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“Fancy Lady Cowgirl” shares message of inclusiveness in advocating for ag

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

The Women Managing the Farm Conference, held February 9-11 in Manhattan, was a bit of a homecoming for keynote speaker Courtenay DeHoff, the “Fancy Lady Cowgirl.” DeHoff was raised near Tonganoxie, went to college at Oklahoma State University, and is now a network television personality in Dallas, as well as a popular speaker and podcast host. DeHoff is a staunch advocate for agriculture, but she’s quick to admit that wasn’t always the case, and the journey back to her roots was full of twists and turns.

“I went to OSU to major in rodeo,” DeHoff said. “But as it turned out, I also had to declare a major and get a degree.” She had a friend that was an ag communications major and enjoyed it. “I thought it was perfect, it would be easy and I’d have time to rodeo.” One of the requirements at OSU was that she complete an internship to graduate. “I thought if I could get the internship done in the first semester of freshman year, it would be done and out of the way and I could go to more rodeos,” she stated. “So I stumbled into a TV station. I had no intention of ever getting into television, but I remember I walked into this TV station, and the lights in my face, there was just something about it that I loved.”

She did a six-week internship with an executive producer who said he was going to turn her into a great storyteller. Working on the show *Oklahoma Horizon*, she discovered she loved telling stories. The internship ended, but they never asked her to return her station key card. So she kept going into the station to work. “When people ask me how did a little cowgirl from Tonganoxie, Kansas end up on network television, I think of that key card and I think to myself, I just kept showing up. And when I think about agriculture, when I think about life in general, especially as women in ag, what do we do? We just keep showing up.” Eventually, the executive producer noticed her continued presence at the station and approached her. “He said, ‘I’ve noticed that you just keep showing up,’” she recalled. “I don’t think you can do that, I think it might be illegal for you to continue to come here and work, so I guess I’ll start paying you.” And that’s how I got my first job in TV. I just kept showing up.”

After graduation from OSU, as she was working at the station in Stillwater, she received a call from Nashville, Tennessee, a top-25 market. “So I

packed my bags and moved to Nashville,” she said. Despite warnings from her executive producer in Stillwater that television is an extremely volatile competitive industry that requires a lot of grit, DeHoff found she didn’t care for it. “I was getting to do some very cool stuff. They were flying me to places like Calgary to interview world champion ropers at the Calgary Stampede. I was on an airplane five days a week. It was cool. But man, I really hated it.”

“I lasted at my first big-kid job exactly one year and I quit,” she described. “I gave my two weeks notice and I quit the very first big break I was ever given.”

“In agriculture, we are raised to be really tough and we don’t give up and we don’t quit,” she continued. “Man, I quit, I got out of there.” She moved back in with her parents in Kansas, which she confessed was rough on her ego, moved to Europe for a time, then came back and was ready to get her next job. She knew she would need an agent and started trying to find one. Most wouldn’t even take her calls. But the ones that did, after watching her demo tape, told her that in order to be successful in the major markets, to be taken seriously as a television host, she would have to leave her cowgirl image behind. “I’m 23, living with my parents,” she recalled. “I feel like I’ve already failed in the world of television, so I thought, okay, if that’s what it takes to follow my dream and do what I want to do, that’s what I’ll do. I took the cowboy hat off and put it in the closet. I didn’t put cowboy boots on in public for ten years.” She admits that looking back, it’s embarrassing to have quit agriculture for a decade. “But I know that’s part of my journey,” she said.

She got a job at the CBS affiliate in Kansas City then went on to land a network hosting job in Dallas. It was there that a phone call from her mother changed everything. Her mom told her of the wildfires raging in Ashland, Kansas that no national media outlets were even covering. DeHoff wrote up a pitch for her executive producer, who was always charging them with finding stories that no one else was telling. She pitched it from the angle that we all eat, and that makes agriculture an important topic for everyone, even if they live in the big cities.



Courtenay DeHoff, who was raised in Leavenworth County and is now a television personality in Dallas, was the keynote speaker for the Women Managing the Farm Conference in Manhattan.

She emailed the pitch to her boss, then waited for a response. In the open space of the news room, she could see her at her computer and knew she had received the email, yet there was no reply. Finally she just asked her if she had seen it. Her boss stood up, put her hands on her desk and said, “Need I remind you, Courtenay, this is a news network. Stop bringing me your little cowgirl problems.”

“It was like you punched me in the gut,” DeHoff said. “Just like that, the little cowgirl that I had tried so hard to push away for ten years, oh, she came out and she was not pleased.”

However, with no resources, no way to get to Ashland, no crew or even a camera, what could she do? She got on social media and began pulling photos and videos people had taken of what was happening and used them to tell the story. “But the story I told wasn’t of how many acres had been burned or how many head of cattle had died,” she reflected. “The story I told was the story of the people.” She

showed how farmers and ranchers around the country came together to help the people affected by the wildfires, bringing in truckloads of hay, feed and fencing supplies. She posted it to her Facebook page with no real expectations, then awoke to discovered it was being widely shared and the view count rose to over one and a half million. “That was the wake-up call that this girl needed,” she said. “Just because some agent in New York or L.A. had told me that these were not stories worth telling, didn’t mean he was right. That story changed everything because that was when I finally stepped into who I really was. I’m a cowgirl first and foremost. I’m a woman in agriculture. I wasn’t necessarily living in rural America or working day to day in ag, but I was a woman in ag, I was a woman on the farm.”

She started telling more and more of this kind of story, even though her producer was convinced they needed to be on the air. So she told them on her Facebook page. Then one day an agriculture organization contacted her

Photo by Donna Sullivan

and asked her to speak. More organization called and began to feel she’d finally found her calling. “I’m getting to work in TV and tell these ag stories,” she said. “It was great... until it wasn’t.”

One day she posted a photo of herself in a New York subway, all dressed up as she headed to Fashion Week, a series of events in which international fashion collections are on display for the buyers, the press and the public. Soon the messages started pouring in. “We thought you were a real cowgirl,” “You’re a fraud,” “We’ve been sharing your stories but you don’t even live in rural America. You couldn’t possibly know what we’re going through.”

“I’d be lying if I said it didn’t knock me down,” DeHoff said. “Here I’d been speaking on behalf of ag, fighting to get these stories on the news, but the minute they realized I didn’t look the part, the minute I didn’t live where I was supposed to live, I suddenly wasn’t qualified to tell them. I finally got the courage to be in ag, finally thought I had found

my space in agriculture, as a woman in ag, as a woman on the farm. But now my own community, my people are telling me I don’t quite measure up.”

DeHoff said she took a couple of weeks to “lick her wounds,” then posted the same photo again, this time accompanied with a lengthy comment. “Really, if I’m being honest, it was cheaper than therapy and I felt like I needed to vent,” she laughed. “I said, ‘Look, you can be both a fancy lady and a cowgirl. You can live in the largest cities in America and still advocate for agriculture. You do not have to be fourth, fifth or sixth generation to be incredibly valuable to this space. You can step into this industry as a first generation and change the narrative. At the very bottom I wrote #fancylady-cowgirl. Because I decided I am going to be both. I’m going to be a fancy lady who lives in the city and hangs out with celebrities and tells their stories and gets to do really cool, fancy things. But I’m a cowgirl first and foremost, always. I’m a Fancy Lady Cowgirl.’”

The post resonated with women everywhere, and the comments began pouring in. “What I discovered, much to my shock, is that there are so many women who have been made to feel like they don’t measure up because of our gender or we weren’t born into the industry, maybe because we do things a little different. Stuff that is so trivial, yet people get written off for it all the time.” The women thanked her for saying what they had been feeling as women in ag.

“Fancy Lady Cowgirl to me celebrates any woman, regardless of her background, regardless of her religion, the color of her skin, where she lives or if she was born into it... Fancy Lady Cowgirl celebrates all the women who want to be in this space,” DeHoff said. “It celebrates all of the women who have even the tiniest love of agriculture. Because here’s the thing, I got out of agriculture for a very long time. I lived in mainstream America for ten years. The disconnect is so huge. And my thought process is, it’s going to take all kinds of kinds to change this thing. It’s going to take all kinds of kinds before we see agriculture in the news in a positive light. Fancy Lady Cowgirl simply celebrates those who uphold traditions of the west in unexpected ways.”

Agricultural producers have until March 15 to enroll in USDA’s key commodity safety net programs

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2022 crop year have until March 15, 2022, to sign a contract. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers these two safety net programs to provide vital income support to farmers experiencing substantial declines in crop prices or revenues.

“The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs provide critical financial protections to many American farmers. As producers continue to weather a bruising pandemic and new, climate-induced disasters, these programs are all the more important,” said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “I

am encouraging producers to reach out to their county offices to learn about program eligibility and election options today, so that they can begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.”

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which are both crop-by-crop, or ARC-Individual, which is for the entire farm. Although election changes for 2022 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2022, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the March 15, 2022, deadline, the election remains the same as the 2021 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners

cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the crop.

Producers have completed 976,249 contracts to date, representing 54% of the more than 1.8 million expected contracts.

Producers who do not complete enrollment by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2022 crop year and will not receive a payment if triggered.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat.

Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, two web-based decision tools are available to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations:

Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M that allows producers to estimate payments and yield updates and expected payments for 2022.

Crop Insurance Considerations and Decision Deadline

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance

and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protec-

T-L Irrigation Co. introduces gooseneck cradle corner system attachment option

T-L Irrigation Co. adds a gooseneck cradle corner system attachment option and a simplified auto-reverse system to add stability and durability to two important pivot locations.

"The gooseneck corner cradle option drops the corner connection point by 24 inches. This lowers the corner span's center of gravity and greatly improves its stability," explains Neal Schlautman, T-L Irrigation Co. engineering manager. A lower center of gravity allows for greater stability on steep terrain and in areas with high winds or frequent severe storm activity.

"Corner systems seem to be the first to flip in severe weather. Losing a corner to a storm in peak



A gooseneck cradle corner system attachment adds stability to T-L Irrigation's pivots.

season means not only losing that expensive investment, but possibly also your crop if it can't be replaced quickly," says John Thom, T-L Irrigation Co. vice president. "This con-

nection option helps reduce the odds of losing a corner system."

Irrigators who graze pivots stand to benefit from the T-L Irrigation Co.'s simplified auto reverse for

fully hydraulic systems. The new system incorporates over-centered actuation arms to change the position of the reversing valve. The over-center feature assures snap action and full engagement of the reversing valve. The arms have also been moved farther up the tower and out of reach of livestock. "Livestock can damage the auto reverse components when attached in the original, lower position. Moving them halfway up the tower eliminates that problem," Thom says.

"Each of these solutions provide improved durability of already reliable T-L systems for a broader range of geographies and uses."

United Sorghum Checkoff Program welcomes Adam York as new sustainability director

The United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP) has named Adam York as the new Sustainability Director to continue efforts in increasing market value for growers, promoting conservation practices through strategic partnerships and positioning sorghum as The Resource Conserving Crop™. York will be responsible for developing and leading the sorghum industry's sustainability initiatives and will continually assess opportunities for investment and collaboration to increase the value of sorghum for farmers and industry stakeholders.

"We are thrilled for Adam to join Team Sorghum," Norma Ritz Johnson, USCP executive director said. "After seeing the pathways paved and tremendous work he has put into Kansas Grain Sorghum, we have no doubt he will make incredible strides here at the Sorghum Checkoff."

York is a Clark County, Kansas native with a farm and ranch upbringing. He is a Kansas State University graduate with a degree in history. Prior to working in the sorghum industry, York served as senior staff for multiple members of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives advising on federal agricultural, environmental, and nutritional policies, among others. He returned to Kansas in 2019 to join Kansas Grain Sorghum as the organization's first Program Director with a focus on expanding the organization's footprint across the state.

"I am thrilled to begin this new opportunity on Team Sorghum to continue positioning the crop as a serious tool that confronts challenges head-on with sustainable and collaborative solutions," said York. "Working closely with producers over the past three years at Kansas Grain Sorghum and from the prior six years in Washington, D.C., I know firsthand how sorghum farmers are moving the needle to advance positive outcomes for rural and urban communi-



ties alike."

York replaces Kira Everhart-Valentin, who was the organization's first sustainability director, pioneering the awareness campaign of sorghum in the regenerative agriculture space and putting a spotlight on the crop's versatility and importance of why it is a reliable and responsible option for farmers and consumers alike.

Two years after the board's intentional and strategic investment of a

dedicated sustainability director position, Kira has led several major and successful projects that made sustainability a central question and priority across its program areas. Successes include key messaging and branding being reshaped to highlight sorghum's unique position as a resource-conserving crop, partnerships to further promote sorghum as a quality sustainable ingredient for a variety of food and end products and collecting data to quantify sorghum's positive impact on farms and ecosystems.

"Kira has played a pivotal role in positioning sorghum as a sustainable solution for food, feed and energy sectors. Our sustainable future has been paved with her tremen-

dous work while still respecting the importance of maintaining economic stability for sorghum producers." Sorghum Checkoff CEO Tim Lust said. "I thank her for her dedicated work and service to our industry and wish her well in her future endeavors."

More information about sorghum and its sustainable benefits can be found at SorghumCheckoff.com/Sorghum-Sustains.

Agricultural producers have until March 15 to enroll in USDA's key commodity safety net programs

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tion plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

Producers should contact their crop insurance agent to make certain that the election and enrollment made at FSA follows their intention to participate in STAX or SCO coverage. Producers have until March 15, 2022, to make the appropriate changes or cancel their ARC or PLC contract.

More Information

In addition to the March 15 deadline for ARC and PLC, other important deadlines include:

March 1, Livestock Indemnity Program
March 11, Conservation Reserve Program General Signup

March 15, Pandemic Cover Crop Program
March 25, Dairy Margin Coverage

"When you're working with us on ARC and PLC, we also encourage you to consider our other programs, including the Pandemic Cover Crop Program, which calls for you to file an acreage report," Ducheneaux added.

For more information on ARC and PLC, producers can visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact their local USDA Service Center. In those service centers where COVID cases exceed safety levels, staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Producers with level 2 e-authentication access can electronically sign contracts or may make arrangements to drop off signed contracts at the FSA county office. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors.

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***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Karen Henke, Cuba, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest & Prize

Winner Karen Henke, Cuba:

FLIPPERY PUDDING DESSERT

1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
2 cups powdered sugar
2 eggs, separated
1 cup butter, softened
3 ounces cream cheese (I use the 8-ounce!)
1/2 to 1 cup nuts
9-ounce can crushed pineapple
1 teaspoon vanilla
Maraschino cherries

Crush the vanilla wafers and set aside. Beat 1 cup butter, powdered sugar and cream cheese together. Add egg yolks and beat until fluffy. Beat egg whites until stiff then add 1 teaspoon vanilla; fold into creamed mixture. Drain pineapple and with the nuts, fold into creamed mixture. Spread half of the crumbs into a 9-by-12-inch dish. Pour creamed mixture over crumbs then add remaining crumbs on top. Chill until firm then cut into squares and top with maraschino cherries.

Keeli Kufta, Topeka: SLOW-COOKER FIESTA CHICKEN

1 package chicken tenderloins
2 tablespoons taco seasoning
1 can sweet corn, undrained
1 can rot-tel
1 can pinto beans, drained
8 ounces cream cheese

In slow-cooker, add all ingredients, starting with the chicken first. Cook on high for 4 hours. Once cooked, shred chicken and mix everything together. Serve over chips and add your choice of toppings.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: OVEN BAKED OMELET

8 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
3-ounce package thinly sliced ham or corned beef
1 cup shredded Cheddar or Mozzarella cheese
1 tablespoon onion, cut fine
Heat oven to 325 degrees. Beat eggs, milk and salt.

Tear meat into small pieces and add to egg mixture. Stir in cheese and onion. Pour into 8-by-8-by-2-inch greased baking dish. Bake uncovered 40-45 minutes or until omelet is set and top is golden brown.

Susan Schrick, Hiawatha:

AIR FRYER CANDIED PECANS

1/4 cup brown sugar
1 large egg white
1/2 tablespoon maple syrup or honey
1/4 teaspoon allspice (or can use cinnamon or nutmeg)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups pecans

Preheat air fryer to 350 degrees. Combine first 5 ingredients then toss with pecans until well-coated. Line air fryer with aluminum foil sprayed with cooking spray. Pour pecans into air fryer basket and cook for 3 minutes. Stir and cook another 3 minutes. Stir and cook 2 minutes more.

Jackie Doud, Topeka: PIE PLATE BREAKFAST

5 eggs
1/2 cup milk
3 cups thawed hash browns
1/3 cup onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 cups Cheddar cheese, divided in half
8 slices bacon, cooked & crumbled (or 1 cup chopped ham)

Mix all ingredients together (using only half of the cheese). Spread in a greased 9-inch deep pie plate. Put the other half of the cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the following:

HAM & CHEESE CASSEROLE

32 ounces hash browns
1 pound cooked & diced ham
2 cans cream of potato soup
16 ounces sour cream
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cups Parmesan cheese

Set oven 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix all ingredients except Parmesan cheese. Spread in pan. Top with Parmesan cheese. Bake 1 hour.

Kellee George, Shawnee:

CHERRY CHEESE DESSERT

1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
1 cup finely chopped pecans
1 cup melted butter
8 ounces cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
16-ounce tub Cool Whip
2 packages cheesecake-flavored pudding mix
3 cups milk
2 cans cherry pie filling

Set oven to 350 degrees. Combine wafer crumbs, pecans and melted butter. Press into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake 15 minutes then remove to cool. Combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and half of Cool Whip. Spread evenly over crust. Combine pudding mix, milk and remaining Cool Whip. Spread over cream cheese layer. Top with pie filling.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

PINEAPPLE BREAD PUDDING

1/2 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
6 eggs
12-ounce can crushed pineapple
1/2 cup brown sugar
6 thick slices of white bread, cubed

Grease an 8-by-8-inch pan. Preheat oven 350 degrees. In a bowl beat butter, vanilla and white sugar until fluffy. Beat eggs one at a time then mix into butter mixture. Fold in cubed bread and pineapple and spread in pan. Sprinkle brown sugar over top. Bake until top begins to brown, about 45-50 minutes.



Last night I motivated myself to start doing a little bit of packing and please know that when I say a little bit, that is exactly what I mean. No extreme measures were taken, not much was done, but I decided to stop and buy a big tote and to put all the quilts and blankets that have been gifted to me over the years into it. My two cats were zipping in and out of the spare room that they are usually not allowed to frequent as I made the transition from cloth bag to heavy-duty tote. I took each quilt or blanket out of the cloth bags they had been stored in and made a pile on my floor, preparing to stow them away for safekeeping for years to come.

As I unfolded and refolded them to better fit the tote, I was caught off-guard when I folded the large yellow one against my chest. The smell hit me out of nowhere; I could smell my Great Grandma. The familiar scent of her was still wrapped up in that quilt, a quilt that had been packed away for probably at least twenty years. What an amazing gift, all those years later, officially no longer having a living grandparent, to feel her so strongly, all because of a smell.

This menial task, something that should have taken me no time at all, all of a sudden took me forever. My smile was huge, and my heart was full as I took a moment to really look at every blanket or quilt and, in all honesty, took a moment to smell them to see if just maybe I would be lucky enough to catch the scent of another one of my grandmas. I may not remember the story of who made which one, but I feel so lucky to have them, so loved that these women from my past spent their time and energy to make things for me and even

luckier that I was able to catch that smell, that little reminder that although they are no longer here physically, they are never far from me and are always watching out for me.

Puppy Chow Bars

6 cups Chex Cereal (whatever kind you prefer is fine)
1 cup chocolate chips (again, go with your preference, I used milk chocolate)
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1/4 cup butter
10-ounce bag miniature marshmallows
1/4 cup powdered sugar

Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Pour cereal into a large bowl.

In a separate microwave-safe bowl start heating up the chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter, using 30-second increments and stirring after each time. Once melted, add the marshmallows. Stir in well and start to heat in 30-second increments again until fully melted and combined.

Pour chocolate mixture over cereal. Stir to coat as evenly as possible. Pour into prepared pan and place in refrigerator for 10-15 minutes. Remove the pan from the refrigerator and dust with powdered sugar (or in my case, put a thick coat of powdered sugar on top). Let cool completely and then 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: boobsbrainsandbaking.

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Kansas Corn’s young farmer program fourth class recognized

Nine young Kansas farmers completed Kansas Corn’s Corn Corps young farmer program that expanded their network, knowledge of the corn industry and pushed them to grow in their business expertise. This is the fourth class to graduate from the program since its start in 2015. The participants were recognized at the

2022 Kansas Corn Symposium, held January 27 in Salina. The Kansas Corn Corps participated in three sessions plus a domestic agriculture trip. Overall objectives for the program include; learning how participants fit into their farm and progress as an individual, how their farm fits into the industry, what op-

portunities and challenges they face in the industry and how they can progress in the corn industry. The first session focused on the idea of growing as an individual and as a farm. The second session focused on learning how participants can grow and improve their farming operations and how the work Kansas Corn



Kansas Corn Corps Class 4 includes, back row from left: Karlee Vosburgh, Jenny Goering, Madison Mackley, Cate Wehkamp, Amy Elliott. Front row: Alex Vozburgh, Evan Porter, Zach Vincent, Brett Grauerholz, Mathew Elliott.

does in market demand and policy impacts their farm. The third session, held in the Kansas City Metro Area, focused on market development and agribusiness in our state such as ethanol and grain exports. The domestic trip in August 2021 consisted of visits to farms and ag businesses in Tennessee and Kentucky. During the trip, they gained a better understanding of how they fit into the larger production picture and learned how to effectively engage consumers. “We are proud of the young farmers from Corn Corps Class 4 that have made the commitment to improve themselves and their farms through our

program,” said Kansas Corn director of market and leadership development Emily Koop. “We appreciate the time they have committed to learning and developing themselves in the areas of business and leadership. We look forward to seeing all the ways they will continue to grow their farms, our organization and the corn industry.” To apply for Corn Corps, candidates must be actively involved in a Kansas corn farming operation and be a member of the Kansas Corn Growers Association. Participants must be 45 or younger and can be either individuals or couples. For more information visit kscorn.

com/corncorps/ or contact Emily Koop, director of market and leadership development at ekoop@ks-grains.com. Corn Corps Class Four Participants: Mathew Elliott, Elliott Farms Inc., Hiawatha Cate Wehkamp, Wehkamp Farms, Ingalls Jenny Goering, Goering Farms, Galva Brett Grauerholz, Grauerholz Farms LLC, Republic Madison Mackley, Mackley Farms, Oakley Evan Porter, Porter Family Ag, Fredonia Zach Vincent, Vincent Family Farms, Long Island Alex & Karlee Vosburgh, Vosburgh Farms, Macksville

Budget helps ranchers calculate their annual costs per cow

By Aaron Berger, University of Nebraska Extension What does it cost to manage a cow on your operation? How do you calculate the costs? How do you value raised feed, labor and equipment, as well as replacement females grown on the ranch? These questions are frequently asked when the conversation of annual cow costs arises. The one-page budget located at <https://bit.ly/EX-TRAccebudget> estimates annual cow costs in Nebraska and the resulting total to produce a weaned calf under current conditions. It could be a useful

tool in your area, as well. This budget values all feed at market value, as well as labor, equipment, capital investment and the market value of replacement heifers at weaning. Frequently when all these costs are tallied, the total surprises many cow-calf producers. A response often heard is, “It costs how much? There is no way it can cost that much!” **Feed** In looking at this budget, feed is the first and largest cost. For many cow-calf operations, grazed and harvested feed make up 40%-70% of annual cow costs. In this budget, when all pasture and feed are valued at market price, including what is needed for replacement heifers and bulls, annual feed costs are pushing almost \$700 per cow unit. **Labor and equipment** Labor and equipment costs continue to shoot up. When labor is valued at what it would cost to actually hire someone to do the work and depreciation and

expenses related to equipment ownership and operations are calculated, it frequently makes up 15%-30% of the total annual cow costs. **Cow depreciation or replacement** Whether replacements are raised or purchased, the costs associated with getting a bred heifer into the herd are significant. When heifers are valued at market price at weaning and all costs from weaning to entering the herd as a bred female are calculated, this total frequently comes in as the third-largest cost in a cow-calf budget. In a typical herd, where open or old cows are sold and then replaced with bred heifers, the cost to do this often is 15%-30% of total annual cow costs. **Other costs** Breeding, veterinary, marketing and other costs often add up to 5%-15% of total cow costs. While not as large as other cost categories, they still need to be monitored and analyzed.

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Native American peoples of the north west continental United States and Pacific Coast of Canada have a traditional feast and ceremony called "Potlatch," in which great wealth is either destroyed, or given away in a demonstration of status and good will.

In ranchin' country, we have a long tradition of distributing great wealth to truck dealers, in a ceremonial manner of humility and necessity in order to avoid the long drive to town in the horse-drawn buckboard, so we can kindly haul our horses and livestock to town instead.

I can see the definite advantages of participating in that grand social ritual of Potlatch, but I must admit that most of us are relegated to the dull and lonely position of a regular, and sometimes frustrating experience with... the hood latch.

The old trucks had the latch releases right up front there, in the grill, somewhere. The only real challenge to opening those was, the different brands of trucks put them in their own unique location, and if you got used to the Ford latch, but you had to find the Chevy latch, or that dreaded Dodge latch, you nearly needed a diagram to know where to look. But actually, it wasn't that tough, because it's going to be right there in front, where it should be.

Modern vehicles of all makes and models, however, are much more "secretive" about their hood latch placement. Those front latches have gone the way of the dimmer switch on the left floor board, and the starter pedal beside

the accelerator pedal. If you were parked on a hill with that old '49 Chevy, good luck holding the clutch and the brake while simultaneously pumping the accelerator and stomping the starter pedal! That maneuver required both feet, one hand to pull the choke, the other holding the steering wheel and your tongue held out the corner of your mouth just right! Don't even ask about the hood latch.

Now the consistent thing about these inside-the-cabin hood latches as opposed to the grill-mounted ones, is that they can sometimes be difficult to find, and the emergency brake and the hood latch are sometimes transposed between vehicles. Some hood latches

are under the steering column. Some are on the side panel in front of the door. Sometimes those cables run pretty close together...

Well, one day I went to check the oil on my ranch truck, which I had actually been driving for a while, making this story all that much more... embarrassing. The hood spring obviously had gotten a bit tired and so when you release the latch, the hood didn't pop up like it was supposed to. It was just one of those "older truck" things, so when I pulled the latch nothing visible happened, which was pretty normal. All that was then required was to walk to the front and rap that hood with heel of your hand, and it would pop right up, allowing access to the safety latch. Not this time. I rapped it again. Nothing. So I walked back to the cab, pulled the release, and walked to the front, rapping it a bit harder. Nothing. I did this a couple more times and decided I needed another pair of hands on this project, because, well, my fist was

getting sore from rapping that hood, and there may have been a dent forming.

I called my assistant, who, in a former life, had been a professional mechanic. He was great. I seldom took anything to the shop while Brett worked here. So Brett's having lunch with a mutual friend, and feed representative, and Jeff decides he'll come out and see what's up.

Long story much shorter, we three worked on those cables for half an hour, finally got the hood open with screwdrivers and pry bars, when I decided, I'm not gonna mess with this again, cut the cable a foot from the latch, and pulled that cable through the grill so I can open that thing from the front, just like old times! Before we got the hood opened, Brett, the professional mechanical; Jeff, qualified feed dealer; and myself, arguable genius, had all taken turns messing with the hood cable

Grass & Grain, February 22, 2022 under the dash. Consensus was to disconnect it from the release lever in the cab. Done!

Next morning I pulled up to a gate on a steep hill, stomped the emergency brake and jumped out, opened the gate, and crawled back in the truck, slamming the door, and automatically reached for the brake release lever and pulled... nothing. What the...?

Then it hit me like a Mack truck on a logging road... check the cable! Sure enough. We had disconnected the emergency

Page 7 brake cable. So in that moment, I looked over and spied the hood latch lever... under the steering column. I then reconnected the brake cable... in front of the door.

But I still open the hood latch with that cable sticking through the grill!

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Tractor safety classes offered by K-State Research and Extension Districts for 2022

This summer, thousands of Kansas teenagers will begin their first job working for a farmer or rancher. For those that are ages 14 or 15, they must complete a tractor safety course in order to be legally employed. A thirteen-year-old may enroll in the training if turning 14 before the next year's class is offered, but the certificate will not be issued until their fourteenth birthday.

To help prepare some of those youth for the upcoming work season, several K-State Research and Extension districts are collaborating and will be hosting three in-person tractor safety classes scheduled for Saturdays, March 5 (Salina), April 9 (Beloit), and May

14 (Great Bend).

This course will meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture (HOOA). The HOOA regulations state that youth 14 and 15 years of age, who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian and operate a farm tractor that is 20 HP or greater, must successfully pass a tractor safety training program.

The cost of the program is \$15 to cover the cost of materials for the course. Those wanting to enroll simply go online at www.postrock.ksu.edu or to https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxss9WKVdp4AWqy

and complete the registration at least five days before the scheduled course. The book for the course is available at your local Extension district office and will need to be purchased before the first class as participants are encouraged to go through the "safety activity sheets" at the end of each chapter before Saturday's session.

Prospective students can check availability and ask questions before registering by calling or emailing Sandra Wick swick@ksu.edu, Blaire Todd blairet@ksu.edu; Craig Dinkel, cadinkel@ksu.edu; Clinton Laffin, cllaffin@ksu.edu; Alicia Boor, aboor@ksu.edu; Jay Wisbey, or Justine Henderson, jwh04@ksu.edu.

Young farmers and ranchers attend statewide leadership conference

Farmers and ranchers from across Kansas gathered in Manhattan Jan. 28-30 for the annual Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) leaders conference. More than 380 attended the three-day Kansas Farm Bureau conference designed to provide educational and networking opportunities for young producers in Kansas.

The conference provided young ag producers between the ages of 18-35 with agricultural educa-

tion, motivational speakers and opportunities to connect with industry resources and network with peers.

Attendees heard from Tim Moffett, a Florida dairy farmer and comedian; Kyle and Tiffany Lechtenberg, owners of Northview Family Farms in north-central Nebraska; Sens. Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall and Kansas Farm Bureau president Rich Felts.

State committee members from each of the ten



Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference collegiate discussion meet winner Molly Biggs, Kansas State University, is shown with KFB President Rich Felts.



Maggie Brakeville, Riley County, was the discussion meet winner at the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference. She is shown with KFB president Rich Felts.

Kansas Farm Bureau districts planned and hosted the conference, which included workshops, speakers, tours and competitions. The YF&R state committee played an integral part in making this year's conference a success.

Winners of the conference competitions include the following:

Collegiate Discussion Meet – Molly Biggs, Kansas

State University
YF&R Discussion Meet – Maggie Brakeville, Riley County

Ag Quiz Bowl – Brandon Carp, Gavin Beesley, Hayden Reinert and Isaac Wingert, Kansas State University

Excellence in Agriculture – Erica Schlender, Harvey County

YF&R of the Year – Michael Speer, Sedgwick County.



Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference YF&R of the Year Michael Speer, Sedgwick County, is pictured receiving his award from KFB President Rich Felts.

Beef exports exceed \$10 billion

According to year-end data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), U.S. beef exports have exceeded \$10 billion in sales, shattering the previous record by 27%. Pork exports finished slightly below the record volume reached in 2020 but set a new value record, topping \$8 billion for the first time.

In December, beef exports totaled 121,429 metric tons, up 1% from a year ago, and value climbed 33% to \$991.8 million – the third-largest month on record, according to USMEF. Total volume in 2021 was 1.44 million metric tons, up 15% from

2020 and 7% higher than the previous record set in 2018. Export value soared to \$10.58 billion, up 38% from 2020 and shattering the previous record by 27% set in 2018.

Beef exports to Korea, Japan and China/Hong Kong each exceeded \$2 billion, setting new volume and value records in Korea and China/Hong Kong and a value record in Japan. Exports also set a new value record in Taiwan and reached new heights in Central America, Colombia and Indonesia. Global exports of U.S. beef variety meat also set a new value record of \$1.09 billion, up 24% year-over-year.

NCBA and PLC disappointed in court decision to relist gray wolves under Endangered Species Act

On Feb. 10 the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and Public Lands Council expressed opposition to the U.S. District Court's ruling to remand and vacate the gray wolf Endangered Species Act (ESA) delisting announced by the Trump administration in 2020.

"It's disappointing that environmental activism carried more weight than science in this case. Rather than ruling on due process and adherence to recovery criterion, Judge White chose to remand the rule and undermine one of the most successful ESA recovery stories in United States history," said NCBA executive director of Natural Resources and Public Lands Council Kaitlynn Glover.



Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference Ag Quiz Bowl winners pictured front row, from left are: Brandon Carp and KFB President Rich Felts. Back: Isaac Wingert, Hayden Reinert and Gavin Beesley.

NCBA sets 2022 policy priorities

During the 2022 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show, the executive committee of NCBA approved the organization's 2022 policy priorities with an emphasis on strengthening the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the cattle industry. NCBA's policy priorities include:

Improving market leverage and opportunities through increased access to market data and risk management tools for producers.

Securing the future of the beef industry by protecting crucial tax provisions, limiting regulatory burdens on farms and ranches, and leveling the playing field for producers.

Boosting the resiliency of the beef supply chain by addressing labor shortages, improving processing capacity, expanding technology, and strengthening transportation.

Achieving key cattle industry priorities in the 2023 Farm Bill.

"With the challenging year cattle producers have faced, NCBA is focused on strengthening our industry for the future," said NCBA president Don Schiefelbein. "By highlighting economic, environmental and social sustainability, we are addressing the long-term needs of the cattle industry and advancing policies that will contribute to business success, economic growth and respect for our way of life."

While industry sustainability will continue to be a focus during the year ahead, NCBA will continue to focus on protecting cattle producers from government overreach and burdensome tax and regulatory burdens.

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K-State, John Deere team on remote sensing study

By Pat Melgares

Researchers at Kansas State University and one of the world's largest manufacturers of agricultural machinery are reporting findings of a project that they say could "fundamentally change" the way farmers manage and market crops.

K-State Research and Extension agronomist Ignacio Ciampitti said the university is working with partners at John Deere to analyze information from remote sensors on and off combines that will ultimately help farmers improve grain protein in crops.

"Our customers tell us that maximizing grain yield and quality is very important," said Yancy Wright, the business agronomy test lead with John Deere, a Fortune 500 company. "End users - including millers, livestock

feeding operations and other processors - need high quality grain crops, and market premiums are beginning to reflect this demand.

"We wanted to validate our current technology development, and discover new approaches to consider as we develop solutions for helping customers maximize their yield and quality, especially grain protein."

In a paper published in late 2021 in the journal *Remote Sensing*, the researchers outline their analysis of 84 studies on the accuracy of models that predict grain content in a field crop based on current technology, such as satellite imagery.

Ciampitti said the team was able to compare areas of farm fields before harvest using hand-held sensors, drones or planes; then after harvest using

sensors attached to the combine.

With that information, they compared areas of the field rated as low quality or high quality for grain protein concentration, and determined where there was variation in the quality of crops after harvest.

"This is an emerging area of research," Ciampitti said. "Field crop quality differentiation is becoming important to understand, and can increase the competitiveness of U.S. crops entering both local and international supply chains and markets."

Ciampitti said the analysis showed that on-combine sensors are more accurate than remote sensors in predicting grain protein concentration, though off-combine sensors performed better for in-season management and segregated harvest planning; and cost less to

implement.

"However," he adds, "on-combine sensors may quickly become the gold standard for predicting in-season grain protein concentration."

According to the researcher's recent journal article, a recent survey of 186 soybean farmers from multiple states indicated that more than 55% of them would invest in technology to assess grain protein concentration if they could earn a \$.50 premium per bushel. Because of that, the researchers say, "farmer interest is expected to increase as both the direct and indirect benefits of (grain protein concentration) become more evident."

"As we introduce on-combine grain protein

concentration data collection technologies, we will look to this work to understand how we might carry out some of the proposed uses for this new data layer with internal solutions and via partnerships, which will help us bring maximum value to customers who adopt these technologies," Wright said.

"This work," he added, "will direct technology development that will fundamentally change the way growers manage their harvest and grain marketing, as well as how they manage their crop inputs."

Ciampitti said the university is moving forward with developing a remote sensing "decision tool" to differentiate spatial variation in field crop quality before harvest that will

help farmers make decisions prior to harvest and marketing their crop.

"In addition, we are working with crop commodity boards to start collecting field data in order to create one of the largest farmer-centric databases on field crop spatial variation related to the quality of U.S. crops," Ciampitti said. "This is happening in collaboration with many other states and in close partnership with farmers across the country."

K-State's team included Ciampitti as principal investigator; agricultural engineer Ajay Sharda (co-principal investigator); Leonardo Bastos (now at the University of Georgia); and Andre Froes De Borja Reis (now at Louisiana State University).

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For food ingredient buyers, Greenfield has partnered with MKC to leverage their global expertise in safe crop handling and logistics for Greenfield differentiated ingredients such as non-GMO soybeans and grain sorghum.

“MKC provides tremendous geographic reach through member owners, grain facilities and logistics and agronomic

services covering Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, along with the capability to export products. Farmers, landowners, and consumers want to put carbon back in the soil and reduce the need for chemicals in farming practices. Together, with MKC, we can deliver on that promise to the farmer and consumer,” said Clint Brauer, Greenfield Robotics, CEO.

“Automation of mechanized processes on the farm are continuing to gain

traction. Some of these rapid improvements will certainly change the way we traditionally service our customers and members in pest control. We are excited to be able to explore this growing part of agriculture with a partner like Greenfield Robotics. Greenfield is ahead of changes that may have a great impact on our customers, partners and our industry. This partnership allows us to gain insight on how our relationships need to grow and devel-

op over time to best help the farmers we serve be successful. MKC believes that the future will involve multiple modes of cropping systems and will continue to invest in technologies that fit various types of production techniques,” stated Erik Lange, MKC, COO.

The partnership will also provide both organizations the opportunity to work together on field trials for next-gen systems, and continue to learn more about logistics, mar-

keting and efficacy of their efforts. Greenfield Robotics and MKC are excited about this partnership and look forward to expanding this technology together.

If you would like to learn more about adopting this technology on your operation, contact your nearest MKC location. Companies interested in purchasing products produced through a regenerative system are encouraged to contact Greenfield Robotics at greenfieldrobotics.com.

Ag groups suing EPA over agency’s ignoring science and safety findings

When the government agency entrusted with making science and evidence-based decisions to protect human health ignores the findings of its own scientists, there must be accountability. Ag groups representing thousands of farmers and farmer-owned cooperatives that will be harmed by the Environmental Protection Agency’s decision to revoke all tolerances of chlorpyrifos are taking legal action against the agency. They are frustrated over EPA’s disregard for its own science confirming the crop protection tool can be used safely, effectively, and without dietary or environmental risk.

Brad Doyle, soy farmer from Arkansas and president of the American Soybean Association commented, “EPA’s proposed interim decision back in December 2020 for the re-registration of chlorpyrifos found 11 high-benefit, low-risk crop uses that the agency was confident ‘will not pose potential risks of concern.’ How can they now deny all uses, even when the court gave them options for keeping those found safe?”

The agricultural stakeholders taking legal action are first seeking an injunction of the rule to prevent the first wave of significant, irreparable damage the chlorpyrifos revocation would cause if it were to take effect on the Feb. 28 implementation date. The groups are ultimately seeking vacatur of the rule where it conflicts with well-established, properly developed science—specifically, the 11 uses found safe.

Farmers prioritize safe use of pesticides for a multitude of reasons related to safe food production and stewardship. The revocation rule undermines their efforts by removing a critically needed tool.

American Farm Bureau president Zippy Duvall said,

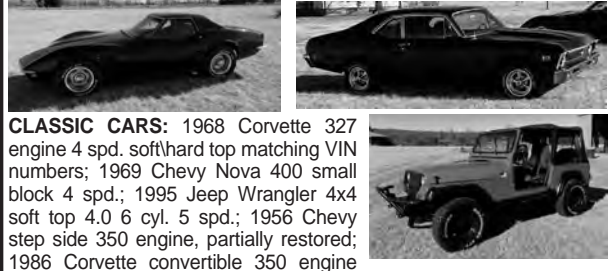
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By Emily Halstead, K-State Research and Extension news writer

Several Kansas kids got a jump start on their 4-H year, testing their skills and knowledge about horses recently during the annual Horse Panorama.

Kansas 4-H Youth De-

velopment program coordinator Shannon Rogge said the Horse Panorama includes a quiz bowl and hippology – the study of horses – and public speaking competitions in the intermediate and senior divisions. Rogge said the return to in-person com-

petition brought new and old competitors to the panorama.

“Overall, we had 65 kids in person, and there were about a dozen or so that were in the speech contest on Sunday,” Rogge said, “We were really excited about the number of new youth we had in attendance.”

For some participants, the Horse Panorama is a qualifier for national competitions, but Rogge said it also about assisting and educating Kansas youth interested in horses.

“This is great for all those foundational educational pieces, all that information that makes you a better horse owner,” she said.

The event, Rogge said, is not just for horse owners. She said the activities also give youth interested in horses access to learning materials they may not have at home.

“This is great for all

of those kids that may not have access to horses,” she said. “They’re really interested in horses, but they don’t have property or someone to take them to the stable. They can get started on this part and be involved in the horse industry without ever having to own a horse.”

A few Kansas State University alumni and current students volunteered their time and horse expertise during the events, allowing for more educational opportunities for participants.

“We had a K-State veterinary graduate that came back and helped judge, and he still remembers the subject matter that he learned in these competitions and how it helped him through his (education),” Rogge said.

Rogge said the next event for youth in the 4-H horse project is the state horse judging competition June 9 in Manhattan. On June 7-8, the K-State horse judging team will hold an educational camp.

“For advanced and beginners, this will help teach them the horse judging terms, the reasons and how to improve. Then, they can be fresh for that contest on (June 9),” Rogge said.

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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

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Hundreds of auctions, online and in-person. www.kansasauctions.net/gg/

Always great online Equipment auctions — www.purplewave.com

Online Only Silage Equipment Auction (Bidding ends February 23) — JD 5830 forage cutter, M3000 Kemper head, UFT forage dump wagon, Roto-Press 9' silage bagger, Gehl 1580 silage blower, Chevy & IH trucks w/Badger forage boxes, Artsway 1500 vertical feed mix wagon, 3 pt. mist blower sprayer held online: www.FloryAndAssociates.com. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auctions, Jason Flory.

February 24 — Land auction consisting of 314.68 acres m/l of pasture & cropland in Marion County held at Marion for the Woerz Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

February 26 — Moving auction consisting of Classic Cars (1968 Corvette, 1969 Chevy Nova, 1995 Jeep Wrangler, 1956 Chevy stepside, 1986 Corvette convertible), ATV & recreational items, trailers, lawn, garden & hunting items, tools, household & collectibles held at Osawatimie for Jeff & Valerie Schendel. Auctioneers: Eastern Kansas Auction Barn, Daryl Stottemire.

February 26 — (1 PM): Hay sale consisting of 500+ big round bales of brome & prairie hay held West of Hoyt for Leland Bailey. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 26 — Estate Gun auction consisting of over 100 guns, scopes, shells, reloaders & reloading equipment & supplies, other gun-related items, Ambassador KC Chiefs sign football helmet, Whitetail deer mounts, Ibox mount & more held at Portis for Tony Wolters Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty, Jim Wolters.

February 26 — Nemaha County Land Auction consisting of Tract 1: 77.66 acres m/l with 70.82 tillable acres, balance waterways, nice open end machine shed; Tract 2: 77.07 acres m/l with 67.27 acres tillable which includes 33 acres bottomland, balance waterways and creek held at Seneca for Elmer & Arlene Melcher Family. Auctioneers: Seneca Realty, Mike Kuckelman, broker; Dale Wilhelm, auctioneers/sales.

February 26 — Wacanda jugs, lamps, coin op & collectibles, 150+ farm toys & trucks held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel

Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 26 — Real Estate auction consisting of 38 acres m/l Pottawatomie County land with Hwy. 99 frontage, currently hay meadow and pasture, great home site potential with rural water available held at Blaine for Shirley A. Willard. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service, Mike Pearl, broker and Dennis Rezac, auctioneer.

February 26-March 5 — Hofmann Simmental Buy Your Way Bull Sale. Online bidding through March 3 with live close-out auction March 5 at Clay Center.

February 27 — Art, pottery, Native American, jewelry, cast iron toys & banks, 100 pocket knives & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 27 — Land Auction consisting of and 80-acre parcel 2 miles north of Wamego: T1: 14 ac. m/l made up of grass and served by a pond, possible building site; T2: 50 ac. m/l with 45 ac. m/l tillable acres, balance waterway and brome; T3: 15 ac. m/l of grassland; T4: tracts 1, 2 & 3 combined held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 28 — C-Bar Red Angus annual bull sale held at Plainville.

March 3 (rescheduled from Feb. 17) — Land auction consisting of 2 tracts in Morris County and 1 tract in Lyon County: T1: 38.6 ac. m/l Morris Co., potential building site, native & mixed grass pasture; T2: 90.2 ac. m/l Morris Co., wildlife, possible building site, native & mixed grass pastures; T3: 60.47 ac. m/l Lyon Co., potential building site, native & mixed grass pastures all held at Council Grove for Roswurm Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 3 — Jensen Brothers Annual Bull sale held at Courtland.

March 5 — Western, agricultural & other memorabilia, bits & spurs, guns, watch FOBs, tokens, etc., windmill weights, tins, traps, tools, signs, cast iron, prints & lithographs, paper items, blacksmith anvil, & tools & much more held at Strong City. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate, Paul Hancock.

March 5 — Coin auction held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions & Real Estate.

March 5 — Judd Ranch 44th Gelbvieh, Balancer & Red Angus Bull Sale held at Pomona.

March 5 — Lafin Ranch Annual Angus production sale held at Olsburg.

March 6 — Antiques & collectibles consisting of signs, clocks, jewelry, coins, toys, sports cards, tins, books, pictures, quilts, paper items, records, clocks, gumball machine, advertising pieces, kitchenwares, fishing supplies & much more held

at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 6 — Household auction consisting of Buick car, near new Polaris Ranger, garage tools & household furniture held at Onaga for Max & Janice Loughmiller. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 6 — Forklift, metal equipment, blacksmith items, metal, wood-working, paint, tools, ornate & miscellaneous & more items held at North Lawrence for Steve & Terri Wendland retirement. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Chris Paxton & Morgan Riat.

March 7 — Lyons Ranch 34th Annual Superior Genetics Angus Bull Sale held at Manhattan.

March 8 — Land auction consisting of 78 acres m/l of Ottawa County productive tillable land held at Minneapolis for Charles L. Bower. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Ray Swearingen, broker.

March 8 — Schreiber Angus Annual Spring Production Sale held at Beaver.

March 9 — Live & Online Land Auction consisting of 320 acres m/l of Norton County, Kansas land sold in 1 tract held live at Norton and online at RanchandFarmAuctions.com. Auctioneers: Ranch & Farms Auctions in cooperation with Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC.

March 9 — Stucky Ranch Annual Production Sale held at the ranch near Kingman.

March 10 — Land auction consisting of 316 acres m/l of Washington County land with 58.3 dryland acres, 256.2 Native Grass acres & 1.5 acres tame grass held at Morrowville (with phone and online bidding available at www.MidwestLandandHome.com) for Bill & Janet Rooney. Auctioneers: Midwest Land and Home, Mark Uhlik, listing broker/auctioneer & Jeff Dankenbring.

March 12 — Farm & Ranch reduction, building supplies, trucks, trailers, motorcycle, tools, shop equipment & misc. & more held at Auburn for Justin Banks. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat

& guest auctioneer Jim Sanders.

March 12 — Machinery Consignment auction consisting of used Farm Machinery & Equipment of all kinds held at Burns. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

March 12 — Retirement Farm Auction consisting of farm equipment including grain cart, JD chisel, Krause disc, JD rotary hoe, JD chisel, JD grain drill, 1990 9170 Case IH tractor, dovetail trailer, 2388 Case IH combine & more vehicles, trailers, construction materials held at Geuda Springs. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.

March 12 — Land auction with 101 acres m/l of Northeast Pottawatomie County farmland consisting of Coal Creek bottom land, native grass meadow & hardwood timber for wildlife habitat held at Onaga for Mary Frances Roesch (nee Shields). Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 12 — Premium Genetics Bulls Sale selling Simmental, SimAngus, Red Angus & Angus held at Frankfort (new sale location) for Dikeman Simmental & Huninghake Angus Ranch.

March 13 — Primitive Pine & Walnut furniture, crocks, collectible toys, comic books, magazines & many primitives held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 16 — Woodbury Farms 11th Annual Bull & Female Sale held at Overbrook.

March 17 — Smoky Y Red Angus Ranch sale held south of Monument.

March 19 — Tractors including Ford 8N, McCormick Deering WF steel wheel tractor, McCormick Deering NF steel wheel tractor, trailers & implements, Primitives & collectibles including 100 iron wheels, 100 well & pitcher pumps & parts, 25+ bicycles, vintage signs, pedal grinders, cast iron sinks & bathtubs, tin, yard art & a lot more held at Solomon for Guy E. (Big Ernie) Hough Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 19 — 1962 Ford 4000 tractor, blade, plows, mowers, tiller, Guns including Carcano Fucile di Fanteria Model 1891/1938 Italian infantry rifle, US Springfield rifle, Winchester, Smith & Wesson & more, bayonet, knives, coins, collectibles including antique furniture, clocks, crocks, "Changing Outfits" bronze sculpture

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ture recast, several Pony Express signs & prints, plate collections, glassware & figurines, books, tools, equipment, lumber, household, kitchen, grills & misc. & much more held at Marysville for Swim Family Trust. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 19 — Land auction consisting of 17 acres m/l of Clay County land with flat hay meadow, good windbreak & drainage held at Clay Center for Clay County Economic Development Group. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer & Jeff Dankenbring.

March 19 — Retirement Farm Machinery auction consisting of tractors, combine & other farm machinery held South of Onaga for Ronnie Wegner. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

March 20 — Trailer, shipping container, golf cart, lawn & garden, household & miscellaneous held at North Lawrence for Steve & Terri Wendland retirement. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 26 — Guns including Winchester, H&R US Springfield Cavalry model US 1873, Savage, hand guns, long rifles, knives & daggers, turquoise & silver, sterling flatware sets, hundreds of radios held at Salina for Charlie "Chuck" Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 26 — Spring Consignment Auction held at Holton. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

March 26 — Annual Consignment auction consisting of farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment, farm tools & farm miscellaneous held at North edge of Durham in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

March 26 — New Haven Angus Annual Production Sale held at Leavenworth.

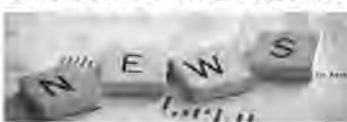
March 26 — Sandhill Farms Hereford Production Sale held at the farm near Haviland.

March 28 — Farm Machinery with no small items held near Abilene for Charles Wilson Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

April 9 — (postponed from January): 350+ un-built Model kits, 1500+ loose Hot Wheels, die cast banks, 90+ Hallmark mini-pedal cars, Marx toys, Star Trek & other toys, 700+ comic books, autographed baseballs & many more collectibles held at Lawrence for Ron Thornton. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 9 — 2021 Chevy 1/2T, New, 6500 mi.; 2013 Chevy 3/4T, Like New; JD 6300 FA tractor w/cab & loader, many tools & farm-related items held south of Holland for the William H. (Billy) Hobson Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.

Reflector-Chronicle



REPORTER POSITION

The Abilene Reflector Chronicle of Abilene, KS, has an IMMEDIATE OPENING for a REPORTER who can build sources and dive into local issues. Duties include general assignment, feature writing, coverage of local government boards, and copy editing.

*** Must have sharp reporting instincts, outstanding news judgment, an ability to report and write quickly in a fast-moving atmosphere. A curiosity about the community and its people is vital.**

*** The candidate must be an experienced interviewer who doesn't shirk from the hard questions. This person must have the ability to work productively in a team setting.**

*** Must be aggressive and adept at setting priorities and reordering them as needed, particularly under deadline pressure or as circumstances change. The person should have strong editing and writing skills. The position will also require news page pagination and knowledge of InDesign.**

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**Send cover letter, resume with references and writing samples to Kim Maguire, General Manager
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** AUCTION **

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022 • 10:00 AM
2248A ZZ Road, STRONG CITY, KS (Saffordville Community Bldg). Saffordville is located from Emporia, West on Hwy. 50 10 miles to ZZ Rd., or East of Strong City 7 miles to ZZ Rd. There is a large Saffordville sign along highway. Exit highway and go South across RR tracks to auction site.

WESTERN, AGRICULTURAL & OTHER MEMORABILIA, BITS & SPURS
Photos at: www.hancockauctionandrealestate.com

GUNS

1860s Bacon handgun; Heritage Rough Rider .22; BP .44 Revolver; Double barrel flintlock wall hanger; Ruger Old Army BP Revolver; R Jennings flint lock; Mossberg .22 LR semi; H&R Side Kick .22 revolver; Remington 552 Shotgunmaster .22 rifle.

WATCH FOBS, TOKENS, ETC

OVB watch fobs, mirrors, wet stones; Fobs inc.; Pittsburg Steel Co.; Paul Reverse; Dr. Berry; Ackenhausen Saddlery, Leavenworth; IH; IH porcelain; JD; Union Stock yards; Ogden; Dr. LeGear; KC stockyards pin; Union Pacific padlock; cigar cutters; Bullet molds, 1- 25-20.

WESTERN

RT Frazier saddle, chaps; RT Frazier headstall made on 101 Ranch; August Buermann unmarked bit; Buermann type silver inlaid ring bit; Iron Mexican spurs; US Army shoemaker bit; North & Judd iron spade bit; Hercules Bronze Indian head & Buffalo head spurs; other bits, spurs, Speculum; Rare Top Hat Brim cutter w/gauges; large strap of brass sleigh bells; Yuma Prison ball & chain; Scale model Conestoga Wagon-5' long, lots of detail; Boot jack collection inc.; Wooden & primitive, cast ones include Musselmans tobacco, 101 Ranch; fancy beadwork & headstalls; Late 1800s ladies lace up boots & men's slip on boots; top hats; large chalk Indian bust; cross shaped whip holder; arrowheads; Cavalry stake; Knives, Western, hunting, stag handle; Dehorners inc. Modern Dairyman #3; Arms & Arms Eureka Clipper; Levitt's dehorning clippers; Indian dolls, one in rawhide dress; Quarter Horse journals; curry comb collection, some embossed & cast iron; Frederic Remington Wicked Cowboy Bronze; Good Using Roping saddle; 60" Longhorns.

WINDMILL WEIGHTS

US Wind Engine & Pump 14" star; Dempster Bobtail 17 1/2"

horse; Hummer rooster; Boss Bull; Large rooster.

TINS

Large Fancy Roasted coffee; Tobacco inc. Red Wolf, Days Work, Dan Patch, Arbuckle Broths, wooden log Cabin tobacco.

TRAPS

Large gear trap; Smith made traps; Newhouse & Triumph users; hundreds of common traps.

TOOLS

Assortment of unusual tools inc.: Mellor's Box opener, fencing tools includes original saddle horn tool, Dobbs-Booth cattle guard tool for clipping barbs on wire; wooden saw vise; 2 Oliver jacks.

SIGNS

Goodrich tires & batteries porcelain; Large porcelain Case Eagle; Case Porcelain; Hudson ranch tin; White Eagle.

CAST IRON

Several plain cast seats includes a round one; drill box ends, V/B, EB & American seeding machine.

PRINTS & LITHOGRAPHS

J.I. Case threshing machine-eagle on branch; large Pharaoh's horses; Series of Indians & Cowboys in battle; Mosinee; Series of rodeo prints, Hesston Ks., #1 Sport in Action, 1974, cowboys wearing Hesston Buckles; Dr. Daniels; Winchester; Pendleton Round Up with Bob Coronado; Stockyards; Rock Hill Buggy; Santa Fe Chief.

PAPER

Sheet music includes 101 Ranch, Tom Tom; Cock Pit fighting rules with spurs; Buggy Supply catalogs; Lots of kids books.

BLACKSMITH

50# Anvil; tongs & tools; HD 5" & 4" vises.

OTHER

Clarks 6 drawer spool cabinet; wooden butter churn; Furs; fishing rods, reels, Fly Rod; Boat Motors inc.; Champion Blue Streak and Neptune; barn & gate hinges; brass door hardware; well pumps; Vintage golf clubs; **MUCH MORE!**

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620.340.5692 PAUL HANCOCK, Auctioneer

LAND AUCTION

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm

**Where: Golden Wheel Senior Center
114 S Concord St, Minneapolis, KS.**

**Located at the intersection of Nugget Rd. and N 60th Rd.
1 mile North of the Ada blacktop and 7 miles west of Minneapolis. This is a productive, NHLE farm!**

**Tract 1: N/2 of NE/4 Section 25-10-5,
Ottawa County, Kansas.**

**78 Acre +/- of productive tillable!
Possession immediately upon closing.
Taxes \$1,459.52 on 79.8 taxable acres.**

FSA Information

**77.71 cropland enrolled in PLC base/yield
Wt 38.1/45 Sorghum 14.9/53 Soybeans 15.8/33
All mineral and water rights transfer to Buyer.
Great farm close to grain markets....add to your operation or your investment portfolio!**

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Ray Swearingen - Broker**

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AUCTION #1

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 - 9:30 AM

1410 North 3rd, N. LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Steve has decided to retire from a very successful Custom Fabrication Business Specializing in Custom Metal/Construction/Wood Fabrications!

FORKLIFT

Hyster S50XM Forklift, propane, triple mast 175", side shift, tilt, 54" forks, solid cushion tires, ser#D187V14544W.

METAL EQUIPMENT, BLACKSMITH, METAL

Miller Bobcat 250EFI Welder/Generator AC/DC Welder/1200 watt Generator (only 160 hours!); Miller Syncrowave 250DX AC/DC Tig/Stick Water Cooled Package Welder w/foot pedal & cart; Miller Millermatic 255 Mig Welder w/cart; (ALL ARE LIKE NEW w/Covers!); 2016 Quincy Model QT-.7.5 Vertical 80 gallon 2 stage Air Compressor 220v; Bridgeport Milling Machine 2J head, 42" table, 220V w/phase monitor; Milling Machine Accessories: Bridgeport 12" Rotary Vise, 2-6" Vises, 6" Swivel Vise, boring heads, collets, tooling, etc.; South Bend Lathe; 16" swing, 48" bed, 220V, w/ tooling (Ford Motor Co. used to train for production of Military Vehicles); BPR Eagle Roll Bending Machine Model CP30PRM w/stand & several dies!; 2018 Baileigh Model SF-5216 Foot Shear 52"x16 ga.; Dake Cold Saw Model 315 w/stand; ITT 30 ton Shop Press (Like New); Metal Craft MK3/# Scroll Bender; manual Roll Bender; (2) 5' gravity rolling tables; "The Little Giant" 25lb Trip Power Hammer w/dies; Nash & Sons JR 328 Pound Anvil w/stand; 48" Anvil Mandrel Metal Forming Cone (RARE!); 13x16" Swedge Block; several Hardys; Hardy Hammers; Forge Tools; Propane Mini-Forge; Lowbuck Planishing Hammer w/Louver Press; Forge Metal Templates; Two I-Beam 2-section Metal Racks; Large Selection of Hot Rolled New Metal flat/square/round/solid/angle/tubing/solid/key stock.

WOODWORKING, PAINT, TOOLS, ORNATE, MISC.

Jet Gold Series Long Bed 6" Jointer w/Shop Fox rolling cabinet; DeWalt DWS709 12" Sliding Compound Miter Saw w/DW7232 Miter Stand; DeWalt DW735 13" Thickness Planer w/Dewalt stand; Delta Model 22-540 Portable Planer; Hitachi 8.5" Compound Miter Saw; Portable Cable Router w/Inca Fence & Table; wood clamps; oak/walnut, etc. lumber; dimensional lumber & plywood; **Paint:** Sata Jet 5500/LM2000/Brinks 69 Spray Guns, paint gun accessories, Cromax Axalta Base/Chroma, NP1 caulking, many other paint related supplies, Edsal Flammable Cabinet; 110lb Abrasive Blaster (new); 3' & 5' x 7' Scaffolding; 900lb aluminum plank walks; 2 sections 8x10' pallet shelving; several sizes of fiberglass ladders; 2-ton low-profile jack; 2500 pallet jack; Ridgid wet & shop vacs; shop bins; metal job box; 40 & 72 bolt fans; air regulator system; welding supplies: leads/rod/wire/brazing/clamps/magnets; side grinders; CT7 Carbide Tipped Hole Cutting Bits; paint/dies; Very large selection of metal & wood small power and hand tools!; 100s new metal/wood fabrication supplies! (2) 1938/42 Ford V8 Flathead Motors w/custom stands; GRANTE CITY STEEL Vintage Sign; several Fire Pit Metal Bowls (37/47/60"); Bronze Rail Caps; ornate custom made gates/post/caps/scrolls; **many items too numerous to mention!**

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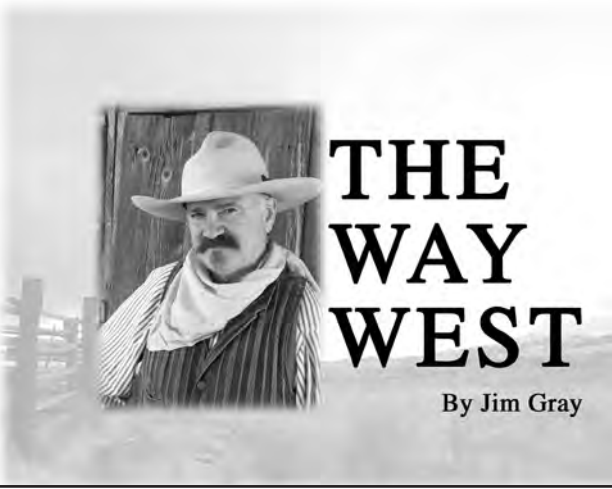
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A Narrow Escape

The drought of 1860 was exceptionally devastating to settlers who had staked their futures in Kansas. The Kansas (Kaw) River reportedly was so low at Topeka that it practically stopped running. The territory was dependent upon river boat traffic to carry passengers and cargo to villages developing along the river. The drought severely limited that development.



represented the future on the plains. On the day the legislative act was passed grading crews for the Union Pacific Eastern Division Railroad reached a point across the river north of Lawrence, Kansas. The legislature also addressed the need to bridge the rivers and even place dams on the waterways to further the expansion of the railroads.

The age of mechanization had come to Kansas. Factories, machine shops, mills and grain elevators were in demand and new machines required mechanical power. At Lawrence entrepreneurs were fully aware of the industrial advantage river power could provide. A dam was built across the Kansas River in 1872. A configuration of cables driven by the power from the water wheels transferred that power from the wheels to Lawrence businesses through a system of connected cable stations. Unfortunately the dam was initially unstable. An “ice-gorge” gave way during the winter of 1873, washing into and destroying a good portion of the dam. For several years the dam was rebuilt only to wash out every spring. The local economy declined and fell into depression.

But James H. Gower, operator of the Douglas

County Flour Mill recognized opportunity. He purchased the property in 1877 and continued the struggle to make the dam work. Gower died suddenly November 12, 1879, at age seventy-three. His son-in-law, Justin Dewitt (J.D.) Bowersock, took control of the business and finally built a dam that withstood the mighty Kaw.

Bowersock’s success gave the businessmen of Lawrence the tremendous industrial advantage that had been predicted. As for Bowersock, farmers for miles around brought wagon-loads of grain to his mill to be ground into flour. That was the intention of John Sweeney when he drove his team and new wagon into town. The wagon was loaded with “grist” (grain intended to be milled was known as grist).

Sweeney unloaded his wagon at the mill before driving downtown to pick up his daughter, Irene, who worked for insurance agent T. H. Kennedy. Following an afternoon in town Sweeney and his daughter drove to the mill to pick up their flour and bran.

Just as Sweeney drove up to the mill the Santa Fe passenger train passed through. Thinking the horses might be frightened, Mr. Bowersock rushed out to

hold the team. To his surprise the team remained steady and once the train had passed he and Sweeney stepped into the office while Irene remained in the wagon holding the reins to keep the horses in place.

Within minutes another train could be heard approaching from the east. “The team had been so quiet while the passenger train went by that all felt more confidence in them.” As the second train thundered by the horses trembled, but stood in place until the bell of the engine rang out. Irene strained to hold them but the horses nervously began to step back toward the mill flume, a reservoir of water diverted from the river to power the water wheels.

Irene’s cry for help brought her father running to hold their heads but, “No power on earth outside of their own brute strength could stop the horses.” The back of the wagon crashed through a light fence. All at once the wagon, Irene, and horses fell twenty feet into the freezing water.

Irene plunged under the water with one horse “floundering” above her! Somehow, she made it to the surface. She could see her father among the crowd of panicked men on the bank above. Seeing the

trestlework at the edge of the flume she swam with all her strength toward the ice-covered timbers. In desperation she grabbed at the ice but the ice collapsed and she again sank beneath the surface. When she resurfaced, she felt someone take hold of her hand and several men pulled her to safety.

One horse could not be saved but the other was rescued and taken to Donnelly’s stables where under the very best care he was “likely to come out none the worse for his cold bath.”

Mr. Bowersock had long intended to build a sturdy rail around the flume. He actually began to construct a barrier that very day. There would be no more wagons in the flume.

Justin Dewitt Bowersock is remembered as “The Master of the Kaw.” The argument can be made that his dam saved Lawrence and shaped it into the city that it is today. But few remember Irene Sweeney and her narrow escape at Bowersock’s Mill on The Way West.

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

Farmers & Ranchers AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

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

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE 5,259

BULLS: \$107.50-\$123.50 COWS: \$78.00-\$88.00

STEERS

300-400	\$210.00 - \$232.00
400-500	\$198.00 - \$228.50
500-600	\$188.00 - \$220.00
600-700	\$174.00 - \$198.50
700-800	\$162.00 - \$170.75
800-900	\$155.00 - \$162.00
900-1,000	\$148.00 - \$151.75

HEIFERS

300-400	\$189.00 - \$219.00
400-500	\$175.00 - \$194.00
500-600	\$164.00 - \$187.50
600-700	\$156.00 - \$164.50
700-800	\$146.00 - \$153.50
800-900	\$140.00 - \$152.65

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

STEERS

14 blk	Mt. Hope	350@232.00
23 blk	Lenexa	470@228.50
14 blk	Lenexa	386@223.00
6 blk	Dighton	368@221.00
4 blk	Inman	508@220.00
45 blk	Dighton	487@219.00
5 blk	Glasco	487@219.00
5 mix	Manhattan	410@218.00
2 blk	Little River	530@210.00
20 blk	Lenexa	573@206.50
16 blk	Lindsborg	528@205.00
5 blk	Inman	572@204.00
23 blk	Lindsborg	562@201.00
19 blk	Lindsborg	606@198.50
3 blk	Ellsworth	595@192.00
12 blk	Little River	669@187.50
8 red	Geneseo	618@185.00
16 mix	Broken Bow, NE	604@181.00
5 blk	Little River	610@180.00
12 blk	Lindsborg	620@178.50
7 blk	Little River	689@177.50
14 blk	Dighton	677@177.00
5 blk	Marquette	656@177.00
5 blk	Lindsborg	664@174.00
3 red	Hoisington	687@173.00
20 blk	Beloit	661@172.00
66 blk	Abilene	725@170.75
5 blk	Marquette	719@169.50
67 blk	Abilene	727@167.25
20 mix	Waldo	714@166.75
5 red	Geneseo	740@165.00
21 blk	Inman	746@162.50
21 blk	Marquette	815@162.00
11 mix	Delphos	805@161.00
18 blk	Little River	784@161.00
20 mix	Minneapolis	758@160.75
60 mix	Salina	825@159.75
67 mix	Gypsum	806@157.25
39 mix	Inman	840@156.50
60 mix	Hope	915@151.75
59 mix	Minneapolis	896@151.35
60 mix	Hope	915@151.00
58 mix	Hope	915@151.00

HEIFERS

14 blk	Mt. Hope	317@219.00
14 blk	Dighton	336@211.00
11 blk	Mt. Hope	407@194.00
14 blk	Dighton	421@189.00
9 blk	Lenexa	394@188.00
31 blk	Dighton	518@187.50
9 blk	Lenexa	476@186.00
23 blk	Dighton	466@186.00
6 red	Geneseo	506@186.00
11 blk	Lenexa	522@185.00
4 blk	Inman	471@184.00
13 blk	Manhattan	469@183.50
17 blk	Peabody	517@183.00
6 blk	Mt. Hope	533@183.00
3 blk	Hesston	352@182.00
6 blk	Marquette	501@182.00
21 blk	Peabody	444@182.00
6 blk	Barnard	513@181.00
22 blk	Broken Bow, NE	508@177.50
6 red	Geneseo	570@175.50
3 blk	Ellsworth	500@173.00
4 blk	Little River	561@173.00
4 blk	Little River	580@170.00
4 blk	Ellsworth	595@166.00
7 blk	Beloit	532@166.00
9 blk	Little River	664@164.50
34 blk	Dighton	625@164.00
28 mix	Peabody	626@162.50
3 blk	Little River	640@158.00
48 blk	Chase	683@157.75
10 mix	Ellsworth	667@157.50
5 blk	Clyde	484@157.00
6 blk	Marquette	653@156.50
12 blk	Inman	674@156.50
8 blk	Clyde	561@156.00
9 blk	Wakefield	671@154.00
5 blk	Marquette	710@153.50
72 blk	Chase	735@153.10
13 blk	Little River	773@153.00
68 mix	Lincoln	788@152.75
21 mix	Inman	761@152.75
11 blk	Gypsum	817@152.50
6 char	Ellsworth	748@152.50
12 mix	Minneapolis	729@152.00
10 blk	Abilene	838@152.00
23 mix	Peabody	709@150.50
65 blk	Halstead	801@150.00
29 mix	Minneapolis	822@149.75
17 blk	Delphos	819@149.00
24 blk	Gypsum	875@148.00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

HOGS

17 wht	Abilene	275@63.00
14 wht	Galva	291@63.00

SOWS

1 mix	Tescott	585@61.00
2 mix	Abilene	518@60.00
3 wht	Canton	720@60.00
1 wht	Tescott	500@59.00
6 wht	Abilene	550@57.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES:

All Sales are on Tuesday at 11 AM

SPECIAL COW SALES:

Tuesday, March 15 * Tuesday, April 19 * Tuesday, May 3

IN STOCK TODAY:

• Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders * 42' ROUND BALE DUMP TRAILERS

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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

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3 wht	Abilene	545@56.00	2 blk	Inman	170@400.00
2 wht	Chase	455@52.00	1 blk	McPherson	80@385.00
PIGS			1 red	Durham	125@375.00
5 wht	Minneapolis	42@67.50	1 blk	Durham	125@350.00
BULLS			7 mix	Gypsum	148@350.00
1 char	Minneapolis	2000@123.50	1 rwf	Abilene	150@300.00
1 blk	Little River	1775@121.00	1 blk	Minneapolis	65@300.00
1 red	Inman	1625@120.50			
1 red	Ellinwood	2250@120.00			
1 blk	Salina	2095@119.50			
1 blk	Tampa	1780@115.00			
1 blk	Salina	1605@111.50			
1 blk	New Cambria	2105@111.00			
1 blk	Minneapolis	2105@107.50			
COWS					
1 blk	Inman	1645@88.00			
1 blk	Minneapolis	1435@87.00			
1 blk	Gypsum	1495@86.50			
2 blk	Inman	1590@85.00			
1 blk	Brookville	1505@85.00			
1 blk	Gypsum	1590@85.00			
1 blk	Salina	1260@84.00			
1 blk	Abilene	1565@84.00			
1 blk	Gypsum	1430@83.50			
2 mix	Salina	1475@83.00			
1 blk	Westphalia	1805@83.00			
1 bwf	Falun	1385@83.00			
1 blk	Durham	1725@83.00			
1 blk	Salina	1230@82.50			
2 blk	Gypsum	1305@82.50			
1 blk	Salina	1400@82.00			
1 blk	Minneapolis	1155@82.00			
1 red	Barnard	1670@82.00			
3 blk	Salina	1413@81.50			
6 blk	Clay Center	1520@80.00			
CALVES					
3 blk	Inman	277@550.00			
1 blk	McPherson	90@410.00			

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 SPECIAL COW SALE BRED HEIFERS

15 blk	Parsons	@1650.00
20 blk	Matfield Green	@1750.00
13 blk	Cimarron	@1635.00
6 blk	Cimarron	@1710.00
10 blk	Cimarron	@1685.00
21 blk	Cimarron	@1725.00
20 blk	Cimarron	@1700.00
18 blk	Cimarron	@1660.00

BRED COWS

28 blk	Kingman	4 yr@1800.00
34 blk	Kingman	3 yr@1775.00
8 bwf	Kingman	3-5 yr@1685.00
10 blk	Kingman	5 yr@1685.00
9 red	Lincoln	5-6 yr@1575.00
6 blk	Brookville	4-5 yr@1525.00
10 blk	Salina	4-6 yr@1410.00
10 blk	Galva	5-6 yr@1350.00
13 blk	Galva	6-8 yr@1275.00
15 blk	Kingman	6-7 yr@1225.00
38 blk	Kingman	broken@1135.00
4 red	Lincoln	8-9 yr@1110.00
12 blk	Clay Center	broken@1110.00
12 blk	Salina	broken@1050.00
12 red	Salina	broken@1035.00

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

230 blk, strs, 550-800, home raised, 3 vacc, long weaned, green; 64 blk, hfrs 825-850, long weaned, vet checked open; 100 s&h, 700-800, long weaned, off wheat; 120 blk sim/angus, 700-850, home raised, long weaned, vacc; 15 strs, 800, long weaned, vacc, home raised; 160 blk, s&h, 400-700, 90 days weaned, vacc, hay fed, no implant; 50 blk/red, s&h, 600-850, home raised, long weaned, 2 vacc, open; 13 mostly blk, s&h (mostly strs), 600-750, long weaned, vacc; 94 blk, strs, 850-900, home raised, vacc, long weaned; 70 hfrs, 525-725; 5 blk angus, strs, 700-800, long weaned, vacc.

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.