

Wolters' wheat legacy continues from farm to classroom

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By Lucas Shivers

John Wolters takes a passion for wheat from his family farm in northern Rawlins County near Atwood to his elementary classroom in Manhattan.

"I wanted to get a whole picture of food in front of my students that reflects my upbringing," said John, a sixth-grade teacher. "The character and life lessons of teaching about wheat specifically, along with the academic facts, were always my primary focus."

John's oldest brother, Doug, recently passed the family farm on to his two sons, Josh and Matt, John's nephews.

"As of 2019, it is a fifth-generation farm," John said. "It's been a family situation the whole time."

Deep Roots

John's great grandparents Heinrich and Dorothee Wolters came to the United States in 1882. They initially went as far as Iowa, then arrived in Rawlins County in 1893.

"My grandfather Heinrich (mostly called Henry) was two years old when the family first came to the U.S.," John said. "Heinrich was a common family name, and we now have another Henry who is my great-nephew carrying on the name. Let me tell you, he's a farmer-to-be. He just loves it. He walks like a farmer with boots and a cap."

John's grandparents, Henry and Rosa, built the family home that is still standing. It's a seven-bedroom, two-story house.

"My nephew and his family are still living in the home after moving it an eighth of a mile on a new foundation and baseily, two served in the war overseas and one stayed home to farm.

They had five children. The oldest Doug started at K-State in 1965 when John started kindergarten.

"Doug was the first connection of our family to K-State, which runs so deep," John said. "He returned to the family farm in 1970."

Doug and Pattie, his wife, transitioned the farm to Josh and Matt, who also operate SureFire Ag, a precision ag operation specializing in solutions for the control and application of liquid and dry fertilizer, seed and chemical.

John's next brother, Rick, who married Cathy, is a contractor in Houghton. They raised four children.

Bev, the one and only sister, lives in southern Minnesota with her husband Ed. She has lived there since taking her first teaching job in the area in 1975. They raised two children.

Mark taught junior and high school math and became superintendent in Rawlins County schools. He joined the family farm operation for a while in the late 1980s and '90s. He and his wife Brenda have four children.

Finally, John met his wife Jo at K-State, both in the College of Education. They married in 1982.

Russ, their oldest child, is in pediatric residency in Houston. He is married to Amber and they are the parents of four-year-old Elizabeth and two-year-old Benjamin.

John and Jo's daughter Megan is a critical care ICU nurse at KU Medical Center.

Early Memories

Wheat harvest has always been an exceptionally large family affair for the Wolters.

"In the earliest time, I remember riding on the open-air combine or the truck," John said. "We had



John and Russ in 1990, after the "A"s had been retired for some time.



A restored REO Speedwagon Doug bought a few years ago.



The whole Wolters family circa 1968. "It was my dad's connection to K-State Research and Extension." the wheel

One year, John remembers a specific disaster.

irca 1968. Courtesy photos but I did everything. I definitely found myself behind the wheel of the combine for years and years."

John's nephew, Josh,

Wolters started no-till farming practices that transitioned into newer operational routines.

"When I was growing up, we summer-fallowed with rotations," John said. "The predominant thing was tilling, but in the early 2000s, it was a big change to conserve our most precious commodity: moisture."

Now, the Wolters grow more dryland corn.

"Economics always drives commodity selection," John said. "When wheat took a real hit in the markets, we just saw less acres. As long as it rains, we can grow some nice crops. Rain can make any farmer a good one!" STEM Lessons

In John's sixth grade classroom at Amanda Arnold Elementary and during special summer camps at K-State, wheat stands out as a key lesson topic.

"With kids knowing very little about how food gets in front of them and Kansas being the wheat state, I did a whole unit on wheat," John said. "K-State and my school district put on a summer STEM program. I developed a course called 'From Soil to Scrumptious."

The highlight of the summer class was using and usually harvest by late May. The greenhouse kept it a little ahead of normal schedule."

Looking like grass, students noted each stage with studies on history and math connections.

"Each student plants 63 seeds because K-State started in 1863," John said. "Manhattan and K-State are at ground zero for wheat."

Students always focused on data collection. Each had their own row of wheat. From germination rates to growth habits, there was also so much vocabulary to share.

"In the winter months we saw a D-word in action; not dead but dormant with needs of moisture and temperatures to wake the wheat up," John said.

Student Focused

The kids experienced the growth of the wheat through the late spring getting taller and noted the details of the developing heads.

"They could always examine it closely back in class," John said. "They started to peel open the green plant to discover a perfectly formed head of wheat waiting to emerge. They were just amazed. It's a miniature size with all of the parts. In about two weeks, the heads appeared. It was usually the quietest time because students were taken by such awe after seeing the heads from the grass.'

Seeing all of the stages of the development, one student stood out while he was counting wheat heads.

"He said to me, "This doesn't make sense; I planted 63 but I'm up to over 100 heads. How can that be?" It brought up tillering to send out more than one head in the right conditions. It was amazing to him. He wasn't miscounting. It was really happening."

When it got far enough along, students especially loved to walk through the ripe wheat at the end of

ment," John said.

John's dad, Clarence, was born on the family farm in January 1919 right after the Spanish Flu pandemic. He was the last of three boys in the family.

"I was also the last of five children," John said. "Growing up, we had a small dairy. The majority of our land back then was wheat with around 400-600 acres each year. We also had other crops like milo for the dairy."

Family Profile

Clarence and Dorothy were married in 1946, after Clarence served for 30 months of non-stop duty as a tank commander with the 753rd Battalion in Europe and northern Africa during WWII. From the three brothers in the fama 1947 REO, like the band who took their name from the Speedwagon. Tipped off with wheat at harvest, it would haul just over 200 bushels. We rode in the front and the back of that truck all the time!"

John remembers the harvest feasts in the field to keep everyone fueled up.

"The food being brought out for the noon meal was the full-course meal that we would have eaten around the dining room table," John said. "We had fried chicken and everything. I realized later that not all families did that, but it was something we all did."

To keep crews going the rest of the day, large coolers were full of sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

"Even though the hours were long, we ate so well," John said.

Through the teen years, the Wolters added combines to keep everyone rolling at full speed.

"By 1978, we had three Gleaner/Allis-Chalmers A's, one Massey Harris 92 with 14-foot headers and one open air Gleaner G with a huge 20-foot header," John said. "When I was old enough to drive (like 12) through the fields, it was common to help all day out in the fields operating combines and grain trucks."

The Wolters always had a wheat test plot on Highway 25 to try out new varieties.

"We'd have field tours to have farmers come by to walk the line and see the brand labels," John said. "In 1976, we had one of w the best crops ever, but on w July 3, the night before we were going to start cutting, hail wiped out 80% of our crop," John remembers sadly.

Helping Out Back Home

John and Jo settled in Manhattan to raise their family, both teaching in elementary schools. The teacher schedules of open summers allowed for years of harvest help back on the farm.

"Even living in Manhattan, it was always a goal to go home and help with harvest," John said. "I was mostly a combine driver, was an ag engineer and worked at Case IH out of college so the family switched to having just one Case combine.

"Doug had a good consultant to talk with: his son," John said. "Doug was the true mechanic of the family as we did all of our own mechanic work."

The summers in Atwood allowed the cousins to become close knit.

"My kids got a taste of it each summer," John remembers. "The cousins all grew up together. They'd love to go out for the noon meals and eat from the coolers." the kitchens in Justin Hall to make their own pizzas from scratch like the agronomy, gardens and dairy operations.

During the school year, John's lessons started in a greenhouse that used to be at his school. John started using the tools and raised beds to grow wheat with his students.

"Kids love to see things grow," John shared. "It's magic. The non-immediate gratification of not planting it one day and having it the next is important. Wheat fits well with the school year. We'd start in October to prep the beds the year.

"It connected full circle to memories I had as a kid," John said. "The kinesthetic feel of that dry, ready-to-cut wheat. I love getting to share that."

Highlighting the many life lessons, John shared his work ethic and farming lifestyle with countless classes of students.

"That was my ultimate goal," John said. "For example, I wanted to show a return on hard work. A farmer will not make it if they only get the same amount they planted. They hope to make 70 times as much as you plant."



This harvest photo was taken three or four years ago with equipment that the family still uses today.



A Family Harvest

By Kim Baldwin, **McPherson County farmer** and rancher

As the days wind down in June, wheat harvest has just now begun for our family. It's a late harvest this year, but we are glad we are able to get into the fields to harvest the grain. It's perhaps my most favorite event of the year on the farm. We've watched this crop since last fall when it was sown into the soil and emerged as a small plant. We've watched as it's carpeted the ground, survived a cold winter, transformed into the most vivid green before ripening into the most beautiful vellow. We've invested a lot of time and hope in the crop, and now it's time to harvest the grain.

One of the other reasons I love wheat harvest is because the entire family is involved. Since the kids are out of school for the summer they get to experience harvest in all of its glory as well. Both Banks and Isannah have always played an active role in wheat harvest. When both were younger

many of their nap times happened in their car seats while I would drive meals or machine parts out to the fields. I would hold my babies on my hips, and we'd wave to the combines and cheer as they'd roar past, making another round in a field.

Every year my kids get to help bake cookies, pack meals and distribute drinks for our harvest crew. They get to sink their toes in the spilled wheat before it's shoveled up. They love to drive out to the fields and watch our crew and machines run. They enjoy meals out in the field and riding in the combine's buddy seat next to their dad or grandpa as they move from one side of the field to the other cutting the wheat. It's a beautiful tradition we experience every summer, and I often wonder if harvest will call my two home when they are older with children of their own.

Last night, after we had driven out to the field with food for the crew, the guys began walking back to the tractor, combines and trucks to continue cutting the wheat into the night. As we were walking back to the car, my four-yearold daughter began weeping. The weeping quickly turned into sobs. As I was attempting to calm her down to find out what was wrong, she was pointing to the combines and grain cart already moving to the opposite end of the field.

After encouraging her to take deep breaths so she could express what was wrong, she began to hiccup her explanation while tears rolled down her face. It turns out she had planned to ride in a combine after dinner and clearly she was not in one of the cabs. She wanted me to call one of the combines back so she could get in and help cut wheat. I assured her she'd get to ride later. Hesitantly, she climbed into her car seat and we drove home.

For the next few hours. Isannah would ask if it was time for her to go cut. Near bedtime, my husband briefly came into the house to get an item before getting back out to the field. Isannah cornered him and asked if it was time for her to go cut wheat. He knew she would not take "no" for an answer. So even though it was already past her bedtime, at 9 p.m., the two of them headed back to the field. According to Adam, she fell asleep on the drive out to the field, but woke up to help cut wheat for another couple hours.

He carried her to bed shortly before midnight. both exhausted from another day of wheat harvest.

This morning as we all slowly made our way to the breakfast table, Isannah, still sleepy-eyed with dirt on her face and wearing the same clothes from yesterday, sat down at the table, crossed her arms and proceeded to ask Adam, "When are WE cutting wheat today?'

How can you not love wheat harvest when it's clearly a family affair?

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Farmland offers legacy, stable asset for any economic period

By Lance Albin

Having grown up on a farm in western Kansas, I was privileged to experience what most farm kids hear about - the history of the family farm. These stories passed down from generation to generation typically recount which land was bought when, by whom and for how much. These stories also often include a more painful subject - what land could have been bought, for how little, and who messed it all up by passing on the purchase.

Stories recounted in this way often now involve prices that are a small fraction of what the land would be worth today. The point of this story is that farmland in America has been an excellent investment over the last several decades. Not only has the land generated (in most

years) a decent amount of income, but it has also (and often in a much bigger way) provided an appreciating asset that has continued to increase in value over the years. Here is a quick look at some characteristics that make land a great asset.

The Legacy

Farmland is unique in that working the family farm creates an inherent bond and love for the land that can be shared in a special way among family members. Creating a lasting legacy for one's family through a shared love of the land, while also feeding the world, is a great characteristic of ag land. Passing the family land down through the generations also has significant tax advantages that are meaningful.

Historical Appreciation

On average, farm real

estate in the U.S. has experienced a combined total return of well over 10% since 1970. This includes both the annualized rental income (or cash income if farmed) along with the appreciation of the land itself. In fact, since the end of the second World War. there has only been one significant period in which farmland prices meaningfully declined, which was from 1982 to 1987. This period was preceded by an 11-year period in which both farmland and commodity prices boomed. The end of the 1970s ag boom, along with record high interest rates, resulted in weak land prices. Excluding the 1982 to 1987 period, there have been very few year-over-year declines in national aggregate farmland values. **Net Present Value**

The value of any asset

is best measured as the amount of cash flow that can be generated from the asset discounted at an appropriate rate. Farmland has a very strong net present value characteristic in that the reasonable certainty of the cash generation can be expected for many decades to come. When interest rates are low, the discounting calculation results in higher asset values, which helps explain why land values remain robust today despite lower commodity prices. This also helps us understand why land fell so dramatically in the 1980s when interest rates spiked. Land will often be more correlated to the

rise or fall in interest rates than it will be to the rise or fall in the price of grain. Demand

The most often quoted statement about farmland will always be true, "They are not making any more of it." Due to the obvious limited supply of farmland, the intrinsic value of the land will likely remain stable for a long time. Farmland is not a get rich quick investment but rather a stay rich investment that will provide reasonable returns over long periods of time.

Many of America's founding fathers invested in farmland with the money they earned and believed it to be a wise investment. George Washington said on February 1, 1778, "Land is the most permanent estate we can hold and the most likely to increase in its value." I believe this to still be true today more than 240 years later.

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Beef Checkoff celebrates Americans' love of grilling with 'United We Steak' campaign 50 states. United We Steak

celebrates not only a

shared tradition of grill-

ing delicious steaks, but

also what makes each state

unique when it comes to

beloved pastime.

Funded by beef farmers and ranchers. Beef. It's What's For Dinner., is launching "United We Steak," a new summer grilling campaign showcasing 50 steaks and all

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The idea comes to life at UnitedWeSteak.com with an interactive map of the United States made from 50 hand-cut state-shaped steaks. The interactive map is packed full of grilling spirit and state-specific recipes and fun facts that can help consumers nationwide "beef up" grilling season this summer.

Underpinning the campaign is a recognition that across all 50 states and a million tastes, there is a universal love of beef sizzling on a summer grill. According to research conducted by Beef. It's What's For Dinner., which is managed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. a contractor to the Beef Checkoff, nearly one-third of consumers say that they plan to grill more this summer than they have in the nast "The great taste of beef has brought families together for generations and is a must-have for the summer grilling season," said Buck Wehrbein, Federation Division chair at the NCBA.



A day late and a dollar short. That just about describes my life to a T. Well, I am an overachiever and usually I am more than a day late and far more than a dollar short, but it gets the point across. In any case, I sat down to put pen to paper for this column and realized that the Fourth of July column I was about to write would be a bit late, but I also feel like the message is one that we all need in these turbulent times. No, I am not going to touch even remotely any of the current hot topics, but I do want to remind us, myself included, just how good we have it. The times we live in and the problems we are facing are, to say the least, difficult and, some might say, unprecedented. It is easy to get caught up in all of that and forget about the good things we are all blessed with. I say blessed because I do not believe in luck, which is funny for someone with as many superstitions as I have. I never said I was not complicated or conflicted. But I truly believe the life I have, and the good things given to me are blessings. Does that mean someone else is not as blessed as I am? I am not sure, and I think that is something each of us must wrestle with. All I know is my life and I, am extremely blessed. I am blessed to live in this great nation where I can have my opinions and I am free to express them. There may be consequences for expressing my opinions, but I am free to say or write what I want. I am blessed to be able to choose the religion I worship and go to the church of my choosing. Many places in this world cannot express themselves or worship where they choose and that is a blessing each of us have been given and one we must protect fervently. I was blessed to be born in rural America where I learned the value of hard work and sacrifice. I was blessed to have two loving parents who spent each day teaching and modeling values and morals to me. I was blessed to be raised in a household were there were rules that you had to abide by. I realize now that those rules molded me and developed life skills and boundaries that helped me later in life.

taught me in Sunday School about God's love and how to use the Bible as a road map for my life. I was blessed to have Rev. Nonhoff show me that being a Christian could be cool. I was blessed to have a church full of role models who showed me how a Godly life should be lived. I was blessed to grow up in a small town where everyone knew me, and I



I was blessed to have been raised in the church. Miss Shirley and Miss Ione

could feel safe.

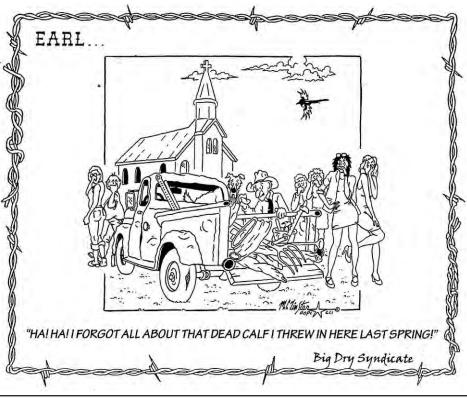
I have been blessed to have a ring of good friends who keep me grounded and guide me through life. Good friends who are comforting to be around and make life more enjoyable. I have been blessed to be able to work in agriculture and continue the family business. I cannot imagine doing anything else or living anywhere but here. Most of all I have been blessed with the family I have. My family is what gives me a purpose everyday to go out and try to improve on the day before.

I know that I used the word blessed a lot in the past few paragraphs and that is because my blessings are too numerous to count. I cannot speak on anyone else's life because I have not spent time in their shoes or lived their life, but I have trouble believing each of us cannot find something or many things that are blessings. I know this, it is easier for us to find those blessings here in the United States where our lives and our liberty are protected by the foundation of the Constitution and built upon it by the hard work, sacrifice and dreams of each generation. We are all blessed to live in this great nation.

The events of the past few months have been troubling, and freedom is often messy and requires constant work. If we do not pay attention to the direction of our nation or participate in the guidance and work of governing those freedoms and rights can go away. We should celebrate our great nation with all our God-given freedoms and rights every day, but we should be especially focused on them on July Fourth. I hope you will take time to remember all the blessings you have been given and rededicate vourself to being an active participant in the governing of our United States of America. We are all in this together and we must all work together.



"Jake, it's only a bad case of sunburn, but it's gonna get worse if you don't quit looking for rain clouds.





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Central Kansas Free Fair events canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19

By Amy Feigley

When we all woke up on January 1st, I don't think anyone ever imagined that this was the year we would be handed: everything from school going out of the buildings and into the living room to sporting events being canceled and businesses being closed. And recently added to the list of changes is the cancellation of the 2020 Central Kansas Free Fair, as well as the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo, the Demolition Derby, tractor pull, and the carnival. For those who participate in these events annually, they were truly hoping for the best and that the show would go on.

According to Allison Forsyth, who is a member of the CKFF fair board, this was a judgment that was not taken lightly. "The decision was extremely tough. Being a member of the board means that you have to think about the fair as a whole, from 4-H to the demo derby" notes Forsyth. In order to run, the fair must make money so that it can happen the following year. Due to budget cuts from the city and county, as well as a decrease in rentals due to COVID-19, the fair budget has taken a huge hit. The board had no desire to put on a half-fair. Allison not only came into the meeting from a business perspective, but put on her 4-H shoes, also. She, along with a handful of the other members, were active in 4-H while growing up. These members, who either have children involved in 4-H now, or like Allison, in the future, want to continue to push through this virus situation and allow the current 4-H members and those down the road. to have the opportunity to showcase their hard work. "These kids have already lost a lot in terms of graduation, proms, and other various summer activities and the least we can do is give them a short opportunity to exhibit, especially those who are last year 4-H members" quotes Forsyth.

And Spencer Riffel is one of those last year 4-H members. When it comes to this year's fair being different, he was faced with a lot of mixed emotions. Getting the chance to exhibit his livestock put somewhat of a smile on his face. But there is also the disappointment and sadness that the last year of 4-H memories, the ones made with family and friends, will not happen in the way that they should have. Spencer was looking forward to showing his pigs for one final year. And for those who know this young man, his livestock is very important to him. He, like many 4-H'ers, have put in a lot of time with their animals. Eight-year-old Roper Lefert is just getting started with his 4-H career. He is a second year member and like Spencer, shows

pigs. Roper's parents, Loran and Samantha, both agree that if there has been a year that kids need normal in their life, this has been that year. When school was moved to being online at the beginning of March, Roper, along with help from his younger sister, Reatta, have had a lot of extra time to work with the 4-H pigs and Roper's bucket calf, Bison. Also gone this year has been loading up the family and taking them to a variety of pig shows to choose the perfect pig. This year, Loran would take pictures, show them to his son, and that is how Roper picked out his 4-H pigs. Not exactly ideal, but considering the way the year has been, it had to work.

Dickinson County K-State Research and Extension 4-H agent Jill Martinson has been nothing short of amazed on what her 4-H'ers have accomplished and overcome since March. She has seen their resiliency and flexibility go into full force. "I'm energized by their willingness to figure out how to do things in a new way with increased ownership of their 4-H experience" notes Martinson. From 4-H meetings over Zoom to fulfilling their leadership roles in a way they never expected to when they ran for that office back in September. She brags about her 4-H'ers who are seniors and how she is so proud of them, their dedication and leadership. These kids truly are rock stars!

2020 is the 75th Anniversary of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo. Seeing it canceled, knowing all of the blood and sweat that the committee members pour into the event each vear, is heartbreaking. Forsyth went on to say that the demo derby, tractor pull, and carnival are in the same boat. "There are people that have already started building their demo cars just for our fair and luckily, I think there



Since school went from classroom to online, 2nd year 4-H member, Roper Lefert, has had extra time to work with his bucket calf, Bison. Roper is sad that the fair was canceled for this year, but happy that he will still have the chance to show his animals.

will be an opportunity to use them later this fall at another demo" mentions Forsyth. Although she doesn't expect everyone to understand, she does hope that 4-H families can be thankful for their shortened exhibition times. She has great faith in hoping that the patrons of the Central Kansas Free Fair will bear with the board this year and continue their support in the years to come. Confidently, she feels that she can speak for the board in saying that they want to make the 2021 CKFF better than ever... a banner year, a banner fair, and one for the books. Their decision had to be made based on financial concerns, public health safety, and the impacts had there been a poor turnout.

Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee president Jerry Marsteller is sad that the rodeo was called off this year, but happy that the Belt Buckle Auction will still happen, as well as the belt buckle sales. "The buckles, which were designed by the rodeo committee, with some help from Rodeo Queen Brooke Wallace, were already ordered" notes Marsteller. The committee plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in 2021 and hope to make it bigger and better than ever. More information about the buckle sales and auction to follow in the next few weeks.

Spencer Riffel has high hopes that the fair will return to an event that everyone can enjoy. "Not only is it important for 4-H'ers to be able to share their projects, it plays an important role in impacting the community vitality," says Riffel. He encourages members to never give up, no matter the circumstances. If you are learning, you are winning. And, to always, always, always remember the 4-H club motto..."To Make The Best Better."

That motto is something that Roper Lefert also encourages 4-H members to live by. At a young age, he has learned to never give



When school was moved to online in March, Josslyn and Asher DePew, who are the children of Dickinson County 4-H Agent, Jill Martinson, had more time to work with their dogs, Cash and Chapin. For 4-H'ers who have animals, this has been the year where these animals have had the extra attention from these children.

up when things are tough. He is happy that he gets to show his pigs and bucket calf this year. Samantha Lefert is happy that her children are still in their early years of being 4-H members and still get to experience the fair, showing their animals, and making memories, just like she and Loran did as 4-H members once upon a time, for years to come. "Life at this time isn't ideal, but it proves the tenacity of the youth"

declares Lefert.

Planning modified in-person conference judging this year, by practicing social distancing and using the best practices they know how, is something Jill Martinson is happy about. The livestock shows will be modified as well. "We want to make sure to protect the health and safety of our 4-H families, volunteers, and judges" notes Martinson. With the stress of this global • Cont. on page 10









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1 pound rhubarb, cut into 1/4-inch pieces (3 or 4 cups)

1 cup white sugar

3-ounce package strawberry gelatin

1 yellow cake mix

1 cup water 1/4 cup melted butter

Mix rhubarb, sugar and gelatin. Put in bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan followed by cake mix. Pour the 1 cup of water over top and then the melted butter. Bake 45 minutes or until rhubarb is done in a 350-degree oven.

Gay Schumaker, Whiting: STRAWBERRY CRUSH 2 cups frozen strawberries 1/2 cup crushed pineapple 1/2 cup water 1/2 medium banana 6 tablespoons sugar 1/4 cup lemon juice 2 tablespoons honey

Blend in blender. Serve.

Olive McReynolds, Hays: "A family favorite." HOT BEAN DISH

1 pound bacon

1 pound hamburger 2 large onions, diced

1 large can lima beans, drained

1 large can butter beans, drained

large can red kidney beans, not drained 1 large can pork & beans

Salt & garlic powder to taste 1/4 cup molasses 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard 1/4 cup vinegar 3/4 cup brown sugar 1/2 to 1 cup ketchup (optional)

Brown bacon; drain. Add hamburger and onions; brown and drain. Put in crock-pot and add beans, salt and garlic powder. Mix in a pan and simmer for 15 minutes: the molasses. dry mustard, vinegar and brown sugar. Add to the crock-pot mixture. I add 1/2 to 1 cup ketchup and a little water to make it very moist. Cook 4 hours on low.

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PEACH DESSERT 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch 1/3 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup water 1 tablespoon lemon juice 4-6 cups fresh peaches, sliced

1 stick margarine

1 box yellow cake mix

Mix cornstarch, brown sugar, water and lemon juice; add peaches. Cook and stir until thickened. Pour into 9-by-13-inch pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over the top. Slice 1 stick butter or oleo on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until brown on top. ****

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: COWBOY CROCK-POT CASSEROLE

1 pound ground beef. browned & drained

6 medium russet potatoes, sliced

1 can kidney beans, undrained 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained

1 can cream mushroom soup

1 yellow onion 1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon oregano

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 cup Cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients except cheese in crock-pot. Cook on high 4 hours or 8 hours on low. Remove lid and put in cheese: cook another hour.

Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center: "This is a fast and easy cole slaw; one of our family favorites."

COLE SLAW

16-ounce package cabbage, shredded from the store 2 tablespoons white vinegar

1/4 cup water 3 heaping tablespoons Mir-

acle Whip

4 level tablespoons sugar

Food Safety Takes Spotlight For Outdoor Picnics, Grilling

MANHATTAN – "Handling food safely is important every day. not just at holidays," said Blakeslee, a food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "During the summer, it is more important to follow the four core principals of cook, chill, clean and separate."

She notes that foodborne illness often peaks in the summer for a couple important reasons: Bacteria multiply faster in warmer temperatures. and preparing food outdoors makes safe food handling more difficult. "Temperature abused food can allow bacteria to grow and multiply every 20 minutes," Blakeslee said.

For picnics and barbecues, Blakeslee provides some timely tips:

• Cook food to the recommended internal temperature. If bacteria are present on food, they can be killed by cooking meat properly. There is no need to wash meat or poultry. Marinate meat in the refrigerator and discard unused marinade. For popular picnic foods, the suggested internal temperatures are 165 degrees Fahrenheit for poultry; 160 F for ground meat and hamburg-

Dash of pepper

Combine all ingredients except cabbage in a shaker jar. Shake until well-blended. Pour over cabbage; stir and enjoy.

NOTE: You can also shred a head of cabbage for this recipe. ****

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

HAMBURGER PIE 1 onion, chopped 1 pound ground beef 3/4 teaspoon salt 16-ounce can green beans 1 can tomato soup 5 medium potatoes 1/2 cup milk 1 egg

Cook potatoes. Brown hamburger and onion; add green beans, tomato soup and salt. Mash potatoes; add milk and egg to it. Pour hamburger mixture into casserole dish. Top with the potato mixture. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes in a 9-inch square pan.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos: CASSEROLE SAUCE MIX 2 cups instant dry milk 3/4 cup cornstarch

1/4 cup chicken or beef bouillon

1/2 teaspoon dried, crushed

thyme 1/2 teaspoon dried crushed basil

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients using a blender. Store in air-tight container. Use as a replacement for canned cream soups in recipes. To substitute for one can of condensed cream soup, stir together 1/3 cup dry mix and 1 cup water in saucepan. Cover and stir until thickened. Yield: Equivalent to 9 cans condensed soups.



• Chill foods that won't be in a refrigerator. Use several ice chests to store cold food below 40 F and keep it cold until meal time. Don't leave picnic food out for more than two hours or one hour if out-

door temperatures are above 90 F. Once the meal is finished, put leftovers on ice or in the refrigerator promptly. • Clean produce, surfaces and hands regularly. Wash produce with plain water before prepping or cooking. Rub or scrub when possible to remove dirt. Clean surfaces

often. When washing hands, any soap that produces bubbles - which break up bacteria and germs - will work. Rub between fingers, back of hands and up your arms, too. If you don't have running water, moist disposable towelettes are a good choice.

• Separate foods. Keep raw foods away from ready-to-eat foods. Use separate plates and utensils for raw meat and cooked meat. Or, wash plates and utensils before using them for cooked meat. "It is easy to get distracted with summer activities and forget about food," said Blakeslee, who suggests keeping the meal simple. "Plan ahead to reduce mishaps since cooking and eating outdoors is out of your normal routine. Keep food safe for everyone at your party to enjoy."



Not everyone is as lucky as I am when it comes to the role model department, especially when it comes to aunts. When I found out that I was going to become an aunt for the first time in 2016, I probably wasn't as nervous as I should have been because I was beyond lucky to have had some wonderful influences in my life to have taught me what was really important. My dad's sister, my Aunt Robin, happened to be one of them.

The best things, and in my opinion the most important things, I have learned from my Aunt Robin is the ability to find beauty in everyone and everything and to love without question. She has always been the best example of these.

You can see the love in her eyes and in her smile when she talks to you, and especially when you hear her talk about the things she is passionate about. Anvthing from furry friends, flowers, family, faith, motorcycles, grandbabies and everything in between, when she loves it, she beams, and it resonates.

I can't tell you how many times at family gatherings I have noticed her outside loving on the animals, looking at the flowers, investigating the ponds, watching the little ones play or spending quality oneon-one time with whoever seems to need it most. Her heart of gold always seems to be able to see the bigger picture and I love that about her.

Being someone who has always struggled with body image issues, she is one of the very few people in this world who has truly made me believe that I am beautiful, inside, and out. Aunt Robin always greets me with some form of "Hello my beautiful angel," and for some reason when she says it, it always seems so much more real, probably has to do with the soul-touching hug that always follows or maybe because it's so similar to the way my Great Grandpa used to greet me. Regardless of the what or the why, it's magical and meaningful

coming from her.

Because of her I try to remember to not only enjoy the little moments with my nieces but to also remind them on a daily basis just how beautiful they are, both inside and out. I also hug them tight in hopes that my hugs touch their souls like Aunt Robin's do mine, because sometimes that is the most healing thing in the world. Because of her, I am a better aunt and for that, I will always be grateful.

Happy Birthday Aunt Robin! Thanks for being vou. I wouldn't trade you for the world.

AUNT ROBIN'S WHAT CHA MA CALL ITS

3/4 cup brown sugar 3/4 cup Karo syrup 16-ounce jar peanut butter

4-5 cups Special K cereal

Small bag semisweet chocolate chips

Small bag butterscotch chips

Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray. Heat brown sugar and syrup in microwave for about 3 minutes or until the brown sugar is dissolved. Add in the jar of peanut butter. Crush up the cereal and add to the mixture; you can add as much or as little as you want depending on consistency you are wanting. Press into the bottom of your pan.

Get a double boiler going. Add the semisweet chocolate chips and butterscotch chips to the boiler. When melted, pour over the base. Put in the refrigerator to set up. Pull from the refrigerator about a half hour before you want to cut them. Cut and enjoy.

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Farmer's Markets, Gardening Provide Opportunities For Kids To Learn About Good Health

MANHATTAN – Kansas State University nutrition specialist Sandy Procter says that an abundance of healthy summer foods is a double dose of good news for parents and their kids.

"Many of the foods that are available now are delicious and there's a real health benefit to them," Procter said.

Because of that, she said, it's also an opportunity for children to learn more about good nutrition.

"It's a good time to think about getting out to the farmer's market," Procter said. "We know there are social distancing rules in place, but those farmers are bringing in that fresh product, so it's a good time to go make some choices and then talk about the selections you've picked. Getting out and seeing what's available is a good way to learn."

Procter talked about the importance of the USDA's MyPlate program, which encourages eating a mixture of healthy foods.

"When you look at MyPlate, you see that at least half of your plate should be fruits and vegetables," Procter said. "This is where summer foods make it really easy. There are so many opportunities to put colorful fruits and vegetables on your plate and really make that the focus of the meal."

Procter said MyPlate makes it easier for kids

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to learn about eating a balanced meal. For example, a healthy meal might include half a plate of fruit or vegetables, some pasta and small amount of meat, fish or proteins.

"There are a lot of ways to look at MyPlate and think that this is maybe just a bit easier to accomplish in the summertime," Procter said.

Procter said summer gardening provides another opportunity for learning and good health.

"A lot of people are very interested in gardening right now because, first of all, they are home more and they have the time to be there and oversee the garden," she said. "We've had a lovely spring for planting and rains seemed to be have been nicely spaced for starting a garden."

For kids, growing even a single plant or a small plot can be educational and fun. It can start with picking out seeds, planting them in a pot, watering their plant and harvesting the fruit. Tomatoes and herbs can be popular choices.

"All of those lessons are great to instill the love and excitement of gardening, which can last a lifetime," Procter said. "But it's also exciting to see a plant grow and be able to pick cherry tomatoes, or look under the leaves and find a cucumber."

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She cited research that indicates when kids grow healthy food, they're also more likely to eat it.

"It's a good way to learn a healthful practice, but also a good way for kids to appreciate the flavor and nutrition of some of the produce that they will be lucky enough to take part in," Procter said.

Parents can also spur their child's learning by including them in preparing food.

"It's not too early to talk about reading labels and figuring out what's in the foods they're eating," Procter said. "That's kind of a fun task for kids and it can inform their healthy choices. Young minds are very fertile, and those lessons have a very good chance of sticking with them throughout their lives."

More nutrition and food safety tips from K-State Research and Extension are available online.

Links used in this story: MyPlate, www. choosemyplate.gov/ eathealthy/WhatIsMy-Plate

Extension Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health, https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/humannutrition



Monday, Monday

By Lou Ann Thomas Monday is my catch-

all day. I'll put off just about anything until Monday. Honestly, if I haven't started whatever it is by Wednesday, it is likely to end up on top of Monday. I mean, Wednesday is almost at the end of the week, so is not the best time to begin something new, right?

It makes sense to wait until the first day of new week rolls around. Mondays are my fresh start. But really my "fresh start" is little more than a list of things I didn't do during the other days. Still it is the perfect day to set intentions to re-starting my writing practice, or making sure I eat better, or getting back into radical self-care. Where would all those things go, if I don't put them on Monday?

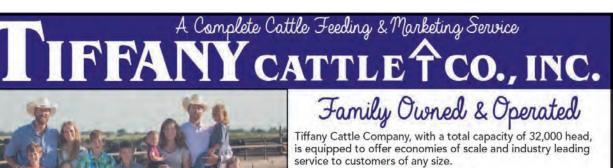
Well, there is the option of not putting them anywhere and just doing them when I think of them. And sometimes I do that. I have even set the intention of whenever an idea for something I've been meaning to do surfaces to get up and do it right then. Like, when I think of writing that long overdue letter, getting up and writing it now. And when I realize I need to vacuum, actually doing it right then. I do feel great satisfaction when I successfully accomplish any task. But it's still so easy to just put it off.

I have noticed however that undone tasks hover around me, taking up space in my mind much longer than it would take to complete the chore. That means that by putting it off I expend more energy and spend more time than if I went ahead and accomplished the task. I waste so much of my precious time waiting for another time, so by Monday my "Things Not Yet Done" list has grown ever longer.

Since my expectations for Monday run so high - it is, after all, where all the good things I plan for myself will begin - I wonder if it ever feels put upon or resentful. Does Monday ever wish it were Thursday? Thursday has to be one of the weekdays we put the least amount of pressure on It's the day before Friday, so no matter how it or we show up, it's going to be a better day than Monday. Then there's Sunday, which often has a naturallv slow and easy feel to it. Who wouldn't want to be Sunday? It's the Sabbath, after all, a day of contemplation and appreciation.

In fact, some Sundays the most I get done is making my Monday list.





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Cloud County Fair - July 7-11

Country Night and Carnival Lights is the theme of the 2020 Cloud County Fair. The dates for this event have been scheduled for July 7-11. Due to COVID-19, the Cloud Countv Fair Board chose not to bring the carnival in this vear. According to a River Vallev Extension District livestock agent, this will cause a drop in the number of people attending the fair. He also believes that there will be less participation in the remainder of the fair events to some degree. The number of cases in the county and how comfortable residents are about attending such a big event also plays a role.

Events on July 8 include Open Class, 4-H, and FFA rabbit judging at 10 a.m. and poultry judging at 11 a.m. Check out the 4-H pet show at 2 p.m., the 4-H horse show at 5 p.m., and a greased pig contest. everv parent's favorite event, at 6 p.m. The day is capped off with a pedal pull at 6:30 p.m. July 9 rolls in with 4-H, FFA, and Open Class swine judging at 10 a.m., goat judging at 1 p.m., and sheep judging at 4 p.m. The NCK Saddle Club Queen judging will be held at 6 p.m. July 10 begins with 4-H and Open Class bucket calf interviews and 4-H. FFA, and the Open Class beef show at 10 a.m. The Livestock Sale will be held at 6 p.m. and the NCK Saddle Club. Rodeo will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the rodeo being held on July 10 and 11. All exhibits must be removed on July 12.

Tri-County Free Fair -**July 9-11**

The Tri-County Free Fair board, after reviewing the regulations put in place due to COVID-19, made the difficult decision to cancel all NON-4-H/FFA activities for the 2020 fair. This includes the fair parade, PRCA rodeo, ATV rodeo, demolition derby, community building vendors, open class judging. car show, community carnival and all other items for spectators. The livestock shows will also be closed to the public and only the 4-H/FFA participants and their direct guardians and the needed volunteers will be present. It will be a "judge and go" setup for all entries. Livestock will arrive the day of their show and be shown from their trailers. No barns will be utilized. Participants will be ex9. The meat/breeding goat show will be held at 11.

Clay County Fair -July 14-19

July 14 through July 19 brings you the Clay County Fair in Clav Center. The rodeo has been canceled this year, but other events will go on. Artist Duke Mason will perform at the Clav Center United Methodist Church on July 12 at 7:00 p.m. Head on over to the 4-H Bake Sale on July 15th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and pick up some delicious goodies made by local 4-H members. July 15th also brings the Swine Show at 6:00 p.m.

July 16th kicks off with the 4-H/FFA horse show at 9:00 a.m., the meat goat show at 4:00 p.m. and the sheep show at 6:00 p.m. July 17th is jam-packed with poultry judging at 9:00 a.m., Dairy cattle judging at 4:00 p.m., the bucket calf show at 5:00 p.m. and will finish out with the beef show at 6:00 p.m. Country artist Savanna Chestnut and the Field Hands will be performing that evening from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

On July 18th, the day starts with Round Robin at 8:30 a.m., livestock judging at 10:00 a.m., and the Livestock Auction at 6:00 p.m. If you are a motorcycle enthusiast, there will be a motorcycle race at 7:00 p.m. Put on your dancing shoes and kick up your heels at the Barn Dance at 8:30 p.m.

Please make sure to practice social distancing at these events. The fair board wants everyone to stay safe and healthy during this time. If you are not feeling good or have recently been ill, please stay home. Your friends and family members will share pictures with you.

For more information about the fair, visit their website at www.clavcountyksfair.com for any updates and a full schedule of this year's fair.

Lincoln County Fair -

July 15-18 "A Fair to Remember" is the theme as the Lincoln **County Fair celebrates 150** vears of Lincoln County. The fair will be held July 15-18 at the fairgrounds in Svlvan Grove. Thursday evening from 6-8 be sure to enjoy ice cream provided by Bennington State Bank and Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association. Friday will fea-ture the Washer Contest at the baseball field at 5:30. There is a \$20 entry fee per two-person team and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. Check-in for the kids pedal tractor pull starts at 6 p.m. Friday, with the pull beginning at 7. This event is sponsored by Farm Bureau and Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Also on Friday will be the ranch rodeo beginning at 7. The demolition derby will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. 4-H horticulture, poultry and rabbit judging will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday morning and the bucket calves will kick off the beef show that evening at 6. The swine judging will follow at 8. The sheep and goats will enter the ring Friday morning at 8, followed by the round robin at 10. There will be children's games and a bake walk that evening from 5-7.

Mitchell County Fair -

July 23-25 This year's Mitchell County Fair will be held on July 23-25, 2020. Like most counties, the Post Rock Extension staff think that this year's fair will have some struggles. They have had to cancel events that would normally draw in large crowds. This was done for the health and safety of the community and for those who attend the fair each year. As a small community, the fair board is hoping that they can come together to show community support as well as keeping everyone safe.

July 22 brings in the horse show at 9:00 a.m. Bucket calf judging at 10:30 a.m. and the beef show at 6:00 p.m. round out July 23. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 24 is the swine show, with the sheep and goat shows to follow. July 25 is the Round Robin at 9:00 a.m. and the 4-H Livestock Premium Sale at 5:00 p.m. for the grand finale of this vear's fair.

The fair board has worked hard to have events that are featured at the Mitchell County Fair. The carnival, which used to be a yearly tradition, has been gone from the

fair agenda for a handful of years. Last year, a bouncy house was there for children, but with the circumstances the board is facing, alternative events will take place.

Mitchell County is part of the Post Rock Extension, which also includes Lincoln, Jewell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Their focus is on the 4-H'ers and hoping that they still choose to showcase all of the hard work they have put in throughout the year.

Coffev County Fair As the 140th Coffey County Fair kicks off, experience "From Pioneer Days to Modern Ways." On Thursday, July 23 the poultry show and rabbit show will begin at 8 a.m. The dairy cow and dairy goat judging will start at 11 and the sheep and goat show will be held at 5. The beef show will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday. Don't miss the parade at 6 p.m. Saturday morning at 8 the swine will enter the ring for judging and the bucket calf show

will be held at 1. The round robin showmanship contest will take place on Sunday at 10:30 and the livestock sale will be held that evening at 6.

McPherson County Fair July 15-19

The 72nd McPherson County Fair will be held July 15-19 in Canton with a full slate of 4-H and Open Class activities. Also featured with be barrel races. junior rodeo. CPRA rodeo. demo derby and queen and princess contest. For more information visit www.mcphersoncofair.com or phone 620-628-4466.

Pottawatomie County Fair - July 29-August 2

Be sure to attend the Pottawatomie County Fair, where they will be "Making Memories One Fair at a Time" from July 29-August 2. They are moving forward with a traditional fair, with a few modifications due to COVID-19. For instance, Open Class exhibits will be limited to Pottawatomie County residents only. Other events

may be modified to accommodate social distancing requirements. The dairy goat show will kick things off on Thursday, July 30 at 4 p.m., followed by the dairy cattle. At 5 p.m. the meat goats will be judged. On Friday the poultry show will be held at 1 and the beef show will be held at 5. The swine show will be held Saturday at 8 a.m. and the bucket calf show will start at 1. At 2 p.m. will be the shepherd's lead and the livestock sale will begin at 5. The livestock judging contest will take place at 9:30 Sunday morning, and the round robin will start at 2.

NCK Fair - July 28-August 1

"The Show Must Go On" is the theme of the 2020 NCK Fair in Belleville. After everything that has happened this year, that is an appropriate theme. The dates for this fair are July 28 through August 1. As of now, everything will be running normal, but clos-

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7:00pm: Talking Tombstones

Circus Act

8:00pm: Marissa Budke



pected to practice social distancing and follow the guidelines set in place by the state and county.

will Poultry judging take place a noon on Thursday, July 9 and the dairy cattle and dairy goat show will be held that evening at 6. The swine show will be held Fridav at 9. followed by the bucket calf and beef show at 11. The horses will enter the ring on Saturday, July 11 at 8 and the sheep show will take place at 9. There will also be a 4-H dog show at Must be a Pottawatomie County Resident to Exhibit Open Class in the 2020 fair.

Pottawatomie County Fair

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tion & Buymanship – Virtual Fashion 9:00pm: Landon Eilert Revue will be on the 4-H facebook page Friday, July 24th Monday, July 20th (Beloit First Christian Church) 9:00am: Judging 4-H Swine, following swin will be 9:00am: Judging of 4-H Arts and Crafts Judging of 4-H Sheep & Goats 5:30pm: Jayden Rosebaugh 4-H Foods Tuesday, July 21st 6:00pm: Laser Tag Opens 8:00am: Post Rock District Dog Show (Osborne Fair **Circus Act** 6:00pm: NCK Dancers Grounds) 2:00pm: Mitchell County 4-H Pet Show (4-H bldg.) 7:00pm: Wade Richard Wednesday, July 22nd 8:00pm: Kaylee McGuire 9:00am: 4-H can enter any exhibits in the 4-H Bldg. **Circus Act** 9:00pm: Cassie Patterson Horse Show 5-8:00pm: Beloit FFA Cow Pie Bingo tickets available 9:30am: Judging of 4-H Photography 6-8:00pm: Beloit FFA Hayrack Rides 10am: Judging of 4-H Horticulture, Flowers, & Crops Saturday, July 25th 6-8:00pm: Livestock Check In/Open Class Check In 7:30am: Superhero Fun Run Thursday, July 23rd 9:00am: Round Robin 8-9:30am: Enter all 4-H remaining exhibits to be 12:00pm: Horseshow Tournament \$10/person, draw judged. for a partner at start time, please call 308-390-9:30am: Judging of 4-H Spacetech Judging of 4-H Woodworking, Electric, 2607 Cornhole Tournament \$20/team, please Welding, Entomology & Geology 10:00am: Judging of 4-H Rabbit Posters contact the Beloit FFA chapter at 785-220-5679 1:00pm: Kansas ud Racing – 10 classes visit kmro. Poultry Judging of Open Class Poultry net for rules and class information. Posters Judging of 4-H Posters, Notebooks, 1:30pm: Kids Pedal Tractor Pull-Qualify for State Fair 2:00pm: Circus Act Banners, Food Displays 10:30am: Judging of 4-H Bucket Calf 4:00pm: Circus Act 5:00pm: 4-H & FFA Livestock Premium Sale 1:00pm: Judging of Open Class Arts & Crafts 6:00pm: Laser Tag Opens Judging of Open Class Foods 6-10:00pm: Open Mic Night on the Free Stage feat. Judging of Open Class Flowers John Pearson, Anthony May, Cassie Patterson & Judging of Open Class Photography Judging of Open Class Clothing & Quilts Francis McCune Sunday, July 26th 2:30pm: Judging of Open Class Garden 8:00am - 12:00pm: Check Out Exhibits & Clean Up 6:00pm: Laser Tag Opens Funnel Cakes - Texas Red BBQ Tacos Snow Cones - 4H Food Stand Free Stage Entertainment & Laser Tag open All 3 Nights! THURSDAY NIGHT **FRIDAY NIGHT** Creature Feature @ 6:00 Antique Tractor Pull @ 6:00 Circus Act @ 7:00 Circus Act @ 6:00 & 8:00 SATURDAY Kansas Mud Runs (local entries encouraged) Pit Opens: 11:00 | Run Time: 1:00 Admission: \$10 for ages 9 and up | Ages 8 & under Free 10 classes | kmra.net for rules & regulations **Cornhole Tournament** Start Time: 12:00pm. \$20/team. To sign up, contact Beloit High FFA: 785-220-5679 **Horseshoe Tournament** Start: 12:00pm. \$10/person | Draw for partner To sign up, contact: 308-390-2607 **Kids Pedal Pull** Registration: 1:00 | Pull Starts: 1:30 9 classes, Ages 4-12. No entry fee or admission 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners from each group will qualify to pull at Kansas State Fair in September

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Grass & Grain, July 7, 2020

Attend a county fair for great family fun

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change. Celebrating 100 years of tradition is something that the NCK Fair board is proud of. The horse show will kick off the fair on July 27th at 9:00 a.m. July 28th brings the sheep show at 1:00 p.m., with the meat goat show following. Don't forget to check out the carnival rides!

July 29th begins with the swine show at 8:30 a.m., bucket calves at 1:00 p.m., dairy cattle and dairy goats at 2:30 p.m. On July 30th, make sure to head over to the Entertainment Center for some delicious kolaches. You won't be sorry! Also on July 30th is the Beef Show at 10:00 a.m. and a polka band performing at 4:00 p.m.

July 31st kicks off with the Round Robin at 10:00 a.m. and Livestock Judging at 1:00 p.m. August 1st, the final day of the fair, ends with the Livestock Sale at 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of shows, such as Brothers Walker and Adam Girard at the Entertainment Center.

The NCK Fair would not be complete without a trip to the Belleville High Banks to check out the Vintage Nationals Race and the 305 Nationals Race.

For more information about the fair and updates, check out their website at www.nckfreefair.net or their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ NckFreeFair/

Riley County Fair – July 23-27

July 23-27 "Fairadise" the is theme for the 2020 Riley County Fair, planned for July 23-27 in Manhattan. The shepherd's lead and sheep exhibits will be judged at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 23. The swine will be evaluated at 7 p.m. Friday night. Saturday morning starts early with the dairy cattle entering the show ring at 8 a.m. Rabbits will also be judged at 8. Dairy goat judging follows at 9, followed by the meat goats at 11. The bucket calf judging begins at 5:30, followed by the beef show

at 6. On Sunday the swine round robin begins at 12:30 p.m. and the round robin showmanship contest begins at 1. The 4-H livestock judging contest will be held at 3:30. The 4-H livestock premium auction will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 27.

Geary County Free Fair

The Geary County Free Fair, which is normally held in the middle of July, has been canceled for 2020. According to Ginger Kopfer, Geary County 4-H Extension agent, all of the public events that go along with the fair have been canceled, also. They want to focus on allowing 4-H members to have the opportunity for the judging of their exhibits in a safe and healthy environment.

The judging events, including the livestock shows, will not be open to the public. Access to the fairgrounds will be limited to those who need to be there. This is not the way they wanted the fair to happen this year, but due to COVID-19, keeping everyone safe is a top priority. Some 4-H'ers may choose to sit this fair out and some may go full force and choose to exhibit their hard work and toils this year.

This is a very social event which draws the community together. The project and livestock auction are the year-end events of the fair and will be held virtually this year. Ginger, and the rest of the individuals involved with the fair, have high hopes that the buyers, whether they are new to the game or have been purchasing livestock for years, will continue to support the 4-H members. The Geary County Free Fair has always received amazing support in the past from the community and they look forward for that continued support, in-person in 2021 and the years to follow.

At this time, a fair schedule is not being made public.

Central Kansas Free Fair The Central Kansas

Free Fair in Abilene, like Geary County, will only be allowing livestock shows this year. Other entities that go with this fair, such as the carnival, demo derby, tractor pull, and the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo, have been canceled. This was a tough decision for the fair board, but one that they truly feel had to be made for the safety of the public.

Those 4-H members choosing to show their animals will bring them in, have them weighed, show their animal(s) and be asked to take them home from there. The livestock sale will still be held this year, but will be done so virtually. Fair board member Alli Forsyth is hoping that the buyers will understand the circumstances and still continue to support the 4-H'ers as they have in the past.

Only the 4-H'ers and immediate family members will be allowed to attend the livestock shows. The board is certain that family members will be videoing these events for others to see, those who would normally attend these events.

The rodeo would be celebrating their 75th anniversary this year, but the plans have been put on hold and the big celebration will be next year. The committee hopes to have an event that is bigger and better than ever.

The fair board also felt like the attendance would be down and with budget cuts being made, normal fair-goers would not be able to attend. Those involved with the fair hope to make it bigger and better in 2021 and the years to come.

Tri-Rivers Fair – August 5-9

Stars and Stripes and Bright Lights is the theme for the 2020 Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina. The dates for this event are August 5-9. The fair board and Extension Office staff wants to kindly remind those attending this year's fair to practice social distancing as they want to keep everyone safe for this year's event.

August 1 kicks off with the dog show at 9:00 a.m. Once again, please remember to practice social distancing and stay with your family. This year's King and Queen will be crowned on August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Parents will more than likely take pictures at this event and put them on their social media page.

August 6 is the big day for 4-H'ers. The beef show starts at 9:00 a.m., with the goat show at 1:30 p.m., followed by the sheep show at 3:00 p.m. and finally, the swine show at 5:30 p.m. August 7 brings the horse show at 8:30 a.m. The grand finale of each fair, the livestock show, with no animals, will be at 8:30 a.m.

The fair board realizes that attendance will be down this year due to COVID-19. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. If you feel more safe staying at home, your friends and family members can share pictures with you. Technology will play a big role in this, along with other county fairs, this year.

For more information or any schedule changes, please visit their website at www.tririversfair.org





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K-State ASI Family and Friends Reunion canceled for 2020; transitions to virtual Impact Award presentation

Kansas State University Animal Sciences and Industry (ASI) department and the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc. (LMIC) Family and Friends Reunion committee have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation, with particular consideration to its effect on this year's event.

"Due to increasing concerns around this evolving situation and standing by our commitment to keeping the safety of our participants as our top priority we've made the decision to cancel this year's reunion and transition this year's award program to an online format," announced Mike Day, KSU ASI department head.

The K-State ASI Family & Friends Reunion is hosted annually, welcoming alumni and friends back to campus and providing attendees the opportunity to re-connect with friends, faculty, staff and students.

Each year a highlight of the reunion is the presentation of the Don L. Good Impact Award. The award, presented by LMIC, is named in honor of Good, who is a former K-State ASI department head, and recognizes positive impact on the livestock and meat industry. This year's recipients are Kelly and Marcie Lechtenberg and family.

The ASI faculty and staff as well as the LMIC Board sends well wishes to their ASI family during this global pandemic. While details surrounding the transition to an online awards program are still taking shape, we are committed to providing an easily accessible, online experience that eliminates the health concerns that come with travel and face-to-face events at this time.

For details regarding the awards program as they develop, visit the event website, www.asi.k-state.edu/ familyandfriends, and the reunion's social media channels (www.facebook.com/KStateFamilyAndFriends).

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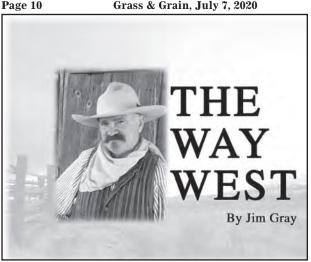
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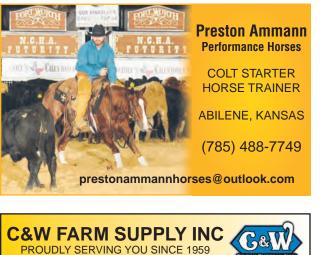


The Big Muddy

In June of 1867 Kansas City. Missouri boosters successfully negotiated Congressional approval to build a railroad bridge across the Missouri River, irreverently known as the Big Muddy. At that time, the Missouri had not been

bridged at any point along its course. The advantage was especially recognized by the men behind the initiative

U.S. Congressman, former mayor, and Kansas City Journal editor Robert Van Horn had studied the art





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of building railroads and applied that knowledge to attract the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad to Kansas City. Milton Payne, another former mayor; Kersev Coates, real estate developer; John Reid, farmer and pro-slavery organizer; and Johnston Lykins, a Baptist missionary turned entrepreneur, made up the core of the Kansas City "power elite" promoting railroad development. All of them, except Van Horn, owned real estate in the area. They were supported by James Joy, Charles Kearney, and Theodore Case, stockholders in the West Kansas City Land Company, holding land in the mostly wild undeveloped Missouri River bottom known as the West Bottoms. Mr. Oscar L. Whitelaw recalled seeing the Bottoms in 1866, "This vast bottom... was then a primeval forest. A footpath which I have walked or ridden on horseback many a time led through it to the neighboring city, of Wvandotte across the Kaw in Kansas." Railroad development and a river bridge was the key to developing the bottoms.

A Boston financial group, controlled by railroad magnate John Forbes, provided funding to the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad to build the "Hannibal Bridge." one-million-dollar The contract was let to Andrew Carnegie's Keystone Bridge Company out of Pennsylvania. Octave Chanute, an innovative and self-taught engineer, was selected to design the bridge. Chanute, Kansas, is named for him. As Chief Engineer of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, he designed and supervised construction of Chicago's Union Stock Yards in 1865.

The Big Muddy was prone to flooding. The dev-

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pandemic, the change has been hard for everyone, parents and children alike. She hopes that everyone takes the time to let themselves feel that loss and then takes a moment to find the best in what they have.

Allison Forsyth is also happy that the livestock shows and auction will proceed this year. The 4-H'ers will be asked to bring in their livestock at a set time before the show, get them weighed, and

astating flood of 1844 inundated the Kaw's Mouth, as the bottoms were known in those days. Eyewitness frontiersmen recalled the great wall of water from the Kansas River that madly rushed against the mighty Missouri causing "... the seething waters to pile up at the mouth ... " By the next day the flood waters had risen eight to ten feet. Two miles below the Kaw's mouth. Chouteau's Landing was washed away and covered with sand up to five feet deep.

Frequent floods caused the river to shift course over a challenging uneven riverbed. Each bridge pier would require its own unique design to fit the location. Over the more shallow rocky riverbed, custom-made concrete footings were built from a base of solid stone. Over the portion of the riverbed with unstable shifting sands oak pilings were sunk deep into the sand to stabilize support for the concrete piers above.

Before construction could begin the river channel had to be cleared of rocks and other debris. In a scene reminiscent of Jules Vern's Twenty Thousand Leagues Beneath the Sea, divers in bell helmets and suits that looked like submarine space men cleared debris and rocks from the bottom. Divers removed loose sand and silt with "water jets" to prepare a base before sinking each pier. Chanute designed watertight wooden structures, called caissons, to provide a dry space for pouring concrete underwater. Once the caisson was in place a false bottom was removed and concrete was pumped into the caisson, producing a solid foundation for the piers.

A correspondent from the Kansas City Advertis-

then show. They will be asked to go home once the animals have been excitedly shown by the 4-H'ers. Only the immediate family members will be allowed to be in attendance. The shows will be broadcast via social media, as well as other outlets, at which the board is working on at this time. The sale committee has not yet met, but it looks as if the 4-H animal sale will be held virtually. The fair board is aware that this won't work for some buyers, but they are going above and beyond

er described interesting problems encountered at Pier No. 3. The "Big Muddy" was testing the limits of the watertight caisson, defving all attempts to keep the caisson dry. "Finally, the diver going down, succeeded in planting a row of bags filled with concrete, which hardening formed a foundation equal to stone." With the caisson stabilized loosened sand was removed by dredging and the "immense cavity was filled with concrete... (making) a foundation as firm as the everlasting rocks underbedding this almost ungrand procession of dig-

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manageable stream." The completed bridge, a quarter-mile long, rested on seven piers with one span serving as a pivotal draw that could swing open for passing river boats. The draw was successfully tested on June 15, 1869. A fully loaded four-car train passed over the Missouri River for the first time on July 2nd.

The following day a

Grains stocks mixed according to NASS

Kansas corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2020 totaled 225 million bushels, up 9% from 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Of the total, 67.0 million bushels are stored on farms, up 49% from a year ago.

Off-farm stocks, at 158 million bushels, are down 3% from last year. Wheat stored in all positions totaled 268 million bushels, up 1% from a year ago. On-farm stocks of 7.30 million bushels are up 128% from 2019, but off-farm stocks of 260 million bushels are down 1% from last year.

Sorghum stored in all positions totaled 45.4 million bushels, down 45% from 2019. On-farm stocks of 6.10 million bushels are unchanged from a year ago, but off-farm stocks of 39.3 million bushels are down 48% from last year. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 71.1 million bushels, down 24% from last year. On-farm stocks of 22.0 million bushels are down 6% from a year ago, and off-farm stocks, at 49.1 million bushels, are down 30% from 2019.

Off-farm oat stocks totaled 154,000 bushels, up 3% from 2019.

Central Kansas Free Fair events canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19

to do their best to consider the needs of each and every buyers.

Missing his friends, not seeing projects and riding the carnival rides after his animals have been tended to are just a couple of things Roper Lefert will miss this year with the fair being canceled. He has many more years to do these things and is hoping the fair will continue next year. For Jill Martinson's children, Josslyn and Asher, 4-H has always been a part of their daily routines. It has now become more of a focus as the family has lent a hand with several K-State Research and Extension projects. She says the animals at their place, just like the Lefert and Riffel animals, and those belong to other 4-H'ers too, have never received so much attention.

Will the Central Kansas Free Fair, like other county fairs in the coming years be bigger and better? I do believe that they will. As Samantha Lefert explains it, "Once upon a time, the county fair was for the farmer to showcase their toils for the year. The fair, just like it is for the 4-H'ers, is just a small portion of the project, in general." When these fairs, along with the rodeo, demo derby, tractor pulls, and every other event that goes along with the county fair return, we as a community, should load our families into the vehicle and become spectators. Support those who work so hard every month of the year to put on these amazing events for us to enjoy. And, like Spencer, Roper, and other 4-H members pledge, always work to make the best better.



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July 9 — Tractors, equipment, farm supplies. Doctors Buggy and Single Top Buggy, guns, mechanic & shop tools, household & collectibles & more more held at Hutchinson for Estate of Fred T. & Gertie Yoder. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

July 9 — Absolute Real estate auction held at Minneapolis. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 9 — Great furniture pieces, glass, primitives, vintage cloth & much more held at Lyndon for property of the late Mildred McCreight. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

July 11 — Real Estate consisting of Commercial Building Site in Shawnee County held at Topeka. Auctioneers: Doug Bassett. Wavne Hunter, BHHS First, Realtors.

July 11 — '92 Dodge D250, '93 Dodge D250, '02 PT Cruiser, guns, sporting goods, coins, collectibles, appliances, lawn items, shop tools & much more held at Newton for Max Gilbert Estate. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC, Mike Flavin & Vern Koch.

July 11 — Guns, furniture, small appliances, antiques, glassware, collectibles, crocks, tractor & mowers, tools & misc. held at Dwight for 3 generations of collectibles for Bill L. & Rosemary Brown Trust. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

July 11 — 2011 Ford XLT F-150 Ford Super Crew pickup, 1995 Gold Star flatbed trailer, 1950 Willys-Overland G13A Jeep (not running), 1949 Ford 8N tractor, tools, lawn & garden, household goods, collectibles & miscellaneous held at Beatrice for Tom Vanover Sr. Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Harden & Sommerhalder. THIS AUCTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED! (July 11) — Collectible car: 1955 Chevrolet BelAir; collectibles including Fontanini Nativity set/figurines, train sets, models, 100s vintage to modern toys; household & misc. for Mark & Kathy Shuck. Also selling 700+ lots of coins all held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

Julv 11-1980 Chevv Impala 4 door, 8x20 enclosed heavy metal storage container/van box, Black Max 12hp generator, antiques & collectibles, household, kitchen items & more held near Herington for The Estate of Elmer, Leona and Bertha Otte. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

July 11 - Estate Auction held at Blue Rapids for Donald & Barbara Stuart Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

July 11 — Antique car (1930 Model A car, 2 door coupe), farm equipment, shop items, furniture, antiques & collectibles, household, lawn & garden & more held near Tribune for Roe & Janet Johnson. Auctioneers: Berning Auction. Inc.

July 11 — Small Kubota tractor & equipment, antiques & collectibles, old toys, tools & shop items, lawn & garden, household, building materials & misc., lots of hunting, fishing, camping & outdoor items, large collection of Ducks Unlimited collectibles including pictures, hand carved ducks, statues & more held at Westphalia for Kenneth Craighead Estate. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

July 11 — Vehicles. tractors, small farm equipment, boat, mowers & yard tools, etc., shop tools, lots of Craftsman tools, furniture, TVs, appliances, antiques, primitives, collectibles, household & misc. iron pieces held at Smith Center for Lorraine Bartlev Estate.

July 11 - Bobcat, tractors, body shop equipment. furniture, household & collectibles items held at Goessel for Lowell & Bonnie Heinrichs, Heinrichs Collision Repair. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

July 11 — Household, pedal tractors, pedal cars. gun, dolls & toys, woodworking equipment & miscellaneous held at Nortonville for John Pantle Living Estate. Auctioneers: Chew Auction Service, Robert Chew.

Julv 11 - 2013 Ford

Sterling "Damask Rose," 13 hand quilted quilts, artwork, jewelry, other glassware, crocks & collectible items held at Manhattan for Eunice Bradley Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

July 11 — Coins held at (new location) in Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions & Real Estate.

July 11 - Contents auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 12 — Husqvarna 52" zero turn mower, trailer, quality exercise equipment, furniture, household, Samsung front load washer & dryer, remodeling items, pet supplies, collectibles, ladies shoes, boots, purses & more held at Topeka. Auctioneers: Wayne Hunter Auctions.

July 12 — Real Estate: 2 bedroom, 1 bath home nestled on just under 5 acres with mature trees and panoramic views. Also selling furniture & appliances, glassware, antiques, collectibles, yard & tools & miscellaneous held at Westmoreland. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 13 - 2015 GMC Denali pickup, JD 260 skid steer, accessories, JD 3046 tractor with loader, machinery, 32' trailer, livestock equipment, tools, shop supplies & miscellaneous held North of Abilene for Gary & Dixie Bergmeier. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

July 14 — Online Real Estate auction - 3 tracts of land including Tract 1: 310 acres m/l native grass, timber, excellent hunting; Tract 2: 478 acres m/l native grass, some timber; Tract 3: 788 acres m/l native grass, timber, plentiful water supply at Yates Center. Online at: www. vaughnroth.com. Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers.

July 15 - 235.4 acres



AUCTION REMINDER

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020, 2020 - 1:00 AM

2963 ÁA Ave. — HÉRINGTÓN, KANSAS

m/l of Osage and Wabaunsee Counties farmland offered in four tracts held at Harveyville. Auctioneers: Farmers National Compa-

July 16 — Automobiles including 1992 Chevy LT1 blue Corvette, 2 door coupe, 2004 Dodge Ram 3500, household, collectibles & miscellaneous held at Beatrice for Steven G. Wehmer Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin, Sommerhalder.

July 18 — Cargo trailer. furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles, misc. tools, household, chicken coops & more at Portis for Don Chegwidden Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

July 18 — Toys, glass & collectibles including furniture, Fostoria, Hull, Depression, Pyrex, Nippon, pottery, bell collection, quilts, jewelry, JD, Tonka, American Flyer & more vintage toys, crocks, Santa Fe calendars, some coins & much more at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 18 — Pickups, trucks, tractors, combines, machinery held near Eskridge for Beulah Scholes Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions. LLC.

July 18 — Household goods & miscellaneous held North of Abilene for Gary & Dixie Bergmeier. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

July 18 — Tractor & 3 pt. equipment zero turn mower, log splitter, lawn & garden equipment, trailer, tools & shop items, furniture & household, camping, fishing & outdoor equipment, lawn & patio furniture, antiques & collectibles, clothing & misc. at Burlington for James David & Julijanna Lichlyter. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

July 19 — Barber items, railroad collectibles. dolls, toys & other collectibles including signs. Coca Cola, dolls, comic books, baseball pennants, Wizard of Oz puzzle, books, angel collection. marble collection, button collection & much more held at Sali-

Grass & Grain, July 7, 2020 na for Karen & Hershel Huffman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 19 — Gun auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

July 21 — Online Real Estate auction - 3 tracts of land including Tract 1: 3 BR, 1 BA residence, newer shop and 5 acres: Tract 2: 74 acres m/l tillable land adjoining Tract 1; Tract 3: Combination of Tracts 1 & 2 at Burlington. Online at: www.vaughnroth.com. Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers.

July 25 — Annual July Consignment Auction consisting of 2000+ pieces of machinery held at Paris, Missouri. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

July 25 - 2015 Chevy Silverado crew cab 4x4, small tractors & 3 pt. equipment, trailers, metal lathe, shop tools & 34 guns held at Leroy for Kenneth & Sherry Garrett. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

July 27 - 110 acres m/l of Marion County farmland with easy access held at Goessel. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

July 30 — House, pickups, mower, tiller, household & miscellaneous at Miltonvale for Merlin Adee Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

August 8 — Contents and beam house (to be taken down and removed

Page 11 from property) held SW of Lindsborg for Hoffman Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 8 & 15 - House hold, antiques and miscellaneous at Herington for Irene Finley Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 22 (rescheduled from June 6) — Farm machinery, trailers, 1976 Lincoln, antiques, farm supplies, tools, iron & miscellaneous held at Talmage for Twila (Mrs. Rosie) Holt. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 28 — Farm machinery, iron, shop tools & miscellaneous held near Herington for Duane Stroda. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

August 30 - Gun auction held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

August 31 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous at Clay Center for The Lorenze Karmann Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

September 19 — Household goods & collectibles at Clay Center for Betty (Mrs. Grant) Sump. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

October 28 — Fink Beef Genetics Production Sale held at Randolph. Contact Galen Fink at 785-532-9936.

December 5 - Consignment auction held at Wetmore for St. James Catholic Church. Early consign ments contact Bill Burdick (785-547-5082) or Ron Burdiek (785-207-0434)



Escape (1 owner), Merlin Elite Pro HD enhanced vision pro-reading magnifying machine, approx. 90 piece set Lenox Christmas Holly china, Heirloom

** ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION **

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 — 10:00 AM LOCATED: Inside at the Marshall County Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg **BLUE RAPIDS, KANŠAS**

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AUCTION for LORRAINE BARTLEY ESTATE

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 — 9:00 AM AUCTION LOCATION: 315 S. Garfield — SMITH CENTER, KS VEHICLES, TRACTORS & SMALL FARM EQUIP., BOAT, CAMPER & FISHING, MOWERS & YARD TOOLS, SHOP TOOLS inc lots of Crafstman tools, GUNS, FURNITURE & TVs, APPLIANCES. AN TIQUES, PRIMITIVES, COLLECTIBLES, Misc. Household. MISC **IRON PIECES & MUCH MORE!**

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1980 Chevy Impala 4 dr (hasn't been run for 2 yrs); 8'x20' enclosed heavy metal storage container/van box; Black Max 12hp generator. ANTIQUE/COLLECTIBLE, HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN ITEMS Lunch provided by "The Burdick Bunch" Relay for Life. SELLERS: THE ESTATE OF ELMER, LEONA & BERTHA OTTE See last week's Grass & Grain for listings & please See www.Leppke.com for Directions & Lots of Pictures! **LEPPKE REALTY & AUCTION** 501 S. Main, Hillsboro, KS 67063 - 620-947-3995 LYLE LEPPKE, Auctioneer/Broker - 620-382-5204; ROGER HIEBERT, Auctioneer/Sales Assoc. - 620-382-2963 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION **SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020** TIME: Personal property: 1:00 pm • Real Estate @ 2:00 pm AUCTION HELD ONSITE: 11160 Cozy Grove - WESTMORELAND, KS Nestled on just under 5 acres in the Rock living space FURNITURE & APPLIANCES, GLASSWARE ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, YARD & TOOLS & MISC See last week's Grass & Grain for Listings & Check us out on Facebook & Online for more info www.kscrossroads.com www.facebook.com/KScrossroadsauctions TERRI HOLLENBECK, Listing Broker/Owner, Crossroads 785-223-2947 **Real Estate** ANDREW SYLVESTER, Auctioneer, 785-456-4352 & Auction uc

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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 — 6:00 PM Location: Pioneer Acres, 1029 Frontier Rd - BEATRICE, NE AUTOMOBILES: 1992 Chevy LT1 Blue Corvette, 2-Dr Coupe; 2004 Dodge Ram 3500 Quad ST/SL 4x4 diesel pickup. To view vehicles: Call Dennis Henrichs:402-239-8741 or Ryan Sommerhalder:402-335-7937 HOUSEHOLD GOODS, COLLECTIBLES & MISCELLANEOUS See last week's Grass & Grain for Listings or Log on to: www.beatrice77.net (Click on The Auctioneers)

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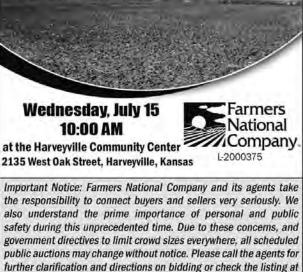
Creek School District this home is ready fo a new owner! 2 bedroom/1 bath layout with a formal dining area and over 1,200 sq. ft Call Terri for a personal showing. BILL DISBERGER, Auction Coordinator, 620-921-5642 SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 -- 10:00 AM LOCATION: 211 Hill Street - BEATRICE, NEBRASKA PICKUP: 2011 Ford XLT F-150 Ford Super Crew 1950 Willys-Overland G13A Jeep, not running 1995 Gold Star 7'x18' flatbed trailer * 1949 Ford 8N tractor TOOLS, LAWN * GARDEN, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, COLLECTIBLES, MISCELLANEOUS See last week's Grass & Grain for Listings or Log on to: www.beatrice77.net (Click on The Auctioneers) TOM VANOVER SR. ESTATE * 402-806-0350 CLERK: TON-SOL Clerking, Ph: 402-239-8741 THE AUCTIONEERS

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It could only happen to co a cowboy.

Thurman had established himself as a figure of some note in the Corriente Association. The Association had developed over the years into a successful representative of livestock people dedicated to breeding and supplying roping steers. The Corriente breeders in the northwest were gearing up for their big regional meeting in Prineville, Or-

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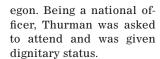
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In preparation for the auction fundraiser to be held at the gala on the final night, members brought items to sell. Jim, a California Corriente man, brought a big painting. As he scanned the other auction items he began to doubt the worthiness of his contribution. He asked Thurman's opinion.

Thurman looked at the tall three-by-two-foot drawing. It was framed with simple, yet sturdy 1x2 lathe. A large paint horse was bucking against a desert and mountain backdrop. With no criticism implied, it was obvious that anatomy had not been the artist's college major. 'Course that didn't make Picasso all bad either. Onboard the bucker sat a big-hatted, moustachioed cowboy, chaps flying, spurs flashing and a nose that cleaved the air like an ice breaker in Hudson Bay. The saddle and gear was intricately carved. The curled rattlesnake was detailed down to the papilla on his flickering tongue.

Thurman stood back... overwhelmed, as Jim explained it had been drawn by an inmate at the state prison. "All done in ballpoint," offered Jim hopefully.

"Jim," said Thurman, "I'm no art critic, but it's beautiful. I'd love to have it myself, but I'll bet it'll top the sale!" Jim beamed.

At the auction that night things were sellin' wildly. A cassette brought \$180 A little statue brought \$350. Thurman was helping at the auction table. He personally carried Jim's picture to the front.

"Friends," he said, "This spectacular hand-done original drawing in ballpoint donated by Jim is gonna be the catch of the day. It's a treasure worthy of great museums, historic bar walls and unfinished tackrooms. Look at the detail, the contrast, the poetry in motion harkening back to our forefathers and their foremothers before them. It will be the purchase of a lifetime!"

The crowd looked at Thurman in a new light.

"Matter of fact," he continued, "I'm gonna start the bidding at \$125."

Jim was overcome. Admiration for Thurman swelled within him. He rose and walked to the front. "Ladies and gentlemen, our friend Thurman has done so much for us and although there is no way we can properly repay him, I suggest we stop the bidding right here and let Thurman have it!"

A standing ovation followed. Thurman smiled like a sick dog and rapidly inventoried his airplane ticket home and the \$132 in his pocket.

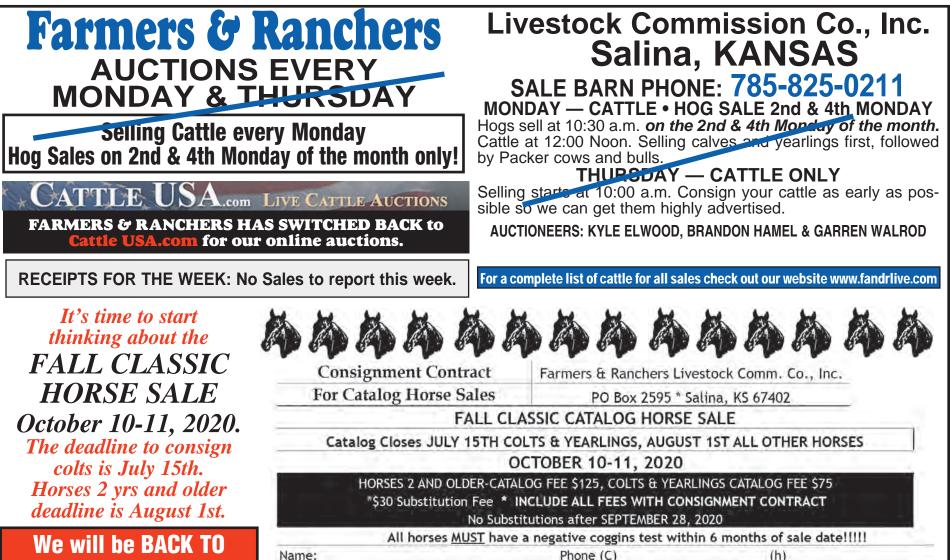
(P.S. It cost him \$5.00 to package it for the plane ride home. He had coffee and a Twinkie and spent that night at the airport parking lot in his rent car. The picture now hangs on Thurman's wall as a reminder.)

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Santa Fe Trail Ranch Rodeo to be held July 10 and 11

Ranch rodeo competition will heat up at the 2020 WRCA-sanctioned Santa Fe Trail Ranch Rodeo Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July11 at the Morris County Rodeo Arena, one and a half miles east of Council Grove on Highway 56. The competition starts both nights at 7 p.m. and includes exciting events like wild cow milking, stray gathering, team penning, calf branding and bronc riding. On Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m. there will be a junior ranch rodeo beginning at 10 a.m. Team penning, ribbon roping and calf branding are the events the youth will compete in. A concession stand/snack shack will be available.





REGULAR SCHEDULE THURSDAY, JULY 9th!

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

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* 85 S&H off grass, green 600-850
* 37 Steers 90 days weaned, PI Neg, vaccs, bunk broke, on grass 600-750
* 11 Heifers 90 days weaned, PI Neg, vaccs, bunk broke, on grass 575-725
* 18 S&H 600-800

* 175 Black Steers grass 900-950
* 70 Mostly Heifers grass 750-850
* 60 Black Steers no sort 850-900

* 250 80% Black Steers grass, natives 800-825

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