



What will it take to keep rural Kansas viable?

By **Donna Sullivan,**
Editor

On Wednesday, February 26, Riley County Research and Extension hosted a Rural Revitalization Conference with an emphasis on Rural Entrepreneurship. The event was held at Frontage 109 in Leonardville, which served as an example of successful rural entrepreneurship as Brian and Stacy Wurtz have remodeled an older building into a successful salon and event center.

Riley County Extension director Gary Fike welcomed attendees and used his hometown of Ramona as an illustration of the need for a conference of this nature. Comparing photos of yesteryear depicting a thriving downtown to those of today, when it, like many other small towns has seen decline, he said, "The question is what happened? What happened and how can we revitalize the communities we have and keep them alive? It's not going to look like it did sixty or eighty years ago, or even thirty or forty years ago. It's going to look different, but we want them to survive."

Headlining the event was Kansas Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers, who leads the Rural Prosperity Initiative started by Governor Laura Kelly. Kelly and Rogers created the Office of Rural Prosperity in 2019. It is a nonpartisan initiative designed to ensure that rural Kansas is heard and represented in the Statehouse. According to their website it is an effort to streamline rural policy and create an inventory of existing resources and initiatives while aiding in rural improvement efforts. It focuses on connecting the people of Kansas to other communities and state agencies.

"One of the things I discovered when we

first started on the campaign trail was that people often felt that rural Kansas wasn't being listened to," Rogers said. He recalled seeing businesses that had once been thriving parts of their communities now boarded up and closed. Revitalizing rural Kansas became a priority for both Rogers and Kelly.

The first step was a listening tour that eventually visited 44 cities and 23 counties. Rogers said he has covered more than 20,000 miles since their inauguration with a goal of helping existing resources work more effectively to meet the needs of people and communities, rather than as siloed entities. Their hope is not so much to take legislative action, but to work with existing agencies and programs to encourage coordinating cooperation between them.

He said they begin with three basic questions. First, what is prosperity? Universally people want good-paying jobs where they can raise a family in a community where there is a good quality of life. Secondly they asked, what are you doing right. "We heard a lot of great stories," Rogers said. "And we saw a lot of examples of the quality of life issues that these communities were looking at." And last they asked, what is standing in your way?

High property taxes, lack of broadband, affordable housing and childcare rose to the top of the list of concerns.

Addressing the high property taxes, Rogers pointed out the shrinking of both the population and tax base in the state. He said that for many years the state has shared revenue of about \$100 million with local taxing authorities. "We don't know where that's going to be in the legislature, but we feel



Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers spoke at the Rural Revitalization Conference hosted by Riley County Research and Extension. The event was held at Frontage 109 in Leonardville, a salon and event center owned by Brian and Stacy Wurtz.

Photos by Donna Sullivan

like that is a starting point to start addressing that, as well."

As for the topic of broadband, Rogers referenced a study done under Gov. Sam Brownback that indicated about 20% of Kansas doesn't have access to broadband. Gov. Kelly has a new ten-year transportation plan called Forward that includes a five-million-dollar grant program to expand broadband throughout the state. "That's not a lot of money," he conceded. "This would be a plan where a local WiFi provider would put some funding in themselves, we would put some state money in and there may be some other groups that would match it to expand where there isn't broadband or WiFi now."

"The second part of my job is to make sure I send a message to our urban cousins that rural Kansas is import-

ant," Rogers continued. He said he often hears from urban constituents that they are tired of carrying the load for rural Kansas. "But they don't," Rogers stated, citing research from Wichita State University that indicates a 1% increase in rural income translates to a matching increase in urban income, as well.

Also on the program was Lynne Hinrichsen, state USDA director, to discuss USDA Rural Development grant and loan opportunities. "I'm honored to be serving with this President and this secretary of agriculture," she said. "Because they are very focused on the prosperity of rural America. I can take it more personally because now I get to bring it to Kansas."

Hinrichsen said she was excited to see how much Kelly's Rural Prosperity Initiative mirrored what USDA's Rural Development

was doing. "When I saw that, I immediately contacted her office and said, let's work together because a lot of the initiatives you want to accomplish, we can help you get there."

More than \$227 billion



USDA state director Lynne Hinrichsen told the audience of the many programs available through USDA Rural Development.

Governor Laura Kelly proclaims March Biofuels Month in Kansas

Recognizing the many benefits biofuels provide to the state's economy, agricultural industry and environment, Governor Laura Kelly has proclaimed the month of March Biofuels Month in Kansas.

Support for renewable fuels flows from the governor's office through her cabinet as Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam praised the industry for its work providing

high-quality products to producers and consumers alike.

"Biofuels are a meaningful contributor to Kansas agriculture by adding value to the Kansas economy," Beam said. "The livestock industry appreciates the co-products biofuels provide in the form of DDGS and soybean meal, and consumers appreciate the clean-burning, affordable fuel choice. Biofuels are a meaningful partner in Kansas' efforts toward long-term, sustainable agricultural prosperity."

Currently in Kansas, 11 fuel-grade ethanol plants annually produce more than 600 million gallons of clean-burning renewable ethanol, worth nearly \$1 billion. These Kansas ethanol plants utilize 27 percent of all corn, and 30 percent of all grain sorghum grown in our state.

Similarly, biodiesel adds 63 cents per bushel to the value of Kansas soybeans. Kansas has one renewable diesel plant, and a state-of-the-art biodiesel plant opened in Wichita last year annually producing 60 million gallons of clean-burning biodiesel from locally grown

soybeans.

"Renew Kansas is thankful for the Governor's recognition of the Kansas biofuels industry which provides Kansans with a steady supply of renewable, affordable and environmentally-sound fuel with every fill-up." Renew Kansas Biofuels

Association president and CEO Ron Seeber said.

The biofuels industry in Kansas supports schools and local governments with annual property tax payments of more than \$10 million. The industry also provides Kansans with job opportunities as

the average processing plant employs an average of 45 people.

Kansas Corn, Kansas Grain Sorghum, Kansas Soybeans and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association all partnered with Kansas Department of Agriculture to form the coalition for Kelly to announce the statewide

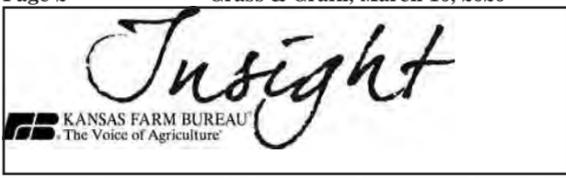
recognition of biofuels.

The aforementioned organizations will promote biofuels month through social media channels using the hashtag, #KSbiofuels, as well as disperse industry facts and statistics to media and stakeholders across the state.



Picture, back row from left are: Trae Green, Renew Kansas Biofuels Association; Kent Winter, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association President; Gary Reser, Kansas Soybean Association; Emily Koop, Kansas Corn; Brent Neibling, Kansas Soybean Association Board Member; Chad Epler, Kansas Corn Board Member. Front row: Kevin Kniebel, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association Board Member; Randy Stookey, Renew Kansas Biofuels Association; Nancy Dailey, Dailey Agriculture; Gov. Laura Kelly; Bill Pracht, East Kansas Agri-Energy & Renew Kansas Board Member; Ron Seeber, Renew Kansas Biofuels Association.

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Embrace Your Own Style

By Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

I was recently out of town for a week traveling to multiple locations in the country. My family stayed home to continue the day-to-day routines. While I was gone, our community's Daddy/Daughter Date Night took place. The event had been added onto our family calendar the day the flyer was sent home from school. It was the important topic of conversation during many

breakfasts and dinners in our kitchen for weeks leading up to the event. My four-year-old daughter, Isannah, obsessed over the idea of a Daddy/Daughter Date Night and all of the glamour associated with it. Her voice would instantly rise to an excitedly high-pitched squeak every time she'd mention the words "Daddy Daughter Date Night." She'd straighten her posture, walk on her tiptoes and prance around the house exclaiming she

was going on a fancy date. She also made sure to routinely remind my husband that he, in fact, would be available to take her, and it was going to be fabulous. Both of my children have benefitted from hand-me-downs over the years. With multiple older cousins who grow fast, we've been able to add many outfits into the kids' closets for a new lease on life. Isannah has especially benefited from having an older, stylish girl cousin who routinely sends beautiful clothes to be worn again by my girl. We have established quite a collection of holiday dresses, party dresses and princess dresses thanks to this wardrobe sharing agreement.

When my daughter first presented the handout detailing the Daddy/Daughter Date Night event, I knew we wouldn't need to go dress shopping because we have plenty of options at home. As the special night approached, I was out of town. I worried I wouldn't be home to do my daughter's hair, let alone help her pick out her dress for this clearly momentous event in my little girl's life. Nonetheless, my girl proved she didn't necessarily need me to be there to help when I received a text message from my mother-in-law with an attached picture. The image showed my little girl sitting on her daddy's lap with a bright smile before leaving for

her date night. She had selected her dress and all of the accessories, and you could tell she was proud to have personally selected her date night outfit all by herself. You could tell she knew that she was going to be the fanciest little girl at the dance. The dress she chose to wear was not one of her cousin's fancy, princess-like dresses I had anticipated she'd choose. Instead, it was a beautiful black dress with red ruffles and polka dots I had purchased for her while I was in Madrid, Spain, last year. The "flamingo dress," as she refers to it, was accessorized with a beautiful red flower hair clip, grey yoga pants and athletic shoes. It was the exact same outfit she ex-

citedly wore in October... for Halloween! While I'm sure this will not be the mindset my daughter will have when it comes to prom dresses many years from now, I can't help but smile whenever I think of how Isannah approached this special night by embracing her own style — obviously without the help of her parents — and totally and fabulously nailing it while enjoying a special evening out with her daddy! "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.

KDA announces Riparian Quality Enhancement Initiative

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation announces updates to the Riparian Quality Enhancement Initiative (RQEI) to provide financial assistance for the enhancement of riparian areas, the vegetation and habitats along rivers and streams. This initiative is open to all counties located in the Kansas Association for Conservation District Areas III, IV and V. This initiative will support practices that serve to increase, enhance and protect riparian areas and provide

the benefits of decreased sedimentation, improved water quality and quantity, and enhanced wildlife habitat. Practices will be eligible for 80 percent cost share, up to an annual landowner limit of \$10,000; funding will be through the Riparian and Wetland Protection Program. Applications are available at Conservation District offices, and interested producers should complete the application in consultation with their local Conservation District and the Kansas Forest Service. Applications

for the RQEI will be due by April 30 and then they will reopen on July 1. For a full list of practices that can be included in the RQEI initiative, a map of the targeted watersheds, and additional program guidance, along with a link to contact information for Kansas Conservation Districts, go to www.agriculture.ks.gov/Riparian. For more information about the RQEI, contact Tim McCoy at the KDA Division of Conservation, 785-564-6624 or Tim.McCoy@ks.gov.

Study: Microplastics can be harmful to farm crops

A Kansas State University crop physiologist has found that plastic products — which are well known to cause negative impacts on fish and other aquatic animals — also have an adverse effect on land-based organisms, such as farm crops. Mary Beth Kirkham, University Distinguished Professor in agronomy who specializes in the relationship between soil, plants and water, said that fact should throw caution to such industries as agriculture in which plastic products are part of doing business. "Ideally, plastics should break down into water and

carbon dioxide, which are two very innocuous (harmless) molecules," Kirkham said. "But studies have shown that the plastics we use just don't break down. Micro-organisms just have not yet evolved to break down the plastics." In a greenhouse experiment with wheat, Kirkham showed that the presence of tiny particles of plastic in soil caused water to pool up on the surface and the flooded conditions prevented oxygen from getting to a plant's roots. She also found that plastic serves as a vector (or vehicle) for plant uptake of such toxic materials as cadmium.

"Many plants died in the month-long experiment," Kirkham said. "In the plants where cadmium was in the soil with plastic, the wheat leaves had much, much more cadmium than in the plants that grew without plastic in the soil." Kirkham explained that plastic is used in agriculture in many ways, commonly as plastic mulch in fields to warm soil in the spring, or to keep weeds out during growing seasons. Greenhouses often are made of plastic material, and fertilizer bags are often made of plastic. "On the farm, eventually that plastic will break

down (due to ultraviolet light, temperature or wind) into what we call microplastics, or very small particles that settle in the soil," Kirkham said. "So we end up with all of these tiny particles that remain in the soil or move into the aquatic environment." In the ocean, fish eat plastic particles, eventually causing them to die. On land, microplastics build up to form a barrier against water infiltration, or they might attract toxic materials to the plant's roots. "I know it's a drastic statement to say," Kirkham said, "but we just need to get rid of plastics in the environment, be-

cause they are never going to break down. They are around forever." Plastics used in agriculture are less likely to be recycled, Kirkham said, because residue that is left on such products as fertilizer bags and plastic mulch is hard to clean and, thus, is costly. Instead, she said, it might be beneficial to simply reduce the use of plastic materials and products, when possible. "I do think it would be beneficial in growing plants, as well as for the whole environment," Kirkham said. Kirkham has recently co-edited a book, titled *Particulate Plastics in Terrestrial and Aquatic Envi-*

ronments, which will be published by CRC Press later this year. She said her work on that project raised her overall concern about plastic in the world's environment. "The problem with all of our plastics in the United States is that we used to ship them off to China, but China and a lot of other countries won't accept them any more," Kirkham said. "All of this plastic is being shipped back to the United States. We are going to have to find a way to get rid of our plastics. And so far, we don't have it."



I find it amazing how complicated and drawn-out I can make even the simplest of tasks. This morning I decided that I finally was done with two tires that had slow leaks. One was on the box blade and one on my UTV. I had been making do with both; the UTV was good for at least two days and then needed air and the box blade was good for an hour, maybe two.

out from the shop and bring the battery charger out. A few minutes of charging and the tractor started right up. I put the wheels down on the blade and went to work. The wheel still wanted to turn; I was going to have to air the tire up to be able to create enough down pressure. That required wheeling the air compressor out to the blade.

The string of nice, sunny and most importantly, dry days made it so I could do some maintenance on the driveways and paths that have gotten rutted up during the winter. Some of them were close to bottoming out my pickup and UTV. A couple of hours and I could have them fixed and we had several dry days forecasted and everything should be able to heal up a little. A simple task, right? Nothing is simple in my world. So back to the tires. I am also about to go out of town for a few days, leaving Jennifer with chores, and I wanted to make things as easy as possible and that included not needing to worry about airing up the UTV tire. I also wanted to fix the ruts and not have to worry about the tire on the blade while I was doing that so I thought I should kill two birds with one stone and get the tires fixed. A novel idea, I believe is what my wife said.

The tire was aired up and I applied down pressure to the rusty lug nuts. This was further proof that a diet was a bad idea for me because any less down pressure and I would not have broken the lug nuts loose. Each lug nut fought me the entire way off and it seemed like forever to get them loose. Finally, the tire was off and on the back of the pickup. That only took an hour and half the equipment and extension cords I owned. This is why I live with slow leaks on tires. Thankfully the tire came off the UTV much easier and quicker and I made my way to town. When the guy at the tire shop looked at the tire from the blade he laughed and said he hoped that one would hold air because he hadn't seen that size in over twenty years. Oh, and by the way, the guys in the back were overwhelmed with tires and it was going to be a couple of hours, at least, before they could get to mine.

I bet I am not alone when it comes to dealing with slow leaks instead of taking tires off and fixing them. It is for good reason too; often it takes as long to get them fixed as it does to just deal with them. So back to my tire problems. I decided to start with the blade. The tire is easy to get to and should not have been hard to take off.

So, let me review things for you. I could have spent ten minutes airing tires up and gotten what I needed to do done. Instead, I spent two hours to find out I needed to wait another two hours, at least, to put the tire back on and get to what I needed to get done. A two-hour job was now up to six hours and counting and it did not look like I would even get to start working on the ruts today.

Apparently, it had been a while since the tire had been removed. The lug nuts were rusty and required a lot of penetrating oil and down pressure. Fortunately, I have plenty of both. Unfortunately, the tire was off the ground and only wanted to turn. The easy solution was to start the tractor, put the wheels down and apply the correct amount of force.

I know that it will all pay off in the long term, when I don't have to worry about remembering to air up both tires or worse, have a flat in a bad place and have to change it there. However, in the short term it seemed like just putting air in either tire would have been a much faster solution. But, then again, who knows how long it might have taken me to do something simple like put air in a tire?

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"I was already overstoked, overworked and overdrawn. Now he says I'm overloaded!"

Crops, Cookin' & Conversation Workshop to be held April 15

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District will partner with the K-State Research and Extension Service of Pottawatomie County to host a workshop Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Flush. A free meal sponsored by Ag Partners Co-op will be served. Speakers include Debbie Lyons-Blythe with the title of "Farming Sustainability/Marketing/Transitioning;" Megan Dougherty, "Electric Pressure Cooker Presentation;" and Dale Strickler, "Cover Crops/Soil Health." Child-care is available. Save your spot for the event by April 10 by calling the District at (785) 457-3398 or the Extension at (785) 457-3319 or online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu.

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Ken Horton named 2019 Premier Seed Grower by KCIA

Ken Horton of Leoti was awarded the title of Premier Seed Grower for 2019 by Kansas Crop Improvement Association on February 19th at the annual Seed and Crops Conference held in Manhattan.

Horton began producing and selling certified seed in 2003 as a way to diversify the farm without taking away from the focus of using top quality farming practices. He attended KCIA meetings and



Ken Horton, left, receives the Premier Seed Grower award from KCIA board president Mike Sieck.

solicited the help of KCIA staff to learn the procedures for producing certified seed and has earned a reputation for selling quality seed and dealing with customers with honesty and integrity. Ken farms with his wife Toni, and sons Rick, Alec, and Matt. His daughter Meaghan is a dental hygienist in the Leoti area. His sons also farm and operate a KCIA Approved Portable Conditioner as a part of

RAM Enterprises. The Premier Seed Grower award was presented by KCIA board president Mike Sieck. Since its inception in 1930, 167 Premier Seed Grower awards have been presented by Kansas Crop Improvement Association (KCIA). To qualify for the award, the recipient must have several years of experience as a certified seed producer, with certified seed being a major com-

ponent of their business, must exhibit quality consciousness in all production and sales practices, and must be involved in public service activities. Recipients are selected by ballot with previous year's honorees casting the votes. For further information, call Kansas Crop Improvement Association at 785-532-6118, visit www.kscrop.org, or e-mail kscrop@kansas.net

KDA to host Livestock Export Seminars in April

A global need for quality breeding stock and genetics is creating market opportunities for Kansas livestock producers. To meet the growing demand, the Kansas Department of Agriculture will host two livestock export seminars featuring industry experts in exporting livestock and genetics. The seminars will be held on Thursday, April 2, in Hays and on Friday, April 3, in Manhattan.

Participants should expect to learn about export strategies as well as gain an understanding of export financing and regulatory requirements. "The agenda will include a variety of topics, including technical information needed to enter the export market. Producers will learn about tools they need to take advantage of global market opportunities," explained KDA international trade director

Suzanne Ryan-Numrich. Exports are an important part of the Kansas economy. In 2018, over \$3.8 billion dollars of agricultural goods were shipped around the globe to 74 different countries.

"These export seminars are a great way to expand opportunities for communities and small businesses as they focus on growth and we build upon rural prosperity across the state of Kansas," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. "Agricultural growth plays a big role in rural revitalization and the health of the Kansas economy, as agriculture contributes nearly \$66 billion to the Kansas economy." Beam added that information and education help Kansas' small and rural agribusinesses serve

as economic engines for their communities.

The livestock export seminars will be held on April 2 in Hays and April 3 in Manhattan, and there is no cost to attend. Registration is now open and includes a meal; however, meals will only be guaranteed to those participants who register by March 27. Find out more and register at: agriculture.ks.gov/international.

The KDA Division of Agriculture Marketing received a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant to help fund these workshops. Established in the 2014 Farm Bill, USDA's Rural Business Development Grant program is a program intended to help with technical assistance, training and other activ-

ities to allow small businesses in rural areas to expand.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy including the further development and expansion of marketing opportunities for agricultural goods and services around the globe.

KDA is offering two upcoming opportunities for Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses to participate in State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant trade missions: VIC-TAM Asia/Petfood Forum Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, March 24-26; and NAMPO Harvest Day, Bothaville, South Africa, May 12-15.

Additional trade missions for seedstock producers are tentatively scheduled for 2020 including to Aguascalientes, Mexico, April 23-27; Argentina, late

July; and Costa Rica, late August. Interested persons should contact Ryan-Numrich at suzanne.numrich@ks.gov or 785-564-6704.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh, Wins Weekly Grass & Grain Recipe Contest Prize

Winner Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
HAM CASSEROLE

8-ounce package egg noodles, cooked
2 cups fully cooked ham, cubed
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1 can cream celery soup
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion

Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix all ingredients together and put in casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.
NOTE: You can substitute frozen peas for the peppers if you want.

Annette Reilly, Abilene:
"I enjoy tossing foods together to create tasty meals. Hope this is as enjoyable to you as it was for my family."
CREAMY TURKEY NOODLE SOUP

2 quarts chicken broth
1/2 pound carrots, diced
4 ribs celery, diced
1/4 cup dehydrated onion
12-ounce package dry egg noodles
10.5-ounce can cream of celery soup
10.5-ounce can cream of chicken soup
2 cups diced turkey
Black pepper, to taste
Shredded Cheddar cheese

In a 5- to 6-quart stock pot or Dutch oven bring broth to a boil. Add carrots, celery, onion and dry noodles. Stir to blend. Add cream soups and diced turkey. Simmer until vegetables are tender and broth thickened, about 20 minutes. Serve when vegetables are tender-crisp or soft. Stir often to prevent noodles from sticking. Sprinkle with black pepper and Cheddar cheese on each bowl at serving. A relish plate accompanies well and saltines.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
PARMESAN ROASTED POTATOES

1 1/2 pounds baby red potatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons onion powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl stir all ingredients until well combined. Spread in an even layer onto prepared pan. Cover with foil. Bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and stir; bake until golden brown and tender, 15-20 minutes more. Serve immediately.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos:
APPLE BLONDIES

3/4 cup butter, melted
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3 teaspoons vanilla extract
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
3 cups flour
3 cups diced apples (tart varieties work best)
1 cup chopped walnuts, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment paper, leaving a 2-inch overhang on opposite sides. In a large bowl mix together butter and sugars. Add eggs

and vanilla. In another large bowl whisk cinnamon, salt, baking powder and flour until well-combined. Add to sugar mixture and mix well. Batter will be thick. Stir in apples and walnuts, if using (the moisture in the apples will thin the batter to a brownie-like consistency). Spread batter in prepared pan, pushing it into the corners and smoothing the top. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out mostly clean with just a few crumbs clinging to it. Cool completely in pan then lift out and cut into bite-sized bars. Yields: about 3 dozen.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
GLAZED GREEN BEANS

1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
2 cups thawed frozen green beans
1 minced garlic clove
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
HAM & NOODLE CASSEROLE

1/2 pound cooked diced ham
1/2 pound cheese, cut up
1/4 cup diced green pepper
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 can cream chicken soup
1 1/2 cups water
6-ounce package dry noodles
Salt & pepper

Mix all together. Put in buttered baking dish and bake for one hour at 350 degrees.

Food Safety Expert: Color Not Always Indicator Of Safe Ground Beef

MANHATTAN - Consumers who purchase ground beef from the grocery store expect the meat to be bright red, but sometimes the product may have a brown or purple color to it. The off-color doesn't automatically mean that the ground beef is bad, says K-State Research and Extension food safety specialist Karen Blakeslee. The differences in color usually indicate the amount of oxygen that is present in the product, as well as how long and what temperature the meat has been stored.

"Meat color is the first thing consumers look at for freshness," Blakeslee said. "The color differences are due to changes in the natural color pigments, enzyme activity, and how much oxygen is present."

After grinding, the surface of beef appears bright red, which is likely the point when the product contains the most oxygen. As oxygen decreases, uncooked ground beef will slowly change to dull red to tan and eventually brown.

Those changes occur primarily because of a loss of oxygen. Packaging slows the loss of oxygen, but the change in color continues to occur even if the product is stored in a refrigerator or other cold area.

Ground beef can maintain a bright red color internally even if the surface is brown.

Once the product is in the consumer's home, Blakeslee said that one simple way to know if brown meat is still safe to cook and eat is to smell it. If it smells fresh, and the "freeze" or "consume by" date is current, then it's probably okay to consume.

However, consumers may also choose to follow another common guideline: When in doubt, throw it out.

"Your nose can be one guide to food safety," Blakeslee said. "If the meat no longer smells fresh, it should be thrown away. If you cannot use fresh ground meat before the date on the package, freeze it for later use."

Blakeslee added that when cooking any ground meat, including beef, pork and lamb, always use a food thermometer to check for doneness; the color of the meat is not an indicator of doneness. Ground meat should reach a minimum temperature of 160 degrees F, she said.

K-State Research and Extension has published a fact sheet, called Fresh Ground Beef Color: A Consumer Guide, that will help consumers make good decisions about the safety of ground beef.

Blakeslee also publishes regular food safety tips and information online through the Extension Food Safety website at Kansas State University.



Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon

Growing up on Carlyon Road there wasn't much changing other than the seasons. When people moved out there, they tended to stay; it's a close-knit neighborhood where everyone knows everyone and while everyone tends to keep to themselves they also consider themselves a part of your extended family; they've known you since you were born, after all.

For as long as I can remember, my parents have been lucky enough to bless us with some amazing extended family members. One of those sets came in the form of Raymond and Ruth Weber. They have lived across from my parents for as long as I can remember.

Ruth and Ray have always held a special place in our hearts; Ruth was one of my grandma's favorite people and she loved to spend time with her. Sadly, we lost Ruth a couple of years ago, but Ray rallied and let me tell you, he was an extraordinary man and not just because of his gardening abilities.

I don't think I fully realized how amazing Ray was until my nieces came into this world. I didn't know it was possible for someone to love so deeply with no "blood" connection, but he did. He loved those two little girls like they were his own granddaughters and I can assure you, they loved him just as much.

Mika was the first born. She is a firecracker, much like Ray. She liked him instantly asking about him frequently. They were fast friends. Mika has always had the ability to draw people in, but I especially saw this with Ray, and I think it's because she loved him so dearly. She is only three and much too young to understand that Ray isn't "actual family," so for her, from day one, he very much was. He was just another grandpa figure to her.

Ray loved to garden and grew some of the tastiest tomatoes and cucumbers that you could possibly eat. He always made a point to save some for Mika, but what she loved even more than that was going to pick them with

Ray. She wanted that interaction, she wanted that time with him, quite possibly secretly hoping for a ride on his lawn mower. When someone would run him Sunday night family supper, Mika was always quick to question how he was doing as soon as they walked back in the door, she wanted to know, she adored him.

Chloe came along fourteen months after Mika and couldn't be more different. She is more reserved than Mika, but she also was quite fond of Ray. She and Ray were buddies, Ray always gave her candy and if there is one thing to know about Chloe it is that food is the way to her heart! She loved to fill her pockets full of Ray's candy and then show them anyone and everyone who would take a minute to look or listen.

As time went on, age and cancer started to take a hold of Ray, and although he wasn't up for visitors, Mika and Chloe were always up to send him a picture and always determined to give him some goodies when we baked together. On February 28, we lost our dear friend and more importantly a piece of our family in the form of Ray.

There will never be enough words to thank him for everything he did for us, but most importantly for what he did for my nieces. He loved them without question and always made them feel like the most important people in the room and I can assure you that although they might be young, every time they go past his property, they will look for his wave and his smiling face and remember him with so much love in their hearts. Ray, it's an understatement to say this, but you will be missed.

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

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K-State experts say washing hands frequently is among best defense

MANHATTAN — As Americans brace for the impact of the new coronavirus in the United States, a pair of Kansas State University specialists say the best defense against the emerging threat may be one of the most simple.

"If you're feeling panicked about the coronavirus — or not — go wash your hands," said Erin Yelland, a K-State Research and Extension specialist in adult development and aging. "That is truly one of the best preventative actions we can take."

In fact, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the country's leading medical authority on emerging health threats, lists hand-washing at the top of a short list of preventative steps Americans can take toward COVID-19, which is the particular strain of coronavirus now in the news.

The CDC's recommendations include:

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth with your sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Seek medical care for fever, cough or difficulty breathing.

In addition, experts are encouraging Americans to avoid close contact with people who are sick and to disinfect surfaces and ob-

jects that are touched frequently. Those who feel sick should stay home or seek medical care immediately.

"Preventing sickness from this particular virus is like a lot of other respiratory viruses that circulate this time of year," said Londa Nwadike, a food safety specialist whose academic background is in public health. "The same steps we have taken to prevent getting the flu are important for stopping this virus, as well."

Nwadike said reports of coronavirus in the U.S. is not cause for panic, but should be taken seriously. She said that Americans should routinely read updates and information from the CDC, and in Kansas, from the Kansas Department of the Health and Environment.

"For a lot of things, it's good to be prepared, whether it's coronavirus or influenza or anything else," Nwadike said. "Do things based on science, not just because everyone else is doing it."

Yelland urged older adults to be especially attentive to taking care of themselves.

"Older adults are at heightened risk of complications from many illnesses — such as the flu, pneumonia, norovirus, and coronavirus — and need to take appropriate precautions," she said. "Taking these precautions is something we should be doing every day, not just

when there is a global issue. In such institutional settings as nursing homes, the precautions are very much the same: wash your hands, limit visitation from sick family members, and group people who are ill in the same area or wing."

Yelland cited a recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association that indicated the fatality rate of coronavirus in China was 1% to 2%. "However, the fatality rate is as high as 8% to 15% among older adults in China," she said.

"But higher fatality rates are not only limited to the coronavirus; 0.1% of the population that gets the flu in America will die from it, and 90% of those deaths are among adults 65 and older," Yelland said. "Age is clearly a huge risk factor for complications, hospitalizations and death from many viruses and illnesses. As such, older adults must be diligent in their hand-washing, staying away from others who are sick, and staying up-to-date on all vaccinations, including their yearly flu shot."

The CDC has published a fact sheet (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about>) to answer additional questions about coronavirus. Persons with any doubts on whether they have been sickened by the coronavirus should seek medical assistance.

March Is National Nutrition Month: Eat Healthy On A Budget

By Tyler Johnson, Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program Agent, Wildcat Extension District

Welcome to March! You might see or hear more about nutrition this month than usual. March is National Nutrition Month. Participate in some of the healthy eating habits being promoted this month. I encourage you to find a habit or two to continue in the months to come. In order to eat healthy, you need to prepare yourself in many ways. One is to have plenty of healthy food within reach. Many people think eating healthy costs a lot. There are ways to keep the costs low while eating healthy.

How to Eat Healthy on a Budget?

There are many different ways to eat healthy on a budget. I am going to describe some ways to eat healthy on whatever budget you want to set. One of the best ways to eat healthy on a budget is to cook more at home. If you do not think you have time, cook larger portions when you have time and save some for later or use it as on-the-

go meals. Before you do this, you need to know how to shop healthy on a budget. This takes two steps. First, you need to plan out your meals. By planning out your meals, you will know what you need to make the meals. After this is figured out, prepare to shop. Preparing to shop involves making a grocery list. Once the grocery list is put together, look to see if there are coupons for grocery items on your list. You can find tools to help with your meal planning and grocery list at <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/eathealthy/budget>.

The second step in eating healthy on a budget is knowing some tricks to shop smart. These are; stick to your grocery list, do not shop when you are hungry, look for items on sale (but check the unit price), buy whole foods (check the label), buy generic brands, buy cheaper cuts of meat, replace meat with other sources of protein (i.e. beans, eggs, etc.), buy produce that is in season, and buy in bulk.

One final way to eat healthy

on a budget is to change the way you think about some things you eat. Instead of buying sauces, dressings, dips, soups, etc., make them. By making your own items, you save money, control how healthy the item is, and you can tailor it to your own taste. Another way to change the way you think about what you eat is by adding more nutrition to the meal. Look for creative ways to add more vegetables and fruits to your daily routine. Start your morning with a veggie omelet or a bowl of oatmeal with fresh fruit and nuts.

Please contact me to schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Tyler Johnson, tajohnson120@ksu.edu, or by calling 620-232-1930.



By Ashleigh Krispense

This is a great dish to whip together when you need something with a little extra "kick." (But be sure to keep a glass of milk on hand!) You can adjust the amount of jalapeños to suit your taste.

- Cheesy, Hot Corn Dip**
 14-ounce bag frozen corn
 8-ounce block cream cheese
 1 1/2 cups sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
 2 jalapeños, diced
 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.



In a large bowl mix all of the ingredients together well. Spread out in a greased pie plate or baking dish.



Bake for 30 minutes (stirring a couple of times) or until heated through and starting to brown.

Serve with tortillas chips or crackers. Enjoy!

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and blogger for her website, *Prairie Gal Cookin'* (www.prairiegal-cookin.com).

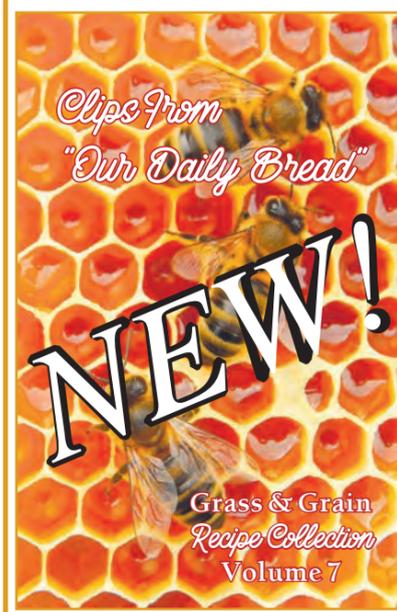
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In honor of National FFA Week, Feb. 22-29, 2020, Rabo AgriFinance announced more than \$10,000 in donations to seven local FFA chapters in Kansas. The ag lender organized and hosted the Fore FFA Golf Tournament, which raised the funds for the donations. All the money raised, after tournament expenses, went directly to the FFA chapters.

Thirteen teams competed in the tournament in October at the Golf Club at Southwind near Garden City. "What started as a plan to host clients for the day in southwest Kansas turned into an event for a good cause with huge support from other local business and agricultural employers," said Mark Sorensen, senior relationship manager with Rabo AgriFinance.

Winning teams of the tournament selected local FFA chapters to receive the donations. Rabo AgriFinance employees delivered donation checks to

chapters in: Ashland, Garden City, Maize, Randolph, Scott City, Syracuse and Tribune.

"Our first try at a golf tournament in Kansas was a huge success. We had a great turnout both financially and by number of golfers. It speaks to our community's passion for the future of agriculture," said Gretchen White, a managing director for Rabo AgriFinance. "We are hopeful that the money donated has a significant impact for the young adults engaged in the FFA chapters."

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USDA announces details of risk management programs for hemp producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced the availability of two programs that protect hemp producers' crops from natural disasters. A pilot hemp insurance program through Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) provides coverage against loss of yield because of insurable causes of loss for hemp grown for fiber, grain or Cannabidiol (CBD) oil and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage protects against losses associated with lower yields, destroyed crops or prevented planting where no permanent federal crop insurance program is available. Producers may apply now, and the deadline to sign up for both programs is March 16, 2020.

"We are pleased to offer these coverages to hemp producers. Hemp offers new economic opportunities for our farmers, and they are anxious for a way to protect their product in the event of a natural disaster," said Farm Production and Conservation Undersecretary Bill Northey.

Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Pilot Program

Insurance Pilot Program

The MPCI pilot insurance is a new crop insurance option for hemp producers in select counties of 21 states for the 2020 crop year. The program is available for eligible producers in certain counties in Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. Information on eligible counties is accessible through the USDA Risk Management Agency's Actuarial Information Browser.

Among other requirements, to be eligible for the pilot program, a hemp producer must have at least one year of history producing the crop and have a contract for the sale of the insured hemp. In addition, the minimum acreage requirement is five acres for CBD and 20 acres for grain and fiber. Hemp will not qualify for replant payments or prevented plant payments under MPCI.

This pilot insurance

coverage is available to hemp growers in addition to revenue protection for hemp offered under the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection plan of insurance. Also, beginning with the 2021 crop year, hemp will be insurable under the Nursery crop insurance program and the Nursery Value Select pilot crop insurance program. Under both nursery programs, hemp will be insurable if grown in containers and in accordance with federal regulations, any applicable state or tribal laws and terms of the crop insurance policy.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

NAP provides coverage against loss for hemp grown for fiber, grain, seed or CBD for the 2020 crop year where no permanent federal crop insurance program is available.

NAP basic 50/55 coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Buy-up coverage is available in some cases. The 2018 Farm Bill allows for buy-up levels of NAP coverage from 50 to 65 percent of

expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Premiums apply for buy-up coverage.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Eligibility Requirements

Under a regulation authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and issued in October 2019, all growers must have a license to grow hemp and must comply with applicable state, tribal or federal regulations or operate under a state or university research pilot, as authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

Producers must report hemp acreage to FSA after planting to comply with federal and state law enforcement. The Farm Bill defines hemp as containing 0.3 percent or less tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry-weight basis. Hemp having THC above the federal statutory compliance level of 0.3 percent is an uninsurable or ineligible cause of loss and will result in the hemp production being ineligible for production

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For more information on USDA risk management programs for hemp producers, visit farmers.gov/hemp to read our frequently asked questions.

For more information on the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program, visit USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services' website to read their frequently asked questions.

USDA to open sign-up March 16 for Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands

Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands sign-up beginning March 16. The sign-up runs through May 15.

"Through this CRP Grasslands sign-up, farmers and ranchers can protect grasslands, rangelands and pastures, while maintaining the land as working grazing lands," said Richard Fordyce, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "The program emphasizes support for grazing operations and plant and animal biodiversity, while protecting land under the greatest threat of conversion or development."

Through CRP Grasslands, participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing

or harvesting seed from the enrolled land. Timing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nesting season of birds.

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. The duration of the CRP contract is either ten or 15 years. FSA will rank

applications using a number of factors including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland, and predominance of native species cover, and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside two million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. CRP is one of the largest conservation programs at USDA. CRP

marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 22 million acres currently enrolled.

For more information or to enroll in CRP Grasslands, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.



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Grass & Grain, March 10, 2020
Optimism about current conditions pushes farmer sentiment index to all-time high

Producers' perception of improved current conditions in the agricultural economy pushed the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer to all-time record highs. The barometer rose to 168 in February, an increase of one point from January, and was up 18 points since December.

This month's increase was attributable to an improvement in the Index of Current Conditions, which rose 12 points from January to a reading of 154. Meanwhile, the Index of Future Expectations fell

just 4 points below the record high set in January to a reading of 175. The Ag Economy Barometer is based on a mid-month survey (Feb. 10-14) of 400 U.S. agricultural producers.

"Almost across the board, producers indicated they were more optimistic about current conditions on their farms and in U.S. agriculture, and retained most of the improvement in future expectations exhibited in January," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue Uni-

versity's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Optimism about the agricultural trade outlook was underpinned by recent trade agreements and appeared to be the primary driver behind the improvement in sentiment."

To understand whether USMCA and the China Phase One agreements impacted sentiment, producers were asked if the agreements relieved their concerns about the effect of tariffs on their farms' income. Over three-fourths (76%) of respondents said the agreements either

"somewhat" (69%) or "completely" (7%) relieved their concerns, while 17% chose "not at all" as their response.

Although some voiced concerns about the possible impact of the COVID-19 virus on agricultural trade in mid-February, when the survey was conducted, producers remained relatively optimistic about the resumption of trade with China. The percentage of producers expecting the soybean trade dispute to be settled soon, which peaked at 69% in January, declined to 61% in February; however, it was still the second most positive response since the question was first posed in March of 2019. Producers also remained optimistic that the trade dispute will be resolved in a way that's favorable to U.S. agriculture, with 80% expecting an outcome that is ultimately positive for U.S. agriculture.

"As the COVID-19 virus footprint continues to expand, it remains to be seen whether it will impact farmer sentiment at home," Mintert said.

Expectations for an improvement in farm-land values also rose to an all-time high in Feb-

ruary. When asked to look ahead five years, 59% of producers said they expect farmland values to rise, up from 50% in January. This was the most positive response to the question since data collection began in 2015. There also was a somewhat more optimistic outlook with respect to making large farm investments. The Farm Capital Investment Index rose from a reading of 68 in January to 72 in February.

The March 16 sign-up deadline for producers to make their program choice under the 2018 Farm Bill is looming. This month's survey focused on the program choice intentions of producers who grew soybeans in 2019. Four out of 10 (37%) said they were still uncertain regarding which program they would choose. Meanwhile, nearly 40% of respondents said they planned to choose the ARC-County program, the most popular program under the 2014 Farm Bill, followed by the Price Loss Coverage program at 19%, and the ARC-Individual Coverage program at 7%.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/agbarometer>. This month's report provides further insight into the impact of trade on producer sentiment.

The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars. Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>.

Beef Quality Day to be held April 11 in Marysville

The 60th Annual Quality Beef Day will be held on Saturday, April 11, at Hedstrom Hall in Marysville.

Check in will begin at 8 a.m., livestock judging at 9 a.m., and the beef show will begin at 10 a.m.

There is no entry fee or pre-entries required, but online pre-entries are accepted. The Quality Beef Day committee would like to thank all the local businesses that sponsor the awards. Rules and entry forms can be found at www.marshall.ksu.edu/quality-beef-day.

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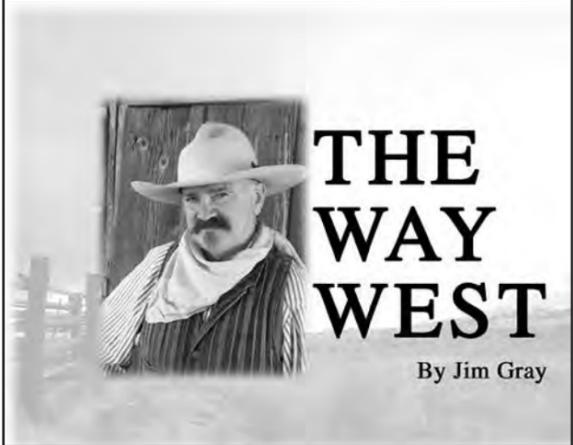
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Confrontation on the Kansas River

In 1762 the French ceded Louisiana, including the lands west of the Mississippi River, to Spain through a secret treaty. Captain Francisco Riu, the first Spanish governor of Louisiana, did not arrive in New Orleans until 1766. Rebellion and border tension plagued the transition. Esteban Miro, Acting Governor of Louisiana, found it necessary to completely reconstruct the Spanish understanding of Louisiana for a report to King Louis XV, recorded on December 12, 1785.

Fortunately, French traders were not inclined to leave when their country ceded Louisiana to Spain. Miro referred to the French traders as "the masters of this province." Their information had been gained through years of dangerous interchange with people of strange and often unpredictable customs and behaviors. Based on their information, Miro compiled his summary of the tribes on the "immense prairie" beyond the Mississippi River.

In describing the prairies Miro further explained that, "...the immense plains do not put

the least obstacle in the way of the north winds, which, together with the other physical causes, make these regions much colder than the same latitude in Europe. The healthful quality of its water and the general excellence of the soil and the meadows, formed by nature, is the reason that they are covered with buffalo, goats, deer, does, etc." Those animals were the basis for important trade with the prairie tribes, trade that supported the Spanish economy. Even so, the trade that the French had so carefully fashioned wavered under the Spanish.

The tribes were all hostile toward one another. Miro wrote that the "Cances" (Kansas) were "the best hunters on the Missouri." They were at peace with the Little

Osages and the Missouris. Their main village of approximately two hundred warriors was at the mouth of the Big Blue River on the Kansas River (near present-day Manhattan).

Further northwest Miro noted that the hunting grounds of the Panis (Pawnees) extended from their village on the Chato (Platte) River south across the plains to the Rio San Francisco de Arkanzas (Arkansas River). Their warriors "consist of 400 men capable of bearing arms" making the Pawnee a very formidable armed force. Another two hundred twenty warriors were in the village of the Panis Republic. Despite the primitive conditions beyond the Missouri along the banks of the Kansas and Platte rivers, trade was well-organized and generally accomplished in regular order.

The same could not be said for developments along the Arkansas River. The Arkansas name was originally applied to the Quapaw people that lived at that river's confluence with the Mississippi River. The Illinois tribes that had close associations with the French referred to the Quapaw as the Arkansea, and so their home river became the Arkansas River. Arkansas Post was established to facilitate trade a short distance above the confluence.

The Osage became particularly troublesome over a wide-ranging territory between the Missou-

ri and Arkansas rivers of the present-day states of Missouri and Arkansas. Frenchmen, feeling no allegiance to Spain, organized outlaw bands that openly defied government control. They encouraged the Osage to do the same and generally lived scandalous lives of debauchery with captive Indian women. According to a traveler at the time the French renegades, "...have no other rule than their own caprice."

Under the influence of the French outlaws the Osage and others traded in illegal contraband, murdered traders, and plundered even beyond their normal range. The tall, seemingly superhuman warriors, with shaven heads, and painted for war, struck fear in the hearts of all who came into their presence. To punish them, Miro ordered an end to all trade with the Osage people.

The ban spilled over into the Kansas River valley in the spring of 1791. August and Pierre Chouteau of St. Louis had secured the license to trade with the Kansa people. Pierre Chouteau spent the winter of 1790-91 camped near the previously mentioned Kansa village, expecting to trade for the winter's harvest of furs. His efforts were frustrated when the Kansa traded a good portion of their furs with "Mississippi river Indians" who were loyal to English traders from east

of Spanish control. To add to his woes "some 90 Big Osages with all their chiefs and head men" came to his camp in early March, 1791, angry that Chouteau had not visited them.

When asked why traders were no longer allowed in their villages Chouteau explained that depredations on the Arkansas had angered the Spanish. Warriors threatened to take Chouteau's supplies and for a moment the reckless argument became danger-

ous. Luckily, the chief defied the trader. Chouteau survived the confrontation on the banks of the Kansas River and became a close confidant to the Osage on The Way West.

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SY Monument remains top wheat variety

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continued to decline, but it remained in fifth place at 2.9 percent. T158 remained in sixth place at 2.8 percent. LCS Mint maintained seventh place at 2.6 percent. TAM 114 and TAM 111 also represented 2.6 percent of planted acres. Doublestop CL Plus rounded out the top ten at 2.3 percent.

Area planted with blended varieties was not included in the rankings by variety. Blends accounted for 11.1 percent of the state's planted acreage, which is down from 13.6 percent last year. Hard white varieties accounted for 4.2 percent of the state's acreage, up from 3.7 percent last year. Joe was the leading hard white variety at 2.3 percent.

There were 1,971 positive reports summarized for this year's Wheat Varieties survey. This Wheat Variety project is funded by the Kansas Wheat Commission.

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NRCS announces 2020 deadline for Conservation Assistance Funding

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline of April 3, 2020, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). If additional financial assistance funds are still available, a second funding application deadline will be scheduled for May 15, 2020.

Applications are taken year around for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Conservation Client Gateway.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis. Producers interested in EQIP can contact their local USDA service center or visit the NRCS EQIP web page.

FARM & RANCH AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 — 10:00 AM
 Held at Washington County Fairgrounds — WASHINGTON, KS

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GENERAL TERMS: Properties sell AS-IS WHERE-IS with no contingencies of any kind. 10% non-refundable down payment is required day of sale by check. Buyer must be able to close on or before May 1, 2020. Buyer needs bank letter of loan approval or funds verification. Cost of Owners Title Policy to be split equally between buyer and seller. All announcements day of sale take precedence over written materials. Buyers are responsible for understanding any county zoning regulations associated with each property. Seller to pay 2019 and prior taxes. Purchaser to pay 2020 and future taxes.

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2-DAY AUCTION

BOTH DAYS: Auction held at Clay Center Armory, 12th & Bridge — CLAY CENTER, KANSAS
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 — 9:00 AM
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 — 9:00 AM

Selling will be a wide variety of items, many of which are new in the box. Many duck figurines, duck pictures and other duck related items. Many other pictures, hundreds of new picture frames. Automobile related items. Chilton and other manuals. Farm machinery related knick-knacks. Tools. Household goods. Huge variety of other items still being uncovered and discovered.

Large toy auction, approximately 1,000 toys in total. Many new in box John Deere tractors, combines & implements. Most were purchased new over the last 25 years. Also many new in box race cars. These toys are like new. Do your Christmas shopping early.

TERMS: Cash or good check day of sale. Not responsible for accidents.
CLERK: Shirley Riek, 526 Frederick, Clay Center, Ks. 67432

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Auction conducted by: **Kretz Auction Service**
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FARMLAND AUCTION

158.13 ac. of Clay County Land near Green, KS
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 — 7:00 PM
 Auction to be held at the GREEN, KS Community Center

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The NE4 of Section 15-7-4, Clay County, Kansas. This farm is located in Highland Township and consists of 158.13 acres according to FSA records. There are 93.30 acres classified as cropland which includes 88.42 tillable acres and 4.88 acres of waterway. 58.81 of the tillable acres are currently being cultivated. The remaining 29.61 tillable acres were formerly enrolled in the CRP program and are currently put up for hay. There are 47.46 acres of pasture with 2 ponds and very good fences. The remaining 17.37 acres is meadow and habitat. Soil types on the cropland are about 50% Class 2 Crete (Cs), 30% Class 4 Benfield (Be) and 20% Class 4 Crete (Cx). This tract is located from Green, KS 1/2 mile North to the Green Randolph Rd. then 2 miles East to County Line Rd. and 1/2 mile north to the southeast corner of the tract.

TERMS: Contracts to close on or before May 10th, 2020. The buyer is to pay 10% down day of sale with the balance due at closing. Title Insurance and escrow fees to be paid 1/2 each by the buyer and the seller. The seller will pay 2019 and all prior years property taxes. The 2020 property taxes are to be paid by the buyer. 2019 property taxes were \$1,984.90. The buyer will get immediate possession upon payment of the 10% down. No crops are currently growing on this farm and it will be open for spring crops. The buyer will receive all mineral rights. The contract, deed and down payment will be escrowed at **Clay County Abstract & Title, 610 5th, Clay Center, Ks. 67432** Announcements made sale day to take precedence over printed matter. The sellers and their agents are not responsible for accidents. The auction firm is working for the sellers.

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Online Auction (lots begin closing March 18 at 7 PM; items located near South Haven) — Tractors, combines, headers & trailers, grain carts & tillage equipment, trucks & trailers, mowers & misc. for Jay & Susan Rinehart. Bid now at www.wiensauction.com.

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 10 — 30th annual production sale held at the ranch near Phillipsburg for Bar Arrow Cattle Company.

March 11 — Unreserved online auction of semi truck, dump truck & other farm machinery for Mark E. Collins Revocable Trust Estate at www.bigiron.com. Auctioneers: BigIron Auctions.

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 — Huge toy collection - Over 800 toys including John Deere, IHC, AC, Oliver, Case, Ford Versatile, MF, Case IH, Tonka & many more held at Newton for Delmer Schrag Estate, Twila & Keith Schrag. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt.

March 14 — House, cars, guns & miscellaneous for an estate auction held at Ellsworth. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 14 — Farmland real estate sold in 2 tracts; personal property including tractors, farm machinery, stock trailer, panels, tools & misc., guns, furniture, appliances, household, antiques & collectibles & much more held at Hanover for Donald W. Meyer Estate. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son, Inc.

March 14 — Farm equipment, construction equipment, cars, trucks, shop tools, household & miscellaneous at Concordia for 34th Annual Concordia Optimist Consignment Auction.

March 14 — Model A Roadster, golf cart, tools, antiques & collectibles, household, lawn items, 1913-2001 KS license plates, crocks & more 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 — Appliances, furniture, household, toys, Christmas & holiday decorations held at Manhattan for the Johns Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

March 15 — Bronze sculptures, original artwork, jewelry, antiques, household, home decor, tools yard, fishing held at Strong City for Norman Morray Jr. & property from the Carl Hansen Estate. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 15 — Ford 801 tractor with loader, Hustler 3200 deck mower, golf carts, tools, shop items, lawn & garden, flat screen TVs, antiques, vintage items, household & more held at Osage City for Edward "Pete" Peterson. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

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 — 415 acres m/l of quality Farmland on Gypsum Creek in Saline & McPherson counties to be held at Gypsum for Micah Moffitt & Michael D. Becker. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

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 — Duck figurines, picture frames, pictures, variety of other new items & misc. held at Clay Center for Cedric Pfaff. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

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

March 21 — Backhoe, loader, tractor & shop items held at Inman for Junis & Velma Schroeder. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

March 21 — 27 guns including rifles, shotguns, handguns; over 300+ lots of coins including gold, silver dollars, coin sets & more held at Cottonwood Falls for Merle Ecklund. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 21 — Amish furniture, large collection of clocks, telescopes, fish equipment, over 100 Lenox birds, flatscreen TVs, washer & dryer & more held at Basehor. Auctioneers: Hiat Auction, LLC., Dan Hiatt.

March 21 — Tools, lawn equipment & misc., guns, hunting equipment & misc., antiques, household & misc. held at McPherson for Fred Peterson Family. Auctioneers: Triple K Auction, Kevin Krehbiel, Bill Oswalt, Tyler Emery.

March 21 — Consignment auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 21 — Combine, swather, trucks, pickups, tractors, trencher, farm equipment, livestock items, grain trailer, shop & other farm items held near Beeler for Vyrl & Neah Whipple. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

March 21 — 800 to 1,000 mostly new in box John Deere farm toys & race cars held at Clay Center for Cedric Pfaff. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

March 21 — Trucks, pickups, trailers, tillage, spreaders, blades, sprayer, hay equipment, silage,

headers, attachments, mowers, loaders, grain handling & misc., livestock equipment & fencing, hay & more held at Washington for farm & ranch consignments. Auctioneers: Open Range Sales Co., LLC. Ethan Schuette, Curtis Stamm, Ed Durst.

March 21 — Antiques, tools, household held at Hanover for Louise (Mrs. Bill) Dierking. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 21 — Art & Kansas regional art prints, Indian items & guns, advertising, antiques & collectibles including porcelain & glass held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 21 — Production sale held at Kingman for Molitor Angus.

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 22 — 20+ vintage Pyrex pieces, linens, ladies hats, hat pins, perfumes, cast iron pieces, Depression glass, antique furniture, lots of vintage & antique items held at Osage City. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

March 22 — Furniture, toys & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 23 — 156.2 acres m/l of Northern Wabaunsee County meadow & native grass pasture land held near Wamego for Charles R. Pageler. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 23 — Oleen Brothers Production sale held at Dwight.

March 26 — 258.79 acres of Marion County grassland held at Durham for Andrew C. David Testamentary Trust and Elma F. David Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

March 26 — Real Estate held at Green for Rick Friederich. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

March 28 — Appliances, furniture, magnifying machine, Lenox Christmas Holly china, Heirloom sterling, hand quilted quilts, artwork, jewelry, collectibles at Manhattan for Eunice Bradley Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

March 28 — Real Estate consisting of a 35-acre farmstead with 2 BR house & buildings; farm equipment & collectibles held at Geneseo for Warren & Lena Campbell. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction & Realty.

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 — Golf cart, collectibles, tools, household, misc., coins & more held at Lawrence (Lone Star) for Carl & Peggy Silvers Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

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: Edgecomb 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: Leppe Realty & Auction.

March 28 — Construction liquidation auction including a surplus of construction tools, Bobcat, vehicles, lawn mowers, dirt bikes, masonry & concrete supplies, scaffolding, ladders, power tools or all kinds, woodworking tools & much more held at St. George for Brian Weisbender. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

March 28 — New Haven Angus 21st Annual Production Sale held at Leavenworth.

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

March 29 — Approximately 75 guns for an estate held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 29 — Linn Consignment auction held at Linn. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 29 — Barber items, railroad, dolls, toys, collectibles, signs, Coca Cola items, Kewpie doll collection, comic books held at Salina for Karen & Hershel Huffman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 31 — Land auction selling 318 acres m/l of Lincoln County land & 1,013 acres m/l of Russell County land held at Wilson for T. Scott Soukup Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC & Ideal Real Estate, Joni Glaser, listing broker.

March 31 — Real Estate consisting of home with 3-5 bedrooms, oversized lot & more held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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 — Blacksmith tools, tractors, ATV, shop tools held south of Fairbury, Nebraska for the late Bruce Junker. Auction-

eers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

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 — 146 acres m/l of irrigated Republic County land held at Courtland for Dale & Danell Strickler. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, Jeff Dankenbring.

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 — Machinery, tools, antiques held South of Barnes for Dennis & Judy Woerman. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

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 — 1800s Conastoga wagon (complete), buggys, horse equipment, antiques & collectibles held near Eudora for Elden (Denny) & Marilyn Lynn. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 — 1:30 PM

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BRONZE SCULPTURES (by Coffelt, Schildt); **ORIG ARTWORK** (by Laurence Coffelt, George Dabich, Charles Rogers); **JEWELRY** (Native American Turquoise, Coral, Sterling, 14K Pocket Watch); **ANTIQUES** (Socony Pipe Line Pegasus Porcelain Sign, Hudson's Bay Wool Blanket, Oak International Time Recording Co Wall Clock, Chrome Legged Bench, Crocks, much more); **HOUSEHOLD** (Dyson DC15 Vacuum, Queen Electric Adjustable Bed 2 yrs old, Oak Hutch, Misc Furniture); **HOME DECOR** (Jim Shore, Astor Lane, Lenox, Holiday Decorations); **TOOLS** (Echo Gas Leaf Blower, Bench w/Craftsman Vise, Misc); **YARD** (Wrought Iron Table & Chairs, Lots of Yard Art, Large Metal Rooster); **FISHING** (ABU Ambassador 5500G; 5000, Pflueger 2800); **Much more, this is only a partial listing as one estate is in a semi-trailer and we could not get to everything, expect to find some more treasures as we unload by auction day.**

See website for full listing & photos: GriffinRealEstateAuction.com

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 — 9:00 AM
Auction will be held at the farm 2224 Hackberry Road (West of CLAY CENTER, KS on Highway 24 to Hackberry go North 5 miles, or from MORGANVILLE 3 miles West on 23 Road then 1 mile South on Hackberry).

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4WD pickup; JD 2270 diesel swather; JD 214T & 24T balers; **JD sickle mowers; many lawn mowers; Horse machinery.**
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Vespa Piaggio scooter; Honda 70 motorcycle; Kawasaki KM 100 motorcycle; **Buildings to be moved within 30 days:** 5 metal grain bins 500 bu to 1000 bu; 8'x12' building; out house; **Hundreds of other items. This is a very unique auction, probably one of the last old time farm auctions.**

See next week's Grass & Grain for listings & please visit our website for pictures: www.thummelauction.com
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LAND AUCTION

415 acres +/- Quality Farmland on Gypsum Creek in Saline and McPherson Counties
Thursday, March 19 @ 7:00PM
Where: Gypsum Auditorium, 621 Maple, Gypsum, KS

Tract 1: NW/4 & SW/4 of NE/4 of Section 4-17-1W, lying west of Gypsum Creek, less home and 40 acres +/-
Location: Gypsum Valley Rd (blacktop) & Coronado Heights Rd then 1/2 mile West on South side or go South around section if wet ~ 4 miles N of Roxbury or 6 miles S of Gypsum ~ 129 acres +/- productive creek bottom tillable 11 acres +/- timber along Gypsum Creek

Tract 2: SE/4 of Section 33-16-1W, less home and 15 ac +/-
Location: Gypsum Valley Rd (27th Ave, blacktop) & Coronado Heights Rd. ~ 4 miles N of Roxbury or 6 miles S of Gypsum ~ 135 acres +/- productive tillable ~ 2 acres +/- waterway, 4 acres +/- timber along Gypsum Creek

Tract 3: SW/4 of Section 15-17-1W, less home and 20 ac +/-
Location: 27th Ave (blacktop, Gyp Valley Rd) & Svensk Rd ~ 1 mile N of Roxbury or 9 miles S of Gypsum ~ 127 acres +/- productive upland tillable ~ 12 acres +/- waterway

Possession: Open and alfalfa acres will be immediate possession. Wheat acres will be possession immediately following wheat harvest, or August 1, 2020. If time and weather allow, the Seller may bale/remove the wheat straw. **Productive creek bottom and upland tillable with blacktop frontage!!**
For complete sale bill, aerial maps, soil maps, pictures, bases/yields call or visit our website!

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Kansas PRIDE is celebrating 50 years of helping improve the state's communities

What was going on in Kansas in 1970? A new program called Kansas PRIDE was created to increase community vitality across the state. The program provides recognition, funding and leadership development for Kansas community volunteer improvement groups to celebrate their successes and address challenges unique to their community. As the Kansas PRIDE program enters its 50th year, it is still going strong with partners in the Kansas Department of Commerce, K-State Research and Extension, and the Kansas Masons.

The program has done much over the years to help Kansas communities grow and complete projects to enhance the local quality of living. Volunteers assess community needs, then set forth to bring positive changes. The program assists their volunteers with grants from Kansas PRIDE Inc. and the Kansas Masons, along with providing workshops, guidance, resources, and a reporting database as a way for communities to communicate and share ideas. Kansas PRIDE has helped com-

munities foster hometown pride and a renewed spirit for making their community great.

Some local PRIDE groups have helped bring entertainment to their communities, while others facilitate cleanup and community spirit. The projects may make a community cleaner, safer, and create events that draw residents and tourists, and may bring new businesses to town.

One town, for instance, has a thrift store operated by PRIDE members, with the proceeds going back into the community. Other communities have used PRIDE grants to open grocery stores or farmers' markets, to renovate buildings that will house a new business, or to purchase new park playground equipment for children to enjoy.

"The Kansas PRIDE Program has made a huge impact on our town," said Laura Musil, of Blue Rapids. "It has empowered citizens to work on numerous projects to make our community more attractive and viable. It is a vehicle to work with our city government, to come along-

side them and work for the betterment of our town."

"Before we were part of PRIDE, I think many thought it would be getting in the business of our hardworking city council and stepping on toes," Musil said. "They have, instead, welcomed our volunteer efforts. The more people involved, the better! It provided a way for volunteers - and there have been many - to contribute, because we all want to improve our town. It is the PRIDE program that has given us a way to do so, and given us incentive to move forward on making Blue Rapids shine. I can't give enough thanks to the PRIDE Program and its directors for their helpfulness and support."

There have been PRIDE communities in all sections of Kansas throughout the years, said Jaime Menon, co-coordinator of Kansas PRIDE: "As you drive across the state you can see the impact PRIDE has had on communities. There has been a PRIDE community in all 105 counties in Kansas, with over 400 communities being enrolled in PRIDE at one point or another in our 50-

year history."

Thirty-four communities have been with PRIDE for more than half of those 50 years, Menon said. The volunteers and the people who work for Kansas PRIDE care about the communities around the state. They all want to create a higher quality of living across Kansas.

To find out about upcoming 50th anniversary events and how your community can benefit from the program, follow Kansas PRIDE on Facebook or by subscribing to its newsletter via its website. More information is also available by calling 785-532-5840 or email PRIDE@ksu.edu.

A Bad Sign

The cow went down in the pasture. I took it as a sign.

Like lightning striking my saddle horn or guppies in the wine.

I'll have to pull the calf right here. But it isn't raining hard.

It's just too bad that my slicker is still back in the yard.

I taught my horse to ground tie. Like havin' an extra man.

Now why did he run off like that? I really had a plan.

Thank goodness I've got a catch rope. Whoa, darlin', just lay still...

You four-footed Double Whopper! Your next stop is the grill!

Stay outta the blinkin' cattails! At least they break the breeze.

For now she's stuck in the quagmire, me, I'm up to

my knees.

I've got both feet and I'm pullin'. She's flat out on her side.

It's a water cooled delivery. He's comin' with the tide.

I feel like a scuba diver, he hangs up at the hip.

I get his head on my shoulder. It's hard to keep my grip,

He's slick as a newborn porpoise. I heave him on the shore

And plop, right there in the water, just glad there ain't no more.

The cow, relieved of her burden rises outta the crud

And walks the length of my body mashin' me into the mud.

My hat is the only thing floating. I'm soaked from head to toe.

The cow is lickin' her baby and watchin' me below.

I wait till he's up and suckin', then slip out like a mouse

And thank the Lord that I'm only half a mile from the house.



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RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK TOTALED 917 CATTLE & 119 HOGS.

STEERS		90 mix		Hope	870@130.00
300-400	\$185.00 - \$188.00	13 blk	Halstead	801@130.00	
400-500	\$169.00 - \$175.00	62 mix	Hope	920@128.50	
500-600	\$168.00 - \$172.00	31 mix	Olsburg	900@124.50	
600-700	\$150.00 - \$156.50				
700-800	\$144.00 - \$151.50				
800-900	\$129.00 - \$134.25				
900-1,000	\$125.00 - \$128.50				

HEIFERS		9 blk		Clafin	441@169.00
400-500	\$160.00 - \$169.00	2 blk	Moundridge	438@167.00	
500-600	\$157.00 - \$164.00	16 blk	Clafin	528@164.00	
600-700	\$137.00 - \$152.00	1 blk	Assaria	445@162.00	
700-800	\$129.00 - \$132.00	2 blk	Assaria	445@160.00	
800-900	\$120.00 - \$129.60	10 blk	Delphos	554@160.00	
		6 blk	Burdick	520@159.00	
		5 blk	Salina	449@158.00	
		18 blk	Salina	559@157.00	
		1 char	Assaria	420@156.00	
		3 blk	Moundridge	530@156.00	
		11 blk	Olsburg	464@156.00	
		33 blk	Clay Center	579@153.75	
		4 blk	Galva	600@152.00	
		3 mix	Assaria	557@151.00	
		25 mix	Gypsum	590@150.50	
		10 blk	Clafin	597@149.00	
		9 mix	Longford	629@136.50	
		11 blk	Delphos	641@136.50	
		6 blk	Lyons	621@135.00	
		10 blk	Galva	652@133.00	
		16 mix	Galva	687@133.00	
		41 blk	Clay Center	686@132.50	
		4 blk	Solomon	705@132.00	
		36 mix	Gypsum	707@130.75	
		5 blk	Inman	728@130.00	
		85 blk	Clay Center	754@129.60	
		48 blk	Clay Center	838@120.00	

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020:

STEERS		1 blk		Randall	245@550.00
5 blk	Bennington	312@188.00	1 blk	Randall	240@400.00
9 blk	Bennington	388@188.00	1 blk	New Cambria	90@385.00
2 blk	Salina	388@186.00	1 blk	Hillsboro	125@350.00
2 char	Assaria	413@175.00	1 blk	Tescott	100@335.00
12 blk	Clafin	490@174.00	1 blk	Miltonvale	85@310.00
9 blk	Olsburg	487@174.00	1 blk	Tescott	120@300.00
2 blk	Bennington	503@172.00	1 blk	Miltonvale	65@275.00
8 mix	Salina	547@171.00	1 blk	Clay Center	80@275.00
2 blk	Marquette	523@169.00			
3 blk	Beloit	568@169.00			
7 blk	Olsburg	579@168.50			
4 mix	Marquette	583@168.00			
20 blk	Clafin	599@166.75			
4 char	Assaria	558@166.00			
5 mix	Salina	580@165.50			
14 blk	Halstead	634@156.50			
9 blk	Halstead	650@156.50			
4 blk	Marquette	671@155.50			
25 blk	Salina	678@153.75			
4 mix	Marquette	720@151.50			
21 mix	Galva	683@150.00			
10 blk	Olsburg	723@148.00			
18 mix	Olsburg	707@147.50			
47 mix	Halstead	725@146.00			
35 mix	Olsburg	760@145.50			
6 blk	Clafin	726@145.00			
6 blk	Assaria	712@144.50			
11 mix	Galva	704@144.50			
6 wf	Olsburg	750@135.00			
60 mix	Chapman	812@134.25			
26 mix	Olsburg	816@132.00			
47 mix	Oak Hill	840@130.00			

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020:

BABY CALVES		1 grey		Gypsum	1520@84.00
		1 blk	Salina	1980@84.00	
		1 blk	Clafin	1975@84.00	
		1 blk	Abilene	1760@82.00	

UPCOMING SALES:
SPECIAL COW SALES: SALE STARTS at 11 AM
• Tuesday, March 17 • Tuesday, April 21 • Tuesday, May 5
WEANED/VACC. SALE: SALE STARTS at 11 AM

IN STOCK TODAY:

- Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders
- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER METAL TOP
- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER
- 42' ROUND BALE DUMP TRAILERS
- HEAVY DUTY FEED BUNKS (Silage & Grain)
- HEAVY DUTY 5000# GRAIN TOTE

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SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211
MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY
Hogs sell at 10:30 a.m. *on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.*
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.

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD

For a complete list of cattle for all sales check out our website www.fandrive.com

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LAST CHANCE
to get your horses consigned to the catalog
MAY SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE.
Information needs to be in office this week!
Contact Farmers & Ranchers for any information.

COWS		1 blk		Longford	2010@80.00
1 blk	Marquette	1290@69.00	1 char	Brookville	1680@59.75
1 blk	McPherson	1890@67.50	1 char	Brookville	1485@58.00
1 wf	Inman	1850@65.50	1 wf	Inman	1555@57.50
2 blk	McPherson	1555@65.00	1 blk	Westfall	1495@57.50
1 blk	Miltonvale	1595@65.00	1 blk	Ellsworth	1265@57.00
1 blk	Assaria	1610@65.00	1 blk	Clafin	1400@56.00
			1 blk	Lindsborg	1380@55.50

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

- 10 Black Steers 60 days weaned, 2 round vacc 675-700
- 40 Black Steers 100 days weaned, 2 round vacc 800
- 15 Yearling S&H 2 round shots, long time weaned, bunk broke 700-800
- 20 Red Angus/Char long time weaned, 2 round vacc, no implant, bunk broke 700
- 45 Mix S&H home raised, long time weaned, vacc 550-650
- 60 BWF/RWF Heifers long time weaned, preg'd open 700-800
- 15 Red S&H long time weaned, vacc 500-650
- 18 BWF/Black Heifers 800
- 60 Steers 850

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 COW SALE

BULLS: Red Angus 17 months semen checked; 4 Char Bulls, 18 month old virgin, semen & Trich tested; 1 5 yr old Hereford bull; 1 5 yr old McCurry Bull; 3 Registered Red Angus Bulls, 17 months, virgin, semen & Trich tested, 1 bull suitable for Heifers. **BRED HEIFERS:** 10 Black Heifers heavy bred (8 mo), bred Gardiner Hinkson, 2 round vacc and scour guard. **HEIFER PAIRS:** 5 Heifers bred black calving ease Angus bull; 20 Angus Heifer Pairs, OCV 45 day calves, AI sired Camrade, worked & vacc; 25+25 Black Heifer pairs, 1/2 AI sired calves & Schlessiger Heifers, Calves banded & blackleg. **REPLACEMENT HEIFERS:** 6 Red Balancer Heifers, home raised, OCHV, pelvic measured; 1 Black Balancer Heifer, home raised, OCHV, pelvic measured; 60 Angus Heifers, One Iron, OCHV, Very Gentle; 40 Sim/Angus, home raises, OCHV, pelvic exam, Cow Camp sired 800+; 19 Hereford Heifers; 8 Black Fall bred Heifers. **COWS/PAIRS:** 30 Fall calving 3-8 yr olds, bred Black Downy Ranch Angus bull; 50 Black/BWF Cows 3&4 yrs., All coming with 2nd or 3rd calf, Bred Angus April/May calvers; 10+10 Black Angus pairs, running age, home raised; 45 Black/BWF 4-6 yrs, Cole Origins, bred Gardiner Angus, calve April 1; 19+19 Registered Hereford pairs 5-9 yrs, 300-400 lbs calves; 5 Hereford bred cows; 20 Fall bred black cows 4-9 yr old, bred Gardiner bulls; 50 Black & Red Angus 3-5 yrs, bred Char, Spring & Fall; 80 Mostly Black 3-5 yrs, Fall calvers, bred Red Angus or Char, bulls in December 1.; 10 4-5 yr Spring bred; 18 4-5 yrs Fall bred; 20 Fall pairs with October calves, bred back; 20+20 Black pairs, 4-7 yrs, black calves, calves worked & vacc; 45 Black/Char cows 3-5 yrs, bred black Spring calvers; 80 cows 3-5 yrs bred Baker Angus bulls.

For Information or estimates, contact: **Mike Samples, Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-826-7884**
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