



Niche marketing the centerpiece of R Family Farms

By Donna Sullivan,
Editor

A farmer in overalls slopping pigs is an image in the minds of consumers that Kaden and Emily Roush of R Family Farms would like to help dispel. They spoke at the 2020 KSU Swine Profitability Conference on February 4 at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. Telling their story to a room full of fellow producers is one thing, as they shared the challenges of building their farrow-to-finish operation near Lebanon that raises Berkshire hogs for a niche market; but it's communicating with consumers that is their passion.

"We do pork a lot differently than a lot of you in this room," Kaden conceded, adding that they support all pork production and talk about the pros and cons of different methods as they talk to consumers. "This is just the way we do it that allows us to operate on a much smaller scale with a lot less capital investment," he said. With 80-100 sows, Emily said everything is at least half-blood Berkshire up to full-blood Berks. By tapping into the niche markets all around, they haven't sold at the sale barn for five years.

There are two claims on their label they pride themselves on - Berkshire Pork and Kansas Raised. Their pigs are raised in large hoop barns with access to outdoor dirt lots and fed a vegetarian diet with no feed-grade antibiotics. "We do believe in treating if they are sick," Emily said. "But we don't do feed-grade."

The couple graduated from Kansas State University; Emily with an agronomy degree and Kaden in agribusiness with a minor in animal science. Prior to starting their swine operation, Kaden had accepted a position as an ag lender at a community bank. Emily is employed by the farm and handles most of the day to day operations and markets their private label pork.

Emily grew up on a row crop farm in southeast Kansas and had little experience with livestock. Kaden, on the other hand, grew up around pigs, as his father and grandfather had a commercial oper-



Kaden and Emily Roush described building their farrow-to-finish Berkshire swine operation during the 2020 KSU Swine Profitability Conference held February 4 in Manhattan.

Photo by Donna Sullivan

ation that started in the 1960s and ran until the late '90s when the hog market crashed and forced them out. "I was about seven years old at the time and it was a great time for me to take on a few chores around the farm," Kaden said. "So my brother and I actually picked up raising a few pigs for 4-H and later an FFA project." Over time the brothers slowly expanded, and bought breeding stock out of the Kansas Purebred Swine Breeder Sale in Salina. As the quality of their pigs continued to improve, they began selling show pigs. "That's what allowed us to get a foothold and really generate some enthusiasm and that took us up to our high school years," he said. Because they were still finishing them outside in old steel hoop sheds and dirt lots, they were able to break into the niche market with their cull show pigs. "We had all these pigs left over, primarily show pig blood, so absolutely nothing to do with meat quality, but we could sell them for a premium because they were finished outside," Kaden explained. This

laid the groundwork for what would later become R Family Farms.

Kaden describes sitting in Dr. Goodband's swine science class and learning that year on year, swine profitability is \$4 return on every pig. As a small producer with about 30 sows, he realized the math just didn't add up to make a living. So he went back to a distributor he was working with on the niche market pork to see if there was room for them to expand. He was told that yes, they were working with Whole Foods, and there was an opportunity there. In order to sell to Whole Foods, a producer had to be G.A.P. (Global Animal Partnership) certified. "Half of the people on the board are producer-focused and half have never set foot on a farm, so the standards are all over the board," he said. They were already finishing outside, which fit into their Step 3 outdoor focus, so all they had to do was not use farrowing crates and also farrow the sows outside. "We thought that was pretty feasible to do, but we didn't want to move our show pigs out of

the farrowing crates," he continued. "So we decided the best-case scenario was to start fresh, which started our new building construction." The couple went to USDA to apply for a beginning farmer loan and convinced them this would be a profitable venture. They bought a six-acre parcel of land from his grandfather and in August, 2015, began construction of their hoop barn facility.

With Kaden already working off the farm and Emily there full-time, they knew that labor would be in short supply. "I don't think marriages last long when you ask your newlywed wife to bucket-feed 100 sows every morning," Kaden reflected. "So we looked at options to lighten the labor load." One of those things was electronic sow feeding. In the same barn they also fed lactating sows electronically. "We spent quite a while drawing up that system and figuring out how it would function efficiently," he said.

As the operation grew, reaching sales of 40-60 head per month to Whole Foods, they began having

trouble receiving payment. "As a beginning producer that is something you really can't deal with," Kaden said. They went directly to Whole Foods and were in the process of getting their own certification when fate dealt them another blow. In June 2017, Amazon bought Whole Foods and they lost contact with their meat buyer. "When we finally got ahold of someone we got put on the back burner and they said, 'We'll let you know when the dust settles.' We haven't heard back from them since," said Kaden. "We're a year and a half in our new facilities, have a beginning farmer loan from the USDA and our only market, because we had all our eggs in one basket, is no longer a viable option."

"You live and learn, right?" Emily reflected.

"That was our big struggle," Kaden agreed. "We had a lot of heart-to-heart meetings and said a lot of prayers over that deal."

In time they learned of Paradise Lockers, who had a private label called Fantasma's Finest. They had just lost their Berkshire producer and were

looking for someone to supply them pigs. "Fortunately our operation fit what they wanted almost to a T," Kaden said.

About four to six months prior to finding Paradise Lockers, Emily said the idea of their own private label came back to the forefront of their minds. "We were raising pigs and farrowing sows and had no idea where we were going and how we were going to pay off our new farm that we had just constructed," she said. "Our own private label had kind of always been in the back of our minds. The consumer wants to know who is raising their food, so when our distributor was putting her name on it, nobody was actually knowing our story. And that was something that always kind of bugged us. That was part of the reason we were in the niche market, so people knew who was raising their pork." So they launched their own private label and are in a couple of grocery stores as R Family Farms. Their pork is processed at Krehbiel's Specialty Meats in McPherson under a USDA certified inspector. R Family Farms is inspected by KDA to be able to sell meat in stores and at farmers' markets. In 2018 they launched a website and now ship nationwide. They have also begun working with a company in Japan to export their pork.

Along with promoting the Berkshire breed and the fact that it is Kansas-raised, they are always working on new cuts of pork. A Tomahawk Belly Chop, where they take the rib, filet the fresh belly back off it, roll it up in a pinwheel and tie it is one such creation, as is sausage with bacon added to it that has been a big seller. "What we try to do is offer something that people don't typically see in the grocery store," he said.

"This is our fifth year in business," Kaden concluded. "It's been an adventure and a learning experience. The learning curve has been very steep and we are nowhere near the top. We are still very much going up the ladder with the stuff we are learning."

Limestone wall latest sculpture at Nelson-Atkins

By Lucas Shivers

More than a decade ago, an artist from Scotland found similarities in the landscape and rocks from his native home to Kansas. This led to a series of large art projects.

A Scottish artist named Andy Goldsworthy grew up near sheep farms in rural areas. This agricultural

heritage influenced a recent project called Walking Wall that was built in five successive stages at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City.

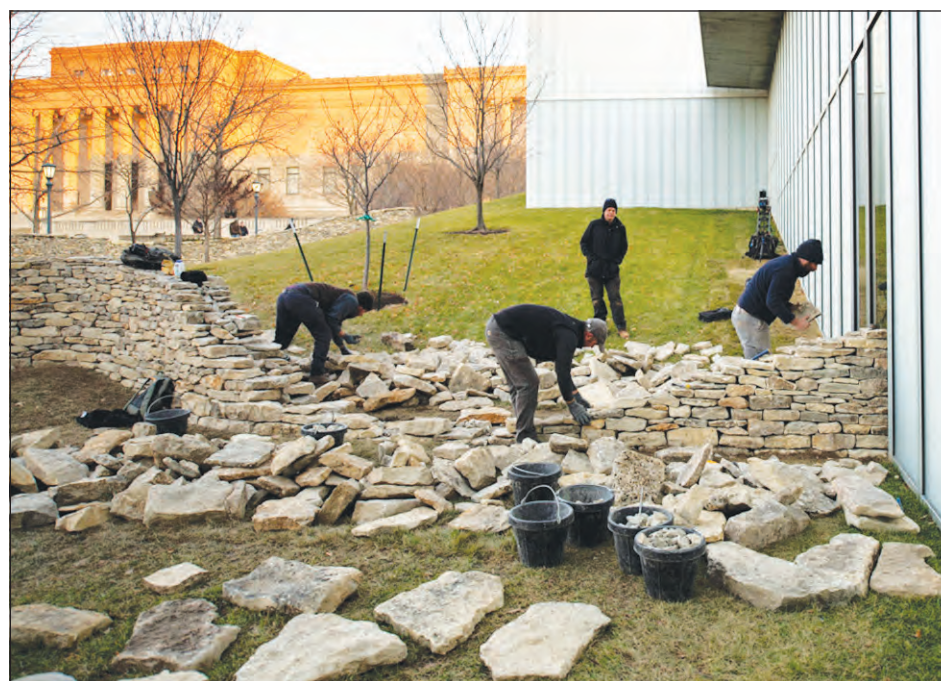
"Goldsworthy works with nature to create site-specific installations," said Kathleen Leighton, museum spokeswoman. "Over a period of five installments through the last year, the wall literally moved from the east part of the museum to its final resting place connecting the inside and outside of the Bloch Building."

Kansas Connections

As the newest addition to the Sculpture Park, the four-foot-tall limestone wall was built, taken down and moved five times over the past year. Now, it's resting in its permanent location showcasing Flint Hills rock.

"Traveling to the Flint Hills to find the right stone for this project was an extraordinary process that made a deep impression on me," said Goldsworthy.

Walking Wall moved from a piece of land east of the museum, onto the museum campus, and ultimately into the museum. "Walking Wall con-



Scottish artist Andy Goldsworthy used native Flint Hills limestone to construct the Walking Wall at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. Courtesy photo

nect(s) the inside of the Museum to the outside, but just as importantly it enacts on its own terms the literal and figurative journey that almost every object in the museum will have made before entering the collections there," said Goldsworthy.

Past Works

Goldsworthy's first

wall, called the Give and Take Wall, was completed in 1989. It established a boundary between two fields in Scotland near his home. In the wall, he found expressions of exchange and cooperation.

In 1998, Goldsworthy created the iconic Storm King Wall, a 2,278-foot wall snaking through the Storm

King Art Center in New York.

Born in Cheshire, England in 1956, Goldsworthy is based in Scotland. Known for creating works in both urban and rural locations using materials at hand, his projects capture the moment.

Some projects are meant to be in place for

many years. Goldsworthy has a continual interest in the changes of time. His work also showcases nature's effects and the passing of time.

Kansas City Project

Goldsworthy spent time in Kansas and researched the Museum founder William Rockhill Nelson, who is said to have built "miles" of rock walls.

Nelson used native limestone quarried on his property for Oak Hall, the site where the Museum now sits.

Goldsworthy's search for suitable stone for Walking Wall led him to the Flint Hills. He had used Flint Hills stone for a previous project at Wichita State University for a large arch.

Initially intending to use freshly quarried stone for the wall, Goldsworthy realized that the stone would look disconnected from the weathered walls around the museum.

"I want Walking Wall to feel connected to other walls in the vicinity of the Nelson-Atkins," said Goldsworthy.

As a result, Walking Wall contained a pro-

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Outside the Fencerow

By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

It's tough to make a difference in this world, and it's impossible to do so and remain comfortable. As American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) president Zippy Duvall is fond of repeating the advice his father gave him: Making a difference requires you to get outside your fencerows.

No matter what difference you want to make, leaving your fencerow in the rearview mirror likely

will have a bigger effect on you than anything else.

Mark Twain said it best in *Innocents Abroad* when he wrote, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

I've been fortunate in my life to have had the opportunity to travel fairly

frequently. Though one of my biggest regrets is quitting Spanish class after two years in high school. I've been to four countries where it's the dominant language, yet I'm speechless after saying my name and a few pleasantries.

And while I've had some slight mishaps on a few journeys, including my recent jaunt to the AFBF Annual Convention in Austin, upon arrival, I've never had an unpleasant experience. I've been tired, lost and uncomfortable in my surroundings. I also survived and become a better person for it.

Travel also forges connections with those who are most like you. Now safely back on Kansas soil, I keep returning to two conversations with fellow

Kansans in Austin.

"The toughest part is getting past the mailbox," one said of the difficulty of getting away from his farm.

The other topic is true of both travel and growing older, generally. "I was surer of more things when I was younger," another said. I agree. I used to have an answer for everything, and now it seems most of my sentences start with, "It depends ..." or end with "That's just my advice."

That reminded me of Anthony Bourdain, chef and author turned professional vagabond, who said, "It seems that the more places I see and experience, the bigger I realize the world to be. The more I become aware of, the more

I realize how relatively little I know of it, how many places I have still to go, how much more there is to learn."

One thing I'm still certain of is getting outside your fencerow is difficult. There's always one more thing that needs done or some other excuse not to leave. But the thing is you don't have to go far – just a little beyond the mailbox to see something you haven't seen before; experience something new; feel the uneasiness in your gut from venturing outside your comfort zone.

It means stepping up, speaking out and, quite possibly, becoming the center of attention, if only momentarily. It means experiencing new thoughts, new people and new plac-

es. Simply put, it means seeing, doing, traveling – growing.

That's the real reason getting outside your fencerows is so incredibly valuable – it allows you to grow. Getting away makes you vulnerable. It makes you reliant on other. It makes you consider just how big the world is and just how small you are.

And yet everyday small, ordinary people leave their fencerows behind and change the world.

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Secretary Perdue comments on President Trump's budget proposal

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement after President Donald J. Trump submitted his FY 2021 budget proposal to Congress:

"The United States is leading the world in economic growth and prosperity. President Trump's pro-growth policies like tax cuts, common-sense deregulation, and new trade deals have increased confidence in the economy and put hard earned money back into the pockets of Americans," said Secretary Perdue. "President Trump's budget continues to reign in an overgrown Federal government with fiscally responsible cuts in spending. USDA is doing its part to improve our customer service while reducing our economic and regulatory impact. We will continue to serve and deliver our programs on behalf of America's farmers, ranchers, producers, foresters, and the food in-

secure with improved customer service and respect for taxpayer dollars."

Background on the FY 2021 USDA Budget:

Safeguards the nation's food supply: the budget includes nearly \$1.1 billion to fully fund the costs necessary to support over 8,700 FSIS personnel who ensure the safety of meat, poultry, and egg products at over 6,400 processing, slaughter, and import establishments in the U.S.

Higher blends infrastructure incentive program: building off USDA's \$100 million investment in FY 2020, the budget includes an additional \$100 million to support grants and incentives to promote domestic ethanol and biodiesel infrastructure and consumption.

Rural E-connectivity: in addition to \$690 million in program level for the telecommunication infrastructure program which supports communities with population of under

5,000, the budget provides \$250 million in budget authority to support broadband loans, grants and loan/grant combinations that will provide high speed broadband services to communities with population under 20,000. It also provides \$30 million in budget authority for broadband grants to rural Americans who currently do not receive any broadband service.

Nutrition assistance: the budget includes funding to support estimated participation levels under current law, including \$68.3 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), \$25 billion for child nutrition programs, and \$5.5 billion for the special supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Participation in these nutrition assistance programs is expected to continue declining with sustained economic growth that enables

families to work toward self-sufficiency.

International markets for U.S. agricultural exports: the budget includes \$200 million for the Foreign Agricultural Service to reduce trade barriers that disadvantage U.S. agricultural exports and to open new markets for U.S. farm products.

Hemp production: the budget maintains funding for the Hemp Production Program, which will support new economic opportunities for U.S. farmers.

Reducing the risk of wildfires: the budget includes \$4.4 billion to mitigate wildfire risk. Started in 2020 and continuing through 2027, the USDA Forest Service and the Department of the Interior will have new budget authority available, known as the "Fire Fix" when suppression funding has been exhausted.

Active forest management: the budget includes an investment of \$2 billion to improve the health and resilience of national forests, ensuring that our national forests and grass-

lands continue to provide clean air and water, forest and rangeland products, mineral and energy resources, quality habitat for fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, and jobs.

Supporting rural communities: the budget supports \$5.5 billion in loans for rural electric improvements, benefiting over 5 million rural residents annually by expanding the use of smart grid technologies and other security and resiliency improvements. Funding is also requested to support \$1.3 billion in direct loans and \$614 million in grants to improve and expand the water and waste disposal facilities in rural America.

The budget supports \$2.5 billion in Community Facilities Direct Loans and \$500 million in Community Facilities Guaranteed Loans for investment in critical community infrastructure, such as health care, safety, and educational facilities. In addition, the budget supports \$24 billion in funding for the Single-Family Housing

Guaranteed Loan Program to enable approximately 160,000 families to enjoy homeownership and \$230 million in multi-family guaranteed loans to support the development of more than 8,000 units for very low-, low-, and moderate-income rural residents. Finally, the budget supports \$1.5 billion in program level in business and industry loan guarantees, which is expected to assist 433 businesses support nearly 11,000 jobs and diversify the rural economy.

Commodity programs: the budget provides \$4.6 billion for commodity program payments to maintain an effective farm safety net.

Federal crop insurance program: the budget provides \$8.8 billion for the Federal crop insurance program, enough to provide crop insurance coverage for more than \$100 billion in crop value.

Farm loans: the budget includes \$79 million to fully support the estimated \$8.9 billion demand for farm loans, providing loans to an estimated 35,000 farmers and ranchers to finance operating expenses, refinance debt or acquire a farm.

Farm bill conservation programs: the budget includes \$2.3 billion for the Conservation Reserve Program to protect close to 25 million acres of environmentally sensitive cropland and grassland. In addition, \$1.8 billion is included for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and \$450 million for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

Agriculture research, education and economics: the budget includes \$3.3 billion to support research to advance the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture and promote food security. This includes \$1.4

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So, my column a while back on climate change seems to have struck a nerve with some and brought kudos from others. I must admit that I have always been somewhat of a skeptic when it comes to climate change, but I also want to be able to have a civil discussion with those who differ from my opinion and this topic is no different. I believe in civil discourse on anything and I also like to make sure I carefully consider all sides.

I took the time to sit down and discuss this issue with a couple of friends on both sides of this issue. Both friends gave compelling arguments and from those two discussions I came to realize a couple of things. Climate change is real, and it has been happening since our earth came into existence (and we are not opening that can of worms).

Yes, I believe in climate change; the climate is always in a state of change, just look at the fossil evidence of how different the climate was where you live thousands or millions of years ago. Our climate is in a constant state of flux; the real question is just how much do we as humans have to do with it? I am not sure what I think about how big of an impact we have from mankind. However, I am sure that of the portion that is manmade, agriculture is a very, very small sliver.

Does that mean we should not be at the table to discuss how we can do things better with less impact to our environment? We should absolutely be at the table, in the discussion of how we can do our job, produce food and fiber, and maintain or even improve the water, air and soil around us. That is what agriculture has always done. We seek ways to produce more, with less and in a way that has less impact on our world.

No matter how you feel about climate change, the ball is rolling on it and we must be part of that discussion or others will make those decisions for us, without our input and in a way that could harm our ability to feed and clothe the world. We are very good at what we do, and we are the experts at how to get it done with the least impact on our environment.

My main beef (pardon the pun but I kind of meant it too) is that if reducing our carbon footprint and the possible

causes of those gases is important, agriculture is far down the list. We are just an easy target because we represent such a small portion of the population. Our failure is to not help our fellow citizens understand what we do and the pride we take in preserving the world around us. We do not tell our story very well.

Instead we are at the mercy of celebrities who do not understand what we do and why we do it. The very celebrities that fly on chartered jets and think that is necessary, but the modern production of food and fiber is not. Actors and others who use their platform to blame agriculture for problems without ever taking the time to spend a day with us seeing how we take pride in what we do or the science behind us.

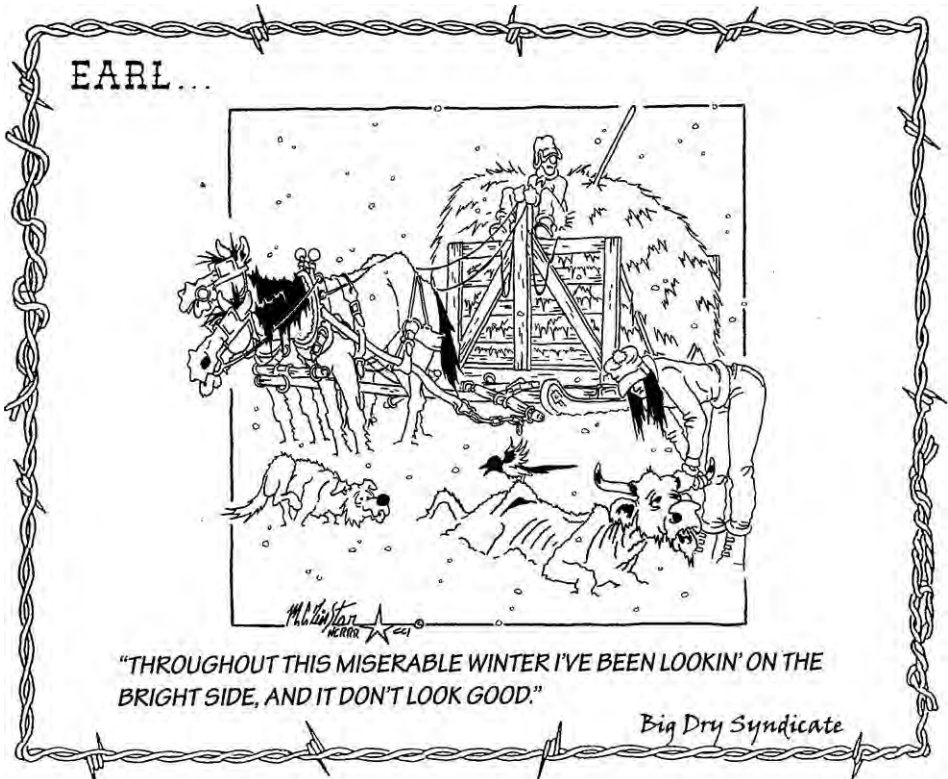
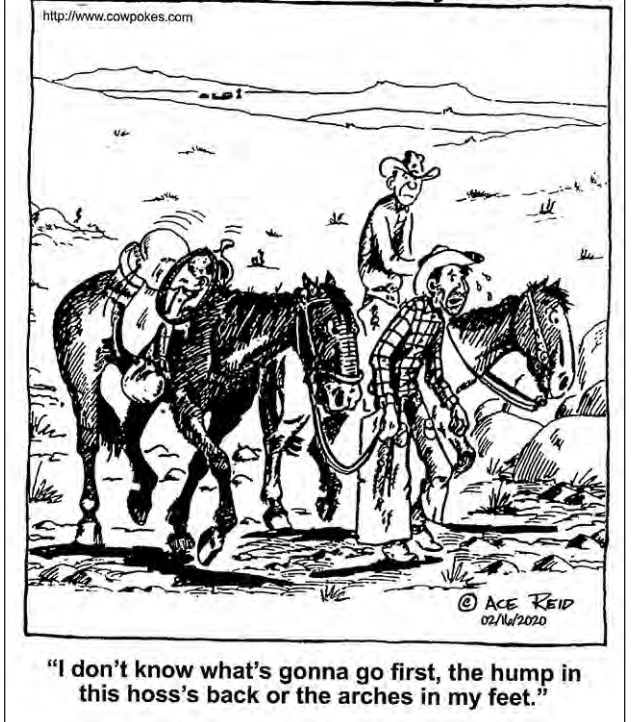
I don't want to get negative and fall into the same trap. Rather I want to talk about the amazing technology and innovations that allow us to produce more food for a growing population while using fewer resources and thus becoming more sustainable and environmentally friendly to the world around us.

Can we get better? Absolutely, most farmers and ranchers I know are worried about the resources entrusted to them and take their stewardship very seriously. Let me remind you that we have a tall task ahead of us. We must figure out how to feed an ever-growing population with less land.

All of this is difficult to do when the margins are slim, and economics are tough. While I might be skeptical of climate change, or at least manmade climate change, I do strive to produce more with less and to take care of the world around me and if I can do something to help I will. However, it cannot be on the farmer and rancher's backs and we must be able to produce the food our world needs.

Yes, I do believe in climate change and I do believe in being the best steward of what I have been given. I am willing to listen and discuss other changes that can be made. We must all be at the table discussing how we can make this world a better place. We have one world, let's make it better.

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Guest Editorial

By Spencer Alan Crowther

Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but what Joaquin Phoenix said about cows and the dairy industry at the Oscars is totally spun wrong. The gap between rural America and populous areas is huge and ever-growing. Agriculture is the backbone of society. Every single person on this planet uses agriculture every day in some way. Unless you are totally naked all the time, never eat a thing, and never leave the empty hole in the ground you live in – you use agricultural products! So to paint agriculture in a bad light in any way is a very dangerous and irresponsible thing to do. Famous people have so much clout and influence in the mainstream world that they can drive a whole generation of uninformed people to think wrongly about something that is so necessary in their lives now and will be forever.

If you are a religious person, as many in agriculture are, you know that God gave man dominion over every animal on earth. Both superiority and responsibility is what we have with animals. Superiority to humanely do what we need to, to have the best life we can. Responsibility – which no one takes more seriously than those that care for the animals. If you need proof of that, show up to any farm in America and watch for a day.

What I will never understand about Mr. Phoenix and those that think like he does is – it's okay to abort a baby right before birth, but if I take a calf away from a cow (while providing both cow and calf with a tremendous life) to provide a living for me and my family, I am painted as a terrible monster of a person.

If you are on the fence about agriculture, or have questions, please do not

listen to someone who made \$10,000,000 pretending to be another person, and has never been or worked on a farming operation. Go find a farmer or rancher and find out what great things this industry is doing for your world.

Agriculture was the first occupation of man, and as it embraces the whole earth, it is the foundation of all other industries.

– Edward W. Stewart

Farming looks mighty easy, when your plow is a pencil, and you are a thousand miles from a corn field.”

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

Agriculture is not crop production as popular belief holds – it's the production of food and fiber from the world's land and waters. Without agriculture it is not possible to have a city, stock market, banks, university, church or army. Agriculture is the foundation of civilization and any stable economy.

– Allan Savory

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billion to support core research projects of the Agricultural Research Service and \$1.6 billion in discretionary funding to support extramural agricultural research, education, and extension activities of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, including \$600 million for competitive grants through the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

Agricultural pest and disease programs: the budget includes \$1.036 billion in discretionary funding to protect agriculture from pests and diseases, address sanitary (animal) and phytosanitary (plant) trade concerns, and enforce animal care legislation.

National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility

(NBAF): the budget supports the continued establishment of NBAF and provides \$81 million for operations and maintenance costs in FY 2021. Funding is also requested

within ARS and APHIS to transition highly pathogenic animal disease work from the obsolete facilities at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center to NBAF.

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Pott County Conservation District sponsoring photo contest

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District is sponsoring a Photography Contest to recognize individuals who use photography to capture conservation images effectively and creatively. The competition is open to amateur photographers (those who earn less than 80% of their income from photography) who are residents of or attend school in Pottawatomie County. One entry per individual will be accepted. The contest is open to all ages.

Subject matter: any conservation practice. Examples: buffer strips, cover crops, grassed diversions or waterways, livestock management, ponds, terraces, pest management, pasture planting, stream-banks, tree planting, wildlife habitats, spring developments, wetlands, and windbreaks.

Photo entries can be taken anytime from now until September 30, 2020 when the contest closes, and entries will need to be submitted.

For contest rules and questions please contact Conservation District, 501 State Street Westmoreland, Ks at (785) 457-3398.

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portion of fresh stone, but mainly consisted of weathered material left over from old quarries, old stone picked directly from the field and old walls that were in the process of being torn down.

“The walls of the Museum are a patchwork of different states of weathered stone, which will allow me to mix freshly quarried stone into the wall,” said Goldsworthy.

Project Timeline

Goldsworthy and two workers completed the first section in Spring 2019. Stones were disassembled after several weeks and moved to create future sections, culminating in the fifth and final section that was just completed.

Cooperating with the Parks and Recreation Department of Kansas City, the public watched the construction of the art sculpture.

“This seemingly simple wall presents conceptual, philosophical, spiritual, and practical challenges that are both enriching and exciting,” said Julián Zugazagoitia, Nelson-Atkins CEO.

The installation was commissioned by the Hall Family Foundation in honor of Estelle and Morton Solland for their commitment to the arts in Kansas City.

“This poetic disruption pushes the boundaries of a city and nature and solidifies the tie between the museum and the neighborhood,” said Zugazagoitia.

The Nelson-Atkins is located at 45th and Oak Streets, Kansas City, Mo. Admission to the museum is free to everyone.

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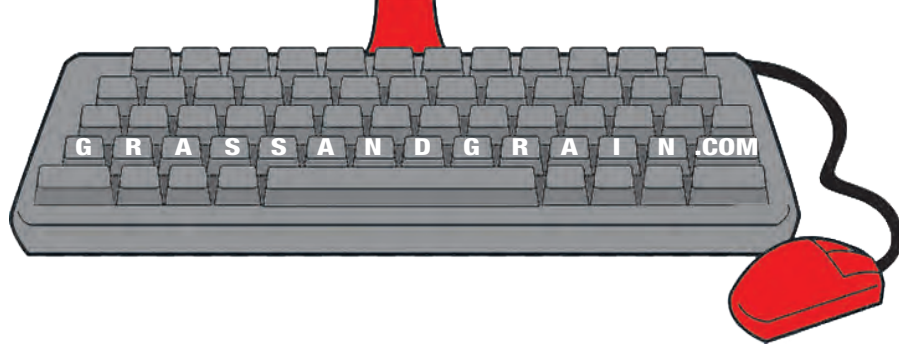
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GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

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

Linda Whiteman, Mayetta, Shares Winning Recipe In Grass & Grain This Week

Winner Linda Whiteman, Mayetta: "I take these to family reunions, potluck dinners, etc. They're always a big hit. Hope you like them."

COMPANY POTATOES
 2-pound package frozen crinkle-cut French fries
 1 small can cream of mushroom soup
 1 small can cream of celery soup
 1 small can cream of broccoli soup
 1 small can Cheddar cheese soup
 1 small can cream of chicken soup
 1 medium onion, finely diced
 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 1 teaspoon smoky paprika
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1 cup Parmesan cheese
 4 soup cans of milk
 Spread potatoes in a buttered 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix soups, milk, seasonings and onion together. Pour over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Sprinkle cheese on top and bake 15 minutes longer. You can add cooked and diced chicken or ham to potatoes. Serve with a side of cole slaw and hot biscuits.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
HOG FUDGE SAUCE
 3 ounces semisweet chocolate, cut into pieces or 1/2 cup chocolate chips
 2/3 cup sugar
 Dash salt
 5-ounce can evaporated milk or 2/3 cup
 Melt chocolate in a small saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly. Stir in sugar and salt. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened and hot, stirring constantly. Serve warm. Store in refrigerator. Use on top of ice cream.

Gin Fox, Holton:
HASH BROWN CHICKEN CASSEROLE
 2 pounds frozen hash brown potatoes, Southern-style
 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 1/2 teaspoon salt & pepper
 1 cup frozen peas & carrots
 1/2 cup summer sweet corn, canned
 2 cups sour cream or plain yogurt
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1/3 cup milk
 3 cups cooked, shredded roasted chicken
 Bread crumbs or Corn Flake crumbs
 Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place the potatoes in a 9-by-13-inch pan. In a large bowl mix together remaining ingredients, except the bread crumbs. Layer the mixture over the potatoes. Sprinkle crumbs on top. Bake for 1 hour or until top is golden brown.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
DOUBLE DIPPED CHICKEN NUGGETS
 1/4 cup flour
 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt

1 cup finely crushed Corn Flakes cereal
 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1-inch pieces
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 Heat oven to 400 degrees. In a plastic bag combine flour and seasoned salt. Shake to mix. Place crushed cereal in another bag. Add chicken pieces to flour mixture in bag; shake to coat. Dip floured pieces in butter and coat with crushed cereal. Place in ungreased jelly roll pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center:
DISGUSTINGLY RICH BROWNIES
 1 cup butter
 3/4 cup cocoa
 2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease inside of an 8-inch square pan with grease (shortening). Melt butter. In a large bowl stir cocoa and sugar together then stir in butter. Add eggs and vanilla and stir. Add flour and salt and mix just until smooth. Add nuts. Pour mixture into pan and spread out evenly. Bake until brownies pull away from sides or until toothpick comes out clean, about 40 to 50 minutes.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
GROUND BEEF SPIRAL BAKE
 16-oz. package spiral pasta
 2 pounds ground beef
 2/3 cup chopped onion
 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 (2) 28-oz. jars spaghetti sauce
 2 tablespoons tomato paste
 1 teaspoon dried basil
 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 4 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
 Cook pasta and drain. In a Dutch oven cook beef and onion until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic and cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce, tomato paste, basil and oregano. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 5-10 minutes. Stir pasta into meat mixture. Transfer to two 9-by-13-inch baking pans. Sprinkle each with 2 cups cheese. You can cover and freeze one casserole for up to 3 months. Bake the second casserole uncovered at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until heated through.

To use the frozen casserole. Thaw in refrigerator overnight. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until heated through.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos, shares the remaining two recipes:
CHOCOLATE CRISPY BARS
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup corn syrup
 1 cup peanut butter
 6 cups crisp rice cereal
 6-ounce package milk chocolate chips
 6-ounce package semisweet chocolate chips
 Line the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment paper. In an extra large saucepan combine sugar and corn syrup. Bring to a boil then remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter until melted. Add cereal, 1 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Mix thoroughly but gently so you don't crush the cereal. Press mixture evenly into prepared pan. In the top of a double boiler over hot water (not boiling) or in a bowl set over a pan of hot water, melt chocolate chips. Pour melted chocolate over mixture in pan and spread evenly. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into bars before serving. Yields: 1 dozen

ALMOND TOFFEE
 1 tablespoon plus 2 cups butter, divided
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup slivered almonds
 1/4 cup water
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 11 1/2-ounce package milk chocolate chips, divided
 1/2 cup finely chopped almonds
 Grease a 15-by-10-by-1-inch pan with 1 tablespoon butter; set aside. In a large heavy saucepan melt the remaining butter. Add the sugar, slivered almonds, water and salt. Cook and stir over medium heat until a candy thermometer reads 295 degrees (approaching hard-crack stage). Remove from the heat and stir in vanilla. Quickly pour into prepared pan. Let stand at room temperature until cool, about 1 hour. In a microwave melt 1 cup chocolate chips; spread over toffee. Refrigerate for 45 minutes or until set. Invert onto an ungreased large baking sheet. Melt remaining chips and spread over toffee. Sprinkle with chopped almonds. Let stand for 1 hour. Break into bite-size pieces. Store in an air-tight container. Yield: about 1 1/2 pounds.



Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon

Growing up in the middle of nowhere, there wasn't a ton of "normal" kid things to do, let alone any kids to do them with. There was no walking next door to the neighbor kids' house to play, there were very few sleepovers and unless parents wanted to drive, there weren't very many play dates, but what we did have was a lot of family time. My brothers and I were blessed with a family that wanted to be a part of our lives. On my dad's side that stemmed from my great-grandparents, Edgar and Opal Carlyon. They were the glue that held us all together and they always ensured that we made time for each other. The two of them taught us that family was everything.

Great Grandma was a sassy woman that wasn't afraid to speak her mind, my favorite kind of person. She had a knack for always knowing what was going on with everyone; maybe she heard it at church, maybe from Stacey's Restaurant or maybe just gossip about town, but she knew it all. She was also an amazing cook who took pride in bringing people together with food and fellowship.

Great Grandpa was an amazing man, one of my all-time favorites, maybe because he thought the world of me, generally referring to me as his "little angel." I never doubted that I held a very special place in his heart, and he will always hold a special place in mine. To this day the smell of chewing tobacco or seeing a precious little old man in overalls warms my heart, because they were him. He had a heart of gold and would do absolutely anything for anyone.

The two of them were quite the duo. If you didn't know them, you might have assumed they hated each other with all the bickering, but if you did know them, you knew without a doubt that they absolutely adored each other and the family that they had created.

If there was a birthday, they brought everyone together to meet at Stacey's Restaurant for lunch, you didn't miss it and if it was your birthday, your nose was getting buttered.

Although I don't remember ever spending a

holiday at their house, I remember them being a big part of our holidays. Christmas was spent at my grandparents' house where we would always play cards, Great Grandma was always in on this. Easter was spent at my Aunt Patsy's house where we would hunt for eggs and shoot guns. Thanksgiving rotated house, but guns were generally shot, and cards were generally played, Great Grandma and Grandpa were the center of it all.

While things have changed and some of our favorite people are no longer with us, we still find time to come together for holidays and I would be silly to think that that would have happened if it weren't for the strong foundation that was laid by my great-grandparents and the strong family values that they instilled in all of us.

I thought it only appropriate to share one of Great Grandma's recipes, so here is her Coffee Cake recipe, enjoy!
 1/4 pound butter
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1 1/2 cups milk
 2 cups flour
 3 teaspoons baking powder
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Pinch of salt

Her words:
 "Mix all ingredients together and put in greased and floured pan. Mix 1 1/2 cups sugar and 2 tablespoons cinnamon together and sprinkle on top of unbaked cake, then bake."

She left out a temperature or a time, but I found that 375 degrees for about 35-40 minutes worked out perfectly. I also found that if you want that much sugar and cinnamon, it might be a good idea to put a layer in the middle and on the top. I prefer a thicker coffee cake, so I baked in an 8-by-8-inch pan.

Michele grew up in Junction City and graduated from Kansas State University. She worked in the restaurant management field for 6 years before deciding to switch careers and now works as an office manager for a company that manufactures oil-field products. Her passion for blogging and food can be followed on Instagram: [boobsbrainsandbaking](#)

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Home and Away

Saying Yes

By Lou Ann Thomas

There are so many things I want to yell “No!” at these days. But “No” just seems to keep me stuck where I am. After all, I know what’s on the other side of “No” and it’s usually just more of whatever I have at the moment.

But what about “Yes?” When do I want to scream or even feel a “yes” rise up in me? You’d think “Yes” would be the easier of the two to express, wouldn’t you? I mean, saying “yes” is a positive reaction that opens up all kinds of new possibilities and experiences. Saying “yes” has led me to new career opportunities, new friends and all kinds of unexpected adventures, where as “no” may have

kept me feeling safe, but it has rarely prompted much excitement or growth.

“No” keeps us comfortable. We don’t have to change much if we live in the world of “no.” No, I don’t want to try that new food. No, I don’t want to allow a stranger to stay with me. No, I don’t want to go there, do that, or experience something new or strange. No doesn’t even require us to leave the comfort of our couches. We can remain in place, remote in hand, and live peacefully in our zone. Whereas saying “yes” propels us toward often unknown and new experiences, bringing us new friends, new adventures, new insight and new growth.

How many times have you taken the chance to say “yes” to something that called you or sounded really fun, and it turned out to be a cherished memory, or you made a best friend from a former stranger, or you discovered something about yourself that you didn’t know before? I have had so many of these kinds of experiences that have flowed directly from my having the courage to say “yes” when my life asked me to stretch outside comfort zone.

I’m not proposing we say “yes” to every opportunity that comes along. If something doesn’t feel right, isn’t in alignment with what you wish for yourself, or you get squirmy feelings from the idea then “no” is the best way to go. But, if you simply feel some fear about doing something new or that is out of character for you, “yes” might be a good option. If a “yes” is pulling at you and drawing you in, then act on it. Go ahead, say your prayers for guidance and check in with whatever inside of you serves as your trusted guide, and then make the leap.

Because we never know what gifts are on the other side of “yes.” And that’s the best reason to say “yes,” isn’t it?

Energy Tips To Save You Money

By Cindy Williams, Meadowlark Extension District, Food, Nutrition, Health, and Safety

We all want to save money and some of the biggest money wasters are simple things we never really think about. Here are some household energy savings tips that you might not have thought about doing.

* Insulate your outlets. Did you know that cold air seeps through the outlets on your outer walls? You can stop it. Purchase outlet sealers at any hardware store. They usually come 6 to a pack. Remove your outlet cover, punch out the round pieces and place it onto your outlet.

* Reverse Your Ceiling Fans. Ceiling fans are great for cooking your house in the summer, but did you know they can keep your home warm in the winter? During the summer, your ceiling fans run counter-clockwise. Flip the switch on your fan and your fan will now run clockwise which will push the warm air down. Run it on the lowest setting during the colder months.

* Change your lightbulbs. Incandescent bulbs are a huge money waster so changing to LED is a simple and easy way to save some energy dollars. And they last longer than incandescent bulbs so you don’t have to change them as frequently.

* Place Timers on Your Lamps. Everyone uses timers during the holidays

for their lights, but did you ever think to use those same timers on frequently used lamps? Not only will this keep you from walking into a dark room, it will automatically turn off, saving you money.

* Move Lamps away from thermostats. Do you have a lamp directly under your thermostat? Consider moving it. The heat from the lamp confuses the thermostat into thinking your home is warmer than it really is. Yes, a lightbulb can put off that much heat.

* Let the Sun Shine In. Once the sun goes down, close your curtains and shades to keep the heat in your home.

* Don’t Rinse Your Dirty Plates. Rinsing the food off of your plates before loading them into the dishwasher wastes water and doesn’t allow your dishwasher to do what it was designed to do—clean your plates. Extra Tip: Always run a full dishwasher.

* Clean the Lint Filter. Every time you put a new load in your dryer, always clean your lint filter. Not only will this allow your dryer to run more efficiently, but it can help stop a fire. Did you know that birds use lint to build their nests? Recycle that lint by placing it in a tree in a bag with holes.

* Reuse water. When you wash produce, place a bowl in your sink to catch the water then use that water to give your houseplants a drink.

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By Tara Solomon-Smith, Adult Development & Aging Agent, Wildcat Extension District

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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed the MyMobility Plan to help older adults address possible changes and stay safe, mobile, and independent longer. This planning tool can guide you to take action today to help keep yourself — or your loved ones — independent and in their own community in the future.

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Another area that can affect mobility is medicines. As we age, our bodies process what we eat and drink — including medicines — differently. Medicines that worked well in the past could have side effects now or in the future. Some side effects — such as dizziness or sleepiness — might cause falls or car crashes, which are the leading causes of injury among older adults. CDC developed a new fact sheet and worksheets to

help older adults work together with their doctors or pharmacists to review those medicines that might have dangerous side effects.

Download your own MyMobility Plan today to create a personalized plan for a healthy, mobile, and independent life for you or your loved ones!

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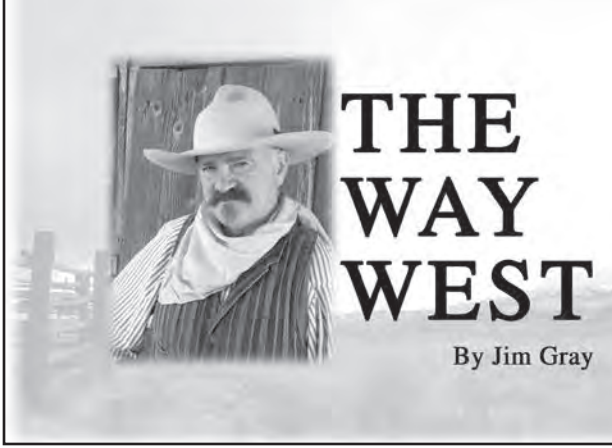
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Deadly Verdict

At the close of the Civil War in 1865 a lot of young men were left without a means to make a living. During the war the act of

taking private property by combatants was common practice. Foraging, as it was called, kept the troops supplied. For many, steal-

ing had become a way of life, especially among the ranks of the partisan rangers, known more commonly as bushwhackers and jayhawkers.

The uncertain years following the war provided plenty of temptation for an entrepreneur with "foraging" on his mind. In Missouri the editor of the *Warsaw (MO) Standard* observed, "If it is true that horse thieves have been in the almost daily habit of loafing about the liquor and gambling saloons of this town with impunity; that men, knowing them to be such, dare not give the authorities the wink for fear of their lives; that young men with long hair, wearing two revolvers at their girdle, have been seen boasting, as they unrolled a bundle of greenbacks, 'that they earned this money by knocking men down,' (and)... if all this is really patent, it is high time society was reorganized, and this community of thieves and robbers thoroughly weeded out."

A reign of lawlessness prevailed across southwest Missouri. Murders

were all too common. Almost daily, men were robbed, and horses were stolen. Few of the outlaws were caught. Vigilantes were organized for common protection, "through the forms of law if possible, but if necessary, to execute justice... in its own way." A war on thieves and robbers then began in earnest to reorganize Missouri society.

In Carroll County, vigilantes "stretched" the neck of a horse thief until he divipated the names of his compatriots. He revealed that a gang of thieves were working out of Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. The editor of the *Carroll County Journal* noted in a November, 1866, issue "A number of fine horses have been stolen from farmers in this county recently; and we think if two or three of the thieves were hung when caught, it would check the depredations of the gang in this section for a while."

In February of 1867 the *Carthage (MO) Banner* published as story of just such a hanging across the border at Baxter Springs. On information provided by an associate of the gang newly arrived from Indiana, authorities arrested one of the accused men. The *Carthage* editor wrote, "An attempt was made to

try him by the civil law, but the effort was futile, and he easily proved himself clear."

The vigilance committee took matters into hand Saturday evening, the same day that the first man went free. Three men were "arrested" by the vigilantes and sentenced to be hung in the semblance of a "fair trial." Justice was swift. "Their sentence was executed to the letter." Such a judgement was said to be presided over by the fabled, imaginary Judge Lynch, who under the circumstances always accomplished his purpose.

The following Monday two more were sentenced to the same fate. Before the vigilantes could put the rope on the unfortunate men one of them, a man named Gillette, was shot down as he bolted to run for his life. The other man was summarily hung in quick order.

Three of the outlaws were brothers, George, William, and James Mizer of southwest Missouri (near present-day Joplin). Their brother-in-law, John Edwards, was among the men that were hung. The other man was not identified. The newspaper account added that one of the Mizer brothers revealed that on a recent trip to

Texas "he had killed, and helped kill, fifteen men, and that he killed every man he met who appeared to have any money..."

The leader of the outlaws, a notorious man by the name of Bill Smith, eluded the vigilantes. The editor of the *Banner* noted, "if caught will probably get his deserts in a hurry at the end of a short rope." The Indiana man was spared and jailed at Fort Scott. The editor concluded, "Surely such wretches should die, and the sooner the better."

The quick action taken by the vigilantes was applauded from the Jasper County Seat at Carthage. "The summary mode in which the five scoundrels at Baxter Springs were disposed of last week will have a good moral effect, and all that need be done to eventually rid the country of the presence of thieves, robbers, and murderers... is to apply the remedy on every villain caught and proved guilty."

A posse pursued Bill Smith across the border from Baxter Springs into Jasper County, Missouri, but his trail went cold and one notorious outlaw escaped the deadly verdict of Judge Lynch on The Way West.

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Tract I: NW ¼ 17-6-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located at SE corner Plum & 70th Roads. 157.09 farmland acres with 122.65 acres crop, 34.44 acres grass. The bases are wheat 83.9 with 34 bu yield, grain sorghum 11.72 with 62 bu yield, soybean 23.45 with 27 bu yield for a total of 119.08 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$2,588.34.

Tract 2: SE ¼ SE ¼ 33-5-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located at Rock & 90th Roads. 38.05 farmland acres with 38.05 acres crop. The bases are wheat 26.06 with 34 bu yield, grain sorghum 3.64 with 62 bu yield, soybean 7.28 with 27 bu yield for a total of 36.98 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$689.62.

TRACT 3: W ½ W ½ 24-6-5 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located along 50th Road between Noble & Oat roads. 154.42 farmland acres with 123.97 acres crop, 30.45 acres grass. The bases are wheat 84.77 with 34 bu yield, grain sorghum 11.84 with 62 bu yield, soybeans 23.68 with 27 bu yield for a total of 120.29 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$1,939.66.

TRACT 4: NE ¼ 29-5-4 & South of railroad in SW 20-5-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located along Highway 28 on 80th Road. 175.53 farmland acres with 145.33 acres crop, 30.20 acres creek. The bases are wheat 93.6 with 34 bu yield, grain sorghum 13.07 with 62 bu yield, soybeans 26.15 with 27 bu yield for a total of 132.82 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$2,992.94.

TRACT 5: NE ¼ 32-5-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located ½ mile South of Highway 28 on 80th Road. 158.33 farmland acres with 148.78 acres crop, 9.54 acres waste. The bases are wheat 108.33 with 34 bu. yield, grain sorghum 15.12 with 62 bu yield, soybeans 30.27 with 27 bu yield for a total of 153.72 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$3,319.56.

TRACT 6: W ½ NW ¼ 12-7-5 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located on Key & 50th Roads. 83.70 farmland acres with 83.70 acres of grass. 2019 taxes were \$341.44.

TRACT 7: S ½ NW ¼ 18-5-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located on 60th Road. 78.67 farmland acres with 76.23 acres crop. The bases are wheat 51.82 with 34 bu. yield, grain sorghum 7.24 with 62 bu yield, soybeans 14.48 with 27 bu yield for a total of 73.54 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$1,521.84.

TRACT 8: W ½ SE ¼ 30-5-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located corner of 28 Highway and 60th Road. 78.03 acres with 49.54 acres crop, 25.72 acres trees & grass. The bases are wheat 33.39 with 34 bu yield, grain sorghum 4.66 with 62 bu yield, soybeans 9.33 with 27 bu yield for a total of 47.38 base acres. There is a 5 room 1148 sq. ft. house w/2 bedrooms, 1 bath, ½ basement. The house is in need of work. The seller will do no inspections or repairs on the house. Purchaser has until March 12, 2020 to inspect the home. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material. 2019 taxes were \$1,760.08.

TRACT 9: N ½ NE ¼ NW ¼ 31-5-4 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located southeast of tract 8. 20.21 farmland acres with 10.35 acres crop, 9.14 acres trees & grass. The bases are wheat 6.98 with 34 bu yield, grain sorghum .96 with 62 bu yield, soybeans 1.95 with 27 bu yield for a total of 9.9 base acres. 2019 taxes were \$221.68.

TRACT 10: 8.9 ACRES in S ½ NE ¼ 31-5-3 Cloud Co. Kansas
The farm is located West of Concordia on Highway 9 Northwest of the power transformers and South of the railroad. The bases are wheat 4.44 with 51 bu yield, soybeans 4.46 with 46 bu yield. 2019 taxes were \$191.60.

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Expert asks, what's the future of your ranch?

By Troy Smith, field editor, Angus Beef Bulletin

It's an inconvenient truth: Everyone will die someday. Very few people want to talk about that eventuality, and that may be especially true for many farmers and ranchers. Most of them devote their lives to building up an operation, or building upon an operation handed down from previous generations. The land and livestock — the family business — are part of their legacy. Most probably recognize the wisdom of preparing a will and completing an estate and transition plan... someday.

In matters such as these, however, procrastination can be folly. Ranchers need to think about the future of their ranching operation and what they want to happen to it after they are gone. Do they expect a next generation to take the reins? How will that be accomplished? If ranchers haven't really pondered those questions yet, they should not wait.

That was the message Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition Ranch Transition Task Manager Bethany Johnston shared during the 26th Range Beef Cow Symposium hosted Nov. 18-20 in Mitchell, Neb. She urged an audience composed largely of ranchers to act now, offering food for thought to those beginning the estate and transition planning process.

"It's not only about planning for what you want to happen to your ranch; it's also about protecting it from things you don't want to happen, like a forced sale to pay nursing home costs or a family divided over how to settle an estate," said Johnston. "Ranchers also need to remember the golden rule, but it's not the same one you learned in Sunday School. In this case it's whoever has the gold makes the rules," added Johnston, emphasizing that ranchers do not owe their children an inheritance, but they should feel obligated to provide their children with a plan.

That doesn't mean children or other potential heirs should not be in-

involved in the senior generation's planning process. This may be especially true when planning how to divide an estate among heirs that include one or more grown children who became actively involved in a ranch's operation and other siblings who sought other careers. Parents and off-ranch siblings ought to consider that dividing the ranch equally among heirs won't recognize an on-ranch sibling's sweat equity. When such a person has invested years in helping build up the ranch, equal may not be fair.

Johnston advised the audience to recruit a team of advisors to help with estate and transition planning. Since a lawyer will be needed to complete the process anyway, she recommended finding one well-versed in estate planning and tax law. Other useful advisory team members might include a certified public accountant,

an insurance expert and a financial planner. Depending on family dynamics, a mediator may become a valuable member of the team.

Johnston said the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition is just one source of assistance with generational transition plan-

ning. A list of potential resources is provided in the Range Beef Cow Symposium proceedings.

Listen to Johnston's presentation, view her PowerPoint and read the proceedings accompanying her presentation in the Newsroom at www.rangebeefcow.com. Angus

Media provided coverage of the event thanks to sponsorship by Leachman Cattle of Colorado.

The Range Beef Cow Symposium XXVI was hosted Nov. 18-20 at the Mitchell Events Center at the Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds, Mitchell, Neb. Sponsored by the Co-

operative Extension Service and animal science departments of the University of Wyoming, South Dakota State University, Colorado State University and the University of Nebraska, the biennial symposium offers an educational program geared toward ranching in the West.



These young ladies were crowned Angus royalty and are pictured at the 2020 Kansas Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 25 in Hutchinson. From left are Kelsey Theis, Leavenworth, Kansas Angus ambassador; and Baylee Wulfkuhle, Berryton, Miss Kansas Angus.

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By Gary Fike, Riley County Extension Director
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is holding a "Rural Revitalization Conference - Focus on Rural Entrepreneurship" on Wednesday, February 26th at Leonardville at Frontage 109. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration, coffee and donuts, and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.
 The morning agenda will consist of speak-

ers who will share their knowledge in the area of business planning, grants, loans, and other programs available to rural entrepreneurs. Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers will open the conference with Governor Kelly's vision for Rural Prosperity. Karl Klein from the Small Business Development Center will talk about development

of a business plan; while Lynne Hinrichsen of USDA Rural Development will share with the group grant and loan programs available. Lunch will be served by the Farm House Restaurant from Riley and Olsburg, a rural entrepreneur. The afternoon program will consist of several business people who will share their ex-

periences, challenges, and successes as they ventured out on their own.
 Josh and Sarah Reasoner of RAZ Automotive in Riley, Drew Vennum of Blue Vista in Randolph; Scott Jacobs of Ember Woods in Riley, and Brice Ebert of Resource Real Estate Group in Manhattan have all been successful business owners and

developers in rural Kansas and will share their knowledge and experiences. The end of the day will feature a panel of these same speakers who can answer questions from the crowd.
 Registration is due Monday, February 24th, and the cost is \$30 per person and includes the noon lunch and refreshments. Please contact the Riley County K-State Research and Extension office at 785-537-6350 to register. Or, go online to <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/> for a complete schedule and register on that site.
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K-State's Tarpoﬀ: Plan now to assure successful calving season

Cattle producers who have not yet started the spring calving season still have time to plan ahead, and a Kansas State University veterinarian notes that could make a big difference in having a successful year.

"This is the time for a pre-emptive strike," said A.J. Tarpoﬀ, a beef veterinarian with K-State Research and Extension. "If you haven't started calving yet on your operation, now is the time to start thinking about what you can do to be ready."

Tarpoﬀ noted that producers need to make sure they have the necessary supplies on hand, which may require buying or repairing items and facilities. Then, he adds, set in motion a plan to manage the birth of the new calves.

"Calving books are a phenomenal tool," Tarpoﬀ said. "It could be just a little pocketbook where you write down who calved, when they calved, if there was difficulty, and whether it was a male or female coming out. There is a lot of information that we can capture about the birthing process so that we're able to make better decisions within our herd in the future."

One of the newer management techniques that can lead to successful calving is to feed cows at dusk. "There have been several research studies that show reliable results that a higher percentage of animals are born during daylight hours when we feed the cow in the late evening hours," Tarpoﬀ said.

Feeding late in the evening, he said, will help decrease midnight or early morning births, which are hard on workers and can

make the birth more complicated if there are difficulties.

Tarpoﬀ hosted a series of calving schools across Kansas over the last several weeks to help the state's producers be adequately prepared to bring in as many healthy animals as possible. The final session for this season was video-streamed on Facebook Live. A recording of that session can be seen on the K-State Research and Extension Facebook page.

One of his recommendations is that producers use a cooler to store tools and equipment: "On cold

days and nights, the cooler will help equipment to stay nice and warm. We can close it up and know that our equipment is not going to freeze," he said.

Tarpoﬀ said producers should check calving chains or obstetric straps for rust, sharp spots or fraying. He also suggests having multiple sets on hand in case there are multiple births at once. The straps should be cleaned, disinfected and hung to dry after each use.

"Once those straps are dried, put them in a closed container so that you don't re-contaminate them by

accident," he said. "Then, throw them back into your cooler kit."

Producers should have a meeting with their local veterinarian to discuss situations that may occur, and what medicine or other supplies may be needed to handle those. "They can prescribe the products you'll need and set you up to be a little more prepared," Tarpoﬀ said.

Producers can also contact their local Extension agent or visit KSUBeef.org for more information on getting prepared for spring calving.

How to handle a difficult calving situation

Tarpoﬀ shares the following steps for producers to follow if they experience a difficult calving situation:

During active calving. Once the cow's water bag breaks, assure that they are making adequate progress toward birth within an hour. Adequate progress means the calf is moving through the birth canal. If there seems to be no progress, it is time to intervene.

How long should I intervene? "First, figure out what is causing the problem," Tarpoﬀ said. "Usually the calf is not coming through the birth canal quite right." He said producers should try to inter-

vene for a half hour, gently manipulating the calf's head, legs or other parts through the birth canal.

Call for help. If problems persist beyond a half hour, call a veterinarian for help. "That's your best chance to get a live calf on the ground," Tarpoﬀ said.

"Don't hesitate to seek assistance when it's obvious you need it," Tarpoﬀ said. "For a lot of locations in Kansas, the veterinarian may not be five minutes away. They may be an hour away or they may be on another call. If you communicate with them that you're having an issue, you're trying to solve it but it's not going well, at least it gets it on their radar that they can get to your operation as soon as possible."



These ladies and gentlemen were elected to serve on the Kansas Angus Association board of directors and are pictured at the 2020 Kansas Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 25 in Hutchinson. Officers front row from left are John McCurry, Burrton, president; Clint Woodrow, Emporia, vice president; Jeff Klausmeyer, Wellington, treasurer; Anne Lampe, Scott City, secretary/manager; and Brandon New, Leavenworth, past president. Directors back row from left are Ben Williams, Hutchinson; Stephanie Dickerson, Paradise; Rick Cozzitorto, Olathe; Spencer Jones, Wamego; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland; and Elizabeth Perkins, Lorraine.

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The Guardians of the Fort Wallace Museum have been visiting gun shows selling raffle tickets for a once-in-most-lifetimes buffalo hunt. We were in Amarillo in December, Ulysses a couple of weeks ago, Garden City this weekend, Colby next month – and I'm not sure after that! We also sell books (and some

pretty nice buffalo skulls) to raise money for the museum. It is tremendous outreach for the museum and for *Around Kansas* as well. I am always pleasantly shocked by the folks who come up and say, "I watch you on TV!" or, "I read your column in *Grass and Grain!*"

Back to our buffalo

hunt: our theme at the Fort Wallace Museum this year is "Harvesting the Plains." Our symposium on March 14 (followed by Captain Keogh's Emerald Banquet) will feature speakers who talk about buffalo hunting and plants and animals and how the Plains Tribes and subsequent hunters and settlers used them. Among our speakers will be Henry Crawford, historian from Lubbock, Texas, and Sharon Fox from Manhattan. Michelle Martin is coming from Arizona to join us once again and will share some of the research that went into the *Prairie Table Cookbook* that she co-authored with Bill Kurtis. Call the museum at (785) 891-3564 or follow on Facebook for more information. We make histo-

ry and we have fun. Come join us!
In my recent travels, I was fortunate to make time for second-hand stores and book stores and I came back with a PILE of books! I have been rearranging my office for a few weeks now and had to totally rearrange to make room for more shelves. I rarely have the opportunity to read a book from cover to cover but mostly read sections, pieces of the stories I am researching. I also keep thinking that osmosis will kick in and I will absorb the knowledge by merely sitting in the middle of the room.

I'll let you know how it works.

Deb Goodrich is the host of the Around Kansas TV show and the Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200 in 2021. Message her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

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Whitefox Technologies is pleased to announce that Kansas Ethanol LLC is to install Whitefox ICE™ membrane dehydration system at its 77 million gallons per year (mmgy) plant in Lyons.

Mike Chisam, President, and CEO of Kansas Ethanol, said, "We are first and foremost pursuing avenues to reduce our operating costs and ways to lower our carbon intensity to capitalize on low-carbon fuel markets. We also want to improve our overall operations and de-bottleneck existing process units. After meeting with the team at Whitefox Technologies, we knew their system and team was the right one for us. We look forward to getting the system installed and running."

Stephan Blum, Whitefox Technologies chief technical officer, said, "Kansas Ethanol is already an efficient and well-managed plant. The addition of Whitefox ICE™ will further improve their overall efficiency in operations by eliminating recycle streams and fluctuations in distillation and dehydration. Whitefox ICETM will enable Kansas Ethanol to increase production by an average rate of 30,000 gallons per day. This increase, and the operational improvements will keep them highly competitive in low-carbon markets and have a positive impact on their bottom line."

Whitefox Technologies CEO Gillian Harrison said, "It's great to be working with the team at Kansas Ethanol to further improve their energy and operational efficiency. It will be our first plant in this important state and our ninth ICE solution. This takes us to over 100 mmgy of installed membrane capacity, which is an exciting milestone."

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February 17 (Monday) — 2,574 acres m/l of NE Geary County & W. Wabunsee County land consisting of pastureland, hayland, tillable farmland & excellent wildlife habitat held at Manhattan for A. Leroy Fechner Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 18 — 321.02 acres m/l Nemaha County farmland with excellent cover/wildlife habitat held at Goff. Auctioneers: Barnes Realty.

February 20 — 3.1 acres with older home held at St. George for Zarger Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

February 20 — 470 acres m/l of Lyon County land held at Osage City. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate, Great Plains Auction & Real Estate, Lance Fullerton.

February 21 & 22 — Selling Feb. 21 Antiques & collectibles including lightning rods, balls & weather vanes, plat books, belt buckle, pocket knives, crocks, glassware, household & furniture; Selling Feb. 22: Large toy auction including over 850 toys such as precision cars, die cast truck banks, race cars, tractor trailer rigs, cast iron toys, airplanes & more held at Clay Center for Delmer Kahrs Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service, Greg Kretz.

February 22 — Coins & currency including Morgans, 1803 half cent, Flying Eagle cent & more, collectibles, glassware, steins, Coalport mouse figurines, record albums, Atlas Perma-Guard & Mail pouch advertising thermometers, rare Jue De Course Horse Race game, mechanical banks & approx. 50 still banks, cast iron bookends & more held at Rossville for Smith Family & others. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

February 22 — 350+ lots of coins (1000+ coins) including Morgan & Peace dollars, Silver Eagle proofs, Walking Liberty halves, Mercury dimes, silver commemorative coins, mint & proof sets, 1871-S half dime & more held at McPherson for Terry & Karen Fay. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction & Triple K Auction.

February 22 — Pickup, garage, furniture, collectibles & household held at Canton for Dorothy Strickland Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

February 22 — Antiques, primitives, collectibles, furniture, guns, tools, appliances, household & more held at Portis for an estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

February 22 — Tools, shop items, mower, furniture, household, antiques & collectibles, lots of Harley-Davidson collectibles & more held at Herington for The Late Buck Buckner Estate & Debbie Buckner and Bob Kickhaefer retirement. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service, Bob Kickhaefer.

February 22 — 158.9 acres m/l of Republic County land including irrigated acres, native grass & home site acres held at Republic for Mark A. & Richard L. Stenson Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring, Mark Uhlik.

February 22 — Construction liquidation auction including trucks, trailer, construction tools & more held at Lawrence for Wempe Brothers Construction, Inc. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 22 & 23 — Selling 2-22: US Army pedal airplane, Buddy L & Keystone toy trucks & other toys & collectibles including comics, Majestic Junior stove, BB guns, duck collection, tins & much more; 2-23: Railroad & train items including large train clock, REA porcelain sign, UP porcelain sign & others, lanterns, Lionel, Great Western & more held at Salina for

Nelson Brougner Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 24 — Builder liquidation auction including 3 properties with unfinished homes & 1 building lot property held at Manhattan for Bank of the Flint Hills. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 25 — 6-bedroom, 3-bath home held in Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 26 — Tractors, dozer, trucks, pickups, 4 wheelers, trailers, equipment, shop parts on pallets, irrigation equipment, pinto bean equipment, oil & gas equipment & more held near Cope land for Withers Farm. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auction.

February 27 — 519 acres m/l of Flint Hills pasture & wildlife sold in 2 tracts in Chase County held at Florence for Circle 7 Ranch (Jerry & Micki Siebert). Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

February 27 — 45th Annual Production Sale held at Quinter for GG&T Cattle Company.

February 28 — Total Performance Bull sale held at Quinter for Jamison Herefords.

February 29 — Primitives & collectibles including railroad items, quilts, hundreds of pieces of jewelry, gold, sterling, toys, Hummels & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 29 — Farm retirement auction including combine, tractors, trucks, other equipment & misc. held near Zurich (live online bidding available) for the Allphin Family Living Trust #1. Auctioneers: Hamit Land & Auction, Inc.

February 29 — Combine, tractors, trucks & machinery held at Benton for Ron & Ginger Mauck. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

February 29 — Nice selection of firearms, vintage cartridge collection, firearm manufacturing posters & advertising, 300 vintage shotgun shell boxes, antiques, small display cabinets & more held at Abilene for Norman Bird (in conjunction with the Kiwanis pancake feed). Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

February 29 — 103 acres m/l of Northern Morris County including cropland & hayland held at Dwight for A.J. & Andrea Timm. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 29 — Bull sale at Wymore, Nebraska for Hurley Cattle.

March 1 — 18th Annual bull sale held at Wamego for Gold Bullion.

March 2 — Real Estate Auction held at Lyons. Auctioneers: Farms America, Jim Hollinger.

March 2 — 32nd Annual Lyons Ranch Superior Genetics Angus Bull Sale held at Manhattan for Lyons Ranch.

March 3 — 679 m/l contiguous acres of Pawnee County land held at Larned for William H. Howery II. Auctioneers: Carr Auction & Real Estate, Inc.

March 3 — 918 acres m/l of Riley County land including pasture, hay meadow, timber, stocked pond, spring fed creek, spring tanks, wildlife habitat, former homesite, buildings, pens & more sold in 2 tracts held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

March 4 — Rottinghaus Farm & industrial Consignment Auction held at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.

March 5 — 160 acres m/l of Anderson County farmland held at the farm at Harris for Don Jones Family. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

m/l in Lincoln & Russell County sold in 3 tracts & combinations held at Wilson. Auctioneers: Hall and Hall.

March 5 — Annual Bull Sale held at Courtland for Jensen Brothers.

March 6 — Tractor, combine, trucks, trailers, implements & equipment (excellent equipment) held at Benton for Darryl & Marsha Meyersick. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Land Brokers.

March 6 — 2,112 acres m/l of Wabunsee County cropland, CRP, pasture and wildlife habitat sold in 9 tracts held at Eskridge for Justin & Barbara Hill and Richard W. Porter. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 6 — 43rd Annual Legacy Sale held at Manhattan for K-State Legacy Sale.

March 7 — Semi truck, trailer, pickup, tractor, grain truck, firearms, cattle & farm equipment held at Leon for Kathy Wilson. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Land Brokers.

March 7 — Tractors, machinery, non-running tractors, machinery & trucks, antique tractors, threshers & machinery, livestock equipment, fuel barrels, shop tools & misc., guns, antiques & collectibles held at Clifton for Delmer Kahrs Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service, Greg Kretz with guest auctioneer Randy Reynolds.

March 7 — Farm dispersal including 80s JD 4320 dsl tractor, Westendorf front loader, 2014 Montana Mod. R2844 tractor w/loader, skid steers & other machinery held near Augusta. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.

March 7 & March 9 — selling (saturday) March 7: Livestock equipment including bunks & feeders, hay, feed oats, antique machinery & other antique items; selling (monday) March 9: large retirement high quality farm machinery auction including JD & International tractors, combines, full line of hay & farm machinery, semi & straight trucks held East of Westphalia for Kenneth W. Renyer Trust. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 7 — Coins held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions & Real Estate.

March 7 — Farm machinery, forklift, trailers, trucks, machinery, cattle equipment, miscellaneous, antiques & more held at Erie for Pat & Julia Johnson. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall & Mark Garretson.

March 7 — 160 acres m/l of Washington County farmland held at Linn for John B. & Sharon L. Ossmann Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Mark Uhlik, Jeff Dankenbring.

March 7 — Tractors, combine & swather, skid loader & machinery, trucks & more held North of Ionia for Bud & Jean Boden Trust No. 1. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 7 — Production sale held at Pawnee Rock for Loving Farms.

March 7 — Judd Ranch 42nd Gelbvieh, Balancer, & Red Angus Bull sale held at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

March 7 — Angus cattle including bulls, females, heifers held at Olsburg for Laffin Angus.

March 8 — 2 lots of Manhattan comprised of just about an acre with easy access to K-State and west Manhattan located at Manhattan for Dale & Bobbie Keyser. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 8 — 29th annual Limousin & LimFlex Production sale held at Liberty, Nebraska for Boyer Limousin.

March 9 — 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths split level home with all seasons room, 2

car garage, walkout basement & additional lot held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 9 — 2,185 acres m/l of Harper County highly productive crop acres, recreational possibilities held at Anthony. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

March 9 — Tegtmeier Polled Herefords 60th Annual Bull & Female Sale held at the farm near Burchard, Nebraska.

March 10 — Real Estate including the farmland tracts in Smith County with wildlife habitat; also selling personal property including tractors, combine & trucks, machinery, cattle equipment & more held South of Smith Center for Roy Bell Family. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 11 — 49.34 acres m/l of Ellsworth County farmland held at Vesper for Alsop Sand Co., Inc. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 11 — Angus Bull sale held at Haddam for Flat Iron Angus.

March 12 — Tractors, truck, combine & heads, machinery held at Odell, Nebraska for Herb & Marge Wollenburg. Auctioneers: Speckmann Realty & Auction Service, Inc.

March 12 — 232.7 acres m/l Marshall County, two tracts, home site and cropland held at Marysville for Glenna Galloway Estate. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Realty & Auction Co.

March 12 — Pasture in Western Clay County held at Miltonvale for Bill & Terri Bloomfield. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz salesman & auctioneer.

March 12 — Real Estate, Cloud County farmland sold in multiple tracts held at Concordia for Larry Crum Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 12 — 120 acres m/l of Shawnee County irrigated river bottom land for Meyer Family Properties, LLC. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.

March 12 — 19th Annual sale held at Manhattan for BJ Angus Genetics.

March 14 — Personal property held at Hanover for the Edwin & Myrtle Germeroth Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

March 14 — Firearms, ammo, farm toys & miscellaneous held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 14 — 121.6 acres m/l Marshall County farmland held at Marysville for Nick & Jennifer Keller. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring, Mark Uhlik.

March 14 — 160 acres m/l of Northwest Jackson County pasture & farmland with 5 bedroom, 2 bath 1999 Schult modular home with outbuildings to be offered in 3 tracts held

at Soldier for Edwin C. & Goldie N. Vance. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 14 — Equipment, trucks & salvage held at New Cambria for Don Janssen Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

March 15 — Cattleman's Choice Bull Sale held at Greenleaf.

March 15 — 23rd Annual Performance-Tested Angus Bull & Female Sale held at St. Joseph, Missouri selling fall & spring yearling bulls, cow/calf pairs and bred & open heifers for April Valley Farms.

March 18 — Cow sale held at Manhattan for Cline Cattle Company.

March 18 — Angus Production sale held at Overbrook for Woodbury Farms.

March 19 — 152 acres m/l of Dickinson County farmland held at Abilene for Sharlyn Reynolds. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction.

March 19 — 31st Annual Production sale held at Esbon for Benoit Angus Ranch.

March 20 — 24th Annual Production Sale held at Maple Hill for Sunflower Genetics.

March 21 — On Target Bull Sale held at Blue Rapids for Springhill Herefords & Alcove Cattle Company.

March 21 — Bull sale held at Geneseo for Janssen Red Angus.

March 23 — Oleen Brothers Production sale held at Dwight.

March 28 — 59.2 acres m/l of Republic County farmland & cropland held at Cuba for Lee King & Sherry McCune. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring & Mark Uhlik.

March 28 — Estate auction held at Lone Star for Carl & Peggy Silvers Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

March 28 — 85 firearms (majority excellent to new), tractors, dozer, Harley Davidson motorcycle, trailers, trucks, machinery, collectibles, salvage machinery & much more held at Ozawkie for Jerald & Ivan Flory. Auctioneers: Edgcomb Auctions.

March 28 — 69.8 acres m/l of Marshall County farmland held at Marysville for Matt & Megan Smith. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Jeff Dankenbring, Mark Uhlik.

March 28 — Tractors, combine, trucks & machinery, motorcycles, antiques, collectibles, tools & more held West of Clay Center for Clarence & Marjorie Urban Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 28 — Farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment, farm tools & misc. held at Durham for the annual farm machinery & farm misc. auction held in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Lepke Realty & Auction.

March 28 — Construction liquidation auction including a surplus of construction tools & other items held at St. George. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

March 28 — Hereford Production sale held at Haviland for Sandhill Farms.

March 31 — 320 acres Coffey County diversified farm property held at New Strawn for Clara R. Williams Trust. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions & Real Estate. Brian Landis & Victor Edelman.

April 4 — Signs, toys, trailer, etc. held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

April 4 — Farm machinery, antiques & collectibles, automobiles held at Minneapolis for Gerald Newell Estate. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

April 11 — Guns, household, appliances, shop tools & equipment, boat & accessories, livestock equipment, large assortment of mechanics tools & equipment held at Bennington for Bill Whitman. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

April 11 — Fink Beef Genetics Spring Angus and Charolais Bull Sale held at Randolph.

April 18 — Auction held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

April 18 — Antiques & household held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

April 18 — New Strawn Farm & Ranch Consignment Auction held at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty. Sales manager, Richard Newkirk.

April 25 — Farm auction held at Perry. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

May 2 — Estate auction held at Lawrence for Swallow Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

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