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Founder of All-American Beef Battalion and cattle industry icon passes away

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

He loved his country, was devoted to the cattle industry and had an unwavering respect and support for the military. Combining those passions, Bill Broadie founded the All-American Beef Battalion and Steaks for Troops, allowing him to feed ribeye steaks to thousands of servicemen and women and their families as they were either ready to deploy or just returning home. Since its beginning in 2007, the nonprofit organization has served more than 400,000 steaks in 26 states as a way of saying thank you for the service of those brave men and women.

His desire to support the troops was rooted in the lack of respect he himself received when even two Purple Hearts and other medals and awards weren't enough to convince his fellow citizens of the worthiness of his service. The Ashland native was injured in battle and lost a leg as a 19-year-old Marine in Vietnam. He persevered to recovery and lived a full life, outlasting and outworking those around him. The prosthetic leg was no excuse for lack of effort. In the end, the battle he could not win was against the virus that had turned his beloved country upside-down. On January 21, 2021, Broadie passed away after a long fight with COVID-19.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Linda, and is survived by his son William Barrett Broadie and wife Lori of Burns and their children; his daughter Amy Deubig and husband Jeff of Dousman, Wis. and their children, as well as three great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

The All-American Beef Battalion was bolstered by tremendous grassroots support – people donating steers that would be auctioned off, then turned back in to sell time and again as the donations mounted. With an all-volunteer staff, the organization was able to dedicate all the money to feeding the ribeye dinners. In Broadie's memory, fundraisers will continue, grills will be fired up, and soldiers and their families will be fed.

Broadie had a question he liked to leave people with. "Which one of you out there wouldn't buy a soldier a steak?"



In this photo from the November 9, 2010 issue of *Grass & Grain*, Lynn Langvardt of J.C. Livestock Sales sets up a steer that was auctioned off to raise money for the All-American Beef Battalion Steaks for Troops program. Also shown is Bill Broadie, founder of AABB and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson of Dwight who donated the steer, as well as a couple of soldiers from Ft. Riley.

Mann comments on selection to House Ag Committee

Kansas will continue to have representation on the House Agriculture Committee, as newly elected representative Tracey Mann was selected to serve on that committee last week, filling the shoes of his predecessor Roger Marshall, who was elected to the Senate.



Mann issued the following statement.

I ran for Congress with clear intentions of advocating for Kansas agriculture and our conservative Kansas values. I am thrilled that I have been selected to serve on the House Agriculture Committee. With 60,000 farms in Kansas, agriculture dominates our economy and is crucial to our way of life. The Big First is made up of farmers, ranchers, feedlot managers, nutritionists, ethanol producers, ag lenders, and agribusiness owners who feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

My roots in agriculture run deep. I grew up on a

farm just south of Quinter, Kansas, and every person in my family has been involved in production agriculture in some way. I spent thousands of hours on a tractor and working on my family's feed yard. I understand agriculture and have a passion for our rural way of life. The values of faith, family, and caring for our neighbors are alive and well, and I will continue working to preserve them for future generations.

As Congress becomes increasingly more urban, the distance from farm to fork has never been greater. It is vital to advocate for agriculture and rural America. I hit the ground

running and have already made significant progress in our nation's capital advancing issues that impact Kansas agriculture. I will focus on three priorities in my work on the House Agriculture Committee:

1. Protect and Strengthen Crop Insurance: Agriculture faces risks and uncertainty unlike any other industry, and we must make sure that producers have the tools needed to manage this risk.

2. Stop Regulatory and Administrative Overreach: I will push back on regulations, conduct oversight as the Biden administration introduces executive orders, and work to stop overreach from USDA, EPA, Interior, and other federal agencies.

3. Increase Trade: I will promote free and fair trade around the world and work for increased market access. Trade is essential to increase demand and thus prices for our farmers and ranchers, which in turn also helps

main street businesses and strengthens communities across the Big First. I want to focus on a long-term approach to trade. We need to be thinking

today about our agriculture trading partners three, five and ten years down the road.

For a farm kid like me, serving on the House Ag-

riculture Committee is an incredible honor. I promise to work hard to advocate for agriculture and our conservative Kansas values.

Sen. Marshall honored by Kansas Farm Bureau

Recently, U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D. received the 'Friend of Farm Bureau Award' from the Kansas Farm Bureau for his work in the House of Representatives during the 116th Congress on be-



half of Kansas farmers, ranchers, and producers.

"I want to thank the Kansas Farm Bureau for their support and for honoring me with this award. With wins over the past few years on the China Phase One Deal, USMCA, KORUS, and the Japan-Free Trade Agreement combined with efforts to roll back the red tape that was hampering Kansas farmers, ranchers, and producers, we know that the sky is the limit," Marshall said. "While we accomplished a great deal

for Kansas agriculture over the last two years, my hope is that we can build on those efforts in the 117th Congress and deliver even more wins."

"We appreciate the support from then-Rep. Marshall on important issues to Farm Bureau in the 116th Congress. The passage of USMCA will help Kansas producers export more of the agricultural commodities they grow and raise for years to come," said Rich Felts, president of the Kansas Farm Bureau.



Emporia Livestock Sales sold 2,474 head at their 80th anniversary sale on January 20, with the third generation of the Peak family now at the helm.

Emporia Livestock Sales celebrates 80th anniversary

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Eight decades, three generations and cattle sold numbering into the millions were celebrated on January 20 as Emporia Livestock Sales held their 80th anniversary sale. "Any time a business goes for eighty years in one family, it's pretty special," said Brody Peak, the third generation of the Peak family to own the sale barn. "You don't see it very often."

In 1941 Olma Peak partnered with Paul Hatcher in what was then known as the Paul Hatcher Sale Company, renaming the business Emporia Livestock Sales. Hatcher re-

tired in 1976 after nearly fifty years at the sale barn, and Peak purchased his interest in the company. Through the years, Brody recalls aunts, uncles and cousins all working together in the family business. After college, he began managing the barn in 2004 and purchased it in 2007. His grandfather Olma died in 2008 at the age of 90.

Along with three generations of the Peak family that have owned and worked at the barn, there are multiple generations of families that have sold their cattle there, as well.

"A lot of these people's cattle we've been sell-

ing for sixty-plus years," Brody reflected. "That speaks volumes about the trust they have, and knowing we will get them the top dollar."

The history of Emporia Livestock Sales is rich – from the family ownership standpoint down to the fact that the building erected in the 1800s was once home to the National Hereford Association. But just as the history is rich, so is the future bright, as Brody strives to continue building the trust and relationships so important to his business.

"Hopefully we'll make it to 100," he said.



Making Dreams True

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher
Dreams have been on my mind lately. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of equality; our founding fathers' dream of a government of, by, and for the people; and the dreams of little girls who want to grow up to be president of the United States of America.

Some dreams have a fairytale like quality where they feel grand, pure and wondrous. I think this comes from our habit

of imagining the joy and pleasure that would result from a dream come true. In this euphoric idealization, so many of us forget to think about what it really takes to make dreams a reality.

Dr. King painted an eloquent and noble picture of a society that values equality, he was not naive. He fought discrimination, injustice and hatred in every step toward his dream. Our founding fathers built an experimental framework for government that

would give the people unprecedented power and freedom, but they were not stary-eyed. They staked their lives and fortunes on this new government with no certainty that it would function. Vice President Kamala Harris was recently inaugurated into the highest office any female has ever held, but she is not without battle scars. She has labored to build a reputation of competence to overcome prejudices that exist around her race and gender.

Dreams are so much more than regular goals or accomplishments; they are built on hope and grow in the heart and mind of the dreamer. In fact, the definition of a dream is a cherished aspiration, ambition or ideal.

Earlier this month, I had a dream come true. I received the top recognition in the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture competition. This is the equivalent of winning a national championship in sports except it was for my work as a Farm Bureau leader and overall advancement of the agriculture industry.

When most people learn of my achievement, they are not very interested in discussing the important impacts I have made in my industry and community or how humbled I am to have been recognized among a field of talented young agriculture leaders doing great things in their communities across the

country. People instead want to talk about the new Ford truck I won as a prize because they imagine how great it would be for them to win a truck. I am grateful for the truck, but it was not the real motivation of my efforts.

That cherished nature in our dreams makes us particularly vulnerable to the effects of plagiarism and distortion to those dreams. We can all benefit from recognizing that we should not try to make someone else's dream our own aspirations, ambitions or ideals.

As you encounter humans around you, keep in mind that their dreams are personal and valuable. Do not claim other's causes unless you are committed to live for them in your life

or assume that all dreams are made in your image. Conversely, you should applaud others who are achieving great things; they have worked hard joy is merited.

As for your own dreams, I urge you to pursue them courageously like the founding fathers, virtuously like Dr. King, tenaciously like Vice President Harris and with the unbridled hope that comes from the passion of our hearts. We all can't wait to see you succeed.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Kansas State University Ag Econ provides ARC/PLC decision resources

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

For producers making their ARC/PLC selections for the 2021/2022 marketing year cycle of the Farm Bill, the K-State Ag Economics Department is

again providing informational resources to help. For those that attended the informational meetings before the previous signup, a tradeoff spreadsheet was often used under what price/yield scenarios each program would (potentially) be the most valuable.

If a graphic representation would help you, check it out at: <https://www.agmanager.info/ag-policy/2018-farm-bill/tradeoff-between-20212022-arc-and-plc>. Instructions are available with the download. Contact me if you need assistance. What should you select?

Great question. Everyone has their own approach to county level yield and national level price prediction, but looking all the way to the 2021/2022 marketing year is a challenge for even the best market economists. To better understand where program

prices come from, check out the monthly Marketing Year Price Outlook published by the Ag Econ Department. It explains the current price situation that will eventually dictate program payments. Access it online at: <https://www.agmanager.info/ag->

policy/2018-farm-bill/marketing-year-average-myaprice-outlooks-areple .

There are other decision tools as well. One from the University of Illinois allows some nice comparisons. If you would like a link to it, drop me a line at dhallaue@ksu.edu.

USDA temporarily suspends debt collections, foreclosures and other activities on farm loans for several thousand distressed borrowers due to coronavirus

Due to the national public health emergency caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the temporary suspension of past-due debt collections and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). USDA will temporarily suspend non-judicial foreclosures, debt offsets or wage garnishments, and referring

foreclosures to the Department of Justice; and USDA will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office to stop judicial foreclosures and evictions on accounts that were previously referred to the Department of Justice. Additionally, USDA has extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers. In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibilities have been made available

to lenders to assist in servicing their customers.

The announcement by USDA expands previous actions undertaken by the Department to lessen financial hardship. According to USDA data, more than 12,000 borrowers—approximately 10% of all borrowers—are eligible for the relief. Overall, FSA lends to more than 129,000 farmers, ranchers and producers.

"USDA and the Biden administration are committed to bringing relief and support to farmers,

ranchers and producers of all backgrounds and financial status, including by ensuring producers have access to temporary debt relief," said Robert Bonnie, deputy chief of staff, Office of the Secretary. "Not only is USDA suspending the pipeline of adverse actions that can lead to foreclosure and debt collection, we are also working with the Departments of Justice and Treasury to suspend any actions already referred to the applicable Agency. Additionally, we are evaluating ways to improve and address farm related debt with the intent to keep farmers on their farms earning living expenses,

providing for emergency needs, and maintaining cash flow."

The temporary suspension is in place until further notice and is expected to continue while the national COVID-19 disaster declaration is in place.

USDA's Farm Service Agency provides several different loans for producers, which fall under two main categories:

Guaranteed loans are made and serviced by commercial lenders, such as banks, the Farm Credit System, credit unions and other non-traditional lenders. FSA guarantees the lender's loan against loss, up to 95 percent.

Direct loans are made

and serviced by FSA using funds from the federal government.

The most common loan types are Farm Ownership, Farm Operating, and Farm Storage Facility Loans, with Microloans for each:

Farm Ownership: Helps producers purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, construct a new or improve an existing farm or ranch building, pay closing costs, and pay for soil and water conservation and protection.

Farm Operating: Helps producers purchase livestock and equipment and pay for minor real estate repairs and annual operating expenses.

Farm Storage Facility Loans are made directly to producers for the construction of cold or dry storage and includes handling equipment and mobile storage such as refrigerated trucks.

Microloans: Direct Farm Ownership, Operating Loans, and Farm Storage Facility Loans have a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional, and niche-type operations.

Contact FSA

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. For Service Center contact information, visit farmers.gov/coronavirus. For servicing information, access farmers.gov.



Yesterday was a day I knew was coming and had been preparing for, but in the end, I was not ready. Killer, the cow dog, passed away. He was sixteen and had been in failing health for the past couple of months and we were at the point of having difficult discussions about making the most difficult decision, so his passing was not a surprise. I knew the morning of his passing that he was not good and started to prepare myself for the worst. It was expected but not easy.

Killer came to us on Christmas Eve, 2004. He was Isaac's Christmas present and one that every six-year-old boy wants, a puppy. He was a Catahoula/Hanging Tree cross and destined to be a good cow dog out of two good, working parents. Now, you may be asking yourself what a six-year-old needs with a cow dog. We all know that not all Christmas presents are just for their intended recipients and Killer was one of those. He was really a present to all of us in the family and that became evident over the next sixteen years.

Killer was, in fact, a very good cow dog. His specialty was bringing cows out of the brush and out in the open. He was good when paired with a horse and had no desire to work cows in confined space like lots and loading allies. Jennifer, her horse Ace, and Killer could round up any bunch of cows we had. Soon Isaac started riding and Killer got to work training him on the fine art of gathering cows. Killer listened to any of us, but make no mistake, Isaac was his person.

To say the two of them grew up together probably would be a misnomer, Killer grew up first and did his best to bring Isaac along as he could. Killer went everywhere with Isaac and kept a watchful eye over him as he did little boy stuff and got into little boy predicaments. We often said Isaac is part dog and whether this is genetic or if it is because of Killer's influence I do not think we will ever know. Nearly every picture we have of Isaac on the ranch also has Killer in it; they went everywhere and did everything together.

They and Isaac's horse Yeller got to be a pretty good team, too. I remember one time when the neighbor's cows were mixed up with ours. We went over to sort them with the full arsenal of adults, dogs, horses, pickups, and cubes. Noth-

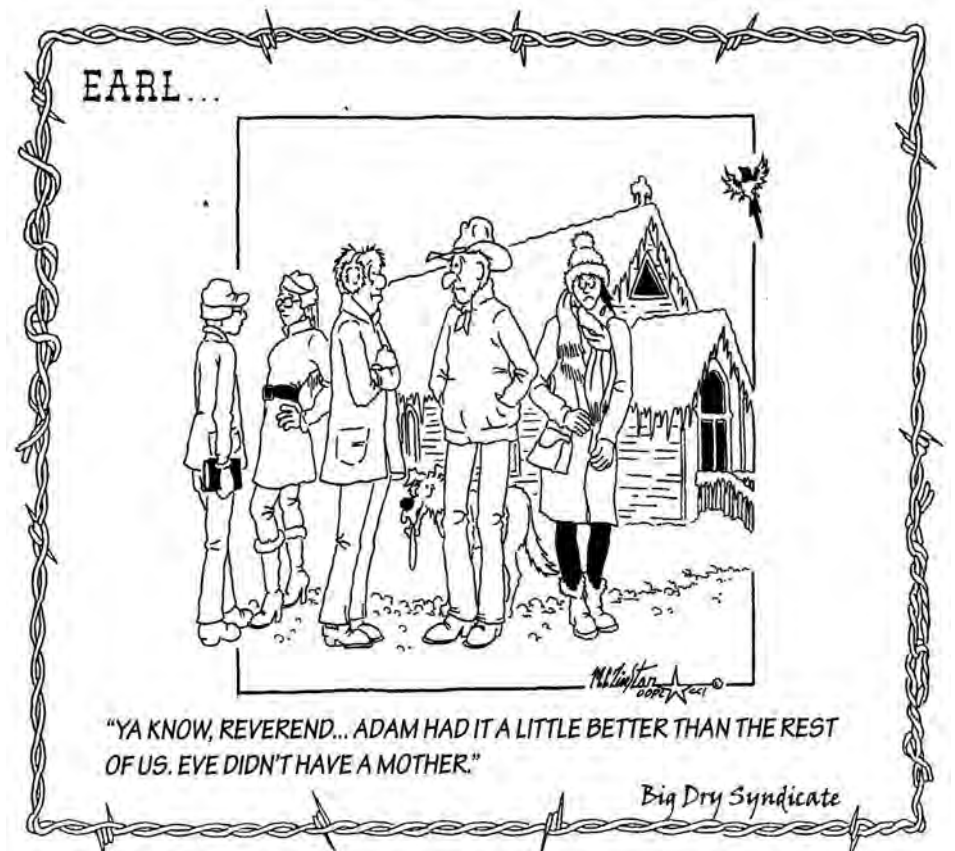
ing worked. We were approaching the heat of midday and had nothing to show for it but frustration, it was hot, they were not working, and it was time to go home. The adults were strategizing around the pickup waiting on Isaac to come back in so we could call it a day and come back later.

About that time, around the corner came Isaac, Yeller and Killer herding the neighbor's cattle down the road like it was no big deal. To this day I am not sure how they did it and I am not sure anyone, but Yeller and Killer really know, but it worked. That scenario played itself out many times over the next several years. It became apparent that Killer was much more than a cow dog, he was raising and training Isaac, too.

We have a history of dogs reaching ripe old ages with us. In the 25 years Jennifer and I have been married we have had exactly four cow dogs and two of them are still living; the other two lived to be over fifteen. A few years ago, we noticed that Killer was slowing down and often he chose to ride in the pickup when we moved cows. It was okay, he deserved a good retirement. Killer loved to ride in the pickup and would spend hours in the passenger's seat looking out the window while I hauled hay and fed cows. If things got too exciting, he would curl up and go to sleep, he was the quietest dog I have ever hauled in a pickup. A good listener, he rarely made a sound.

In the past couple of years, arthritis had taken its toll, but he refused help into the truck and would nip at you if you tried. He had lost most of his sight and hearing but he still enjoyed a good day in the truck. Getting him out was a challenge, he preferred to stay in the warm cab of the truck. We figured he had earned the right to be old and cantankerous. We also knew we did not have much time left with him and he deserved to do what he wanted.

That is why when the end came it was tough. Killer was a fixture in our lives and his passing left a huge hole. It was hard to walk past the empty kennel this morning and it will be for a while. Killer was one of those once-in-a-lifetime dogs and he will be forever missed. RIP, old buddy; you were one heck of a cow dog, but you were an even better kid trainer.



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Rodale Institute launches Virtual Campus with organic transition, beekeeping courses, offers discount to *Grass & Grain* readers

Rodale Institute, the global leader of regenerative organic agriculture, has launched the Rodale Institute Virtual Campus, a new educational platform for farmers, researchers, and the public containing online courses focused on regenerative organic topics.

Two courses are currently open for registration through Rodale Institute's Virtual Campus:

Transition to Certified Organic: This course guides participants through transitioning to certified organic. Designed to help farmers understand the USDA National Organic Standards and use them as a framework for their successful transition, this course covers the organic certification process, topics such as soils, crops, livestock, and marketing, and includes expertise from a wide array of certified organic farmers. Transition to Certified Organic is suitable for farmers, agricultural professionals, or anyone who wants to learn more about the process of organic certification.

Hobby Beekeeping: Participants in this course will learn the basics of keeping a backyard honeybee hive, the equipment needed, and about the current issues facing honeybees. Taught by Rodale Institute's resident beekeeper, Hobby Beekeeping is perfect for beginners, seasoned beekeepers looking for treatment-free alternatives, and honeybee enthusiasts.

Learn more about the courses and register at RodaleInstitute.org/Online-Courses.

"Access to credible education is critical for growing the regenerative organic movement and supporting the farmers, researchers, and consumers that are the backbone of our food system," said

Maria Pop, Rodale Institute's director of education. "As the global leader in regenerative organic agriculture, our goal is to be a resource for the community. We are excited to share the expertise, passion, and knowledge of our staff and partners worldwide through the Virtual Campus."

Rodale Institute's virtual courses consist of a curriculum of videos, case studies, resources and assessments created by Rodale Institute staff, scientists, partners, and farmers. Participants can view the modules at their own pace and as often as they like.

Each course offers rolling enrollment and does not expire, encouraging participants to fit the course into their schedules. Once registered, participants have unlimited access to the course across all devices and receive a Certificate of Completion upon conclusion.

Rodale Institute has been researching regenerative organic agriculture for over 70 years, and using that research to help farmers, scientists, and the public better understand the benefits and best practices of growing food organically. This new platform allows the organization's world-renowned expertise to be shared globally on demand.

In addition to online courses, Rodale Institute recently launched Organic Crop Consulting Services to offer on-the-ground mentorship and one-on-one technical assistance to farmers transitioning to organic management. The program has surpassed 100 farmer clients in under two years of operation and is free to Pennsylvania and Midwest farmers for a limited time. The success of the Organic Crop Consulting Services has shown that

many farmers are interested in transitioning their land but lack the support or resources necessary to do so.

To break down those barriers to entry for farmers, Rodale Institute received a grant by the Hearst Foundations, national philanthropic resources for organizations working in fields of culture, education, health, and social services, to establish the Transition to Certified Organic Course. This support has allowed Rodale Institute to effectively increase access to education and research for farmers beginning or continuing to pursue their certification.

"There are a lot of misconceptions in the farming world about the organic transition process," said Sam Malriat, director of Rodale Institute's Organic Crop Consulting Services and one of the course's instructors. "We hope that our Transition to Certified Organic course can explain some of the regulations and procedures in detail, and help farmers feel more confident about starting the transition process."

In the future, Rodale Institute plans to expand their online courses to offer a comprehensive curriculum of regenerative organic topics, such as consumer education, organic gardening, and more. Visitors to Rodale Institute's Virtual Campus can also view the 2020 Organic Field Day, an annual event focused on Rodale Institute research and programs that was held virtually in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rodale Institute continues to expand virtual learning and engagement opportunities to make regenerative organic agriculture topics more accessible, including a new virtual reality farm tour

that can give anyone a 360° view of Rodale Institute's headquarters from anywhere in the world.

Rodale Institute also continues to offer virtual and in-person workshops, webinars, and events open to the public. To register for courses, or to learn more about Rodale Institute's Virtual Campus, visit RodaleInstitute.org/Online-Courses.

Grass & Grain readers receive a 30% discount by using the code **30RIVCCO-NF21**

About Rodale Institute: Rodale Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to growing the organic movement through rigorous research, farmer training, and consumer education. Widely considered the global leader in regenerative organic agriculture,

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and consumers throughout the world since 1947. Learn more at RodaleInstitute.org.

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Laws govern lease termination

By Jody G. Holthaus, Meadowlark District Extension agent, livestock and natural resources

For all leases, except written leases signed by the parties that provide otherwise, Kansas law provides that notice to terminate farm and pastureland leases must be given as follows: Must be in writing, at least 30 days prior to March 1, and must fix March 1 as the termination date of the tenancy.

Any notice to terminate which does not comply with the above requirements is inadequate, and the tenancy will continue. The Kansas legislature has amended the previous law to now clearly state that pastureland leases and farm leases must be terminated in this manner except when the parties agree otherwise in writing.

It is important to note that a termination notice may be effective in two instances, but the termination date will be modified by statute. First, where proper notice is given

more than 30 days before March 1, but the land has already been planted to a fall-seed crop, the notice will be construed as fixing the termination as to that ground on the day after the fall-seeded crop is harvested or August 1, whichever comes first.

Second, during a year in which a fall-seeded crop has been or will be harvested on the leased land and written notice is given after 30 days before March 1, but before the new fall-planted crop is sowed, a slightly different rule applies. Specifically, if the crop ground has already been prepared for fall sowing in conformance with normal practices in the area, the notice of termination will be construed as fixing termination as to that ground in the following year, either on the day after the yet-to-be sowed fall-seeded crop is harvested or August 1, whichever comes first.

When the day of termination of the tenancy is started in a written con-

tract, a notice to vacate the premises is not necessary. When a notice of termination is needed, the termination notice may be served: on the tenant; if the tenant cannot be found by leaving a copy at the tenant's usual place of residence; by delivering a copy to a person over 12 years of age residing on the leased premises; if no person is found upon the premises, by posting a copy of the notice of the termination in a conspicuous place; by sending the notice by registered mail addressed to the tenant at the tenant's usual place of residence.

The best way to serve notice of termination is probably by registered mail because the tenant must sign a receipt for the notice. If notice is given by mail, it must be done by registered or certified mail, and it is important that the landowner keep the return receipt for proof of notice of termination.



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TACO PINWHEELS

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup cooked taco meat
1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/4 cup salsa
1/2 cup shredded lettuce
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 tablespoons chopped ripe olives
2 tablespoons chopped onion
5 flour tortillas (8-inch), room temperature

In a small bowl beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in taco meat, cheese, salsa, mayonnaise, olives and onion. Spread over tortillas and sprinkle with lettuce; roll up tightly. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Unwrap and cut into 1-inch pieces. Serve with salsa.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
RANCH CASSEROLE
1 chicken, cooked & boned
2 cups grated cheese
1 small onion, chopped
1 package tortillas, cut into pieces
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can chicken broth

For sauce combine soups, broth and Ro-Tel tomatoes. Make layers of chicken, tortillas, cheese, onion and sauce. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
LIMA BEAN CASSEROLE
2-3 cups dry lima beans
4 strips bacon
1 onion, chopped
Heaping tablespoon of flour
1 pint tomatoes or tomato juice

Cook beans until nearly done. Cut bacon into pieces and brown in skillet. Remove bacon and brown onion in fat then add flour and brown. Pour in tomatoes or juice and cook like gravy. Put beans, bacon and the tomato mixture into casserole dish. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Darlene Thomas, Delphos:

PEANUT BUTTER CAKE
3/4 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
2 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
3 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups milk
Cream peanut butter, shortening and vanilla. Beat in sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after

each addition. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Alternately add dry ingredients and milk, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Bake in 3 greased and floured 9-inch layer cake pans in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until cake shrinks from sides of pans. Cool layers on a rack and then frost with Crunchy Topping Frosting:

1/2 cup flaked coconut
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup light cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 pound sifted confectioner's sugar
About 1/2 cup finely chopped peanuts

Stir coconut in a skillet over low heat until golden brown. Cool. Mash butter until soft and fluffy. Beat in egg yolks, cream and vanilla. Gradually beat in enough confectioner's sugar to make frosting the right spreading consistency. Mix coconut and peanuts. Spread some of the frosting between cake layers, sprinkling some of the peanut-coconut mixture over frosting. Frost sides and top of cake and sprinkle with remaining peanut-coconut mixture. Makes enough for the tops and sides of the 9-inch layers.

Kellee George, Shawnee:

PARMESAN CHICKEN
12 tablespoons bread crumbs
4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons garlic powder
8 tablespoons butter
Chicken, cut up
Mix bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and garlic powder. Melt butter. Roll chicken in butter then in bread crumb mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for

1 hour, covered. Uncover last 1/2 hour.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

ORANGE GLAZED BEETS
3 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup orange marmalade
1 tablespoon orange juice
2 cups cooked beets, sliced
Melt butter then stir in marmalade and juice. Add beets. Cook and stir over low heat until beets are hot and glazed, 6-8 minutes.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

GERMAN CHOCOLATE BAR COOKIES
1 German chocolate cake mix
2 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1 1/2 cups peanut butter chips
1 cup chopped nuts
Mix eggs, cake mix and oil. Stir in peanut butter chips and nuts. Press into greased 10-by-15-inch jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

Another one from Kellee George, Shawnee:

BERRY CRUMB BARS
3 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon cornstarch
4 cups blackberries or raspberries
Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Cut in butter. Stir in eggs and almond extract. Press 2/3 of mixture in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix cornstarch and berries and spoon over crust. Sprinkle with rest of flour mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 35-45 minutes. Cut into squares when cool.



When you grow up in Kansas, I think it's inevitable that you will have memories of a snow day at some point during your school years. Hoping and wishing for a snow day was quite possibly my brother's and I's favorite winter activity. When there was snow in the forecast, we couldn't wait to watch that evening news, hoping for that possibility of school being cancelled the night before. When we wouldn't end up so lucky, we would wake up early the next morning, look out the window and if the ground was coated with that beautiful powdery snow. I would switch away from my usual favorite of *Saved by the Bell* to local news to wait to see if USD 475 would pop up across the bottom of the screen with either a delay or better yet, a snow day!

On the rare occasion that school was cancelled, we made the absolute best of it. My parents would allow us to have as many friends over as we wanted; everyone would bundle up and hours upon hours of fun were to be had.

When you grow up in the country, I feel like you have a whole different appreciation for sledding. For one, you sled on anything you can make work and for two, you don't stop until mom makes you come in to warm up. I remember countless trips behind a four-wheeler on a trash can lid, but our favorite sledding happened right in front of the house. My parents had (it is now blocked by dog fence) the best sledding hill in the world. It seemed like it took an hour to climb to the top, especially when bundled from head to toe, but when you got to the top, you could see absolutely everything, and you were going for the ride of your life. You would sit down, hold on for dear life and zoom to the bottom, hoping you

would stop before you got to the road, or better yet before you hit the barbed wire on the other side of the road. As we got older (and heavier), hay bales became our best friends and our protectors as we became more fearless and quite possibly a little dumb in our adventures.

With brothers that meant there were always lots of boys around on snow days, which also meant, snow forts, snowball fights and overall roughhousing all around. When mom would make us come in to warm up, she would usually greet us with some warm treats, and we would all play games while the dryer worked overtime to get everyone's clothes dried so we could go back out to play again. Occasionally she would also give us free rein of her kitchen while things dried, letting us make whatever we thought we needed to make to make that day that much better.

My mom would usually end the day with some sort of soup or sometimes pizza before we would say goodbye to all our friends. We would be overwhelmed with the excitement from the day, but all three of us would be out for the count before we even knew what hit us, just to awaken the next day to go back to normal like, just hoping and wishing for our next snow day.

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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Stuck in that winter time and at home rut? You are not alone! Sometimes the hardest part of exercising is getting started; other times, life has happened and you have had to take a break from a routine.

While it is recommended to get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per day, don't let that get you down. Adding more steps to your day helps prevent the problems that can occur from sitting too much. The bottom line, start where you are and make exercise a priority, easy, and fun!

Choose to be active in many places and in many ways

The National Institute of Health provides some tips:

1. When you unload the groceries, strengthen your arms by lifting the milk carton or a 1-pound can a few times before you put it away.

2. Park your car a little farther away than usual.

3. Instead of calling or emailing a colleague at work, go in person — and take the stairs.

4. While you're waiting in line, practice your balancing skills by standing on one foot for a few seconds, then the other.

5. While you're talking on the phone, do a few leg raises or toe stands to strengthen your legs.

6. Take advantage of small bits of "down time" to exercise or stretch. For example, while you're waiting for the coffee to brew or for your spouse to get ready to go out, do a few wall push-ups or calf stretches.

Can't go to the gym? Make your own at home, using these suggestions from medlineplus.gov.

1. Make your own weights. Use canned goods or fill recycled milk jugs with water or sand. Or make your own adjustable weight by loading a small tote bag with magazines or books.

2. Make your own resistance bands using old nylons or tights.

3. Walk up and down your stairs to replace the step machine workout.

4. A jump rope is an affordable option for cardio workouts at home.

5. Use free smart phone apps or computer programs to plan or track your workouts.

6. Use an exercise ball instead of bench and exercise equipment. Use the ball to do crunches, push-ups, chest presses, and more.

7. Need a yoga mat? Use a towel during stretching, yoga, or core exercises to prevent sliding during exercises.

Plan for Breaks— Life Happens!

Don't be too hard on yourself. Recognize that there will be times when you won't want to exercise, or it feels too hard. You can start again! Think about the reasons you started exercising and the goals you set for yourself. Ask family and friends to help you get back on track. Try something easier or a new activity.

Be flexible, believe in yourself, we can do this!

For more information, please contact Tara Solomon-Smith, tsolomon@ksu.edu, or by calling 620-724-8233.



My Shoebox

By Lou Ann Thomas

I'm embarrassed to admit there are still a few shelves untouched and lots of piles through which to wonder and work in my parents', now my, house. I intended to have this long behind me, but it remains ahead. I always intend to do well, to be good, but sometimes I don't live up to those good intentions.

But, in my defense regarding this, it is also true that every box, every letter, every single thing deserves my attention. Not for its value to me, but because it was once valued by someone I valued. Seeing my grandfather's fancy handwriting feels like having him sitting with me again. Unearthing my father's college football letter reminds me of his lifelong love of sports. Discovering what letters my mother saved allows me a greater depth of understanding of her and of what was important

in her interactions with others.

But it has me wondering what I will leave behind and what it might say about my life and me. Growing up in the 1950s and '60s I wrote a lot of letters. I had pen pals in France and England, and I wrote friends who had moved away or who lived in the next town over. And when a letter came for me I tore into it as fast as I could. I savored every word and often re-read each letter.

Hand written letters are an exchange that requires an investment, both in time and presence. Maybe that's why receiving a letter meant enough that we would carefully tuck some into a shoe box for safekeeping. We knew someone

had spent time, effort and great thought in creating those letters. That made them treasures to be kept.

Our communications and interactions with each other have become so fleeting. We have e-mail, cell phones and social networking sites that serve as our communication portals. I enjoy being able to touch base with friends this way, but our exchanges aren't something I can tie a ribbon around and leave for future generations to discover.

I rarely print off and keep e-mails. I doubt I'm alone in this. Because I don't keep what correspondence I now receive those who come after me won't have much insight into the communication I cherished with the people who mattered to me. They won't have that insight into who I was in this lifetime - except for maybe the realization that I was easily distracted and a bit lazy.

To remedy this I have filled a shoebox to be left behind for whomever is going through the remnants of my life. Inside the box are my computer passwords, a list of my good intentions and a handwritten apology for not following through on them.

Recent Study Indicates Carrots May Be Good For Your Heart, Too

MANHATTAN - There's an old joke that asserts carrots are good for your eyes.

The punchline: Have you ever seen a rabbit with glasses!

Well, it turns out that carrots are pretty good for your heart, too, according to recent research from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Kansas State University food safety specialist Karen Blakeslee touted the study in a recent issue of You Asked It!, a monthly newsletter from the university's Rapid Response Center for food science.

Carrots contain beta-carotene, which the body converts into vitamin A. Among its benefits, vitamin A promotes healthy skin and mucus membranes, boosts the immune system and supports eye health.

"We all have an enzyme called beta-carotene oxygenase1 (BCO1) that triggers this conversion," Blakeslee said. "But we all have different amounts of BCO1 in our bodies."

About 50% of the population has a less-active variant of BCO1, Blakeslee noted.

The Illinois study found that beta-carotene contributes to an active BCO1, which in turn helps to lower blood cholesterol. In studies using mice, those that produced more vitamin A had lower amounts of lipids (fat-like substances found in blood and body tissues) in the bloodstream.

"As a result, blood cholesterol is reduced, which in turn reduces issues with atherosclerosis cardiovascular disease by reducing plaque inside arteries," Blakeslee said.

Atherosclerosis, a build-up of fats, cholesterol and other substances on the artery walls, restricts blood flow and is a major contributor to stroke, myocardial infarction and angina.

Blakeslee said the study's results should be taken in the context that

carrots contribute to a healthy heart.

"We all have varying amounts of BCO1 enzyme activity, so we still need to consume foods that already contain vitamin A, such as milk and cheese," she said.

"This is more evidence that eating a balanced diet and a variety of foods will promote a healthy lifestyle. The newly released Dietary Guidelines for Americans (2020-2025) continue to recommend that half your plate consists of fruits and vegetables, and that we should make every bite count with such nutrient dense foods as carrots."

More information on food safety and healthy eating is available through K-State's Rapid Response Center, and K-State Research and Extension's food safety website.

Links used in this

story: You Asked It! (monthly food safety newsletter), www.rrc.k-state.edu/newsletter/index.html

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2021 MU Computers on the Farm seminar meets Feb. 8-9 via Zoom

With its virtual format, this year's Computers on the Farm conference, Feb. 8-9, will vividly underscore the increasingly vital role of computers in agriculture.

"The topics are designed to simulate a hands-on experience for

both beginner and advanced farm computer users," says Kent Shannon, University of Missouri Extension agricultural engineering specialist and MU assistant teaching professor.

The annual event is aimed at users of all lev-

els who are interested in on-farm applications of computer technology, Shannon says.

The opening session will look at the ins and outs of virtual conferencing. Other topics include precision ag and drones, farm taxes, social media

and rural broadband.

Thirty-minute sessions will be held via Zoom beginning 6 p.m. on Feb. 8 and Feb. 9. The agenda includes breaks between sessions and time for questions and discussion.

Presenters include MU Extension specialists and

representatives from the tech companies SpaceX, FBS Systems and Trilogi Networks. Attendees will also learn from farmers sharing their experiences using computer applications in their operations, Shannon says.

The \$20 registration

fee covers access to both evenings as well as recordings of each session.

For details and registration, visit agebb.missouri.edu/cotf. For more information, contact Shannon at ShannonD@missouri.edu or 573-882-7510.

Women Managing the Farm Conference announces presenters

The Women Managing the Farm Conference, set for February 10-12, has announced their keynote and breakout session presenters.

Keynote speakers include:

Matt Rush – inspirational speaker, author, and self-proclaimed Farm Boy, will motivate attendees to focus on "Planting the Seeds of Greatness."

Naomi Blohm – a specialist at helping farmers understand how to manage their cash flow, Naomi is the co-creator of Stewart-Peterson's program "Women to Women: Educating Women about Farm Marketing."

Mary Kay Thatcher – will discuss how she thinks the recent election will impact the agriculture industry. Mary Kay has been a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation and is currently on the government

relations team for Syngenta.

Conference sessions are designed to keep women up to date on the latest advancements in agriculture and thriving within their rural communities. New to the conference in 2021 will be a resource library of videos and materials for attendees to utilize to maintain a healthy and sustainable home and business life.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in live virtual breakout sessions and to view recorded sessions in the virtual resource library after the conference. Breakout sessions topics include Urban Agriculture and inner-City Food Deserts; Farm Entrepreneurs; Matt Rush's Stress Free You; Cost of Production and Crop Marketing; Family Communication; Taking Care of ALL the Generations on the Farm; Healthcare Options in

Kansas; Farm Succession; Livestock Fencing in Kansas; Managing Stress, Developing Coping Skills & Cultivating Resilience; and Direct Marketing Meat and Other Foods in Kansas.

Registration for the conference is available at womenmanagingthefarm.com, the 2021 fee is \$50 and includes keynotes, breakout sessions and access to the Women Managing the Farm virtual resource library.

More information about speakers, programs, exhibitors, registration, and scholarships can be found at the website, womenmanagingthefarm.com, or by calling 785-532-2560. Keep up to date with the latest Women Managing the Farm news through [Facebook.com/WomenManagingtheFarm](https://www.facebook.com/WomenManagingtheFarm).

Kansas Leopold Conservation Award seeks nominees

Know a Kansas farmer, rancher or forestland owner who goes above and beyond in the care and management of natural resources? Nominate them for the 2021 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award®.

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tion and national sponsor American Farmland Trust present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 22 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In Kansas, the \$10,000 award is presented with Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, and the Ranch-

land Trust of Kansas.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes those who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife habitat management on private, working land. In his influential 1949 book, *A Sand County*

Almanac, Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage.

Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. Applications are reviewed by an indepen-

dent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders. The application can be found at www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA.

The application deadline date is June 1, 2021. Applications can be emailed to award@sandcountyfoundation.org. If mailed, applications must be postmarked by June 1, and mailed to:

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"The Leopold Conservation Award Program provides a valuable opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Kansas agricultural landowners who are committed to strong conservation practices and effective stewardship," said Dan Meyerhoff, executive director of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD).

"RTK is a proud supporter of the Leopold Conservation Award in Kansas. It is an honor to help recognize those conservationists who go above and beyond in the stewardship of our natural resources," said Chelsea Good, chair of the Board of Ranchland Trust of Kansas.

"Conserving our state's rich and diverse natural resources is ingrained deeply in the culture of our multi-generational farms and ranches," said Kansas agriculture secretary Mike Beam. "The Leopold Conservation Award serves an important role of reminding the general public of how private land managers conserve and enhance these resources for future generations."

"As a national sponsor for Sand County Foundation's Leopold Conservation Award, American Farmland Trust celebrates the hard work and

dedication of farmers, ranchers and forestland owners," said John Piotti, AFT president and CEO. "At AFT we believe that conservation in agriculture requires a focus on the land, the practices and the people and this award recognizes the integral role of all three."

"Recipients of this award are real life examples of conservation-minded agriculture," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation president and chief executive officer. "These hard-working families are essential to our environment, food system and rural economy."

The award will be presented in November at the KACD Annual Convention in Wichita.

The 2020 recipient of the award was Josh and Gwen Hoy's Flying W Ranch of Cedar Point. The first Kansas Leopold Conservation Award was presented in 2015 to Sproul Ranch of Sedan.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program in Kansas is made possible thanks to the generous support of American Farmland Trust; Kansas Association of Conservation Districts; Ranchland Trust of Kansas; Sand County Foundation; Evergy; Farm Credit Associations of Kansas; ITC Great Plains; Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation; Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Kansas Forest Service; McDonald's; The Nature Conservancy in Kansas; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and a Kansas Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

For more information on the award, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

Harbert hired as Gelbvieh Media Productions coordinator

The American Gelbvieh Association is pleased to announce the addition of Katie Harbert to the AGA staff as Gelbvieh media productions coordinator. Harbert will be responsible for design, production, and ad sales of official AGA publications and will also provide design services for AGA members and the Association.

"I am so honored to join the dynamic team at AGA and utilize my skills and experiences to help grow Gelbvieh Media," Katie shares, "I look forward to continuing to advance communication for the Association and its members. It is an exciting time to get involved in this rapidly evolving industry."

Harbert is originally from Kingman, and is finishing her degree in agriculture communications and journalism at Kansas State University, where she will graduate in May 2021. During her time at KSU, Katie has served

as an editor of numerous publications including the *Royal Purple* yearbook, and has served as both a College of Agriculture ambassador and president of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. Harbert was also awarded the 2020 Forrest Bassford Award during the 2020 Livestock Publications Council annual membership meeting.

"Katie is a very talented young professional and has a wide range of skills in the field of agricultural communications," says Megan Slater, AGA executive director. "We are excited to have her joining us at the AGA and helping us to grow the Gelbvieh and Balancer® message."

Katie began her role with the AGA, in a part-time capacity, on January 11 and will assume a full-time role in the AGA office following graduation in May. Katie can be reached at katie@gelbvieh.org or 303-465-2333.



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Farmers' market/direct-to-consumer virtual workshops to be held in February

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension will offer virtual workshops February 16-19, 2021, to assist farmers' market vendors and managers, and also for those wanting to sell food products directly to consumers. The workshop series includes three online Lunch and Learn sessions, followed by a half-day virtual workshop.

"Over the past year, we've seen an increase in people's enthusiasm for locally sourced food, and these workshops will address common questions

and concerns for farmers and small businesses who are embracing these opportunities to reach local consumers," said Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) and the University of Missouri. "It's also important for farmers to understand certain legal, safety and financial parameters before choosing to sell either directly to the consumer or at a farmers' market." In 2020, 76 farmers' markets were registered with KDA's Central Registration of Farmers' Markets.

Dates and topics for each Lunch and Learn online session are as follows:

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, noon to 1 p.m.: Food Safety for Value-Added Food Products

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, noon to 1 p.m.: Meat and Poultry Regulations

Thursday, February 18, 2021, noon to 1 p.m.: Taxation and Accepting EBT/SNAP

The half-day virtual workshop on Friday, February 19, 2021, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will cover topics such as COVID-19 related

changes, Double Up Food Bucks program, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, From the Land of Kansas program, and resources available from KSRE. Keynote speaker Michael Kilpatrick of the Thriving Farmer podcast will also discuss marketing tips for direct-to-consumer sales.

KDA's weights and measures program will offer free scale certification with a paid registration to an online workshop.

Registration for the February virtual workshops is now open. The cost is \$5 per participant.

Register at FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMworkshop.

For more information, contact Robin Blume, KDA's education and events coordinator, at 785-564-6756 or Robin.Blume@ks.gov. The workshops are funded by the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, and the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

KDA is committed to providing an environment that enhances and

encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy. Kansas farmers' markets not only provide a fresh food source, but also stimulate the local economy. The Kansas Ag Growth Strategy has identified training for small companies via workshops as a key growth outcome for the specialty crop sector. The farmers' market/direct-to-consumer workshops will provide education through partnerships to help make Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses more successful.

Marshall, western senators to introduce bill to keep Keystone XL Pipeline construction moving forward

U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D., and several western senators will introduce legislation to authorize the continued construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline following President Biden's decision to revoke the cross-border operation permit. Marshall will introduce the legislation with senators Steve Daines (Mont.), Mike Crapo (Idaho), James Risch (Idaho), John Barrasso (Wyo.), Jerry Moran (Ks.), Jim Inhofe (Okla.), and John Hoeven (N.D.). Several other western senators are expected to sign on.

"The focus of the new administration must be on restoring our economy to pre-COVID levels and ensuring Americans can put food on the table. Instead, President Biden has revoked the Keystone XL pipeline, a move that will drive up the price of gas at the pump, cost thousands of jobs, crush our energy industry and put our country back on a path to dependence on foreign oil. Over the years, the Keystone XL pipeline has undergone extensive environmental and safety studies that have been verified, tested, and approved by both the courts and independent groups. Instead of firing American workers through government decree, the Biden

administration should take steps to grow our economy and continue down the path of American energy independence and economic recovery," Marshall said.

"It's only day one, and with the stroke of a pen, Biden has already taken steps to kill American energy projects like the Keystone XL Pipeline which is critical to energy producing states like Montana," Daines said. "This project will create thousands of jobs, generate tax revenue for local communities, promote North American energy security and independence, and it is the safest and most environmentally friendly way to transport oil. We must do all that we can to ensure construction moves forward."

"President Biden's executive order will rob both American and Canadian workers of good-paying jobs," said Senator Barrasso. "Currently, one thousand union workers are busy constructing the Keystone XL pipeline. When completed, the pipeline will ship oil from the Canadian and Bakken oil fields to American refineries along the Gulf Coast and across the Midwest. President Biden's actions will not end our need for oil

from our strongest ally, Canada. Instead, it will cost jobs, result in more shipments of oil by rail and make America even more vulnerable to OPEC and foreign adversaries, like Russia."

"We came so far during the last administration - from prioritizing American energy development to ending the far-left's war on fossil fuels. The Keystone XL pipeline would create thousands of jobs in Oklahoma and throughout the nation and President Biden's disappointing choice today to revoke this permit will harm the nation's tremendous progress toward energy independence. I am sad to see this decision to continue the failed Obama-era legacy of denying tens of thousands of Americans good, well-paying jobs at the expense of satisfying liberal, "Green New Deal" inspired interest groups. It is a sad day for the future of American energy independence, but I will not stop fighting for legislation and other policies that keep energy costs down and further our energy and national security," stated Inhofe.

Background:

This project is expected to provide approximately 11,000 direct high-paying jobs and up to 60,000 indirect and direct jobs, generate tax revenue, increase renewable-energy demand, reduce emissions and strengthen North American energy independence.

From gate to plate: proper vaccine administration can help boost consumer confidence in beef

With ever-increasing competition for the consumer's protein dollar, beef producers look for ways to inspire consumer confidence in beef products. Although it may not be top of mind, management strategies like proper vaccine administration can come into play.

"The end goal of cattle production is for consumers to have a pleasant eating experience when they choose beef as their protein," said John Currin, DVM, Extension veterinarian and beef quality assurance (BQA) coordinator, Virginia Tech. "Improper administration of animal health products not only de-values the animal, but it can cause consumers to have an undesirable eating experience down the line."

To not only prevent meat quality defects, but also ensure animal well-being and increase the market value of cattle, Dr. Currin and Jody Wade, DVM, Boehringer Ingelheim, provide insight on best practices for vaccine administration:

1. Store, mix and handle vaccines according to label directions.

"Vaccinating cattle prevents disease, and therefore cuts down on the total number of injections that each animal will receive in its lifetime," said Dr. Currin. "Improper storage

and handling of vaccines will result in less efficacious products. Animals will be more likely to be infected by disease-causing pathogens and require additional injections for disease treatment."

Store vaccines somewhere dark and at a temperature of 35-45 degrees Fahrenheit. Reading and following label directions is the easiest way to be sure you're storing, mixing and handling each vaccine correctly.

2. Choose an appropriately sized needle.

Product efficacy and tissue reactions may be drastically affected by the product entering the wrong tissue plane due to incorrect needle gauge and length.

"The needle needs to be long enough to push the vaccine through the skin without a struggle, but short enough so we don't reach muscle tissue underneath the skin when giving a subcutaneous injection," said Dr. Wade. Needles should be new, the appropriate length and no larger than 16 gauge.

Note: Using larger or dull needles can traumatize tissue and produce injection site lesions.

3. Administer products subcutaneously.

Intra-muscular products are most likely to cause tissue damage. In fact, a Colorado University

research study showed that more than 90% of intramuscular marks at branding were also found at processing.

"To prevent any damage to the retail product for consumers, best practice is to administer vaccines subcutaneously whenever possible," said Dr. Currin. All injections should also occur in front of the shoulder, and be at least four inches apart. Tenting the skin for subcutaneous injections allows for proper product administration.

4. Choose a BQA-certified vaccine.

Dr. Wade encourages producers to choose a vaccine that combines effective disease protection and tissue friendliness. By selecting a vaccine that meets BQA standards for low dosage and subcutaneous injection, the risk of long-term tissue damage is minimized.

5. Evaluate animals prior to vaccine administration.

It's also important to evaluate the cattle before deciding to administer vaccines. "When producers are processing cattle that have just been rained on, we will typically see more tissue damage due to the wet hides," said Dr. Wade. "When a needle is inserted into a wet hide, it may carry bacteria from the surface of the skin into

the injection site."

6. Be aware of and adhere to product withdrawal times.

Animal health products typically have withdrawal time guidelines that need to be followed to ensure the end product is safe to eat. Therefore, keeping accurate records of product administration and following the label for withdrawal periods is crucial.

Finally, your local veterinarian and state BQA coordinator can provide additional guidance on how to best administer animal health products to ensure a safe end product for consumers to enjoy.





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Kansas farmers, wheat breeder featured in new U.S. Wheat film

Kansas wheat leaders Justin Knopf and Tyler Millershaski and K-State wheat breeder Allan Fritz shared their stories in the new film — *Wholesome: The Journey of U.S. Wheat*. U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) produced the 25-minute film to demonstrate how the passion, purpose and investments by the people in the wheat industry are integral to the commodity's reputation as the world's most reliable wheat.

"In our organization's mission to promote U.S. wheat exports, our representatives focus on the consistently high quality of our supplies," said USW vice president of communications Steve Mercer. "Through this film, the people at every step of the journey to export tell their own stories about how they thoughtfully produce new varieties, care for the land and the crop, and handle



the wheat responsibly to ensure it meets customer needs. This is an educational program that makes the stunning beauty of the land and the emotional attachment of these dependable people to the industry a key part of the story."

Fritz discussed how wheat breeding programs, like that at Kansas State University, work to devel-

op and release wheat varieties that help farmers address production constraints and meet specific wheat food needs to bring healthy, nutritious food to the table.

"The journey of wheat to food tables around the world begins in a facility like this — in a breeding program," Fritz said. "What we're doing is tak-

ing the opportunity with the natural genes that we already have to put those together in a package that is the healthiest and the best for the environment that we possibly can."

Knopf, a fifth-generation farmer in central Kansas and president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG), discussed how wheat farmers monitor the crop throughout the growing season, emphasizing how farmers take great care in choosing what products to apply to their fields.

"When I make the de-

cision to use a particular product, whether it be to fertilize the crop — to give it the fertility... that it needs to grow and produce nutritious grain and good grain quality — or to use a fungicide to protect the tissue from a fungal disease that's affecting it, I always weigh those trade-offs with the end in mind," Knopf said. "...Consumers can be confident we've done our due diligence at making those responsible decisions and weighing the trade-offs when utilizing products on our farm."

Millershaski,

third-generation farmer from southwest Kansas and KAWG vice president, also emphasized how Kansas farmers are proud to produce an abundant supply of high-quality wheat, generation after generation.

"I would say as a farmer, and as a wheat grower specifically, there's certainly a responsibility and a weight that you feel to not only provide a high-quality product but enough of it to feed the world," he said. "That's why we're real selective in our varieties and make sure it has the right fertilizer and nutrients to grow and perform well. We want to have the bragging rights that — 'Hey, we've got the best wheat in the world. Buy from us.'"

USW plans to use the film in seminars, courses and trade events as they conduct the organization's work to inform world wheat buyers and users about U.S. wheat export quality throughout 2021. Individual short subject films will also be released throughout the year.

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Women in Agriculture series to be held in Washington

The Women in Agriculture educational series is open to all ladies involved in agriculture in any way. The program is designed to provide information and training on a wide variety of farm management topics that are catered directly to farm women. Participants are provided with a comfortable environment where they can ask questions and learn critical skills. Women with

any level of experience in farm management or with any degree of farm involvement are invited to attend; there is something for everyone to learn. You must sign up to attend the entire series. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 11th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at KSDS East Building Meeting Room, 124 W. 7th Street, Washington, Ks. Topics include:

Session 1- February 11th: What type of gal are you? (personality profile), Telling Your Ag Story
 Session 2- February 18th: Marketing/Risk Management, Precision Ag, Cover Crops, Horticulture Topics
 Session 3- February 25th: EPD Basics, Beef Nutrition, Livestock Photography
 Session 4- March 4th: Quick Books for Farm Record-keeping, Working with your Lender
 Session 5- March 11th: Livestock Risk Management, Sheep & Goat Basics
 Session 6- March 18th: RVED Lease Survey, Crop Insurance, FSA Programs
 Session 7- March 25th: Global Ag Economy, Farm Succession

Registration for the series is limited to 15 people and the cost is \$50.00. You must register to reserve your seat. We will be following KSRE COVID protocols. Please contact any River Valley Extension District office for more information or to register. The Washington office can be reached at 785-325-2121.

Sponsors to make this educational series possible include K-State Research and Extension, Citizens National Bank, Washington Farm Bureau, KSDS, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Polansky Seed, United Bank & Trust, Bruna Implement, FNB, Farmer's Co-Op, Washington Vet Clinic, Ohlde Seed, Animal Health Center, AgMark LLC, Kansas Crossroads RC&D, R Boutique, Washington Tax and Accounting, and Stewart Seed. A special thank you goes out to the organizing committee of Rebecca Frerking, Kanninge Stewart, Katelyn Durst, Rebecca Zach, and Kelsey Hatesohl.

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There are days, maybe weeks on end, when my mind is a jumble. I am in the midst of one of those times. Some of it is circumstantial; I have several projects going at once so I am forced to shift gears from moment to moment. Some of it is the function, or dysfunction, of my mind. Its tentacles reach in every direction collecting disparate objects and bringing them in to be processed. Some days those objects are cleaned up and sorted quickly and efficiently; other days, my mind isn't sure what to make of them, where to store them, or if they should be kept at all. On those days, my mind juggles.

I am teaching a class on John Brown in Kansas for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute through KU. This is a topic I have been researching ever since I moved to Kansas and had a strong interest in even

before. Fortunately, I have friends to help me so I added guest speakers to my class - Grady Atwater from the Adair Cabin in Osawatimie; Kerry Altenbernd from the Black Jack Battlefield; and Michelle Martin from Mesa, my partner in many crimes. So, I have been going back through notes and books on John Brown and I could become lost in them, but, I have to pull myself out because...

I gave a talk on Vice President Charles Curtis at the Fort Wallace Museum on January 24, the day before his birthday. It was a two-hour overview of his life, which is quite challenging. Where you come from is important and I spent a lot of time on where, and who, Curtis came from. I was working on this subject and loading slides until time to give the talk. It was well-received but I feel that I fell short

and I will keep honing this one. I have spoken on Curtis on so many occasions, including the dedication of his statue on Kansas Avenue in Topeka a couple of years ago. I have talks on his father and sister as well, and this weekend am joining other scholars to discuss Charles's Osage and Kaw ancestors. I could become lost in the stories, but I have to pull myself out because...

Ken Spurgeon and I have been working on a film project on the 1874 German Family Massacre that occurred here in Logan County. The story is but a piece of the Red River War that consumed the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas and there is much research to be done. We are working with the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa, Texas, and those people are incredible! Such valuable resources here in my backyard and just a four-hour drive down the road. Every character is an unique story and perspective and I could become lost in this tragic tale, but I have to pull myself out because...

At the Fort Wallace Museum we are marking 200 years of Santa Fe Trail history with the theme, "Taking the Smoky Hill Trail to Santa Fe." Sheridan, Kansas, was the end of the tracks for two years

while the railroad moved westward and thus became a jumping-off point for freight headed to Santa Fe or coming back from that region. I have spent two to four hours a day reading about Sheridan for the past couple of months and the deeper I get, the higher the pile of stories becomes. I could get lost in Sheridan, but I have to pull myself out because...

I have to record *Around Kansas*. So I have to pull my head out of whichever pile of research I'm in long enough to say,

"I'll see you somewhere, Around Kansas!" (But don't count on my not being distracted by another story.)

Deb Goodrich is the host of the *Around Kansas* TV show and the *Garvey Texas Historian in Residence* at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the *Santa Fe Trail 200*, the bicentennial of that historic route. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

New drought portal launched

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has launched a redesigned U.S. Drought Portal, which is located at www.drought.gov. The website features updated content and new interactive architecture designed to provide actionable, shareable information and easy-to-understand graphics describing current drought conditions and forecasts by city, county, state and zip code. The Drought Portal also aggregates and presents drought impact data for economic sectors such as agriculture, energy, water utilities and recreation using interactive maps and data that do not exist together anywhere else.

The website offers a Data and Maps section that provides the latest drought conditions, impacts and outlooks, as well as drought-related maps for temperature and precipitation, wildfire updates, soil moisture conditions and more. Historical data and maps, including U.S. Drought Monitor data going back 20 years, also can be found on the portal. Additionally, there is access to the National Coordinated Soil Moisture Monitoring Network and the data it provides.

"Whether you are looking for current drought conditions in your county or needing to make water management decisions during a drought, the new U.S. Drought Portal is designed to be a one-stop shop for data, decision-support products, resources and information on drought," said Veva Deheza, executive director of the National Integrated Drought Information System.

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as access to all archived sessions through April 30, 2021.

In October 2020, Commodity Classic announced that it was pivoting to a digital event due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 Commodity Classic, originally scheduled for San Antonio, Texas, in early March, is the Silver Anniversary of America's largest farmer-owned, farmer-focused agricultural and educational experience.

The digital experience will focus on providing top-quality educational sessions and farmer networking opportunities that are hallmarks of Commodity Classic. A list of educational sessions is available at CommodityClassic.com—and that list will continue to grow over the next few weeks.

Attendees will have a wide variety of educational sessions from which to choose on a range of topics including soil health, grain marketing, biologicals, global weather forecasts, pest management, and stress management. Participating companies will showcase new products, services and innovation through a variety of online presentations, educational sessions and interactive discussions. An impressive lineup of agriculture thought leaders, top-yielding farmers, agribusiness representatives, and Commodity Classic association leaders will also be featured.

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Governor Kelly announces Kansas received national recognition for wind energy production, capacity

Governor Laura Kelly recently announced that the state of Kansas has once again been recognized as a national leader in wind energy, with *Business Facilities* magazine noting lofty rankings for Kansas when compared to all other states, and awarding an Honorable

Mention to the Grain Belt Express project in the magazine's Deal of the Year competition.

According to Business Facilities' 2020 State Rankings, Kansas was:

1. No. 1 in percentage of energy generated by wind
2. No. 4 in Aerospace

3. No. 4 in installed wind power capacity

"I'm pleased that these national accolades have confirmed what Kansans have known to be true — our state is a driving force when it comes to wind power expansion, development, and innovation in our country," Kelly said. "I thank all the hard-working Kansans across the state who put in the work to make this possible. My administration will continue to support wind power initiatives that will not only allow us to maintain our top-tier rankings, but also create jobs and boost economic development statewide."

In 2020, Kansas reclaimed the top spot it held in 2018 in percentage of energy generated by wind, as it was No. 2 in 2019 behind Iowa. Kansas also increased its in-

stalled wind power capacity significantly in 2020 in claiming the fourth-place spot.

Due to its significant economic impact and benefit, the Grain Belt Express was honored by *Business Facilities* magazine with an Honorable Mention award in its national Deal of the Year competition. A new, 800-mile transmission line connected to the Grain Belt Express is expected to bring \$8 billion in investment and thousands of jobs to Kansas.

According to *Business Facilities*, 2020 was one of most competitive years for the Deal of the Year competition, with economic development projects from across the nation submitted and judged by an expert panel of independent site consultants and real estate

Third annual Nebraska Regional Foods Systems Initiative Food Systems Summit to be virtual

The third annual Nebraska Regional Food Systems Summit will take place via Zoom Feb. 8-11. The annual summit, hosted by Nebraska Extension, is intended for anyone in-

terested in access to local food and building resilience in the Nebraska food system.

All Nebraskans, no matter what their role, need to know what is

executives.

Grain Belt Express, owned and developed by Invenergy Transmission, has created a renewable energy project that promises to deliver significant advantages in access to affordable energy, and added infrastructure for broadband. According to an analysis on behalf of the company, this expansion will create up to \$7 billion in electricity cost savings for Kansas and Missouri consumers by 2045.

"The Grain Belt Express project reflects our state's commitment to smart renewable energy and aggressive economic growth, and I'm grateful to *Business Facilities* for including this exciting project on their list of the nation's top successes," Lieutenant Governor and Commerce

Secretary David Toland said. "We're on a roll in Kansas, and our team is proud to demonstrate the many ways Kansas is the nation's best place to do business. We'll be back competing for still more accolades that reflect Kansas' position at the best place in the nation to do business."

The Grain Belt Express will begin in southwest Kansas and wind through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. Energy savings will result from the Grain Belt Express transmission line's direct access to one of the country's strongest and lowest-cost wind energy resources in western Kansas. This projected energy cost savings is in addition to the \$8 billion in economic investment in Kansas associated with Grain Belt Express.

Feb. 8

1-3 p.m.: Food System Equity

Feb. 10

9-11 a.m.: Feeding the Future with Farm to School

1-3 p.m.: Food Access

Feb. 11

9-11 a.m.: Climate Resilient Agricultural Practices

1-3 p.m.: Sustainability Sessions will host featured speakers which will be announced at a later date. Those interested should visit the website for more information.

"The Food System is a big place and some of the best people in the program focus on one thing," said Vanessa Wielenga, assistant Extension educator in food access. "We hope that everyone can find one session they are passionate about and interested in."

To learn more about the upcoming summit, visit foodsystems.unl.edu/2021-summit.

going on and coordinate with others from across the food systems, said Vanessa Wielenga, assistant Extension educator for food access. Nebraska Extension's Regional Foods Initiative works to connect people and organizations working in the Nebraska food system, and the annual summit is a key part of building those connections.

In the past, the summit has attracted farmers, ranchers, food processors, grocery distributors, health professionals, educators and more. Wielenga hopes those who attend gain a more holistic understanding of growing and sourcing local foods in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Regional Food Systems Initiative Summit will be held via Zoom. Participants have the option to sign up for each session individually. Participation is free. The schedule is as follows:

LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021 — 10:00 AM
Catholic Community Building — CLAY CENTER, KS

689.7± ACRES CLAY COUNTY, KS LAND

TRACT 1: 133.0 ac. Cropland 122.8±; waterways & wildlife habitat 10.2±

TRACT 2: 157.3 ac. Cropland 144.8±; Waterway 12.5±

TRACT 3: 82.77± ac. Cropland 74.24±; Waterway 8.53±

TRACT 4: 156.21± ac. Pasture 138.78± good native grass pasture; Cropland 17.43±

TRACT 5: 160.2± ac. Cropland 133.9±; Waterways, Hay Meadow, Wildlife Habitat 26.3±

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481 (+/-) ACRES - SELLING IN 2 TRACTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2021 • 1:30 p.m.


Sale Location: Sylvan Sales Commission Cafe (400 E. 1st St., Sylvan Grove, KS)



TRACT 1



TRACT 2



TRACT 1: 159.43 (+/-) Acres Lincoln County Kansas

LEGAL: Southwest Quarter (SW4) of Section Twenty-Nine (S29), Twp. Eleven South (11S), Range Nine West (9W) all of Lincoln County Kansas (159.43 Acres +/-)

ACREAGE BREAKDOWN: Total Farmland Acres: 159.43 Acres. Cropland Acres: 153.9 Acres (All cropland acres are currently to wheat)

TAXES: 2020 Real Estate Taxes \$2,135.12. Seller will be responsible for the 2021 taxes and all prior years. Buyer will be responsible for 2022 taxes and all succeeding years.

POSSESSION: After the 2021 Wheat Harvest or August 1, 2021 whichever may come first.

TRACT 2: 321.93 (+/-) Acres Lincoln County Kansas

LEGAL: The East Half (E2) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Twp. Eleven South (11S), Range Nine West (9W) all of Lincoln County Kansas (321.93 Acres +/-)

ACREAGE BREAKDOWN: Total Farmland Acres: 321.93. Cropland Acres: 187.33. Remainder in Pasture & Grass Acres (Cropland Acres: Cropland acres are currently split between wheat acres and open acres.)

POSSESSION: Possession of any acres currently to wheat will be after the 2021 wheat harvest or August 1st, 2021 whichever may come first. Possession of any open cropland acres or grassland acres will be at time of closing.


TAXES: 2020 Real Estate Taxes \$2,483.62. Seller will be responsible for the 2021 taxes and all prior years. Buyer will be responsible for 2022 taxes and all succeeding years.

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Invitation To Bid — Scott Wilkens is accepting sealed bids on approximately 10-acre tract in Washington County, KS. Bids must be received by February 19, 2021, 12 PM at sealedbidauction.net. Contact Galloway, Wiegiers & Brinegar, PA, attorneys at law.

February 4 — 158 Acres of Quality Atchison County, KS Delaware River Bottom Farmland held at Holton for The George E. Shepard & B. Charlene Shepard Trust. Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auction, LLC., Dan Harris, broker & auctioneer.

February 4 — Special Bred Cow & Heifer Sale consisting of 1st calf bred heifers, cow/calf families & bred cows held at Beatrice Livestock Sales, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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 — Guns & ammo including Springfield Armory, M1 Garand, rifles, black powder, revolvers & more; Army items, collectibles including toys, household & 1960s games. Also selling real estate held at Ottawa for Mrs. Allen (Gertrude) Shumate. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

February 6 — Guns, antiques, primitives & collectibles, furniture, artwork & much more held at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

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 9 — 450.7 acres m/l of Morris and Dickinson County, KS quality farmland with small pasture, excellent fences and water offered in 4 tracts held at Hope. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Fred Olsen, AFM/agent; Van Schmidt auctioneer.

February 9 — 102 acres m/l of Saline County, KS quality farmland with immediate possession held at Gypsum. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Fred Olsen & Matt Dowell, AFM/agents; Van Schmidt auctioneer.

February 11 — 481 acres m/l of Lincoln County, Kansas land selling in 2 tracts consisting of T1: 159.43 ac. m/l farmland; T2: 321.93 ac. m/l farmland, pasture, grass held at Sylvan Grove & online bidding (www.hansen-auction.com) for Dillon Farms. Auctioneers: Hansen Auction & Realty.

February 11 — 704 acres m/l of Neosho County River Bottom, Cropland, Hunting, Recreation, Pasture (located close to Erie) held just South of Erie for River Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction & Realty.

February 13 — Antiques, collectibles, household & tools including 12-place set Franciscan china, antique furniture, dolls, jewelry, Depression glass & other glassware, crocks, canning jars & more held on north side of Osborne for E. Doris White Trust & Roger & Carolyn Nuzum. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 13 — 80 acres m/l of Coffey County land consisting of approximately 30 ac. tillable, balance very good native & mixed grasses, fenced with 2 ponds, good gravel roads on 2 sides held on-site at Waverly for Dorothy Flory. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service, Darwin W. Kurtz.

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 15 — 782 acres m/l of Lane County, Kansas Ag land (land located near Dighton, KS) offered in 3 tracts held Online Only for Marvin & Wanda Pinkston Estate. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate Great Plains Auction & Real Estate, Lance Fullerton, CAI, auctioneer & broker. Go to ucgreatplains.com/auctions or call 620-412-9693.

February 18 — Farm Machinery Consignment Auction consisting of tractors, planting, cultivating & spraying, tillage, hay & livestock, grain handling & harvest equipment, antique machinery, construction, trucks, trailers, vehicles, miscellaneous & Lou Dale Sales Estate items held at Tekamah, Nebraska with Online bidding provided by Equipment Facts. Auctioneers: Lee Valley, Inc., www.leevalley.net

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.

February 19 — Irrigated & non-irrigated Marshall County land including 249.8 taxable acres m/l and 9.6 taxable acres m/l to be sold as one tract and held in Marysville for Edington Family Trust. Auctioneers: Donald Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 21 — Vintage & Collectible Toy auction consisting of farm machinery, trucks, construction equipment toys held at Seneca for the Late Ray Hunninghake Toy Collection. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 23 — Absolute land auction including 4,800 acres m/l Cropland, Grass & Country Home located in Lincoln & Kiowa Counties, Colorado held at Eads, Colorado for Jerry & Marion Seymour. Auctioneers: Farm

& Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald Hazlett, broker.

February 25 — Real Estate consisting of 1,432 acres m/l of Greenwood County pasture & hunting land offered in 3 tracts & combinations held at El Dorado. Auctioneers: Hall and Hall.

February 27 — Over 400 lots Coins including proof sets, lots of Peace Dollars, large cents, Morgan Dollars, 2-cents & 3-cents, Buffalo nickels, Liberty & Indian Gold, half dollars & much more held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-Sure Auctions & Real Estate.

February 27 — Land auction consisting of 942 acres m/l of Butler County, KS Ranch land including 10-ac. watershed lake, 7-ac. pond & 6 other ponds, live water creek, native pasture, blacktop frontage, hunting, oil production income, spring & timber; also ranch-style home, buildings, cattle pens & roping arena held at Beaumont for Squier Family Trust. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty-Land Brokers.

March 1 — Great quality line of Farm Equipment held at Abilene for T. Lee Gruen & Jason Kookan. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service, Randy Reynolds & Greg Kretz, auctioneers.

March 1 — 33rd Annual Lyons Ranch sale held at the Ranch at Manhattan.

March 6 — Farm machinery including 2003 JD 8420 tractor, 1998 JD 7610 tractor, 2000 JD 6110 tractor, 2013 JD 2320 tractor, combine, mowers & much more; also trucks, trailers, shop items, household, antiques & miscellaneous held near Cherryvale for William "Bill" Blaes Trust. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction & Realty; Mark Garretson, Truston Garretson & Larry Marshall.

March 6 — 150 acres m/l Nemaha County cropland, farm & machinery auction held 1 mile East of Baileyville for Leonard Hunninghake Cons. Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

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

March 6 — Judd Ranch 43rd Gelbvieh, Balancer & Red Angus bull sale held at Pomona.

March 13 — Complete line of farm machinery & livestock equipment held at Eudora for Mary E. Abel Trust. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 13 — 10th annual May-Way Farms Produc-

tion Sale selling yearling registered Angus bulls & registered females held at Baldwin City.

March 20 — Cattleman's Choice sale & customer appreciation celebration held at the Ranch at Greenleaf.

March 23 — Mark your calendars for the Premier Herd Sire offering of the spring held at Eureka for Suhr Cattle Company.

March 27 — Farm auction including 4 possible rebuildable tractors: 706 International, 460 International, M&C International; 24' Travelong stock trailer with low miles like new, 24' flatbed Travelong trailer like new, 16' enclosed trailer good, 2 comp. overhead feed bins, lots of cattle equipment, 1999 Dodge 4WD 1-ton pickup, saddle collections (some high-back including a Frazier) & more held at Maple Hill for Linda Raine & the late Bill Raine Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty, Steve Murray.

March 27 — Real Estate & personal property held at Axtell for Norbert Schmitz Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

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 — Real Estate & personal property held at Marysville for Darrell & Marjorie Cudney Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

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

April 17 — Household, tools, collectible items, lots of iron & more held at McFarland for Harold Feyh. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty, Steve Murray.

Farm Safety Webinars scheduled

The goal of the Farm Safety Webinar Series is to start the conversation of safety as a priority at the farm/ranch level.

Farming and ranching are among the most dangerous occupations.

North Dakota State University Extension and the University of Minnesota Extension have partnered to offer a series of one-hour farm safety webinars this winter.

The webinar dates and topics are:

Feb. 4, 11:00 a.m. - tractor and equipment safety

Feb. 18, 11:00 a.m. - youth farm safety

March 4, 11:00 a.m. - livestock safety

March 18, 11:00 a.m. - mental health

Presenters will include NDSU Extension agents and specialists, producers, emergency responders and University of Minnesota Extension educators.

"We're always in a hurry," says Angie Johnson, NDSU Extension agent and farm and ranch safety program coordinator. "Mother Nature has us racing against the clock to get tasks done. When we're rushed, we increase our chances of making a mistake, and that's when accidents will happen. The goal of the Farm Safety Webinar Series is to start the conversation of safety as a priority at the farm/ranch level."

The webinars are free of charge. Visit z.umn.edu/FarmSafetyWebinars to preregister. Preregistration is required.

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* Deadline for the Free Auction Calendar is 11 AM each Thursday. You are welcome to send your listing as soon as you have it and before advertising starts.

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ADVANCE AUCTION NOTICE

DORTHY FLORY LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 — 2:00 PM
Held on site at the farm: 2117 Xeric Rd, WAVERLY, KS 66871
(3 miles south of Waverly to 22nd Rd, then 4 miles East & 3/4 South to gate on East side)

W 1/2 SW 1/4 3-20-17 Coffey County, 80 acres m/l, approx 30 tillable (mostly Aliceville & Kenoma type Soils), balance very good native & mixed grasses (no brush), fenced w/2 ponds, good gravel roads on 2 sides; utilities close by. Buyer will receive full possession on closing, not subject to tenants. This tract is part of the Waverly Wind Farm and although there are no windmills on the property, there are annual lease payments being made.

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at the Gypsum Community Auditorium
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- Quality farmland located two miles east of Kipp, close to markets
- Predominantly Class III soils
- Wheat crop transfers to buyer with expense for wheat due to Seller at closing

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
704 Acres m/l of Neosho County River Bottom, Cropland, Hunting & Recreation Land, Pasture
Land located near or on the river, close to Erie, KS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 — 1:00 PM
Sale Location: Tony's Function Junction — ERIE, KANSAS
South of Erie, approx. 3 mi. on 59 Hwy. (10400 US 59 Hwy.)
OWNER: RIVER FARMS, INC.
For complete details contact Sellers Agent:
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RETIREMENT FARM MACHINERY AUCTION REMINDER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 • 11:00 AM

LOCATED: 4 mi. West of the west edge of MANHATTAN, KS on Hwy. 18 to 56th Ave. (which is the Manhattan Airport exit); just South to Charlson Rd., then 7/10ths of a mile East to West 52nd Rd, then 1/4 mi. South in pasture lot - or just East of 5281 William Wood Rd, MANHATTAN, KS 66502

COMPLETE LINE OF FARM MACHINERY including TRACTORS: 2013 John Deere 6170R, 2WD tractor; 2008 John Deere 7330, Premium FWA tractor; 1998 John Deere 7810, 2WD tractor; John Deere 4030 dsl open station tractor.
COMBINE, HEADS, GRAIN CARTS & AUGERS: 2014 John Deere S660 STS combine; 2016 MacDon 30' Flex Draper FD75 head.
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****LAND AUCTION****
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 - 2:00 PM
942+ ACRES BUTLER COUNTY, KS RANCH
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LAND LOCATION: ¼ mile South of Beaumont on the Beaumont/Latham Road.
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Tuesday, February 9, at 10:00 AM
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- Quality farmland, predominantly Class II soils, close to markets
- Nice small pasture with excellent fences and water
- Immediate possession on all parcels
- Tract 4 wheat crop transfers to buyer with expense for wheat due to Seller at closing

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Immediate Possession!

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- Quality farmland located two miles east of Kipp, close to markets
- Predominantly Class III soils
- Wheat crop transfers to buyer with expense for wheat due to Seller at closing

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