to boiling; carefully pour brown sugar mixture over batter in cooker. Cover and cook on high-heat setting for 2 hours (center may appear moist but will firm as it stands). Remove liner from cooker, if possible, or turn off cooker. Let stand, uncovered, for 45 minutes to cool slightly. To serve, spoon warm pudding cake into dessert dishes. If desired, serve with ice cream.

Joyce Jandera, Hanover: CURRIED BUTTERNUT SQUASH & APPLE SOUP
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium leek, chopped (about 1 cup)
1 cup peeled, chopped Golden Delicious apple
1 tablespoon curry powder
1/2 cup dry white wine
(3) 10-ounce packages frozen cooked butternut squash, thawed
4 cups unsalted chicken stock
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
3/4 cup plain 2% reduced-fat Greek yogurt
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup julienne-cut Golden Delicious apple
Heat butter and oil in a large Dutch oven over medium heat until butter melts. Add leek and chopped apple. Cook 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in curry powder and

cook 1 minute. Increase heat to medium-high. Add wine and cook 2 minutes until liquid is reduced and slightly syrupy, stirring to scrape up browned bits. Add squash and stock to pan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 8 minutes covered, until apple and squash are very tender. Place half of the squash mixture in a blender. Remove center piece of blender (lid) to allow steam to escape; secure blender lid on blender. Cover opening in lid with a kitchen towel (to avoid splatter). Blend until smooth. Repeat process with remaining half of squash mixture. Return soup to pan stirring in the maple syrup, vinegar, salt and pepper. Combine yogurt and 2 tablespoons water in a bowl. Divide soup among 4 bowls then top with yogurt mixture and julienne apple.
NOTE: When blending soup mixture to be smooth, don't over blend as it will make soup "watery." Very nutritious soup and really easy to prepare. Serves 4.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: CAMEL RAISIN BREAD PUDDING
6 large eggs
2 cups heavy cream
3/4 cup caramel topping plus more for drizzling
3/4 cup raisins
3/4 cup pecans chopped
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 of a loaf Texas Toast
Butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Whisk the eggs, heavy cream, caramel sauce, raisins, pecans,

cinnamon and vanilla in a large bowl. Stir in bread. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish; let soak 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Cover the baking dish with foil and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and continue baking until golden, 15 minutes. Drizzle with more caramel sauce; let cool slightly.

Barbara Barthol, Olathe: EASY APPLE COBBLER
1 can apple pie filling
1 cup flour
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup milk
Pour pie filling in square baking dish pan (8-by-8 or 9-by-9). Mix remaining ingredients and pour over filling. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Let cool and top squares with ice cream or delicious without it as well.

Glenda Tullio, Council Grove: "Remember Cracker Jacks?" CAMEL CORN
1 cup or 2 sticks oleo or butter
2 cups packed brown sugar
1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
6 quarts popped popcorn
Melt oleo in a large heavy saucepan. Stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil stirring constantly then boil without stirring for 5

minutes exactly. Remove from heat and stir in soda and vanilla. Slowly pour over popped popcorn that is in a deep pan like a roasting pan bottom. Mix well. Bake in a 250-degree oven for about 1 hour stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Cool completely then break apart and store in a tightly covered container. Makes 5 quarts.

Linda Kepka, Dorrance: BEEF TACO BAKE
1 pound hamburger
10-ounce can tomato soup
1 cup salsa
1/2 cup milk
5 flour tortillas (8-inch size), cut into 1-inch pieces
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Brown hamburger and drain. Add soup, salsa, milk, tortilla pieces and half of the cheese. Mix together and spoon into a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Cover and bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Loretta Shepard, Helena, Oklahoma: "Makes a lovely sauce-like gravy." GREAT TURKEY ROAST
16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
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Put cranberry sauce and onion soup mix in crockpot; stir to combine. Add frozen turkey breast; cook 2 hours on high then reduce to low for 4 to 5 hours. Remove and slice.

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Twenty Seconds That Could Save Your Life

By Barbara L. Ames, Wildcat District Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

Want to avoid getting sick? Did you know that the best way to protect your health and prevent spreading germs that can cause infections and disease is inexpensive, easy and quick? It's as simple as washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds!

Handwashing is like a “do-it-yourself” vaccine, says the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Wet, lather, scrub, rinse, and dry are five simple and effective steps you can take to reduce the

spread of diarrheal and respiratory illness. Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others.

Dirty Business

When should you and your family wash your hands? The CDC recommends hand washing in these situations:

* Before eating, or feeding a baby

* Before, during and after handling or preparing food

* After using the toilet or changing a diaper

* After sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose

* Before and after tending to someone who is sick

* After touching a pet or a pet's waste, leash, toys or food

* After touching garbage or anything dirty or contaminated

* Whenever they look dirty

Hand Washing Tips

Turn on the faucet and wet your hands. Turn off the faucet. Use soap. Rub your hands together for 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing the “Happy Birthday” song two times). It takes that long to remove the germs. Rinse off the soap well with running water. Do not touch the sink with your hands. If possible, shut off the faucet using a clean towel. Dry your hands with a clean towel or air dry them. Do not rub your hands on your clothes.

Hand Sanitizers

If your hands are not visibly dirty or greasy, and soap and water are not available, use a disposable wipe or a hand sanitizing gel with at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands. They are not as effective as soap and water, particularly when your hands are visibly dirty or greasy, and they don't eliminate all types of germs. You can use hand sanitizers anywhere, and if your hands are not visibly dirty, they can quickly reduce the number of germs on your hands. The amount of gel needed varies by product, so follow the instructions on the label. Rub the sanitizing gel all over your hands and fingers until your hands are dry.

Wash Often and Well

Use soap and water frequently. Clean the backs of your hands, fingertips, fingernails, thumbs, and in between your fingers. Wash well to get rid of the germs that can make you sick and spread to other people. Find out more about handwashing at

<http://www.cdc.gov/hand-washing/>

It's quick, it's simple, and it can keep us all from getting sick. Handwashing is a win for everyone, except the germs.

For more information about this topic or other topics, contact the Wildcat Extension District offices at: Crawford County, 620-724-8233; Labette County, 620-784-5337; Montgomery County, 620-331-2690; Wilson County, 620-378-2167; Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP), 620-232-1930. Wildcat District Extension is on the Web at <http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu>. Or, like our Facebook page at facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district.

Our Favorite Chicken Noodle Soup

Even though it sounds too good to be true, chicken noodle soup can actually help you get well faster when you are suffering from the head and chest congestion that comes with cold and flu season. The hot broth can clear congestion and ease a sore throat; it also provides the fluids that our bodies need more of when we are sick. The chicken provides protein, which our immune system needs to fight off the germs. And the vegetables and whole grain noodles provide vitamins and minerals that boost our immune systems.

So, keep this soup at the ready to help your family fight off colds and flu this winter. It freezes well, so put some in freezer containers just in case there is a time you are not feeling well enough to cook.

Serving Size: 1 1/3 cups

Serves: 6

Cost Per Serving: About \$0.60

Ingredients:

2 chicken leg quarters

6 cups water
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped celery (about 1 rib)

1/2 cup chopped onion (about 1/2 onion)

2 cups sliced carrots (about 4 carrots)

2 cups whole grain wide egg noodles (2.5 ounces)

Put chicken and water in a large stock pot. Bring water to a simmer (slow boil). Cook until chicken reaches 165 degrees (10-15 minutes). While chicken is cooking, clean and chop vegetables. Take chicken out of water with tongs or fork. Cool in refrigerator about 5 to 10 minutes. Add parsley, Italian seasoning, pepper, salt, celery, onion, and carrots to the pot of hot water. Once chicken is cool enough to handle, remove bones and skin from chicken and discard. Cut meat into bite-sized pieces and add to the pot of hot water. Bring to a boil. When water is boiling, add

noodles. Cook according to package directions or about 5 minutes.

Tips:

-Any chicken part may be used for this recipe. If using boneless, skinless chicken breasts, use only 3/4 pound.

-Soup freezes well. Make ahead and freeze for a cold or sick day.

-Other seasoning may be used instead of the parsley and Italian seasoning.

If you like, remove chicken skin before cooking. This will decrease fat and calories slightly.

Nutrition Facts per serving: Calories 280; Total fat 4.5 g; Sat. fat 1 g; Cholesterol 80 mg; Sodium 350 mg; Carbohydrate 32 g; Dietary Fiber 5g; Sugars 3 g; Protein 27 g, Vitamin A 140%; Vitamin C 6%, Calcium 6%, Iron 15%.

Source: Justine Hoover, R.D.; Spend Smart. Eat Smart. Iowa State University Extension.

<http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings/2016/01/04/our-favorite-chicken-noodle-soup/>



BBQ Beef Pie

By Ashleigh Krispense

This easy meal is simple to whip together and a hit with the whole family! My favorite way to make it is in a cast iron skillet, but it can be made in about any glass pie plate as well. Also, I use the basic ol' homestyle biscuits that come in a can from the store. While you can make your own dough, it's much quicker to just get a can of biscuit dough!

You'll need:

1 lb. ground beef

1/2 onion, chopped

1 can (10 biscuits) biscuits

1/2 c. BBQ sauce

1 c. Cheddar and Mozzarella cheese, shredded and mixed (roughly 1/2 c. each)

Salt & pepper

Brown onion and hamburger in a medium skillet. Stir in BBQ sauce, salt

and pepper.

Place biscuits in greased cast iron skillet (or pie plate) and press down to make a crust.

Pour beef over the biscuits, spread evenly, and then top with the cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees (or whatever the biscuit package says) for 15 minutes or until bubbly and biscuits are golden brown on the bottom.

Let sit 5-10 minutes before serving.

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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Food safety training available for growers seeking GAP certification

Kansas State University will host a pair of full-day food safety workshops for growers who sell fruit and vegetables and are interested in attaining USDA

certification for their production practices. Growers have their choice to attend a workshop on Jan. 18 or Feb. 16 at the K-State Olathe campus, 22201 W. In-

novation Dr., in Olathe.

The training is designed to aid farmers who are working toward getting U.S. Department of Agriculture Harmonized Good Agricul-

tural Practices, or GAP, certification.

The workshops will be conducted by K-State Research and Extension Associate Cal Jamerson, who has extensive experience in the GAP certification process. He will provide examples of plans that have been used to achieve certification and help attendees build their own audit-ready food safety plans.

“For produce growers whose buyers are telling them they need to become GAP certified, this training will be very useful,” said Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension and University of Missouri Extension.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture supports K-State Research and Extension produce safety ef-

forts.

More information on GAP certification and online registration for these workshops and other produce safety workshops, including on the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule is available at www.ksre.k-state.edu/food-safety/produce/index.html or by contacting Cal Jamerson at agri@ksu.edu or 913-307-7391.

Regional Ranch Management and Profitability meeting planned in north central Kansas

Mark your calendars for an exciting educational opportunity regarding management and profitability strategies for cattlemen and women. K-State Research and Extension will bring state beef specialists to north central Kansas to discuss several pertinent topics. The Post Rock Extension District will host the event, along with its partners River Valley, Midway, and Central Kansas districts.

The program, titled “Corrals, Calcium, Cost, and Cows: Management and Profit Strategies for 2018” will include a series by Dr. Justin Waggoner on updating facilities for more effective use, with

emphasis on the Bud Box processing system as well as Dr. Bob Weaver presenting his always-valuable take on selecting replacement heifers to boost cow herd efficiency. Mineral supplementation, presented by Dr. Jayme-lynn Farney, and cost and profit benchmarking by Dr. Sandy Johnson, are also on the agenda. This will be a producer-friendly event where attendees will have an opportunity to drive the conversation in what they hope is a thought-provoking Q&A session to conclude the meeting.

Join them on Tuesday, February 6th at the NCK Tech College in Beloit. A meal will be served be-

ginning at 5:30 p.m. with the program to begin at 6:00. Registrations can be mailed to Post Rock Extension District, 307 N. Commercial, Mankato, KS 66956. They ask that all registrations are completed by Friday, February 2nd to ensure an accurate meal count. A special “thank you” to meal sponsors Guaranty State Bank of Beloit and American Ag Credit of Salina for helping make this event possible.

Further questions can be directed to Katelyn Brockus at 785-325-2121 or kbrockus@ksu.edu. They look forward to seeing you February 6th, 2018.

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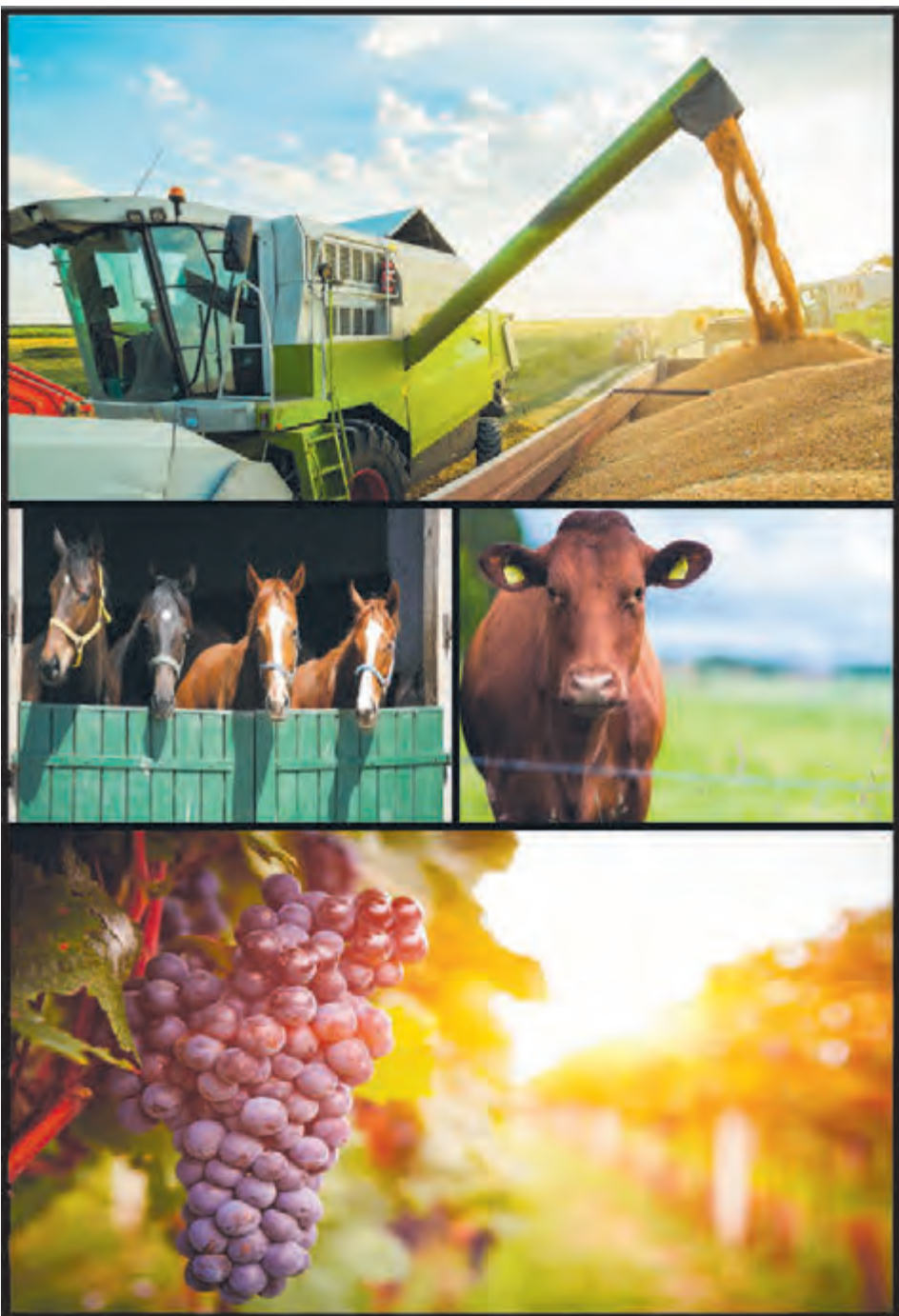
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USDA seeks applications for innovative conservation grants by February 26, 2018

USDA is offering grants for innovative conservation technologies and tools. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest \$10 million in the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. Grant proposals are due February 26, 2018.

"I know individual

Kansans, non-profits, universities and state partners have great ideas and projects that need funding," said Sheldon Hightower, Kansas NRCS acting state conservationist.

"These grants have tremendous value because the projects are closely tied to practical applications for producers. Last

year, Kansas State University received \$672,000 for a project to implement new irrigation technology."

According to Hightower, "The grants are very competitive, so potential applicants need to get started now in preparing their proposal. I encourage potential applicants to sign up for the free we-

binar in January."

NRCS is hosting a webinar for potential CIG applicants on January 11, 2018, at 3 p.m. Central.

Information on how to join the webinar can be found on the NRCS CIG webpage.

This year, NRCS is focusing its funding in these areas:

- **Grazing Lands:** Helping livestock producers make grazing management decisions, encouraging prescribed burning as a grazing management practice, and improving access to conservation planning tools used for developing grazing management plans.

- **Organic Agriculture Systems:** Helping organic producers develop innovative cropping and till-

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For more information, go to the Kansas NRCS website or visit your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center. To find a service center near you, go to efices.usda.gov.

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8:30 a.m. Registration & exhibits

9 a.m. Welcome

9:15 a.m. Kansas Soybean Commission partner updates

- USA Poultry & Egg Export Council
- U.S. Soybean Export Council

10:15 a.m. Keynote address

– Roger Radley, farm-boy-turned-comedian

11:30 a.m. Luncheon (limited seating in Heritage Hall)

- Master of ceremonies – **John Jenkinson**, RFD-TV & Rural Radio on Sirius XM
- Featured speaker – **Donnell Rehagen**, CEO, National Biodiesel Board
- **Awards & recognitions**, including 2018 DuPont Young Leaders
- Kansas Soybean Association Annual Meeting

1:15 p.m. Kansas Soybean Yield & Value Contests results

2 p.m. K-State Research & Extension updates

- "Increasing Yields Through Improved Management" – **Ignacio Ciampitti**, Ph.D., crop-production specialist
- "The Dicamba Conundrum" – **Dallas Peterson**, Ph.D., weed-science specialist
- "An Integrated Approach to Managing Dectes Stem Borer in Kansas" – **Mike Smith**, Ph.D., & **Brian McCornack**, Ph.D., entomologists

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Community college in Kansas to offer drone degree program

(AP) – Two higher education institutions in Kansas are partnering allow students to get a degree in drone-flying.

Butler Community College announced its partnership with Kansas State University to offer an associate's degree in unmanned aircraft sys-

tems, the *Wichita Eagle* reported.

Some high school students can take the classes offered through Butler's Early College Aviation Academy. After earning an associate's degree from the college, students can enter the workforce or transfer into Kansas

State Polytechnic's program.

"It's going to be a combination of both schools delivering this together," said Lori Winningham, vice president of academics at Butler. "So depending on which course it is, the price will depend on who's offering it."

Butler officials said that such a degree can lead to careers in agriculture, fire science, law enforcement and real estate.

"There's a lot of opportunity in various industries," Winningham said. "And so training students to be able to do and use

the technology is what we were really interested in, because it's one of those career fields that's just about to explode."

Educators hope is that students will eventually be able to take all four years without leaving the area.

"My hope is that

K-State will bring the last two years down here within two years – because we'll have a pipeline of students for them – so somebody could physically stay in this area," Winningham said. "We haven't gotten that far yet, but that's where we're hoping to go."

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Kansas cattle on feed up 4 percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.31 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 4 percent from last year. Placements during November totaled 420,000 head, up 14 percent from 2016.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 380,000 head, up 3 percent from last year. Other disappearance during November totaled 20,000 head, unchanged from last year.




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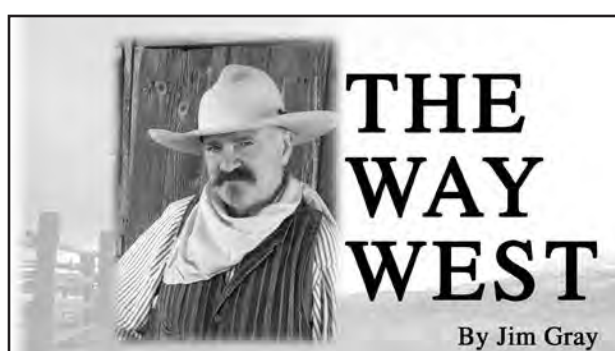
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Hallmark of a Lawman

By the early 1880s the good folks of Kansas were experiencing a transition that created degrees of consent and conflict that converged on one another as the emerging culture refined its evolution. In other words, the Kansas state motto, "To the Stars with Difficulty" was an active accomplice in the realization of a modern society.

The frontier towns of Kansas had all passed through the fire of progress; each finding its own way to a semblance of order. Finding the right balance of community leaders was crucial. A common element that led each town to a more perfect social order was recognizing and employing the right man to fill the position of city marshal.

Several lawmen backed down as Texans openly defied any attempt made by the city of Abilene to discipline their wild celebrations. No one seemed to have the nerve until two-fisted Bear River Tom Smith stepped into the streets in 1870. Texans were tough. Most of them had seen the worst of times on the front lines of the bloody Civil War. They respected courage and no one stood his ground like Tom Smith. When he got the best of Big Hank in a saloon brawl no one dared challenge him again.

J. Charles Brown brought law and order to Ellsworth following the 1873 shooting of Sheriff Whitney. Brown made his stand against Happy Jack Morco with fast guns.

Happy Jack didn't stand a chance. Brown finished his law career at Ellsworth without further bloodshed. Wichita's Marshal Mike Meagher held violence at bay even though others had failed to do so. Like Tom Smith, Meagher could control a situation with bold confidence. If he hadn't been ambushed by Sylvester Powell, Marshal Meagher would not have killed a man. With a bullet hole in his leg and another in his knee Meagher coolly drew his pistol and ended Powell's life.

With the New Year of 1883 Dodge City hoped it had found the right combination in the form of Marshal Jack Bridges. As a Deputy U. S. Marshal during the turbulent days of the 1870s, Bridges had gained a reputation of bringing men to justice all across the frontier when others had failed.

The cattle trade was growing by leaps and bounds with great open range ranches taking up southwest Kansas. In addition, great herds of "through cattle" were trailing through Dodge City on the Western Trail in route to the vast northern cattle range. Cowboys, cowboys, and more cowboys were drawn to the Cowboy Capital for entertainment and leisure, which unfortunately regularly led to gunplay. Merchants and city fathers wanted the cowboys to play, they just needed a man of Marshal Bridges' skill to discipline them. Over the years Dodge City would employ several men of reputation.

On the old Chisholm Trail, Caldwell thought it had found the right man for the job when Bat Carr took the Caldwell City Marshal's badge in June of 1882. Carr was a vigi-

lant officer who held the lid down tight on wayward Cowboys and gamblers. He so impressed the citizens of Caldwell that they saw fit to honor him with a "...a brace of fine six-shooters..." According to George Freeman, author of *Midnight and Noonday*, "Marshal Carr and Henry Brown, the assistant, made a different town of Caldwell; it was no longer a rough place..."

But Carr had other ideas about his future. In December 1882, he married and left Caldwell, leaving the position open for Assistant Marshal Henry Brown. There was no doubt that Caldwell residents were satisfied with the performance of the new Marshal Brown. The *Caldwell Commercial* expressed its confidence in Henry Brown, "Henry is all business, yet withal quiet and unobtrusive, and will do his full duty in preserving the peace of the city. Of this fact he has given ample evidence in his former position as assistant City Marshal."

Keeping with the new Caldwell tradition Marshal Brown was given a gift in the form of a new rifle on New Year's Day, January 1, 1883. According to the *Commercial* a handsome silver plate was mounted on the stock "bearing the inscriptions 'Presented to City Marshal H. N. Brown for valuable services rendered the citizens of Caldwell, Kansas, A. M. Colson, Mayor, Dec., 1882.' Henry is as proud of his gun as a boy of a new top."

The hallmark of the lawmen who finally tamed rowdy frontier towns was the ability to transition from bloody violence to relative calm. Henry Brown seemed to be that kind of man. His exploits as Caldwell City Marshal are legendary. But those are stories yet to be told 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.*

Wendy's plans to reduce use of medically important antibiotics in beef supply chain

Popular hamburger chain Wendy's has announced it will curb the use of beef made from animals treated with antibiotics that are important to human medicine, according to a statement the company released in December.

Starting in 2018, the company will source around 15 percent of its beef from producers that have each committed to a 20 percent reduction of Tylosin.

In a statement, the company said, "Importantly, these producers will ensure that the antibiotic use in their cattle can be tracked and reduced. Wendy's is committed to increasing the amount of beef purchased from these producers and those following similar management practices."

The company says it has completed the process of eliminating all antibiotics important to human medicine from its chicken production after pledging to do so last year, and is working with pork suppliers who are "progressively decreasing the use of antibiotics."



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January 2 — Absolute Montgomery County farm equipment auction: tractors, skid steer, combine & heads, planting, seeding & more, tillage, trucks & trailers, mower, UTV, tanks, fuel tank & more at Montgomery City, Missouri (online bidding at bidsporter.com) for Eric Harness & Penny Harness. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

January 6 — Furniture, Polynesian Rattan style furniture, pictures, decor, advertising signs, collectibles, household & misc. at Lawrence for Barbara Winn Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 6 — Primitives & antique items held at Newton for one seller. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

January 7 — Furniture & appliances, Coins, glassware & collectibles and miscellaneous items for Marlene Van Sickle & Others in Junction City, KS. Auctioneers: Brown Auctions.

January 11 — 161 acres Dickinson County cropland offered in 3 tracts held at Abilene for Henry & Phyllis Kolling. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

January 13 — Approx. 1,000 pieces of Fiesta col-

lection held at Salina for Majorie Thorup Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 13 — 2003 Toyota Camry LE, Tractors, Machinist & Shop tools, Furniture, Household, Collectibles and Lawn & Garden for the Dave & Cinnie Hill estate in St. George, KS. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

January 13 — Huge building materials auction featuring three semi truck loads in Manhattan, KS. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction

January 14 — Two es-

tates & seized assets from Riley. Co. Police Dept., vehicles, coins, furniture, collectible and much more in Manhattan, KS. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.

January 14 — Furniture, collectibles, signs, displays, crocks, tins & more at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 16 — Antiques, collectibles & household at Concordia for Dorothy Ostrom Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 20 — Absolute land auction - 105± acres in Reno County held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: National Land Realty, Rusty Riggin, land broker.

January 20 — Retirement auction: Tractors, loaders, combines, head-

ers, trailers, ag management solutions equipment, planters & drill, haying equipment, sprayer, anhydrous applicator, tillage & other machinery, Gator, pickups, trucks, trailers, grain bins held near Blaine for R&R Suther Farms, Ralph, Ron and Dan Suther. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

January 21 — Coin Auction in Salina, KS. Auctioneers: Mark Baxa

January 22 — 155 acres m/l offered in combination held at Burlington for property of the late Glen & Rosa Kelly. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate & Wischropp Auctions.

January 22 — 160 acres Coffey County pasture land held at Gridley. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

January 23 — 144 acres native grassland held at Lincolnville for Kristine Gilchrist. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

January 27 — Furniture & collectibles at Salina for Donmyer Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 3 — Farm machinery at Washington for Leroy & Donna Long. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

February 24 — Coins at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

March 1 — Annual Bull Sale in Courtland, KS for Jensen Bros.

March 6 — Bull sale at Lacrosse for Cornwell Farms.

March 10 — Concordia Optimist Club Annual consignment auction held at Concordia. Auctioneers: Thummel Auctions.

Bison business notches record strength, growth in 2017; restoration of one million bison is long-term goal

With a record year of profitability and stability coming to a close, bison producers are mapping out plans for continued growth in 2018 by expanding efforts to connect with consumers and bringing new producers into the fold, according to Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association.

“Six months ago, the National Bison Association and partners in the InterTribal Buffalo Council and the conservation community announced an ambitious goal to restore one million bison to North America, effectively more than doubling the size of today’s herds,” Carter said. “For bison ranchers, that

means we must continue to introduce deliciously healthy bison to more people, and we must expand our production from coast to coast.”

The bison business is riding a sustained wave of profitability as sales of the meat continued to grow. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the prices marketers paid for dressed bison bulls averaged higher than \$4.80/lb. throughout 2017. Dressed prices refer to the amount paid to ranchers once the animal is harvested.

“We anticipate that prices will remain strong as demand for bison meat continues to grow,” Carter said.

Carter said that the National Bison Association is planning several programs to reach out to new producers in 2017. The association’s winter conference and live bison show and sale at the National Western Stock Show in Denver January 17-20 provide an opportunity for prospective producers to investigate the business.

“More than 400 ranchers will gather for the winter conference to discuss issues and share information,” Carter said. “And the association’s Gold Trophy Bison Show at the National Western Stock Show has the largest number of entries in nearly 20 years, so there’s plenty of opportunity for people to

purchase great animals to build – or to start – their herds.”

Information on all things bison is available at www.bisoncentral.com.

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Note: Dorothy had packed many boxes to sell, we opened some of them to have a idea of what she had. There are many of everything that is packed. This is a very large auction. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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 Oak Hawkeye kitchen cabinet; oak double curved glass secretary; oak curved glass china; pine pegged corner cupboard; Mission oak drop front desk w/leaded panels; Mission oak library table; oak china cabinet; burl walnut barrel roll secretary; fancy carved oak server; oak secretary; large claw ball table; oak carved pub chair; oak highboy; oak desk; pine cupboard; pine pegged store cabinet; oak sewing cabinet; 2 ornate cast iron beds; cast iron marble top table; Brunswick & Victor victrola's; round oak table w/claw feet; walnut 6 drawer spool cabinet; pine hooded cradle; pegged pine Immigrant trunk; 6' pine harvest table; pine cupboard w/ potato bins; wicker vanity w/ chair; wicker parlor table; Victorian rosewood sofa; oak library table; square oak table; oak buffet; walnut dresser w/ acorn pulls; oak 3 door ice box; mantel mirror; Lodge chair; 10' church pew; brass bed; 2 door pine cabinet; oak wall cabinet; 6 maple chairs; porcelain high back sink; cast iron parlor stove; ornate cast iron table legs.

COLLECTIBLES
 Enterprise #5 coffee grinder (mint original); 15 & 25 drawer apothecary cabinets; general store tower showcase; oak seed box; salesman sample folding chair ladder; salesman sample step ladder; Mission oak clock; oak wall clock; signed Miller slag glass lamp; Tiffany style lamp w/reverse shade; Van Briggel lamp w/ shade; Griffin brass dresser mirror; Elk beer tray; Venini Art plates; pickle castor; **Signs** (Pepsi menu board, Royal Crown thermometer, Hams Beer, El-Principal cigar, Allen's Red Tame Cherry, porcelain Watch Your Step, Gooche's bread door push); celluloid fan; cast iron military lighter; Mother of Pearl opera glasses; mini kerosene lamps; store display Indian bust; Fenton carnival glass; 1888 embroidery sampler; poppy oil painting; Currier & Ives album; celluloid photo album; cast iron still banks; Arcade cast iron cars; cast iron string holder; cookie cutters; mini child's sad irons; Coca Cola fountain dispenser; cast iron shop 1 cent napkin novelty dispenser; sterling candle holders; **displays** (6 pack Coca Cola ice chest, counter top Boye, store perfume, Pike, Luther, Life Saver, Auto Lite folding rack, brass Sunshine biscuits, Swan hose, Big Orange hardware); store candy jar; oak table top victrola w/morning glory horn; oak bentwood churn; 4 stain glass windows; 2 oak store spice dispensers; Nazi helmet; Wrigleys cast iron gum dolly; 40's theater popcorn machine; Matchem trade stimulator; Several quilts; 10 rag rugs; ATSF railroad bench; cast iron railroad light; cast iron railroad track sign; early surveyors tool; **crocks** (3 & 4 gal salt glaze, crock lids, butter crocks, Red Wing sponge ware bowls, mini & large crock bowls, sponge ware pitcher &

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2017 – A Year To Forget

“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” – President John F. Kennedy, 1962.

The U.S. in that era has been remembered as a “royal” time. It was the age of Camelot. His wife a queen, he was the Golden Boy.

Change was coming. The first Catholic president, pictures of him and Lincoln on the wall, Baby Boomers in a flowery cloud singing songs of “Peace on Earth.”

Kennedy reduced income tax from 90% to 60%. The economy was responding. Congress had a common enemy... the Soviet Union.

Martin Luther King was calling for integration without violence. Granted, it was soon to blow up in his face, but people respected the right to disagree. Even if we held different views we didn't hate each other because we had another opinion.

Fifty years plus have passed. The last time we were civil to each other

and united in our Americanism was 9/11.

Since then we have become a country full of hate and ugliness. It's so PERSONAL. Martin Luther King's dream of diversity has become so twisted by the government that we are more segregated than ever. Our “leaders” – the politicians, media, and the entertainment puppets swamp us in an ocean of hatred and malice, of blame and blatant lies... like a band of backstabbers whose intent is to vilify and slander.

Imagine having a job that required getting up every day and digging through the scum of the bucket you live in, looking for something that will hurt someone. It's no wonder our country is warped.

We are in the process of starting a new year. Mind you, the slut-mongers, muckrakers and mudslingers are dragging their scum buckets across the line, too. If you are so perverted by your own propaganda that you are incapable of listening to

another idea, you're blind in one eye.

Words hurt. They hurt even deeper when they are said to deliberately hurt someone. But the poison goes two ways, because the vitriolic accuser blackens his own soul.

Once again, this riot of

hate is PERSONAL. No TV commentator, Washington D.C. or New York City manipulator or tainted politician will tell the truth or apologize for their lies. All you can do is feel sorry for them.

So what can ONE person do? Since it is PER-

SONAL, start there. 80% of Americans are Christians. Many wear a cross around their neck. The 2nd ‘Greatest Commandment’ is, “You shall love thy neighbor as thyself.” If it means anything to you, give it a try. Give it a hand, offer help, call a loner, forgive

an old grudge and make it a habit to thank God you live in America.

In my later life I have become a practitioner of the verse, “Forgiveness and mercy to all who offend.” The more it sinks in, the better I sleep.

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300-400	\$190.50 - 207.00
400-500	\$185.00 - 200.00
500-600	\$178.00 - 192.50
600-700	\$159.00 - 166.50
700-800	\$142.00 - 156.00
800-900	\$141.00 - 155.25
900-1000	\$133.00 - 143.75

HEIFERS

300-400	\$160.00 - 175.00
400-500	\$149.00 - 160.50
500-600	\$140.00 - 153.00
600-700	\$133.00 - 147.00
700-800	\$130.00 - 143.00
800-900	\$129.00 - 137.50

STEERS

2 Blk	Wichita	363@207.00
6 Blk	Wichita	458@200.00
7 Mix	Galva	486@197.50
13 Blk	Marquette	403@194.50
8 Blk	Wichita	506@192.50
3 Mix	Colwich	492@192.00
14 Blk	Claffin	483@192.00
4 Mix	Ellsworth	478@187.00
6 Blk	Clyde	441@186.00
5 Blk	Abilene	546@184.00
14 Blk	Galva	574@180.50
6 Mix	Assaria	514@179.50
14 Mix	Clyde	550@178.00
4 Blk	Clay Center	568@172.50
25 Mix	Clyde	574@172.50
6 Blk	Clay Center	590@169.00
6 Blk	Tampa	603@166.50
3 Blk	Wichita	603@165.00
12 Mix	Miltonvale	600@165.00
23 Blk	Claffin	638@162.50
12 Blk	Tampa	663@159.25
98 Blk	Claffin	738@156.00
4 Mix	Claffin	816@155.25
14 Blk	Galva	710@153.75
21 Mix	Assaria	805@153.50
22 Mix	Canton	801@152.85
21 Mix	Assaria	838@152.00
40 Blk	Canton	743@151.25
10 Mix	Courtland	807@149.50
12 Blk	Assaria	887@148.00
118 Blk	Enterprise	887@143.85
62 Mix	Hope	905@143.75
83 Mix	Marion	828@143.75
61 Mix	Valley Center	904@141.25

HEIFERS

4 Blk	Ellsworth	365@175.00
9 Blk	Wichita	467@160.50
9 Blk	Marquette	448@159.50
7 Blk	Marquette	585@153.00
8 Blk	Belleville	553@152.50
11 Blk	Gypsum	530@151.00
26 Blk	Clyde	519@151.00
11 Blk	Clyde	473@149.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 4:

50 Mostly Steers, Weaned, Home Raised, All Vacc.'s. 750. 90 Black Steers, 600-750. 27 Black Steers and Heifers, 60 Days Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc. 500-650. 11 Black Steers and Heifers, 60 Days Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc. 500-650. 65 Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1st, Vacc, Wormed, 650. 100 Steers, Home Raised, 750-800. 100 Heifers, Home Raised, 700-750. 26 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Weaned, 2nd Round Vacc. 700. 7 Steers and Heifers, Black, 450-650. 90 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned and Vacc. 600-800. 50 Steers, Long time weaned, 2nd Round Vacc. 750. 6 Steers and Heifers, Fall Vacc, Weaned, Worked, Knife Cut. 600. 20 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Weaned, Hot wire broke, 800. 40 Steers, Long Weaned, 700. 56 Steers and Heifers, 2nd Rnd Vacc, Long Weaned, 700-900. 45 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Weaned, Vacc. 600-800. 50 Mostly Char. Steers and Heifers, Long Weaned, 3rd Rnd Vacc, Heifers Open. 210 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov 5th., Steers off Wheat, 500-700. 110 Steers, 900. 24 Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, 1 rnd Vacc, Open, Weaned 75 Days, 600-750. 15 Black Steers and Heifers, Vacc, Weaned, Home Raised, 700-800. 30 Red Angus Steers and Heifers, Vacc, Weaned, Home Raised, 500-700. 69 Steers, 700-750.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 11:

147 Black Steers, Long Weaned, Vacc. 500-750. 20 Black Heifers, Long Weaned, Vacc. 500-600. 30 Black Steers and Heifers, Long time weaned, Fall Vacc. 95 Steers and Heifers, 2nd Round Vacc, Sept. weaned, Home Raised, Gr'd Open. 600-850. 80 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Weaned Sept 15th., Open, Fall Vacc, 500-800.

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, Weaned/Vacc Sale

STARTING AT 11:00 AM (not Noon)

25 Angus and CharX Steers and Heifers, Off Wheat, 500-600. 160 Black Steers, Running on grass, 500-700. 66 Steers and Heifers, Red and Black, Weaned since mid Oct., Open, Off Wheat. 400-500. 75 Black Steers and Heifers, 500-700. 5 Steers and Heifers, Black/BWF, 350-500. 38 Steers and Heifers, 500-700. 12 CharX Steers and Heifers, 500-650. 41 Steers and Heifers, Mostly Black, Home Raised, Weaned 65+ Days, Snd Round Vacc, 600-700. 20 Red Angus Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 19th, 600-700. 120 Steers and Heifers, Black, Weaned Nov 5th, 650-800. 8 Steers and Heifers, Weaned 60 days, 2nd round Vacc, 550-700. 75 Steers and Heifers, 45 Days+ Weaned, Mostly Black, 500-600. 100 Steers and Heifers, 45 Days+ Weaned, Mostly Black, 500-600. 40 Steers and Heifers, Blk/BWF, Weaned 12 Weeks, 2nd Round Vacc, 600-800. 45 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Fink Cows, Hemmy Angus Bulls. 550-700. 107 Black Steers and Heifers, Swanson Balancer Sired, 700-800. 250 Black Steers and Heifers, 90 Days Weaned, 600-800. 100 Steers and Heifers, 500-600. 70 Black and Red Steers and Heifers 700-800. 80 Black Steers and Heifers, 500-650. 200 Steers and Heifers, 650-750. 200 Steers and Heifers, 650-750. 100 Steers, 700-750. 100 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1st, 550-900. 300 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Heifers Replacement Quality, 600-800. 300 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, Heifers Replacement Quality, 600-850. 100 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned Nov. 1st, 550-900. 75 Black Steers and Heifers, Weaned Oct 1st, 550-850. 45 Steers and Heifers, Black, Vacc, Weaned 75 Days +, Open, 550-700. 35 Mostly Black Steers and Heifers, 400-650. 40 Black Steers and Heifers, 600-700. 70 Steers and Heifers, Blk/BWF, 500-600. 46 Mostly Steers, 600-700. 20 Black Steers, 650-700. 125 Sim/Ang. Steers and Heifers, Cow Camp Sired, 700-850. 100 Black Steers and Heifers, 600-750. 54 Black Steers and Heifers, 550-650. 70 Black Steers, No Sort, 600-650. 35 Steers Weaned 45 Days, Vacc, Wormed, 450-600. 20 Black Steers and Heifers, Home Raised, 750-850. 110 Mostly Black Steers and Heifers, Off Cover Crops and Wheat, 500-700. 50 Mostly Black Steers and Heifers, Off Cover Crops and Wheat, 600-800. 40 Steers, 700. 40 Steers and Heifers, Black, Sired by McCurry Angus, Weaned Oct. 1st, 2nd round Vacc. 600. 40 Black and Char. Steers and Heifers, Fink Sired, 550-750. 190 Mostly Black Heifers, Green, 700-750.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, Special Cow Sale:

BRED HEIFERS: 28 Black Heifers, OCHV'd, Bred to Mill Brae Bulls, Start Feb 1st. 60 Black White Faced Heifers, Northern Origin, All 1 Iron AI bred to Sting Ray, Start Feb 25th, for 45 Days. 38 Black Angus Heifers, AI'd to Connealy Sting Ray, Had Scour Guard and been Poured, Calve Feb 5th. **COWS:** 100 Black Pairs, 3-4 Years Old, AI Sired Calves. 100 Black and Black White Faced Cows, 3-5 yrs old, AI Bred. 45 Black, Bred Cows, 3-8 Yrs old, Bred Black. 70 Red Angus 3 yr olds, Bred to Red Angus, off 1 ranch in North Dakota as Calves. Start Feb 20 for 60 Days. Fancy and Gentle. 11/11 4-7 yr old cows, bred back to Black Cline Bulls, Fall Vacc. 7/7 Black Pairs, 7 yrs old, Big calves, Exposed Black. 20/20 Black Solid Mouth Pairs, 250+ lb calves, exposed black. 50 Cows, 3-Solid, Spring and Fall Bred Cows, 42 Black Angus 3 yr old cows, Bred to Black Angus Bulls, Start End of Feb. For 45 Days. 20 Black Cows, 4-7 Years, Bred Angus. 10/10 Black Pairs, 3 yrs old, big calves, cows exposed back. 80 Angus Cows, 3-8 yrs old, Home Raised, AI bred to Benoit Blue Print, Calve Feb 1st, Cleaned up with Benoit Bull, Scourguard. 4 Black Cows, 4-8 Yrs old, Bred Black and Char. 8 Cows, 3-6 yrs, bred to black McCurry Angus Bull. 6/6 Black and Red Pairs, 6-8 Yrs old. 40 Spring bred Cows. 30 Running age cows, Spring Calvers. 15 Runing age Cows, Spring Calvers.

