



Ninety-second class of Kansas Master Farmers, Master Farm Homemakers honored

Five couples have been honored as the 2018 class of Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers in recognition of their leadership in agriculture, environmental stewardship and service to their communities. They were recognized at a banquet March 8 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan.

The statewide award program is in its 92nd year and is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Farmer magazine.

The honorees in the Class of 2018 are:

Gary and Rebecca Hatesohl – Washington County

After graduating from Washington High School, Gary Hatesohl focused on production agriculture and carpentry at North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit.

Since 1982, Gary has volunteered at the Greenleaf Fire Department. He has been president of the Washington County Fair Board. Also, he is a lifelong member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where he has been the youth group leader, congregation chairman, and church elder. In the River Valley Extension District, Gary served as a board member and volunteer.

Gary and his wife, Rebecca, were active members of 4-H and FFA. As alumni they still continue to donate their time by chaperoning trips, organizing livestock clinics and judging contests, and helping at the Washington County Fair. Their efforts earned Rebecca the Outstanding Washington County Alumni Award and gave Gary the chance to serve as president of the Kansas FFA Alumni Board.

Rebecca graduated from Washburn University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught elementary school for 31 years and retired in 2014. As a teacher, she served as a district trainer and a member of the school district's professional development team. Five different years she was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Rebecca also chaperoned students to the National FBLA Convention in Georgia.



Gary and Rebecca Hatesohl

The Hatesohls' farming operation consists of cropland and beef cattle production. Water quality is an important variable on their farm. They use terraces, waterways, and soil sampling to continually monitor water quality. Gary and Rebecca attend informational meetings held by K-State Research and Extension and seed companies to better understand technology and farming management.

Son Adam graduated from Kansas State University in 2009 with a doctorate from the College of Veterinary Medicine. He and his wife, Lindsey, have two children, Noah and Natalie.

Daughter Kelsey graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in horticulture and landscape design. She has worked for the River Valley Extension District as a horticulture agent for the past two years.

Tom and Judy McCarty – Thomas County

Tom McCarty graduated from Penn State University with a degree in agricultural education. After teaching special education for three years, he returned to his family's dairy in Pennsylvania.

Judy McCarty earned a teaching degree from Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. She served on the Thomas County Foundation Board and volunteers at the Colby Citizens Medical Center.

When Tom purchased his father's dairy it was 70 cows and today the operation milks 13,000 cows across five different dairies in Kansas, Nebraska, and Ohio. In the early '90s, the couple decided to relocate the dairy to northwest Kansas because of the growth opportunities that location held. They built their farm in Rexford with approximately 700 cows.

During the following years, McCarty Dairy partnered with the Dannon Company. The goal of this partnership was to create an atypical cooperation that was innovative and quick growing. Soon after, a dairy in Scott City was added to their operation. In 2012, the Rexford Dairy completed a milk processing plant that was the first of its kind in the United States.

Due to their advanced practices and expansion, International Dairy Foods, Association named McCarty's operation the Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year. The dairy has also received the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development Agricultural Leader of the Year. McCa-



Tom and Judy McCarty

McCarty Dairy continues to use new technologies including A.I. breeding, genetic testing, cooling systems, and heath abatement systems to increase their productivity.

Son Mike owns and manages the Bird City Dairy. He and his wife, Amy, have three children, Colton, Logan, and Taylor.

Son Clay partners with his brother, Ken, to manage the dairy in Rexford. He is married to Kristy and they have three children, Paeton, Prestyn, and Kennedy.

Son Dave manages finances for all five McCarty Dairies and purchases feed commodities. He lives in northwest Kansas with his wife, Lisa, and two children, Maddie and Ellie.

Son Ken helps manage the dairy in Rexford along with overseeing the milk processing plant. Ken is married to Courtney and they have three sons, Kaden, Kohen, and Krew.

James and Miriam Nelson – McPherson County

James Nelson went to Windom High School and continued his education at Kansas State University, studying agricultural economics. Before returning to his family's farm, he worked in banking and served in the Kansas National Guard.

James is an avid learner of all things agriculture and crop related. In 2011, he attended a three-week agricultural tour of Brazil as part of No-Till on the Plains. James hosted farmers from Australia and reciprocated a visit to their operation. He served on the McPherson County Extension Council and was the director for the McPherson County Soil Conservation District.

In the Windom community, both James and Miriam are active members in church, school, government, and farm organizations. They are part of the Aid Association for Lutherans in McPherson County. James helped write a Monsanto grant to build a greenhouse for the elementary school.

Miriam graduated from Riley County High School and Kansas State University. She worked for Phillips County Extension as a home economist for several years. Education has always been a passion of Miriam's, and she served in multiple leadership roles for the Little River-Windom School District. Also, Miriam has been a pianist for many organizations in her community.

The Nelsons' operation has seen many changes over the years as the farm has had a cow-calf operation, a farrow-to-finish hog



James and Miriam Nelson

system, and is now exclusively farming no-till crops. Conservation has always been a goal for their farm. Today, they use concrete structures, laser scraping, windbreaks, terraces, and tram rows to preserve their farmland. Their efforts earned them an award for no-till soil conservation in 2003. The Nelsons' farm has hosted no-till tours and regularly plants seed test plots for new varieties.

Daughter Lori Bower owns BowerComm Marketing Communications. Her husband, Derek, and two children, Mia and Ian, live on the family farm in Windom. Derek joined the farming operation in spring of 2017.

In addition to being a full-time partner on the farm, son Darren works on the engineering team at Tribune Harvester. He lives in Hutchinson with his wife, Michelle. They have three children, Kara, Dean, and Elise.

Mark and Joanne Noll – Brown County

Mark Noll graduated from Kansas State University with a master's in swine management. After graduation, he joined his father on their livestock and crop operation. Mark is a 35-year member of St. Ann's Knights of Columbus Council. He volunteered his time to travel with 4-H'ers to state geology events. Also, Mark was part of the Brown-Nemaha County Pork Producers Board.

Joanne Noll earned a nursing degree from Marymount College in Salina. She currently trains employees in Brown County Developmental Services. Joanne served on the Hiawatha School Board and was instrumental in starting an education foundation for the district. Currently, she is a member of the North East Kansas Library Systems Executive Board.

Both Mark and Joanne share the workload on the farm. Joanne is responsible for the financial aspects and



Mark and Joanne Noll

bookkeeping of the farming operation. Their operation consists of crop farming, finishing beef cattle, and a farrow-to-finish hog system. Though their main crops are corn and soybeans, they also use cover crops such as oats and rye. The Nolls have been labeled a preferred supplier by Hormel because of their high-quality pigs.

The fifth-generation farm family centers their practices on improvement: "We take a practical, scientific approach to farming that puts focus on quality over quantity."

Son Michael is the program director for the Texas Writers League of Austin. He lives with his wife, Stephanie, and their two sons, Xavier and Elias, in Austin, Texas.

Son Aaron is an architect for Populace Firm. Aaron and his wife, Annie, have a son named Harrison.

Son Byron works in construction in Chicago, Illinois. He and his wife, Stacia, have one daughter named Pippa.

Daughter Anna Akuretiya teaches eighth grade social sciences. She is married to Achala Akuretiya and they have a daughter, Zuri.

Son Ethan is an agronomist for Ag Partners Cooperative and works on the family farm. Ethan and his wife, Krista, live on the farm in Hiawatha.

Son Gabriel works in the telecom division for Black and Veatch. He and his wife, Cloe, live in Overland Park.

Gary and Delores Rieck – Osage County

Gary Rieck graduated from Burlingame High School and continued his education in animal husbandry at Kansas State University. He then worked as a hog buyer for Swift and Company in Kansas City. After a year in Kansas City, he returned home to farm with his father. Gary's passion for farming led him to hold several lead-



Gary and Delores Rieck

ership positions. He served as president of the Kansas Swine Seminar and Kansas Young Farmers.

Both Gary and his wife, Delores, are contributing members of area farming groups. Both have been members of the Southeast Farm Management Association for 54 years. Gary has also been a county director for that organization. Delores served as president of the Kansas Young Farm Wives Association.

Delores graduated from Emporia State University with a bachelor's degree in business education. She furthered her education by earning a master's degree. Delores taught at Burlingame High School and Osage City Middle School. After retiring, she continues to educate students by teaching quilting classes. Delores has presented quilting programs across Kansas and started a business for her hobby.

The Riecks' farming operation started out with 25 gilts in a farrow-to-finish system. Today, the Riecks have transitioned to feeding cattle and farming soybeans and grass hay. They also have acreage dedicated to the Conservation Reserve Program. The Goodyear Soil Conservation Award was given to the operation for their management practices. K-State Research and Extension programs, co-op crop seminars, and crop expositions help the Riecks constantly learn about practices that could improve their farm.

Son George works on statistical analysis for GPS crop mapping. He lives in Des Moines, Iowa, with his wife, April, and two children, Holt and Cabe.

Daughter Gwen Hoy and her husband, Josh, operate an agritourism program in the Flint Hills. They have a daughter named Josie.

Triple the joy, triple the fun



Amid a rough spring calving season, this set of healthy triplet calves was a nice surprise at Crockett Farm Polled Herefords of Atchison. Photo by Meg's Creations

Insight

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The Majestic Plural

By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

As far as first jobs go, opening gates on my grandparents' ranch was the best I could ever imagine. I don't remember how old I was when I started helping. I do know it led to my first experience with the majestic plural.

"We'll get this gate," my grandfather would say with a chuckle as we approached the

pasture. "We" of course meant me. The worse the weather, the harder he'd laugh. Being the gate-getter led to many other "we" jobs. Post-hole digger, wire-stretcher and thistle-cutter were some. The list of less-than-glamorous tasks stretches to the horizon.

My favorite job was mowing hay because I could sit in the comfort of an air-conditioned cab, provided I didn't

break a section on the sickle bar. The same was true for running the baler, but fixing a twisted belt took more time and was far itchier than swapping out a broken section.

The first trip was the most daunting, but my grandfather did offer some advice: "You want to go fast enough you make it to the top, but not so fast you lose control of the load. Do that and we'll be fine."

One assignment that really made my heart thump was hauling hay out of a bottom-land meadow. The trip involved getting the truck, trailer and its 12,000-pound load up a steep hill with a blind curve.

He stayed in the field and watched as I gripped the wheel with white knuckles and motored down the road. I made it to the top with momentum to spare and the load intact.

That was the summer after my freshman year at Kansas State University, my last on the ranch. After that I was a city dweller. I got a degree in journalism, fell in love with the Flint Hills and bounced around various newspapers in the area for a little over a decade.

When my title changed from reporter to editor, I began using the royal "we" with reporters. I couldn't utter it without thinking of my grandfather

and the ranch. I'm sure I've romanticized much of the work. Some was tedious, most was hard. Harder than sitting in an office looking at a computer screen. But I'd often thought about getting closer to my rural heritage. Then the opportunity at Kansas Farm Bureau came up, and now they're stuck with me. Don't worry, we'll be okay.

And my grandfather wasn't above using the majestic plural to help me avoid embarrassment. The best example is when he helped avert a catastrophe of my own making. I was probably five or six when it happened. I had fol-

lowed him out to the shed to see a baby calf. While he was busy with the calf, I rolled the gate that separated the tack room from the pen off its track. I could tell something was wrong, but I didn't know how to right the gate. Just as I started to panic that I'd done serious damage, my grandfather came to my rescue.

"We'll fix this," he said as he hoisted the gate into place. Insight is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

USDA ready to help Kansas farmers and ranchers recover from recent blizzards, floods

Severe flooding caused by the recent extreme weather event "bomb cyclone" impacted farmers and ranchers in northeast Kansas. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has disaster assistance programs available to help agricultural producers recover after natural disasters, including blizzards and floods.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) all offer programs that can help producers recover losses, rehabilitate farms and ranches, and manage risk.

Recovering Losses
FSA offers many programs to help producers re-

cover from losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Forest Restoration Program and the Tree Assistance Program. Producers located in counties receiving a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who has suffered loss from the flood devastation. FSA is always here to support our farmers and ranchers through these times of adversity," said David Schemm, state executive director for the FSA in Kan-

sas. "Once the waters have receded and you are able to evaluate your losses, contact your local FSA office to report all damages and losses and learn more about how we can assist."

Rehabilitating Farms and Ranches

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs to help producers recover and build resilience to better weather future disasters.

"NRCS can be a very valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery effort," said Karen A. Woodrich, state conservationist for the NRCS in Kansas. "Our staff will

work one-on-one with landowners to make assessments of the damages and develop approaches that focus on effective recovery of the land."

Meanwhile, the FSA Emergency Conservation Program provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters.

Managing Risk

Producers with coverage through federal crop insurance should contact their agent for issues regarding filing claims. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses.

"Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15

days," RMA regional director Collin Olsen said. "The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well-trained in handling these types of events."

Compensation also is available to producers who purchased coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. Eligible producers must have purchased NAP coverage for 2019 crops.

Supporting Communities

In addition to helping producers, USDA also offers local governments and other entities

with rebuilding infrastructure and removing debris. The NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program provides assistance to local government sponsors with the cost of addressing watershed impairments or hazards like debris removal and stream-bank stabilization. Interested entities should contact their local NRCS conservationist.

More Information

USDA offers a disaster assistance discovery tool that walks producers through five questions to help them identify personalized results of what USDA disaster assistance programs meet their needs. For more information on disaster assistance programs, contact your local USDA service center or farmers.gov/recover.

Emergency livestock management workshops scheduled for spring

Livestock owners face numerous challenges, including natural disasters like flooding and wildfire and the threat of foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever and foot-and-mouth disease, which have impacted other coun-

tries. The Kansas Department of Agriculture works to help Kansas livestock owners, from large feedyards to families with show animals, in preparing for the impact any of these disasters could have on their lives. This spring, KDA will

host eight regional workshops to assist Kansans throughout the livestock industry with emergency preparedness.

The workshops will help livestock owners understand which foreign animal diseases are a possible threat to their

animals and how an outbreak could impact them as well as the industry as a whole. Attendees will learn what precautions they can take to protect their herds, and how to respond if they do suffer losses due to natural disas-

ter or disease. The workshops are geared toward all livestock owners, regardless of species or size of their herd.

The Emergency Livestock Management Workshops will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following dates in

the following cities:

Tuesday, April 30 — Great Bend: Great Bend Convention Center

Wednesday, May 1 — Montezuma: Hy-Plains Feedyard

Monday, May 6 — Olathe: Johnson County Research and Extension

Tuesday, May 7 — Mankato: Mankato Livestock Inc.

Wednesday, May 8 — Goodland: Emergency Management Training Facility

Monday, May 13 — El Dorado: Butler County 4-H Building

Thursday, May 16 — Iola: Allen County Courthouse

Monday, May 20 — Manhattan: Kansas Department of Agriculture

All of the workshops are free, and registration is now open for all of the locations at www.agriculture.ks.gov/EmergencyManagement. Registration includes lunch; however, lunch will only be guaranteed to those participants who pre-register. Space is limited to 50 participants. For more information about the Emergency Livestock Management workshops, contact Kelly Oliver, KDA's assistant emergency management coordinator, at 785-564-6608 or Kelly.Oliver@ks.gov.



It is official, or at least it is official with me: I am declaring an end to winter.

That is right, spring has sprung, and I am completely over winter. Sure, winter was nice when we were talking about Thanksgiving and Christmas. The snow was white and pristine, and we were enjoying the transition from fall to the holiday season. However, shortly after Christmas, this year it was shortly after Thanksgiving, winter ceased to be fun.

We got into the everyday drain of winter, cold weather, mud and snow and it suddenly got old fast. The joy of calving and lambing soon gave way to the beatdown Mother Nature was about to give us in January, February and March. All we could do was dream of warmer weather, green grass and the coming of spring. That is why I am officially declaring that it is spring.

How do I know? Would I have shaved my winter beard, washed my chore clothes or bought Easter candy if it wasn't spring? Nope, I decided that if spring wasn't going to find me, I was going to find spring. So, I shaved off my winter Grizzly Adams beard, threw the coveralls in the washer, broke open the jelly beans and kicked winter out.

I decided if Jennifer can declare a new holiday season by simply changing the décor, I can declare a new weather season by changing my outlook. Gone is the dreary, muddy, crusty winter look and in is the new, light, warm springtime. The air is warmer, the breeze is softer, and the horizon is greener. Ding Dong, winter is dead, and spring is here to stay.

That is how it works, right? We can throw up the windows, pull the curtains back and let the spring come right on in. Yes, I know winter can still rear her ugly head at anytime clear into May. I also realize that if it does, I will probably start getting hate mail from all of you that think my announcement of spring will cause retaliation from winter. It probably will and you all will be right. One should not tempt fate.

I know this winter has gotten everyone down and I just want to bring a little cheer to each of you. I must admit that watching the weather turn warmer and the grass green up has made me think

that I might make it through what I think has been one of the toughest winters in recent memory. I know we have probably had worse winters, but it has been a while and I hope we don't see anything like this one for a long time.

I recently did an interview with a newspaper reporter from Washington D.C. He asked me if I was still optimistic with everything going on in agriculture today. My answer to him was a quick and emphatic yes. I went on to tell him that I believe everyone in agriculture has to be an eternal optimist. Sure, we get down in the short term, but we always believe the future will be better. Things might be rough right now but at some point, in the future they will get better, we just must hang on until then. It might be the markets, or it might be the weather. At least with the weather we know it is going to change.

Yes, I know I might be and probably am a bit premature in saying that winter is dead and gone. I am equally sure that I will be eating my words sometime in the next two or three weeks but until then I am going to enjoy the warmer weather and the greener grass. I am going to take in the sunshine and smell the spring and think that better times are coming.

If there ever was a winter to celebrate coming out on the other side and just surviving, it was this year. I know many of you still are looking at huge challenges left to you by this winter. My heart goes out to you and I hope you will find the eternal optimism that is inherent to all of us in agriculture. While you are working through hard times today look at a point down the road that will be better times.

I have to say that the morning after I shaved my beard and washed my coveralls was a bit chilly, leaving me wondering if I was a bit premature. However, the sun did come out and it did warm up that afternoon. It may snow again and given the track record of this year, it probably will, but until then I am declaring it officially spring. You know what, if I am wrong and it does snow, I will build a snowman, dress him with one of my Hawaiian shirts, cover him in sunscreen and declare it spring again. Eventually I will be right.

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Study: Farmers use less water, earn more profits in Sheridan County; findings validate voluntary conservation efforts in northwest Kansas

When a group of farmers in northwest Kansas decided to voluntarily reduce their use of groundwater, no one really knew how that might affect their profitability.

Five years later, they have an answer.

In what can be considered a win for agriculture, Kansas State University agricultural economist Bill Golden is reporting that when farmers in the Sheridan County No. 6 Local Enhanced Management Area reduced water use by 20 percent, they actually made more money on their crops.

"There's no two ways about it: What this has shown is that producers can reduce water use; they can slow the decline of the aquifer; and they can do this while making healthy profits," Golden said.

A LEMA is a producer-driven conservation program in which farmers form a contract with the Kansas Division of Water Resources to voluntarily reduce their use of water. The agreement can

be for any amount of time and include whatever goals the farmers want.

In the case of the Sheridan No. 6 LEMA, the farmers decided to reduce water use by 20 percent for five years. That agreement meant that the farmers were agreeing to an allocation of 55 inches of water per acre over a five-year period. In dry years, they might use a little more, or perhaps a little less in years when it rains more.

"What we saw is that they reduced corn acres, and when they did that, they also reduced the amount of water they were using on those corn acres," said Golden, adding that many farmers instead increased irrigated wheat and grain sorghum acres.

Overall, the LEMA reported a decrease in groundwater use of 23.1 percent. Golden noted that a hydrology study done through the Kansas Geological Survey indicated that the decline rate

of the Ogallala Aquifer in the area of the LEMA went from two feet per year to less than a half foot per year.

At the same time, producers reported greater profits due to less inputs and increased management.

"What we are seeing is that producers reduced fertilizer and seeding rates, and they have increased what I will call management," Golden said. "Increasing management is hard to get a handle on, but when I talk to these guys, what they tell me is, 'Bill, where we used to water, if we thought the crop needed water, today we look ahead four or five days and we ask is it going to rain or is it not going to rain. If we think it's going to rain, we don't water.'"

Producers inside the LEMA reported 4.3 percent more cash flow than their higher-yielding counterparts just outside the LEMA. Complete data is not available

for crops other than corn, but Golden suspects that the trend will be very similar.

Another surprise finding – and one that may encourage producers to consider this approach in the future – is that the water that producers save remains available to them later on.

A related hydrology study "has shown that the water that the producers are saving is staying under their property," Golden said. "And that's important for producers to re-

alize that whatever they save today, they get to use that water at some point in the future."

Golden said the study relied on self-reported data from producers. The LEMA was monitored from 2012 through 2017, and the arrangement worked so well that the farmers applied to the Kansas Division of Water Resources to extend the project an additional year.

"That tells you something about how effective the

LEMA has been for irrigation conservation and its effects on producer's economic returns," Golden said.

Golden's full report is available online through the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics, located at AgManager.info. The work was completed with assistance of the Kansas Geological Survey and the Kansas Division of Water Resources, in addition to other local partners.

Red Robin now serving Impossible Burger

The plant-based saga continues as Red Robin makes a deal with Impossible Burger to carry the brand's plant-based "burger." Starting next month, the restaurant chain will offer the product at all 570 of its locations across the U.S., according to a statement. The partnership makes Red Robin the largest restaurant group worldwide to carry Impossible's plant-based meat substitute.

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Four Ways To Remain Mentally Sharp In Retirement

(NAPS) — Many retirees share a fear of gradually losing their ability to think as clearly as they used to or remember simple information such as other people's names. And while everyone has the occasional "senior moment," medical research indicates that aging by itself is generally not a cause of cognitive decline.

"Studies have shown that you can help prevent cognitive decline and reduce the risk of dementia with some basic good health habits," according to Harvard Medical School's Healthbeat newsletter.

Here are four simple steps to keep your mind sharp at any age:

1. Exercise: It's important to stay physically active. Simple routines such as taking exercise classes at your health club or taking walks in your neighborhood every day can do wonders for your mental health. Just get moving. "The cognitive benefits of exercise have been understood for so long," notes the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

2. Serve: Research published by the American Psychological Association found that volunteering in later life "is associated with significant psychosocial, physical, cognitive and functional benefits for healthy older adults." Science is now confirming what many have learned by experience: People often feel better after they have served others and enjoyed the time spent helping someone else.

3. Learn: Experts think that ongoing education and learning new things may help keep you mentally sharp simply by getting you in the habit of staying mentally active. Take

a class from a senior center or community college, make it a habit to visit the library and pick up a new book each week. "Challenging your brain with mental exercise is believed to activate processes that help maintain individual brain cells and stimulate communication among them," according to Harvard Medical School.

4. Finances: A study published by The Journals of Gerontology found that "financial strain was a strong and robust predictor of worsening mental health" among older adults, including anxiety and depression symptoms. Another way to help keep yourself mentally healthy in retirement is to make sure you have ample cash on hand to help pay off unexpected health care bills or fund any renovations that might need to be made to your home. Many seniors are surprised to learn that one potential asset for generating immediate cash is a life insurance policy.

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GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

***** By G&G Area Cooks *****
Darlene Thomas, Delphos, Shares Broccoli Recipe To Win Weekly Prize

Winner Darlene Thomas, Delphos: "This is very good."
BROCCOLI & RICE CASSEROLE

- 1 package frozen chopped broccoli
- White Sauce:
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1 cup cooked rice
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1/2 cup chopped celery
 - 1 small jar Cheez Whiz

Cook broccoli by instructions on package. When water has almost cooked out, mix white sauce ingredients and add to broccoli. While this is cooking, saute cooked rice with onion, soups and celery (adding celery last). Combine everything, except the Cheez Whiz, in a casserole dish. Mix well. Top with cheese and bake in a 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

 Lydia Miller, Westphalia, shares the following:
EASY CREAMY CORN
 (2) 10-ounce packages frozen corn
 2 tablespoons sugar
 8-ounce package cream cheese
 1 stick of butter or oleo
 6 tablespoons water
 Mix all ingredients. Put in crock-pot and set on low. Cook 4 hours stirring occasionally.

Rose Edwards, Still-

waters, Oklahoma:
EASTER BREAKFAST
 8 frozen pre-cooked hash brown patties
 2 cups coarsely chopped broccoli OR asparagus spears
 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 1 1/2 cups cooked diced ham
 7 eggs
 1 cup milk
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
 Heat oven to 375 de-

 Kellee George, Shawnee:
EASTER SNACK MIX
 1 cup powdered sugar
 2 tablespoons dry lemon gelatin
 2 teaspoons lemon zest
 3 packages white chocolate bark (4 ounces each)
 9 cups rice cereal squares
 1 cup pastel-colored M&Ms
 1 cup mini marshmallows
 Combine powdered sugar, dry gelatin and zest in a 2-gallon resealable plastic bag. Microwave the bark until completely melted, about 1 1/2 minutes or longer. Add cereal to bark and mix to coat. Add cereal to sugar mixture in bag. Close and shake gently to coat. Add M&Ms and marshmallows.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:
PEA SALAD
 1 can peas, drained
 2 hard-cooked eggs
 1/2 cup cheese, diced

1/2 cup pickle relish
 1/2 cup salad dressing
 1 tablespoon sugar
 Dice eggs and mix with peas, cheese and relish. Stir in salad dressing and sugar that was mixed. Refrigerate.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
GARLIC SUGAR SNAP PEAS
 8 ounces thick-cut bacon, chopped
 16-ounce package sugar snap peas, trimmed
 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 In a large saucepan cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon using a slotted spoon and let drain on paper towels, reserving 1 tablespoon of drippings in pan. Add peas, garlic, salt and pepper to pan; cover until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in bacon. Serve.


The final recipe is from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
PEA & PEANUT SALAD
 1 cup chopped celery
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 can sliced water chestnuts
 3 cups frozen peas
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Stretching Your Food Budget

Does your family struggle to make your food dollars stretch to the end of the month? There are many ways to save money on the foods that you eat. The three main steps are planning before you shop, purchasing the items at the best price, and preparing meals that stretch your food dollars. The choosemyplate.gov interactive web site offers the following useful tips to help you stretch your food budget.

Plan, plan, plan!

Before you head to the grocery store, plan your meals for the week. Include meals like stews, casseroles, or stir-fries, which "stretch" expensive items into more portions. Check to see what foods you already have and make a list for what you need to buy.

Get the best price.

Check the local newspaper, online, and at the store for sales and coupons. Ask about a loyalty card for extra savings at stores where you shop. Look for specials or sales on meat and seafood — often the most expensive items on your list.

Compare and contrast.

Locate the "Unit Price" on the shelf directly below the product. Use it to compare different brands and different sizes of the same brand to determine which is more economical.

Buy in bulk.

It is almost always cheaper to buy foods in bulk. Smart choices are family packs of chicken, steak, or fish and larger bags of potatoes and frozen vegetables. Before you shop, remember to check if you have enough freezer space. If space is an issue, consider shopping with another person, and dividing large packages between you. Be sure to label each package with the contents and directions for preparation.

Buy in season.

Buying fruits and vegetables in season can lower the cost and add to the freshness! If you are not going to use them all right away, buy some that still need time to ripen.

Convenience foods ... go back to the basics.

Convenience foods like frozen dinners, pre-cut vegetables, and instant rice, oatmeal, or grits will cost you more than if you were to make them from scratch. Take the time to prepare your own — and save!

Easy on your wallet.

Certain foods are typically low-cost options all year round. Try beans for a less expensive protein food. For vegetables, buy carrots, greens, or potatoes. As for fruits, apples and bananas are good choices.

Cook once ... eat all week!

Prepare a large batch of favorite recipes on your day off (double or triple the recipe). Freeze in individual containers. Use them throughout the week and you won't have to spend money on take-out meals.

Get your creative juices flowing.

Spice up your leftovers — use them in new ways. For example, try leftover chicken in a stir-fry or over a garden salad, or to make chicken chili. Remember, throwing away food is throwing away your money!

Eating out.

Restaurants can be expensive. Save money by getting the early bird special, going out for lunch instead of dinner, or looking for "2 for 1" deals. Stick to water instead of ordering other beverages, which add to the bill.

Find more information about these topics and others, by contacting 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. Wildcat District Extension is on the Web at <http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu>. Or, like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district.

For more information, contact Barbara Ames, Family and Consumers Sciences Agent, bames@ksu.edu, (620)331-2690.



By Ashleigh Krispense

This recipe is simple in the fact that you make a crust, top with some cooked chicken and peppers and then bake for a little while. And when it comes out? An absolute hit! (It actually reminded everyone who ate it of a little hole-in-the-wall pizzeria that used to be in a nearby town. Their wood-fired pizza was some of the best we'd had!)

A little note: I've found that too many dough recipes make just enough dough for you to spread out thinly (with a few holes) and with none leftover for a crust. However, this particular recipe doesn't do that! If you like thin crusts, I would suggest using half of the dough called for here, but if you like your crust a bit thicker (maybe the outer crust could even have stuffed cheese!?) then this recipe should be perfect for you!

BBQ Chicken Pizza

- Pizza Crust Dough:**
 2 1/2 tablespoons yeast
 1 1/4 cups warm water
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 3 cups flour
- Pizza Topping:**
 3 chicken breasts, cooked & cubed
 1 green pepper, sliced
 1 onion, sliced
 1 garlic clove, minced
 3/4 cup BBQ sauce (Sweet Baby Ray's)
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 Mozzarella cheese, finely shredded
 Pepper
 Olive Oil



Preheat oven to 400 degrees.



Start making pizza dough by combining yeast, sugar, salt, and warm water. Set aside for a few minutes or until bubbly and then stir in the flour and olive oil. Set dough aside for 20 minutes to rise.

Cook chicken in a skillet over medium-low heat with some pepper and olive oil (flipping a few times).

When cooked through, chop into bite-sized pieces and set aside in a bowl.



In the same skillet you cooked the chicken in, sauté the pepper, onion, and garlic. When they're soft (but not mushy), stir in the chicken, BBQ sauce and Dijon mustard.

Now, spread your dough out on a greased pan and place in the oven for 5 - 7 minutes to start cooking before you add toppings to it.



When crust is pulled out, spread out the BBQ mixture evenly

on it and top with the cheese.

Bake for 20 - 25 minutes or until crust is starting to turn golden brown.

Let rest 5 minutes before slicing and 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 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 rambblings!



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Oat Global names Keesling to board of directors

Oat Global, a public-private consortium that connects the oat value chain and the oat research community, has named Kansas agribusinessman and farmer Doug Keesling as the newest member of its board of directors.

“Doug Keesling is a fifth-generation farmer with more than 30 years of on-the-ground experience in crop production, agribusiness and agricultural policy,” said Oat Global associate director Will Zorrilla of the University of Minnesota (UMN) College of Food, Agricultural and Natural



Resource Sciences (CFANS). “I am confident that Doug’s expertise across such a wide range of agricultural practices

will be a valuable asset to the board, and that he will make important contributions to the critical work performed by our

organization.”

Keesling is the owner/operator of Keesling Seed Farms in Chase. In addition to cultivating 2,500 acres of grains, soybeans, and grasses, the operation also provides seed and equipment sales, as well as hazmat material and manure cleanup services.

Oat Global, led by the UMN Stakman-Borlaug Center (SBC) for Sustainable Plant Health, works to improve oat resilience, quality and value through global coordination of precompetitive research, breeding and Extension. Mem-

bers include General Mills, PepsiCo, Grain Millers, La Crosse Milling Co., and other participants and stakeholders from academia, government, agriculture, and industry.

“Oat Global performs a unique and indispensable role in the worldwide oat community,” Keesling said. “It brings together a diverse group of organizations and businesses to pursue a common goal, and serves as both a driver and a clearinghouse for the latest scientific knowledge affecting the production and improvement of this important crop. I

am honored to accept a seat on its board.”

Keesling, who has worked and traveled with trade groups to promote Kansas-grown agricultural commodities in Africa, the Middle East, Cuba and other regions and countries, also is a founding board member of Heartland Plant Innovations, and has served on the boards of Plains Grains, Inc., the Wheat Foods Council, U.S. Wheat Associates, CNFA, and the IGP Institute.

For more information, visit <https://oatglobal.umn.edu>.

Food safety workshops set for produce growers in Kansas

Kansans will soon be strolling the aisles at their local farmers’ markets, deciding which tomatoes look best, what herbs look freshest and

which fruit works in their favorite recipe.

To help ensure those foods are safe and wholesome to eat, Kansas State University

and the Kansas Department of Agriculture have scheduled food safety workshops to help familiarize growers who are selling fresh produce with the

ins and outs of safety regulations and how to make sure their farms are in compliance.

The Food Safety Modernization Act or FSMA was signed into law in 2011 with a focus on preventing foodborne illnesses rather than reacting to them.

What’s at stake? About 48 million people – or one in six – get sick from foodborne illness every year, according

to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Thousands are hospitalized because of it and 3,000 of them die.

“It’s a significant health burden that’s often preventable,” said Londa Nwadike, consumer food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension. “We work with produce growers who are selling at farmers markets and other outlets to make sure they’re

growing and handling produce in ways that minimize contamination and get it to consumers as safely as possible.”

Many growers don’t know, for instance, that washing produce after harvest is not required by regulations, and if done incorrectly, can cause more food safety problems than not washing the produce at all, Nwadike said.

FSMA Produce Safety Rule Grower Training events will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- April 15, 2019 – Bird City
- May 16, 2019 – Parsons
- July 11, 2019 – Manhattan
- Oct. 3, 2019 – Dodge City
- Nov 15, 2019 – Wichita

Information and online registration for the FSMA training and other produce-related workshops is available at <https://bit.ly/2SylmId> or by contacting Cal Jamerson, K-State Extension associate in produce safety, at agri@ksu.edu or 913-307-7394.

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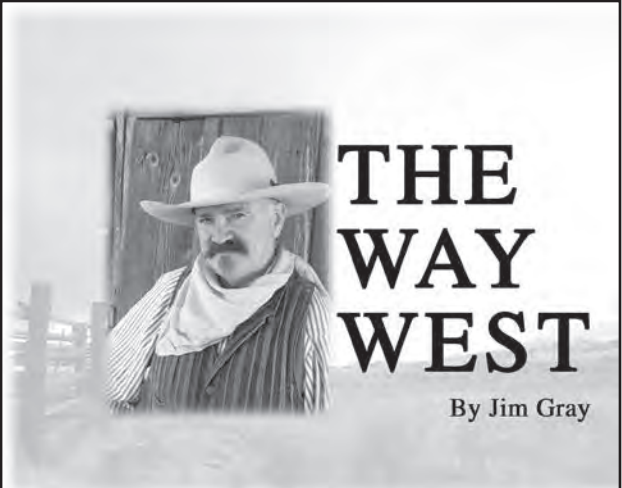
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Dead Man Walking

By the time William Horseman was appointed city marshal of Caldwell, Kansas, on April 12, 1880, the town had already seen eight seasons of Texas trail cattle along the famous Chisholm Trail. 1880 would be the ninth. However, in eight of those nine years the town had operated without an official government. Trail herds had been passing by as early as 1867 when the Chisholm Trail first pointed the way to Abilene, Kansas. Caldwell was platted in 1871, just above the Indian Nations two miles north of the Kansas line. As trail towns go Caldwell was well on the way to a wicked reputation long before the town was ever incorporated. City fathers finally got around to incorporat-

ing the town in July of 1879. Incorporation gave the city the authority to hire an official city marshal. The first city marshal was a fearless two-gun man by the name of George Flatt. Flatt was also in partnership with William Horseman in "an elegant saloon" one door south of the City Hotel. But soon the partners were arguing. In fact, Flatt gained enemies regularly as he played no favorites in upholding law and order in Caldwell. Lawmen often served in dual positions on the frontier and Flatt was no exception. The 1880 census listed his occupation as "Detective S.W. D.," a vague position that has eluded material documentation. Even the mayor was not

above the law while Marshal Flatt was on the job. On November 22, 1879, Mayor Cash Hollister was charged with assaulting J. Frank Hunt. Hollister pled guilty and was fined \$1 plus court costs. Two days later the tables were turned as Hunt was up before the judge on assault charges against mayor Hollister. He also pled guilty. Apparently, Hollister continued to support Marshal Flatt, but a little over four months later, April 6, 1880, Mike Meagher was elected mayor. Meagher had served as city marshal in Wichita before coming to Caldwell to open a saloon and gambling hall. Meagher fired Flatt and appointed Flatt's hostile former partner to the position. Adding to the insult Meagher also added Frank Hunt to the force as a "deputy policeman." Lawmen continued to be frustrated with Flatt as he continued to openly wear a pistol. Caldwell's "no gun" law would normally have prohibited Flatt from carrying a weapon, however as a recognized detective he could not be disarmed. Additionally, Flatt was steadfast in his belief that his life was in danger from enemies made as Caldwell City Marshal. From all accounts those enemies were not the regular citizens, but the men that had recently seized power. On

July 19, 1880, Flatt had a run-in with Deputy Hunt in one of the dance halls. The fight was broken up and each went his way. Flatt was on a "spree." Drinking heavily, he passed from the Red Light Dance Hall to the Kentucky Saloon. He finally went to his room in the back of his IXL Saloon. Later that night Flatt left the IXL Saloon in the company of Sam Rogers and Charlie Spear. The men had decided to go out for a late-night lunch. Flatt was feeling pretty good at the time and told his companions that he was "Cock of the walk of Caldwell." That was the last he ever said. Suddenly a flash of light split the night! Flatt fell hard to the ground as Rogers and Spear dived for cover. Shots continued to ring out as bullets ricocheted over Flatt's motionless body. Rogers finally cried out in desperation, "Let up, the man is dead or killed!" The mayor and his lawmen were on the scene immediately after the shooting let up. Friends of George Flatt were immediately suspicious. The gunfire had come from two directions, one of which was the same direction that Mayor Mike Meagher and his men emerged from. Curiously, no one had seen any evidence of the assassins. On June 25, 1880, six days

after Flatt's death, the entire police force along with Mayor Meagher was arrested and charged with complicity in the killing of George Flatt. Nothing came of the accusations and the men were soon released. Accusations continued to persist that Deputy Hunt had played a central part in the killing leading to Hunt's death at the hands of an unknown assassin on October 8, 1880. Horseman was the only man still standing for the murder of George Flatt in April of 1881. He was acquitted on the 22nd. Interestingly, no one ever asked how it came to be that

George Flatt's assassins were prepared to kill him at a second's notice. He had gone home to bed but was persuaded to go out for something to eat by his "friends." From all appearances everyone on the street that night knew George Flatt was a dead man walking his last steps 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.*

Walker receives NRCS Early Career Rangeland and Pastureland Conservationist award for 2019

Ethan Walker, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Rangeland Management Specialist, Independence received the 2019 NRCS Early Career Rangeland and Pastureland Conservationist of the Year Award at the Society of Range Management annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota recently.

Ethan is located in the NRCS management unit (MU) that makes up Chautauqua, Elk, and Montgomery counties in Kansas. The MU is comprised of approximately 1.2 million acres and 793,000 acres is rangeland. During the last three years, Ethan has inventoried 25,457 acres or 3% of the grasslands in the MU. Prior to Ethan's career as a NRCS rangeland management specialist, he was the Wilson County Conservation district technician. The experience Ethan was able to bring with him is an asset to the MU and NRCS. Ethan has authored several articles that have been published in local newspapers and organization newsletters and is a regular speaker at grazing events in the area. As a rangeland management specialist, Ethan keeps

MU field office staff up-to-date on emerging issues and abreast of the latest technology and scientific knowledge related to conservation, soil health, range, and pastureland. He keeps producers informed by watching webinars and requesting to attend additional training, workshops, and conferences. He has been recognized by customers and coworkers at the start of his career for understanding the

needs of livestock producers and possessing an intrinsic knowledge of his job. Ethan created a "Wildflower Wednesday" Facebook page during wildflower season. He posts a photo and provides interesting information about a wildflower that is in bloom. Ethan and his wife, Kate, purchased property and named it E&K Heritage Farm. They are implementing and incorporating sound conservation

practices on their property. Ethan proclaims himself as an agroecologist that is practicing holistic, regenerative agriculture through biodynamic principles.

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Wow, there is just so much happening Around Kansas. I can hardly keep up with the planning and the attending!

The Kansas Music Hall of Fame will be held at Liberty Hall, Massachusetts Avenue in Lawrence, on Saturday, April 13. Tickets are \$35 and doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:00 p.m. Inductees are:

Warren Bernhardt (Holton) – the Bob Hapgood Award, Bernhardt owned the Jolly Troll nightclub in northeast Kansas; Bureman & O'Rourke (Kansas City) – Bruce Bure-

man and Tim O'Rourke are recognized for their "special vocal blend and musical stylings;" Jim Dale (Burlington) – Dale had a regional hit with "VW" and his songs were recorded by performers including Gladys Knight and Etta James; Samantha Fish (Kansas City) – Recipient of this year's Bill Lee Award, blues singer-guitarist Fish has earned local and national praise for her artistry; Fyre (Emporia) – A promising band that never quite hit it big, Fyre is nonetheless remembered as a bright star on the 1970s music scene;

Bill Glenn (Wichita) – A versatile drummer, Glenn has shared stages with acts from the Wichita Jazz Orchestra to The Lettermen; *Home on the Range*. The state song of Kansas is unquestionably one of the most folksy and memorable homages to the American West; Ida McBeth (Kansas City) – Decades of performing have revealed singer McBeth to be among Kansas City's most essential and indispensable musical artists; Nation (Kansas City) – Five musicians from two different bands got together to form this group, which had its latest reunion in 2011; Scatband (Topeka) – With its eclectic style, the band enjoyed popularity during the rise of MTV in the 1980s; The Secrets (Lawrence) – The band is perhaps best remembered for the 1979 single "It's Your Heart Tonight"/"Get Your Radio."

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com and the Liberty Hall box office. On the evening of April 12, the free annual UnPlugged show will be presented in the Boulevard Bar and Grill at the DoubleTree Hotel, 200 McDonald Drive in Lawrence. For more information: ksmusichalloffame.org.

Our Kansas Music Hall of Fame honors the staggering amount of talent in the Sunflower State. It is a wonderful ceremony that is a celebration and a performance, and something of a homecoming.

The Old Guard Annual Mess & Muster at will be held at the Fort Larned National Historic Site on April 27; the theme is Digging Fort Larned and among the speakers will be Doug Scott. Dinner reservations required by April 18. (Contact Leo Oliva at 888-321-7341.)

Doug is my friend of many years and is one of the most respected scholars in the nation. Having done the archaeology at the Little Bighorn and Centralia Battlefield, and dozens of other significant sites, Doug turns his attentions to the work at Fort Larned. Also speaking at this event will be Tim Weston and Gina Powell.

Mess and Muster is always an outstanding event. I am hoping to see you there!!!

Deb Goodrich is the host of the Around Kansas TV show and the Garvey Historian in Residence at Fort Wallace Museum. She is also the chair of Santa Fe Trail 200. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

K-State to hold first Poultry Day June 29

The first KSU Poultry Day will be hosted June 29, 2019, at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. The event will include the KSU Pullet Sale, several informational presentations, a free lunch and assistance from KSU Extension Poultry Specialist Dr. Scott Beyer in relation to small flock management.

The KSU Pullet Sale will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raised by K-State students for spring class projects, the egg-type pullets will be ready-to-lay (16-17 weeks old) and will be fully vaccinated.

The sale will include several different types of birds. The brown birds are a hybrid-type, similar to a New Hampshire Red, that lay brown-shelled eggs. They are tame, friendly and make great yardbirds. The sale will also feature white-feathered, white-egg-shell type hybrids that are smaller and can produce more eggs on less feed.

Pullets must be reserved and will be available on a first-come, first-sold basis. A reservation form is available at <http://bit.ly/ksupullets>. Order forms or questions about the pullet sale can be emailed to poultry@ksu.edu or call the KSU Poultry and Gamebird Research Farm at 785-539-5041.

The informative sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. with "How to Manage Your New Pullets" followed by a noon omelet lunch. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a presentation on "Health Care for Small Flocks."

Registration deadline for KSU Poultry Day is June 15. No purchase of pullets is required to attend the workshop and there are no charges for the Poultry Day presentations or lunch. Reservations are required by using the online form at <http://bit.ly/ksupullets>. Forms can be emailed to poultry@ksu.edu. Reservations can also be made by contacting Kevin Snell at 785-532-1281.

All pullets will be released June 29. "It is very important that all transport cages and trailers be completely clean to be biosecure," explains Dr. Beyer. "The birds must be transported in pens that provide for the welfare of the birds." For more information about transporting your new pullets, refer to "Safe Transport of Poultry and Gamebirds in Kansas" available at <http://bit.ly/PoultryTransport>.

For more information about KSU Poultry Day or the Pullet Sale, visit <https://www.asi.ksu.edu/pulletsale>.

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April 11 — 27 acres m/l of Clay Center property held at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Homestead Real Estate, Brad Fowles, listing agent, Gail Hauserman, agent & auctioneer.

April 11 — Car, Zero Turn mower, collectibles, furniture, household & misc. held at Lawrence for Kurt & Kathleen Kessinger Estate (formerly from Osage City). Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 12 — Guns, large amount of ammo, gun safe, fishing poles & tackle, tools, furniture, dishes, camper, appliances, flat screen TV & much more at El Dorado for Don Taylor. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction.

April 12 — Special Stock Cow sale at Garnett for Anderson County Sales, Co., LLC.

April 13 — Guns, tractor, ATV, machinery, collectibles, tools, furniture & more held near Baldwin City for Harry & Betty North. Auctioneers: Edgcomb Auctions.

April 13 — Real Estate (4BR, 2 1/2BA home), antiques, antique furniture, Boeing memorabilia & much more at Wichita. Auctioneers: Vogt Auctions, Troy Vogt.

April 13 — A large selection of slightly water-damaged new and new store display furniture, rugs, mirrors, electronics, iphones & more held at Emporia for Nationwide Insurance. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

April 13 — Nice furniture, large stamp collection, antiques, Hummel figurines, glass, artwork, large Coca Cola collection, book collection, household, tools & shop items held at Manhattan for Jim & Marilyn Shortt. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

April 13 — 445 lots of Coins including gold, silver, mints, books, notes & much more held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

April 13 — Tractors, trucks, combine, equipment & trailers & lots more at Pratt for James Dyche Estate. Auction-

eers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.

April 13 — Vehicles, tractors, farm & livestock equipment, shop tools, lawn & garden, farm primitives & collectibles, construction supplies, lumber, windows, doors & more for K-14 Online and Live consignments at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

April 13 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, crocks, dolls, tools & much more at Belleville for Jim & Kay Nitcher. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 13 — 143.41 acres of Chase County land in 2 tracts, trucks, tractors, farm equipment, tools & shop items, antiques, household & misc. held at Matfield Green for property of Betty & the late Charles Swift. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

April 13 — Real Estate (4BR, 2BA home) & personal property including appliances, furniture, antiques, glassware, shop & yard & misc. 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 17 — 310 acres m/l of Reno County land held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

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

April 19 — 632 acres m/l of Washington County land, some irrigated held at Washington for Frager Farms. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc., Justin Schultis.

April 19 (Friday) — Antiques, vintage, collectibles & more held at Osage City for a private seller. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

April 20 — Farm equipment, cattle equipment, grain equipment, vehicle, portable livestock shelter, yard & shop items, held near Chanute for David & Kristin Miller. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction, Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

April 20 — ATV, vehicles, trailers, tractors, tools & equipment & more held at Fall River for Danny * Leanna Beall. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auctions, Joe & Jeremy Sundgren.

April 20 — Tractors, machinery, trailers, tools, antiques, vehicles, furniture & much more held NW of Osaloosa for David & Dorothy Yoder. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

April 20 — Tractor, farm equipment, lawn & garden, fuel tanks, misc. farm items, bulk bins & buildings, tools, shop equipment, saddles & tack, guns, fishing equipment, antiques, collectibles, antique & steel wheel equipment, windmill head & tower, appliances & furniture held at Gridley for the Wallace Birk Farm retirement auction. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

April 23 — Real Estate — Cloud County farmland, creek & trees held at Jamestown for Mary E. Sullivan Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 26 — 3,475 acres m/l Kansas Flint Hills land sold in 6 tracts including agriculture, recreation, livestock pens with blacktop frontage held at El Dorado for Debbie Bowman Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Jeremy Sundgren & Joe Sundgren.

April 27 — International pickup & tractor parts, mechanical equipment, tools & misc. tools, manuals, miscellaneous & more at Dwight for Jeff Brown, dba Brown Farm Service. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

April 27 — Farm home site with 11.5 acres held at Brookville for Jason & Kristina Bell. Auctioneers: Wilson

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April 27 — Furniture & household, tools, shop items, John Deere Gator, zero turn mower & misc. farm machinery held at Leroy for Bill & Jean Parmely Estate. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

April 27 — Antiques, collectibles, tools, tractors, trucks, vintage & much more held at Burlingame for Lewis Miles. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

April 27 — Estate Auction #4 including vehicles, motorcycle, boat, vintage furniture, collectibles, glassware, clocks, cookie jars, pottery, misc., coins & more held at Lawrence for N. Lawrence Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 27 — Agco compact tractor & loader with equipment, only 300 hrs.; Ford pickup truck (real low mileage); possible antiques & collectibles, mechanic shop tools & woodworking 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.

April 28 — Autos, bikes, tractor, Bobcat, Hustler, 1962 Willy's Jeep, 1941 Ford, flat head engine, 2000 Harley Davidson Deuce, 1955 Cushman scooter, generator, cart parts, tools & farm items, Harley Davidson Gazebo, file cabinets, Mennonite 2-drawer chest & more held near Solomon for Dennis & Mary Rider. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC., Mark Baxa.

April 28 — Art, antiques, collectibles, boat, tools & more at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 28 — Approx. 120 guns estate auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

April 28 — Guns consignment auction (held following the estate sale) held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 2 — House, content of the house & guns held at Clay Center for Linda Kane & the Dan Kane Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

May 3 & 4 — Selling May 3, Day 1: Tools, shop items, large collection of agricultural-related metal signs (some

dating to the 1950s), collectible grain elevator equipment, lots of misc. farm collectibles: selling May 4, Day 2: Large collection of old German dishes, salt dips & lots of other collectibles, furniture & household held at Westphalia for the private collection of Dennis & Shirley Nolan. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

May 4 — Household, tools, 8N Ford tractor & attachments held at Clyde for Dave & Reva Coash Estate. Auctioneers: 5A Auction Service, Greg Askren.

May 4 — Huge tool auction including approx. 10,000 high quality tools off some of the biggest jobsites in the country held at Tonganoxie. Auctioneers: Hiatt Auction, LLC., Dan Hiatt.

May 4 — Consignment auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 4 — Farm auction including tractors, truck, hay equipment & misc. held at rural Eudora for Philip & Charlotte Brecheisen. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

May 5 — Antiques & collectibles including guns & ammo, furniture, clocks & parts, vintage radios, military, lamps, paper & more at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 5 — Real Estate (3 BR, 1 1/2 BA ranch-style home on 5.7 acres m/l) & personal property held at Carbondale for Nancy Gordon. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Wayne Wischropp.

May 7 — 157.9 acres m/l of Marion County land (investment, recreation, Flint Hills high grass, North Middle Creek, tillable land) held at Cottonwood Falls for property of Brad Matz & Sharon Matz. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Es-

tate & Auction Service, LC.

May 7 — Household & collectibles including a Lyon piano Forte (circa 1700-1860), antique furniture, costume jewelry, magazines, glassware, perfume holders & more at Jewell for Susie McCarty. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 11 — Autos including 2010 Dodge Dakota Lone Star, 2005 Suzuki Aerio SX, 1991 Mazda Miata convertible, tandem axle car trailer, tools, tons of building supplies, furniture, household, collectibles, Schumann 1880s baby grand piano & more held at Salina for Mike & Phyllis Flory, et. al. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC, Mark Baxa.

May 11 — Truck, lawn mowers, lawn equipment, household & much more at Baldwin City for Paul Boedeker. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

May 14 — 160 acres m/l of Geary County land including pasture, brome, hay meadow, wildlife habitat and pond held at Junction City. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

June 1 — IH Farmall collector tractors, trucks, tractors, equipment, toys, household & much more at rural Lawrence for Ron & Dolores O'Neil. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 8 — Auction at Lawrence for Roger & Sue Pine. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 15 — Collector truck, vehicles, tractor, nursery items, tools, hunting, fishing, household & much more at Basehor for Eva Bates Trust. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 22 — Auction to be held at rural Baldwin for Chris Ogle. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

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Strip trial data shows effect of soybean seed treatment

Soybean seed treatment provided a bump in yield but did not show much effect on soybean cyst nematode (SCN) egg counts in 2017 and 2018 data from the University of Missouri Strip Trial Program.

As part of the trial, MU researchers studied the impact of ILeVO seed treatment on SCN egg counts and yield. They conducted trials in 19 locations in 2017 and ten locations in 2018.

MU Extension plant pathologist Kaitlyn Bissonnette says initial data shows that ILeVO did not consistently reduce SCN egg counts and in some cases slightly increased egg counts.

"In the strip trials, we observed quite a bit of variability in SCN egg counts even within a field and between treatments," Bissonnette says.

The data is consistent with small-plot research at Iowa State University and results reported by the Iowa Soybean Association OnFarm Network.

Researchers took soil samples the first week of planting and the week of harvest to measure the number of SCN eggs in the soil.

In another crop-protection strip trial, Bissonnette looked at whether a fungicide applied to soybeans at the R3 growth stage effectively reduced foliar disease.

The dry 2018 growing season contributed to the low levels of foliar disease. Septoria brown spot was observed at all ten locations and frogeye leaf spot was observed at eight locations, but levels of both diseases were low. At one location where a susceptible variety of soybean was planted, frogeye

leaf spot severity was greater in the untreated strips than the fungicide-treated strips. At all locations, researchers found no

yield difference between treated and untreated strips.

Learn more about the program at striptrial.missouri.edu.

FARM MACHINERY AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 — 10:00 AM
SELLER: JAMES DYCHE ESTATE

Sale Site: 10308 W. 1st St. Pratt, KS. From Pratt go to West River Road then ½ mile North, then West ¼ mile. SIGNS WILL BE POSTED! All Hours & Mileage are approximate. LUNCH served.

TRACTORS: 1978 JD 4640 Tractor, Quick Hitch, Powershift; 1972 JD 4320 Tractor, Quad Range with JD 158 loader/7' bucket; 1963 JD 4010 Tractor, Quad Range, 7362 hrs; **TRUCKS, COMBINE, EQUIPMENT & TRAILERS:** 1977 JD 7700 Combine, 24' header, 30.5x32 tires, 4837 hrs; 1978 JD 7700 Combine, 22' header; 1964 JD "55" combine, gas, 14' header; 1970 Chevy C-50, 15' box/hoist, 4x2 speed, 57,680 miles; Rhino 15' flex mower; 8x16 tandem flatbed trailer; Sprayer Trailer, 28' boom, Snyder tank; Hesston 600 Swather, gas, 14' swath, self-propelled; Shelby Stock Trailer, 6x16, wood floor; Sunflower 5x5 blade, double fold; JD 16' chisel; CrustBuster 39' Springtooth; **LOTS of:** 6' stock tank like new; rolls of barbed wire; bale feeders; Black Max air compressor; Lincoln 225 arc welder; Many hand tools.

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Announcements Sale Day take precedence over all materials.
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MULTI-PARCEL AUCTION
310 acres +/-
Reno County, Kansas

Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00 am
Morton Building, Kansas State Fairgrounds
Hutchinson, KS

Tract 1: NW ¼ of 13-25S-7W
 Description: 160 +/- acres with approx. 101 +/- acres of Class 2 dryland cultivation with balance of grass and trees. The pasture has heavy tree cover making for outstanding habitat for deer, turkey, and quail.

Tract 2: SW ¼ of 13-25S-7W except a 10 +/- acre tract
 Description: 150 +/- acres of grass with heavy trees, spring, and a 2-3 acre pond. The pasture has heavy tree cover making for outstanding habitat for deer, turkey, and quail.

Property Location: 1 mile south of Arlington Rd & S Herren Rd

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019 — 7:00 PM
Auction will be held at the Library, 311 Walnut — JAMESTOWN, KANSAS

Legal Description: S ½ SE ¼ & SE ¼ SW ¼ 11-6-5 Cloud Co. Kansas

The farm is located from Jamestown 4 miles South to Plum Road then ¼ mile East.

The farm is 120 acres with 107.79 farmland acres, 81.2 cropland and 26.59 creek & trees. The bases are Wheat 9.09 acres 41 bu yield, Grain Sorghum 31.51 acres 94 bu yield, Soybeans 40.6 acres 32 bu yield for a total base of 81.2 acres. The farm is enrolled in ARC-CO. Conservation system is being applied.

Seller will pay 2018 and all prior year's taxes. Purchaser will pay 2019 taxes.

MARY E. SULLIVAN TRUST
Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC
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Possession: Possession will be day of auction. There are no crops planted.

Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be due upon closing on or before May 30, 2019. Down payment will be escrowed with Cloud Co. Title. Escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.

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

AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 — 10:00 AM
Auction will be held in the 4H building at the Republic Co. Fairgrounds in BELLEVILLE, KS

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Republic County advertising a very large extensive collection from Belleville, Republic, Scandia, Wayne, Narka, Norway, Munden, Kackley, Courtland, Fornsso; There are plates, cups, bowls, and other pieces; custard advertising; 3 pc. Republic, Ks custard table set; 1000 post cards mostly Republic Co. 1901 IO Savage Republic history book; NCK Free Fair posters; This is a very large quality collection; Furniture; oak 2 door china w/mirror; oak 3 door ice box; oak parlor table w/large claw ball feet; oak commode; tall pin cupboard; oak oval hat rack; child's pattern back rocker; marble base bridge lamp w/figures unusual;

al; Gone w/Wind table lamp; **Crocks inc:** (Stone Mason jars qt., ½ gal & gal; collector pt. Stone Mason; Holmes Store & Weary's Store Chester Neb.; Otto Kuehne Persevering Topeka, Ks. pitcher bottom marked Burley Winter & Co.; butter crock.); **Dolls inc:** (German china heads, A & M, bisque & china; pin cushion heads, Ashton Drake, mini jointed dolls, other); baby clothes; Boyds bears & dolls; celluloid pocket mirrors; Miniature child's dishes; qt. churn; pitcher & bowl; 12 place set Egg Shell Georgia; Yellow Florentine II depression glass; sterling spoons; autograph book w/Grand Old Oprah stars; coffee grinders; match safes; mini irons; original Griswold 0 skillet; Coke collector's items; 1950's Republic, Ks. annuals; sled; Christmas decorations; etched window; drawer pulls; assortment of other collectibles.

TOOLS
 Craftsman 12" table saw; Craftsman 12" band saw; DeWalt 13" surface planner; 16" Sears scroll saw; 10" Sears radial arm saw; ½" drill press; 6" Sears planner jointer; 6" Sears planner jointer; Hitachi miter saw; Delta 4"-6" sander; 36" wood lathe; 6" bench grinder; Milwaukee Sawzall; Porter Cable router; plate jointer; nibbler; sanders; coil roofing nailer; finishing nailer; air baffle; wood vise; bar clamps; C clamps; straight edges; squares; assortment other tools.

Note: Jim & Kay have collected for over 50 years, this is a very large collection of Republic Co. advertising. The furniture has all been refinished and is ready to set in your home. This is a very quality collection. For pictures check our web site at www.thummelauction.com

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The Romantic Cowboy

There's nothing like an evening of calving to promote the romantic image of the cowboy. Right, ladies? Don invited a nice woman out to his ranch in Alberta for an evening of candlelight, wine and canned bean dip. This dinner date coincided with calving season. After an hour of civilized conversation about French painting, Brexit and the condition of the rodeo arena in Ponoka, Don invited this date to go with him to check the cows. She didn't exactly squeal with delight but he explained how scientific livestock raising had become. "Almost like visiting a human hospital maternity ward," he said, authoritatively. They drove his F-250 out

into the calving pasture and immediately spotted a braymer-cross cow tryin' to calve. "We'll watch her for a few minutes to see if everything comes out okay," suggested Don, sliding an arm around her shoulders. They sat in the warm cab, moonlight mixing with Don's elaborate discourse of bovine parturition. After half an hour he decided to assist the cow. Partly for the cow and partly to show off. The calf appeared to be hiplocked. His date prepared to see her date save the day. Don drove up to the head end of the cow and left the headlights shining in her eyes. Sneaking out, he slipped around behind her. He slid the O.B. chains over the calf's protruding front

feet. At first tug the cow arose like a bee-stung buffalo! She whirled to mash Don. He was jerked off his feet but clung to the straps as the cow chased him like a dog chasin' it tail! He was alternately upright, flat out, levitating, scooting, skiing, sliding, screaming and squirreling as the three of them circled like a shaky ceiling fan. His only hope of survival was to hang on and stay behind the helicoptering cow. She managed to land enough blows to win the round and tromp his fallen hat to a pulp. On one mighty jerk, the calf popped out. Don executed a complete cartwheel and landed on his back. The cow rolled him once and headed off into the darkness. His date, who had watched Don's calving technique from the cab was not impressed. "Less than professional," she had commented as he climbed in his cab after giving the departed cow a four-alarm cussing. Don tried to regain his composure and recapture the mood by explaining that he had been in control the whole time. However it was not very convincing what with the big glob of manure plastered on the side of his neck and the piece of placenta dangling from his ear.

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Stitt receives Extension Appreciation Award



Judy Stitt accepts the River Valley Extension District Appreciation Award from Brent Rundell, RVED board chair; Deanna Turner, RVED FCS agent; and Karen Langvardt, RVED 4-H program manager.

activities promoting 4-H in the community. The support for 4-H reaches beyond county and district lines as Judy is a familiar face at county fair judging in the area. She combines her passion for floriculture, foods, and arts & crafts with youth as she provides them with valuable feedback on their education projects. She is often asked to judge open-class at area fairs as well. Judy joined the West Riverside HEU in 2015 and is currently serving as president. The HEU units provide Extension Educational outreach to the members with volunteer teaching lessons at their monthly meeting on such topics and succession planning, health, and nutrition. Beyond Extension, Judy has been extremely active in the community. She is a member of the United Methodist Church where she enjoys participating in Sunday School. She is a 48-year member of the Clay Center Business and Professional Women and has belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary for 61 years. Congratulations and thanks to Judy Stitt for her outstanding contributions to the River Valley Extension District educational program.

Farmers & Ranchers AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

Selling Hogs & Cattle every Monday

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK TOTALED 5,292 CATTLE & 133 HOGS.

STEERS			HEIFERS				
300-400	\$195.00 - 201.00	9 blk Hunter	526@159.50	300-400	\$153.00 - 168.00	9 blk Beloit	574@156.00
400-500	\$180.00 - 192.00	8 blk Inman	446@159.00	400-500	\$160.00 - 179.00	9 blk Lincoln	524@155.00
500-600	\$168.00 - 194.00	7 mix Florence	486@159.00	500-600	\$150.00 - 161.00	10 red Lincoln	527@154.00
600-700	\$175.00 - 189.00	16 mix Concordia	544@158.00	600-700	\$140.00 - 151.00	59 blk Lincoln	501@154.00
700-800	\$150.00 - 161.75	22 blk Hunter	558@157.50	700-800	\$129.00 - 142.00	5 blk Claflin	591@151.75
800-900	\$136.00 - 147.85	10 mix New Cambria	516@157.00	800-900	\$120.00 - 134.00	6 blk Marion	578@151.00
900-1,000	\$130.00 - 138.50	9 mix Florence	537@157.00			6 mix Sterling	617@151.00
		9 red Lincoln	562@157.00			15 blk Hunter	627@148.50
		44 mix Claflin	544@156.50			4 mix Gypsum	600@146.50
		9 blk Beloit	574@156.00			24 blk Beloit	683@144.50
		32 mix Lincoln	524@155.00			12 blk Mt. Hope	705@142.00
		10 red Lincoln	527@154.00			58 mix Randall	699@141.50
		59 blk Lincoln	501@154.00			50 blk Atlanta	756@139.25
		5 blk Claflin	591@151.75			10 blk Hutchinson	709@138.50
		6 blk Marion	578@151.00			29 blk Randall	767@137.25
		6 mix Sterling	617@151.00			18 blk Beloit	761@136.50
		15 blk Hunter	627@148.50			15 mix Bushton	745@136.50
		4 mix Gypsum	600@146.50			14 blk Wilson	771@136.50
		24 blk Beloit	683@144.50			14 blk Longford	749@136.00
		12 blk Mt. Hope	705@142.00			40 mix Salina	710@135.75
		58 mix Randall	699@141.50			70 blk Whitewater	753@135.00
		50 blk Atlanta	756@139.25			25 mix Nickerson	819@134.00
		10 blk Hutchinson	709@138.50			19 mix Oak Hill	701@134.00
		29 blk Randall	767@137.25			21 mix Newton	819@128.75
		18 blk Beloit	761@136.50			13 blk Delphos	809@128.75
		15 mix Bushton	745@136.50			64 blk Whitewater	828@128.00
		14 blk Wilson	771@136.50				
		14 blk Longford	749@136.00				
		40 mix Salina	710@135.75				
		70 blk Whitewater	753@135.00				
		25 mix Nickerson	819@134.00				
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Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS

SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211

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

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

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UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES:
 SPECIAL COW SALES: • TUESDAY, APRIL 16 • TUESDAY, MAY 7

OTHER SPECIAL SALES
SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE!
 Saturday, May 18, 2019 • starting at 10 AM

May 17th @ 1:00 PM Rope Horse Preview • May 17th @ 6:00 PM Ranch Horse Competition
 May 18th @ 7:00 AM Rope Horse Preview • May 18th @ 10:00 AM Spring Spectacular Horse Sale

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 11:
 120 blk/BWF str & hfrs, 450-600; 100 blk str & hfrs, weaned vacc home raised grass ready 500-800; 180 str & hfrs, weaned vacc 400-600; 100 red angus str & hfrs, sired by Beckton Red Angus home raised vacc broke to feed truck 450-550; 64 blk & red str & hfrs, home raised long time weaned running out on short wheat 650-850; 125 blk & red angus str & hfrs, home raised long time weaned running out 650-900; 72 blk str, home raised long time weaned vacc 600-800; 29 str & hfrs, home raised vacc 450-550; 30 str & hfrs, home raised vacc 400-550, 195 s&h 700-850 home raised long time weaned vacc, 62 s&h 550-750 home raised long time weaned vacc, 193 mosly blk str 725-800 off rye green, 15 blk/red str 550-650 home raised 2 rnd vacc 30 days weaned, 55 blk s&h 550-650 home raised 30 days weaned 2 rnd vacc running out, 8 str 1000, 64 mostly blk s&h 550-750 home raised weaned vacc, 118 str 850, 69 hfrs 800 OCHV'd pelvic measured preg guard vacc plus more by sale time.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SPECIAL COW SALE: TUESDAY, APRIL 16:
 BULLS: 16 Reg. angus bulls semen checked 18 mo. old; 5 blk Charolais 2 yrs old semen & trich tested; 5 3/4 blk Charolais yearlings semen tested; 10 gelbvieh & balancer bulls red & blk yearlings semen checked; 1 pulled Charolais 14 mo. old bulls semen checked; 2 Sim/Ang 2 yr olds virgin semen & trich tested; 2 Sim/Angus yearling bulls semen tested, 4 yearling Charolais bull semen checked, 2 fall simm/angus bulls semen checked easy calvers, 1 purebred simmental bull semen checked easy calver. HEIFER PAIRS: 100+100 blk hfr pairs angus calves; 75+75 Angus hfrs, Montana origin angus calves AI sired by Connealy Conrad cleaned up with Connealy Capitalist Fancy & gentle calves are 30-60 days old & vacc; 55+55 blk/BWF home raised Benoit Angus calves worked vacc calves 60+ days big fancy pairs; 20+20 angus pairs started mid Jan; 80+80 blk/BWF home raised Angus calves Hinkle Angus sired Jan & Feb calves; 90+90 red Angus hfr pairs Red Angus calves Feb & March calves all calves over 30 days old; 15+15 blk/BWF hfr pairs Hinkson sired calves; 6+6 blk & red AngusX calves, late March calves; 45+45 blk hfr pairs all worked. REPLACEMENT HEIFERS: 15 Blk Charolais hfrs, OCHV'd pelvic measured 700-800; 100 Angus hfrs, OCHV'd pelvic exam 800; 120 blk hfrs, home raised OCHV'd prebreeding shots pregged open 700-800; 40 blk hfrs, home raised OCHV;d sired by Reg. Angus; 35 blk angus hfrs, home raised OCHV'd pelvic exam; 33 hfrs, mostly blk/BWF OCHV'd & pelvic measured 800, 40 blk hfrs home raised OCHV'd pelvic examined, 15 bwf hfrs 800# home raised OCHV'd pelvic examined, 5 simm/angus blk hfrs Cow Camp sired OCHV'd home raised 850#. BRED HEIFERS: 35 blk/BWF bred hfrs, bred to Don Johnson LBW Angus bulls in Dec 1 for 60 days. COWS: 140 blk/BWF cows 4-8 yrs old bred to Blk Sim/Angus bulls in Dec 7-Feb 7; 55 blk & red 3-5 yr olds fall bred to blk; 200 blk/BWF/Red fall cows 3-5 yr old bred Rinkes Angus; 50 blk & red cows 4-8 yr old bred blk & red Angus; 155 bred cows & some pairs March & April calves; 25+25 blk pairs 3 & older big calves; 30 blk & red 3-5 yr olds bred to Sim/Angus, Aug 1 calves; 60 blk & red 3-5 yr old bred Red Angus or Sim/Angus start Aug 1; 120 blk cows 3-4 yrs, Wyoming origin bred Sim/Angus start August 1; 70 blk 3-8 yr olds bred Griswold Sim/Angus start Aug 1; 30 blk & BWF 3-4 yr old bred Charolais early fall calves; 20 mostly blk 6 yr olds bred to blk start Oct; 30+30 3 to 5 year olds blk & red home raised; 40+40 older pairs all home raised blk angus; 13+13 blk & Charolais cows 3 to 8 years big calves blk bulls in Thanksgiving; 112 fall bred cows; 70+70 red angus 6 yr olds Feb calves Red Angus/CharX & blk; 90 Angus & Charolais Fall bred to Angus bulls 3 to 8 years old, 50+50 red angus pairs 3-6 yrs angus/simmX calves 30-60 days, 150 blk/red angus fall bred cows 3-5 yrs, 50 blk/red fall bred cows 3-5 yrs.

IN STOCK TODAY: • Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders • 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER METAL TOP • 6'8" X 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER

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