

## Strong relationships, expanded markets is legacy Johannes leaves soybean industry

By Donna Sullivan, Editor As Kenlon Johannes approaches retirement as CEO of the Kansas Soybean Association and reflects on the changes he's seen in the industry, the relationships that have developed and been maintained among all the commodity groups and farm organizations are among the things he most values.

He came to understand early on the importance of commodity groups and the volunteers that keep them running. He was in the early years of a teaching career when his father passed away unexpectedly and he returned home to run the family farm in Platt County, Nebraska. He got involved with the Nebraska Soybean Association and the Soybean Checkoff Board, and quickly realized the amount of volunteer time it takes to make such organizations run effectively. "When interest rates got higher and I couldn't expand my farming operation, I looked at working in the organizations as a staff person," he recalled. In the early 1980s, after farming for thirteen years, he made the move – selling the equipment one year, the livestock the next and renting the ground to a neighbor. He was appointed as the Nebraska representative to the American Soybean Development Foundation in 1982 and was later elected assistant treasurer. In 1986 he had the opportunity to start a program in Wisconsin as the executive director of both the Wisconsin Soybean Association and the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association and their checkoff boards. "I started up their programs from scratch, set up their office and procedures," he



Kenlon Johannes is retiring from his postion as CEO of the Kansas Soybean Association, but will continue to advocate for soybeans as executive director of the Soy Aquaculture Alliance

said. "When the Missouri position came open. I was kind of a fixer, so I set up their organization." He was hired as the executive director for the Missouri Soybean Association and the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council in 1988.

It was during his time in Missouri that Johannes became interested in biodiesel. "Biodiesel is one of those 'instant successes' that took about ten or twelve years to be an instant success," he quipped. In 1992 the Qualified State Sovbean Boards created the National Soy Fuels Advisory Committee, staffed by Johannes, to begin laying groundwork and strategy to create national demand for soy diesel. Johannes said he served as an interpreter between the farmers and industry leaders to determine how the soybean checkoff could make this happen. "It was kind of a novel concept," he said. "Because we created the trade association before the industry even existed. It was cutting edge at the time, because we set up a research and market development program, a good opportunity for farmers to invest their checkoff dollars in."

In 1993 he was hired as the first executive director of the National SovDiesel Development Board, which later became the National Biodiesel Board, where he continued to advocate for the fledgling industry. Since the beginning of this and other organizations, soybean producers have experienced a 15 percent growth of price support due to biodiesel

"It really took off in the early 2000s, when the Renewable Fuel Standard took bio-fuels seriously," Johannes said. "It helped accelerate the progress and really leveled the playing field for us as we took on the petroleum in-dustry." It also changed the mindset of producers themselves. "It woke up the industry and farmer investment to what the possibilities for other products might be," Johannes stated. "It stimulated farmers to think a little more out of the box."

Johannes became the CEO of the Kansas Soybean Association and administrator of the Kansas Soybean Commission in 2001. His biggest challenge initially was setting up a program that was just becoming privatized after having been completely run by the state of Kansas. "We had to. make sure we had a program that farmers could work with, and that the other commission could cooperatively work with," he said. The wheat and corn commissions were also being privately established at the same time. "It was uncharted territory," he continued. "I think the farmer leaders at that time were so wise in making it farmer-led." It's the relationships that were forged among the groups that Johannes counts as his greatest achievement as CEO of the Kansas Soybean Association. "I've

been greatly pleased with the volunteer leadership," he reflected. "The checkoff can create a lot of markets, but the association has to be there to protect it."

The emergence of soybeans as another marketable crop for farmers is something Johannes greatly appreciates. "I remember in the '80s, we weren't even a program crop," he said. "In Kansas the changes have truly been remarkable. Our budgets, our yields and acreage have just skyrocketed. Soybeans are becoming a big player for our farmers as another crop." He attributes this to soybeans' ability to be multi-faceted, with the meal and oil having value. Also, the fact that farmers themselves have promoted soybeans. The sovbean commission also joined other organizations in promoting their product, for example, the Meat Export Federation. "We feed our meal here, then export the finished product," he explained.

As Johannes prepares to pass his position to Kaleb Little, who once worked as a summer intern for Kansas Soybean, he believes having fresh eyes looking at the issues could be a plus. "Times and perceptions change, the situation of farming has changed, and the world has changed," he acknowledged. "It's a good opportunity to pass the baton on to someone who might have new ideas to move us forward."

Communication will continue to be key, as producers continually face questions from consumers. "Agriculture appears to be under constant scrutiny, and not always for the right reasons," he said. "We are going to need to communicate how important we are, how sustainable and how responsible farmers really are and that they understand stewardship of the land. We need to keep putting a positive message out there and be as innovative as we can be, and can't be restricted by people who don't know what innovation means. Farmers are great people to work for. I was one, grew up one and appreciate working for them."

While he may be retiring as CEO of the Kansas Soybean Association, his work on behalf of the crop and the farmers who grow it will continue. He has taken on the executive directorship of the Soy Aquaculure Alliance. The group formed about ten years ago and is now refocusing with a board of directors from ten different states. "We'll see what we can do to move that industry forward," he said. "We are overfishing our oceans and there are farmers that could raise fish. I will do my best for the soybean farmers."

He and his wife Jennifer, who recently retired as a supply chain analyst for Frito-Lay, would like to do some traveling and may eventually move to Florida. But Johannes says he will continue to be available to Little as he takes the helm of the organization.

"It's been great to work here in Kansas," he said. "I've appreciated the farmer leadership and all the other trade organizations I've worked with. I feel I've done a good job and they'e benefitted from me, and I've benefited from their knowledge. I've very much appreciated them all."

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(AP) After Sarah Little would say, 'Aw, this is Senwatched her former boss ator Roberts. I was just erts, deliver his farewell were saying," said Little, who was Roberts' spokeswoman from 1999 to 2019. Little said Roberts' Ballou was always well-informed on agriculture and other issues, making him tough for new staffers to placate. "That's the job of staff to listen to constituents and calm them down and see if we can help. It's hard to take those calls all day long. It was his way of showing you that he understood you were on the front lines. It was definitely catharsis for sure," Little said. "Today I don't think you can pull those things because of security," Roberts said when asked about his alter ego. "It would be a little serious to go around and say you're Wally Ballou." Roberts, 84, is winding down a Washington career that spans ten presidencies, beginning in 1967 as an aide to two Kansas Republicans, Sen. Frank Carlson and later Rep. Keith Sebelius, the Kansas City Star reports. In 1980, Roberts won the race to succeed Sebelius in the sprawling "Big First" Congressional District, beginning his tenure as the longest-serving federal lawmaker in Kansas history. He served as a juror in two of the three presidential impeachment trials in U.S. history, voting to convict President Bill Clinton in 1999 and to acquit President Donald Trump this year.

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and his enthusiasm and when he would throw back of 20 years, Sen. Pat Rob- calling to see what we assistance programs. He campaign in 1980 and re- the typewriter for a new ations. I didn't know it was helped secure the return mained as his chief of staff line. There was kind of a going on, but I think the rhythm. You could just see that his eyes light up about writing those speeches," Marshall said.

"He's got this knack for humor and impersonstaff had a lot of fun," Dole said. "When I learned about it, well, that's Pat Roberts again.' Little and others said Roberts lived by a motto: Take the job seriously, but don't take yourself seriously. "Lots of reasons to love Pat Roberts, but one of my favorites was his sense of humor. He never got the big head, or took himself too seriously," said former Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat who often partnered with Roberts on projects affecting the Kansas City metro. Roberts' self-appointed role as Congress' resident comedian often proved to be an effective negotiation

speech on the Senate floor Dec. 10 after 40 years in Congress, she left a voicemail to express her appreciation.

Later that day, she got a call from a man claiming to be Wally Ballou. Little knew immediately who it was.

Wally Ballou was a creation of Bob and Ray, a radio comedy team whose career spanned the 1940s to the 1980s. Roberts, a former journalist, adopted Ballou, a bumbling "man on the street" reporter, as his alias when he'd call his office and pose as an angry constituent.

"He would say his name was Wally Ballou and he would really try to get you upset. Just when you were at the breaking point, he

> Roberts took a lead role in writing multiple farm bills - expanding crop insurance, loosening

of the 1st Infantry Division from Germany to Fort Riley in 2006 and worked to ensure federal funding to rebuild Greensburg, Kansas, after a devastating tornado in 2007.

"It's a very bright legacy," said former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, a fellow Kansas Republican. "Pat Roberts, whether a staffer or a congressman or a senator, was very active and he got a lot of things done."

The COVID-19 pandemic thwarted Roberts' plans for a 105-county farewell tour during his final year in office. The senator and his wife, Franki, spend most of their free time in northern Virginia.

Roberts said he hasn't traveled to Kansas since March, on the advice of his physician, because of the risk the virus poses at his age. But he's been in close contact with Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly on the state's response.

Roberts and Kelly speak so frequently they've begun referring to each other as "Bonnie and Clyde," the governor's spokesman said.

#### "WHERE'S MY SPEECH?"

Capitol Hill is full of horror stories about quick-tempered lawmakers who rapidly churn through staff. But Roberts' years as an aide informed his approach, earning him a reputation as one of the best bosses in Congress. It resulted in many staffers staying on for decades.

"In the years that I knew and worked for him, I probably saw him lose his temper not more than a couple times," said Leroy

until 2003.

Towns noted that Roberts successfully fought for pay raises and improved working conditions for the House's custodial and administrative staff as a member of the House Administration Committee in the 1980s, a reflection of his respect for "the people who made the House work."

Senator-elect Roger Marshall said when he recently visited Roberts in his office after winning the race to succeed him, the retiring senator showed off speeches that he had written for Carlson and Sebelius.

"He talked about setting up his old typewriter writing those speeches

But anyone who came in contact with Roberts was fair game for his practical jokes.

As Sebelius' chief of staff, Roberts mercilessly pranked fellow Kansas Republican Dole. He recalled one time he phoned Dole's office and did an impression of the senator.

"Where's my speech?" he growled in Dole's voice, sending his team into panic as they scrambled to find a text that didn't exist.

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It was not until years later that Dole learned the extent of Roberts' mischief.

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Senator Pat Roberts is shown with his wife Franki, as he made the announcement in 2019 that he would not seek re-election to the United States Senate.

Photo by Donna Sullivan



## A Dog's Duties

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

Farm dogs hold a special place in the day-today operations of many family farms and ranches. For my family, our dog serves many important roles. Very quickly after our dog Rosie Bo was brought home to the farm as a tiny puppy, she assumed the role of head of farm security. Over the last few years, she has worked hard to ensure opossums avoid our porches, deer stay out of our yard, birds are made aware of a strict

no-fly zone near her humans' house, and all shadows of the night get a good barking.

Although she has a huge, warm doghouse and a big barn full of hay, she has claimed a wicker chair on my front porch as her official post, which clearly allows her to remain on high patrol as she deems fit. I think she likes the spot because she not only can look over her territory, but she can also sit up and look into our living room to keep track of her humans.

Our girl Rosie Bo is

#### What's next for animal activism in 2021 and what can we do about it?

By Hannah Thompson-Weeman, **Animal Agriculture Alliance** 

2020 has taken me so off-guard that I am a little hesitant to even attempt to look into my crystal ball and make predictions for 2021. A year ago, I certainly would not have guessed that events and travel would come to a halt in March or that phrases like "mask up" or "social distancing" would be part of our daily conversations. As much as the past year has shown us that being flexible and adaptable is just as valuable as having thorough predictions and plans, I still believe there is merit to taking a moment to reflect on some of the trends we've seen this past year and consider how they may impact us moving forward.

The Animal Ag Alliance has remained focused on monitoring animal rights activism this year, and activist groups have not skipped a beat in their efforts to damage the reputation of animal agriculture. Some organizations believe the COVID-19 pandemic is the "tipping point" they need for their messages to go mainstream, and that concept combined with activists trying to take advantage of a new incoming administration means that

fierce, yet also the most loving and loyal pup you will ever find. She'll try to destroy any wild animal that enters her domain, yet she tolerates her humans like only a saint would. Many days while my kids have been home during remote learning, I will look out my kitchen window during a recess break only to see Rosie Bo donning a few yards of fancy pink ruffles around her neck while running around the yard with the kids. It's a style like that of the Elizabethan era and it is quite becoming of Her Majesty. Rosie Bo's fashion is usually always styled by a five-year-old little girl who loves digging through my fabric box and clearly has graduated from dressing her baby dolls to now accessorizing the farm dog.

vear. Rosie Bo has been allowed into the house to relax on the floor for a bit usually in the absolute middle of any pathway traversed by her humans. I often wonder if she strategically places herself in these high-traffic areas in an attempt to trip her humans in the hopes they are carrying delicious morsels of food like Goldfish, string cheese or peanut butter sandwiches that she could help clean up.

While her taste in human food is quite sophisticated. Rosie Bo also fancies treasures she can enjoy after finding them while on patrol throughout the farm. She's very proficient in searching our pastures and recovering deer bones that she then brings to my yard and gnaws on while lying in the sun. She's also impressively

good at sniffing out mummified pests like squirrels, raccoons and opossums and bringing them back to her wicker porch perch for safekeeping. I often wonder what runs through the mind of the UPS delivery guy when he makes deliveries to my house — never quite knowing what he'll find when leaving a package by our door.

While our two kids have been home for remote school. Rosie Bo has become the third student in our learning environment. In the mornings, after she is allowed into the house, she'll generally make a round through the kitchen to make sure there's no cleanup work needed before she walks into one of the kids' rooms to join a classroom Zoom meeting, listening to recitations of the alphabet by

my daughter, and laying on the floor near my son as he works through his phonics lessons. Instead of gold stars, Rosie Bo generally knows she's been a good pupil when she receives a special scratch behind her ear or on her belly and is told she's a good dog.

As the final days of 2020 wrap up and a new year is ushered in, my guess is that Rosie Bo will continue with her essential responsibilities on the farm with little hesitation. After all, it'll just be another day for our farm dog doing what she does so well.

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## More often than not this

2021 could be an even more intense year for activism. I think we should all be preparing for a few continued trends:

• Activist messaging involving public health and animal agriculture. Activist groups have long claimed that animal agriculture is a threat to public health and the COVID-19 pandemic has added fuel to that fire (despite there not really being any merit to attempting to tie the current outbreak to food production). Unfortunately, this narrative seems to be gaining steam with calls to "reform the food system" to prevent future pandemics. I think we are going to see more and more references to farms as "breeding grounds" for future disease outbreaks and should be focused on debunking that narrative.

 Renewed focus on sustainability. Conversations about the environmental impact of animal agriculture took a backseat for much of 2020, but in the past few months that discussion is heating back up. Restaurant chains like Panera and Chipotle have announced new labeling programs to communicate the environmental footprint of their menu options and we're starting to hear more about the U.N. Food Systems Summit coming up in 2021 with an action track focused on "shifting to sustainable consumption patterns." The animal agriculture community will need to make sure we're continuing to communicate about our sustainability efforts as we settle into the "new normal."

Large-scale protests and demonstrations, including at private homes. Activist groups seem to be upping the ante in terms of protests this year, likely believing that they need to be more and more extreme to get attention. We've seen continued protests (despite restrictions on gatherings) everywhere from farms and plants to public health offices, with some involving trespassing and interfering with daily operations. Animal rights activist organizations have also held several protests at the private homes of animal agriculture company and organization leaders, which is a troubling new trend. These continued incidents illustrate that we cannot let farm security slip down our priority list in 2021.

Despite whatever challenges 2021 may bring, know that the Alliance team is here and has your back. Happy New Year!

#### **DA oversight of gene-edited livestock** applauds US NPPC within an animal's own In an advanced notice

of proposed rulemaking, the Trump administration announced its intention for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to have primary oversight over gene-edited livestock,

a decision applauded by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC). Gene editing is a promising new technology that can help farmers breed healthier, more resilient animals. NPPC was the leading advocate for USDA regulatory oversight over the last two years when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was claiming jurisdiction.

Gene editing is used to make specific changes



By the time you read this we will be out of 2020 and into 2021. What will 2021 bring us? Who knows? If this past year has taught us anything, it is that we have no idea what is coming, and no one can predict the future. All I know is 2020 is over and I can safely say if you are reading this, you survived it and that worth something.

good and it is a trend I hope continues even after this pandemic is in our review mirror. Even if you do not sell directly to the consumer, this helps all of us in agriculture out. Trust is based on relationships and selling directly to consumers is all about relationships.

We also learned that we could do me business remotely. Do not get me wrong – I am sick of meeting remotely, but I must concede that it does have its place and we should consider utilizing it even after life returns to whatever normal will be. Nothing beats a face-to-face meeting but there is a time when Zoom makes sense and allows me to get a lot of other things done when I normally would have been traveling. No, 2020 was not all bad, a little good did come out of it and those good things are what we must focus on going into 2021. Will the next year be better? I certainly hope so, but I am sure it will be full of its own unique challenges, pitfalls, and tribulations. I have heard people say it cannot be any worse and I am not about to issue that challenge. If this year has taught us anything, it is just when you think it cannot get any worse, it does. I remember last year started off with hope and promise, things looked good ahead. Then 2020 came off the rails. By March of last year things had taken a dramatic turn for the worse so here is hoping the opposite is true for this year. This new year is starting off with a limp and maybe that means it will end on a high note. I hope we will all enter this year with that eye to the future and hope of a better day ahead and hopefully in the not-too-distant future. I think we can all be glad that 2020 is in the past; I will take great joy in burning the calendar. My hope for each of you in this upcoming new year is that first it will find you and your family healthy. I pray you will be able to find joy in what the year brings you and that you share that with those close to you. I hope we return to our families, churches, organizations, and communities and renew relationships put on hold. Most of all I hope we take the lessons learned from hard times and remember the joy we found in the little things this past year.

genome. Gene editing will allow U.S. farmers to produce animals that are more disease-resistant, require fewer antibiotics and have a reduced environmental footprint. Many changes made through gene editing could be achieved through conventional breeding. However, the cost and timeframe for approval of these type of edits is prohibitive under the FDA.

Notwithstanding its significant promise, U.S. agriculture had been in a holding pattern, as USDA and the FDA were locked in a regulatory tug of war over authority on gene editing in livestock. Meanwhile, China, Brazil, Canada and other global competitors moved ahead in the race to pursue this technology.

'Today's announce ment is a big step forward for America's farmers, who have weathered significant challenges over the past few years," said NPPC president Howard "A.V." Roth, a pork producer from Wauzeka, Wisconsin. "FDA regulation of gene editing will result in an impractical, lengthy

and expensive approval process. Thankfully, that is not the administration's intended plan. This announcement represents a critical milestone to ensuring American agriculture maintains its global competitive edge.'

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service already has a review process in place for gene editing in plants. which can serve as a model for livestock. The proposal is the first step in this process, and NPPC looks forward to USDA and FDA promptly signing a formal agreement on the regulation of this promising new technology in livestock.

Whenever new technol ogies are introduced, consumer acceptance is critical. The U.S. pork industry is committed to transpar ency when using this technology in the future: there are currently no gene-edited pigs entering the food supply. The focus now is on establishing a regulatory framework that will not stifle innovation and drive use of this breakthrough technology overseas. NPPC will always support the rights of consumers and hog farmers to have choice. USDA's rulemaking has a 60-day comment period. NPPC will be providing formal comments and will remain engaged to ensure USDA has primary oversight of gene editing in livestock.

COWPOKES By Ace Reid

This past year has been one of the most trying, difficult years I have ever experienced. It had a lot of bad things associated with it but if we are all honest there was some good that came out of 2020. It sure was not social distancing, COVID-19 or masks, those were terrible. I miss handshakes and meeting face to face. Call me old-fashioned but that is how I prefer to do business and this stupid pandemic has taken most of that from me.

Admittedly, I have been lucky. Those close to me that have gotten COVID have had the milder form and I have not lost anyone close. I have not lost my job or suffered any real economic effects of this past year either. If you have, then 2020 has taken on a whole new level of misery and my heart goes out to you. This year has been more of an inconvenience and my difficulties have been minor as compared to others.

As awful as 2020 has been, I still say there has been some good come out of it and that is what I will choose to remember first. First, we all saw what life looks like when we clear our calendars. We stayed home with our families more and were on the run less. I do not know about the rest of you, but it was nice not to have to run somewhere every night, and to have the rest of my family home with me. Most of us run our lives at such a frenetic pace that we lose track of the little things like nights at home with our families. I cannot speak for anyone else but that was one of the bright spots in this otherwise dark year.

I hope this year has made the general public realize just how important agriculture is. We saw supply chain interruptions and empty shelves. There seems to be a push to buy locally and to get to know the farmers and ranchers who produced the food on our tables. That is



"You dern right we're havin' an energy crisis. Maw's wantin' me to buy her a chain saw!"





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## Pat Roberts exits Congress after a half century

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"Sometimes that wit was what was really needed at a tough moment in a debate just to get to a more effective place," said Jackie Cottrell, who worked for Roberts in the mid-90s and returned as his chief of staff from 2003 until this past June.

Cottrell recounted a bizarre stunt during heated negotiations over dairy policy on the 1996 farm bill

Roberts, then House Agriculture chairman, had been stymied in moving the bill forward by Gerald Solomon, a Republican congressman from New York. Both were Marine Corps veterans.

At one tense hearing, Roberts challenged Solomon to a fight as then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich and others looked on in horror. "I took off my coat and unbuttoned my shirt and Newt was going, No, no, no!" Roberts said. "... I said, 'It might get a little bloody.'"

Underneath his dress shirt, Roberts revealed a Marine Corps t-shirt on which he had scrawled the words, "I love Gerry." The room burst into laughter. Roberts and Solomon made peace and agreed to a compromise.

In 1996, Roberts made the jump from the House to the Senate, where he remained for four terms. He was tapped to lead the Senate Intelligence Committee in 2003, stepping into the role just weeks before the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

"The most serious side and the most stressful hard time I ever saw him go through was the Intelligence Committee, those four years," said Cottrell. "I don't know everything Sen. Roberts knew those four years, but it weighed on him."

As chair, Roberts oversaw a bipartisan investigation into the intelligence failures that took place in the lead-up to the Iraq War.

The committee concluded that the CIA's assessments about Iraq's capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction. which served as a basis for the invasion, were "unreasonable and largely unsupported by the available

intelligence failure" in which multiple nations bore responsibility.

Rockefeller pushed back, accusing Bush officials of "exaggerating intelligence" and "going beyond it to try to convince the American people that war was the way to go."

Roberts was more at home on agriculture, spending his final term as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He will retire as the only person in history to chair both the House and Senate agriculture committees, which gave him a major influence on food policy.

"Agriculture just runs through Pat's veins in terms of his commitment," said Michigan Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow, the ranking Democrat on the committee who credited Roberts' work to expand crop insurance with saving the cherry industry in her state.

"There are a lot of things that Pat can point to, but certainly when we look at crop insurance, which is the key risk management tool for farmers, he really is the father and the protector."

Roberts largely backed President Donald Trump during the last four years. But during negotiations on the 2018 farm bill he defended Stabenow against Trump's Twitter attacks as the two partnered to prevent cuts to nutrition programs backed by House Republicans and the administration.

It resulted in the Senate passage of the farm bill with 87 votes, a record. Stabenow said she teases Roberts about the fact that the only no votes were from Republicans.

Cottrell pointed to Roberts' 14 years in the minority during his early years in the U.S. House as one reason he was always willing to work across the aisle when Republicans were in the majority.

"Roberts always understood if you wanted to get something done, you had to compromise. If 75% of what you wanted to achieve was in the final bill, that's a victory in Pat Roberts' mind," she said.

"That was Pat Roberts'

trademark," Dole said. "I had the same view that you needed to work across the aisle and that compromise was not a bad word. I probably learned a little bit from Pat. We had the same success working across the aisle."

Roberts said at the start of every new Congress he made a point "to just go sit down next to a Democrat I didn't know and say, 'Hey, how are you?'... Just get to know them."

These cross-aisle friendships enabled Roberts to broker deals to pass policy and steer federal projects to Kansas. The most significant is probably the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, set for completion in 2022. It is charged with protecting the country's food supply against national security threats.

"When you're young maybe the partisan stuff sort of comes out in you," Roberts said. "But you're not here very long before you realize that you have to work across the aisle or you're not going to get anything done."

#### **FROM EISENHOWER TO TRUMP**

Despite his appreciation for bipartisanship, Roberts spent the final weeks of his Senate career refusing to acknowledge former colleague Joe Biden's status as president-elect.

Roberts said he did not want to adversely affect his remaining pieces of legislation, which will need presidential approval, by weighing in on the election that Trump refuses to concede.

"Why should I go out of my way - either way - to say anything about this?" Roberts told the *Star*.

Roberts' reluctance to acknowledge Biden's victory drew a highly unusual public rebuke from Towns, his former chief of staff, who said he was saddened and disappointed by his silence in the face of Trump's lies about the election.

But Towns still said these final weeks would not negate the senator's long career.

"There's no question I think some people who

have known and loved the senator for years have been disappointed that he did not recognize one of the basic tenets of the election, but I would be adamant that is not going to overshadow the senator's legacy," Towns said.

Towns attributed Roberts' post-election silence to the party loyalty Roberts was raised with as the son of the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The senator often reminisces about joining his father, Charles Wesley Roberts, at the 1952 GOP convention in Chicago when Kansas icon Dwight Eisenhower was nominated president. He considers the experience the origin of his interest in politics.

Roberts' final year in Congress saw the opening of the Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, a tribute to the World War II general and Cold War era president that the Kansas senator oversaw for 21 vears.

But as excited as Roberts was to meet Ike in 1952 as a high school student, he said he considered the highlight of the Chicago trip to be watching his favorite baseball player, Brooklyn Dodgers legend Jackie Robinson, steal third base against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

He said as a kid he sometimes resented his father's involvement in politics, which caused him to miss Roberts' basketball games and other events. But later in life he credited his father's influence with setting him on his path.

"There's no doubt that those experiences and my dad's experiences played a role," he said.

erts pursued a career in journalism in Arizona in the 1960s. In his farewell

speech, he said he bleeds printer's ink.

Roberts told the Star that his contentious relationship as a reporter with a police chief in Avondale, Arizona, influenced his own dealings with the press as a public official. Roberts had a reputation as one of the most accessible lawmakers in Congress.

While many House and Senate members use their staffs as a shield against questions from reporters. Roberts strolled the hallway by himself, quotes at the ready for anyone with a tape recorder.

"I felt part of the clan," Roberts said, acknowledging that his easy availability would sometimes backfire. His ill-advised quip about having access to a recliner in Dodge City when The New York Times

investigated his residency dogged him throughout a closely contested 2014 re-election campaign

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"That was his favorite game," said Little, his longtime spokeswoman. "If you tried to hand-hold him, he'd lose me on purpose. He didn't need that hand-holding. He didn't want it. Sometimes I would say, `Oh, vou've been busy.' because a story would hit Twitter before he got back to the office. He fancies himself a reporter."

Dole predicted Roberts will stay involved in civic life after his retirement from the Senate either through charitable work or political consulting.

"I asked him what he's going to do, but I don't think he's made up his mind yet. ... He's still young compared to a lot of people," said Dole, 97.





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intelligence," as Roberts phrased it at the time.

While the criticism of the CIA was bipartisan. Roberts and the committee's Democrats disagreed on the role of political pressure from President George W. Bush's administration played in causing those intelligence failures.

During a 2004 appearance on NBC's" with the committee's top Democrat, West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, Roberts framed it as a "a global



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### Millie Conger, Tecumseh, Wins First Grass & Grain Recipe Contest Of 2021

Winner Millie Conger, Tecumseh: CHICKEN CASSEROLE

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 soup can of milk

1 can cream of chicken soup

- 1 cup white rice (not instant)
- 1 cut up chicken
- Salt & pepper

1 package onion soup mix

Butter a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. Combine soups, milk and rice and put in dish. Lay chicken pieces on top. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with onion soup mix. Cover tightly with foil. Bake 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees. \*\*\*\*

Susan Schrick, Hiawatha: **RED VELVET** POKE CAKE

1 box red velvet cake mix, plus ingredients to make the cake

12-ounce jar chocolate fudge ice cream topping 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk 8-ounce package cream

cheese. softened 1/2 cup butter, softened 4 cups powdered sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract Preheat oven to 350 de-

grees. Make cake according to package directions and bake as directed on box. When done, let cool for 5

minutes. Using the blunt end of a wooden spoon, poke holes evenly over the surface of the cake. Mix the fudge and sweetened condensed milk and pour into holes of the cake. Place the cake in the refrigerator to cool while preparing the frosting. Using a mixer, combine cream cheese, butter, vanilla and powdered sugar. Frost the cake when it has cooled. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Crecia Reeves, Russell: SOUR CREAM **RAISIN BARS** 2 cups raisins, covered in

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- 3 egg volks
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Cover raisins with water and cook for 10 minutes in microwave. Cream together butter and brown sugar then add baking soda, oatmeal and flour. Mix and press half of mixture into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake 7 minutes at 350 degrees. Cook egg volks, sour cream, sugar and cornstarch, stirring constantly, until thick. Add raisins and vanilla. Pour mixture onto baked crust. Top with remaining cookie dough. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cut when cool.

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Kimberly Edwards. Stillwater, Oklahoma: **GREEN BEANS** 

5 cans green beans, drained 12 slices bacon, cooked & cut into 1-inch pieces

2/3 cup brown sugar 1/4 cup melted butter

7 teaspoons sov sauce

1 1/2 teaspoons garlic pow-

der Place beans in a 9-by-

13-inch pan. Sprinkle the bacon over top. Mix all other ingredients and pour over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Jackie Doud, Topeka: ORANGE QUICK BREAD 1 white cake mix

- 2 tablespoons orange juice from frozen juice

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat cake mix and sour cream. Batter will be thick. Add zest and juice. Pour batter into 3 greased and floured mini pans. Bake 30-35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes then remove to cool on racks. \*\*\*\*\*

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

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Darlene Thomas, Delphos:

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**1 pound Velveeta cheese** 1 can Mexican tomatoes & green chiles

1 small can chopped green

chiles 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

1 medium onion, finely chopped

Hot sauce or Tabasco sauce

to taste **Dash of salt** 

Chop onion and sim-

mer 10 minutes in tomato and green chile sauce. Add garlic salt, hot sauce, dash of salt and chopped green chiles. Cut cheese into small pieces and add to pan and stir constantly until cheese melts. Thicken with a little flour and water paste if mixture is too thin. Serve either warm or cold with corn or tortilla chips. \*\*\*\*\*

> Kellee George, Shawnee: **CHERRY DANISH** DESSERT

2 cans crescent rolls (2) 8-ounce packages cream

cheese 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, divided

1 egg white

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 can cherry pie filling

3 tablespoons milk Unroll 1 can of cres-

cent dough into 2 rectangles. Press onto bottom of 9-by-13-inch pan sprayed with cooking spray. Firmly press perforations and seams together to seal. Beat cream cheese, 3/4 cup powdered sugar, egg white and vanilla with mixer until blended. Spread onto crust then cover with pie filling. Unroll other can of dough into 2 rectangles; press and seal edges. Place over pie filling. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly. Mix remaining powdered sugar and milk. Drizzle over dessert.



As 2020 rears to an end, I can't help but to look back on the year. I have lost some amazing people in my life, I have been fortunate enough to maintain health through a global pandemic, I sold and then bought a house, I worked hard on loving me for me, I baked all the things, made new friends, loved my nieces fiercely, so many things in 2020. Was it the best year ever? Of course not, but it was a year of learning and growth and for that, I will chalk it up as a win.

With 2021 right around the corner, I have started to put some serious thought into what I want the focus of this next year to be about. 2020 was Self-Love, so what should 2021 be? I knew it needed to be something for me, something that made sense to me, something that would both help me grow and help me still be me all at the same time. After much thought and deliberation, I have decided that 2021 for me is going to be about being present.

I am the person who will do anything I can to always show up, but even with doing that, I am not always there, my mind tends to race, and I don't always do the best job of just being present and being okay with the here and now. I am a self-proclaimed busybody, most evenings not sitting down until 11:00 p.m. at the earliest to decompress from the day. I will go and go until I can't go any more and when I show up for things, I tend to be thinking about other things that I should be doing or could be doing. I thrive from routine, because of the inability to be fully present, I don't like not knowing what is coming,

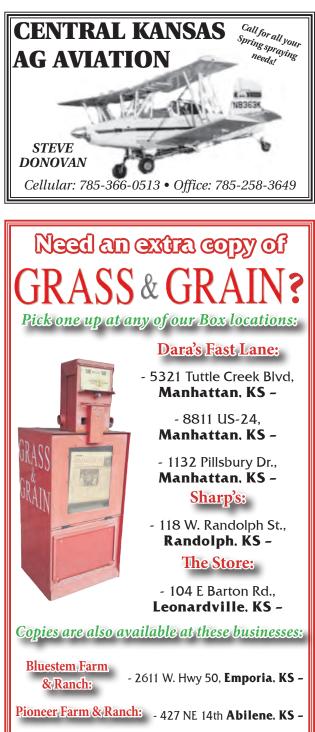
I like the ordinary, I like the mundane, but I don't grow from those.

So, in 2021 my goal is to be more present. For me that means showing up only to things I really want to show up to; if I am not ready to fully invest my focus into something, I am not coming. It means making more of a conscious effort to just be okay with being, especially when at home or with those that I am closest to; taking the time to slow down and really take in what is going on around me. It means investing my time and energy into people, places and things that give me joy and make me happy. It means breaking routine and embracing the here and now and whatever happens to have broken the routine.

I am sure it might sound silly to some, but it is something that I struggle with greatly and I think it is time to focus on being present in all situations. I am confident it won't be easy; I am confident I will struggle, I am confident I will want to stick to what I know, but I also know that 2021, I am here, I am present, and I am ready to see what you have in store for me.

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

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## **Experts On Aging Outline Ideas For Overcoming 'Implicit Bias'**

MANHATTAN – Quite often in life, without knowing or realizing it, many of us show our own bias; perhaps toward people, situations or even political contests.

Erin Yelland says those are implicit biases.

"An implicit bias is an attitude or a stereotype that affects our understanding, actions and decisions," said Yelland, an adult development and aging specialist with K-State Research and Extension.

"These ideas that we have from the moment we are born, really do affect so much of what we do – our understanding, how we perceive the world, and the actions and decisions that we make. They are unconscious and we do not realize that they are happening."

In her professional life, Yelland is especially keen to implicit bias toward older adults, known as ageism. Recently, she and colleagues from North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University talked with extension agents in their states about the impacts of ageism – and what can be done about it.

"Ageism refers to assumptions made about people based on how old they are," said Jane Strommen, gerontology state specialist with North Dakota State extension. "Ageism has been shown to have significant negative impacts on older adults in a variety of areas."

Leacey Brown, a gerontology field specialist with South Dakota State extension, said research indicates that 1 in 7 dollars spent on the most costly medical conditions in the United States can be attributed to negative effects of ageism. That amounts to approximately \$33 billion in health or related costs to older Americans.

Yelland said our society and the media often por-

tray older adults in ways that foster implicit bias.

"One thing that is interesting to consider, though, is that your implicit biases don't always align with your actions, and it's important for each of us – if we have an implicit bias that we are not comfortable with – to take steps that helps our outward actions align with our personal beliefs," she said.

In other words, she notes, implicit biases can be 'un-learned.'

"How to 'de-bias' is an ongoing field of study. We are constantly learning more about how we can de-bias ourselves when those implicit biases are so strongly embedded in our brains and lives."

Yelland's ideas to help overcome implicit biases include:

\* See people as individuals. Blind yourself from the individual. For example, if reviewing job resumes, take a person's name off so you are not tempted to judge the individual based on gender, race, background or other areas.

\* Work toward changing your responses, and reflect. Be mindful of your outward responses to others. Once you have an interaction with that person, step back and reflect.

"As a professional working with an older audience, one of the things we see is infantilization of older adults, which means we treat older adults like children," Yelland said. "We use words like 'honey' or 'sweetie' or we say that an older couple is 'super cute,' which are things we say about our children.

"These are things that we want to be mindful of and make sure we are treating older adults as adults themselves."

\* Take a walk in someone else's shoes. Think about what it would be like to be an older adult who is stereotyped. How would that make you feel and what can you do to make sure you are limiting that in our own behaviors and actions.

\* Purposefully increase your exposure to individuals or groups of people who you have an implicit bias toward. Get into the 'uncomfortable' zone with groups of people in settings where you can have conversations and interact.

Strommen notes that while many people can take steps to decrease or eliminate ageism, older adults also have the ability to positively affect their outlook.

"A person's self-perception can predict an older person's health," she said. "Studies have shown that those older adults with a more positive view on aging were less likely to have a heart attack, and if they did, they were more likely to recover quickly than those with a negative view."

Adds North Dakota's Brown: "Another example is mortality in adults 65 and older. People with positive attitudes toward aging live 7 ½ years longer than those with a negative view on aging."

More information on aging and related issues is available online from the North Central Region Aging Network, which includes professionals in Kansas, South Dakota, North Dakota and nine other Midwest states.

In Kansas, interested persons can also contact their local Extension office.

Links used in this story: Adult Development and Aging, www.aging.k-state.edu/programs/ index.html

North Central Region Aging Network, www. ncran.org

K-State Research and Extension local offices directory, www.ksre.k-state. edu/about/statewide-locations.html



## Wishes, Hopes And Dreams

**By Lou Ann Thomas** It's finally here!! A new year! Who knew a year ago that 2020 would be such a bear? There really was no preparing for the challenges ahead at the end of 2019. Who could have foretold that within a few months, instead of trying to avoid negative people, we would be avoiding positive ones, or that our brand new yearly planners would end up being our worst investment?

It was a year filled with challenges, that's for sure. Everyone's life was altered in some way. And just as we were seeing our vulnerability being exposed, masks became a flash point. We have been arguing for and against them ever since. We argued a lot in 2020. I think we can all agree on that.

One of my hopes for 2021 is that we can start agreeing on a lot more things. That may be too much to ask, but this is the time of year to wish, hope, dream and ask for something better. I hope we're all making bigger dreams for a better year.

My wishes have become simpler after this last year. At the dawn of 2020 I made a grand list of intentions, which included headings and subcategories, and took up an entire page of a giant Post-It. I recently burned that list in an attempt to destroy evidence that I "failed" in achieving those goals. However, I think if we got through 2020 with a few nerves not yet completely frayed, it was a successful trip around the sun and we should congratulate ourselves.

This wasn't the easiest passage from one end of the year to the other, but we made it. And I learned a lot for having gone on the journey. The year taught me that there are times I'm stronger than I thought. It also showed me when I'm not. The isolation and roller coaster ride of 2019 nearly broke me a couple of times, but in the end it made me stretch and strengthen the muscles of resiliency and patience. It has made clear what is truly important to me and that is basically freedom and friends. I am looking forward to being able to freely and safely gather to savor a delicious meal with friends. I yearn to hug the people I love and to hear their laughter.

So, instead of the long list of goals for 2021, I've pared it down to what 2020 taught me was most important. This year my list is only three words: Live, Love, Laugh. That's what I hope for us all in 2021!

However, I'm holding out for a few more days to see how the year unfolds before I invest in a planner. Fool me once....



# Journaling Personal History

By Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark Extension District, Family Life

Thanks to the mystery person who dropped off at the Extension office a newspaper clipping of one of my columns from the 1990s. It started out, "One year at Christmas time I gave my grandmother a fabric-covered, blank journal book for writing her memoirs. From time to time, she tells me she has been recording stories of her childhood and earlier days.' Now that I'm a grandmother, I have plenty to write or tell. I've updated that column to share again. Personal history is also a part of our world history. and particularly essential for an understanding of women's lives. The following questions are a guide to discovering more about the history of your grandmother, mother, aunt or older friend. As you listen to answers you will develop "new" questions of your own. Ask her to share photographs, letters, keepsakes and docu-

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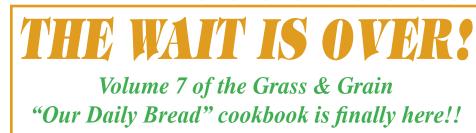
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ments that are important to her and will help you understand her life.

Where was she born? Who were other members of her family? What does she know about her ancestors? Where did her family live? How long did they live in her birthplace? How long in the same house or apartment? Who were her favorite relatives with other women? Who were her best friends? Did she belong to any clubs (church, groups, civic organization, social groups)?

What were her happiest times (achievements, special trips, events, celebrations)?

What world or national events most affected her (wars, epidemics, economic downturn, political movements)?





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or role models?

What was her schooling? What books or magazine did she read? How else did she get information (radio, newspaper, television)? What did she do for fun? Who were her friends? What did the family do together?

Who did the housework in her family? Did she marry? How did she meet her husband? What was her wedding like? Were there any special customs or beliefs observed? Where did they live after marrying?

Did she have children soon after marriage, or later? How much time was spent with her husband? How was time spent

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By David G. Hallauer, **Meadowlark District** Extension agent, crops & soils/horticulture

Liebig law of the minimum is a principle developed in agricultural science in 1840 that applies to many of our current management approaches. It states that growth is dictated not by total resources available, but by the scarcest resource or what's known as a limiting factor.

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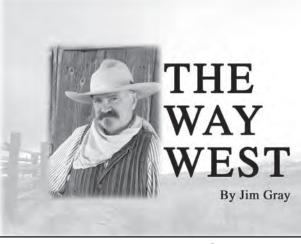
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to Kansas. When Stevens

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The 1886 creation of ily spilled over into the Seward County in southwest Kansas brought immediate conflict over the location of the county seat. Near the center of the county the citizens of Fargo Springs and Springfield huffed and puffed as armed men threatened one another with "words of profanity." After Kansas Governor John Martin awarded the temporary county seat to Springfield, the county seat bounced back to Fargo Springs before being returned to Springfield.

Meantime the Chicago, Kansas, and Nebraska Railway Company, an affiliate of the Rock Island Railroad decided to bypass both towns, leaving them "high and dry" without railroad access. The railroad built the town of Liberal near the southern border of Seward County. Even though it was far from the center of the county, Liberal was by far the most successful town in the county.

If all of this sounds familiar, The Way West has imparted much of the Seward County conflict in previous columns. How Liberal became the county seat is a story filled with violence, intrigue, and political maneuvers, some of which originated in another county seat conflict in nearby Stevens County.

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Armed men were bound to bring violence. South of Stevens County in "no Man's Land," five Woodsdale men, including Stevens County Sheriff John Cross were killed in an ambush in July of 1887. Then Sam Wood was gunned down in the streets of Hugoton on June 21, 1891. He was buried with great ceremony in the family plot at his former hometown of Cottonwood Falls. Each death sent shock waves across Stevens and Seward counties, but the differences between the factions only festered.

Attention turned to Judge Botkin who many believed had orchestrated Sam Wood's assassination. A Woodsdale citizen informed Botkin on December 20, 1891, that an assassination plot had been planned by his neighbors at Springfield. Judge Botkin was scheduled for open court in Springfield on January 5, 1892. The assassins planned to ambush Botkin as he passed through the sandhills on his way to Springfield.

Botkin notified Seward County Sheriff Samuel W. Dunn and asked him to investigate. Dunn soon learned that the attack was to take place at the head of a canyon, "a natural ambuscade, " one and a half miles from Botkin's home.

Sheriff Dunn and his posse of six men stayed in the Botkin home Monday night, January 4, 1892. The following morning the posse set out ahead of Botkin to clear the way through the sandhills and found a party of forty to fifty men blocking the way. Dunn called out, "I am the sheriff and demand peace." Two shots split the air! Sheriff Dunn was dead before he hit the ground. His posse fled into the sandhills and the assassins returned to Springfield without doing harm to Judge Botkin.

Thus ended the violence of the Stevens and Seward County Seat wars. Hugoton won the Stevens County seat, whereas the death of Sheriff Dunn sealed the fate of both Springfield and its opponent Arkalon. Botkin resigned from the bench the following October. Liberal had staved out of the fight. giving the town a higher

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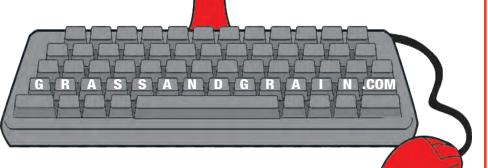
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standing among the peaceable citizens of the county. A petition was circulated to move the county seat from Springfield to Liberal and on December 10, 1892, the county records were moved to Liberal without so much as a whimper on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Ellsworth, KS. Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st RD Geneseo, KS. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@ kans.com

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# Grass & Grain, January 5, 2021 Make every bite count: USDA, HHS release Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025

Nutrition in America took a major step forward with the publication of Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025. Jointly published by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) every five years, the guidelines provide science-based recommendations designed to foster healthy dietary patterns for Americans of all ages – from birth through older adults. Importantly, this edition expands the guidance, for the first time including recommended healthy dietary patterns for infants and toddlers.

"At USDA and HHS, we work to serve the American people – to help every American thrive and live healthier lives through access to healthy foods and providing nutrition recommendations," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "With guidelines, we have taken the very important step to provide nutrition guidance that can help all Americans lead healthier lives by making every bite count.'

Dietary Guidelines for Americans is the nation's trusted resource for evidence-based nutrition guidance. The guidelines are designed for use by health care professionals and policy makers for outreach to the general public and provide the nutritional foundation for federal nutrition programs. The dietary guidelines should not be considered clinical guidelines for the treatment of disease.

"The science tells us that good nutrition leads to better health outcomes, and the new dietary guidelines use the best available evidence to give Americans the information they need to make healthy decisions the release of the dietary for themselves and their

## **Cattle numbers will** be supportive in 2021

By Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University

The December Cattle on Feed report showed that we are back where we started one year ago with December 1 feedlot inventories just equal to last year. November placements were down 8.9 percent from one year ago. November marketings were 98 percent of last year. The report was well-anticipated with no surprises, though the low placements in this report will likely be viewed as mildly bullish.

Feedlot dynamics have made it a challenge to determine exactly what is going on in fed cattle markets. Monthly feedlot placements have varied from 23 percent down year-over-year in March to 11 percent higher year-over-year in July, to 11 percent below one year ago in October. For the January-to-November period, total placements are down 4.4 percent year over year. In the last six months, which would include the majority of current feedlot inventories, placements are 0.5 percent above the same period last year.

Feedlot marketings have been likewise very volatile this year with monthly marketings varying from 13 percent above last year in March to 27 percent below last year in May and back to 6 percent higher year-over-year in September. For the year-to-date through November, total marketings are down 3.1 percent year-over-year. In the last six months, feedlot marketings are just fractionally higher than the same period last year.

Flows of cattle through feedlots should begin to show more consistent tightening in 2021. The beef cow herd was at a peak in January 2019 and led to a 2019 calf crop that was down 0.7 percent from the 2018 peak calf crop.

The estimated feeder cattle supply on January 1, 2020 was down 0.4 percent from 2019 levels. The estimated 2020 calf crop in the July Cattle report is down another 0.7 percent from 2019. The July estimate of feeder cattle supplies was up slightly but was likely pushed higher due to the intra-year dynamics of feedlot placements. Current estimates suggest that the total calf crop in 2020 is 513,000 head smaller than the peak in 2018.

Herd dynamics can also impact short term cattle slaughter and beef production. Herd liquidation will maintain higher slaughter rates for a time, even as cattle numbers are declining. Total female slaughter (heifers plus cows) is an aggregate indication of herd dynamics. For example, in 2016, active herd expansion resulted in female slaughter of 43.6 percent, the lowest level since 1973. By 2019, female slaughter was at 49.1 percent of total slaughter reflected as a 1.0 percent liquidation of cows as of January 1, 2020. So far in 2020, weekly average female slaughter percentage has equaled last year suggesting modest additional herd liquidation. Year to date heifer slaughter is down 3.7 percent year over year and total cow slaughter is down 1.3 percent, with dairy cow slaughter down 5.3 percent and beef cow slaughter up 2.7 percent so far this year. Total cattle slaughter is down 2.8 percent thus far in 2020 and is expected to decline again in 2021. With herd inventories continuing to drift lower, total cattle numbers should be generally supportive of cattle prices in 2021.

families," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "USDA and HHS have expanded this edition of the dietary guidelines to provide new guidance for infants, toddlers, and pregnant and breastfeeding women, helping all Americans to improve their health, no matter their age or life stage."

As always, the new guidelines build on the previous editions and were informed by the scientific report developed by the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, along with comments from the public and input from federal agencies. USDA and HHS thank the committee for their work and dedication over the last fifteen months, providing the departments with a comprehensive scientific review and proposal of overarching recommendations, a highly regarded step of critical importance in dietary guidelines development. USDA and HHS also made transparency a priority in this edition and

healthcare coverage.

appreciate the many public comments that were received throughout this process.

The release provides the public with the most up-to-date evidence on dietary behaviors that promote health and may help prevent chronic disease. Steeped in scientific evidence, the key recommendations look similar to those of the past and address two topics that garnered much attention throughout the development of the guidelines - added sugars and alcoholic beverages. Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025 carried forward the committee's emphasis on limiting these dietary components, but did not include changes to quantitative recommendations, as there was not a preponderance of evidence in the material the committee reviewed to support specific changes, as required by law. As in previous editions, limited intake of these two food components is encouraged. In

fact, this sentiment remains prominent throughout the policy document and complements the four overarching guidelines, which encourage Americans to "Make Every Bite Count" by:

Following a healthy dietary pattern at every life stage.

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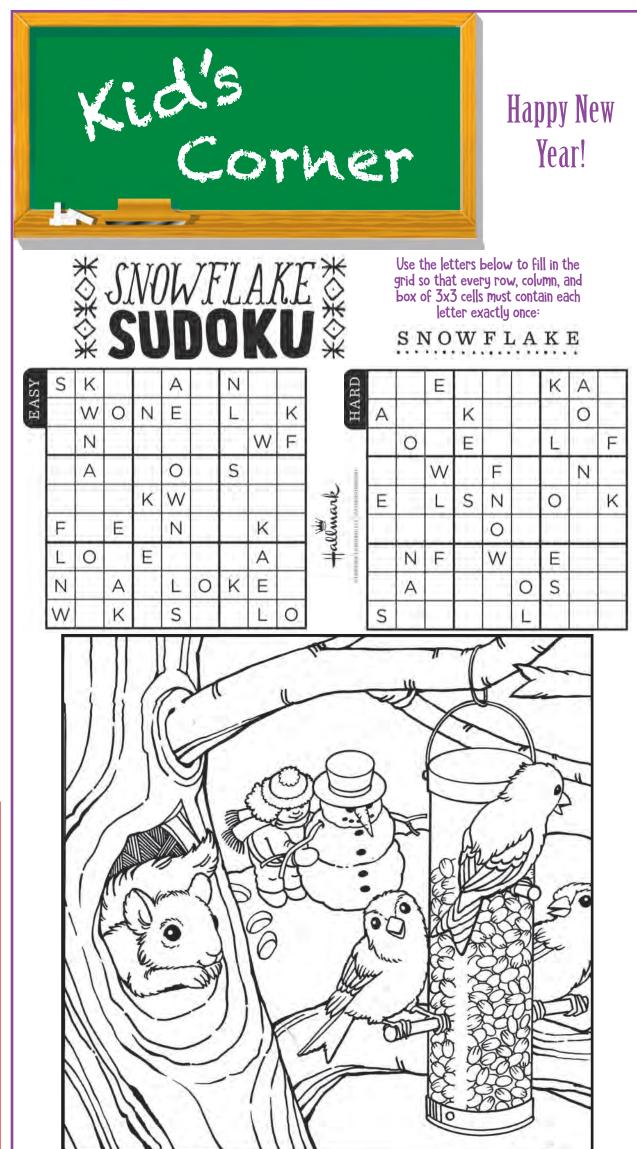
Limiting foods and beverages higher in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium, and limiting alcoholic beverages.

For consumers, USDA's MyPlate translates and packages these principles of dietary guidance for Americans in a way that is handy and accessible. To share these messages broadly, USDA offers the Start Simple with MyPlate campaign and a new My-Plate website to help individuals, families, and communities make healthy food choices that are easy, accessible, and affordable. in addition to helping prevent chronic disease. For more information, please visit www.myplate.gov.



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### Grass & Grain, January 5, 2021 Page 8 research looks at technology to kill weeds

If it's a weed, spray it. That's the mindset that most in the agriculture industry held for years.

That thinking no longer works as more weeds become resistant to herbicides, says Kevin Bradlev. University of Missouri Extension weed scientist.

Bradley uses waterhemp as an example. Waterhemp is one of 14 herbicide-resistant weed species in Missouri. It is a prolific producer of seeds, and Bradley considers it Missouri's most worrisome weed.

"It's clear that we need a new approach," he says. MU Extension re-

searchers are looking

at how to remove weeds without herbicides. One nonchemical method is electrocution. The Weed Zapper, made in Sedalia, Mo., is used mostly in organic operations, but it may also work in conventional pasture and row crops. Mizzou has used the Weed Zapper on test plots and saw 98.6% effectiveness in waterhemp destruction.

The Weed Zapper's copper boom attaches to the front of a tractor and hits weeds with 15,000 volts of electricity from a 110,000-watt generator on the back of the tractor.

Bradley notes that the Weed Zapper can be dan-

gerous because of its voltage. It also can have negative effect on sovbean yield if a lot of the foliage is contacted by the boom in later growth stages.

Its effects are immediate and deadly, especially on larger weeds. It works best when used at seven-day intervals rather than in a single pass.

It is most effective on waterhemp, ragweeds, horseweeds and cocklebur. It is less effective on foxtail and barnvardgrass.

"It's not a silver bullet, but it is very effective on several of our most troublesome weed species," Bradley says.

Another option is the Seed Terminator. This seed control tool attaches to the back of a combine. Its dual hammer mills crush the chaff through stationary and rotating bars to make it nonviable.

Bradlev says there is a need for more research to understand how new technologies can best reduce weeds in U.S. soybean. Seed destruction is popular in Australia but not widely used in the U.S

Weeds such as waterhemp, Missouri's No. 1 weed, can exit the combine in areas such as the header and grain tank. In fact, Bradley says about

two-thirds of the seed goes out the back of the combine. Multistate studies are under way to look at how to reduce the number of seeds making it to the soil.

It might take several seasons of use to see substantial reductions, Bradlev savs.

Most seed that goes through the combine, even pinhead-sized waterhemp and palmer amaranth seeds, becomes nonviable

Increased engine load on the combine raises fuel consumption an average of 4.1 gallons per hour.

Funding for this re-

search project comes from the Seed Terminator. Mizzou Weed Science. United Soybean Board, Missouri Soybeans and Case IH Agriculture.

Graduate students Travis Winans and Haylee Schreier work with Bradley on the research.

Watch a Mizzou Weed Science demonstration of the Weed Terminator at ipm.missouri.edu/ IPCM/2020/7/fieldDay-Video5-MB.

Learn more about MU Weed Science research at weedscience.missouri.edu, on Facebook at weedscience.missouri or @ShowMeWeeds on Twit-

# Syngenta experts share crop management advice to prepare growers for the 2021 season

After another summer of events, trials at Grow More<sup>™</sup> Experience sites across the Midwest showed a number of trends that should prove helpful for growers as they plan for 2021.

Grow More Experience site events provided visitors with educational opportunities this year, including agronomic trials and product demonstrations, with increased safety measures in place. Supported by a team of local agronomic experts, each site exhibited the latest agricultural technology showcasing how Syngenta seeks to accelerate innovation by addressing the local environmental and economic needs of growers.

"It's no surprise that 2020 was a year unlike any other, but our agronomists remained on the ground to face many of the same curveballs Mother Nature threw to growers this year," says Grant Ozipko,

head of technical services at Syngenta. "The firsthand experiences at our Grow More Experience sites gave our team several key insights that should help retailers and growers excel in 2021."

Agronomists saw a varietv of challenges and successes at Grow More Experience sites across the Midwest, but there were some common themes that could support growers as they prepare for 2021:

 When choosing seeds prior to planting, consult with a local expert to identify the hybrids and varieties that will grow well in the region and fit with your management practices.

• The 2020 season

brought various high wind events, all of which led to high levels of downed corn. That is likely to increase the amount of volunteer corn emerging in sovbean fields in 2021. Herbicide treatments that remove volunteer corn early should be considered in all soybean pro-

• Weather permitting, growers are trying to plant earlier each year. When making a weed management plan, growers should take length of residual and timing of applications into consideration to ensure there is overlapping residual control to prevent any openings for weeds to emerge

• Although disease pressure began at low levels in 2020, it continued to increase as the heat of summer persisted. Applying a fungicide treatment early in the season helps keep diseases at bay and plants stay green longer to maximize return on investment and yield potential.

In addition to offering growers resources to combat local agronomic issues, Grow More Experience sites also provide a way for attendees to impact their local communities. Syngenta pledged to donate \$5 to each site's local FFA® chapter(s) for every attendee who registered onsite with a valid email address. Despite lower in-person attendance this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Svngenta remains committed to local communities by donating \$10,200 to local FFA chapters.

For additional information and advice from agronomists across the country, visit KnowMore-GrowMore.com.

For more information about Grow More Experience sites or to secure your visit to an event in 2021, contact a local Syngenta sales representative at Syngenta-us.com/ rep-finder.

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#### and impact yield potensocial. SHA scholarship fund established to honor regenerative ag pioneer Kendra Brandt

The Soil Health Academy (SHA) has announced the establishment of a new scholarship fund to honor soil health and regenerative agriculture pioneer, Kendra Brandt of Carroll, Ohio, who passed away recently.

In memory of Kendra's legacy, Understanding Ag, LLC (UA), provided an initial endowment to establish the SHA scholarship fund, which is targeted to women and beginning farmers who are committed to growing the regenerative agriculture movement by implementing regenerative principles in their own operations or through regenerative agriculture education, outreach or policy advocacy.

"Kendra, alongside her husband David Brandt, formed a magnificent team that raised children with

respect and honor, were vital members of their community and beyond, and stood as pioneers in helping others regenerate our soils, our ecosystems and ultimately our health," said SHA instructor and UA partner Allen Williams, Ph.D.

"On their model regenerative farm, Kendra and David have graciously hosted thousands of visitors from all over the world, including delegations from China and France. Their farm was also the site of the kickoff of USDA's national 'Unlock the Secrets in the Soil' campaign," Williams said.

The new Kendra Brandt SHA Scholarships will provide partial tuition funding for recipients to attend a popular, threeday SHA regenerative ag school. The SHA on-farm schools feature instruction by Williams, Ray Archuleta. Gabe Brown. Shane New, and other technical consultants, all of whom are widely considered to be among the most pre-eminent pioneers, innovators and advocates in today's soil health and regenerative agricultural movement.

"Kendra's contributions to regenerative agriculture, while behind the scenes, were as consequential as any of the world's higher-profile leaders of the movement and her recent passing leaves a void that will be impossible to fill," Williams said. "However, with the granting of each scholarship, her legacy will flourish and further advance the cause of soil health-focused regenerative agriculture." To learn more about the scholarship, to contribute to the scholarship fund or to apply, visit https://soilhealthacademy.org/scholarships/.



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### Moser receives **Top Hand honors**

Immediate Past KLA President Harry Moser set the pace for the annual KLA Top Hand contest. He finished the year with 25 new members and Recruiter of the Year honors. He earned a 20X hat from Greeley Hat Works for being the top recruiter, as well as a 30-30 rifle, silver buckle and several other prizes. The Cherokee County committee finished in second place with 22 recruits.

Other top recruiters include Neal Haverkamp of Bern, Lafe Wilson from Uniontown, Dustin Wootten of McLouth and Becky Farha from Yates Center with seven members each: Joe Eilert of Jewell with six recruits; and Wayne Carpenter from Brewster with five. A total of 61 individual members and county committees signed up a grand total of 160 new members in the contest, which is sponsored exclusively by John Deere.



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January 7 — Bred Cow & Heifer Special sale consisting of 1st calf bred heifers, bred cows & cow/ calf families, held at Beatrice Livestock Sales, Beatrice, Nebraska.

January 9 & 10 (Rescheduled from November) — 1994 Lincoln Town Car Cartier Sedan, collectibles, vintage furniture, household, tools & miscellaneous including cast iron vintage toys, wooden advertising boxes, Southwest signed items, KU items, glassware & much more; 200+ lots of jewelry including turquoise, gold & diamond rings, watches, many vintage pieces, 500+ lots of coins including \$10 Buffalo Bill Silver Bill, 1861 restrike Confederate half dollar, Morgan & Peace dollars, Eisenhower dollars, Liberty & Franklin halves, quarters, dimes, nickels & more held at Lawrence for Joan Handley Estate & Ruby Freels Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 9 — Furniture, antiques, primitives, collectibles and misc. household held at Portis for Julia & the Late Don Chegwidden. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

January 12 — Online Gun & U.S. Currency auction. Bidding begins Wed., December 30th. Auctioneers: Kull Auctions and ArmsBid.com.

January 16 — Tractors, farm equipment, pickups, household, Barbie dolls, model cars, salvage, tools & hay held Northwest of Burlingame for Kenny Thompson. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

January 16 — Real Estate - Well kept 3-bedroom, 1 ½ bath brick ranch-style home. 2015 Ford Fusion SE, riding mower, guns, appliances, furniture, household, coins, collectibles, yard equipment held at Chapman for Clarence & Lorna Lehner Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions, Vern Gannon. January 16 — Guns, gun-related items, fishing items, miscellaneous collectibles, tools & more held at Portis for JR. Onwiler Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

January 16 — Antiques & collectibles including large collection of farm toys, 1950s, 60s trucks, cars & other toys, Pepsi coin operated pop machine, 7UP & Pepsi coolers, crocks, oil cans, car parts, assortment of signs & much more held at Salina for Brent Leaman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 16 — Farm auction selling Bobcat skid steer, skid steer attachments, tractor, trailers, equipment, 1997 Mercedes Benz, tools, collectibles held at Lawrence for Schneider Family Trust. Details soon! Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 17 — Antiques & collectibles including 100' fancy ribbon wire cemetery fence with gates & cast iron finials; postcards, old photos, Case & Ford toy tractors, glass paperweights, watch fobs, costume jewelry, military medals, Salina paper advertising, stamps, comic books, advertising thermometers & more advertising items, glassware, prints & much more held at Salina for Individual collector. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 21 — Pottawatomie County Land Auction: 550 acres, m/l of Native Grass with ponds sold in 2 tracts consisting of 313 Acres m/l located in Sec 9-T7-R9 on 99 Hwy. and 237 Acres m/l located in Sec. 7-T7-R7 West of Hwy. 99 on Huff Road held at Manhattan for Alfred Heidel Trust. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction, Jeff Ruckert.

January 23 — Antiques & collectibles including 100s of pieces of glass such as Fenton, art glass, Fostoria, Carnival & more; Depression & clear glass. figurines & vases, Hummels, Mary Gregory pieces, World's Fair pieces, some furniture, baseball & football cards, dolls & many primitive items held at Salina for Individual collector. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 23 — 400+ Toys including IH, JD, Case, Ford, Oliver, MM, MF, Cat, Arcade, Tru-Scale; Ertl, Franklin Mint, Precision, SpecCast, Structo, Tonka. 1/12th, 1/16th, 1/24th, 1/43rd, 1/64th, most all toys have the boxes. Also selling collectibles, household, tools & miscellaneous held at Lawrence for Sam Stanley Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Mark Elston.

January 28 — 4 Tracts of Clay County Farmland south of Clay Center for James D. Braden & Margie Clark Tidwell Braden Trust and Pleasant Hill Farms, LLC. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate & Auction Service, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

January 30 — Firearms Estate auction including 100+ firearms, ammo, reloading supplies, etc. held at Lawrence for One Private Collection. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 30 — Real Estate auction consisting of 44.9 acres Residential Development Potential property held at Wamego for Richard Meyer Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

\*\*LAND AUCTION \*\*\* FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 - 2:00 PM 1,038+- ACRES BUTLER COUNTY, KS PASTURE AUCTION LOCATION: EL DORADO CIVIC CENTER, 201 E CENTRAL, EL DORADO CIVIC CENTER, 201 E CENTRAL, EL DORADO, KANSAS BETTY J. CRISS LIVING TRUST, SELLER GOOD QUALITY CATTLE GRAZING PASTURE \* BLACKTOP FRONTAGE \* 8 PONDS \* SCATTERED TIMBER \* FUTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL INVEST IN TANGIBLE ASSETS, INVEST IN LAND! -O-SUNDGREN 316.321.7112 m/l of primarily native grassland with just under 20 acres tillable, pond & fences located West of Maple Hill. Auction location yet to be determined. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 31 – 340 acres

February 5 — 1,038 acres m/l of Butler County, KS good quality cattle grazing pasture, 8 ponds, scattered timber, future rural development potential held at El Dorado for Betty J. Criss Living Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty-Lake Brokers.

February 6 — Axtell Knights of Columbus Consignment Auction held at Axtell. Contact Bob at 785-736-2787 or Jim at 785-736-2821 to consign.

February 6 — 689.7 acres m/l of Clay County land consisting of T1: 133 ac m/l with 122.8 m/l cropland & 10.2 m/l of waterways and wildlife habitat; T2: 157.3 ac m/l with 144.8 m/l cropland & 12.5 m/l waterways; T3: 82.77 ac m/l with 74.24 m/l cropland & 8.53 m/l waterways; T4: 156.21 ac m/l with 138.78 m/l good native grass pasture, 17.43 m/l cropland; T5: 160.2 ac m/l with 133.9 m/l cropland & 26.3 m/l waterways, hay meadow & wildlife habitat to be held at Clay Center (online bidding available at www. MidwestLandandHome. com). Seller: Gardner Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik listing broker & Jeff Dankenbring, broker.

February 13 — 781.5 acres m/l of Marshall County, KS land consisting of T1: 90.6 ac. m/l farmland; T2: 77.2 ac. m/l farmland; T3: 139.3 ac. m/l farmland; T4: 275.68 ac. m/l farmland; T5: 205.04 ac. m/l pasture & wildlife habitat held at Summerfield (for online bidding: www.MidwestLandandHome.com) for Orval & Myra Stock Family Trusts. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, listing broker; Mark Uhlik, broker/ auctioneer.

February 13 — Retirement farm machinery auction consisting of mostly John Deere equipment: tractors, combine, planter, a full line of tillage and haying equipment and trucks held West of Manhattan for Wood and Wood Farm, Daryl Wood. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 18 — 10,935 acres m/l of Seward & Stevens County, KS land to sell at Absolute Auction consisting of irrigated cropland, dryland & multiple farm improvements to be held at Liberal for Hatcher Farms. Auctioneers: Peoples Company. March 1 — Great quality line of Farm Equipment held at Abilene for T. Lee Gruen & Jason Kooken. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service, Randy Reynolds & Greg Kretz, auctioneers.

March 6 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous Southwest of Abilene for Paul Lehman & Dorothy Lehman Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

March 27 — Farm machinery, skid steer, antique machinery, farm-related items & household goods held Northwest of Randolph for Byarly Family Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

April 10 — Fink Beef Genetics Spring Bull Sale held at Randolph.









2015 Ford Fusion SE, very clean car, 59,507 miles (sells just prior to Real Estate). Yard Machine riding lawn mower.

#### GUNS

Model 97 Winchester; Revelation Model 300F 12 gauge.

Amana 15.2 cu ft upright deep freeze; Maytag refrigerator; newer Speed Queen automatic washer; Maytag electric dryer; Kenmore side-by-side refrigerator; Maytag glass top electric stove; Rival microwave.

4pc bedroom suite; Antique glass door kitchen cupboard; very nice brown leather couch; modern loveseat sofa; upright piano; Hammond electric organ & bench; dropfront bookshelf; cane back arm chair; Toshiba flat screen TV & stand: stereo & equipment; 3-drawer chest; dresser & night stand; metal bed; cedar chest; small desk: office chair: 2 & 4-drawer file cabinets; nice smaller showcase; wood rocking chair; end tables; flat & hump back trunks; antique pump organ; card table & chairs; wall shelf; 2-door metal cabinet; small dinette table & 2 chairs; yellow kitchen stool; Zenith portable TV; floor lamps; hassock.

Mantel clock; green depres-sion glass; Shirley Temple blue pitcher; opalescent glassware; cake compote; set brown stoneware; pressed glass; teapot; Clown cookie jar; juicer; figurines; mustache cup; silverware; vases; music boxes: decanter set: beaded coin purse; old books; KU collectibles; stainless bowls; Tupperware; bread box; baking dishes; Mr. Coffee; small kitchen appliance; Salad kitchen appliance; Master & other pans; lots of glasses; coffee cups; tea towels kitchen utensils; cleaning utensils; cookbooks; baskets; piano lamp; COINS including Silver certificates, \$2 bills, Mint sets, miscellaneous silver & Foreign coins; 4 KC Royals bobblehead figurines; assorted pictures; computer; electric typewriter; desk lamp; small safe; board games; many VCR tapes; Eureka vacuum; ironing board; hats; 2 large roasters; canner; large coffee pot; small crock; buckets; luggage; blan-

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kets; towels; hamper; lawn chairs; coolers; picnic basket; fruit jars.

Barb Wire collection; DeForest chicks egg basket; corn sheller; granite bucket; jars of marbles; scales; wood rolling pin; refrigerator dishes; sad irons; salt & peppers; waffle iron; Roy rogers & other paper collectibles; promo cars; old tin truck; blow torches; ice tongs; kerosene lamp.

Wizard roto-tiller; push lawn mower; wheelbarrow; shop vac; lawn spreader; exercise bikes; garden sprayers; small anvil; lanterns; weedeater; Redwood picnic table & benches; lawn windmill; flower pots; BBQ grill; garden hose; tub; hothouse supplies; wrenches; hand tools; organizers; hardware; fans; sawzall; lots nails, screws; rasps; drills; knives; hammers; bar & C-clamps; saws; sockets; bench grinder; woodworking planes; grease guns; paint & garden supplies; tree saw; metal stool; oil products; work bench; hedge trimmers; garden tools; lots More!

ing thermometers; neon beer logues; Trail annuals; globe; sign; many car tags; drive in doll house; Huckleberry

;; Trail annuals; globe; **SITE FOR PICTURES**; house; Huckleberry

Brent is going overseas and selling part of his collections. There are many small collectibles. For your safety please wear your masks. If you do not feel well please call in your bids to 785-738-0067. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com

#### BRENT LEAMAN Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC 785-738-0067

### AUCTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 — 9:00 AM Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo 900 Greeley in SALINA, KS

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES** fancy Ribbon wire 100' cemetery fence w/gates & cast iron finials removed in 1940's; 2 black forest figures wood carvings; cast iron school house bell; 14,000 postcards some trade cards & assortment paper; boxes of old photos; photo albums; viewers & cards; Coop, Case & Ford toy tractors; Ricker Dwight Eisenhower Stein & autographed pictures & visit to Kansas thank you highway patrol letter; 3-1929 IHC farm machinery posters; 26 pr. bookends; large collection of glass paperweights; watch fobs (1 from Wilson Ks.); jewelry boxes & chests; floor jewelry stand; 60 flats costume jewelry; ladies gold hunting case watches; ladies watch chain slides; men's pocket watches; large assortment men & ladies wristwatches: large collection military medals; trade tokens; Odd Fellows & other lodge medals & ribbons (some Lebanon, Ks); Salina paper advertising; Kanhistique papers; dozens stamp collec-tor binders; 100's First Day issues; boxes mint stamps, blocks; 80 Richie Rich comic books; sad irons & trivets; cooking trivets; cobblers tools; door knobs; advertising tins & ashtrays; cigarette lighters; silk souvenir pillowcases; 58 advertising

thermometers; other advertising pieces; coin banks inc: Hunter, Ks.; curling iron heaters; vintage radios (table & transistor); cigarette lighters; telephones (wall, black bakelite, linesmen, other); belt buckles; dolls; sheet music; 45 records: record players: pencil display; bullet pencils; fountain pens; advertising ink pens; railroad torch lighters; railroad locks; doctors bag; doctors scale; floor quack shock machine used by Dr. FM Bilby in Kensington, Ks 1905; magic lantern slides; 9 wood print type trays; cob roller organ; musical instruments inc: accordion, banjo, zither, mandolins, violin; milk bottles some Salina Belle Springs; pop bottles; snow globes; drug store bottles; large assortment kerosene lamp parts & burners; bed lamps; Coleman gas iron lamp; Aladdin lamps; slag glass lights; mini kerosene lamps; bracket lamps; other kerosene & fancy electric lamps; kerosene floor lamp; exit lights; red caution lights; explosion proof lights; green & white enamel industrial lamps; child's cook stoves; large collection kitchen utensils; lard presses; kraut cutters; scrub boards; copper bed warmer; water cooler; souvenir pieces of custard, ruby flash, china & other; figurines; milk glass; Warwick mugs; perfume bottles & atomizers; Carnival glass; other glass; head bell collection; flats salt & peppers; early McCoy jardiniere; Dryden; Hull; McCoy; Weller pottery; Hall tea dispenser; assortment framed prints; assortment street & other signs: vintage car parts (lights, horns, emblems, dealer emblems, car manuals, auto vacuum freezer); box Okla-homa car tags; Kansas car tags inc#1 dealer tags Noller Topeka; child's rockers; large rockers; parlor tables; drop front desk; 2 child's highchairs fold to stroller; Immigrant trunks; Parker pen floor display; large collection clocks (kitchen, mantle, wall hanging, ship, novelty, shoe advertising, Will Rogers, FDR, 3 presidents, newer Howard Miller grandfather); child's doll dresser & rocker: dolls: large assortment farm primitives; vintage tools; ice saws; 2 man saws; buzz saws; horse bits; celluloid rings; buggy shaft; brass sleigh bells; branding irons; hog snouters, catcher & vet tools; corn shellers; post vices; press wheels; dozens tractor & farm manuals & brochures; lighting rods & balls; 2 bit axes; copper & galvanized boilers; ice tongs; crock jugs; implement seats; many other items not listed or pictured.

#### **INDIVIDUAL COLLECTOR**

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### An Embarrassing Column

Embarrassing moments. Nobody likes to talk about them. Oh, they'll talk about slipping on the ice on their first date or getting bucked off a gentle horse. Other folks empathize and usually they laugh. But it makes people uneasy when it's really embarrassing. They might titter nervously but if it's really awful it makes us uncomfortable. It could happen to me!

Like the time I leaned into a car window and asked a new acquaintance



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to dance and she didn't have any legs. It was shattering to a high school boy, not to mention the girl. Or introducing an old friend and his wife to my family and calling his wife by his ex-wife's name.

A faux pas is always exaggerated when you are in the company of someone other than your family. Cocktail or diner parties with guests are fertile ground for embarrassment: halfway through dinner you glance in the mirror and discover you should have blown your nose an hour ago: finding

sisting producers in the

improvement of their

livestock. Throughout his

career, Smith has served

the American Simmen-

tal Association as a field

representative, the North

gravy (dried, of course) on your black dress; sneaking off to powder your nose, quietly closing the door, gently running the water - then you flush and it sounds like a dump truck unloading nine yards of gravel into an empty grain bin.

veterinary work In there is an association of vets who have spaved tomcats. Cowboys take a great delight in runnin' a rangy ol' steer in with a bunch of cows at cow workin' time. I've preg-checked a thousand steers - but at least I've never called one bred.

Then there was poor ol' Fred (an alias) who was worried about climbing on his roof to shovel off the snow. So he took his rope and tied it to the back bumper of his pickup in the front yard. Looping it around his waist he went up on the roof and over the peak. His wife left for town...in his pickup. Broke both his legs, his pelvis and one wrist.

During recovery he was sitting around the house in a cumbersome body cast. His wife had the habit of filling her cigarette lighter with fluid over the com-

America and founder of

Top Dollar Angus, said,

"Nathan is the right per-

son for this position to

continue the company's

rapid growth, and we are pleased to have him join

our team. He has a great

cattle production back-

ground and understands

all segments of the beef

industry from seedstock

to packer. He has worked

and traveled in many

parts of the country and

is familiar with the chal-

lenges ranchers face in

different environments

and market situations. We

look forward to him be-

coming our new general

Ashley reside in Colorado

Nathan and his wife,

manager in early 2021."

mode. Later that afternoon ol' Fred creaked his way into the bathroom like a NASA moonwalker. He maneuvered himself into position and lowered himself, cast and all, down on the seat. Exhausted, but smugly satisfied with his achievement, he lit a cigarette and dropped the match into the lurking lighter fluid. It blew him into the tub and broke his other wrist!

We're talkin' hot cross buns! If you ever wondered where the word "embarrass" came from...

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#### Nathan Smith hi manager for Top Dollar Angus ed as new general Red Angus Association of Top Dollar Angus Inc.,

Neogen.

with Top Dollar Angus because of the passion I have for the beef industry and look forward to continuing to work with the great people involved." Smith said. "This position with Top Dollar Angus is definitely a win-win in my mind. Not only do we get to verify and promote top-of-the-bell curve beef genetics, but also work with numerous producers and industry partners who share that same drive and passion for beef industry success."

Tom Brink, CEO of the

and maintain a small beef cow herd. Smith will assume his full-time duties with Top Dollar Angus on January 1st. He can be reached at nate@topdollarangus.com or (620) 546-4839.

Top Dollar Angus is a genetic verification and marketing assistance company focused on the best Angus-based feeder calves in the beef industry. Top Dollar Angus is one of the first genetic verification providers for commercial feeder cattle, and the only entity focused exclusively on Angus and Angus-based calves with top 25 percent growth and carcass traits. For more information visit www. TopDollarAngus.com

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800-900	\$131.00 - \$141.50
900-1,000	\$124.00 - \$134.25

HEIFERS				
300-400	\$155.00 - \$165.00			
400-500	\$145.00 - \$155.00			
500-600	\$142.00 - \$152.00			
600-700	\$129.00 - \$139.00			
700-800	\$122.00 - \$132.00			
800-900	\$122.00 - \$132.25			

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES 2021:** All Sales are Tuesday at 11 AM

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COW SALES: Tuesday, Jan. 19 • Tuesday, Feb. 16 • Tuesday, March 16 Tuesday, April 20 • Tuesday, May 4

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early upbringing in the livestock industry led him to a career in the cattle business, focused on as-

# EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

75 S&H 600-900 sim/Angusx 90 days weaned fall vacc open; 20 blk strs 700 LTW vacc; 65 S&H 400-650 30+ days weaned; 95 blk strs 550-750 LTW vacc off wheat; 28 blk S&H 700-800 weaned Oct vacc; 180 S&H 500-750 HR LTW vacc open Gardiner ang sired; 30 strs 600-800 60 days weaned 2rd fall vacc; 55 S&H 700-800 HR open 2rd; 180 blk S&H 500-700 70 days weaned vacc; 51 S&H 650-750 HR LTW; 45 strs 600-800 weaned fall vacc; 30 S&H 600 weaned 45 days fall vacc; 110 S&H 600-700 2rd vacc weaned Oct off cover crop; 70 blk sim/ang S&H 700-800 HR LTW; 35 blk S&H 550-650 vacc weaned Nov 1st; 20 S&H 700-800 weaned Sept vacc bunk broke; 85 mostly blk strs 525-550 LTW 2rd hotwire broke; 62 blk strs 875-900; 120 hfrs 650-700; 60 strs 925; 75 blk S&H 500-650 HR LTW vacc Green Garden; 90 blk S&H 500-800 HR LTW vacc; 60 S&H 600-750 LTW vacc; 125 S&H 600-800 LTW 2rd; 50 blk S&H 600-700 Weaned vacc; 47 blk hfrs 650-750 HR LTW replacement kind; 325 blk strs 550-800 LTW 3rd; 65 S&H 600-800 LTW 2rd fall shots; 125 blk sim/ang S&H 650-850 LTW vacc; 50 blk S&H 550-700 LTW vacc; 225 blk S&H 450-525 weaned 2rd; 25 S&H 700-750 fall vacc; 50 S&H 750-800 LTW 2rd; 35 strs 700-900 LTW HR 2rd; 375 blk S&H 650-800 HR vacc weaned; 50 S&H 650-750 HR LTW; 30 S&H 600-650 HR 2rd 60 days weaned; 35 mostly char hfrs 825; 25 S&H 650-700 vacc weaned Oct 1st.

## SPECIAL COW SALE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

30 red angus hfrs OCHV'D vacc bred to proven red angus bulls start Feb 15th Torn or Janssen hfrs red angus origin; 20 bred hfrs; 140 blk hfrs one iron AI bred to Herbster Angus bull clean up w/ proven LBW Hereford calve March 1st short period 1100# plus Wyoming origin; 10 blk hfrs; 80 blk hfrs; 40 blk hfrs; 50 blk hfrs OCHV Lyon angus genetics pelvic measured AI bred may 20 to franchise (red angus) cleaned up with son of Tourot&duty blk angus gentle 1100# plus; 40 blk hfrs bred to Bredemeier angus bulls start calving Feb 16th 60 days or less; 25 blk&red spring cows 4-6yr old bred blk or red sim angus bulls.

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