













# Cowboy Up

by Ron Wilson  
Poet Lariat



## 4-H Western Heritage Project

"To Make the West Better." Wait, that's a typo, right? The 4-H motto is "To make the Best Better." Yes, that's the 4-H motto, but now there is a new project which makes me think of the motto in a new way. This new project is combining the highly successful 4-H youth development model with the heritage and gunmanship of the Great American West. It will help develop 4-H'ers River Valley Extension offices limit exposure

while enhancing their understanding of western history. Here's great news: The leaders of this new project are bringing a national gathering to Kansas in 2021. For years, the 4-H Shooting Sports project has taught youth about marksmanship and the safe and responsible use of firearms. Now that is being combined with an engaged approach to learning western history. The program is called the 4-H Western Heritage project. It is a combination of the Shooting Sports project plus hands-on learning about the living history of the Old West from 1860 to 1900.

Nine states, including Kansas, now participate in the 4-H Western Heritage project. Each year, project participants are invited

to a national conference to share, learn, and compete. Panels of judges select the most outstanding. Specifically, the competition involves youth doing three things: 1, a written history test; 2, a portrayal of an "Old West" persona using period clothing; and 3, a marksmanship event using firearms of the old western period. How fun is that?! Uh, what I mean is, wouldn't that be educational?...

Next year's National 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Invitational Shoot is set for August 3-6, 2021 in Ellsworth. "The people in Ellsworth bent over backwards to welcome us to their community," said volunteer Ken Wilk of Osage City.

As many as 300 participants might attend Nationals. Their meals are supposed to be furnished as well as the ammunition for nearly 200 rounds of shooting, so fundraising is under way. Tax deductible contributions to support the project can be sent to the Kansas 4-H Foundation and should state that they are for "Western Heritage Nationals."

According to the conference information, this project instills in youth "a sense of personal responsibility, sportsman-

ship and firearms safety, while increasing the understanding of our rich national heritage and cultural diversity - all through hands-on education." The projected educational impacts include "connecting today's youth with the values and traditions of our past, preserving and gaining an appreciation for the heritage of the Old West in the time period of 1860-1900, instilling an investigative interest in history, recognizing the accomplishments and importance of both men and women from a variety of cultures that contributed to the history of the Old West, and encouraging visits to local, state, regional, and national museums."

This is a creative and engaging way to involve youth in learning western history and enhancing their shooting skills at the same time. To paraphrase the 4-H motto, they are doing this project "To Make the West Better."

(Maybe the next 4-H project could be about irrigation. That way, the motto could be "To Make the Best Wetter.")

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## Five H's: 4-H Plus Heritage

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I have always found that 4-H develops youth. As they showcase their project learning in truth. And now 4-H has a new opportunity to teach western heritage in our state and community. This combines shooting sports from the project portfolio with a living history study from one hundred years ago. The 4-H'er takes a test in western history. And then portrays a western figure in period clothes, you see. The third and final piece, as the competition climbs, is a shooting competition using guns from Old West times. This project helps the 4-Her to do research and learn. While gaining an appreciation of Old West history in turn. And then to top it off, as the project goal fulfills, They also compete in using Old West shooting skills. This all takes place at an annual conference each year. Attracting hundreds of people who learn about the old frontier. We look forward to next year's competition and fun. When Nationals come to Ellsworth, Kansas in 2021. So we commend the youth and leaders for the way this is addressed, Helping 4-H youth appreciate the heritage of the west. Happy Trails!  
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# Red Angus shares valuable insight on bull development

Growing and developing young bulls continues to be an ever-evolving process. How these bulls are raised has a huge im-

act on their success and longevity as they serve in commercial cow herds around the nation. As genetics change and are bet-

ter characterized through genomically enhanced EPDs, seedstock producers are able to make more accurate bull development

decisions. The Red Angus Association of America has authored an industry-focused white paper to provide seedstock breed-

ers with greater understanding and perspective on the bull development process.

"Why All the Fat Bulls?" is available exclusively at RedAngus.org and explores insights gathered from bull sales across the nation, as well as data garnered from breeder surveys. Registered bull producers that are aware of and attentive to the traits and development practices desired by their customers will only add to their success. Correct balancing of body condition, structural correctness and fertility is achievable in bull development. However, good planning and execution are needed to get the job done right. As genetics, technology and resources evolve, so will development systems, nutrition programs and demand criteria of bull development.

"Bull development is an important topic, both for our breeders and commercial cow-calf producers," said Tom Brink, RAAA CEO. "Our team addresses many of the critical issues via this white paper, which should assist those who want to make sure their

bulls are grown right and are ready for sale day."

Red Angus recognizes the importance of moving the industry forward, thus a white paper on this important subject can offer valuable perspective concerning how seedstock producers should approach bull development now and in the coming years. "Why All the Fat Bulls?" can be downloaded from RedAngus.org, free of charge. Questions or interview requests should be directed to Brandi Buzard Frobose, RAAA director of communications, at brandi@redangus.org.

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## Grass & Grain Weather Report

### Nov. 18, 2020

<h3>Seven Day Forecast</h3> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 66 Low: 45</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 68 Low: 48</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Sunny High: 73 Low: 51</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> Few Showers High: 71 Low: 52</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b> Cloudy High: 69 Low: 47</p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> Sunny High: 68 Low: 48</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 66 Low: 44</p>	<h3>In-Depth Local Forecast</h3> <p>Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 66°, humidity of 54%. South wind 8 to 15 mph. The record high for today is 75° set in 1999. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 45°. South wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 2° set in 2014.</p> <h3>Last Week's Almanac</h3> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>H/Lo</th> <th>Normals</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>11/6</td><td>76/37</td><td>60/34</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>11/7</td><td>77/57</td><td>59/34</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>11/8</td><td>77/60</td><td>59/33</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>11/9</td><td>73/40</td><td>58/33</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>11/10</td><td>40/26</td><td>58/32</td><td>0.53"</td></tr> <tr><td>11/11</td><td>59/24</td><td>57/32</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> <tr><td>11/12</td><td>59/22</td><td>57/32</td><td>0.00"</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Rainfall ..... 0.53" Normal rainfall ..... 0.44" Departure ..... +0.09" Average temp. .... 51.9° Average normal ..... 45.6° Departure ..... +6.3°</p>	Date	H/Lo	Normals	Precip	11/6	76/37	60/34	0.00"	11/7	77/57	59/34	0.00"	11/8	77/60	59/33	0.00"	11/9	73/40	58/33	0.00"	11/10	40/26	58/32	0.53"	11/11	59/24	57/32	0.00"	11/12	59/22	57/32	0.00"	<h3>Today's Local Outlook</h3>
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<h3>Local UV Index</h3> <p>0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme Exposure</p>	<h3>Weather History</h3> <p>Nov. 18, 1957 - A tornado, 100 yards in width, traveled a nearly "straight as an arrow" 27-mile path from near Rosa, Ala. to near Albertville, Ala., killing three people. A home in the Susan Moore community in Blount County was picked up and dropped 500 feet away.</p>	<h3>Growing Degree Days</h3> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Degree Days</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Degree Days</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>11/6</td><td>6</td><td>11/10</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>11/7</td><td>17</td><td>11/11</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>11/8</td><td>18</td><td>11/12</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>11/9</td><td>6</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days	11/6	6	11/10	0	11/7	17	11/11	0	11/8	18	11/12	0	11/9	6		
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STEER & BULL CALVES	HEIFER CALVES	COWS & HEIFERETTES	BRED COWS
2 blk bulls 278 @ 185.00	2 blk hfrs 278 @ 168.00	2 blk hfrs 895 @ 105.00	2 blk/bwf cows @ 1100.00
9 blk str 419 @ 183.00	1 bwf hfr 380 @ 159.00	1 blk hfr 1025 @ 100.00	4 blk/bwf cows @ 1085.00
2 blk str 308 @ 182.00	14 blk/bwf hfrs 462 @ 158.00	3 blk hfrs 833 @ 99.00	
4 blk/bwf str 403 @ 181.00	2 blk hfrs 328 @ 151.00	1 blk hfr 1020 @ 98.00	
3 blk str 337 @ 179.00	2 blk hfrs 345 @ 150.00	1 blk hfr 1040 @ 96.00	
12 blk str 511 @ 177.00	10 blk hfrs 522 @ 150.00	1 blk hfr 1040 @ 95.00	
21 blk/bwf str 497 @ 176.00	2 blk hfrs 385 @ 148.00	1 blk hfr 1118 @ 94.00	
6 char str 360 @ 171.00	6 blk/red hfrs 488 @ 147.00	1 blk hfr 900 @ 92.00	
4 blk str/bulls 481 @ 168.00	5 blk/bwf hfrs 521 @ 147.00	2 blk hfrs 1133 @ 90.00	
2 blk str 510 @ 166.00	4 blk hfrs 459 @ 141.00	1 blk hfr 960 @ 81.00	
4 blk/bwf str 545 @ 162.00	2 blk hfrs 523 @ 141.00	1 blk hfr 975 @ 78.00	
5 blk/bwf str 510 @ 161.00	2 char hfrs 378 @ 140.00	1 blk cow 970 @ 77.00	
8 blk/red str 533 @ 159.00	9 gelb hfrs 526 @ 140.00	2 blk cows 1173 @ 76.00	
4 blk/bwf str 444 @ 154.00	<b>STOCKER &amp; FEEDER HEIFERS</b>		
2 blk str 545 @ 153.00	1 blk hfr 625 @ 158.00		
2 bwf bulls 515 @ 151.00	80 blk/bwf hfrs 709 @ 146.50		
3 blk str 548 @ 150.00	66 blk/bwf hfrs 782 @ 143.25		
4 blk/red str 515 @ 147.00	70 blk/char hfrs 728 @ 142.10		
5 blk/red str 418 @ 146.00			
2 blk bulls 485 @ 141.00			
<b>STOCKER &amp; FEEDER STEERS</b>			
4 blk/bwf str 550 @ 157.00			
2 blk/bwf str 563 @ 153.00			
5 blk str 562 @ 150.00			
9 blk str 667 @ 149.00			
9 blk/bwf str 666 @ 147.50			
11 blk/red str 603 @ 146.00			
70 blk/bwf str 770 @ 145.75			
64 blk/bwf str 878 @ 145.50			
60 blk/bwf str 818 @ 144.75			

1 red cow	@ 950.00	1 blk cow/cf	@ 1200.00
1 bwf cow	@ 875.00	1 blk cow/cf	@ 975.00
1 blk cow	@ 850.00		
4 blk cows	@ 775.00	<b>BULLS</b>	
1 sim cow	@ 700.00	1 wf bull	1710 @ 77.00
1 roan cow	@ 625.00	1 blk bull	2410 @ 74.50
		1 blk bull	1980 @ 70.00
		1 blk bull	1725 @ 68.00
		1 blk bull	1530 @ 65.00
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1 blk cow/cf	@ 1475.00		

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- 60 blk bwf cows 4 yrs - short solid, bred to Angus bull for spring calves - herd dispersal
- 10 Red Angus str, 500-600 lbs., vaccinated
- 20 blk str & hfrs, 550-600 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 35 Angus Gelv str & hfrs, 450-550 lbs., pre-weaning, vaccinated
- 125 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., preweaning, vaccinated
- 40 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., preweaning, vaccinated
- 60 Angus str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., weaned vacc.
- 60 Angus str, 550-750 lbs., weaned, vacc.
- 35 blk steers, 800-925 lbs.
- 124 blk heifers, 775-800 lbs.
- 65 blk steers, 800-825 lbs.
- 60 blk steers, 875-900 lbs., Northern origin
- 120 blk steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 60 blk steers, 900-925 lbs.
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- 130 blk steers, 850-875 lbs.

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