



Benz family excels with Rambouillet breed

By Lucas Shivers

For generations, the Matt and Amy Benz family, based near St. Marys, have been nationally-known Rambouillet sheep breeders.

“Our goal is to raise big-framed, fast-growing Rambouillet sheep with a good fleece,” Matt Benz said. “We hope they work in the show ring, but our goal is to raise the kind of sheep that can live on grass and survive in nature’s conditions.”

Benz said the family farm runs an average of 60 ewes.

“Our ewes are DNA-tested and expected to lamb by themselves,” he said. “They get their lambs up and nursing without assistance. We think Rambouillet sheep can be ‘pretty’ as well as tough.”

Selling to farms all over the U.S., the Benz have wide appeal with the Rambouillet breed.

“We have a wide marketing area, and it’s created some good friends across the country,” Benz said.

Family Origins

The Benz family is now in the fifth generation of raising sheep in the U.S.

“We have been raising sheep in our family since we came to the U.S.,” Matt said.

Matt’s great-grandparents, Mathias and Rosina Benz, immigrated from Russia in 1893. They started raising sheep upon arrival in the Dakotas.

“At one time, several thousand head of sheep were raised by Benzes in Mercer County, North Dakota along the Missouri River,” he said. “It is thought these sheep were a mix of Merino, Lincoln and various other breeds.”

In the 1940s, the Rambouillet and Columbia flock continued with their son Friedebert and Emma Benz, Matt’s grandparents.

Then Darold and Della Benz, Matt’s parents, added a flock of registered Suffolks in 1968 and Rambouillet in 1972. The commercial ewes were sold in 1983, and the Suffolks were sold in 1986 to centralize their markets on the Rambouillets.

“At one point, we had Suffolks for 4-H projects, but we kept the Rambouillets,” he said.

Matt and Amy graduated from North Dakota State University where they both judged on the livestock team. Matt also was on the wool and dairy judging teams, while Amy was on the meat’s team.

In 1987, the family divided the ewe flock for Matt and Amy to take over a share.

In addition to the sheep herd, Matt worked as an operator at Dakota Gasification Company, where he helped make natural gas and anhydrous ammonia from lignite coal. He retired in 2012.

Amy was a middle school English, science and technology teacher. She earned national board certification and was also involved in state and local education committees and boards.

“We enjoy coaching 4-H and FFA livestock judging teams for our kids, Justin and Cassie, and we have had eight teams win the state contest and go onto national competition,” he said.

Their son, Justin, graduated from K-State with a masters in animal science with emphasis on swine nutrition. He was on the meats and livestock judging teams at NDSU. Currently, he is working in Beulah, N.D. but is in the process of moving to Kansas where he will once again be involved in the day-to-day operations of the Rambouillet flock.

Their daughter, Cassie married Spencer Jones in 2007. They both received their undergrad and masters degrees at K-State. Cassie earned a Ph.D from Iowa State, and she is currently a professor in Animal Sciences and Industry at K-State. Together she and



Young Ty learns sheep shearing alongside his grandpa and uncle.



The Benz family of St. Marys runs a Rambouillet herd of about 60 ewes, with a goal of raising big-framed, fast-growing sheep that can withstand nature’s conditions.

Spencer operate a ranch south of Wamego.

In the spring of 2014, the Benz operation moved to St. Marys.

“Our kids and grandkids helped bring us to Kansas,” he said.

Cassie and Spencer’s children, Ty, Hadley and Hayden, help with the sheep flock and also have a registered Angus herd at their home in Wamego.

Rambouillet’s Characteristics

Since 1972, the Benz sought to raise Rambouillets for their heavy muscled, good fleeced sheep on a large frame.

“Our ewes run on native pasture and are wintered with minimal shelter except during lambing,” Benz said. “We expect them to thrive in tough conditions.”



Four generations of the Benz family work together on their sheep operation. Pictured are Justin, Darold and Della, Amy and Matt, Cassie and Spencer with children Ty, Hadley and Hayden.

The lambs and ewes are fed whole grains, grass and alfalfa hay. The Benzes lamb a group of ewes in January and again in September.

“Our January lambs are doing well, but we had most in the fall,” he said. “In addition to private sales, we sell our Rambouillets rams and ewes at several national and regional shows.”

National Leadership

Matt is a past president of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, and he is a former director of the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers among other activities. Amy is current teaching technology to elementary students in the Wamego School District.

“We’re still involved in quite a bit, and I am cur-

rently vice-president of the Kansas Sheep Association and work with a few genetic projects,” he said.

For more than 200 years, the Rambouillet breed has been known for producing some of the world’s finest wool. Rambouillets originated with the famed Merino flocks in Spain. The Spanish government outlawed exportation to protect the distinct features of the flocks in the 1700s.

In 1786, the King of Spain granted a request from France and delivered nearly 360 rams and ewes to improve the native French stock. Earning their trademark name, the sheep went to the Rambouillet farm outside Paris. The sheep’s fame spread throughout Europe and eventually America.

Mature rams weigh up to 300 pounds, and ewes are often 200 pounds. A fleece can weigh up to 18 pounds. The fleece staple length will vary from two to four inches and range in fiber diameter and up to 80 for the numerical count.

Rambouillet sheep can be raised in a range of climate conditions. Breeders are realizing the possibilities of raising the Rambouillet in diverse international farms in places such as Mexico and India.

Rambouillet produce both meat and wool of high quality with little feed. They are known as the profit cornerstone of the U.S. sheep industry.

Bohn named Kansas Stockman of the Year at 49th Annual Stockmen’s Dinner

Jerry Bohn, Wichita, is the 2019 Kansas Stockman of the Year. He was recognized during the 49th Annual Stockmen’s Dinner on February 28 in Manhattan.

Bohn has devoted his life to serving the beef industry. After graduating from Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Sciences and Industry (ASI), he found himself in many roles that supported his passion for the beef cattle industry.

“Jerry is a man of few words,” said Mark Gardiner, Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc. (LMIC) president. “But when he speaks, you have to listen.”

Speaking on Bohn’s dedication to the industry at the Stockmen’s Dinner were Gardiner; Dee Likes, Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) CEO emeritus; Dan Bird, Pratt Feeders partner; and Kendal Frazier, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) CEO. Though often described as soft-spoken, the collective opinion prevailed: his impact on the industry speaks louder than words.

Bohn served as the KLA president in 1997, is a past

chairman of Cattle Feeders Council, a past member of Kansas Beef Council Executive Committee and past chairman and member of the Kansas Animal

Health Board. On the national level, he has served as chairman of the NCBA Policy Division and on the NCBA executive committee, the Cattlemen’s Beef

Board and has served as chairman and vice chairman of several NCBA committees. He has served on the U.S. Premium Beef Board for nine years and

been a member of the LMIC board since 2003.

“People like Jerry Bohn don’t wait for things to happen, they make them happen,” said Bird, a longtime friend of Bohn.

Bohn’s career path included working for Hormel, Blackjack Feedyard, CattleFax and finally Pratt Feeders. While serving 34 years as feedlot manager at Pratt Feeders, the company expanded and acquired several other feedlots. He now represents a part owner while simultaneously managing Pratt Feeder’s farming business.

“What does Jerry Bohn do when he retires?” Mark Gardiner asked. “He serves even more.” Bohn is currently moving up the NCBA officer ranks and is on track to serve as the 91st president in 130 years of the NCBA. He will be the sixth Kansas to serve as NCBA president.

Frazier added, “Jerry



Jerry Bohn, Wichita, was recognized as the 2019 Kansas Stockman of the Year by the Livestock Meat Industry Council Inc. on February 28. Pictured, from left, are: Julie and Jerry Bohn; Eva and Isabel Gazaway; and Mason Brungardt. Middle row: Matt and Tara Gazaway; Miles, Tessa and Brandon Brungardt. Back row: Todd, Lauren and Natalie Bohn.

Insight

KANSAS FARM BUREAU
The Voice of Agriculture

The Health Care Hurdle

By Greg Doering,
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Like track runners, farmers and ranchers in Kansas face several hurdles. Whether it's unpredictable and unfavorable weather, a volatile market that causes commodity prices to fluctuate or correcting misconceptions about agriculture, farmers hurdle many things.

Yet, hurdle after hurdle, farmers and ranchers run the race because they love what they do. They chose it. They want their operation to continue so the next generation can carry on the tradition. For this to happen, our food and fiber producers need to stay healthy.

A recent national survey shows 65 percent of farm and ranch families

believe access to affordable health care options is the number one threat to the success of their operation. In the past five years, net farm income has declined by nearly 50 percent, while health insurance costs have spiraled upward. In Kansas, Farm Bureau members report health coverage costs as the most significant expense in their family budget, at times representing 30 to 40 percent of annual expenses. That is a hurdle nearly impossible for farmers to overcome.

Sherman County farmer Tim Franklin has felt the struggle of finding workable and affordable health care. When the Affordable Care Act (ACA) altered the definition of sole-proprietorship, it re-

sulted in their health coverage carrier canceling their group coverage.

"The logic was that we didn't qualify for the group plan because we didn't have employees," the Goodland farmer says. "My parents are involved in our farm but operate separately and we don't have non-family employees that would qualify us to form a new group."

The family went to the marketplace for coverage and was hopeful to qualify for subsidies, but never received help. Their health care costs continue to increase while their coverages weaken. Between 2010 and 2018, premiums for individuals increased by 176 percent for ACA plans. The cost to cover a family jumped by 216 percent.

In order to advocate on behalf of farmers like the Franklin family, Kansas Farm Bureau introduced Senate Bill 32, which will authorize it to offer members health care benefit coverage.

This legislation is designed for Kansans who don't have access to a group insurance plan and make too much to qualify for subsidies under the ACA. Typically, these Kansans are spending a fortune for their own individual coverage or are uninsured. It's another option provided to cover more lives in Kansas.

Kansas Farm Bureau will offer individually rated plans at a significant savings to similar coverage under the ACA. This new option will allow Kansans to choose health coverage that's best for them. Some may not receive health benefit coverage, while others may have waiting periods for previous diagnoses. In those cases, plans offered through the ACA are still available to them.

Once members are accepted, and they continue to pay their KFB membership and premiums they will not be denied coverage. The health care benefit coverage plans have no

annual or lifetime limits. The benefits may include office visits, hospitalization, preventative care services, emergency room services, maternity care, prescription drug benefits, mental health and substance abuse, and dental and vision coverage. Members can decide what level of coverage they're comfortable with.

Opponents to the measure, the same large companies that have dictated health policy in Kansas for years don't like this. They want to maintain the status quo so they can continue to control the marketplace and lock in their profits. Kansas Farm Bureau believes there is a better way, build on a free market with a goal of serving members.

For Atchison County farmer Mindy Young, affordable health care has meant a smaller farm because her husband has a job in town mainly for its health coverage.

"The big thing holding us back right now is time,"

she says. "With his full-time job, he has a hard time finding time to commit to growing the farm."

Farm and ranch families and small business owners face uncertain economic times, making their ability to purchase health coverage for their families difficult, resulting in more uncovered lives in Kansas and struggling health systems in rural communities. Kansas Farm Bureau's proposal creates competition and free-market options for health coverage, supports rural hospitals and providers, and keeps families on the farm.

If you struggle to find affordable health care, tell your legislators your story. Learn more and send your message at www.kfb.org/kshhealthcare.

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Agricultural Business Council to honor two local leaders

The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City will honor two of the region's leading agricultural figures on May 16 at a luncheon in the Chamber Board Room in Kansas City's historic Union Station. The honorees will receive the Council's highest award, the Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Agricultural Business Council chairman Robert Thompson notes the honorees are champions for agriculture in separate but very key areas in the region. The honorees are:

Lee Borck- Chairman of Innovative Livestock Services, Inc., (ILS) and Chairman of the Beef Marketing Group Cooperative (BMG). Combined, these two groups representing cattle feedlots in Kansas and Nebraska have grown into one of the nation's largest feeding organizations. As a stand-alone organization, ILS represents banking, farming, ethanol production and trucking interests. The BMG, under the guidance and leadership of Borck and other central Kansas cattle producers, is a cooperative of cattle producers and farms focused on working together to do what is right to

remain sustainable. Borck is also chairman of American State Bank of Great Bend and is the past President of Cattle-Fax, which is the nation's leading cattle and data analysis company. Borck has served the industry as president of the Kansas Livestock Association, and has also served as a board member of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Board. He served as the Chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation and was Vice Chairman and a board member for the Kansas Bioscience Authority. He was Chairman

of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas State University Foundation. Borck has received numerous industry awards

Gene Millard- Millard Family Farms. Millard retired in 2003 after a nearly 40-year career in radio and farm broadcasting. He joined KFEQ radio in St. Joseph in 1964 as a farm broadcaster and in 1976 he was named the station's general manager. In 1999 he became vice president of Eagle Radio Inc. which included stations KFEQ, KSJQ, KKJO, KSFT and the Ag Info Center. In retirement he continues to host a one-hour live show each Saturday on a 15-station, five state network including KFEQ. In addition to operating his family farm with his son, Brian, Millard currently serves as chairman of the

board of Golden Triangle Energy LLC and a board member of Citizens Bank and Trust in Kansas City. He has served as president of the Missouri Broadcasters Association, a board member of the National Association of Broadcasters, chairman of the board of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, president of the Missouri Kansas Chapter of the National Agri Marketing Association and served as director of marketing and interim executive of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting. In 2009 he served as president of the Missouri Renewable Fuels Association as well as board chairman of United Cooperative of Plattsburg and Osborn, Mo. He has been honored by numerous organizations and in 2010 was inducted into the

National Association of Farm Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

"These individuals have had a positive and lasting effect on our community," said council chairman Thompson. "They are strong examples of what being an advocate for agriculture can accomplish."

The event will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Board Room in Union Station beginning at 11:30 a.m. for networking followed by lunch at noon. Visit www.agbizkc.com for more information and to register to attend.

Lean finely textured beef reclassified as ground beef

Beef Products Inc. (BPI) can now call its lean finely textured beef (LFTB) product ground beef. USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said it reviewed a submission from BPI regarding changes in its production process to produce raw beef products that led to the reconsideration of the label.

BPI pointed out that the new label did not result from a reclassification of its former product but from federal recognition of improvements in the company's processing.

"This is not something that just happened," said Nick Roth, the company's director of engineering. "We've been working on this for a long time, really since the beginning inception of the company."

USDA FSIS still recognizes LFTB but said that the label no longer applies to BPI's product.



I find it funny how society gets so hung up about education and titles, when often the people who have the most impact and are the most important to your organization or business are the first people you see when you walk through the door. Those of us who have been in charge would like to think that we are the keeper of the power and that we are the ones making the most impact on those affected by what we do. I learned early on that is simply not the case.

This past week one of the most important people in the life of my work as an Extension agent (for those of you who don't know I was the Extension agent in Pottawatomie County for over 15 years) retired after a long and impactful career. Della Sass dedicated her career and life's work to the people of Pottawatomie County and was one of the best friends and confidants I have ever had. No one outworked Della, but more importantly no one ever out-cared Della.

The people and kids of Pottawatomie County were Della's life work, I know that because I am one of Della's people and kids. She started as the secretary in my home county while I was a 4-H'er and that made me one of her kids. I know I didn't appreciate her work enough as a 4-H'er and I would suspect I was not alone in taking it for granted. That all changed in one summer.

I was lucky enough to be selected as a summer Extension intern and I was even luckier to be placed in my own home county. I am sure I was the lucky one because the entire staff was there for most of my 4-H years. I was the snot-nosed, wet-behind-the-ears kid who came home and thought he was important. The truth be known, I was scared and very intimidated.

That summer I had a lot of people looking out for me and providing me guidance, and one of those people was Della. She made sure I was in the right place, at the right time and with the information I needed (little did I know that she was just training me for later down the road). One thing Della told me that summer stuck in my head and I never forgot it. The first day on the job she told me that I would know whether I was a success if they had the going-away party the day before I left or the day

after. By the way, Della and the rest of the office took me out for lunch the day before I left, something that was not lost on me.

I survived my internship, in no small part because of the guidance, help and, most importantly, the support I got from Della. After I graduated college, I went on to my first Extension job. Della and I kept in contact and I am sure she watched over me from afar. Three and a half years into my Extension career I had the opportunity to move back to my home county. That was when I truly began to appreciate Della, her work ethic, dedication to the job and love of people.

There was not a person who had ever come through the office that Della did not know or remember. What was more impressive was the pride she took in the 4-H'ers and knowing where they were and what they were up to. No doubt, if you went through the 4-H program in Pottawatomie County, you were one of Della's kids.

On a personal note, I am not sure I could have done the job without her and I am sure I did not want to do it without her. I often told her that we would retire on the same day. Well, that was before I got the farming bug and bailed out on her. I often joked with her and said our relationship was much like Radar and Colonel Blake. Often, I was clueless, and she would have everything I needed ready without me knowing I needed it.

On a personal note, Della was a friend, a supporter and often one of my biggest cheerleaders. My kids grew up with Della as one of the members of our family. She kept a close eye on them and many times, she was one of the first people to learn about their successes. If only she had a dollar for every letter of recommendation she wrote for my kids.

If anyone ever deserved to kick back, let their hair down and enjoy retirement, it is my friend and often savior Della Sass. She is a living example of the kind of impact one can have if they truly love their job. The true measure of success for a career is not measured in titles and salary, it is the difference one makes in the lives of the people around them. Thank you, my friend, for the difference you made in mine.



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Leading agriculture organizations endorse USMCA

The National Corn Growers Association, American Soybean Association, National Association of Wheat Growers and National Sorghum Producers have announced their support for the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Mexico and Canada account for 25 percent of all U.S. agriculture exports and USMCA preserves and builds upon the existing trading relationship between the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Members representing the four organizations will be advocating members of Congress to ratify USMCA this year while also urging the administration to keep the current NAFTA agreement intact until the new agreement is ratified.

"Mexico and Canada are the U.S. corn industry's largest, most reliable corn market; Mexico is corn's number one buyer and Canada is one of our largest ethanol importers. We cannot afford to risk losing this market," said NCGA President Lynn Chrisp. "USMCA is NCGA's top legislative priority for 2019 and we will be working closely with the Administration and members of Congress to get it ratified."

"Passage of USMCA would boost both national and rural economies, and for soybeans, it would assure us tariff-free access to two strong markets, including Mexico, which is our #2 market for whole beans. Under NAFTA, soybean exports to Mexico quadrupled and to Canada doubled. We would like to continue that positive trade momentum with our neighbors," said Davie Stephens, ASA President and a soybean grower from Clinton, Kentucky.

"USMCA includes important provisions for wheat farmers including tariff-free access to imported U.S. wheat for our long-time flour milling customers in Mexico. Further, the Agreement makes important progress toward fixing the grading issue U.S. farmers face when exporting their wheat to Canada," stated NAWG president and sentinel, Oklahoma wheat farmer Jimmie Musick. "NAWG, ASA, NCGA, and NSP will continue to work together to get this critical trade deal enacted."

"The new USMCA agreement with Mexico and Canada is a win for American producers, and having an agreement in place will safeguard the traditional second largest importer of U.S. sorghum," said National Sorghum Producers chairman Dan Atkisson, a sorghum farmer from Stockton. "We look forward to expanded market opportunities with Mexico, and urge Congress to pass the measure as soon as possible."

Leaders of the organizations announced their support during the general session of Commodity Classic, America's largest farmer-led, farmer-focused agricultural and educational experience.

Bohn named Stockman of the Year, cont.

didn't achieve all of these leadership roles by chance. You have to have a certain set of character traits to be elected and appointed to these kinds of positions."

This is not the first occasion that Bohn has been recognized for his service to the beef industry. He has been awarded the K-State ASI Distinguished Alumnus Award and also named an Honorary Member and Outstanding Stockman by the K-State Block & Bridle Club. These awards are a testament to his commitment to K-State ASI.

Bohn said, "People and Kansas State; a thread that just seems to go through my whole career... K-State just continues to show up in all of this."

Beyond his endless devotion to the beef industry, Bohn also served in the Kansas National Guard for 21 years, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel. He served the Pratt community as a Deacon at the First Southern Baptist Church, is a past president of the Pratt

Area Chamber of Commerce, a chairman on the Horizon Mental Health Center Board of Directors and president of the Kansas Pony of the Americas Club.

Bohn's legacy in the beef industry will go on for years to come. As he concluded his acceptance remarks, Bohn said, "My goal for the rest of my life is that I have three ways I want to leave a legacy. I want to leave a legacy with my spiritual life and my relationship with God. I want

to leave a legacy with my family, and finally I want to leave a log burning on the fire as a legacy to my business and my career."

Jerry and his wife, Julie, recently moved from Pratt to Wichita. They have three children, all K-State graduates, as well as five grandchildren.

The Stockman of the Year Award is presented annually by LMIC. A video of the awards presentation is available here: <https://youtu.be/swaoOhSbOls>.

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Lydia Miller, Westphalia, Wins Weekly Grass & Grain Contest And Prize Winner Lydia Miller, Westphalia:

- S'MORES BARS**
- 8-10 whole graham crackers
 - 1 package fudge brownie mix
 - 2 cups miniature marshmallows
 - 1 cup chocolate chips
 - 2/3 cup chopped peanuts

Arrange crackers in a single layer in a greased 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan. Prepare brownie mix by package directions. Spread over crackers. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with marshmallows, chocolate chips and nuts. Bake 5 minutes longer until marshmallows are puffed and golden.

Kellee George, Shawnee, shares the following:

- DUTCH OVEN CASSEROLE**
- 1 tablespoon oleo
 - 1 can sauerkraut (do not drain)
 - 1/2 cup minute rice
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 8-ounce can tomato sauce

In casserole dish heat oleo and spread on sauerkraut; sprinkle with rice and onion. Top with meat, salt, pepper and tomato sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

The next recipe is from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

- FRUIT COCKTAIL CAKE**
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 2 cups fruit cocktail with juice
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 cups flour
 - 2 teaspoons soda
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar

Mix first 6 ingredients with mixer and pour into 9-by-13-inch pan. Sprinkle top with pecans and brown sugar. Bake for 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees. When done pour frosting over cake.

- Frosting:**
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1 cup evaporated milk
 - 2/3 cup butter
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Heat sugar, milk and butter until sugar is dissolved and butter is melted (keep warm until cake is done). Add vanilla and pour over cake when it comes out of the oven.

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- Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
- CONTINENTAL CHICKEN**
- 2 1/4-ounce package dried beef
 - 6-8 slices bacon
 - 3-4 whole chicken breasts, halved, boned & skinned
 - 1 can cream mushroom soup
 - 1/4 cup sour cream

Hot buttered noodles

Arrange dried beef on bottom of greased slow cooker. Wrap each piece of boned chicken with a slice of bacon and place on top of dried beef. Mix the soup and sour cream and pour over chicken. Cover and cook on low 7-9 hours. Serve over hot buttered noodles. Serves 6-8.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

BAKED ONIONS

- 6-8 large onions
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup crushed Corn Flakes or Ritz Crackers or bread crumbs for topping

Grease a 9-by-13-inch casserole. Cover with onions that have been peeled and cut into wedges. Spread on soup and cheese. Top with topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:

MEXICAN LASAGNA

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 16-ounce can tomatoes, chopped
- 10 to 12 corn tortillas
- 2 cups cottage cheese, drained
- 1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
- 3 green onions
- 1/2 cup sliced black olives

Brown ground beef; drain. Add cumin, chili powder, garlic powder, red pepper, salt, pepper and tomatoes. Heat through. Cover bottom and sides of 9-by-13-inch pan with tortillas. Pour beef mixture over tortillas. Place tortilla layer over meat mixture and set aside. Mix cottage cheese, Monterey Jack cheese and egg. Pour over tortillas. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle rows of Cheddar cheese, lettuce, chopped tomatoes, onions and olives diagonally across top of casserole.

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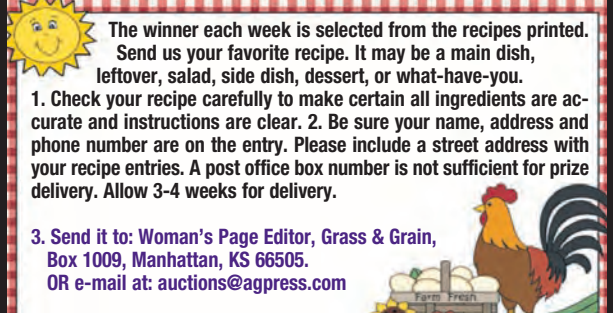
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By Ashleigh Krispense
Strawberry compote might sound like something fancy or difficult to make, but it's very simple. A compote is made from fresh (or dried) fruit that's been cut into pieces and then cooked slowly in a sugar syrup. There are a variety of recipes out there if you're looking for something more complex, but I like how simple and easy this one is. A few differences you might notice between compote and jam include: 1) the much smaller amount of sugar used (because you aren't preserving the fruit for a long amount of time); 2) the fruit is left in larger pieces; and 3) it's much quicker to whip this up than make a batch of jam! Unlike jam or preserves, you don't want to plan on storing the compote for too long. Instead, make it fresh and then serve as a topping for a fluffy, white cake or homemade vanilla ice cream!

QUICK & FRESH STRAWBERRY COMPOTE
3 cups fresh strawberries
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon lemon juice



To get started, wash and cut up your strawberries.



In a medium pot, add your strawberries, sugar, water, and lemon juice. You can change the sugar and lemon juice amounts depending on how sweet or tangy you'd like it to be!



Over low to medium heat, let the strawberries cook (stirring often) until they are soft and the liquid has started to thicken. About 15-20 minutes roughly.



You can let it cool and store in an air-tight container in the refrigerator or serve warm on top of cake or ice cream. 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 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!

Join March Madness! Try Green-Friendly Popcorn Recipes

MINTY GREEN POPCORN CLUSTERS
12 cups unsalted, un-buttered popped popcorn
4 cups mini marshmallows
2 tablespoons butter or light olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon green food coloring
1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
1 cup green candy-coated chocolate candies

Place popcorn in large mixing bowl. In a saucepan set over medium heat, melt marshmallows, butter and salt, stirring occasionally, until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in



food coloring and peppermint extract. Immediately toss marshmallow mixture with popcorn; let cool for 2 to 3 minutes or until cool enough to handle. Toss with chocolate candies. Shape 3 tablespoonfuls of popcorn mixture into small cluster; repeat with remaining popcorn mixture to make about 32 clusters. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheet; let cool

completely. Yield: 32 Clusters.

Nutrition Facts (per 1 cluster): Calories 70; Fat 2g; Saturated Fat 1.5g; Cholesterol 5mg; Sodium 50mg; Carbohydrate 12g; Fiber 1g; Sugars 8g; Protein 1g.

DILLY LEMON MUNCH
2 quarts popcorn, popped
2 tablespoons shredded lemon peel
1 teaspoon dill weed
Optional: 1/2 teaspoon low-sodium salt

Toss popcorn with lemon peel and dill weed. Flavor enhances as popcorn stands.

Yield: 2 quarts.



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By Rachel Gabel
Cody Gifford, a Ph.D. candidate at Colorado State University, is using technology originally developed for surgeons to determine molecular differences in lamb and sheep meat cuts as it relates to taste.
He calls the first sheep flavor study completed at CSU a proof of concept study that ultimately proved that the molecular profile and muscle compounds can be used to differentiate differences among sheep muscle sam-

ples based on flavor.
This study utilizes Rapid Evaporative Ionization Mass Spectrometry (REIMS), a technology adapted to hook up to a mass spectrometer. Researchers are then using a pen to cauterize the surface of sheep meat samples, which generates smoke and allows the volatile chemical compound in the smoke to transport into the mass spectrometer. This results in a molecular profile of the chemical compounds.
To get this real-time

data, Gifford and his team collected samples from 150 sheep, of those, 50 were lamb, 50 were yearlings, and 50 were sheep or mutton. Aside from age differences, the sample included different breed types, genders, and finish types. The samples included fat side and lean side samples from the leg with the remainder ground and made into patties.
Volatile chemical compounds were gathered from each sample. With the remainder of the meat, the research team used a

trained sensory panel to rate intensities of different flavor attributes. The two sets of data were then used in models to attempt to predict certain flavor attributes.
"This is the first study to validate whether we can use the (REIMS) instrument to predict flavor profiles of sheep meat products with a variety of live animal factors to give us differences in how we would be able to predict different flavor profiles."
Though Gifford said this is the first study of this type and there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, including the gathering of consumer preferences. However, it is possible the study could

play a role in the greater flavor discussion. In the future, given a validated instrument for use, it's possible sheep meat products could be graded according to flavor intensity to help guide consumers. Until then, Gifford will begin to gather consumer responses and continue his research.
During his presentation at the Colorado Farm Show, Gifford offered ground patty samples from the study. Attendees sampled the samples without knowledge of what type of sheep meat cuts they were. He said some people said they liked all three and others had preferences. He said it brought about good discussion, especial-

ly given the high percentage of producers in the room.
"If we're trying to predict flavor profiles, we need to have a good understanding of what the consumers think of the samples from a flavor perspective," he said. "Moving forward, that's the next step, getting the consumer's ideas on flavor of samples from sheep carcasses from animals currently being produced here in the U.S. and are going out for distribution. That will be valuable information."
Gabel is an assistant editor and reporter for *The Fence Post*. She can be reached at rgabel@thefencepost.com or (970) 392-4410.

World's oldest frozen ram semen successfully used in Australian sire evaluation program

By Lucy Kinbacher
The world's oldest frozen ram semen is still achieving high fertility rates despite being put on ice 50 years ago.
Frozen in 1968 by Dr Steven Salamon of the University of Sydney, Australia, the pool of semen included four rams of Ledgworth, Merryville and Boonoke genetics, owned at the time by the Walker family of Ledgworth at Yass.
In celebration of the semen's 50th year and the late Dr Salamon's 100th birthday the semen was thawed and inseminated in ewes as part of the the 2018 Balmoral Sire Evaluation Group, a trial into leading sires suited for fine wool production in Western Victoria.
The Boonoke ram, known as Sir Fred, was born in 1959 and sold to Ledgworth in 1961 for 345 guineas or \$659.30 in today's currency.
The Merryville ram, born in 1963 was bought by Ledgworth in 1965 for 1000 guineas or \$1911 today while the other two sires were F1 progeny of the Boonoke and Merryville rams and crossed with

Ledgworth ewes from 1963 and 1965.
Interestingly, semen from all four rams was frozen in a pellet together with researchers unsure of exactly which of the rams will have inseminated the ewes.
The semen was initially frozen to prove sperm could survive several years storage in liquid nitrogen at -196°C and is now the oldest sheep semen in existence in the world and the oldest to be inseminated.
Used alongside a number of modern rams in the trial, the historic semen recorded higher pregnancy and scanning rates of its younger counterparts.
Of the 56 ewes inseminated with the 50-year-old semen, 34 were scanned pregnant or 61 per cent. This was compared with 59 per cent in the other sires with 618 of 1048 ewes pregnant.
In the fetus scan, the older semen had an 82 per cent scanning rate while other sires were at 80 per cent.
Early findings from the trial have found the sperm was as fertile as the day it was frozen.

"Pregnancy and scanning rates (were) no different to the overall average of all sires who were also artificially inseminated in the Balmoral program," an information brief said.
"The high fertility of this semen demonstrates that long-term frozen storage of sperm is safe and reliably preserves genetics for future use in the agriculture industry."
"This trial offers a remarkable opportunity to open a window to the industry's past and in doing so also contemplate the future of sheep selection and genetics and what we might expect to see in 50 years' time."
"Beyond insights into artificial breeding and semen freezing technology, use of this semen also stands to showcase 50 years of genetic progress of the Australian wool industry."
The performance and appearance of the progeny of the 50-year-old semen will be compared to the modern rams in the Balmoral program over the next few years with the first report available after the first shearing in March.

U.S. wins WTO dispute against China

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced Feb. 28 that a World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement panel found that China has provided trade-distorting domestic support to its grain producers well in excess of its commitments under WTO rules. China's market price support policy artificially raises Chinese prices for grains above market levels, creating incentives for increased Chinese production of agricultural products and reduced imports.

This panel report is a significant victory for U.S. agriculture that will help American farmers compete on a more level playing field. This dispute is the first to challenge China's agricultural policies that disregard WTO rules and shows that the United States will take whatever steps are necessary to enforce the rules and ensure free and fair trade for U.S. farmers, ranchers, workers and businesses.

"The United States proved that China for years provided government support for its grain producers far in excess of the levels China agreed to when it joined the WTO. China's excessive support limits opportunities for U.S. farmers to export their world-class products to China. We expect China to quickly come into compliance with its WTO obligations," Lighthizer said.

U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, released the following statement following the announcement.

"I am pleased the U.S. Trade Representative's efforts to stand up for American producers have been successful. We play by international trade rules and must ensure other nations do too," Roberts said. "Especially now, our farmers and ranchers need greater access to new and growing markets. This action will allow them to better compete in China."

In late 2016, Roberts and other lawmakers joined the Perdue and Lighthizer to launch a trade enforcement action against China for its excessive price supports.

The WTO's dispute settlement panel agreed with the U.S. that these price supports artificially drove up prices, increased Chinese production, and decreased imports from the U.S. and other nations.

January 1 sheep and lambs inventory down 1 percent

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 5.23 million head, down one percent from 2018. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019, decreased 1 percent from 3.87 million head on January 1, 2018. Ewes one year old and older, at three million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2019 totaled 1.41 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2018 lamb crop of 3.24 million head was up slightly from 2017. The 2018 lambing rate was

107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from 2017. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2018 was 24.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.37 million head, down 2 percent from 2017. The average price paid for wool

sold in 2018 was \$1.75 per pound for a total value of 42.8 million dollars, up 16 percent from 36.8 million dollars in 2017. Sheep death loss during 2018 totaled 216 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2017. Lamb death loss increased 6 percent from 367 thousand head to 388 thousand head in 2018.



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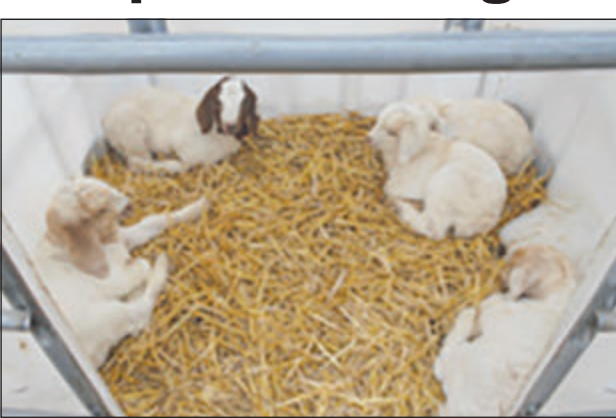
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Simple housing for goats, using what you have on hand



A chemical tote makes a great gathering spot for baby goats in cold & wet weather.

By Mary Powell
What type of housing do goats need? It all depends upon how much effort a person wants to put into a goat's shed. A person can have the most elaborate or expensive housing and the goat will sleep on the roof, or they prefer to sleep under the stock trailer. Most of the time, if the weather is nice, goats prefer to sleep in the open or

behind a windbreak. But when the weather is bad, they can't wait to climb into the warmest or driest place they can find. The key to housing is it needs to be draft-free and dry in the winter and provide some type of shelter from spring and summer rains. Let's take a look at some simple, inexpensive ideas for goat housing.

Chemical Totes: Chemical totes are the cheapest and easiest type of housing for goats. Once you cut open a side for an entryway, you can clean them out with detergent and bleach to ensure you have the chemical removed. Some folk worry that the residue may be an issue but after seven years of using chemical totes, our farm has not had any problems. We usually clean them out at least three times, giving them time to dry out after each cleaning. One trick that we have learned is to make sure you provide a high enough lip on the bottom of your entry, to keep the bedding from slipping out. You will have to provide some type of a step, such as a railroad

tie step, for young goats to get in and out of the tote. Totes are easy to move and when the plastic deteriorates, you can remove the plastic cube and put tin on the metal frame, so you still have a hut for your goat. In the winter time, baby goats will gather in a tote because it blocks a lot of wind and the sun shining into the tote makes a great incubator. You can also use the opening on top of the cube, to place a heat lamp (use caution when setting it up), to provide extra warmth.

Stock racks: You probably know someone who has a stock rack sitting in their pasture or in the tree line of their property. With a little work, you can transform it into a sturdy shed that can be moved easily with a tractor. We usually weld some small angle-iron rafters and a few boards to screw tin on to the framework and that is all it takes. Unlike the tote, which can house one doe and her babies, a stock rack hut can house several large framed goats or three does and their kids.

Water tanks: Using a water tank is another creative way to build housing and it will take more effort and welding. The first step is to cut the tank in half, cutting across the diameter so you have two arches. Since most water tanks have rusted-out bottoms, you will have to figure out what to put on the back side, to keep the draft out. Stand the tank up on end, so you have a rounded top shed, then space the two arches and add boards or angle iron in between the two arches. One thing we learned with the shed we made, we should have doubled the space in between, to make it a deeper shed. But the goats still love it and if need be, we can take t-posts and plywood to put in the front opening, to block out the winter winds.

Grain Bin sheds: If you can find a small grain bin for sale, you can take it apart and use the sides to make arched sheds. We had to build a set of skids and bottom frame for the shed we built but the goats seem to appreciate these sheds more than the lean-to sheds as the heat is held better in a lower shed. There are many other ideas for building a goat shed and you really don't have to spend a lot of money to throw something together, it just takes an imagination and creativity. Most of our sheds were tinned up with used tin and the only new materials used were the metal screws. Just remember that these sheds will need cleaned out periodically so you need to have them light enough to move by hand or with a small tractor and loader.



Stock rack sheds built on metal skids are heavy enough to not blow away in a storm and are easy to move with a tractor to clean old bedding. They can house 8-12 weanlings or three does with their kids.



This is a water tank shed. An old metal bed frame was used for the back wall. It is recommended to double the spacing between the two arches of the tank.



A grain bin was used to build this shed on skids. Two-thirds of the front can be covered to keep the wind out during the winter or it can be used open as in the photo. These are easy to clean out and can be moved with a tractor.

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High nitrate in hay killing beef cows in complex ways, MU specialists say

Two years of abnormal weather changed plant growth, which changes livestock digestion. In the end cows die.

The words "it's very complex" kept popping up in a University of Missouri emergency teleconference of state and regional MU Extension specialists.

This winter farmers find groups of cows dead, often falling on newly unrolled baled hay. In the worst cases, half the herd dies. Often the first sign of trouble is 10 dead cows.

The MU Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Columbia diagnosed more than 200 deaths from nitrate poisoning in the last month. The lab's toxicology section head, Tim Evans, said it first: "It's very complex."

A bit later, MU Extension beef nutritionist Eric Bailey told of first aid to help nitrate-stricken cattle. Feed shelled corn to cows normally fed hay. "It's very complex," he adds.

Unusual weather the last couple of years set up this problem. Too much rain turned to too much drought. Hot weather turned very cold. Such extremes affect the biology of plant growth. Also, lots of pastures didn't grow. That led to the hay shortages.

Fertilizer and poultry litter make grass grow. Nitrogen enters the plant as nitrate. That adds growth and protein for hay fed to cattle. Nitrogen fuels a cow's rumen, the first stomach in digestion. In the end, nitrogen creates protein, making meat. Normally, more nitrogen on hayfields helps. More protein-rich hay grows healthy cattle.

When rains turn to drought, biology stops working. When plant juices stop flowing from roots to leaves, the raw nitrate stays in grass stems. When farmers bale nitrate-rich grass, the hay turns toxic.

What is normally a good practice of fertilizing grass becomes a bad practice. Who knew? As specialists said, "It's very complex." Many variables come into play.

The cow rumen needs nitrates to digest hay and make protein. Too much nitrate in hay stems overwhelms the digestive system. Toxins spill over into the blood.

This is where it gets more complex. An oversupply of nitrate ends up as nitrite. Nitrites prevent oxygen from binding with red blood cells. Without oxygen, animals die. That's how nitrate-rich hay kills cows quickly.

All a farmer sees of that complexity are dead cows beside hay just unrolled.

Nutritionist Eric Bailey spoke up with a fix. Adding starch to the cow's diet absorbs much of that extra nitrate in the rumen. Normally, farmers are advised to go slow adding corn to a rumen on a hay diet. At first, starch upsets rumen microbes.

In this unusual year, plain corn gives an answer. But adding a protein-rich supplement worsens the problem. Protein adds unneeded nitrogen. At first sign of trouble, take away any protein supplement.

Corn, a starch, speeds up digestion in the rumen. That moves toxic hay right on down the digestive tract.

At first sign of nitrate poisoning, which often can be death, remove bad hay.

As a first step, farmers should test suspect hay for nitrates, says Craig Roberts, MU Extension forage specialist.

"Know your hay," Roberts said. Know where it came from and whether fertilizer or poultry manure was used. Risks rise in hay made in drought. Hay detective work doesn't come easy.

Farmers face a serious problem now. After two years of drought, not much hay was baled. Buying good hay becomes almost impossible. It's hard to find.

centers may have quick-test kits left over from last summer's droughts. A few drops of the acid turn dark blue on split stems of high-nitrate grass.

Blue indicates a quantitative test is needed.

Evans says quantitative nitrate tests report parts per million. Less than 2,500 ppm seems safe. More than 5,000 ppm means danger. At 10,000, watch out!

Regional MU agronomists and livestock specialists gear up to help farmers sort complex issues.

Evans says added prob-

lems come when cold fronts descend from the Arctic. Cattle sense weather changes in advance, and then they overeat, filling the rumen with forage for the cold spell. Even borderline toxic hay not causing trouble becomes potentially toxic in an overloaded rumen.

Pregnant cows near calving are vulnerable. Unborn calves die of nitrate poison. They lack oxygen.

Cows in poor condition suffer most. With low hay supplies and bad weather, cows started winter in

lower body condition. Thin cows with less fat reserves are more vulnerable.

Roberts says toxin management includes watching each cow. Some may

show early signs of poisoning by their weakness. That warns of complex problems ahead.

Ask for help from veterinarians or Extension spe-

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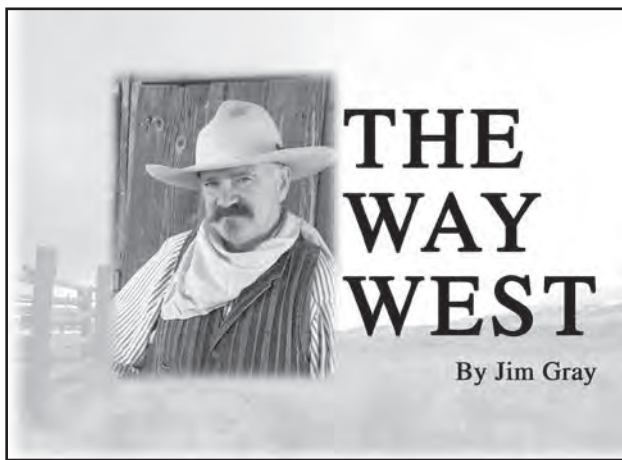


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Running a Bluff

When Kansans voted for statewide prohibition in 1880, the final version of state law allowed individual counties to vote for or against the sale of liquor within county jurisdiction. Ford County, with Dodge City as its county seat, kept the saloon doors open throughout its tenure as the "Cowboy Capital."

Throughout the next five years the temperance movement remained active and steadily gained influence even in wide open Dodge City. Temperance Unions applied pressure toward the closure of the saloons but the final blow to the open saloon came with the demise of the Texas cattle trade after the Kansas legislature enacted a strict quarantine against trail cattle on March 7, 1885. The quarantine closed the entire state of Kansas to cattle driven into the state from the south. By mid-1885 Dodge

City had seen the last of the Texas drover and his wild long-horned cattle. Even so, saloons stayed open, hoping the long-held sporting reputation of Dodge City would prevail.

At Topeka, prohibitionists condemned Dodge City's "sporting fraternity" as a lawless element bent on driving prohibitionists out of town. Conspicuously within those ranks Deputy Sheriff Bat Masterson, a well-known gambler and avowed "sporting man," was identified as the prime offender. Topeka papers described him as "one of the most disreputable characters of the West" and the leader of three hundred "ruffians" bent on driving prohibitionists from the town.

Masterson was undoubtedly the man to reckon with in Dodge City. At the 1885 Fourth of July celebration he was voted "the most popular man in Dodge City." In recognition the citizens of Dodge City awarded Masterson with a gold watch chain and a gold-ornamented cane.

Rumors of wide-open disregard for law and order continued to trickle east to Topeka. At the Dodge City depot, a mob had supposedly taken a prisoner away from a deputy sheriff from nearby Edwards County. The "mob" turned out to be the one and only Bat Masterson, who was questioning the officer when his prisoner simply walked away.

Kansas Governor John A. Martin considered stepping in to close the saloons. Mayor Robert Wright ad-

vised the governor to let Dodge City alone. "We will work out our own salvation in due season." Instead, on November 24, 1885, Governor Martin sent Attorney General S. B. Bradford to Dodge City to close the saloons. When Bradford left two days later the saloons reopened as though nothing had happened.

By 1886 prohibitionists were beginning to gain the upper hand. In response the saloon crowd circulated a petition supporting A.B. Webster, owner of the Palace Drug Store, as a candidate for the upcoming mayoral election. As owner of the Stock Exchange saloon in the early days, Webster led the vigilante faction and served as mayor for several terms. However, as mayor, he tended to favor his friends, making life uneasy for his competitors. Webster's candidacy brought about an unexpected revolt within the saloon crowd.

To everyone's surprise, Masterson used his authority and considerable reputation to enter a complaint on March 10, 1886, against every saloon-drug store in the city. Masterson alleged that every one of them, including two legally licensed druggists, had violated prohibition law. Arrests were made and the businesses were closed. Masterson declared that he intended to "clean up Dodge," even filing complaints against a number of gamblers.

Attorney Mike Sutton was not convinced that Masterson's new-found sense of propriety was sincere. In a letter to Attorney General Bradford, Sutton claimed that in spite of appearances, Masterson continued to lead a "gang" of confidence men and thugs. In fact, Masterson had closed the saloons in reaction to the combined effort of Prohibitionists and saloon men joining forces to break Masterson's hold on the town. Webster had agreed that with the support of prohibitionists he would do everything in his power as mayor to put a halt to Masterson's gang. For his part Masterson hoped his bold move would force Webster out, leaving Bob Wright unopposed for mayor. With his Wright running

the town Masterson could drop the complaint, and win the day.

Changing his tune for non-intervention, Sutton pleaded for the Attorney General to intercede so that the cases against the saloon men would not be dismissed. While no record exists of the Attorney General's actions, Masterson must have seen the writing on the wall. The Dodge City Times reported that on March 28, 1886, "Bat Masterson and his gang went west on the afternoon train..." The bluff was up. It was time for the most popular man in Dodge City to find a new game somewhere on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth, Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Ellsworth, KS Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st RD Geneseo, KS Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.*

January 1 all goats and kids inventory down 1 percent

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Our beloved Frankie C. has passed away. Frank Chaffin died a few hours after heart surgery on February 27. We at *Around Kansas* and *AGam* are heartbroken.

I did a tribute to Frankie when he retired at the end of the year. I am so grateful that he saw the tribute and knew how much he was appreciated. He knew he was facing surgery and wasn't sure when he would be able to return to work, so he decided to retire from *Around Kan-*

sas, though he kept up activities with WREN Radio. He and Les Glenn, long-time broadcast personality and engineer, revived the legendary station online several years ago and it has been entertaining folks not only *Around Kansas* but around the world. Les and other broadcast buds are keeping WREN on the air so be sure to tune in on your computer, smartphone, or wherever you can access the world wide web.

Frankie was just such a

positive force. He was always encouraging, looking to the future, creative, full of ideas, full of good will for his fellow man. He was funny.

He was irreplaceable.

I have loved doing *Around Kansas*. I have my fingers in lots of pies, as many of you know, and sometimes I feel there are not enough hours in the day. But I love this show and love the people and I love Frankie for asking me to be a part of it. I will always be grateful that he thought of me for the role.

Frankie's voice is on our show's introduction and on the promos for our sponsors. We will be hearing him and we will be seeing him forever, and I cannot imagine *Around Kansas* without him.

And about there not being enough hours in the day... It was something I uttered nearly every day for a long time. Then, it hit me like a load of hay -

God gives us all the same number of hours each day. Period. No one gets more hours than anyone else; we all get the same number of hours in each day. How we choose to spend those hours is up to us, whether we fill them with goodness and service, or fritter them away with worry and regret. So, I don't say that any more and every time I am tempted to say it I think to myself, "What do I need to rearrange in my life?" or, "I need to be kinder to myself."

Frankie filled his hours with good work, love for his family and fellow man, service to his community, and joy in living.

Be like Frankie C.

Deb Goodrich is the host of the *Around Kansas* TV show and the *Garvey Histo-*

Trade update: U.S. and China meet; U.S. loses market share in Japan

President Trump said he will extend a deadline to escalate tariffs on Chinese imports, citing "substantial progress" in recent talks between China and the U.S., the Associated Press reported. In a recent tweet, the President said there had been "productive talks," adding that "I will be delaying the U.S. increase in tariffs now scheduled for March 1."

The announcement came as the two countries met through the weekend to work toward resolving trade issues. Trump had warned that he would escalate the tariffs imposed on Chinese imports if the two sides failed to reach a deal.

However, that progress could stall after a World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement panel found China guilty of violating WTO rules. *Feed-stuffs* reports that the panel charged China with artificially raising Chinese prices for grains above market levels, creating incentives for increased Chinese production of agricultural products and reduced imports.

In a statement, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer and USDA Sec. Sonny Perdue said that the panel report is a win for U.S. agriculture and will help American farmers compete on a more

level playing field.

Meanwhile, the call for a bilateral trade agreement with Japan was amplified as members of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) reported that beef exports to the country grew 56 percent in January, while U.S. beef exports grew only 21 percent and its share of the market shrunk by 6 percent.

During a Feb. 22 panel discussion at the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum in Arlington, Va., U.S. Meat Export Federation Economist Erin Borrer noted that Japan's red meat consumption is likely to expand faster once the benefits of the TPP are passed down to consumers. She also pointed out that, without a U.S.-Japan trade agreement, potential losses for the U.S. beef industry on a per-head basis could reach \$18.70 by 2023 and \$42 by 2028.

"Unless the U.S. and Japan can quickly reach a trade agreement, lost opportunities will mount as Japanese companies seek more value-added, further processed products from suppliers such as the EU and Mexico," Borrer explained. "Decisions that are being made today will transform the business and without clear indications that the U.S. and Japan will reach an agreement, the U.S. industry is likely to suffer permanent

losses in market share and related investment."

She stressed that the industry cannot afford to miss these opportunities in Japan, particularly during a time when U.S. companies are looking to produce more value-added and branded products.

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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

March 11 — 160 acres m/l of Washington County farmland held at Washington for Kiger Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

March 11 — 145 acres m/l of Trego County cultivated land held at WaKeeney for Catherine Marley, Janet Stivers, Nancy Denney. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

March 11 — 59th Annual Polled Hereford sale held at the farm near Burchard, Nebraska for Tegmeier Polled Herefords.

March 12 — 585.08 acres Wabaunsee County land selling in 2 tracts: Rock Creek Tributary, rolling Flint Hills held at Council Grove for Adam & Jill Tregemba. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

March 12 — 105.4 acres Greenwood County, KS stock farm, Bluestem & cool season grasses, large stock pond, older 2 story dwelling, several out-buildings held at Eureka. Auctioneers: SunGroup Real Estate & Appraisals.

March 14 — Agricultural real estate & rural residence held at Clay Center for Nancy K. Salomon & Peggy L. Hauser. Auctioneers: Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

March 14 — 18th Annual Sale held at the ranch in Manhattan for BJ Angus Genetics.

March 15 — K-14 Farm Primitives & Collectibles auction held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

March 15 — 2019 Ranch Gathering & Private Treaty Offering held at Eureka for Dalebanks Angus.

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

March 15 & 16 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, household & other held at the farm Ash Grove (near Hunter) for Phyllis & Tony Cheney Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 16 — K-14 Draft Horse, Mule & Carriage auction held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

March 16 — Coins, guns, furniture, handpainted motorcycle helmets, costume jewelry, adult bikes, antiques & collectibles including Kansa Kaw Native American artifacts, rare LPs, comics, autographed items & much more at Junction City for Dan Vuono & others. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

March 16 — Guns & ammo, tractors, trucks, farm machinery & more at Goessel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

March 16 — Gun, coin & collectibles auction held at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simmitt Real Estate & Auction, Inc.

March 16 — Real Estate (3BR, 3.5BA ranch style home, 1 acre, garage, outbuildings), tractors, implements, assorted hardwoods, appliances, tools, furniture, kitchen & glassware, antiques, toys & more at Manhattan for Darrel & Dorothea Boutz. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat, realtor/auctioneer.

March 16 — Tractors, trailers, trucks, mowers, UTVs, implements, attachments & small implements, grain handling, livestock equipment & fencing,

tools & misc., hay, hedge posts & more at Washington for consignments for farm & ranch equipment & supply. Auctioneers: Open Range Sales Co., LLC., Ethan Schuette.

March 16 — Vintage furniture, collectibles, glassware & misc., jewelry & more at Lawrence for private seller. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 16 — Household & personal property, riding mower & more at Newton. Auctioneers: Vogt Auctions.

March 16 — Tractors, combines, farm machinery, trucks & trailers, hay equipment & misc. at LeCompton for Leslie Family Farm, sellers. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

March 16 — 75 acres m/l of Cloud County cropland land in 5 tracts held at Clyde for Thomas Burns Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, Jeff Dankenbring.

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

March 16 — Consignment horse sale selling horses, ponies, donkeys & tack held at Garnett. Anderson County Sales Co., LLC.

March 16 — Production sale, bulls & females held at Zenda for Molitor Angus.

March 16 — On Target Bull Sale held at Blue Rapids for Springhill Herefords.

March 17 — Guns, furniture, glassware, collectibles, tools, yard & other, framing equipment, supplies, handmade wood items & lots more at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 17 — Antiques & collectibles held at Salina for Debs Antiques. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 17 — Cattleman's Choice Angus & SimAngus Bull & Female Sale at Greenleaf.

March 18 — 320 acres m/l of Trego County grassland held at Ellis for Nannette Foore & Brenda Smith. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

March 19 — 155 acres m/l of Sedgwick County land including 123 ac. productive cropland & 32 ac. hardwood timber & Wildcat Creek held at Benton. Auctioneers: SunGroup Real Estate.

March 19 — 17th Annual Bull sale held at the ranch at Wells, KS for Schrader Ranch.

March 19 — 60th Anniversary Bull Sale for Hinkson Angus Ranch held at Cottonwood Falls.

March 20 — Bull sale at Overbrook Livestock Comm. for Howard Woodbury, Woodbury Farms.

March 21 — 450 acres m/l of Ness County expired CRP/CRP land held at Ness City for G-F, Inc. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

March 21 — Absolute farm equipment auction including tractors, sprayers, planting equipment, tillage, trucks & trailers, harvest & grain handling & other equipment held at Milo, Missouri (near Nevada, MO) for Lincoln Hughes. Auctioneers: Cook Auction Company, Scott Cook.

March 21 — Benoit Angus 30th Annual Production Sale at the ranch at Esbon.

March 22 — 148 acres m/l Oketo Township, Marshall County, Kansas land held at Marysville for land formerly belonging to Darlene Kenton, deceased. Auctioneers: Donald Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 22 — Real Estate: 16,740 sq. ft. building used as former nursing home facility held at Osage City for Osage Co. Community Foundation, Inc., seller. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auction, Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Wayne Wischropp.

March 22 — Production Sale: bulls, females & heifers at Leavenworth for New Haven Angus.

March 23 — Tractors, combine, trucks, equipment, mower, livestock & shop equipment at Peabody for Delmer & Verna Unruh. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

March 23 — Coins & collectibles, guns, ammo, toys, furniture, jewelry & more at McPherson. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.

March 23 — Farm machinery including tractors, trucks, combine, equipment & trailers, tools & lots more held near Pratt for Darrel Brant Estate. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

March 23 — Combine, tractors, cars, trucks, trailers, equipment, construction, tools, farm & shop misc., antiques & collectibles, grain bins & sheds, windmill, cider press, salvage, butchering equipment, hunting & fishing, household held at Winchester for Eugene & Joan Kramer Estate. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service.

March 23 — Tractors, farm equipment, farm & livestock supplies, shop tools, household & collectibles held at Haven for Lynn & LaVerta Bontrager. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

March 23 — Farm machinery auction including combine, headers, forage chopper, planter, trailers & consignments including self-propelled sprayer, trucks, trailers, travel trailer & more held at Westmoreland for Stadel Farms. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 23 — Antiques, collectibles, museum pieces, cars, furniture, coins, tools & more at Portis for Eileen Wilson Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

March 23 — Farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment, ATV, guns, scissor lift, lawn tractor, antiques, shop, hay & misc. held at Chanute for Mrs. James (Ande) Stover. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

March 23 — Firearms, Collector toys including pedal tractors, collectible farm toys held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 23 — Tractors, backhoe, skid loader, combine & headers, semi grain truck, trucks, stock & flatbed trailers, machinery, cattle equip., tools & misc. at Morrowville for Fred & Diane Miller. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.

March 23 — Print shop auction including professional quality printers, new promotional products, shipping supplies, pet store stock & shelving, 1978 Wheat truck, 1967 Dodge Coronet & antiques at Goessel. Auctioneers:

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March 23 — Personal collection of IHC & Farmall tractors & implements, pedal tractors, stationary gas engines, wheel horse lawn & garden tractors, Cub Cadet collection & other collectibles at Burlington for Richard & Martha Newkirk. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty.

March 23 — 80 acres m/l of Washington County land held at Hanover for Sedlacek Family Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring, Mark Uhlik.

March 23 — Trains, toys, antiques, collectibles, collection of glass & pottery at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 23 — Bull & female sale at Holton for Rinkes Cattle Co.

March 24 — Selling tractor w/loader, golf cart, 2 Cub Cadets, tools, furniture, glass, trailers, etc. at Osage City. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

March 24 — 150 guns estate auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 24 — Advertising signs, neon signs, clocks, thermometers & more, store fixtures & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 25 — Production sale at Dwight for Oleen Brothers.

March 26 — 746 acres of Clay & Riley County Farmland offered in 6 tracts held at Clay Center for Solomon State Bank. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

March 26 — Pottawatomie County land offered in 5 tracts consisting of cropland, mixed use land, potential building site, pasture held at Wamego for Cara Brazzle. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 26 — 153 acres m/l of Greenwood County Flinthills pasture land held at Eureka. Auctioneers: SunGroup Real Estate & Appraisals.

March 30 — Huge antique glassware auction with over 5,000 pieces including Fiesta, Miss America, American Fostoria, Fire King, Waterford, Wexford, Franciscan, Poppytrail, Cobalt Blue, Westmoreland & so much more held at Louisville for Helen Powell Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 30 — 73.5 acres m/l of Morris County Neosho River bottom ground, river, timber & wildlife habitat held at Dunlap for Wirsig Family. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

March 30 — Antiques, collectibles, guns, household, machinery, tools & other at Republic for Helen & Norman Sankey Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 30 — Farm machinery including tractors, trucks, pickups, equipment & trailers & lots more held near Cunningham for Bob & Marge Sterneker. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

March 30 — 156.61 acres m/l of Republic County land held at Cuba for Barbara A. Fisher Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Danken-

bring, Mark Uhlik.

March 30 Spring consignment auction held at Holton. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

March 30 — Tractors, tillage & hay equipment, feeding equipment & other farm equipment, 4-wheeler, trucks & trailers, bulk bins, feed bunks, squeeze chutes & other cattle equipment held at Madison for Brian Hind Family Estate. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

March 30 — 14th annual show pigs at Alma for C&L Show Pigs.

March 30 — Fink Beef Genetics Spring Angus and Charolais Bull Sale held at Randolph.

March 31 — Antiques & collectibles, jewelry, tools at Salina for Fred Dixon. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 2 — Art, antiques, coins, collectibles, tools, household furniture at Salina for Bob & Kathy Clark & Ray & Shirley Swisher Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 2 — Inventory Reduction auction held at LeCompton for Lone Pine Ag/Lone Pine Acres. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

April 6 — Tractor, vehicles, equipment, shop tools, 3 pt. equipment, household & misc. held near Tonganoxie for Don & Margot Wiles Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Mark Elston & Jason Flory.

APRIL 6 — (rescheduled from March 9) — 33rd Annual Concordia Optimist consignment auction held at Concordia.

April 6 — 160 acres Marshall County land & farmstead held at Bremen for the Elvenor Pralle Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 6 — Farm machinery held at Otis for Ron, Charlie & Lavon Urban. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

April 6 — Real Estate & personal property held at Holton for Robert C. & Donna M. Johnson (Holton Lumber Co.). Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

April 6 — Annual consignment auction including farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock

equipment, farm tools & misc. held at Durham in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

April 6 — Residential auction including ranch-style 2BR, 2BA home, 2002 Buick Regal LS 4 door, antique furniture, household, tools & more at Waterville for Freida Niemeier Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home.

April 7 — 52nd annual Fiver Star Pig sale held at Abilene for Sleichter Cattle Farm.

April 13 — Real Estate (4BR, 2BA home) & personal property held at Wamego for Louise Daylor Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 13 — 207.8 acres m/l Marshall County land held at Frankfort for Smith Farms. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring & Mark Uhlik.

April 13 — Construction equipment retirement auction held at Washington for Walter Bros. & Charles Walter. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 13 — New Strawn Farm & Ranch consignment auction including tractors, trucks, vehicles, farm & ranch equipment, lawn & garden equipment, trailers, tools, building materials, farm misc. items held at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

April 13 — Machinery consignment auction held at Abilene for Dickinson County Heritage Center. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

April 18 — Real Estate held at Wakefield for Susie Q Bar. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

April 27 — Agco compact tractor & loader with equipment, only 300 hrs.; Ford pickup truck (real low mileage); possible antiques & collectibles, mechanic shop tools & wood-working shop tools & more at Tescott for Kenneth & Muriel Greene. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

April 27 — Tractors, truck, ATV, guns, tack, tools & more at Council Grove for Louie LeMay Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019 — 10:00 AM
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pitcher & glass sets (Fenton, Northwood, LE Smith, other glass company's); McCoy 1905 "Loy-Nel-Art" jardiniere & pedestal; McCoy pine cone tea pot w/creamer & sugar; McCoy vases; pitcher & bowl sets; Nippon; carnival glass variety of colors & makers; pickle castors; biscuit jars; brides baskets; Fiesta; selection Imperial glass; selection Westmoreland glass; old milk glass; 40 pcs. Roseville; 20 pc. Dryden; 2pc Eye winkle green candy dishes; 36 pc. Hull; Van Briggle pottery; Chez canister set; Shawnee cookie jars; 20+ hen on nest; cake plates; Precious Moments; Occupied Japan; Hummel figurines & plates; tea pots; Diamond point glass; Vaseline glass; head vases; lady figures; depression glass many patterns w/ S&P, cookie jars, candy dishes, other; 3

Epergne's; 35+ cups & saucers; Goofus glass; selection bells; crystal prisms; 3 tumble ups; hanging kerosene lamp; Fairy lamps; Aladdin electric lamps; kerosene lamps; assortment of good electric lamps; 6 antique clocks; banjo clock; large assortment pictures; photo albums; dollies; costume jewelry; WWII uniform; Navy uniform; assortment mirrors; 1930 Red Wing Boot #651 (w/newspaper article); assortment kitchen items; linens; assortment crocks inc.; V-Wing, birch leaf, Diamond; R-belt driven bicycle; tin punch lights; antique tools; Coleman lanterns; wash boards; Casio cash register; signs; railroad sign; cast iron seats; assortment toys; drug store malt machine; very large collection of other collectibles.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Fairgrounds in SALINA, KS

ADVERTISING
 Coca Cola advertising inc.: (Slow School on cast iron base, lollipop on cast iron base, 50's neon clock, button, several other Coke); **Signs:** Mobiline; Motor Oil & Polarine; Genesee Lumber; No Smoking; tin: Star Brand Shoes; Coke; Coop; Farm Bureau; Camel; Kodiak; Copenhagen; **Neon Signs:** Coors On Tap; Miller Lite pool table light; **Clocks:** Briggs & Stratton; RC; Pepsi; Coors; 7UP; Mountain Dew; Sunkist; Miller; Johnnie Walker; Seagrams; Farm Bureau; **Thermometers:** Red Crown gas; Fram; RC cooler; 7 UP & Coke carriers; Standard oil barrel; Salina, Ks tobacco cutter; Adeva match tray; Sylvan Grode tip tray; Aermotor windmill; Case eagle stickpin; seed display; Lincoln paint rack; Clarks spool cabinet; Boyes needle display; 1940's Hobart coffee grinder; Skoal display; Whiz cigar holder display; Zippo display; salesman sample pen & pencils.

STORE FIXTURES & COLLECTIBLES
 Jennings 5 cent slot machine dispenses money & candy; Brunswick 12' back cabinet; 2 drawer base cabinet from Rice, Ks. post office; 313 National cash register; 1947 Seeburg 147 jute box (needs repair on turn table); small table top curved glass showcase; doctors cabinet; pine dry sink; pine tables; 8' harvest table; pine tool cabinet; oak parlor tables; barstools from Hunter, Ks.; oak highchair; pine trunk; 2 section bookcase; 75 drawer metal cabinet; other primitive furniture; cast iron top from vault; stain glass window; water cooler; Art Deco lamp; Jadite lamp; Henderson crock foot warmer; coffee crock; crock bowls; 1935 Coke pretzel bowl; Genesee tag; HD Lee coffee jar; menu boards; 1/16th farm toys JD & IHC; Waners baseball game; train; Budweiser Clydesdale; cap guns; Aladdin lamps; railroad caboose lamp; railroad oil can; child's wheel barrow; jewelry display; rope maker; Kinfolks knife & hatchet combo; Emerson & Hunt-

er fans; Hopalong Cassidy thermos; red line Hot Wheels & Matchbox cars; MoPac lantern; NIB Daisy Red Ryder BB gun w/comic book; Plymouth Daisy #25; Sheridan "Blue Streak" pellet gun; matchbook collection; catchers masks; advertising wood boxes; brass scale; lard press; 4 qt. Dazey churn; spice cabinets; wash tubs on stands; fire bucket; wheelbarrows; garden gates; Harley Davidson taillights; barn & house doors; ice saw; buckets; chicken waters; pulleys; barrel cart; large assortment cast iron; butter molds; 200+ lighters (Zippo, Austrian, German, Ronson, many advertising); pipe collection (Mershan corn cob, others); beer openers; ashtrays; forge tools; traps; Coleman lanterns; aluminum Christmas & color wheel; silverware chests; band hats; minnow trap; hospital cards; 50's Ford manuals; hardware store catalogs (Wyeth, Louden, Coleman, Atlas, Dempster, Blish-Mize, Stowe, Townley, Reed Barton); assortment of other collectibles.

We have combined 4 collections of quality advertising. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com

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The Hunter's Son

This is the poem of the hunter's son as he tracks the woods alone... And the beaver's revenge when he seeks to avenge the hunter's gauntlet thrown...

now and again. He snuck through the woods like a shadow and stopped just short of a spring. There on the bank like a person of rank sat Oscar, the Beaver King...

But his path was impeded in progress by a bear with a griz pedigree. He was hungry and large, so when he made a charge, Scott climbed up a poplar tree.

there from his perch in the bleachers. The vast human brain will always remain the master of God's lesser creatures.

ted by over-achievers. The bear reappeared, new help commandeered, with Oscar, the King of the Beavers.

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Sankeys Lucy 825 won reserve grand champion female at the 2019 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo's Angus Show, Feb. 26 in Houston, Texas.

Photo by Radale Tiner, American Angus Association

LAND AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 - 10:00 AM American Legion Cabin - FRANKFORT, KANSAS 207.8 AC.± MARSHALL COUNTY LAND

www.VOGTAUCTIONS.net **SATURDAY, MARCH 16 - 9:30 AM** 308 Columbus - NEWTON, KANSAS HOUSEHOLD PP SALE



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Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211 MONDAY - HOGS & CATTLE THURSDAY - CATTLE ONLY

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14: 41 steers and heifers 700-800; 15 steers and heifers knife cut home raised 450; 35 red Angus steers and heifers home raised vacc long time weaned 500-700;

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SPECIAL COW SALE, TUESDAY, MARCH 19: HEIFER PAIRS: 10+10 black/BWF pairs Hinkson sired calves; 20+20 black heifer pairs Angus calves Schlegal Angus sired;

MONDAY NIGHT DON JOHNSON ANGUS SALE TOPPERS: Lot #7: \$6,000 - Yearling son of SAV Angus Valley 1867 Lot #52: \$7,750 - Yearling son of LJ Resource C109

SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE! Saturday, May 18, 2019 - starting at 10 AM May 17th @ 1:00 PM Rope Horse Preview

For Information or estimates, contact: Mike Samples, Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-826-7884 Kyle Elwood, Asst. Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-493-2901

