So long, winter!

Historic freeze, severe dryness challenge U.S. winter wheat crop

Hopefully this smiling snowman made from big round bales is waving farewell to

winter once and for all. It is located north of Herington along Hwy. 77.

USW Market Analyst

in several states have not had an easy winter. All eyes are on Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado as "a perfect storm" of historically low temperatures combined with severe dryness threatens new crop vield potential in the heart of the country's breadbasket.

Producers in the Great Plains have seen sustained temperatures below 10° Fahrenheit (F), low enough to cause serious concern about the crop's ability to survive dormancv. Typically, snow cover and adequate soil moisture would help insulate the dormant crop, but this year has been anything but typical as severe to exceptional drought conditions persist from western Kansas into western Nebraska and eastern Colorado.

age, from which the wheat weak stands and drought after winning Best Steak Winter wheat farmers can bounce back under conditions," said Royce the right conditions, this vear's freeze event has the potential for "winterkill" in some regions, and ultimately challenges the final production volume.

> "Today, there's no way to tell the extent of the damage, but by mid-March when fields start to green up, we will know what we are facing," said Justin Gilpin, CEO of the Kansas Wheat Commission.

> Here is a look at the three states most concerned about new hard red winter and hard white crop conditions.

> Kansas: According to USDA, as of late January 2021, the state's topsoil moisture supplies were 21% very short and 34%short, 15 points worse than this time last year.

> "We got the wheat up and growing, but do not have enough moisture to set brace roots," said Gary Millershaski, a Lakin farmer and a U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) director. "We had a couple of inches of snow, but temperatures of 19 degrees below zero F tell me half the tillers might not make it."

> Though conditions are drier and colder in western Kansas, wheat farmers in the region were able to get the crop planted on time, which will help its ability to fight low temperatures, said Romulo Lollato, wheat and forage specialist at Kansas State University, Later-planted wheat will have a harder time fighting the freeze.

"Right now, our main concern across the region is winterkill which could limit harvest potential,"

said Lollato. "In Nebraska, our con-

Unlike lighter freeze dam- cerns are poor emergence, Schaneman, executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Board. According to USDA, just 30% of the state's wheat is rated good to excellent, down from 70% good to excellent this time last year due to substantial drought conditions.

> The wheat is extremely susceptible to sustained freezing temperatures as parched soil and limited snow cover offer little pro-

> "Moving forward, we need a good warm-up in spring, no late freezing and many timely rains,' said Schaneman. "If we have the perfect growing conditions throughout the season, we can expect an average harvest. We are off to such a poor start so given the current outlook, this could be a tough year."

> Colorado: "Winterkill has now become a major concern with (recent) extreme temperatures, down to 15 F to 25 F below zero," said Brad Erker, executive director of the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers.

> Looking ahead, Erker said the best weather for producers in Colorado would be a "big, wet snow" by the first week of March.

> "Moisture to come could heal the situation but the timing of the moisture will be a big factor," said Erker. "If we go too long into the growing season without moisture, we will start losing potential. We are in worse shape now than this time last year, and 2020 ended up being a very small crop for us. We can't wait until the end of April for moisture or we will lose a lot of acres.'



that featured Munson's own dry-aged black Angus beef. Photo by Donna Sullivan

Fire destroys Munson's Prime steak house in Junction City

By Donna Sullivan, **Editor**

Built on the idea of 'conception to consumption," Munson's Prime took the idea of a steak house to the next level, where eating their beef was more than a meal, it was an experience. With a decor that resembled a Bonanaza-era ranch house, the restaurant beckoned customers to slow down and enjoy every moment of their time

At approximately 4:17 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, fire crews were called to 426 Goldenbelt Boulevard in Junction City, where they found Munson's Prime steak house ablaze. Within fifteen minutes firefighters were forced to evacuate the building as the fire intensified, eventually causing the northwest section of the building to collapse. The structure was declared a total loss, with damages estimated at \$750,000.

Opened in 2014, Munson's Prime is owned by Chuck and Deanna Munson, and featured their own dry-aged black Angus beef. The Munsons decided to open the restaurant in the Nation at the American Royal steak competition. Competing in the grain-fed category, Deanna described their beef as grass-raised and grain fed. They purchased a building that had previously housed a restaurant and completely remodeled it to reflect the heritage of their six-generation ranch that was founded in 1924 west of Junction City.

While the business was insured, many irreplaceable family artifacts and memorabilia were lost in the blaze.

"The business itself is like any business, you can replace it." Deanna Munson said. "But what we had in there we will never be able to replace." Items

like the ribbons Chuck's dad won as a student at Kansas State University, when he competed in an international meat judging competition, the Distinguished Ag Alumni Award that Chuck won a couple of years ago and much more. A family heirloom that was destroyed was a piano that had survived a fire at the local opera house in 1898. Chuck's grandfather's sister bought it and it had been in the family ever since. Chuck and Deanna spent \$7,000 having it restored to its former glory. Also gone is a large digital screen that streamed custom images from around Geary County, designed for them by an international artist. It's these items that cause Deanna to become emotional, and maybe none more so than the ice cream freezer their farm hands spent six months building after seeing one like it in a restaurant in Branson. "You can't just go out and order anoth-

machine that could freeze four canisters of ice cream in eighteen minutes. It was a focal point of the dining room, and provided the perfect ending to their

Deanna said they have been contacted by seven departments at KSU and even University president Richard Myers about trying to replace some of the memoriabilia and artifacts, and she deeply appreciates their concern and assistance.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, and Deanna said officials are conducting a thorough investigation.

As for reopening, she says there are many things for them to consider. "Chuck's answer is that we'll never say never," she stated. "If we could reproduce the concept of what we we're trying to do, I know we would rebuild. But we're not going to just open a steak house. That was never our intent.'



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Kansas Farm Bureau hires Joel Leftwich as chief strategy officer

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) has hired Joel Leftwich as chief strategy officer. Starting March 1, Leftwich will build on KFB's advocacy initiatives and evaluate opportunities for new services and business development.

"We're excited to have Joel join Kansas Farm Bureau to further our mission of strengthening agriculture and the lives of Kansans," KFB CEO Terry Holdren says. "Joel's experience working in public policy and his understanding of ag issues will be invaluable in helping our members navigate a fast-changing landscape to achieve greater success."

A Wellington native, Leftwich joins KFB after serving as executive director of the Wichita-based William L. Hudson BVI Workforce Innovation

Center, whose mission is to train and employ individuals with visual impairments.

Prior to that role, Leftwich spent nearly two decades in Washington D.C., serving as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Jim Ryun, staff assistant for U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts and staff director for the U.S. Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Other roles have included government affairs work for PepsiCo, Inc., DuPont, and being a managing director for the Glover Park Group, a strategic communications and government relations consulting firm.

"I look forward to building on the fantastic work Kansas Farm Bureau does for farmers and ranchers every day," Leftwich says. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to strengthen existing ties and forge new alliances as we look for ways to add more value for our members."

Leftwich received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history from Friends University and a Master of Arts in political science in American government from Loyola University of Chicago.

The Strength to Weather Storms

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Our first beef calves of the season arrived a few days into February. Each day into calving season temperatures grew colder, and our lives transitioned from normal routines to the highly vigilant survival mode required to weather the arctic storm.

quiet moments during this bitterly cold stretch have been filled with reflections on the farming and ranching lifestyle. Calving through a storm is hard work that takes a kind of deep, character-refining strength.

It takes strong logic to overcome a pull on your heartstrings that comes when you take a brandnew calf away from a momma cow minutes after it is born. Farmers do this because they know that no matter how hard the cow tries to clean up her baby, she will never get it dry enough by herself in frigid temperatures. Spending a few hours under a heat lamp keeps the baby warm until it is dry enough to survive in the cold.

It takes strong purpose to put the needs of the herd before your own comfort. During the run-on days of the storm, farmers miss meals, delay bath-

room breaks, ditch their gloves and lose the feeling in their hands while milking a cow to teach a calf to nurse. They ruin clothing. end up with soiled vehicles, and may even sacrifice their bathtubs to the needs of the newborns.

It takes physical strength to chop through the layers of ice in water tanks or safely wrestle a 50-pound calf into the passenger seat of your pickup to move it to the warming shed. Farmers don't give a second thought to the bruise forming on their leg from a baby calf's flailing legs or the soreness in their muscles after long physical days because aches and pains seem like a small price to pay to protect the herd.

It takes mental strength to wake at all hours of the night after a scarce 30-minute nap and reach a state of alertness to identify signs of distress during a frequent pen checks. Farmers make constant rounds day and night in the cold because they know that a cow may have a quick or a difficult labor. Being vigilant helps farmers to provide needed assistance as quickly as possible.

It takes emotional strength not to feel weighed down with guilt when a calf is born in subzero temperatures and you just did not get there quick enough to save it. Farmers do not have the luxury of dwelling on what went wrong. They have to get back to helping their remaining animals and trying their best not to lose another one.

Calving through a storm is hard, but it is the kind of hard that's worthwhile.

My most surprising reflection is that this storm has made me better. I feel a little bit like leaving the gvm after a strength training session. My mind and body are exhausted, but I feel joy, peace and contentment. What looked so daunting at the beginning was overcome through perseverance and exercising logic, selflessness, compassion, wisdom and humility.

You may never have the chance to help a farm or ranch survive a calving season storm, but we all have storms in our lives. Opportunity to exercise our character by putting the needs of others before our own comfort; taking the uncomfortable steps to help others who cannot help themselves; and forgiving ourselves or letting go of things beyond our control. And we all have the strength to weather these storms.

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



As I sit here writing this, it is right at 90 degrees warmer than it was last week. How crazy is that? You've got to love Kansas weather, right?

On another note, on top of all the weather and calving-related issues my oldest son (yeah, the one I'm not supposed to write about but am going to anyway) was dealing with last week, another disaster struck. His flip phone finally died. Well, it didn't totally die, but was beyond what any form of life support was going to help, despite his most diligent efforts. There was a mournful tone to his voice when he called me. "Can you send me the number for the Verizon store in Clay Center?" he asked. Because I sit at a computer all day most days, I am the researcher and human phone book for my husband and both sons. I feel like that lady on CSI that all the agents call and ask random questions. A few strokes on her keyboard, and Voila! She has the answer. I'm pretty sure no crimes would ever get solved without her. But I digress.

"Aww," I said. "Did Flippy finally

Yes, he named his cell phone, and yes, we all call it by that name. We're a weird bunch.

"Yeah," he said, sadly. I got him the phone number then went back to work.

The next day I was talking to his wife. "He probably had to spend hours learning how to work his new smart phone, didn't he?" I queried.

"Oh no," she replied. "He got another flip phone."

I was dumbfounded - partly because I was surprised they still make flip phones, and partly because I never cease to be amazed at his stubborn refusal to accept new things. Honestly, if he could communicate effectively with a string tied between two tin cans, I'm pretty sure he would. The young man does not like change.

"We're still working on plans for the memorial service," she continued.

Oh yes, there will be a memorial service for Flippy. I'll probably take a casserole.

Like I said, we're a weird bunch, but we're never boring. And that, my friends, is a good thing, because this girl has a column to write.

NCGA leads call for farmer participation in Paycheck Protection Program

The National Corn bility corporations (LLCs) Growers Association (NCGA), along with K-Coe Isom, led a coalition of 35 agriculture organizations urging Congress to work with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to ensure that farming partnerships and limited lia-

are able to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

In a letter to the leaders of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and the House Committee on Small Business, the organizations said it is critical for agricultural producers, many of whom have structured their operations as partnerships and LLCs, to receive PPP funding regardless of the tax struc-

"As you know, farming and ranching are capital-intensive operations often operating at a loss and with owners who frequently do not work for wages," the organizations wrote.

Section 313 of The Economic Aid Act made changes to the initial eligibility requirements for PPP, recognizing the special circumstances of those working in agriculture and helping many farmers and ranchers participate in the program. Unfortunately, the SBA has since interpreted this language to exclude farm and ranch operations structured as partnerships and LLCs.

"We believe this interpretation is in error and is preventing many farm and ranch families from participating in the PPP," the organizations wrote. "We ask that you clarify to SBA that Congress intended to include farm partnerships and LLCs in Section 313."



Yesterday was a bittersweet day for me; my Grandma Miller passed away. She was the last of my grandparents and I guess I am at the age where it is more unusual to have a living grandparent than to not have one. But is hard when the last one passes on, no matter your age. Grandma was ninety-six and had lived a good, long life and she was ready to go and knowing that made her passing a bit easier. It is hard to mourn for one that you know is in a better place, especially since she would not have wanted us to be sad about her passing.

Instead, we will celebrate who Grandma was and the legacy she left behind for all of us. To truly appreciate Grandma Miller, you had to know her and if you knew her, you knew what she was thinking. If you did not want to know what Grandma was thinking, you had better not be in earshot. She was a no-holdsbarred fan of the unvarnished truth and she delivered it whether you wanted to hear it or not. That was why I loved her so much.

She was a reader of my column and very quick to call me out on a piece that she did not like, especially if she thought I was being too silly. You know what? Most of the time she was right, and she was telling me what no one else would. She also worried about my health and if I was spreading myself too thin and again, she was right on the money. We all need that person in our lives, whether we like it or not. The funny thing is, I married a woman much like my grandmother. I guess that is why Jennifer and Grandma developed such a close relationship. Maybe that is why Grandma was okay with leaving us, I had someone who would keep me on the straight and narrow when she was gone.

Grandma was fiercely independent and enjoyed the simpler things in life. It did not take much to make her happy. A garden, good book and fresh air were all she really needed. A broken hip and a bad heart stole two of those from her, but she powered on despite the setbacks. As a kid I looked forward to my one week a year that I would go stay with Grandma and Grandpa on their farm south of Lawrence. I was Grandpa's biggest fan, after all he took me fishing and to the Royals games, but I also knew Grandma was the one who made all that good food and read to me each night I

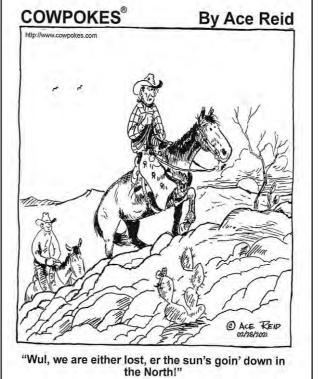
was there. Those weeks were and still are some of the best times I have ever had. I can still smell the cherry pie and hear Paul Harvey on the radio.

They sold the farm when I was in college and moved to Wamego to be closer to my sister, cousins, and me. Grandpa passed away shortly after and it was tough on Grandma. She and Grandpa were inseparable but again, Grandma held her head up and moved on. She spent a lot of time out at our farm; she and my mother had a big garden and most days you could see Grandma out tending that garden. She grew lots of things, but she had her own row of asparagus and we all knew not to touch

My mother passed away from cancer in 2005 and I truly believe that the one regret in Grandma Miller's life was the one thing she could do nothing about and that was Mom's cancer. More than once she mentioned that no parent should ever outlive their child and as she was most of the time, she was right. I know Grandma missed my mother fiercely, they were very, very close, I remember as a kid it took forever to leave Grandma and Grandpa's house because they would think of one more thing as we backed out of the driveway. Sometimes Dad or Grandpa would just have to drive off to

end the never-ending conversation. Grandma was known for walking everywhere she needed to go in Wamego - the grocery store, library, or the senior center. You could see her walking, even on the worst days, and believe me she did not mess around. A broken hip took that from her, and she did not deal well with the loss of independence. Oreo cookies and large print books made it better and I am sure she gained some amusement by watching the people she lived with and the staff of the care facility, but it was

Yes, it was a shock when she passed, and I am sad. I am sad mainly for myself and my family and that is selfish because I know Grandma is much happier to be free of the physical confinements she so loathed. I am also comforted by the legacy she left for all of us who were in her clan. Many people have contributed to make me who I am, but none have had a bigger impact on me than Grandma Miller and for that I am eternally grateful.



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Moser Minute Week Six February 19, 2021

Highlight of the Week: Subzero temps! Thanks to everyone who worked out in the elements during the ten-day cold snap. My time spent in the office seemed pretty cushy when compared to those of you out delivering mail, or baby calves, or propane, or fixing any of the myriad issues that happened because of the severe cold.

Committees continued to meet ahead of the impending turnaround day deadline March 5th, where bills must be out of their house of origin and headed to the other chamber.

House budget committees and the full Appropriations Committee are refining their initial framework for a budget. My officemate, Representative Susan Estes, Wichita, is on K-12 Education

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Budget and Appropriations. She keeps me informed as their work continues. Those committees have enormous responsihilities

Children & Seniors Committee hearings:

- HB2345 Establishing the Office of the Child Advocate for children's protection and services
- HB2338 Establishing a pilot program in the Department of Children and Families to assist children in the custody of the secretary in obtaining a driver's license

Federal & State Affairs Committee hearings:

- HB2199 authorizing sport wagering under the Kansas expanded lottery
- HB2212 eliminating Kansas residency requirements for various liquor

ating fulfillment house licenses to authorize storage and shipping services provided to winery special order shipping licenses.

Passed out of committee Committee actions:

- · Passed as amended HB2088, an act regarding children and minors regarding procedures in investigations of child abuse and neglect. Also known as "Adrian's Bill."
- Passed HB2224 expanding the definition of "infectious disease" in certain statutes related to crimes in which bodily fluids my have been transmitted from one person to another

Agriculture Committee hearings:

- HB 39 changing Kansas Department of Agriculture division of animal health license, permit and registration renewal deadlines and allowing the Animal Health Commissioner to recover actual cost of official calfhood vaccination tags
- SB 40 updating provisions related to the Kansas Department of Agriculture division of conservation

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and hemp processors' registration with state fire marshall

 Passed SB 27 - amending the Kansas storage tank act, sunsetting of certain funds, increasing certain liabilities and reimbursement amounts

On the House floor this week: The House debated and passed 19 bills this week. They now go to the Senate for consideration. Included were these highlights:

- Kansas First Time Home Buyer Act
- Three bills from Children and Seniors
- · Establishing a yearround Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight
- · Creation of a Senior Care Task Force
- · Creation of the Kansas Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Multidisciplinary Team and establishing a coordinator for said program
 - From Agriculture
- Simplifying and bringing consistency to

Grass & Grain, March 2, 2021 state regulations concerning spills

• A multi-year water flex account bill, modifying water usage calculations and fees for multiyear flex accounts and permitting an alternative base average water use profile

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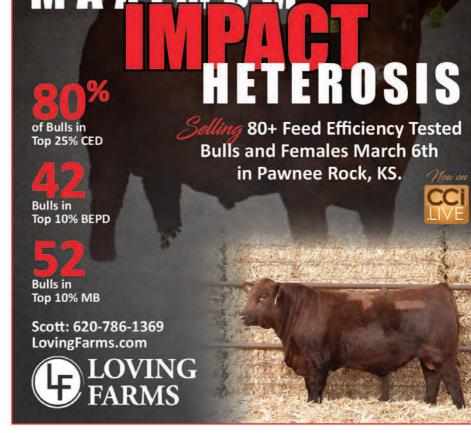
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Beverly Anderson, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest

Winner Beverly Anderson, Topeka: "I look forward to receiving the Grass & Grain each week so I can read the recipes. This recipe makes half of the original recipe. This is so easy and delicious for a quick meal."

DUMP & BAKE CHICKEN ALFREDO CASSEROLE (Original recipe from 12 Tomatoes)

2 cups Penne or Rotini pasta

16-ounce jar Alfredo sauce

1 cup chicken stock 1 garlic clove, minced

1-2 chicken breasts that have been cooked & chopped (or canned chicken is good)

Parmesan & mozzarella cheeses

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl mix together the uncooked pasta, Alfredo sauce, chicken stock, chicken and garlic. Pour into a greased 8-by-8-inch pan. Cover tightly with foil. Bake for 30 minutes. Uncover, stir, recover with foil and bake another 15 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle some Parmesan cheese across the top followed by some mozzarella cheese. Return to oven (uncovered) until it's bubbling and cheese is melted.

NOTE: I like to place this under the broiler for just a bit (watch carefully) to brown in a few spots. Enjoy!

CHERRY CHEESE PIE

8 ounces cream cheese 3 ounces cream cheese 1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

2 egg whites, stiffly beaten 1-pound can pitted tart red cherries

Few drops red food color 1/4 cup sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 graham cracker crust

Beat all the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Blend in 1/2 cup sugar and vanilla. Fold in beaten egg whites and spoon into crust. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 minutes or until filling is set. Drain cherries, reserving 1/2 cup juice. Combine juice, food color, 1/4 cup sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat until thick. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Arrange cherries over cheese filling. Spoon sauce over top of cherries. Chill in refrigerator.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: **CUSTARD PIE**

4 eggs

3/4 cup sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla 2 1/2 cups milk, scalded

1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Beat eggs slightly. Beat in sugar, salt and vanilla. Gradually add milk. Pour into pie shell. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in a 450-degree oven for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 15 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge of pie comes out 1 egg

Kellee George, Shawnee: clean. Cool on rack. Refrigerate if stored overnight.

> **Doris Shivers, Abilene: SOUR CREAM RAISIN PIE (Meringue)**

9-inch baked pie shell 1 tablespoon + 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch

1 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 1/2 cups dairy sour cream 3 egg yolks

1 1/2 cups white raisins (golden seedless) 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Brown sugar meringue: 3 egg whites 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar 6 tablespoons brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix cornstarch. sugar, salt and cinnamon in a 2-quart saucepan. Stir in sour cream. Stir in egg yolks, raisins and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. Pour into pie shell. Prepare brown sugar meringue by beating 3 egg whites and 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar until foamy. Beat in brown sugar 1 tablespoon at a time; continue beating until stiff and glossy. Do not overbeat. Beat in vanilla. Spoon brown sugar meringue to edge of

utes. Cool away from draft. Millie Conger, Tecumseh: APPLESAUCE RAISIN COOKIES

crust to prevent shrinking

and weeping. Bake until del-

icate brown, about 10 min-

3/4 cup shortening 1 cup brown sugar

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1/2 cup applesauce 2 1/4 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon cloves

1 cup raisins 1/2 cup nuts, chopped

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix shortening, sugar and egg. Stir in applesauce. Blend dry ingredients together and stir in. Mix in raisins and nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes or until lightly brown.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater. Oklahoma:

BLUEBERRY CAKE 2 cups flour

1 cup sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup butter

2 eggs

1/2 cup milk 1 teaspoon vanilla

1-pound 8-ounce can blueberry pie filling 1/4 cup sugar

Combine flour, 1 cup

sugar, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Reserve 1/2 cup. Beat eggs, milk and vanilla. Add to remaining crumb mixture; stir well. Spread in greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Combine pie filling and 1/4 cup sugar. Spread over the top of batter. Sprinkle with reserved 1/2 cup crumbs. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 45 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool.

Jackie Doud, Topeka: **HAMBURGER CASSEROLE**

3 medium potatoes, thinly sliced

1 pound hamburger 1 onion, chopped 1 can green beans, drained

& save liquid 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

1 can cream celery soup 1 cup grated cheese 1/4 cup liquid (from beans)

Saute onions and hamburger until it loses its color. Place potatoes in Top with meat. Add green beans. Sprinkle with garlic salt. Combine bean liquid with soup and pour over all. Sprinkle with cheese and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Popular Dining With Diabetes Course Now Offered Online

MANHATTAN - A popular diabetes education program that has helped hundreds of Kansans manage the disease since 2016 is now expanding its reach.

Dining with Diabetes, a series of four, two-hour classes taught by K-State Research and Extension agents in Kansas, was launched in February as an online course, with additional classes beginning in March.

"Even prior to the COVID pandemic, we had decided that we had an audience that wanted to have access to the program but in a remote, digital form," said Gayle Price, program director for Dining with Diabetes and an extension specialist at the Southeast Kansas Research-Extension Center in Parsons.

The online courses are self-paced, which means that participants can complete each of the four modules on their own time, during a five-week period. The lessons include presentations on: * Diabetes self-care or healthful food choices.

* 5-10 minute low-impact physical activity.

* Tasty, healthy and familiar foods.

* Cooking techniques using artificial sweeteners, reduced-fat foods, herbs and spices.

Food demonstrations, including healthy, diabetes-friendly recipes. "There is so much information that people get on the Internet or from well-meaning family and friends, but it's not always accurate," said Sara Sawer, the lead trainer and a family and consumer sciences agent in Sedgwick County. "Our information is evidence-based and we encourage healthy lifestyle changes, which might be picking one thing to work on until it becomes part of your routine."

In Kansas, 9.4% of adults have been diagnosed as having diabetes. It is the seventh leading cause of death in Kansas, and those with diabetes have medical expenses that are - on average – 2.3 times higher than those who don't have diabetes.

Nationally, 34.2 million people have diabetes, or about 1 in every 10 people in the U.S. Health officials estimate that 1 in 5 people don't know they have the disease. The risk of death for adults with diabetes is approximately 60% higher than for adults without diabetes, and the total medical costs, lost work and wages for people with diabetes tops \$327 billion annually.

"Diabetes is a public health epidemic," Sawer said. "It can be scary and overwhelming. So to have information that people can take and apply to their everyday lives is so important."

Dining with Diabetes is available to people beyond those diagnosed with pre-diabetes or Type II diabetes. Sawer notes that family members, caregivers and other support persons are encouraged to join the course.

Price added that the online courses provide a good opportunity $\;\;did\;\;we\;\;go\;\;from\;\;where$ for family members in separate locations to participate together.

People can log on at any time," Sawer said. benefit for those who are not able to get out because of the pandemic, but also for those who are working full time. This is more convenient for them. And it's beneficial for those who want the information on their own time and at their own pace. Some people learn better that way.'

The full list of online classes is available online. Interested persons can also contact their local K-State Research and Extension office for more information.

Links used in this story: Dining with Diabetes, www.k-state. edu/diningwithdiabetes; Online courses (including registration), https://noncreditksu.catalog.instructure.com/browse/k-state-globalcampusnoncreditprograms/ksre-noncredit; K-State Research and Extension local offices, https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/ about/stateandareamaps.html

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Mike and I are eighteen months apart; he struggled with speech as a child, so I tended to speak for him, we were inseparable. Four years after I was born along came another baby brother, Andy. Being thick as thieves we tended to not always want to include our "much" younger brother, so we generally opted to tell a greased casserole dish. him he was adopted and had him do the things we didn't want to do.

As we got older, we decided maybe he wasn't so bad and we started to include him a little bit more; of course it never hurt to have mom's favorite on your side. I think I also started to realize that he and I were incredibly alike, which of course caused some issues as we got older and more vocal about our opinions and general beliefs on everything.

Once out of college he moved in with me for a bit. We had a huge falling out, but it takes two to tango. We didn't talk other than general niceties for a few years, making nice for my mother's sake and sanity. He moved back in with my parents and I went on living my life. This past year when I sold my home, the time came that I was going to have to move somewhere until I found my next place to buy, and quite frankly home was the best option.

He volunteered to move to the basement, making the transition easier for my two cats and giving me my childhood room back. Going from complete freedom and independence to being back to being under my parents' roof was hard but what was harder was trying to navigate the relationship with Andy. Where we were? Him giving me back my safe spot in terms of my room was a grand gesture when it comes to him; I had to do my part.

If I held on, everyone was going to be miserable, literally all of us, clearly not fair to my parents especially seeing as they were allowing both of us to live there until we found our next places. Somewhere along the lines, we started to figure it out. I don't know that we will ever get back to the place that we were, but I think that is an important part of growing up, realizing that relationships change and that's okay. Through it all, I would have done anything for him and I guarantee you no one was going to do anything to him, no matter how much I might have disliked him at any given moment: family ties are strong. the 24th, he On

turned twenty-nine. As we say goodbye to twenty-eight and hello to twenty-nine, I can't help but to be reminded

of the journey it took to get here. So many great memories growing up, lots of laughter, adventures and overall shenanigans. There were also lots of tears, lots of velling, lots of screaming, but at the end of the day and forever the bottom line, he is my brother, forever and always, so happy birthday Andy. I hope this year is the best year yet!

CINNAMON LOAF Loaf:

3 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon baking

soda 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup unsalted butter, softened 3 cups sugar

6 eggs, room tempera-

ture 1 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons vanilla (yes tablespoons!)

3 tablespoons heavy Cinnamon Swirl:

2 tablespoons cinnamon 1/4 cup sugar Icing:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

2 ounces cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup heavy cream 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 1/2 cups powdered

sugar

Pinch of salt Preheat over to 350 degrees. Grease pan/ pans (I generally bake in small loaf pans). Over medium bowl, sift flour, soda and salt; set aside. Beat butter and sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time. Add sour cream, vanilla and heavy cream. Beat until combined. Slowly add in

flour mixture. Make swirl filling in separate bowl. Fill pan/pans about 1/3 full with batter. Sprinkle generously with swirl filling. Top with some more batter, be sure to leave room for it to rise (I generally leave about 1/2-1 inch from the top empty).

If baking one large loaf pan, bake for 50-70 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. For the smaller loaf pans, I start checking them around 30 minutes, just looking for a toothpick to come out clean. Let cool completely.

To make icing, beat butter and cream cheese. Add heavy cream, vanilla, powdered sugar and salt. Beat until combined. Spread over cooled loaves. Enjoy.

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

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Easy Meals For Two Or Just For You

By Cindy Williams, **Meadowlark Extension** District, Food, Nutrition, Health, and Safety

Do you feel like it just isn't worth the time it takes to prepare a meal for only one or two people? Do you find yourself settling for less healthy frozen dinners or take-out food more often than you would like? If so, you are answering "yes" to these questions. You may be selling yourself short. Try experimenting with the following tips designed to help you find the inspiration to prepare and enjoy healthy meals.... even when cooking for one or two. Remember, our health is important, and YOU are worth the effort!

Healthy Cooking: How to get started-

*Make a plan. Take time to jot down the week's menu and a shopping list. You'll find it makes your grocery shopping easier and ensure that you have everything you need when you're ready to cook.

*Stock your pantry. Keep canned vegetables. bean, fruits on hand for quick and healthy additions to meals. Consider whole grains, such as brown or wild rice, quinoa, barley, and pasta. Dried foods are easily portioned for one. More suggestions for pantry staples can be found at: https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/ ME3516.pdf.

*Take advantage of your freezer. Buy in bulk and freeze into smaller quantities that you can thaw and cook for one or two meals. You may be surprised to learn that you can freeze foods, including breads, meats, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nuts and seeds. Freezing keeps food fresh longer and helps prevent waste. For the best quality, freeze foods while it's fresh. Many items are sold in convenient re-sealable packages so you can use just what you need. More tips for staple items to keep in your freezer can be found at: https://www. bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/ pubs/MF3517.pdf

*Prepare one-dish meals. For quick and simple cooking, choose a dish that serves as the whole meal. Look for dishes that include items from several food groups, such as meats, whole grains, legumes and vegetables. Healthy examples include beef, barley and vegetable stew, chicken, vegetable and rice casserole, turkey and bean casserole, and vegetarian chili.

*Cook a batch and freeze into single portions. For example, make a casserole or stew and freeze the extra into individual-size servings. Then take out only the amount of food you need. You will need to experiment so that you don't have more leftovers than you can use. Be sure to write the date and contents on packages and move older packages forward as you add food to your freezer.

*Cook once, use twice. Plan meals so that you can use the extra food in new dishes. For example, cook

rice as a side dish for one meal, then use the remainder in a casserole. Bake chicken for a meal and use the leftovers in sandwiches or soup, or toss with greens, dried fruit and nuts for a tasty salad. Or make a meatloaf mixture and bake some as meatloaf and use the rest for meatballs that can be frozen and eaten later.

*Shop with convenience in mind. There will be days when you don't have the time or don't want to cook. So, plan ahead and keep on hand ready-to-eat, low-fat, reduced sodium canned soups and healthy frozen meals or prepackaged single-serving foods. The latter can be pricey, so stock up when you find

Healthy cooking: Making it fun-

Finding inspiration may be one of the biggest challenges when it comes to cooking for one. Fortunately, you can find a multitude of cookbooks about cooking for one or two people. Some even provide practical advice on such things as selecting healthy foods, planning menus. shopping and reading food labels.

Don't be afraid to mix things up and try a nutritious snack instead of a traditional meal when you're short on time or energy. For example, make a smoothie by blending fresh, frozen or canned fruit with low-fat yogurt or milk with ice. It's a great way to use up overripe fruit. Other snack-turnedmeal ideas are corn muffins served with apple and cheese slices, or fat-free refried beans mixed with salsa, a small amount of low-fat sour cream and baked tortilla chips.

Finally, why not treat yourself to company from time to time? Invite friends or relatives over to sample some of your home cooking. Or start with a cooking club — it's a great opportunity to try new recipes and have fun in the

Eating Right Is Good At Any Age

By Nancy Nelson,

Meadowlark District, Family Life The recently released Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025, provide direction for living healthy through all life stages, birth through adulthood.

Karen Blakeslee, food safety specialist, K-State Research and Extension, said the guidelines, announced in December 2020, mark the first time the governmental agency has devoted chapters to each life stage, including sections on infants and toddlers and women who are pregnant or lactating.

"We all can make changes to our dietary pattern that can be beneficial at any stage of life, infancy to older adulthood. The Dietary Guidelines take a lifespan approach to meet dietary needs at any age. Good nutrition during the first year of life helps set the foundation for healthy habits as children grow."

Blakeslee champions the phrase from the Dietary Guidelines, "Make Every Bite Count," as a way to good health throughout life. She offers four guidelines:

Eat a healthy diet throughout every life stage. Choose nutrient-dense

foods that fit your personal preferences, cultural traditions, and budget. Eat foods from each

food group that are nutrient-dense and within calorie Limit added sugars, satu-

rated fat, sodium, and alcoholic beverages.

She notes that those four principles can help reduce the incidence of chronic diseases that affect about 60% of Americans.

"Be intentional when making food choices to make every bite of food be the best that it can be for you. Food should be the primary source of nutrients, and including a variety of foods, each day helps meet your personal nutritional needs. Nutrient-dense foods have little to no added sugar, saturated fat, and sodium."

She notes that the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025 are not intended to be a rigid prescription for eating right, but they are a guide to make personal choices to meet your nutritional needs.



Time To Claim The Geezer?

By Lou Ann Thomas

My peers and I have a big milestone birthday approaching in the next year or so.

Milestone birthdays stopped being fun after I turned 21. They have all felt anti-climatic since then. It's difficult to outdo the birthday that ushered me to the world of legal drinking, gambling in Vegas and becoming an Uber driver. Of course, Uber drivers didn't exist when I turned 21, of which a young Millennial friend was happy to recently remind me.

My young friend often reminds me that I have left the world of relevancv and value and crossed the threshold into becoming a "Senior Citizen" and considered "elderly." Here we are, Baby Boomers, in that age demographic that feels like an afterthought - "65 and older." With that in mind, it is time for us to accept that we are no longer babies and start calling ourselves what we really now are - Geezer Boom-

In our society, and Western culture in general, we spend decades working and learning our craft, whether that is in welding or weaving or words. Then, as we begin to dream of a life filled with more freedom and fun, away from the daily grind, we find that life-

time of effort and experience holds little meaning for many of those coming along behind us.

It's we may have felt the same way when we were moving up the career ladder. Honestly, it has been so long ago I don't remember. And if that doesn't prove that in some ways I may be losing my edge, then I'm not sure what does. But, even if I am no longer the sharpest knife in the drawl, I still have plenty of sharpness left in me.

But, looking back, we blew it Boomers! As the then largest generation in history, we should have been focusing the last thirty or forty years on making aging cool and hip. We could have turned getting older into the best thing since sliced bread, or rotary dial phones, or for our whippersnapper friends, Uber drivers. We could have swung this around so that we could retire and still feel relevant and valued.

There are cultures where old age is honored and celebrated. Native American cultures respect their elders for their wisdom and life experience. In India elders are the head of the household and their advice is sought before all big decisions. And in Korea those turning 60 and 70 are celebrated with big celebratory parties. Turning 60 is called "Hwan-gap" and 70 is called "KohCui," which means "old and rare."

As I continue my trek onward, that's how I would like to be thought of - as old and rare. But, according to my young friend, I am half way there.

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Study shows grain exports support \$64.5 billion in economic output, 295,000 jobs

Access to international markets for U.S. grain supported an additional \$41.8 billion in business sales during 2018 over and above the value of the grain sold, according to a study commissioned by the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) and the National Corn Growers Association

(NCGA) - highlighting the importance of new market access and robust market development for the profitability of U.S. grain farmers.

The study - the fourth in a series conducted by Informa Economics/IHS Markit – pegged the direct value of U.S. corn,

distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS) and certain meat products at \$22.7 billion, for a total economic output of \$64.5 billion in 2018.

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This analysis and that preceding it based on 2014, make the case for trade as a top priority for U.S. agriculture and the new administration's outreach to the global community.

"Exports are a driver for our economy in general, but nowhere is that more important than in agriculture," said Ryan

works in more than 50 countries to build export markets for U.S. grains and grain products.

"We know that demand today from our overseas customers helps support price and basis for farmers throughout the United States. Demand tomorrow will come from the growing populations in Asia. Africa and Latin America. Putting a dollar figure to the impact that demand has here at home just highlights how important it is to keep working with our customers around the world."

The study showed in detail the importance of grains exports to the U.S. economy and jobs. It determined the export of grain products supported U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) by \$27 billion over what would have occurred without such exports, with roughly 295,000 jobs linked directly or indirectly to grain exports.

"This look at the economic contributions provided by each U.S. state and 52 Congressional districts will allow NCGA and our corn grower members to effectively demonstrate to lawmakers the need for policies that support U.S. agriculture's competitiveness around the world," said NCGA CEO Jon Dog-

U.S. food and agricul-

ture support up to 20 percent of all U.S. economic activity, making the industry one of the country's most important. The grain industry data show the positive impacts of grain exports extend well beyond the farm gate into wholesale trade, real estate, oil and natural gas extraction and pesticide and chemical manufacturing as well as local hospitals and restaurants supported

"Grains exports are a way to bring the wealth of the world home to U.S. farmers' local communities," LeGrand said. "We often tell our farmer members that the world is their market, and this study goes a long way to proving that.'

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Telling the story of trade's impact on the farm sector and the wider economy is a critical part of gaining support for trade policy enforcement and development as well as engagement with overseas customers.

"Agriculture trade is a great story for the American farmer. We're optimistic about the many opportunities to expand our trading relationships before us today that will continue to enable U.S. agriculture to be a vital part of the U.S. economy," Doggett said.



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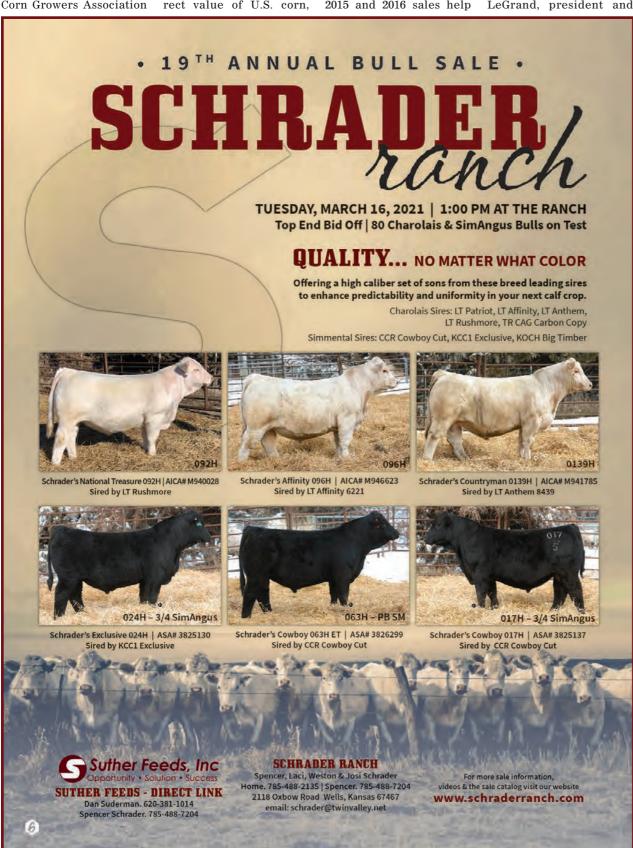
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Women Managing the Farm Conference provides resources for agricultural decision-makers

By Julia Debes

From homesteading the Kansas prairie to developing new ways to market products to today's consumers, women have played a critical role in the success of Kansas agriculture. The annual Women Managing the Farm Conference provides a supportive setting for women to develop the skills, resources and knowledge needed for success in a competitive agricultural environment.

"From day-to-day decisions to record-keeping and financial management, women are heavily engaged in American agriculture," said Marsha Boswell, a past conference chair and vice president of communications for Kansas Wheat. "The ultimate goal of the Women Managing the Farm Conference is to provide women with the tools they need to manage their farm

investment and thrive in rural communities."

Kansas is home to nearly 32,700 women agricultural producers, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Nationwide, 36 percent of U.S. farmers are women and more than half (56 percent) of all farms have at least one female decision-maker.

The Women Managing the Farm Conference, started in 2005, gathers these women farmers with rural business leaders and landowners for learning sessions and networking—this year in a virtual setting. Kansas Wheat was a gold sponsor for the event.

Over the three-day event from February 10-12, 2021, sessions discussed personal motivation, tractor and equipment maintenance, urban agriculture and inner-city food desserts, handling stress, entrepreneurship, grain and livestock mar-

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The conference kicked off with Matt Rush, an inspirational speaker and author, providing motivation to continue connecting and innovating with others in agriculture. Naomi Blohm, a specialist in helping farmers understand their cash marketing needs, broke down how farmers can better understand and manage their cash flow. LaVell Winsor, K-State farm analyst, and Robin Reid, K-State Extension farm economist, discussed how to determine the cost of production and strategies for developing and implementing a marketing plan. Mary Kay Thatcher, a former lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau

Federation who is now on the government relations team for Syngenta, provided insights on how the 2020 election will impact the agricultural industry.

New this year, the conference added a digital resource library of videos and materials to help put the ideas in these sessions into action in their operations and daily lives. Combined, these resources will provide support throughout the year for the women who work to continually advance American agriculture.

Keep up to date with Women Managing the Farm at Facebook.com/ WomenManagingtheFarm.

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In order to qualify for LIP payments, livestock owners must file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss first became apparent. It is critical producers take time- and date-stamped photos and/or videos of any livestock losses to meet the proper documentation requirements. It also is highly advised to record livestock losses in personal records. Contact the local Farm Service Agency office for more information.



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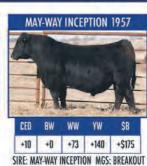
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Top-dressing wheat with nitrogen's amigos: chloride and sulfur

By James Coover, crop production agent, Wildcat and Southwind Extension District

The need for nitrogen in wheat is well known, but sulfur and chloride deficiencies are more com-

mon in than many farmers realize. Sulfur deficiency looks a lot like nitrogen deficiency and chloride deficiency looks just like a fungal disease, which is if either can be seen at all. While commonly associat-

sulfur as well. Note nearly everything in this article is similarly true for fescue pastures as well. Fescue forage yields have been shown to increase 500 to 800 pounds in research fields topdressed with sulfur in addition with nitrogen versus nitrogen alone.

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soils. No-till fields tend to

have more trouble with

Sulfur in Wheat

Sulfur requirements in wheat starts slow in the fall and early spring, but then takes off shortly after green-up. Deficiengen except the yellowing occurs in younger leaves rather than older leaves. The wheat will be stunted and spindly with slowed growth and fewer tillers. It can be difficult to measure sulfur in the soil in comparison to wheat needs, as sulfur deeper in soil might not be available to wheat roots, but a six-inch soil sample also won't tell the full presence of sulfur in the profile.

Sulfur, specifically plant available sulfate, is mineralized from the organic matter in the soil and is therefore is biologically tied to anything that slows down soil microbes. In early spring cold soil temperature is the main culprit for lack of biological sulfur. However saturated soil is another common microbial limiter due to the lack of oxygen that is required to breakdown organic matter. Saturated soil can also convert the sulfate to gaseous form much the same way as denitrification. In some extreme cases, excess nitrate can reduce the plant uptake of the sulfate that is

Besides organic matter breakdown, sulfur can also be found in subsoil accumulations. Being an anion like nitrates, it tends to leech down where it will hang out above an impermeable layer or combine with calcium as gypsum. Generally, sulfate leeches about half the speed of nitrates. While wheat roots can grow all winter long, wet winters and heavy clays means root growth occurs near the soil surface and won't reach down into the sulfur-laden subsoil in time.

Chloride in Wheat

Chloride is an anion like sulfate and nitrate, and will therefor leech, and has a gaseous form. However, it is more elusive than the other two as deficiency is often hidden. The benefits and yield improvement from top-dressing chloride are hidden as well but can be important for suppression of fungal diseases and enzyme production. Chloride deficiency looks very similar to a fungal problem with yellow spotting on the upper and lower leaves.

When wheat this spring don't forget about all three of the mobile soil nutrient amigos; nitrogen, sulfur, and chloride. Each have their roles in wheat development and can improve grain yields. Usually sulfur and chloride are fairly affordable because they are needed in small quantities and because they can be parts of other fertilizers. My general fertilizer philosophy is to feed the grasses (wheat, corn, sorghum) and let the soybean ride. In other words, use the fact that phosphorus application means nitrogen, potash means chloride, and while fertilizing. throw in the sulfur and zinc if needed. Once the pH is balanced and the P, K and zinc are at the agronomic optimum, the soybeans likely won't need any of the "three amigos" as it gets most of those needs from organic matter turnover.

For Extension information and publications on soil fertility, please give me a call at 620-724-8233 or email jcoover@ksu.edu.

Nominations sought for United Sorghum Checkoff program board

The Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, and Kansas Farm Bureau, in compliance with USDA Agricultural Marketing Service process, seeks candidates for the Sorghum Checkoff Board.

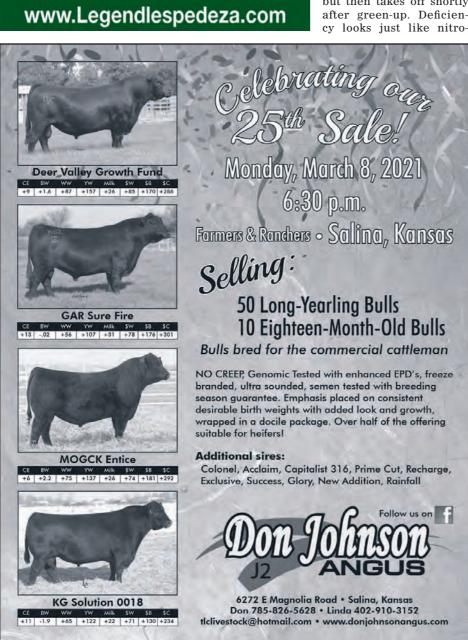
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They are conducting this search widely and seek assistance identifying any and all interested farmers who want to serve their industry.

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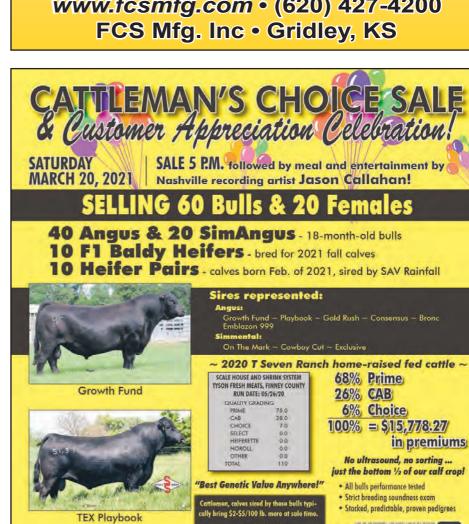
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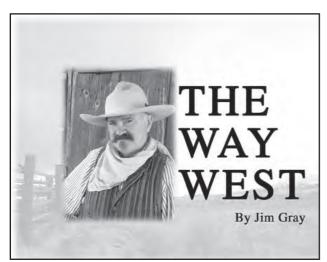
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In far western Kansas Pond's Creek Station was established near the confluence of Pond's Creek with the Smoky Hill River. The Colorado border was twenty-three miles to the west. David Butterfield passed over the line on the first coach to Denver, leaving Atchison September 11, 1865, and arriving in Denver on September 23rd.

Also in September Captain Dewitt C. McMichael led Company A, of the 13th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry to Pond's Creek. Forty-two troopers established Camp Pond Creek west of the confluence on the grass-covered bluffs overlooking the south fork of the Smoky Hill Trail, (southwest of present-day Wallace, Kansas.) The banks were perfectly suited to provide quick dugout shelter. Soon the soldiers of Camp Pond Creek assumed their military role of providing protection for the B.O.D.

Company I of the 1st U. S. Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Richard Musgrove, arrived at Camp Pond Creek on December 2, 1865. The 1st Infantry had been organized from Confederate prisoners of war, "Galvanized Yankees," who enrolled to serve in the west.

With winter rapidly setting in the 1st immediately began digging dugout quarters to shelter fifty men. The underground shelters were warm and relatively comfortable when the snow began to pile up. All traffic was brought to a standstill on the Smoky Hill Trail, including wagon trains scheduled to bring supplies to the isolated post. Captain McMichael or-

dered an evacuation of the camp on January 18, 1866. By late February winter weather warmed and the Galvanized Yankees prepared to return to Pond Creek. Company H, 2nd U.

S. Cavalry under the command of Captain Edward Ball arrived on March 8, 1866. Ball reported that the commissary had been nearly completed, and enough lumber was available to build storehouses. Captain Ball recommended the construction of company barracks, a mess room and kitchen, stables, officer's quarters and kitchen, guardhouse, and a combined blacksmith, carpenter, wheelwright shop. Under General Orders No. 50, issued April 18, 1866, the post was renamed Fort Wallace after General William Harvey Lamb Wallace who died from wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, in 1862. Captain

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a formal military post, therefore Bates relocated Fort Wallace two miles to the east on the north bank of the Smoky Hill River. Civilian workers were employed to cut stone from a nearby quarry to begin construction of officer's quarters, company quar-

ters, and stables. Fort Wallace witnessed a long line of officers who passed through the post. On October 8, 1866, the arrival of 2nd Lieutenant Frederick H. Beecher marked one of the most significant tours of duty by any officer associated with Fort Wallace. As acting assistant quartermaster, Beecher was charged with the responsibility of designing and constructing the post. In November Captain Miles Keogh, Company I, 7th U. S. Cavalry assumed command and with Beecher helped

Grass & Grain, March 2, 2021 shape Fort Wallace into "one of the finest looking posts west of Fort Riley.'

The post would ultimately accommodate five hundred troops, but its presence in the heart of Indian country only served to represent invasion to the native tribes. Twenty-three miles to the west on the Colorado border, Butterfield's Overland Despatch had established Blue Mound stage station in the middle of the sacred Big Timbers of the Smoky Hill River. From a distance the grand cottonwood trees that shaded the wide river valley gave the appearance of a dark hill rising from the valley floor. "Blue Mound" was certainly an inspiring vista to behold on the vast treeless prairies of the great plains. Unfortunately, Fort Wallace contractors saw only eas-

ily procured lumber and firewood. Frontiersman "Uncle Dick" Wooten recalled in a memoir that when they found their old campground with scarcely a tree standing, they, "put on their war paint and declared that for every tree the white man had cut down, they would kill a white man..." And that was so, for in a few short years the post came to be known as "The Fightingest Fort in the West." Inevitably the clash of two wildly divergent cultures changed the course of history on The Way West.

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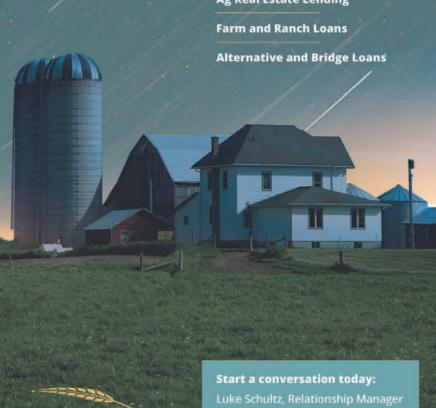
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Tickets on sale March 6 for Symphony in the Flint Hills signature event

Symphony in the Flint Hills Signature Event will go on sale at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 6. The annual event featuring worldclass music and nature will take place on North Lakeview Pasture in Morris County on June 12.

Coinciding with the 200th anniversary of the start of the Santa Fe Trail, and held just outside the historic trail town of Council Grove, the 16th annual event will feature presentations and activities commemorating the history of the trail. The day's festivities will also include food and beverage, prairie walks, story circle with cowboy poetry, the sunset concert by the Kansas City Symphony and stargazing. BNSF Railway is the event's Major Presenting Sponsor for the seventh year in a row.

"We're excited to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe

where the trail rolled through Council Grove. Visitors can tour the area's historic sites, then rendezvous on the prairie for our roundup of tallgrass heritage, beauty and a spectacular Kansas sunset accompanying the Kansas City Symphony," said Julie Hower, board chair for Symphony in the Flint Hills.

General admission tickets will go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6 and can be purchased online. Tickets are \$95 plus taxes and fees for adults and \$50 plus taxes and fees for children 12 and under. Patron packages and sponsorships are also available for the VIP experience. Call 620-273-8955 for details.

This year's Signature Event is celebrating a much-anticipated return after weather and COVID-19 canceled the 2019 and 2020 events. Organizers

are taking precautions and are working with public health officials and following the guidance of experts to provide the safest environment for guests. As the date of the event gets closer, more information will be shared regarding the event's health safety management plan. In addition, if inclement weather cancels the weekend events completely, GA ticket holders will be eligible for a refund.

"Due to the unwavering encouragement of our Major Presenting Sponsor, BNSF Railway, volunteers, ticketholders, patrons, sponsors, and prairie enthusiasts, we are gearing up for the Signature Event where we will celebrate music, art and these beautiful Kansas Flint Hills. We can't wait to get out of our homes and back to our 'Home on the Range," said Hower.

For more information SymphonyInThe-FlintHills.org.

Gov. Kelly, Department of **Agriculture announce \$12** million in grants strengthened Kansas' food supply system

Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Department of Agriculture announced that the COVID Relief Fund (discretionary CARES Act funding allocated to Kansas) supported nearly \$12 million of grants to help secure local food systems.

"Agriculture is and always will be the backbone of the Kansas economy," Kelly said. "The pandemic underscored how critical it is that we protect our food supply system, as our agriculture workers have kept food in stores and on tables across our state and nation during the worst public health crisis in a

The program, administered by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and initially supported by the Kansas Department of Commerce, focused on providing grants to Kansas-owned food-related businesses to increase capacity, including expansion of facilities, new equipment and technology to improve business resilience, and support to ensure worker safety and social distancing guidelines.

There were 257 grantees across 80 counties. Types of businesses that received grants included slaughter and other food processing facilities, direct-to-consumer food businesses, grocery stores, farmers' markets, food pantries, and more.

As a result of this grant. the Journey Bible Church in Johnson County was able to upgrade its kitchen to commercial grade status to reach the increased needs in their community.

"It has gone so well.

we have launched The Kindness Kitchen to serve hundreds of meals each week to families in need!' said Brandon Champagne. Community Impact pastor.

The grant also helped Hillside Honey in Eaton. A veteran- and family-owned business, Hillside Honey was able to expand its production footprint and convert an old football field into garden acreage for year-round production. Cedar Vale Locker and Alta Vista Locker, both meat processors, were able to add employees to increase processing capac-

"These grants have already made a significant impact across the state, as local Kansas businesses and nonprofits have expanded their capacity in simple and concrete ways. and have been able to turn the table on their business model to change the way they interact in their delivery of goods to Kansans," Agriculture Secretary Mike Beam said.



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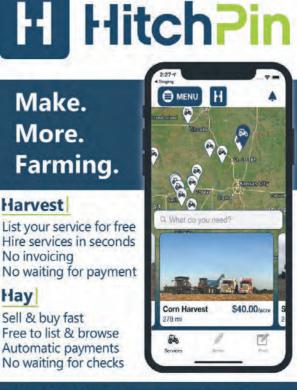
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Timed Online, No Reserve Harvester Auction (bidding will begin closing March 3 at 10 AM) — Tractors, combines, trucks & semis, trailers, camper & more farm items (items located near Minneapolis, KS) for Cline Harvesting. Auctioneers: Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC (www. SullivanAuctioneers.com & Proxibid.com).

Timed Online, No Reserve Machinery Estate Auction (bidding will begin closing March 4 at 10 AM) — Tractors, combines, corn heads, air seeder, feed trucks semis, trailers & more farm items (items located near Hoxie, KS) for Raymond "Butch" Minium Estate. Auctioneers: Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC (www.SullivanAuctioneers.com & Proxibid.com).

Online Auction (opens March 4 & closes March 10) — Collectibles including pocket knives, jewelry, Corgi American Fire Engine Classics, vintage toys, modern & vintage furniture, riding mower, vintage & newer tools & more held online for Slagle Estate. hollingerauction.hibid. com/auctions/current. Auctioneers: Hollinger Online Auction.

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 AnnualLyons 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 consisting 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 equipment auction consisting of tractors, telehandler & forklift, harvesting equipment, semi trucks, truck & trailers, trailers, farm equipment, irrigation items, livestock items, vehicles & more farm items,

ATVs held at Leoti for Area Farmers. Auction-

eers: Berning Auction, Inc. March 6 — Household, tools & Brewania memorabilia held at Manhattan for Dustyn Swinney. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

March 6 — Furniture, antiques, primitives & collectibles including pictures, advertising pieces, glassware, fancywork, kitchengraniteware, wares, crocks, household, yard items & more, held at Portis for Julie Dauber Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

March 6-176.27 acres m/l of Pottawatomie County Grassland consisting of clean Native Grass with approx. 25 acres brome grass, 2 small wooded areas for wildlife habitat, 3 ponds, potential building site held at Blaine for Donald E. McLaughlin Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 6 — Advertising signs & petroleum items, collectibles, slot machine & much more held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

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

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

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 — Loving Farms Bulls & Females Sale held at Pawnee Rock,

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

at Pomona. Online Coin Auction (begins closing March 10. 2 PM) — 300+ lots consisting of coins & paper currency, military knives & bayonets, miscellaneous military items, ammo & hunting, jewelry & more. Go to www.GriffinRealEstateAuction.com. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 10 — Tractors, combines, cultivator, tools held at Arkansas City for Mike Musson & Chris Copeland. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions, Ken Patterson & Rick Hopper.

March 11 — Bred Cow & Heifer, Cow/Calf sale consisting of cow/calf families, bred cows held at Beatrice 77 Livestock, Beatrice, Ne-

braska. March 13 — 35th Annual Concordia Optimist Consignment Auction consisting of farm machinery, trailers, lawn mowers & yard equipment, quality toy tractors & trucks, cattle equipment, office equipment, misc. equipment, ATVs & motorcycles, miscellaneous, 13 stationary motors held at Concordia. Auctioneers: Thummel Auction.

March 13 — Large 2-Ring Auction consisting

of Car (2015 GMC Terrain SLT), truck (2012 Chevy Silverado 1500 LTZ), 2008 Honda Foreman 4-wheeler, 1947 8N Ford tractor, implements, lawn & garden, very large amount of Hand & Power Tools, antiques & collectibles of all kinds, coins, guns, furniture, appliances, household & more held at Bern for Robert E. Reist

Estate. Auctioneers: Jur-

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tioneers. March 13 — Nice large amount of guns, advertising signs, posters, prints, oil & gas advertising, bear traps, hunting & fishing items, Western collectibles, advertising clocks (all in working order), tins, windmill weights, salesman sample, pedal cars & many other fine collectibles held near Strong City for a private seller. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction

March 13 — 1969 Chev. C20 8/350 Collector Truck, 94K orig. mi., 1 owner; 1996 Toyota Tacoma SX 4x4 truck, 12' V-btm alum. fishing boat w/trailer, JD 317 lawn tractor & mores, lots of woodworking tools, collectibles including advertising, glassware, comics, furniture & more held at Lawrence for Don Nelson Living Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

& Real Estate, Paul Han-

March 13 — Antique tractors & equipment, hit & miss motors, historical items from the Horton, KS area, tools, lawn mowers, antiques & much more miscellaneous held at Horton for Otho & the Late Kay Stevens. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction, Jeff Hoffman.

March 13 — Mechanics Tools & Equipment auction held at Home City for Bob Oliver (Owner, Oliver Transmission). Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sand-

March 13 — Wabaunsee County Land auction offers 76.5 acres m/l of Flint Hills pasture, pond, fully fenced held at Alma for Jeannine McClellan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 13 — Farm machinery including 2000 Cat Challenger 55 tractor. 1980 JD 4440 tractor, 1960 JD 4010 w/front loader, 1997 JD 9500 combine & more; also trucks, livestock equipment, antique windmill, grain facilities, shop items & miscellaneous held near Chanute for Hugo Spieker. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auction & Realty, Mark Garretson, Truston Garretson and Larry Marshall.

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

March 13 — 10th annual May-Way Farms Production Sale selling yearling registered Angus bulls & registered females held at Baldwin City.

March 13 — Annual Bull & Female Sale held at the ranch at Belvue for Jones Family Angus. Selling 18-month-old & yearling bulls, fall pairs, spring heifer pairs, bred heifers, yearling heifers.

March 13 - Premium Genetics Bull Sale selling Simmental, Sim-Angus, Red Angus, Angus for Dikeman Simmental and Huninghake Angus Ranch, 1 p.m. in Wamego.

March 17 - Cline Cattle Sale selling bulls & heifers held at Manhattan.

March 20 — Vehicles including 2006 Pontiac GT6, 1950 Ford 4 door, 1967 Chevrolet 2 door Corvair, 1988 Ford Bronco II & more, tractors including Farmall steel wheel F12, 2 steel wheel F 12 tractors, primitives, collectibles & more held at Lincoln for Mike Simmons Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction,

County Land auction sold in 2 tracts. Tract 1: 60 ac. m/l of productive cropland; Tract 2: 77 ac. m/l cultivated cropland, waterway with balance grassland held at Goessel for Lavern A. & Jane E. Schroeder Revocable Trust. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

March 20 - Service truck, auto trailer, welders, sets of tractor tires, tire machine, lots of parts & attachments, boxes of parts, service and operator manuals & much more held at Wamego for Kan-Equip, Inc. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 20 - 200 acres Washington County land held at Hollenberg for the Estate of Lavonne Germeroth. Auctioneers: Land Auction by Bott Realty & Auction.

March 20 - Old farm machinery, vehicles, iron, primitives, household held at Hollenberg for the Estate of Lavonne Germeroth. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.

March 20 - 2.1 acres w/4 bedroom home held at Hollenberg for the Estate of Lavonne Germeroth. Auctioneers: Real Estate Auction by Bott Realty & Auction.

Farm & Ranch Consignment auction held at New Strawn. Richard Newkirk, sales manager. Auction eers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

miscellaneous, household & more held at Beloit for Kenny Stegmaier Estate. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer Auction & Realty Es-

March 20 - Marion

March 20 - New Strawn

trucks, trailers, livestock

equipment, farm tools & miscellaneous held at Durham for consignments in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction, Lyle Leppke, Roger Hie-

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 highback 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 including appliances, furniture, household, collectibles, lawn & garden/tools 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.

March 27 – New Haven Angus Production Sale held at Leavenworth.

March 27 — Davis Prairie Star Show Goat Sale held at Madison.

April 10 — Real Estate & personal property consisting of furniture, collectibles & household held at Marysville for Darrell & Marjorie Cudney Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

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

April 13 — 197.4 acres m/l if Geary County farmland & cropland held at Junction City for Allen R. Kamm Trust. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home. Jeff Dankenbring & Mark Uhlik.

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

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ing Mower; push mowers; front-

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of next fall's overcrowded

A dilemma, some would

weaner crop.

But does knowing the decreased value of beef make a cowman think less of that heifer in trouble or that new calf layin' in the straw? Does her dollar price somehow affect her value as a creation? As a work of art planned, worked on and created by a cowman, a cow and God?

Does the price of a first calf heifer affect a cowman's responsibility to her well-being? Does his effort, concentration and skill decrease when she's calving as the market price decreases? Does he try harder to get a live calf if she's worth more at the sale?

These questions are best answered, not philosophically or hypothetically, but in reality. At 3:00 a.m. when you hook the chains to newborn feet and start to pull, does cost cross your mind? When you rub the calf down and push him under her flank

do you see dollar signs? When you gaze over the turn-out field and see cows grazing contentedly while calves chase each other around 'em, do you get a good feeling? Smile maybe, and relax for a moment, thankful all is well? Or are you too occupied with their price to appreciate what you're seeing?

The dilemma I'm presenting really isn't much of a problem for most cow people I know. The calving barn is a long way in time and miles and thought from the auction ring.

After all, we tend to our flocks in bad weather, hard

times, illness, chapped hands, achin' backs, mad patients and yes, bad mar-

I think when we lay down in the straw or mud behind a heifer needin help, the price per pound is the fauthest thing from our mind. So, in spite of all the well-meaning (and correct) consultants who keep reminding us that what we do is a business, it is also, beyond any doubt, a way of life.

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the beef checkoff

By Hugh Sanburg, 2021 chair, Cattlemen's Beef **Board and Colorado**

cow-calf producer With the holidays now far behind us, few people are giving thought to the cozy evening they likely spent watching It's a Wonderful Life. For those unfamiliar with the 1946 classic film, the main character's guardian angel reveals what the world would be like without him.

Fast-forward to 2021 and the current chatter surrounding the Beef Checkoff. Certain interest groups have launched a full-court press to - in their own words - call for "an up or down vote on the termination" of the 35-year-old program.

But what would the cattle industry look like without the Beef Checkoff, whose entire mission is beef promotion, research and education?

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During this lingering pandemic, how much worse might things be without Checkoff-funded efforts driving consumer demand for beef? Could average, family-run operations purchase advertising as effective as "Beef. It's What's For Dinner."? Could they sponsor sustainability or nutrition research to inform consumers about the positive attributes of beef? Could they operate in foreign markets to sell more American beef overseas?

And it's not just national programming that would vanish with the dissolution of the Checkoff. In 2020, 44 states received Checkoff revenue for local-level beef programming. Of those 44, only 15 currently have their own state Checkoff assessment to keep their work afloat. Stated plainly, if the national Checkoff went away, most state beef councils

would have very limited resources for funding their own local beef initiatives.

In the field of physics, there's a saying: "Nature abhors a vacuum." Those who argue against the Beef Checkoff have not suggested an alternative to address the void its termination would create. In the 1970s and 1980s, it took producers about ten years and two failed referendum votes to create the Beef Checkoff. Even if a replacement program could be crafted and adopted within a similar timeframe (which is uncertain given the external forces working to weaken or end the animal protein markets), what would happen in the intervening decade without funding for strategic and coordinated promotion, research and education about beef? There's little doubt that other proteins would step in to fill

the void. If the Checkoff were not out there promoting beef, who would?

It's important to remember that the producer-run Beef Checkoff does not and cannot control the markets. What it can do is support producers in a lot of positive ways - and it does. For example, Checkoff contractors' efforts have helped increase beef's protein market share by 4 percentage points since March 2020 (Source: IRI data analytics and market research). The Cattlemen's Beef Board's 2020 Annual Report has just been released and articulates the many creative ways producers' Checkoff dollars have been hard at work. You can read the report in its entirety at BeefBoard. org, then decide for yourself whether life would truly be better without the Beef Checkoff.

Farmers & Ranchers **AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY**

Selling Cattle every Monday Hog Sales on 2nd & 4th Monday of the month only!

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK: 6,774 CATTLE. 100 HOGS

14 blk

7 blk

17 mix

17 mix

Wilson

Salina

Hutchinson

Great Bend

500-600		\$163.00 - \$173.00	17 IIIIX	Sallia	007 @ 123.30	
600-700		\$157.00 - \$167.00	10 blk	Abilene	950@119.75	
700-800		\$145.00 - \$155.25	12 mix	Durham	986@114.50	
800-900 \$133.00 - \$143.00			MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021			
900-1,00		\$118.00 - \$128.60	_	HOGS		
	HEIFI		3 sows	Tescott	492@61.50	
400-500		\$147.00 - \$157.00	32 fats	Tescott	319@52.00	
500-600		\$147.00 - \$157.00	2 fats	Esbon	293@51.00	
600-700		\$127.00 - \$137.50	6 fats	Esbon	268@50.00	
700-800		\$121.00 - \$131.00		CALVES		
800-900		\$117.00 - \$127.00	1 red	Kansas City MO	180@310.00	
900-1,00	0	\$109.00 - \$119.75	1 blk	Gypsum	75@300.00	
			1 bwf	Hoisington	155@300.00	
THUR	SDAY, FEBI	RUARY 25, 2021	1 bwf	Kansas City, MC	150@300.00	
	STEE		1 blk	Gypsum	120@275.00	
2 blk	Brookville	383@202.00	2 blk	Glasco	90@260.00	
9 blk	Salina	410@195.00	1 bwf	Gypsum	75@23500	
26 blk	Salina	575@175.00	1 bwf	Clearwater	70@225.00	
7 blk	Brookville	566@175.00		BULLS		
3 mix	Geneseo	550@173.00	1 blk	New Cambria	1855@106.50	
12 mix	Longford	601@171.50	1 blk	Oak Hill	1950@106.00	
13 blk	Gypsum	652@168.00	1 blk	Glasco	2525@103.50	
11 blk	Mt. Hope	602@167.00	1 blk	Wilsey	1850@102.50	
10 red	Holyrood	654@164.50	1 red	Oak Hill	1505@102.00	
22 char	Haven	650@163.00	1 blk	Minneapolis	2030@102.00	
13 mix	Longford	700@155.25	1 char	Haven	1950@100.00	
46 mix	Gypsum	706@148.25	1 blk	Salina	1725@99.50	
33 mix	Carlton	758@146.50	1 blk	Gypsum	2030@99.50	
8 mix	Minneapolis	801@143.00	1 blk	Hutchinson	1775@99.00	
33 mix	Miltonvale	745@142.50	1 blk	Wilson	1995@98.50	
30 blk	Wilson	794@141.50	1 blk	Gypsum	1630@98.00	
11 blk	Longford	811@138.50	I DIK	COWS	1030@30.00	
62 blk	Gypsum	879@136.60	1 bwf	Gypsum	1490@78.50	
11 bwf	Culver	826@136.00	1 blk	Concordia	1360@76.50	
20 blk		868@134.00	1 blk		1315@75.00	
	Gypsum Hutchinson	945@133.00		Gypsum Lorraine	1590@74.50	
3 char			1 red 1 blk		1340@73.00	
41 mix	Great Bend	899@133.00		Lindsborg		
18 mix	Hope	869@131.50	1 red	Wilsey	1345@72.00	
62 mix	Enterprise	897@130.00	1 blk	Gypsum	1345@72.00	
15 blk	Abilene	933@129.75	1 blk	McPherson	1238@71.50	
61 blk	Hope	877@129.00	1 blk	Minneapolis	1208@71.00	
61 mix	Hope	919@128.60	1 blk	Atlanta	1120@70.50	
23 mix	Glasco	924@128.50	2 red	Galva	1305@70.50	
109 mix	Longford	934@128.00	1 red	Hillsboro	1470@70.50	

UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES 2021:

1 blk

1 blk

1 blk

1 blk

2 red

1 blk

3 red

7 bblk

Hutchinson

Scott City

Concordia

Brookville

Partridge

Partridge

Kansas City, MO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

BRED HEIFERS

Salina

1285@70.00

1420@69.50

1645@69.50

1035@69.00

1228@69.00

1665@69.00

@1500.00

@1575.00

All Sales are Tuesday at 11 AM

COW SALES: Tuesday, February 16 • Tuesday, March 16 • Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday, May 4

986@127.00

958@124.00

1052@124.00

454@167.00

496@160.00

516@157.00

442@157.00

555@157.00

598@147.00

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
 - Heavy Duty 5000# Grain Tote

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!

	REPLACEMENT			Nebraska	5yr@1650.00
20 red	Holyrood	738@1100.00	9 red	Jewell	heifers@1525.00
13 blk	Manhattan	787@985.00		BRED	COWS
8 blk	Gypsum	797@975.00	11 blk	Mankato	3-5 yrs@1725.00
15 blk	Holyrood	765@960.00	13 bwf	Concordia	5 yr@1700.00
15 blk	OakHill	713@950.00	17 blk	Mankato	3-5 yr@1700.00
40 blk	Wakefield	690@950.00	25 blk	Concordia	5 yr@1625.00
	PAIR	RS	24 blk	Gypsum	3-5yr@1625.00
13 red	Kansas City,	MO4-5yr@2150.00	10 char	Salina	4-5yr@1600.00
22 red	Kansas City,	MO4-5yr@2100.00	21 red	Gypsum	3-4yr@1585.00
21 blk	Kansas City,	MO4-5yr@2100.00	45 blk	Salina	4 yr@1585.00
9 blk	Marion	5yr@2075.00	16 red	Wakeeney	3-4yr@1535.00
8 blk	Marion	5yr@2050.00	10 blk	Concordia	6 yr@1525.00
9 blk	Partridge	heifers@1975.00	16 blk	Atlanta	3-5 yr@1525.00
12 blk	Partridge	heifers@1975.00	15 wf	Salina	4-5 yr@1500.00
9 blk	Partridge	heifers@1975.00	6 blk	Scott City	6-7yr@1260.00
8 red	Kansas City,	MO4-5yr@1950.00	12 blk	Concordia	7-8yr@1225.00
13 blk	Kansas City,	MO4-5 yr@1900.00	16 blk	Concordia	broken@1100.00
21 blk	Kansas City,	MO4-5yr@1800.00			

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

65 hfrs blk 700-800 HR/LTW/open; 30 &SH 700-800 vacc/Nov weaned; 80 hfrs blk 750-825 HR/LTW/2rd vacc; 45 mix strs 750-800 HR/LTW; 30 mostly blk S&H 600 2rd/LTW/bunk&wire broke; 14 S&H 600 blk LTW/vacc/Gtd open/No Implants; 30 strs 500-900 HR/LTW/hay fed; 60 mostly blk strs 850-875 NS; 60 charx S&H 600-800 HR/LTW/char sired; 120 strs 700-800; 50 S&H 400-800 LTW/vacc/HR/pff wheat/bunk broke

SPECIAL COW SALE: TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

BRED COWS/COW PAIRS

- 27+27 blk pairs 3n1 packages bred back to blk optimizer bull
- 9+9 blk pairs 2-9yrs angus calves

Kansas City, MO4-5yr@1775.00

- 4 bred cows bred to angus 4 yr old
- 20+20 angus cows 3yrs 2nd calves Al sired calves
- 12+12 red angus 3-5yrs sired calves REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

120 blk hfrs sim/ang home raised OCHV pelvic measured pre breeding

- vacc reputation herd **HEIFER PAIRS** 30+30 blk hfrs sim/ang calves OCHV November calves, calves worked
- **BULLS** 3 fall angus bulls 18 months semen checked sired by wisdom broker

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