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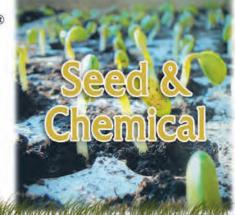
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Forging through one piece of metal at a time

Osborne resident Ben Ruthstrom has been bitten by the iron bug. What started out as something he enjoyed watching his old neighbor Rex Weaverling tinker around with sparked Ben's interest from there. And, six years later, Ruthstrom, who works as a lineman for Rolling Hills Electric, turned his garage into his shop, something that he is very proud of and he knows that his old friend Rex would be smiling down on him seeing what he has accomplished.

Through this hobby, Ben has begun a collection of old tools and machines. He has many "favorites" in his shop, tools that have an untold history. His favorite would have to be the Little Giant trip hammer. With the age of this hammer reaching the century mark, Ben says that for its age, it still works great. He also notes that it was also the original one used in the welding shop in Osborne. His second favorite piece means a little more to him as it belonged to his grandpa, Leroy Ruthstrom. This past Christmas, he received a large flat-beltdriven grinder, a gift that he was ecstatic to receive and one that he is in the process of working on to get it running and to use, just like his grandad did all of those years ago. A coal forge that belonged to his old neighbor and friend Rex ranks up there pretty high. He was able to purchase it last fall and he



Ben Ruthstrom of Osborne puts the finishing touches on a knife he has crafted. Ruthstrom began doing metal and iron work six years as a side hobby, an interest he picked up from his late friend and neighbor, Rex Weaverling.

Walking into his shop, you immediately notice that, whatever the project may be, Ben puts his heart and soul into it and doesn't finish until he has achieved perfection. That is the same thing generations before him felt as they started something new, from his dad to his great-great-grandad Rosell, achieving the perfect piece of art that will last for decades to come. Everything from knives to is proud about each piece he creates and hopes that whomever is receiving them, that they feel the same way. The metal he uses is repurposed from farm implements. He receives a steady supply of railroad spikes and cultivator shovels from his brother-in-law. The exotic woods that are used for the knife handles come from Freieden Hardwood Lumber in Pomona. The oak and walnut he uses for the



Ruthstrom's shop is full of history, which includes an old trip hammer from the Osborne welding shop, his late grandfather's belt driven grinder, and a coal forge that belonged to his old neighbor. He feels a strong connection to those who used these tools before him when working on a project. Courtesy photos

locally harvested.

High on Ben's list of requests are knives and hooks. Everything from chef's knives to hunting knives, are just a few of the creations that he has mastered. He was able to take an old railroad spike and turn it into a beautiful dragonfly or a hummingbird, two of which are his wife's favorites. His split cross that sit on a piece of old cedar is just another one of his mas-

each piece Ben displays, you see the time and love that he puts into them. The twisted metal of the hooks are perfect for hanging a hand towel or your kitchen apron on, giving it that old, authentic look.

Among the other items that he makes are hatchets, jewelry, decorative hardware, and other odds and ends that a person might ask for. A hook is a fairly quick project, with a knife, depending on the

orders start making their way to Ben, he spends his evenings and weekends in his shop, making sure each gift is done on time.

Ben has a passion for using the old, traditional (early 1900s) tools. He mainly uses a propane forge due to coal being hard to come by. Starting with the basics is very important to him. He began with an old coal forge, a broken-down anvil he got for free and a ballpeen hammer and from there, just started ollecting more and more tools. Setting goals is high on Ben's list when he starts something new. He still has the very first knife he made and he does not hold back when he says that it is ugly. But, he grew from there and with practice, makes perfect. For those who are wanting to start a new hobby, whether it be metal work or woodworking, Ben would encourage them to practice and start with something small and work up from there. That first footstool you make might turn into a beautiful cedar chest one day.

With a family that has held stone masons, woodworkers, and now a metalworker, Ben hopes that the younger generation will carry on these old trades. Taking welding and wood shop classes in high school might spark an interest that will be with them for years to come. For more of Ben's beautiful pieces of work, check out his Instagram page, br_forge.

Study shows precision agriculture improves environmental stewardship while increasing yields

The Association of an enormous positive im-**Equipment Manufacturers** (AEM), in partnership with the American Soybean Association, CropLife America, and National CropLife Corn Growers Association, released a study quantifying how widely available precision agriculture technology improves environmental stewardship while providing economic return for farmers.

is anxious to start using it.

Precision agriculture leverages technologies to enhance sustainability through more efficient use of critical inputs, such as land, water, fuel, fertilizer, and pesticides. Farmers who use precision agriculture equipment use less to

grow more. The Environmental Benefits of Precision Agriculture study highlights how policies and technological advancements can help farmers increase these outcomes.

"We are living in a new age of agriculture, and today's precision technology on equipment can have

pact on farmers and the environment," said Curt Blades, senior vice president of agriculture at the Association of Equipment Manufacturers. "One of our goals at AEM is to encourage the adoption of these technologies by more farmers, so they can all reap the benefits as we continue to focus on sustainability."

Environmental Benefits

The study explores five key environmental benefits achieved through precision agriculture technology adoption, including:

- Yield benefit through increased efficiency
- Fertilizer reduction by more precise place-
- Pesticide reduction by more accurate application
- Fuel savings due to less overlap and better

monitoring

 Water savings through more accurate sensing of needs

"Over the past 18 years, the growth in corn and soybean yields, for example, has coincided with the widespread adoption of precision agriculture technologies," said John Linder, National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) president. "As precision agriculture technologies become more widely adopted, there is the potential for significant upward movement in yields and savings."

Part of Climate Answer

"The reductions in greenhouse gases this study illustrates shows modern agriculture is part of the climate solution," said Kellie Bray, CropLife America (CLA) chief of staff. "Fuel savings alone due to precision ag tools

is the yearly equivalent of taking nearly 200,000 cars off the road, all while preventing an area equal to 4.5 Yellowstone National Parks from being added to production because of vield increases.'

Study Highlights

As precision agriculture equipment and technologies are more widely adopted it will lead to significant increases in yields and further input savings: Significant increases in yields and further input savings can be reached as precision agriculture technologies become more widely adopted:

- · Productivity has increased an estimated 4% and has the potential to further increase 6% with broader adoption.
- Precision agriculture has improved fertilizer placement efficiency by an estimated 7% and has the potential to further im-

prove an additional 14%.

• Herbicide use has

been reduced by an estimated 9% and has the po-

- tential to further decrease 15% at full adoption. • Fossil fuel use has decreased an estimated
- 6% with the potential to further decrease 16%.
- Water use has decreased an estimated 4% because of current precision agriculture adoption with the potential to further decrease 21% at full adoption.

Overcoming Barriers

"Soybean growers know from experience that precision agriculture contributes to both short-term and, importantly, longterm yield, environmental, and economic benefits, and this study helps quantify that progress," says Kevin Scott, South Dakota soy grower and American Soybean Association (ASA) president. "But if

we want to get to full adoption of the technologyand realize the immense industry-wide gains in yield and input savingswe still have a lot of work ahead of us."

AEM, ASA, CLA, and NCGA are working together to advance technologies and practices that will bring the potential the study highlights to frui-

- Promote policies that incentivize innovations in agricultural production
- Improve the infrastructure that makes precision agriculture possible, including wireless broadband over croplands and rangelands
- Grow farm income so producers have capital to invest in their operations
- Increase consumer communication about the environmental benefits of precision agriculture

Cattlemen's Day program transitions to online

Kansas State University's Animal Sciences and Industry Department will host Cattlemen's Day 2021 on Friday, March 5 using the Zoom platform. Mike Day, KSU ASI department head, will kick off the morning at 9:30 a.m.

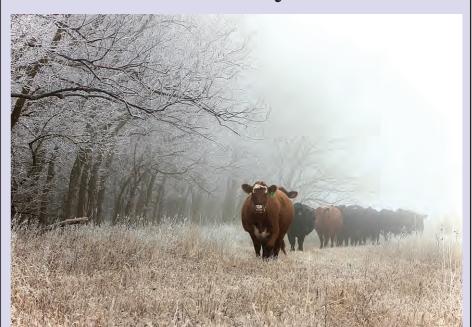
"We're excited to host the 108th KSU Cattlemen's Day," says Ken Odde, K-State professor and Cattlemen's Day co-chairman. "Although COVID-19 restrictions have led us to transition this year's event online, we are excited about the lineup of speakers and the topics they will address. Our annual program strives to address key issues and provide current information that keeps our industry efficient and relevant. This year's featured speakers - Dr. Jayson Lusk, Jason Rumley and Robert Norris — will summarize how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the U.S. beef industry from the producer and processor and beyond."

Following Day's presentation, Jayson Lusk, Purdue University distinguished professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, will discuss the "Pandemic Effects on the U.S. Beef Industry." Jason Rumley, Radian Group principal, and Robert Norris, Radian Group director, will then share "2020 Beef Processing, Retail and Foodservices COVID-19 Insights."

Sandy Johnson, KSU ASI livestock production specialist, will then talk about reproductive technology resources and tools. Liz Boyle, KSU ASI extension meat science specialist, will lead the final pre-

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In line for a frosty breakfast



A hoarfrost was experienced recently, which occurs when dewdrops are frozen into ice crystals. These cattle make their way through the fog towards their feeding area. Photo by Jill Langvardt

Still Pushing Forward

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

I was recently asked to help judge an FFA speech contest. I happily agreed to help as I thoroughly enjoy listening to young adults present their research and memorized written work before a panel of strangers. Besides, setting aside a few hours to judge is the least I can do to help support a valuable organization that helped shape me.

This year's contest was void of a building full of chattering high schoolers from around Kansas nervously working through their manuscripts one last time before presenting to a room of judges. There was no electric feeling in the air from teens anxiously pacing hallways prior to their events. There was no tabulation room where FFA advisors would catch up with one another over warm cups of coffee and cold donuts. There was no pizza for students and adult volunteers to devour. This year's event was vir-

Some of my best FFA memories were when I'd get up hours before the sun, drive into town, get on a yellow bus with my fellow FFA members and travel to contests and events. Those were always the mornings I didn't want to hit the snooze button.

On the bus, I'd practice for my contest followed by a jam-out session to the likes of AC/DC thanks to someone bringing their boombox. We would all

look forward to seeing our friends from across the state and being able to hangout and socialize after completing our contests while waiting for judges to tabulate scorecards. We'd play cards, eat junk food, listen to music and sometimes harass our tired ag teachers. Competing was fun. Building my skills was fun. But the social aspect was something I genuinely looked forward to as well.

I checked into the Zoom meeting room from the comfort of my kitchen. One by one, students from across the central part of Kansas would be admitted into our virtual room at their assigned time to give their prepared speech on a topic of their choice aiming to be within six and eight minutes - before completing a five-minute question and answer session with the judges.

I'm not sure if the absence of live, in-person stone faced judges staring at you eased the anxiety of this year's batch of prepared public speakers. I do know there was a new set of unofficial criteria each student had to mentally check aside from making sure their tie was on straight and their jacket was zipped properly before walking into a room and giving their speech at their assigned time.

Students had to be cognizant of their Wi-Fi connections, their audio levels, their lighting, the angle of their computer screens, their backgrounds and any background nois-

es that could potentially derail a speaker. Hands down, there were a lot more that students had to prepare for this year.

While some students presented their speeches in classrooms, others presented from a room in their homes. Regardless, every one of the speakers showed up on time in their official dress to present work they had spent weeks, if not months, preparing.

While it would have been easy to take a pass on this year's speech event because the traditional environment was nonexistent, and because students didn't get out of school for the day, and because there was no bus ride where students could bond, and there was no opportunity to mingle with students from other schools while waiting for scores to post. I have to say that agriculture students from across central Kansas still put in the work and performed to the best of their abilities this year even though the extra perks of traveling to a contest and seeing their friends didn't happen.

The caliber of work presented and the number of students competing was not lost

While COVID-19 sure has led to the creation of different experiences I don't think any of us could have imagined a year ago; I admire the students (and their teachers) still pushing forward for continued self-improvement and excellence, even in the time of a pandemic.

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Ag Barometer drifts lower, farmers remain concerned about the future despite strong economic conditions

The Purdue University/ CME Group Ag Economy Barometer dropped seven points in January to a reading of 167. While the Index of Current Conditions remained relatively flat, down three points to a reading of 199; the Index of Future Expectations fell ten points to a reading of 151. Since its peak in October, the Ag Economy Barometer has fallen 9%, all attributable to weaker expectations for the future. The Index of Future Expectations has fallen 19% since October, while the Index of Current Conditions rose 12% over the same time period. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted from Jan. 18-22.

"The ongoing strength in the Current Conditions Index appears to be driven by the ongoing rally in crop prices, while the deterioration in the Futures Expectations Index seems to be motivated by longer-run concerns about policies that could impact U.S. agriculture in the future," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Ag-

riculture Producers are becoming more optimistic about short-term expectations for their farms' financial performance, with nearly one-third expecting better financial performance in the coming year compared to 2020. When asked about the size of their operating loan, 17% of respondents expect their loan to increase this year and, of those, 20% said the increased loan is due to

erating debt from the previous year. This implies that 3%-4% of those surveyed are suffering financial stress; however, that is down from 5%-6% of farms identified as suffering financial stress one year

Producers continue to think now is a relatively good time to make large investments in their farming operations. The Farm Capital Investment Index held strong at its record high of 93 for the past two months. The percentage of farmers expecting to increase their machinery purchases also held at its highest level over the last year of 15% in January.

Farmers also remained bullish about short-term farmland values and cash rental rates. In January, 43% of respondents said they expect farmland values to rise over the next year (up 8 points from December) and 27% of respondents said they expect cash rental rates to rise in 2021 (up 9 points from last month).

Farmers' weakening expectations for the future appear to be motivated by concerns about several policy issues. Confidence that the on-going trade dispute with China will ultimately be resolved in a way that favors U.S. agriculture has waned, falling 12 points in January to 38%. There is also concern about possible changes in environmental policies with 83% of respondents expecting more restrictive regulations under the new administration (up 42 points since October). Lastly, approximately 73% and 75%, respectively, expect higher estate and income taxes over the next five years, compared to 35% and 40% who felt that

Interest in capturing carbon on farms that agree to follow specified production practices has increased as several firms have begun offering contracts to farmers. To learn more about this, the January barometer survey included questions related to carbon capture. Thirty percent of respondents to the January survey said they are aware of opportunities to receive a payment for capturing carbon. Interestingly, among the 30% aware of these opportunities, 22 % said they have actively engaged in discussions about receiving a carbon capture payment. This implies that 6%-7% of the farmers in the January survey have given consideration to contractually

sequestering carbon. Finally, to better understand the farming community's perspective on receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, the barometer survey has been asking respondents since October, whether they plan to get the vaccine. Possible responses included, "Yes, as soon as possible;" "Yes, but not right away;" and "No." Interest in being vaccinated quickly has been trending up since October. In January, 58% said they plan to get vaccinated as soon as possible, up from 39% in December, 36% in November, and 24% in October.

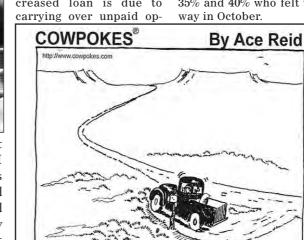
Ibotta campaign features ground pork

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, pork sales —specifically ground pork has seen a surge in sales. Because of this, KPA chose to feature ground pork on an Ibotta campaign that ran from October through December 2020.

The campaign gave customers the opportunity to earn back \$0.10 on any brand of fresh ground pork. To be eligible for the rebate, consumers had to answer a question asking what recipe they plan to make using the pork.

Over 32,925 units of pork were sold during this time period using the Ibotta rebate. Top answers of what consumers planned to make with the ground pork included tacos, spameathalls chi meatloaf. KPA plans to use the information for future promotions and recipe development.

Ibotta is a coupon app for smart phones that allows customers to earn rebates on everyday purchassouri and Texas.



DUST ON THE DASHBOARD by Glenn Brunkow I have the cows running on brome grass meadows and need to get them fenced off them before the fertilizer comes. How do I know this? I know this

because my Co-op called me to see when I want my fertilizer applied and if I was ready. My first reaction was, "Why are ou calling me so early, I want my fertilizer on in February." Oh wait, it is February. Yeah, I am ready anytime. Followed by hanging up the phone and wondering how I am going to get the fence built.

Top that off with an arctic blast coming in, giving me a swiftly approaching deadline. I admit that I work better on swiftly approaching deadlines, but it does not do my heart and blood pressure any good. In any case, I had two days of nice weather to complete the task. Two days should be more than enough because the fence I must build is not that much or that hard to build but if you know me, you know it is not enough time.

Day One of the nice days saw me trying to fill all the hay feeders and run some errands that had to be done. Remember what I said about swiftly approaching deadlines and my ability to work better. Finally, at 3:00 I had gotten to the point of being able to build fence. It left me two hours before I had to do chores and check sheep and should have been enough time. That was if things went smoothly, and that is a big if.

I took Ida, our cow dog -that is using the term 'cow dog' loosely - loaded up supplies and went to the first patch. I thought I could sneak in with the sideby-side and get the job done quickly and quietly. I really like my side-by-side, it makes life a lot easier, most of the time tasks like rotating cows to new pastures. Funny thing is that makes other tasks like building fence much tougher when the cows are conditioned to think they are getting new, fresh grass each time they hear the side-by-side.

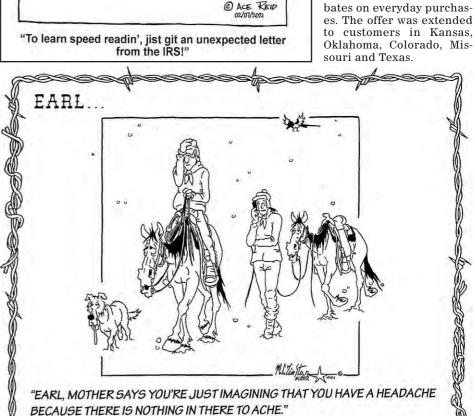
I pulled in the patch and started to hook up the corner insulator where we split the native and brome meadows. I looked up and here came the herd at a full stampede gallop right at me. They came to a screeching halt right before they crossed the line into the brome. I was still good. They seemed content to watch me run the wire and tie it on the other end, watching my every move but staying where I wanted them to be. I started back toward them putting posts in as they watched me, and I watched them. Some of the cows even started drifting back to the feeders and away from the fence. Then Ida decided to get

She bailed out of her spot on the seat of the side-by-side and trotted over to the cows. I am not sure what was going through her beany little brain. The cows looked at her and decided either she was a threat or something to be played with. Immediately they started to chase Ida. Instead of running away from the newly assembled fence, she decided to run through it. Remember, I did not have all the posts in so the fence in one spot was nose-high to a fat blue heeler.

She proceeded to take most of the herd with her through the fence and out into the brome. I am not going to lie, I renamed her and every cow as they plowed on into the brome dragging my fence with them. I had been three or four posts from having it complete. I drove out to them and collected the sheepish dog. I tried to drive them back in, but they would not cooperate, they knew something was up. Then the light bulb went on; it is a dim bulb, but it does light up occasionally. If I could not drive them back in, I would lead them back in.

I turned and started driving toward the bale feeders calling to my cows as I went. They picked their heads up and came at full gallop. When we got to the feeders, I had another dilemma. How do I get them to stop following? I quickly searched the bed and all I had were a few flakes of straw. I threw them out and sped back to the fence. Luckily, I was able to find both ends quickly before the cows figured out the bait-and-switch. By the time they ran back to the side-byside, I had both ends in my hands and

was feverishly working on splicing them. I did get the ends spliced and the remaining posts in and the cows were corralled on the right side. Ida, the supposed cow dog, cowered in the seat while I finished the project. Leaving me one day and one fence to build. No problem, what could go wrong, especially with a swiftly approaching deadline?



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Farming sustainably with genetically modified crops to farm better through safe

Fourth-generation soybean and corn farmer Monte Peterson explains why he uses genetically modified crops (GMOs) to farm more sustainably and

"Wow" does not even begin to describe my first experience growing genetically modified or biotech crops. It was 1996 and we had planted some of the farm with a biotech insect-resistant corn variety. The genetic modification promised to protect the crop from the European corn borer pest, without the need for pesticides. For me, it was an experiment. Would it live up to the hype? For the first time, I did not have to spray with insecticides to control the corn borer. It was a total eve-opener.

Today, 24 years later, I continue to plant biotech corn, which has a greater range of options such herbicide-tolerant and drought-resistant varieties than that first variety. When biotech herbicide-tolerant soybean varieties suitable for my district became available in the early 2000s, it was not hard to figure out if I would also adopt this new crop technology.

Genetically modified crops

Through my experience and that of my fellow farmers across the world who have access to GM crop technology, there is a simple reason why we use it. It works If it did not then as with any tool or technology, no farmer big or small would continue to use something that brought no benefit. Because of insect-resistant biotech which, in turn, reduces the amount of fieldwork such as having to spray several times a season. I can also produce a safer crop as control over the corn borer means less mold damage, which, in turn, means less aflatoxin contamination.

With herbicide-tolerant soybeans, I can be confident of excellent weed control without the need for deep ploughing by turning the soil to bury weeds. Instead, I use light tillage, allowing me to plant seed directly into the soil which means less field operations preparing seedbeds, and, again, less spraying during the growing season, both of which bring a substantial reduction in diesel fuel, as well as reducing wear and tear on machinery and on my team and me. Furthermore, old crop residue can be left on the ground providing shade during the summer heat, reducing soil runoff during the increasingly heavy rain downpours we now experience as the climate changes. Importantly, old crop residue eventually breaks down, adding more organic matter to my soil to the point that we are building topsoil every

There is an old saying that we do not inherit the land from our ancestors but borrow it from our children. I am the fourth generation of my family to farm this land. And so, I will do everything I can to leave the land in as good if not better shape than when I started. As part of this commitment, biotech offers a much more environmental and sustainable

However, it is only one of several technologies which help me produce more from less, such as precision planting and spraying and yield and soil nutrient monitoring. Together with biotech, I am much more efficient in terms of production, cost savings, yield and producing higher quality and safer crops.

Agricultural biotechnology

I am not a scientist, but I do look to science-based decision making when it comes to technologies such as agricultural biotechnology. No biotech crops are commercialized anywhere without being strictly assessed in terms of safety, quality, and efficacy. Even then, I will carefully check if a biotech crop variety (or any tech tool) is fit to be added to my toolbox in terms of safety and usefulness. In that, I don't think I am different than any other farmer.

Yet, despite a wealth of verified scientific and practical evidence, some people still oppose the use of ag biotechnology. That may be their right, but such opposition also has sown confusion and concerns among consumers. The reality is that many millions of consumers across the world have eaten foods made or derived from biotech crops with no identified health problems.

From time immemorial, farmers have faced volatile weather, weed control, soil erosion, and damaging pests as they strive to produce sufficient food. And from time immemorial, farmers such as myself tools and technologies. We do so because we live, work and raise our families on the land and environment we call home.

Kansas cattle inventory up two percent

All cattle and calves in Kansas as of January 1, 2021 totaled 6.50 million head, up 2% from January 1, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.65 million head, up 2% from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.48 million head, up 2% from last year. Milk cows totaled 173,000 head, up 4% from January 1, 2020. All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.01 million head, up 4% from last year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 2.09 million head, up slightly from last year. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 90,000 head, up 6% from last year. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 660,000 head, down 4% from January 1, 2020.

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in Kansas feedlots totaled 2.66 million head, up 3% from the previous year. The 2020 calf crop totaled 1.43 million head, unchanged from 2019.

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sentation focused on the pandemic's effect on small Kansas processors. To end the conference, there will be a question-and-answer session.

This year, registration is free. To register go to: //asi. ksu.edu/CattlemensDay. For more information, contact Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu.

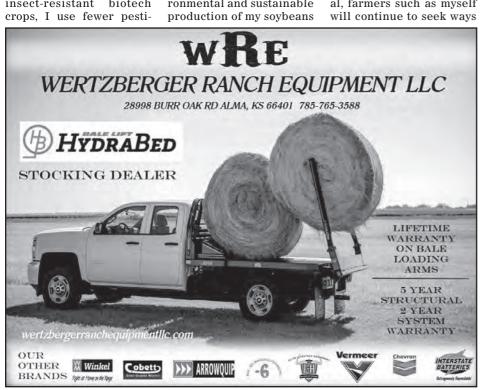
The 44th Annual Legacy Bull & Female Sale will begin at 4 p.m. March 5. The sale will be online at LiveAuctions.tv. Please note masks and social distancing will be required for in-person attendees. Due to COVID-19 University protocols attendance numbers will be monitored. We invite you to come look at the bulls prior to sale day and view the offering online. Visit //asi.ksu.edu/legacysale to learn more about this year's offering and to request a sale catalog. For more information contact Shane Werk at 785-565-1881.

The 2021 Stockmen's Dinner has been postponed. Please watch the KSU ASI website and Facebook page for date and location announcements as well as registration information. Pat Koons will be honored as the 2021 Stockman of the Year.





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GRASS Our Daily Bread * * * * * * By G&G Area Cooks * *

Annette Reilly, Abilene, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest And Prize

Winner Annette Reilly, Abilene: "How about a different take on lasagna? A friend shared this easy recipe and I found it to be a perfect option, change, to the usual leftover holiday meals. You might use a medium or hot salsa to increase flavor. Yummy with mild, if one needs to treat themselves with care. Enjoy!"

MEXICAN LASAGNA

- 1 pound ground beef, cooked & drained
- 16-ounce can refried beans
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons oregano 12 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 2 1/2 cups salsa
- 2 cups sour cream
- 3/4 cup finely sliced green onions
- 2.2-ounce can sliced black olives 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

In a large bowl combine beef, beans, oregano, cumin and garlic powder. Place 4 (uncooked) noodles in the bottom of a casserole dish and cover with half the mixture. Put down 4 more noodles and the remainder of the mixture. Put down 4 more noodles. Combine water and salsa and pour over noodles. Cover tightly with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Combine sour cream, onions and olives. Spoon over the casserole. Top with cheese and bake uncovered for 5 more minutes.

Kellee George, Shawnee: VALENTINE DESSERT

- 1 fudge brownie mix (9-by-13-inch size)
- 2 cups heavy cream, divided 1 package white chocolate pudding mix
- 1 can cherry or raspberry pie filling

Prepare brownie mix as directed on box. Cool completely. Mix 1 cup cream and the pudding together. Stir until thick. Beat the other 1 cup cream until heavy peaks form. Mix pudding mixture and the beaten cream together. Spread gently over brownies. Top with pie filling. Refrigerate for at least 2

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- Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: EASY SNICKERDOODLES
- 3 tablespoons sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup oil 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix together 3 tablespoons sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon and set aside. Mix cake mix, eggs, oil, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in sugar-cinnamon mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-9 minutes.

Linda Falk, Wheaton: "This is nice with soups and salads."

BUTTER DIPS

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 3 1/2 teaspoons baking pow-
- 1/2 to 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon sugar 1 1/2 teaspoons salt 1/3 cup butter, melted

In a large bowl mix flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, cheese; add milk. On a floured surface knead gently 10 times. Roll dough into a 12-by-8-inch rectangle. Cut dough in half lengthwise then into 16 strips. Dip both sides in a 9-by-13-inch pan of melted butter. Place 2 rows in pan. Sprinkle with your choice of toppings. Bake at 450 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

Toppings: Sesame seeds Garlic salt Onion salt Celery salt

NOTE: I use Everything Bagel for my toppings and is very good!

Jackie Doud, Topeka: **ENGLISH WALNUT PIE** 3 eggs

- 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups light corn syrup 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Combine eggs, salt and sugar in a bowl. Beat well. Add syrup and vanilla and beat thoroughly. Stir in walnuts. Pour into pie shell. Bake in a 400-degree oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 35 minutes or until filling is set. Cool on rack.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: PINEAPPLE OATMEAL BARS 1/2 cup brown sugar

- 1 1/4 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup flour 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter 1-pound 4-ounce can crushed
- pineapple, drained 1 tablespoon cornstarch 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup light cream 1 egg yolk

Combine brown sugar, oats, flour, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Press mixture into greased 11-by-7-by-1 1/2-inch baking pan. Combine pineapple, cornstarch, sugar, cream and egg yolk in saucepan. Cook until mixture is thick. Pour over crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until done. Cool in pan.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

GINGERBREAD

- 2 1/2 cups flour 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ginger 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup dark molasses 1/2 cup hot water

Mix flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon and salt. Cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg then beat in molasses. Add dry ingredients alternately with water beating well after each addition. Pour batter into greased 9-inch square baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool.

Darlene Thomas. Delphos: HAMBURGER CASSEROLE 1 1/2 to 2 pounds ground beef

- 1 large onion, diced 1/2 cup sweet pepper
- 10.5-ounce can cream of chicken soup
- 10-5-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 15-ounce can corn, drained 3 cups cooked noodles (5ounce package)
- 1 cup sour cream 1 small jar pimiento pepper (optional)

Brown ground beef, onion and sweet pepper; drain. Add cream of chicken soup, cream of mushroom soup, corn, noodles, sour cream and pimientos, if using. Put in a baking dish and bake at 350 degrees or until it bubbles.

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I think by now we all know that there are many traits that I got from my mother, but probably the one that is most prevalent and quite honestly the one I am most happy to have is her innate need to take care of people. B they same token, sometimes I forget the importance of self-care, as does she, but if you have found a way into our hearts. there isn't a thing in the world that we wouldn't do for you. Most of the time though, that need to take care of people comes in the form of food and I can assure you I got it good and honest from her. the need to feed people is strong. You don't feel well, let me feed you. You just had a baby, let me feed you. It is your birthday, let me feed you. You are bored, let me feed you. The list goes on and on, all revolving back to my need to feed people.

At the exciting age of thirty-two, with two grown brothers and an obviously grown father, knowing my mother was leaving for Florida for a week, the wheels started to turn. Her not being here wasn't a good excuse to not have Sunday night family dinner, so I set out planning, talked to my mom and my brother Mike to see what they thought would be a good fit. We decided on nachos, but of course I couldn't stop there. We did all the fixings for nachos, plus rice and then I went to town on desserts. I made banana cakes, cinnamon loaves, Rice Krispie treats, pumpkin pie and pop-tarts.

I tend to be the outcast in my family when it comes to a lot of things. I prefer Chevy to Ford for one; don't even get my dad started on that one. The other big one that he just doesn't get is that I prefer chicken to beef; don't get me wrong, I like both, but I absolutely love chicken. Once we decided on nachos for our menu. I set out to find a recipe for chicken nachos, but not just diced-up chicken, I wanted the delicious pulled chicken that you get at Mexican restaurants. You know the one, the one that is always tender, always flavorful, and always leaves you stuffed because you ate entirely way too much.

I could spend literal hours looking for recipes before settling on one, but I finally found one that piqued my interest. I decided to give it a whirl and went grocery shopping for missing ingredients. I opted to go without the cilantro (picky family), but within the first couple of hours of having this going in the crockpot, I had no doubt this was going to be a winning recipe, and let me tell you, I wasn't wrong, it was delicious! Good enough that my brother skipped the beef and went for the chicken; Dad, on the other hand, he's not changing or trying anything new, but hey, that's why we like him. At the end of the day, Sunday night family dinner was still had, my soul was happy, and my people were fed.

Chicken Tacos

- 1 package chicken (roughly 4-5 boneless breasts) 3 tablespoons taco seasoning
- diced yellow 3/4 cup onion
- 14.5-ounce can diced fire-roasted tomatoes 4.5-ounce can diced green
- chiles (undrained) 1/2 cup fresh cilantro (optional)

Tortillas Toppings

Place chicken breasts in the crock-pot. Pour everything on top of them. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours. Stir occasionally throughout the day. Remove the lid and shred the chicken; re-add to the crock-pot, and stir back in. Serve when ready.

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

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Quick Kids Treat #2: Mix pastel mini marshmallows with caramel corn. Fun and done!



Quick Kids Treat #3: Lightly spray a bowl of popcorn with cooking spray (or melted butter if preferred); sprinkle with fruit flavored gelatin and place in a 350-degree oven for 5 minutes



Rethink Acts Of Kindness By Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark Extension District, Family Life

Giving food to others is a way of expressing love and kindness, and food plays a key role in many celebra-

Because of cost and convenience, the food shared with neighbors, friends, co-workers, and during celebrations is often a grain dessert such as cakes, cookies, donuts or candy. If it is sweet, or sweet and high-fat, the treat seems special. The problem is that most people get plenty of sweet or high-fat treats, known as "empty calorie"

foods, on a regular basis. To change this trend, learn to view food treats in a different way. Here are a few ideas to rethink acts of kindness:

1. Make it healthful. Fresh fruit really is a treat. When baking, use whole-grain ingredients, and reduce the fat and sugar whenever possible.

2. Offer smaller portions. Cut brownies into half the size vou usually do. Offer a brownie bite with fruit.

3. Take a vote. Decide as a group how often empty calorie treats can be shared.

4. Freeze leftover candy and goodies. This can help you avoid overdoing it with empty calorie foods. Use a chocolate candy later by adding small chunks to homemade granola bars or oatmeal cookies.

5. Stuff it for later. Use leftover Valentine and Easter candy to fill a piñata and crack it open during the next holiday or for your child's birthday.

6. Choose beverages carefully. The top single category of empty calories in the diet is sugar-sweetened beverages such as soda, fruit drinks, energy drinks, and sports drinks

For a slightly more challenging recipe, try one of these recipes



COCONUT-GINGER POPCORN TRUFFLES

- 5 cups air-popped popcorn 2 cups miniature marsh-
- mallows 1 tablespoon coconut oil
- or butter 3 tablespoons candied ginger, minced
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut 4 ounces semisweet choc-
- teaspoon coconut oil or

Place popcorn in large bowl. Place marshmallows and coconut oil or butter in medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir until melted; remove from heat. Stir in shredded coconut and candied ginger. Mix well. Pour over popcorn and mix again. Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray, then scoop up one tablespoon of popcorn mixture. Roll mixture with hands to form a ball. Place ball on baking sheet lined with parchment paper or foil. Repeat to make 36 balls. Place chocolate in small, microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave on HIGH for one minute. until melted. If not completely melted, microwave for another 15 seconds and stir again. Stir 1 teaspoon coconut oil into melted chocolate. Place chocolate

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POPCORN & PEANUT **TRUFFLES**



6 cups popped popcorn 1 cup roasted & salted peanuts

12-ounce package semisweet chocolate chips 1/2 cup honey

Stir popcorn and peanuts together in a large bowl; set aside. In microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate chips 10 seconds. Stir after each 10 seconds, until chips are melted. Warm honey in microwave 10 seconds and stir into chocolate until well blended. Pour chocolate mixture over popcorn mixture and stir until popcorn is evenly coated. Using a small ice cream scoop, push popcorn mixture into scoop and release onto waxed paper to form 'truffles.' Refrigerate until firm. Store truffles in an air-tight container up to 5 days. Yield: about 30 pieces.

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Snappy Ground Chicken Burgers

By Ashleigh Krispense

These chicken burgers are moist, flavorful, and a snap to throw together! If your chicken is already cooked and waiting in the fridge, you can have them ready to go in less than 30 minutes. For somewhat of a healthier alternative to a regular burger on bun, wrap them in lettuce. These would work great for meals to the field in a few months!

cups chicken, cooked & diced 1/2 cup onion

1 teaspoon parsley 1/2 teaspoon garlic pow-

1/2-3/4 teaspoon salt 1/2-3/4 teaspoon pepper 1/4-1/3 cup dry breadcrumbs

(Note: All of these chips and repeat, stirring amounts can be adjusted to suit vou. Feel free



to remove all extra spic-

es or add more.) Once the chicken and onion are chopped up finely, combine together all of the ingredients except the egg. Mix well.



Add the egg and mix again.



Use your hands to make four or five patties and place in a cast iron skillet. Cook on each side until well browned (4 to 5 minutes depending on your stove).

Serve with your favorite burger sauce, cheese, lettuce or buns. For a meal to the field, simply wrap the burgers in aluminum foil, add some fresh fruit and chips, and away you go!

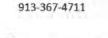


Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website. Prairie Gal Cookin' (www.prairiegalcookin.com), where she shares step-by-step recipes and stories from the farm in Kansas.

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starting clean is key to higher yields

the page to 2021, Syngenta turned to its panel of a dozen university agricultural experts for insights on how to both prepare for a high-vield growing season and implement weed management practices that will pay dividends for years to come.

Researchers emphasize that early-season weed management is the key. "The biggest point that has been reinforced through our research is the value of early-season weed control," said Charlie Cahoon, Ph D Extension weed specialist at NC State University. "We have seen a 13- to 33-bushel yield advantage in corn when we a pre-emergent followed by a timely post-emergent herbicide, compared to a post-emergent-only system."

"Weeds are going to compete with the crop, whether it's corn or soybeans," added Mark Van-Gessel, Ph.D., Extension weed specialist at the University of Delaware. "They are taking up nutrients and moisture and intercepting light that the crop requires for photosynthesis. Responding to that weed competition, crops will alter their growth habits, and that can affect vield.'

Syngenta herbicide experts consulted with researchers to underscore the tough reality that weed management is an ongoing challenge with implications far beyond the upcoming growing season.

"It's more about weed management than weed control," said Mark Kitt, herbicide technical product lead for Syngenta. "There are long-term implications of effective management: not adding to the soil seed bank and ensuring that even after harvest you are managing weeds so you have a clean field and are preserving the land for future generations. To achieve this. the first step is applying a very strong residual product, whether for corn or soybeans, to start clean."

Crop rotation is also a factor in the weed management equation. "If you grow a clean crop, whatever you're rotating to is going to be much appreciative that you didn't rotate weeds into it," noted Wayne Keeling, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center at

more reason to do the best job you can in each crop so that you're not making it more difficult for the rotational crop."

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The value of pre-emergent herbicides cannot be overstated, noted Erin

weed scientist at Michigan State University. "Everyone knows you have to use pre-emergent herbicides," she said. "They need to be applied and activated in a timely manner. That's really the best way to make sure you get a clean crop and a good yield."

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2020 Kansas Corn Yield contest winners announced

who entered the Kansas Corn Yield Contest overcame adversity and used their management skills to produce high yields in 2020. Kansas farmers from across the state entered many excellent yields in the 2020 Kansas Corn Yield Contest. For the second consecutive year, Tyler Hands with Triangle H Farms based in Finney County, entered the top irrigated yield in the contest at 307 bushels per acre with Pioneer P1828AM on one of the farm's fields located in Haskell County. Northeast Kansas farmer Victor Menold, Brown County, entered the top dryland vield at 301.59 bushels per acre with Becks 6414V2P.

"In the third year of this contest we continue to see very impressive yields across the state due to exceptional input technology and management in production by our producers." Kansas Corn vice president of Market Development and Policy Josh Roe said. "We have enjoyed the partnership with K-State Research and Extension on this contest and appreciate the world class knowledge Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti brings to the table."

The contest is free to all Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA) members. For the last three years, KCGA has awarded a dryland and irrigated winner in each of the ten districts across the state.

Along with awards to dryland and irrigated winners in each district, statewide dryland and statewide irrigated winners also awarded District winners receive \$300 and a plaque. Second place entries receive a \$200 prize and third place receive a \$100 prize. The highest yield dryland and irrigated entries statewide will receive an additional \$500 prize. The winners of the 2020 Kansas Corn Yield Contest were recognized during the 2021 Kansas Corn Symposium on Jan.

The Kansas Corn Yield contest was created to recognize high-yielding corn farmers across the state and increase efficiency for greater sustainability and profitability. Sharing the data collected among Kansas farmers benchmarks the corn yields and provides information for improving management practices.

Below is the list of the 2020 vield contest winners along with the county where the winning field is located.

OVERALL STATE DRYLAND AND IRRIGATED WINNERS

Irrigated: Tyler Hands, Haskell County; Yield: 307 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1828AM

Dryland: Victor Menold, Brown County; Yield: 301.59 bu./acre: Hybrid: Becks 6414V2P

NORTHWEST DISTRICT 1 **Dryland Category** Harold 1st Place:

Koster, Sheridan County; Yield: 178.78 bu./acre; Pio-

neer P0339AM Irrigated Category 1st Place: Harold Koster, Sheridan County;

Yield: 275.68 bu./acre; Pioneer P1366AML WEST CENTAL |

DISTRICT 2

Dryland Category 1st Place: Garrett Baker. Logan County; Yield: 214.07 bu./acre; Golden Harvest G13E90-3111

Place. 2nd Tanner McNinch, Ness County; Yield: 194.52 bu./acre; Pioneer PO805AM

3rd Place: Marc Ramsey, Lane County; Yield: 152.05 bu./acre; Dekalb 55-54

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 3

Irrigated Category 1st Place: Tyler Hands, Haskell County; Yield: 307 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer

P1828AM 2nd Place: Jayce Stabel, Kearny County; Yield: 271.89 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1572AM

3rd Place: Tyler Hands, Finney County; Yield: 269.16 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pi-

oneer P1828Q NORTH CENTRAL **DISTRICT 4**

Dryland Category Place: 1st Ronald

Ohlde, Clay County; Yield: 268.60 bu./acre; Hybrid: Ohlde Seeds 20-13

2nd Place: Rod Stewart, Washington County; Yield: 235.23 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1089AM

3rd Place: Ryan Stewart, Washington County;

University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Head of Data Science & Analytics at Bayer Crop Science, St. Louis, Missou-

video will not be posted to the website.

April 16: "Management Herbicide-Resistant Weeds: Challenges and Opportunities," Rodrigo Werle, assistant professor and Extension cropping systems weed scientist, Department of Agronomy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Agronomy and Horticulture Seminar Series ongoing, sessions recorded partment of Agronomy and Horticulture, Director of the Proteomics and Metabolomics Facility, Nebraska Center for Biotechnology,

April 9: Ruth Wagner,

Proteins and Metabolites to Protein Networks and Metabolic Pathways," Sophie Alvarez, research associate professor, DeYield: 234.54 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1089AM **CENTRAL DISTRICT 5**

Dryland Category

1st Place: Steve Lang. Dickinson County; Yield: 186 bu./acre: Hybrid: Pioneer P1464AML

2nd Place: Neal Barten, Dickinson County; Yield: 186 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1464AML

3rd Place: Justin Knopf, Saline County; Yield: 182.75 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pi-

oneer P1244AM Irrigated Category

1st Place: John Bergkamp, McPherson County; Yield: 280.37 bu./acre; Hybrid: AgriGold 6544

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 6 **Dryland Category**

1st Place: Bruce Seiler. Harvey County; Yield: 206.78 bu./acre; Hybrid: Dekalb 6569

2nd Place: Aaron Pauly, Sedgwick County; Yield: 194.58 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer 2089AM

Irrigated Category

1st Place: Tony Spexarth. Sedgwick County: Yield: 279.29 bu./acre; Hybrid: AgriGold A6544VT2

2nd Place: Jared Oatney, Reno County; Yield: 263.47 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P2089

NORTHEAST DISTRICT 7 **Dryland Category**

1st Place: Victor Menold. Brown County: Yield: 301.59 bu./acre; Hybrid: Becks 6414V2P

2nd Place: Mike Eiberger, Jackson County; Yield: 271.85 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1828AM

3rd Place: Gary Kram-

Guretzky, associate profes-

sor and grassland systems ecologist, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

April 30: "Expanding the Breeding Toolbox to Develop Soybean Cultivars," Asheesh Singh, professor, Department of Agronomy, Bayer Chair in Soybean Breeding, Associate Chair for Discovery and Engagement, Director of Graduate Education (Plant Breeding), R.F. Baker Center for Plant Breeding, Plant Sciences Institute, Iowa State University, Ames.

er, Nemaha County; Yield: 262.78 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1563AM

Irrigated Category

1st Place: Craig Gigstad, Jefferson County; Yield: 279.15 bu./acre; Hybrid: Dekalb 70-27

2nd Place: Dayton Menold, Brown County; Yield: 273.14 bu./acre; Hybrid: Pioneer P1572AM

3rd Place: Alex Noll, Jefferson County; Yield: 268.80 bu./acre; Hybrid: Dekalb 70-26

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT 8 **Dryland Category**

1st Place: Ryan Stainbrook, Linn County; Yield: 255.36 bu./acre; Hybrid: Lewis Hybrids 16DP887

2nd Place: Michael Sudbeck, Douglas County; Yield: 243.81 bu./ acre; Hybrid: AgriGold A6572VT2RIB

3rd Place: J.D. Hanna, Shawnee County; Yield: 239.79 bu./acre; Hybrid: Brevant B14Z97AML **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9**

Dryland Category

1st Place: Kevin Karmann, Woodson County; Yield: 140.91 bu./acre; Hy-

brid: Brevant B12G75PW **Irrigated Category** 1st Place: Michael Kleinbeck, Wilson County;

Yield: 235.26 bu./acre; Hybrid: Integra 6995 2nd Place: Mike Timmons, Wilson County; Yield: 227.03 bu./acre; Hybrid: Beck's Hybrid

NORTH-NORTHEAST DISTRICT 10 **Dryland Category**

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1st Place: Jason Taylor, Doniphan County; Yield: 293.32 bu./acre; Hybrid: Taylor 8824VT2PRO

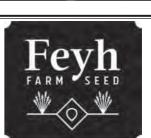
2nd Place: Brad Taylor, Doniphan County; Yield: 290.66 bu./acre; Hybrid: Taylor 8013VT2PRO

3rd Place: Brad Taylor, Doniphan County; Yield: 285.97 bu./acre; Hybrid: Taylor 8013VT2PRO

Irrigated Category

1st Place: Traci Noll, Doniphan County; Yield: 278.68 bu./acre; Hybrid: Dekalb 70-26





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The spring Agronomy

and Horticulture Seminar Series began Jan. 29 with "Management of Herbicide-resistant Palmer Amaranth in Minor and Specialty Crops Within the High Plains," presented by University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Nevin Lawrence.

assistant Lawrence, professor and Weed Management Specialist presented on herbicide-resistant Palmer amaranth's recent arrival to the Panhandle of Nebraska and surrounding regions and how many of the crops grown within the region have limited herbicide options. Lawrence also reviewed the previous five years of research and Extension efforts he has undertaken to better understand Palmer amaranth, and to provide stakeholders with options to manage a difficult but increasingly common

weed species. This seminar was streamed and recorded. The series will continue every Friday. Dates and topics are listed below. Spring seminars will be presented via Zoom beginning at 3:30 p.m. CST/ CDT. Join at: https://go.unl.

edu/agrohortseminar Feb. 5: "Oil Palm Production and Conservation of Natural Resources: Can We Get It All?" Patricio Grassini, associate professor and cropping system specialist, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebras-

ka-Lincoln. Feb. 12: "Soil Health - How Management is Affecting the Pulse of Soil," Alan Franzluebbers, US-DA-ARS, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Feb. 19: "Coexisting with Fire in Rangelands, Victoria M. Donovan, postdoctoral research associate, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebras-

ka-Lincoln. Feb. 19: "People, Fire and Global Biome Divergence in the 21st Century,' Rheinhardt Scholtz, affiliate in the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Feb. 26: "Aerial Application in the United States: Best Practices and Future Directions," Bradley Fritz, Agricultural Engineer and Research Leader, Aerial Application Technology Research Unit, USDA-ARS, College Station, Texas.

Note: This presentation video will not be posted to the website.

March 5: "Teaching Systems, Landscape Dan Uden, assistant professor, School of Natural Resources, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, Center for Resilience in Agricultural Working Landscapes, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

March 12: "The Summing Up: One Person's Life with Small Grains," P. Stephen Baenziger, professor,

Nebraska Wheat Growers Presidential Chair. March 19: "The Physiological Basis for Greater Growth and Improved Persistence of Alfalfa Fertilized with Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K)," Jeffrey J. Volenec, professor, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. March 26: "How Can Transferable Biology and Breeding Contribute to Improving Food Systems and Climate Change?,"Ed-

ward Buckler, professor, USDA-ARS, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. April 2: "From Plant

Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln,

Note: This presentation

April 23: "Increasing Pasture Productivity and Quality to Support Grazing Livestock," John A.



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"Corn is an affordable, abundant, sustainably grown crop that has a myriad of uses and applications, which is why we are holding our third Consider Corn Challenge contest," said NCGA Market Development Action Team (MDAT) Chair and Iowa farmer Bob Hemesath. "Corn's cost as a feedstock has benefited greatly by improvements in technology, production and logistics efficiency. With society's interest in more biobased products, we know we have the solution and that's corn."

Previous winners of the Consider Corn Challenge contests have scaled up to the next phase of development, received additional grant funding, entered into joint agreements, and obtained registration for state biobased production incentives.

"As a past recipient of the Consider Corn Challenge award from the NCGA, we have been able to deepen our technology base regarding the differential properties of our novel materials," said Derek Wells with ExoPolymer. "Due to these

efforts, we are currently investigating several targeted market applications and feasibility studies at scale. The CCC award also helped to put a spotlight on our innovative approach, enabling us to raise additional funding and continue our progress. We are grateful for the recognition by the NCGA and are looking forward to further applying our technology for additional valuable uses of this important agricultural product."

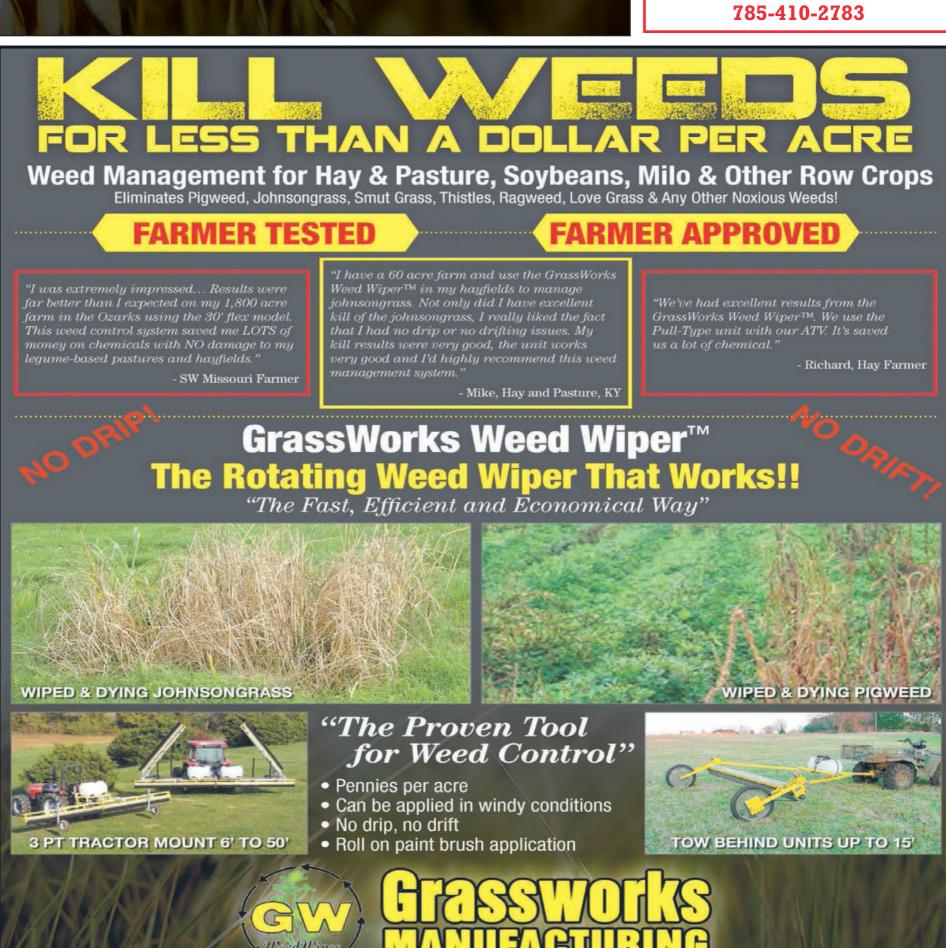
If all nine winners of the Consider Corn Challenge I & II reached full commercialization with products available in the marketplace, the potential for additional corn demand could be approximately 2.9 billion bushels.

"Corn farmers continue to take advantage of the technology that allows them to grow a bigger crop on less land with less resources per bushel, and that means there's enough carryout available to meet the needs for food, feed, fuel and new uses," Hemesath added. "This contest is a way to help us think outside of the box and meet the needs of our customers, who are asking for sustainable, biobased products."

One to six winners will be selected with a total prize pool of U.S. \$150,000, split equally between winners. The submission deadline is June 3, 2021, and winners will be announced in September 2021.

Learn more at NCGA. com/newuses.





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Clutter agriculture scholarship applications due March

pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for the 2021 Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship. The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Herb Clutter's influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers and is administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG).

Thanks to the generosity of the Herb Clutter family, the scholarship was increased to \$1,000, beginning in the 2020 academic

"With support of the family, we were able to industry," said Justin Gilpin, CEO of Kansas Wheat. "This scholarship helps to identify and support new and upcoming future leaders in agriculture.

The scholarship fund will award one \$1,000 scholarship per year, to a college or university-bound incoming freshman from Kansas, pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must plan to be a fulltime student at any two or four year, Kansas college or university. Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership qualities and career objectives focused

for the student's college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable.

"KAWG is proud to support the young men and women who are the future of the wheat industry, said Gilpin. "We're looking for students who are passionate about agriculture and not only excel in the classroom, but also in their communities and extra-curricular activities.'

The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established through a fund in memory of Herbert W. Clutter, a farmer from Holcomb and the first president of the National Association of Wheat Growers. fied voice, which led to the formation of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in 1952. He encouraged research in education and industrial uses of wheat, improved variety development and methods to produce the best product at the lowest cost. Clutter's efforts led to the formation of the Kansas Wheat Commission by the Kansas legislature, in 1957.

Applicants of the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship must complete the scholarship application, which includes a 400-500 word essay discussing why they have chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay along with the student's application in determining the scholarship winner. The scholarship application and attached documents are available at kswheat. com/clutter and must be

submitted to the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers at 1990 Kimball Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502. by March 12, 2021

More information about the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship is available by contacting Taylor Williamson at 785-539-0255 or email twilliamson@ kswheat.com.



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ASA/WISHH, Kansas State University (KSU) and other partners recently convened a unique field day that resulted in Cambodian fish farmers and other aquaculture industry representatives going home with new ideas for fish feed and feeding practices, as well as financing options.

KSU and Cambodia's Center of Excellence on Sustainable Agricultural Intensification and Nutrition (CE SAIN) hosted the Jan. 12 field day that also played a key role in connecting fish farmers to buvers and others in Cambodia's aquaculture supply chain.

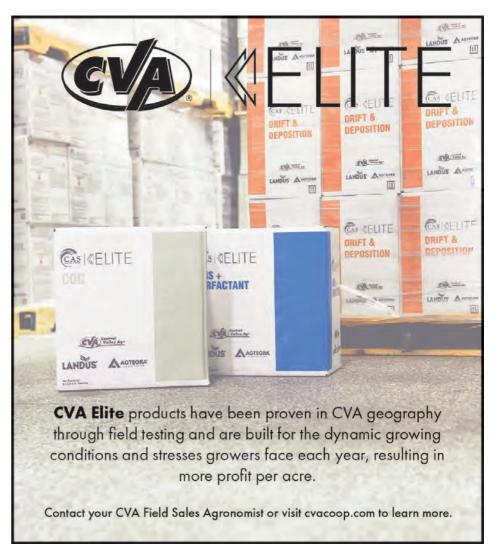
Commercialization of Aquaculture for Sustainability Trade (CAST) -Cambodia (CAST) is ASA/ WISHH's U.S. Department Agriculture-funded Food for Progress project that benefits from KSU's expertise and KSU's work with CE SAIN, at the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA). KSU also leads a U.S Agency for International Development (USAID) Feed the Future Innovation Lab on Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification

"The partnership between ASA/WISHH and Kansas State University's SIIL will work to increase the productivity of aquaculture farms in six provinces around the country, by providing training for the improved quality and accessibility of inputs and better market linkages and promoting policies that will enable an environment that better supports aquaculture farmers," said Vara Prasad, University Distinguished Professor and Director of SIIL.

"This is also a great opportunity to continue to build capacity within RUA and strengthen our partnership and collaborations with Kansas State University and other U.S. institutions," said CE

SAIN's Director Lyda Hok. KSU collaborates with Cambodian researchers, policymakers, donors and aquaculture industry representatives who participate in CE SAIN's initiatives. CE SAIN and CAST's technical team conducted the farmer field day at the Serey Sophorn High School, which is home to CE SAIN's Agriculture Technology Park in Kampong Thom province. With USAID support, KSU established the Agriculture Technology Park inside Serey Sophorn High School, which creates a natural training site for current and future fish farmers.

The 35 field day attendees ranged from fish producers and feed suppliers to fish buyers and distributors to students at the high school. Importantly, the event introduced Chamroeun Microfinance to participants. CAST partner World Vision and Chamroeun Microfinance have launched the first financial services program specifically designed for Cambodian aquaculture. The main objective of the partnership between World Vision/CAST and Chamroeun Microfinance is to make convenient financial services available to CAST project beneficiaries. They offer new opportunities for fish farmers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, and other aquaculture enterprises to grow the Kingdom of Cambodia's aquaculture sector, which is • Cont. on page 10







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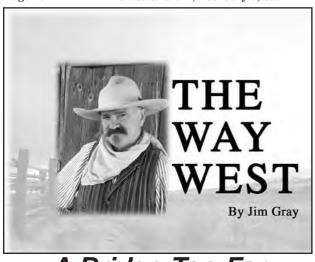
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A Bridge Too Far

Jack McDowell of Kansas City stepped into the W. K. Pollard Livery at Council Grove in need of transportation to Junction City. Pollard had been in

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lying and blustering over his need to get to Junction City. He was traveling with a woman of questionable character and had decided it was time to leave town. When McDowell could not obtain transportation by other means he hired a team of horses and a buggy from liveryman W. K. Pollard. McDowell surely looked risky, but then anyone on the trail in those days was capable of a dubious past. Doing business on the frontier carried its risks.

Claiming he would return in four days, Pollard leased a buggy and team of horses to McDowell. Four days passed without a sign of McDowell. Five days, six days; Pollard waited as

long as he dared. The seventh day, January 15, 1867, Pollard traveled to Junction City only to discover that McDowell had set out for Omaha, Nebraska. Powell telegraphed a wire to the Omaha City Marshal who quickly discovered that McDowell had sold the team. McDowell was arrested before he could leave Omaha. According to the Omaha Herald when McDowell was arrested the marshal seized two hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, believed to be part of the proceeds from the sale.

F. G. Hunt, Esq., a correspondent quoted in many Kansas newspapers, related that Pollard "procured a requisition" from the governor of Kansas and traveled to Omaha to get his man. McDowell was surrendered to Pollard, who brought him back to Council Grove. The pair arrived on February 1st. On the way McDowell told Pollard that he did not want to travel by way of Lawrence. He claimed that he had been in Quantrill's raid and feared being recognized.

At Council Grove Justice Stevenson immediately interviewed the prisoner and bound him over under an eighteen-hundred-dollar bond. He was secured in a log house with four guards to keep him in place.

Being a man of the frontier McDowell expressed his indignation at his incarceration in a most crude and insulting manner. While under guard he boasted that during the war he had killed one hundred fifty Union men. Some he claimed that he had hung "just to see them kick," and others

jump." He had "marked" the men who assisted in his prosecution as well as the guards who were holding him against his will. McDowell swore that if it took "ninety-nine years" he would return to Council Grove and with a rope tied to his saddle horn and looped around their necks he would drag his persecutors through the streets. He would have his revenge!

Writing to the Leavenworth Daily Bulletin a witness signed as "CITIZEN," noted that "These boasts... had the effect of impressing somebody that he was a useless encumbrance to the earth." At about midnight, Saturday, February 2nd, an estimated ten to fifteen masked men burst into the house with revolvers cocked. Having been taken by surprise the guards relinquished the prisoner who was taken to the bridge over the Neosho River. McDowell's last words were not recorded before the last breath of life was extinguished with a hangman's rope. The next morning, February 3, 1867, a coroner's jury was summoned to investigate the lynching. Not surprisingly, "the names of those who performed the summary execution (could not)

be learned." After the hanging a letter from an unknown Kansas City acquaintance was published in several papers refuting some of the claims about the desperado. He had in fact joined the rebels riding as a bushwhacker. When he was captured by federal troops he revealed the location of Cole Younger's camp to gain his own release. Nine of Younger's men were killed. "Since that time McDowell kept pretty clear of the rebels." He had a miserable reputation at Kansas City as a horse thief and a suspected murderer, but he evidently told of the raid on Lawrence and other exaggerated exploits to in-

In the end McDowell overplayed his hand. As F. G. Hunt suggested, "doubtless, had the prisoner behaved himself in a decent manner he might have escaped his terrible fate." But for such men decency was "a bridge too far," that defied understanding. Unfortunately for Jack McDowell that bridge ultimately led him to the end of his rope on The Way

timidate his captors.

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

ASA/WISHH and **Kansas State** University partner on Cambodian Fish Feed and Finance Field Day

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important to the economy, as well as nutrition and health. In addition to receiving training on feed and feeding, participants heard and saw how pelleted feeds make fish grow faster. Attendees toured CE SAIN's Agriculture Technology Park and learned to take samples of fish. Fish sampling is important for the farmers to monitor how many fish are in their ponds so they can manage them profitably. They also participated in discussions about good business and management practices. Fish farmers spoke with buyers about the value of locally raised fish, which allowed for a discussion about the quality that is

Another attendee was a woman who owns a fish-buying enterprise that already purchases from the CE SAIN ponds. She regularly participates in CAST activities and has also reinforced the importance of local fish farmers suppling quality fish.

The high school students not only learned about aquaculture for themselves, but also gained important knowledge for their families' farms. One student reported that she was taking the information home to her mother who is a fish farmer.





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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 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 Auc-

tion & 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. Auction-eers: Larry Marshall Auction & Realty.
February 12 — Rural

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February 13 tiques, 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 onsite at Waverly for Dorthy Flory. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service, Darwin W. Kurtz.

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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.Midwest-LandandHome.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, plant-er, a full line of tillage and having 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, Nebras-ka 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 Re-

alty & Auction, LLC. February 20 — 157.79 acres m/l of Nemaha County Land auction including 84 ac. m/l of tillable farmland, 60 ac. pasture with balance grassland & waterways: rural water meter with hydrant held at Seneca for Albert & Elizabeth Oldberding. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty, Mike Kuckelman, broker; Dale Wilhelm, auctioneer. February 21 — Vintage

& Collectible Toy auction consisting of farm machinery, trucks, construction equipment toys held at Seneca for the Late Ray Huninghake Tov 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.

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: Swiftn-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, 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: Sund-

gren Realty-Land Brokers. March 1 — Great quality line of Farm Equipment held at Abilene for T. Lee Gruen & Jason Kooken. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service, Randy Reynolds & Greg Kretz,

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

March 2 — 105.79 acres m/l of Irrigated Farmland/ Hunting land on Republican River consisting of 83.78 ac. m/l FSA cropland, 79.21 ac. m/l irrigated, 22.01 ac. m/l wooded land held at Scandia for Windmill Real Estate, LLC. Auctioneers: United Country-Milestone Realty and Development.

March 2 — 80 Acres Marion County land con-sisting of 67.41 acres cultivated cropland, balance is waterways, draw with trees and old 1/2-acre farmstead site with hunting area held at Marion for Howard L. & Mary E.

Collett. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction, Lyle Leppke & Roger Hiebert. March 2 — On Target

Bull Sale held at Blue Rapids.

March 4 — Jensen Brothers Bull Sale held at Courtland.

March 5 — 947 acres m/l of Flint Hills Grass in 2 Tracts in Chase County. T1: 708.13 ac. m/l & T2: 239.40 ac. m/l. Good water and clean stand of grass held at Cottonwood Falls for Family of Virginia L. Griffiths, Florence Luella Smith & Minnie R. Westbrook. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction and Griffin Real

Estate & Auction.

March 5 — The KSU Legacy Sale held at Manhattan.

March 6 - Farm machinery including 2003 JD 8420 tractor, 1998 JD 7610 tractor, 2000 JD 6110 trac-tor, 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 Bailevville for Leonard Huninghake Cons. Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

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

March 6 — Laflin Angus Production Sale held at Olsburg.

March 6 — Farms Bulls & Females Sale held at Pawnee Rock.

March 6 — Judd Ranch 43rd Gelbvieh, Balancer &

retson, Truston Garretson and Larry Marshall. March 13 — Complete line of farm machinery & livestock equipment held at Eudora for Mary E. Abel Trust. Auctioneers: Cline

Red Angus bull sale held

chinery including 2000

Cat Challenger 55 tractor, 1980 JD 4440 tractor, 1960

JD 4010 w/front loader,

1997 JD 9500 combine &

more; also trucks, live-

stock equipment, antique

windmill, grain facilities,

shop items & miscella-

neous held near Chanute

for Hugo Spieker. Auction-

eers: Larry Marshall Auc-

tion & Realty, Mark Gar-

March 13 — Farm ma-

at Pomona.

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 — New Strawn

Farm & Ranch Consignment auction held at New Strawn, Richard Newkirk, sales manager; Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.
March 20 — Cattleman's

Choice sale & customer appreciation celebration held at the Ranch at Greenleaf.

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

March 27 — Annual consignment auction consisting of farm machinery. trucks, trailers, livestock equipment, farm tools & miscellaneous held at Durham for consignments

Grass & Grain, February 9, 2021 Page 11 in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction, Lyle Leppke, Roger Hie-

bert. March 27 — Farm auction including 4 possible rebuildable tractors: 706 International, 460 International, M&C International; 24' Travalong stock trailer with low miles like new, 24' flatbed Travalong 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: Olmsteds &

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

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TILLAGE: JD 722 Mulch Finisher 3Bar, Coil tine, 28Ft, Case IHC Tigermate FC 28'. JD 630 Disk, 30Ft. Rolling Basket Harrow, 30Ft of JD 630. JD 637 Disk, 37' 10" Rock Flex w/Harrow. IHC 3900 disk 21', 9" Pul Type 12Ft Box Scrapper w/Hyd Tilt. 7" Skid Steer Spacings. DMI Nutri-Placr 13 Coulter Liquid Fertilizer Material Bucket. OMC 310 Mustang Skid Steer. JD Applicators, Elk Creek Caddy w/Dual 8Bolt Wheels. JD 985 Field Culti 60Ft. IHC 496 Disk 28' w/Harrow. JD 960 FC 32'. Blue Jet Track Master, Pivot Closer. IHC 10 V-Ripper, 7 Shank. Krause Disk 22Ft, Model 14. IHC 490 Disk 21Ft. IHC 3Pt, C Shank Chisel, IHC NEW 4-12-16.5 Skid Steer Tires, NEW IA 140R 6Way 480 disk, 20'. JD 1450 5B Plow, IHC 560 6B Plow

HAY & LIVESTOCK: Vermeer M8040, 3Pt Disk Mower, 9'. JD 2320 Windrower. JD 260 3 Pt Disk Mower, 7'. NH 353 Grinder Mixer. Oswalt 320 Feed Skid Steer, Rock & Brush Grapples, Root Grapple, Wagon w/Scale. JD 1600 Windrower. Gehl 1875 Rock Buckets, 72 & 80", Brush Mowers, . Pallet Fork TDC Round Baler. NH 273 Square Twine Baler. JD Exts, Reciever Hitch Plates & Weldable QT plates, CX-15 Bat Wing Mower, JD 5Tine Grapple off JD 840 NEW JCT, Skid Steer, Brush Cutters, Hyd Augers, 72" Loader. Hesston 565A Round Baler. NEW 80-6BAr 20' Continous Panels. NEW 20-5'x10' Portable Coral Panels, NEW AK Best Free Standing Panels, IHC 575 Broom, Soil Mover 625RF Chute. Hampton 2 Auger Feed Wagon. Vermeer 605K inductor. 2003 Volvo Day Cab, D-12 Motor, Recent 712-369-0629

TRACTORS: JD 7830 MFWD, 2942 Hrs, PQ, w/LHR, Twine Wrap. JD 44 Manure Spreader. New 12x30 Rebuilt 10 Spd Trans, 740K Miles. 2009 Timpte

Hyd, 18.4x38. Ford TW-35, w/TA-46 Loader. IHC 666 10x66 Low Profile, Hyd, 2009 Model. Peck 8x36 Pto Diesel, WF, 3Pt, 2 Hyd, 38" Rubber, IHC 756. JD 2010 w/Bin Hopper. Buhler Farm King 8x36, PTO. JD 643 HT. IA 435 Header Trailer. AC- 6RN Cornhead Fits PLANTING, CULTIVATING & SPRAYING: Kinze 3200 R52. 30Ft Header Trailer. Brent 740 Gravity Wagon w/Truck Tires, Heider Gravity Wagon, Tapr, w/Hyd Side Auger. Bradford Gravity Wagon w/Westfield Side Auger. Parker 350 Bu Gravity Wagon. Killbros 350 Bu Gravity Wagon. Parker 250 Bu Gravity Wagon. w/Coulters. B&B Sprayer 1000 gal, 60' Booms, Tall Killbros 450 Center Dump Wagon, Westfield 13x71

5100 Drill Double Disk 7x21 w/Grass. Case IHC 5400 ANTIQUE MACHINERY: IHC 3B, 3Pt Plow. IHC 3B, Soybean Special 11R15. Elk Creek Caddy. Schaben 2Pt Plow. Ford 2B 3Pt Plow. Ford 11 Rigid Shank 3Pt Culti. Ford 11Spring Shank, 3Pt Culti. JD Steel 50' Boom, Walking Tandem w/Monitor. Demco HT Wheel Running Gear. JD 2 Row Pull Type Planter. JD Sprayer 1000 Gal, 60Ft Boom, Rinse Tank, Monitopr, 4B, 3PT Mounted Plow w/Slat Bottom. IHC Rear Solid Tall Tires. JD 7000 8RN Folding Planter. Stroebel 2 Weights. JD 3010 - 4010 Starter Frt Wts w/Slab. Box Seed Tender, JD 875 Culti, 8RN, Aq Systems Dearborn Cultivator, Horse Drawn one way Disk, Metal Clipper Fanning Mill. Wooden Model B Clipper Fanning Mill. JD Front Weight for 1020-2020-2030. Tanks, Frt 10-20-30 Track Tractor. 400 Gal Helicopter Ant Steel Wheel Potato Digger w/Orbit Motor. Horse

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Manure Spreader, TA Slope Gate. 2 - Apache Creep TRUCKS, TRAILERS & VEHINCLES: 2010 Timpte Fedders, Lorenz 1250 Grinder Mixer, Lorenz 85H3 Grain Trailer, 42x66, Air Ride, Aq Hopper, Electric Tarp, Grinder Mixer. Gehl 325 Manure Spreader. JD 3960 Alumin. Wheels. 2006 Freightliner Columbia Day Cab, Chopper w/Hay Head. JD 1380 Windrower. JD 48 460 Mercedes, Jake, Cruise, Super 10, 661K mi,

Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer, Front and Rear Ladder, Metric w/Duals, 5613 Hrs. JD 4955 MFWD, 20.8x42 GRAIN HANDLING & HARVEST EQUIP.: Case IHC Tarp. 1995 Freightliner FLD 120, Cummins N14 Duals, TH, QH, 4173 Hrs. IHC 1256, 3Pt, Dual PTO, 2388, 2003 Model, 18.4x42 Duals, Yield Monitor, 10Sp, Day Cab, 730K Miles, 24.5 Alum/Steel, NEW Dual Hyd Fenders. JD 4850, 2WH, 15Spd, 18.4x42 W/ Chopper, Bin Ext, Fully equip. 3443 Eng., 72239 Rotor. 2020 Tiger Utility Car Trailer, 7,000lb Axle, 20Ft, Duals, TH, 3Pt, PTO, 3000 HRs on Reman Motor, JD Case IHC 1020 Flex, 30Ft. Drago 8RN Comhead Fits Beaver Tail, Ramps. NEW 2021 Tiger Utility Car 6120 MFWD, Cab, Air, Quad E & F Range w/Creeper 2388. Peck 12x92 W/PDK. Peck 10x66 Direct Drive Trailer 7000lb Axle, 20Ft, Beaver Tail, Ramps. 1993 Triple Hyd, IHC 686 Gas, WF, 3Pt, D Hyd, PTO, Fenders Low Profile. Buhler Farm King 10x70 DD w/Electric Wilson Grain Trailer w/Tarp. 1979 GMC 7000, Reman w/Dual 325 Loader. IHC 1086 Cab, Air, Heat, 3Pt, 2 Hopper Lift, Peck 10x71 Direct Drive Hyd Auger. Peck 427, 5&2, Tag Axle, 20ft Steel Box, Hoist, Tarp. 2015 Carry-All Enclosed 18ft TA Trailer, 2003 Chevy 4X4, 2500 HD, Crew Cab. 1991 Chevy Kodiak Fuel Truck, Cat Diesel, 2500 gal W/Pump. 1979 Ford F600 SA, 370 Gas, 4&2, Steel Grain Box w/Hoist. 1979 IHC S1900 Tandem Ax;e Grain Truck. 2003 Ford F250, 4X4 Std Cab, V-10 Gas, Auto. 1999 Dodge Ram Sport, 4X4, Hemi, Short Box. 1998 Ford F150 Extended Cab, 4X2. Featherlite 28ft Steel Goosenseck Stock Trailer. Kiefer 16ft Bumper Pull Stock Trailer, Tanden Axle Dozer Trailer w/Dolly Wheels. 2015 Tiger Car Trailer. 1996 Monte Carlo, 1979 Chev C70 Gas, w/14Ft 3 Compartment Auger Box, NON RUNNER.

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LAND AUCTION

80 Acres Marion County Land

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Sale held at the Marion County Lake Hall - MARION, KANSAS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East one half of the Southeast quar-

ter of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 5 East (E/2 SE/4 20-19-5) Marion County, KS.

LAND LOCATION: From Jct. Hwy 56/77, 2 miles East of Marior

(Roundabout), go 4 miles East on Hwy 150, then 1 mile North or

LAND DESCRIPTION: 67.41 acres cultivated cropland having a

combination of Labette-Dwight, Irwin silty clay Loam, and Lady

smith silty clay loam soils. The balance of the acreage (12.59 acres

POSSESSION: Immediately at closing and upon full settlement

The land is all open spring ground that was in soybeans last year

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This farm is a good addition to your

existing farming program or a great opportunity for land investment. The land is ready for planting and the grain

markets are as robust as we have seen in years!! The small

grove of trees in the draw at the Northwest corner is a hidden

and secluded hunting spot where deer hang out. Having a

good gravel road along the East side and being just 1 mile North of Hwy 15 the land has easy access. DON'T OVER-LOOK THE POSSIBILITIES THIS FARM OFFERS!!

is waterways, draw with trees and an old ½ acre farmstead site.

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Do you believe in ghosts? How 'bout angels? Miracles? Tarot cards? I grew up believin' in Heaven and all its assorted angelic inhabitants and their counterparts in the singed black hats. Reincarnation wasn't taught in Sunday School but we were encouraged to believe that souls existed. So, with this sort of background it was easy for me to accept ghosts. Especially when I saw the 'ghost of Yankee Bill Summit.

This experience happened many years ago, but I was a full grown man with a full-grown mustache. It was a crisp October and Lee and I had driven to Yankee Bill in northern Nevada. We and the cowboys had worked cows all day. Since we still had another days work we stayed

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over at the old sheep headquarters high up in those beautiful mountains.

That evening Antonio had cooked up a great Basque supper; fried sweet peppers, spuds, codfish, dutch oven bread and his special chicken fried steak. We sat around the table in the company of Ten High and Vino Fino, smoking and getting beat at checkers by Juan Garay.

It was cold and a moonless night when we retired. Lee and I took a room right off the dining area. We layed out our rolls on a couple of cots and waited for everyone to hit the sack. The wood floor of this old sheep headquarters carried each footstep like it was next to va.

Late into the night Lee started talkin' in his sleep and woke me. He rolled over and shut up but someone was standin' over me. I strained to see him by the starlight. He was pullin'

his shirt over his head so I couldn't see his face but he had on chinks, boots and big Mexican spurs.

I stared at him hard and I could see the dresser behind him, through him. I sat up to get a better look. I realized I was wide awake. I said, "What are you doin' here?" He didn't answer so I swiped at him. He jumped back but his boots didn't make a sound on the wood floor.

He stayed in the room

as long as I stared at him. Finally I lay on my back, closed my eyes and willed myself to sleep.

Now, cowboys are a superstitious lot so I didn't say much next mornin'. I made a few inquiries whether any old buckaroos had died up there. Nobody knew. Nobody but me, I guess. I know. I know 'cause I've seen him... the ghost of Yankee Bill.

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Kansas 4-H youth eye 'Science of Agriculture' challenge

It's pretty clear traveling through Kansas that agriculture is a vital part of the state's economy. From flowing fields of lush crops to burly cattle grazing open prairie, agriculture is part of life in

the Sunflower State. But Anissa Jepsen knows that agriculture touches many other parts of Kansans' lives outside of the farm. It's a part of the technology we use, the clothes we wear and the food we eat.

That's one driving principle of a program offered through Kansas 4-H called Science of Agriculture, which is revving up for another year.

"It's a hands-on learning experience that inspires the next generation of our agriculture leaders in Kansas," said Jepsen, a 4-H youth development

specialist at the state office in Manhattan.

Science of Agriculture brings together teams of three to five youth in grades 6-12 who work with coaches and mentors to create research projects related to a need in their community. Each fall, those teams get together and present their research and findings; members of the top three teams earn a college scholarship.

In the past, some of the projects that Kansas 4-H'ers completed include a project to educate communities on reducing food waste; research on feed efficiency in beef cattle; and evaluating the effects of chiropractic medicine on livestock production.

The COVID-19 pandemic will delay the start of this year's program, but Jepsen said registration should be available by the end of April. In the meantime, she is urging youth and their coaches to begin forming plans for their community-based project.

That includes six 'Pillars of Agriculture' touted by Kansas 4-H including agriculture's relationship

> The environment. Food, fiber and energy. Animals. Lifestyles.

Technology. The economy.

This year, Jepsen said youth also will be able to form a partnership with faculty at Kansas State University. "I was approached by several of our professors about this competition," she said. "They wanted the chance to partner with the 4-H

ing our youth with someone at K-State who works in the research field that they have chosen for their project."

The 2020 Science of Agriculture challenge was held virtually. Jepsen hopes this year's competition can be held in-person, but knows that the online options assure that youth will get to display their projects. "At this point," she said, "don't let any barriers from COVID or anything like that stop you from forming your teams."

More information about the Science of Agriculture challenge and other programs offered by the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program is available online, or contact your local Kansas Extension agent.

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STEERS			10 blk	Marquette	665@131.50
300-400)	\$185.00 - \$195.00	15 red	Goddard	709@131.00
400-500)	\$180.00 - \$198.00	11 mix	Newton	628@131.00
500-600)	\$175.00 - \$190.50	13 mix	Hesston	708@130.50
600-700)	\$151.00 - \$163.00	6 mix	Inman	755@129.00
700-800)	\$135.00 - \$149.25	6 blk	McPherson	653@128.50
800-900)	\$130.00 - \$141.75	25 blk	Clearwater	682@127.75
900-1,00		\$123.00 - \$132.00	60 mix	Assaria	739@127.75
HEIFERS			14 mix	Newton	789@126.75
300-400)	\$158.00 - \$167.50	16 mix	Hesston	829@126.00
400-500)	\$157.00 - \$167.00	68 mix	Clearwater	775@126.00
500-600)	\$148.00 - \$163.00	25 char	Minneapolis	853@126.00
600-700)	\$130.00 - \$144.00	16 blk	Miltonvale	770@125.50
700-800)	\$122.00 - \$133.00	27 blk	Miltonvale	866@123.00
800-900		\$120.00 - \$129.00	T	UESDAY, FEBRUARY	2, 2021
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021			WEANED/VACC SALE		
STEERS				STEERS	
2 blk	Newton	420@198.00	6 blk	Wakefield	323@195.00

800-900		20.00 - \$129.00	T	UESDAY, FEBRUARY	/ 2, 2021	
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021			WEANED/VACC SALE			
	STEERS		STEERS			
2 blk	Newton	420@198.00	6 blk	Wakefield	323@195.00	
2 char	Minneapolis	498@195.00	24 blk	Lorraine	469@192.00	
6 blk	Russell	515@190.50	46 blk	Lorraine	537@190.50	
7 blk	Wilson	524@187.00	8 blk	Clay Center	504@190.00	
2 blk 3 blk	Salina McPherson	453@187.00	5 blk 18 blk	Lindsborg	409@190.00	
3 blk	Newton	445@185.00 425@182.00	9 blk	Broken Bow, NE Salina	500@189.00 507@189.00	
3 blk	Salina	443@181.50	7 blk	Claflin	525@189.00	
4 blk	Wilson	563@176.00	5 blk	Bazine	508@187.00	
17 red	Goddard	632@154.50	9 blk	Ellsworth	543@187.00	
5 char	Durham	605@152.50	4 mix	Gypsum	536@186.00	
10 blk	Newton	619@151.00	8 blk	Gypsum	538@180.00	
12 char	Minneapolis	655@150.50	8 mix	Beloit	540@178.50	
15 mix	Salina	640@150.00	12 blk	Hillsboro	568@175.00	
9 blk	Marquette	652@150.00	49 blk	Ellsworth	570@171.00	
14 blk	Marquette	730@149.25	5 blk	Hillsboro	610@163.00	
12 mix	Lindsborg	660@147.00	12 blk	Latham	578@162.00	
14 char	Minneapolis	816@141.75	25 blk	Broken Bow, NE	574@161.75	
30 mix	Inman	806@140.75	12 mix	Clay Center	607@159.50	
4 blk	Longford	699@140.50	153 blk	Ellsworth	631@158.75	
10 blk	Longford	691@139.00	9 blk	Galva	596@158.75	
6 mix	Newton	778@138.75	20 blk	Ellsworth	611@158.00	
18 mix	Hesston	806@138.50	44 blk	Lorraine	629@156.50	
88 mix	Gypsum	752@138.50	21 mix 8 blk	Salina Nickerson	617@156.00	
23 blk 18 mix	Longford Lindsborg	813@137.75 754@135.50	3 char	Claflin	618@155.00 625@154.00	
13 blk	Abilene	834@132.25	4 blk	Salina	620@153.50	
60 blk	Abilene	874@132.25	5 red	Lorraine	469@153.00	
62 mix	Hope	873@132.25	11 mix	Beloit	640@152.50	
13 mix	Salina	836@132.00	15 blk	Galva	627@152.25	
26 mix	Salina	901@132.00	80 blk	Ellsworth	696@150.00	
61 blk	Lincoln	828@131.85	17 mix	Salina	688@148.50	
65 blk	Durham	882@130.50	9 blk	Claflin	706@148.50	
16 char	Minneapolis	910@129.50	30 blk	Latham	670@148.50	
58 blk	Claflin	883@129.25	9 blk	Clay Center	702@148.00	
17 mix	Hesston	918@128.00	8 blk	Salina	714@148.00	
8 mix	Inman	918@127.25	22 blk	Ellsworth	713@147.50	
32 blk	Miltonvale	930@127.00	12 blk	Bazine	701@147.00	
	HEIEEDO		14 blk	Concordia	708@147.00	
5 blk	HEIFERS Newton	476@167.00	12 red 46 blk	Lorraine Ellsworth	706@147.00 728@145.25	
4 blk	Salina	500@163.00	94 blk	Ellsworth	723@145.00	
2 mix	Newton	483@162.00	26 blk	Latham	788@144.75	
7 blk	Moundridge	458@160.50	12 blk	Raymond	762@143.25	
7 red	Goddard	476@159.00	10 blk	Galva	727@143.00	
2 blk	Hillsboro	498@159.00	4 blk	Halstead	706@139.00	
6 blk	Salina	443@157.00	7 mix	Clay Center	811@138.75	
6 blk	Newton	513@157.00	11 mix	Beloit	816@138.25	
5 mix	Salina	517@150.00	6 blk	Piedmont	706@138.00	
7 blk	Marquette	542@149.00	11 mix	Salina	854@134.00	
2 blk	Hillsboro	608@135.00	29 blk	Wellington	807@133.50	
6 char	Minneapolis	611@135.00	5 blk	Herington	937@131.00	

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

8 blk

COW SALES: Tuesday, Feb. 9 • Tuesday, Feb. 16 • Tuesday, March 16 Tuesday, April 20 • Tuesday, May 4

627@133.00

714@133.00

732@132.50

638@132.00

DON JOHNSON ANGUS BULL SALE: MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 NEW FRONTIER BUCKING BULL SALE: SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

IN STOCK TODAY: • Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders 42' ROUND BALE DUMP TRAILERS

For Information or estimates, contact:

Mike Samples, Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-826-7884 Kyle Elwood, Asst. Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-493-2901

Jim Crowther Lisa Long 785-254-7385 620-553-2351 Roxbury, KS Ellsworth, KS

20 mix

10 char

55 blk

7 blk

Goddard

Minneapolis

Moundridge

Cody Schafer 620-381-1050 Durham, KS

Kenny Briscoe 785-658-7386 Lincoln, KS

HEIFERS

Lorraine

Woodbine

Salina

326@167.50

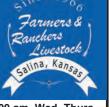
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501@162.50

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teams. So we will be pair-**Livestock Commission Co., Inc.** Salina, KANSAS

SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211 MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY

Hogs sell at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD For a complete list of cattle for all sales check out our website www.fandrlive.com

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Time To Start Thinking About CONSIGNING HORSES for the



SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE: MAY 15, 2021. DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2021!

4 blk 11 blk 3 blk	Halstead Broken Bow, NE	493@162.00 457@162.00 507@162.00	11 blk 20 blk 18 blk	Lost Springs Ellsworth Salina	604@142.50 582@140.00 654@140.00
8 blk	Lost Springs Claflin	517@161.00	10 blk	Salina	686@137.75
11 mix	Lindsborg	486@161.00	14 blk	Ellsworth	666@136.00
15 blk	Beloit	505@160.00	5 blk	Geneseo	631@136.00
4 blk	Wellington	588@160.00	11 mix	Nickerson	613@135.00
18 blk	Broken Bow, NE	527@159.50	9 red	Lorraine	634@134.00
4 mix	Ellsworth	481@159.00	5 blk	Galva	633@134.00
43 mix	Hutchinson	506@158.50	28 blk	Leonardville	655@133.75
8 blk	Beloit	408@158.00	18 blk	Ellsworth	621@133.00
6 blk	Hutchinson	400@158.00	8 mix	Clay Center	622@132.00
6 blk	El Dorado	489@157.50	8 mix	Lost Springs	603@132.00
2 blk	Halstead	498@157.00	6 mix	Clay Center	610@132.00
9 blk	Halstead	527@157.00	5 blk	Claflin	663@131.00
14 mix	Clay Center	524@157.00	13 blk	Raymond	710@130.00
18 blk	Hillsboro	533@156.50	23 blk	Wilson	707@129.50
6 blk	Ellsworth	538@156.00	7 blk	Herington	792@129.50
5 blk	Clay Center	444@155.00	8 blk	Hutchinson	819@129.00
7 red 14 mix	Lost Springs	536@155.00	10 mix	Salina	677@129.00
9 blk	Salina Galva	567@154.00 536@151.00	18 blk 5 blk	Ellsworth Salina	698@129.00 637@128.25
9 blk	Bazine	567@150.00	17 mix	Concordia	678@128.00
23 blk	El Dorado	545@149.00	12 red	Lorraine	714@128.00
15 mix	Salina	581@146.50	20 blk	Geneseo	735@128.00
13 blk	Latham	576@145.50	14 blk	Piedmont	698@127.00
2 blk	Woodbine	600@144.00	12 blk	Geneseo	823@123.50

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

90 strs 550-800 home raised/long weaned, 60 charX s&h 600-800 home raised/long weaned/Char sired, 100 hfrs 600-825 home raised/long weaned/vacc/Harms & Cow Camp Sired, 30 s&h 600-700 weaned October, 100 blk s&h 600-800 home raised/weaned Nov/ vacc/Angus sired. PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME

SPECIAL COW SALE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

BULLS: 1 red balancer bull 2 yrs old heifer bull, 1 3 yr old red angus bull heifer bull semen & trich tested

BRED HEIFERS: 40 blk hfrs bred LBW Angus vacc March 1st for 60 days, 30 blk hfrs bred blk, 5 bred heifers bred red angus, 6 blk hfrs fall bred to Jersey/Angus bull September calvers, 10 red angus hfrs bred to LBW angus bulls heavy springers

HEIFER PAIRS: 30/30 blk hfrs simm/angus calves OCHV'd November calves worked REPLACEMENT HEIFERS: 40 angus hfrs OCHV'd Pelvic examined Fink gentetics, 20 blk hfrs. 15 red angus hfrs BRED COWS/PAIRS: 20 blk/red angus cows 4-7 yrs bred blk or red bulls, 60 blk cows 4-10 yrs

spring bred 50% home raised 50% Rosebrook or Ayers as 1st calf heifers fancy gentle bred angus bw & performance EPD's on bulls, 40 blk cows mostly 3 yrs old bred red or blk angus heavy spingers all raised a calf last year, 33 blk cows 3-6 yrs spring bred to blk or char bulls, 65/65 blk pairs 4-6 yrs bred angus calves worked 3-n-1 package, 10/5 blk running age bred cows and pairs, 10 cows 9-10 yrs heavy bred bred ot McCurry Angus bulls, 80 blk cows 6-8 yrs bred char or red angus and Hereford bulls, 40/40 blk 3-8 yr old pairs big calves worked exposed back, 35/20 mostly blk cows 3-6 yrs some pairs, 27/27 blk pairs 3-6 yrs angus calves worked cows exposed back, 80/80 blk pairs 3-5 yrs mostly Al sired calves 30-60 day old calves, 40/40 red angus pairs red angus calves 3-4 yrs old mostly Al sired calves, 10/10 3-4 yr old pairs month old blk calves, 12 red angus 3-5 yrs heavy bred cows, 13/13 simm/angus fall running age pairs, 35 blk/red cows bred char all coming with 4th calf, 33 blk cows 3 yrs old coming with 2nd calf bred Benoit Angus start March 13 for 30 days, 73/73 blk pairs 4 yrs old angus calves exposed back to angus bulls. PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME

Kevin Henke