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This rendering by architect Mike Blaske shows the façade of Abilene's newest restaurant, Legacy Kansas, Munson Prime – Brookville Hotel, slated to open on June 24, 2022. Chuck and Deanna Munson, owners of Munson Angus Farms and Munson's Prime Steakhouse, are purchasing the Brookville Hotel in Abilene, with plans of combining the two destination restaurants into one. A ranch gate entrance will also be added to the parking lot. Munson's Prime in Junction City was destroyed by fire on Feb. 24, 2021.

History, tradition to be preserved with Legacy Kansas, Munson Prime – Brookville Hotel

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

One closed due to the pandemic, and the other when a fire ripped through its building – but in both cases, restaurants that had a rich history of providing high quality food to their communities were gone. Now, as of June 24, 2022, the two will combine to reopen as Legacy Kansas, Munson Prime – Brookville Hotel.

The Brookville Hotel was originally located in Brookville and was owned by the same family since 1894. They began serving family-style fried chicken dinners in 1933. In 2000 they moved to Abilene and for the next twenty years satisfied the appetites of locals and travelers alike with their hearty portions served in an elegant setting. They closed in October, 2020 when business dwindled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Munson Prime operated in Junction City for seven years before the fire in February 2021, with their Black Angus beef as the centerpiece, along with homemade ice cream made in an impressive

freezer built by Munson Farm employees.

Now Chuck and Deanna Munson have purchased the Brookville Hotel and plan to merge the legacies of both restaurants into one that will reflect their passion for great food, quality Black Angus beef and Kansas agriculture.

The Brookville Hotel includes six rooms, one of which will be turned into an upscale bar. Depending on demand, the other rooms will feature the traditional Brookville chicken dinner with all the homemade sides served family style and rooms serving Munson beef as a steak dinner or burgers. A plated fried chicken dinner will also be available in those rooms. "We'll have to judge by demand how many of those spaces will be used for the family style chicken dinner or the menu portion," Deanna explained.

The ice cream freezer is currently being rebuilt and will initially be housed in the back of the restaurant so they can make and serve the ice cream. For now, the freezers will not be visible

to the public, but Deanna says plans are to add a room with many windows onto the east end of the building and possibly a drive-through. "The goal is to get those freezers in front of people so they can see them," she said. Also down the road she hopes to add pastries to the menu.

Prior to the fire at Munson's Prime, Chuck and Deanna were in the process of gathering photos of ranches around Kansas that would be projected onto digital screens to capture the beauty of agriculture in the state. "I will reimplement that project once we are up and running and I can catch my breath," she said. "We will finish it off and get it up when we can."

Deanna says she and Chuck are so looking forward to working in the Abilene community. "They understand families and farms and why we're not wanting to just chuck out food to get a few dollars in the restaurant," she said. "The Abilene community is so welcoming and we are looking forward to being a part of the community."

KDA seeks input Using Agriculture Workforce Needs Assessment Survey

In an effort to help support growth in agriculture, the Kansas Department of Agriculture is calling on industry partners to help identify workforce needs among agricultural employers in the state by conducting the second Kansas Agriculture Workforce Needs Assessment Survey. The survey will help KDA better understand current workforce issues, trends and needs within the Kansas agriculture industry to steer future discussions and identify solutions for positive changes for our state's leading economic driver — agriculture.

Kansas farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, manufacturers and producers of agricultural products are all being asked to complete the survey to help KDA identify the number and types of jobs in the

state's agriculture industry, and the specific skills required for those jobs. A similar survey was conducted in 2015 with results released in 2016.

"We continue to hear from our stakeholders that workforce is their number one issue," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. "KDA has partnered with several agriculture sectors to begin to mitigate the issue, but we know more needs to be done. This survey will help us better understand the employment needs of all employers in agriculture and help promote long-term workforce solutions for Kansas agriculture."

The survey is currently being offered online at agriculture.ks.gov/workforce but also can be mailed to those who request a paper version. The survey will be open until April 8, 2022.

"Agriculture accounts for \$47 billion in the state's economy and supports 12 percent of the state's workforce," said Russell Plaschka, KDA agribusiness development director. "From information and conversations from past Ag Growth Summits, across all sectors of Kansas agriculture, we hear the need to continue to identify the specific jobs available, and the skills needed to fill open or new positions. KDA will continue to work with industry and education partners to close specific skill gaps between education and the workplace as well as refine programs that provide our young people experiences that help them find a career path."

For more information on the Kansas Agriculture

Workforce Needs Survey, visit agriculture.ks.gov/workforce or contact Plaschka at 785-564-7466 or Russell.Plaschka@ks.gov.

Sharda to receive \$6 million NSF grant to develop spray-on bioplastics for use in farming

The National Science Foundation has announced that Vaishali Sharda, assistant professor in the Carl and Melinda Helwig Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at Kansas State University, will receive a nearly \$6 million grant to develop spray-on bioplastics that protect soil and control weeds in an environmentally friendly way.

Sharda will direct the four-year collaborative project, "RII Track-2 FEC: BioWRAP (Bioplastics With Regenerative Agricultural Properties): Spray-on bioplastics with growth synchronous decomposition and water, nutrient and agrochemical management for enhanced field crop production," alongside three co-principal investigators from K-State and two teams of researchers from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the South Dakota School of Mines. Joining her from K-State are Ajay Sharda, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering; Pascal Hitzler, professor of computer science; and Katherine Nelson, assistant professor of geography and geospatial sciences.

The grant is funded through NSF's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, or EPSCoR, RII Track-2, which is designed to build collaborative



The ice cream freezer destroyed in the fire was built by Munson Angus Farm employees and could freeze four canisters in eighteen minutes. A replacement freezer is currently being built to be installed in the new restaurant. Deanna Munson uses her grandmother's recipe and Jersey milk for the ice cream.

Courtesy photos



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teams with complementary expertise and resources.

The project aims to reduce the use of plastics, herbicides and associated environmental impacts in agricultural production by creating an all-in-one bioplastic system that can better manage weeds, nutrients, soils and water resources.

"Creating a protective layer over soil when growing field crops could help farmers better manage many issues at once," Sharda said. "Covering soil with sheet plastic prevents weed growth, erosion and moisture loss, but using large amounts plastic creates waste, is not eco-friendly, and is too costly for field crops."

"New, locally sourced types of bioplastics that

fully break down into safe by-products can be made. These new materials could provide farmers with a green way to con-

K-State lab backs work that helps rescue Haitian sorghum crop

A research team supported by Kansas State University's Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sorghum and Millet (SMIL) has helped rescue the cereal crop, sorghum, with 50 years of global research and new technology.

The researchers say they have saved the sorghum crop in Haiti, where smallholder farmers witnessed the devastation the sugarcane aphid can cause when it nearly eliminated their crop in 2017.

Two years before that, an aggressive form of sugarcane aphid, *M. sacchari*, had been rapidly expanding and putting more than 90% of sorghum-producing areas of North America at risk.

Geoffrey Morris, a professor at Colorado State University and principal investigator for the study, worked with a Haitian sorghum breeding program to develop a global germplasm exchange.

"We were able to identify a molecular marker to combat the aphid desolation rapidly thanks to a half-century investment

in sharing sorghum germplasm worldwide," Morris said. "The focus of SMIL and its predecessor, INT-SORMIL, to push for the global exchange of sorghum breeding research is essential in this approach and discovery."

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Timothy Dalton, SMIL director and professor of agricultural economics at K-State, said the sorghum breeding global exchange network is "a backbone for this solution to the current aphid problem, and for future pests."

"We started this research back in the 1980s with the greenbug (aphid), which was the priority pest at the time," he said. "But we have seen through this public exchange of information across the globe that we were able to solve the latest pest issue more rapidly. We believe this truly helped save sorghum's viability for many smallholder farmers in Haiti that depend on it for the base income and food source for their family's survival."

The researcher's findings are reported in the

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Spring Break Secrets

By Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer

We have officially entered the countdown to spring break mindset in our household. The recent winter blasts that have netted a few snow days for the kids are no longer acceptable for my children. They are ready for an extended, week-long break from school. And in their eyes, it can't get here soon enough!

They ask me daily how many more days until their beloved break begins. They have been constantly discussing in detail the grand plans they have for their week-long hiatus from all school responsibilities. My daughter is already planning out her wardrobe of sundresses, sandals and swimsuits, while my son is brainstorming plans for an

adventure course he plans to build in our pasture. We have less than a month until my two can experience the "freedom" that they have been dreaming of daily, and there is no denying that their anticipation is showing loud and clear. When I asked my third-grader why he's so adamant about aggressively marking each day off the giant calendar that hangs in our mudroom, his response surprised me. "Mom, the closer we get to spring break means the closer we are to summer break," he told me. "And once it's summer

break, I can spend all of my time on the farm," he added. I immediately made a mental note to increase the amount of chores for my boy this summer to ensure he will look forward to returning to school in the fall. For me, our children's spring break is the final visible block on our family's calendar of calmness prior to the start of an incredibly busy season on our farm. Aside from the expected spring sports practices and games that will begin occupying time slots during my evenings and

weekends following spring break, the overall pace within our household will dramatically shift as well. Our winter evenings together at the dinner table will transition to meals hurriedly prepared and delivered out to fields while we plant our crops for next fall's harvest. I'll increase my audiobook consumption while navigating the dirt roads to deliver seed and equipment while the kids attend their final months of school. My visits to the local tractor dealership will become more frequent as I anticipate making many

trips into town for parts, as well. Secretly, I hope it takes a while for spring break to arrive this year. I want to soak up the calmness of the current season that we're in. Unfortunately, I think I'm outnumbered in our house, and these next few weeks will quickly pass and usher in another season on the farm. "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.

Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad announces major maintenance initiative

Officials of the Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad have announced a major fundraising campaign to upgrade track between Abilene and Enterprise, the route of the railroad's excursion trains. According to Ross Boelling, the general manager of the railroad, the project will require two phases, and the organization is working with granting agencies and seeking contributions to fund the project. A&SV needs about \$75,000 to complete the ongoing first phase and will need about \$1.8 million more to finish phase two. The railroad operates on the former Herington-Salina subdivision of the Rock Island railroad. When that company went bankrupt in 1980, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad operated trains on the track before being absorbed by the Union Pacific in 1988. The Abilene and Smoky Valley, organized in 1993 as a non-profit organization, purchased the right of way from the Union Pacific, and has

been operating excursion trains on the route between Abilene and Enterprise since 1994. A&SV general manager Ross Boelling said that the organization is making the investment now to secure the railroad's continued operation for years to come. "This initiative will upgrade and protect our operations for another thirty or forty years," Boelling said. "We must have a good foundation to operate on. For the past 27 years, we have attempted to maintain our track ourselves with only volunteer labor, and while we work hard in this endeavor, it will soon require more work than our limited number of volunteers can complete. Many of the ties have outlived their useful life and most other ties are approaching that condition as well. To that end, we have decided on a two-phase attack to upgrade our track." Boelling emphasized that the track is currently safe, given the slow speeds

by which trains operate, but "as time goes on if we do not invest in rail conditions now, it will soon become difficult to continue operations." Boelling said that by the time the initiative is completed, A&SV will have replaced all poor ties and will have completely revamped the roadbed, a process that will ensure smoother rides. "Our rail is in good shape, and we do not plan to replace it at this time," he added. The first phase is already scheduled to start in February or early March 2022. A&SV has received a \$30,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County and is hoping to match or double that with new donations and gifts. A&SV needs to raise an additional \$75,000 to complete this first phase. The railroad's board of directors has hired a Nebraska-based contractor that will insert some new ties under each piece of rail to stabilize about three miles of the track

structure and help maintain track gauge. "The more money we can raise right now and while the contractor is working here means the more miles of track we can stabilize," Boelling said. He mentioned that the wooden track ties cost about \$50 each and it costs about \$26 to install one tie. "We have enough supplies on hand right now to complete about three miles. We will need to purchase another 950 ties to stabilize the remaining two miles into Enterprise. As a volunteer non-profit organization, we really need our community's financial support to successfully complete this first phase. We'll work on this first phase until the money runs out." Boelling said the second completion phase is a more significant endeavor that will require replacing all the remaining ties on the Abilene to Enterprise section, adding new gravel ballast and stabilizing and leveling the rails. That phase will be more expensive, costing an estimated \$1.8 million, which will include the purchase of about 17,000 ties and 5,000 tons of ballast. "This is a huge investment in the property, but when you consider it is a

thirty to forty year investment, it is a reasonable amount for us to spend to improve and protect our operations," Boelling said. "We are going to aggressively search out and apply for grants and donations or gift funding to help us complete this expensive phase. We have identified a few grant sources and are looking for other avenues of funding. We just need to bite the bullet and work towards this end. Once completed, our volunteers will be able to maintain the track as our physical infrastructure will be in much better shape. We currently do not have the requisite number of volunteers to complete a maintenance project of this size." Since its beginning in 1993, A&SV has provided rides to over 250,000 passengers, and in 2021, the railroad attracted over 6,000 riders from 48 states. Boelling added that the railroad's contribution to the tourism industry is significant. "Many of these folks dine and stay in Abilene and spend money at Abilene's other attractions," he said. During the normal operating season of May through October, trains operate between Abilene

and Enterprise for a two-hour round trip. At Enterprise, passengers have an opportunity to visit the affiliated Hoffman Grist Mill, where they can observe Kansas grain being processed into flour and purchase stone ground flour and other products manufactured by the replica mill. The railroad has set up a direct way to donate to the A&SV maintenance fund on its website at www.asvrr.org. Donations can also be directly mailed to the railroad at P.O. Box 744, Abilene, KS 67410-0744. A&SV is a 501(c)-3 non-profit organization so donations and contributions are tax-deductible. Any questions or comments can be directed to Boelling at 785-263-1077.

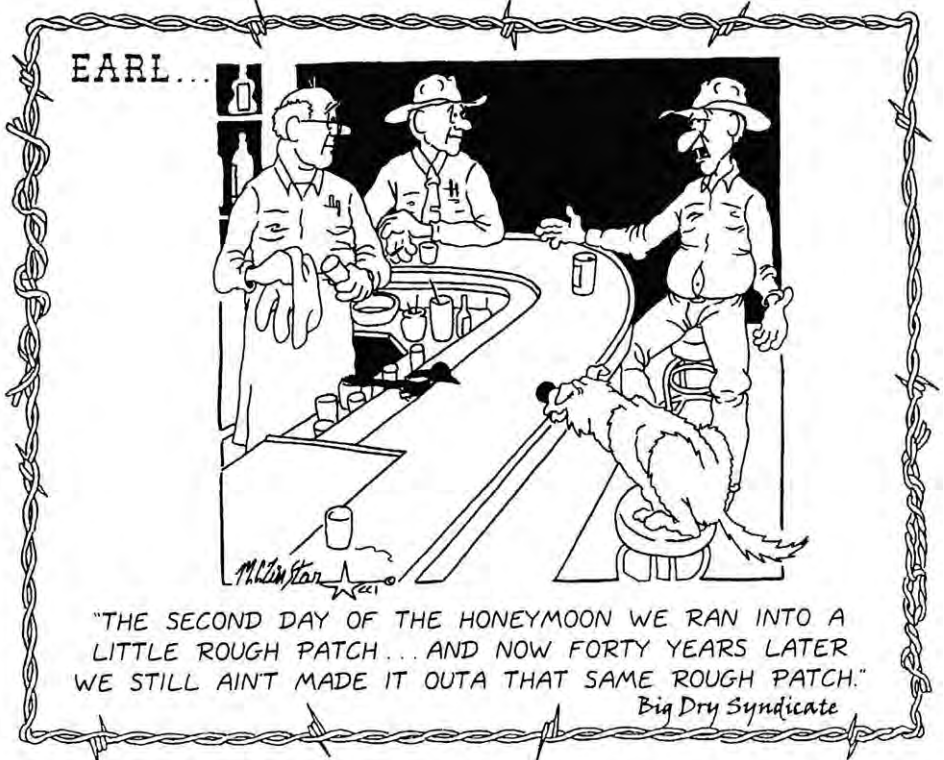
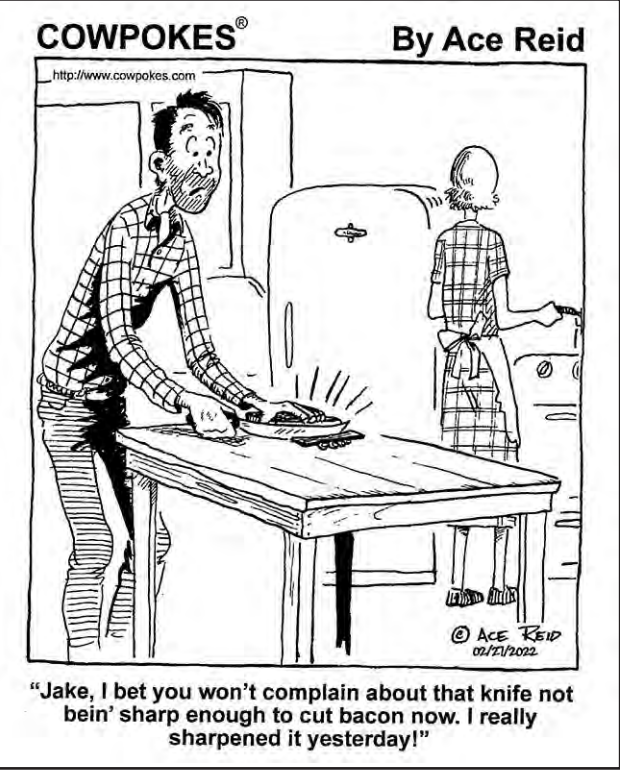
KLA theft reward program updated by members

The KLA Chairmen's Circle met recently in Topeka. One of the items on the agenda was to review the KLA Reward Program, which offers a monetary award to individuals who provide information that leads to the arrest and conviction of persons who commit certain crimes against KLA members. Those crimes include stealing, killing or seriously injuring livestock; stealing livestock equipment, tack, pharmaceuticals or hay; or committing arson of agricultural property. During the meeting, the group voted to increase the maximum reward from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and update two sections pertaining to what is covered by the program. Hay was added to the list of stolen items covered and the arson section was expanded to include all agricultural property. The KLA Chairmen's Circle is made up of the chairman of each qualified county, the KLA board of directors, the chairs and vice chairs of each standing KLA committee and past KLA presidents.



This morning was one of those days when the meteorologist says because of the dangerous wind chill that we should limit our time outside. I know he is talking to all the other people out there in the world and not those of us with livestock and particularly not those of us in the middle of welcoming new babies into this world. This morning that was a world of bitter cold temperatures and a sharp north wind. I would very much like to limit my exposure, but that just isn't going to happen. This was one of those mornings when I sat in the breezeway putting my chore clothes on, trying to prepare myself mentally for what was coming. I put on all of my chore clothes and then some – I figured it was a lot like getting ready to do a spacewalk. When I finally got all my layers put on, I felt a little like the Michelin Man and I really hoped that I didn't fall over because I was going to have a tough time getting back up. It was so cold that I even resorted to putting on the extra heavy winter gloves I have, the ones I don't like because you can't grip anything with them, but they are better than frostbite. I opened the door and immediately the icy wind slapped me in the face. It was seventy degrees two days ago and I did morning chores in a sweatshirt. There is nothing better than midwestern weather. I waddled my way down to check on the sheep and give them grain. Lambing is wrapping up, but we still have a few ewes to go. The ewes seemed oblivious to the cold but then again, they have a thick wool coat. I fed the ewes in the maternity pen and that was when I saw one hanging back in the shed. Upon a quick check I could see two feet protruding from the back and knew she was in the process of lambing. I have a rule that was handed down to me and that is if you can see feet on an ewe in labor, you pull the lamb. That was exactly what I did, and it was about the easiest pull I have ever had. The ewe was a first-timer, and the lamb was big, I called that a win right away. As soon as the lamb was out, the ewe jumped up and sprinted over to the feed bunk. So much for motherly instinct. Since it was four actual degrees and somewhere between minus ten and

twenty degrees windchill, I decided to immediately take the lamb to the barn and get it in the straw and under a heat lamp. I could deal with the ewe later after the feed was gone. I got the lamb dried off and under the heat lamp and started back down after the ewe. I had already decided that the heavy winter gloves weren't so bad. They and my coat were covered with afterbirth, but I was dry and somewhat warm. When I got back to the pen, the ewe was alternating between licking the feed bunk dry and looking for her lamb. Neither of these activities made it possible for her to see the open gate. A good dog is worth their weight in Alpo and that was no exception this morning. Roo was able to help me separate the ewe and four of her closest friends and get them in the alley. She then helped me herd them up to the catch pen next to the lambing barn and the ewe was sorted off and in the lambing barn with relative ease. That was a good thing because my coat and gloves were now frozen solid. Thinking that I was rather good, I paired the ewe and her lamb up and watched. She was walking up and down the pen calling for her baby, who was calling back. Every once in a while, she would stop and sniff her baby and then go back to calling for it and looking for it over the fence. I thought they needed some alone time, so I went on to doing other chores. When I finished, I went to check on them and the ewe greeted me at the door. At that moment I made the executive decision that I needed to check cows and I scooped the lamb up and took it into the house to keep it warm. Once it is warm and dry and has some colostrum, I can deal with the stupid ewe. As I sit here and write, I can hear it bawling in the utility room and wandering around. No doubt it is practicing all of its bodily functions too, but I will gladly clean up after a healthy lamb when the weather is like this. As I think about the prospect of going back out, the words of the meteorologist warning us to limit our exposure are still ringing in my head. Yes, I will probably limit my exposure to eight, maybe twelve hours or so. Do you think that is what he meant?



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Kansas 4-H official: Volunteers are 'lifeblood' of state's largest youth program

By Pat Melgares

There is a saying – noted by many throughout history – that if you love what you're doing, you'll never work a day in your life.

Shane Potter says the same holds true for Kansas 4-H volunteers.

"They're helping to provide support for something they're passionate about," said Potter, a 4-H youth development specialist, "and they're sharing that passion with (4-H members)."

Potter said 4-H volunteers typically get involved as club or project

leaders at the local level. They often receive curriculum, training and "a whole cadre of things that will help them when they get into that volunteer role," he said.

"That is how Kansas 4-H runs," Potter said. "We have a great network of educators and agents across the state that support programming, but really the lifeblood of 4-H is our volunteers. Our local volunteers make a difference in the lives of youth."

According to statistics from the Kansas 4-H program, more than 10,000 adult volunteers and pro-

fessionals support nearly 70,000 Kansas youth in the program. Nationally, there are more than 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals that serve about six million 4-H members. 4-H volunteers undergo a background check to assure a safe environment for youth.

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers helps adults network with other volunteers, and provides additional training. Potter said many volunteers were 4-H members in their youth, while others are simply interested in a given topic area.

Kansas 4-H lists nearly three dozen project areas that youth participate in, each with their own set of adult volunteers.

"We are focused on creating excellent opportunities for youth," Potter said. "We want to find that passion area for a volunteer and connect it to youth."

A side benefit: Potter said youth often are pret-

ty good teachers, too. A national study that looked at the motivations for why people volunteer concluded that adults not only enjoyed sharing their passion, but realized they learned something new, as well.

"Volunteering is an opportunity to not only share your skills, but sharpen the things you know and

show how you really care about your community," Potter said.

Those interested in volunteering for a local 4-H program are encouraged to visit the K-State Research and Extension office in their county. More information also is available on the website for the Kansas 4-H youth development program.

KDA announces specialty crop grant opportunity

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Funds for the program are awarded to the agency by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

The grant funds are in turn granted to projects and organizations to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops by leveraging efforts to market and promote specialty crops; assisting producers with research and development relevant to specialty crops; expanding availability and access to specialty crops; and addressing local, regional, and national challenges confronting specialty crop producers. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as "fruits, veg-

etables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture."

Applications will be evaluated by a team of external reviewers. The team will rate proposals on their ability to successfully promote specialty crops in Kansas and make a positive impact on the Kansas economy. Those recommendations will be

submitted to the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, who will make the final awards.

Applications are due to KDA no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on March 31, 2022. For more information, please download and carefully read the 2022 KDA Request for Applications from the KDA website: agriculture.ks.gov/specialtycrop.

Sharda receives Deere & Company grant to innovate planting systems

Ajay Sharda, Patrick Wilburn — Carl and Mary Ice Keystone research scholar and associate professor in the Carl and Melinda Helwig Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at Kansas State University, has received a grant from Deere & Company to innovate planting systems to more accurately place seeds and maximize productivity and profitability.

Sharda will lead the three-year, \$285,000 project, "New innovations and controls for planting systems," in an effort to help further evolve planter technology and aid producers.

"With rising input costs, increasing size of farming operations, uncertainty of available planting days and global supply chain issues, producers are continuously looking for newer inno-



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variations in planter technology to accurately place inputs while planting at higher operating speeds," Sharda said. "This project will focus on the evaluations of newer plant-

ing systems, developing implementation practices and establishing newer technology innovations needed for accurate seed and nutrition handling and placement for even emergence."

Sharda said the project goals will be accomplished through continuous on-farm research on producer's fields. The spatial data collected from crop production fields with real-world operating scenarios will help drive the innovation process to produce more intelligent and functional systems for farmers.

"Successful completion of this project would identify enhancements needed within row units for accurate placement of seed and nutrition for optimal emergence and yields," he said.

36th ANNUAL CONCORDIA OPTIMIST CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 12 — 9:00 AM

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FARM MACHINERY

12' 5-shank Brillion ripper; Cat 2 hitch for JD tractor; 16" disk chisel; 930 Case Comfort King w/cab w/Dual 3254 loader w/grapple; 24' Allis field cultivator; 12' Krause disk; 7000 Allis Chalmers w/cab, AC; Vermeer 605XL baler (twine & net wrap); 1014 Hesston hydrazing swather; JD 127 pull behind 5' rotary mower; JD post hole digger, Model #D4662; 20' White field cultivator; JD sm. square baler; 12' Nisbet grass seed drill; 39' Allis field conditioner w/new sweeps; Hesston 5580 twine round baler; 60' 3 pt. sprayer; 3 pt. 500-gal. chemical tank; 6-row Lilliston cultivator; PTO WinPower generator on trailer.

TRAILERS

4-wheel bale trailer; 26' gooseneck tandem axle trailer w/12000# winch; 130-bu. Grain-O-Vator wagon; 250-bu. Parker gravity wagon; 1992 30' Dakota grain trailer; Kelly Ryan 5x14' feed wagon; 2-wheel round bale trailer w/elec. winch.

IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT

90 deg & 45 deg 8" irrigation elbows; 8" irrigation butterflies; Chevy 350 LP irrigation motor on frame; 2 Valley pivot gear drives w/elec. motors; Venturan water meter (never used); Lima irrigation generator.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
Model 2200 Ditch Witch trencher w/blade; skid loader landscape/rock bucket.

Commission proceeds go to area youth programs. We will be taking consignments up to sale day. Concessions will be served on grounds by the 4-H Council. All guarantees are between buyer & seller.

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3 PT EQUIPMENT

3 pt. trip bucket; 8' Big Ox 3 pt. blade; Land Pride 5' finishing mower; 5' BMB rotary mower; Huskee 3 pt. 6' rotary mower; 3 pt. post hole digger; 3 pt. single round bale mover; homemade 3 pt. blade.

CATTLE & HOG EQUIP.

10 Winkel cattle panels w/walk-in gate & trailer; Top Hand squeeze chute; hog feeder; (2) 50-bu. bulk bins; propane stock tank heater; 13 framed hog panels.

RECREATIONAL ITEMS

15' ski barge fishing boat w/50hp motor & trailer; Willy's Overland trailer; 8' patio umbrella w/stand.

TOOLS

New sandblaster w/2 bags aggregate; paint sprayer; socket sets; tree saw; ext. cords; drill press; battery charger; belt sander; Ryobi grinder; Hobby grinder; power washer; 1/2-ton chain hoist; engine hoist; 24" bolt cutter; Pistol Grip grease gun; 10" Sears table saw; 12" Sears band saw; 10" Sears radial saw; 6" planer-jointer; air compressor; router table w/Sears router; Shop Smith; scroll saw; 5" Craftsman jointer.

VEHICLES

1950s Ford 150 truck (doesn't run); 1949 Chevy 6400 grain truck w/hoist.

HOUSEHOLD

Card table; wall mirror; humidifier; Pyrex cookingware; Bissel rug shampooer; furniture; 5' step ladder; 24 ct. gold chandelier;

quilt rack; antique desk; microwave; dresser; vacuum cleaner; paper shredder; 40" TV w/remote; 17x30" framed wall mirror; gold headboard for single bed; (2) 1500 w. elec. Comfort Zone radiant heaters; KSU bowling pin dresser lamp; radio; mirrored medicine cabinet; Jim Crow antique glass whiskey decanter (2 gal.).

MISCELLANEOUS

Cement mixer; 10-40' 6" pipe; Blue Jet ground driven fert. pump; 6 hyd. cylinders, good; 60" wood air boat propeller; 4 good tires (5.3x13) on old wheels; hand post hole jammers; gas cans; shovels; tricycle; girls pedal go cart; old lumber; metal stands; softball bats; (3) 55-gal. barrels; desk system; Dodge pickup bed liner; 4 Sharp audio speakers for radio, TV, stereo; kiln; rock tumbler; Lawn Boy diesel 100K space heater; 5-gal. antique metal fuel cans; plastic 8 bu. grain hopper for 8 or 10" auger; KSU Willie the Wildcat Whiskey decanter (1968 vintage); (3) 32" pre-hung interior doors; Westfield drill fill auger; PU fuel barrels; louvered folding doors; cord drawn curtain rods; drafting table; 6 decorative porch posts; Anderson case-ment window approx. 40"x48"; heavy metal racks; (2) 200-gal. saddle tanks; Sears antique stand up milk/cream separator; 110 elec. fuse/breaker box w/2 add-on outlets; 12' sweep auger w/elec. motor.

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

Keeli Kufta, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest & Prize
Winner Keeli Kufta, Topeka:
SLOW-COOKER BEEF STEW

- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 1/2 pounds stew meat
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cups water
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 10-ounce can tomato soup
- 3 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 3 yellow potatoes, cubed & peeled
- 3 medium carrots, sliced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 8 ounces mushrooms

Pour flour into a Ziploc bag; add meat in batches and coat all pieces. Add oil to pan and heat. When oil is hot, add meat and brown. Transfer meat to crock-pot. Add water and bouillon cubes to skillet and cook, deglazing pan. Once dissolved remove from heat and add soup and seasonings. Stir to combine then add to crock-pot. Add remaining ingredients and cook on high for 4 hours or 8 hours on low.

K-State Scientist Gets To The Meat Of The Matter On Tenderness

By Taylor Jamison,
K-State Research
& Extension
news writer

MANHATTAN – Kansas State University meat scientist Michael Chao said a recent study on eight cuts of meat could help consumers identify more tender products in the grocery store, and better utilize less tender cuts at home.

“As less people possess the knowledge to properly handle tougher beef cuts today, this research can certainly provide consumers the confidence needed to handle those cuts,” Chao said. “Hopefully, it will also increase sales of lower quality beef cuts.” Chao said the study analyzed eight meat cuts – ribeye roll, knuckle, flank, shoulder clod, chuck tender, eye of

Kellee George, Shawnee:
DONUT MUFFINS
1 cup sugar (divided)
1/2 cup butter, melted (divided)
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup milk
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Set oven to 375 degrees. Grease 24 mini muffins cups. Stir together 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup butter and nutmeg. Stir in milk then flour and baking powder until just combined. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of batter into each muffin cup. Bake until tops are golden brown, about 13 minutes. Transfer muffins to rack to cool about 10 minutes. Put remaining melted butter in a small bowl. In another bowl put 1/2 cup sugar and the cinnamon. Dip muffins in melted butter then in sugar-cinnamon mixture.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
1 can refrigerated pizza dough
1 package sausage gravy mix (2-cup size)

1 pound cooked & crumbled sausage
1 1/2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Set oven 400 degrees. Spread pizza dough in pan and bake only 6 minutes. Mix gravy according to package directions. Pour over crust. Sprinkle on cheese. Top with sausage. Bake 10-15 minutes until crust is golden brown and cooked through.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
SAUSAGE BALLS
1 pound sausage
1 1/4 cups Bisquick
1 cup shredded cheese
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
Mix all ingredients together and form into balls. Bake on baking sheet for 25 minutes at 400 degrees.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
SALMON PATTIES
1 large can salmon
1/3 cup bread crumbs
2 green onions, chopped
1/4 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 egg
4 tablespoons butter for frying

Mix all ingredients together and shape into patties. Fry in butter, turning once until browned.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
PECAN BREAD PUDDING
16 ounces day-old French bread, cut into cubes
2 1/2 cups milk
1 cup half & half
4 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans

Set oven to 350 degrees. Place bread cubes in a bowl. Beat eggs, milk, half & half, vanilla, sugar and salt. Pour over bread and let sit 5 minutes. Combine butter, brown sugar and pecans in a bowl. Pour half of bread mixture into a 12-by-7-inch pan (or about that size). Top with half of pecan mixture (crumble it on). Top with remaining bread mixture then with remaining pecan mixture. Bake about 40 minutes.



A couple of weeks ago, around Valentine's Day to be exact, my brother asked me if I would be willing to help the girls with a project. I would never turn down the opportunity to help the girls, so I said, “sure.” I then asked what he wanted help with. He explained to me that with Stacy's (local restaurant) being closed on Mondays that left some of the farmers going to one of the girls' favorite persons, Larry Kramer's house for Monday morning coffee and he thought it would be fun for the girls to take them some baked goods. His mother-in-law had agreed to take the girls to do the delivery, he just needed someone to help with the baking.

On the other hand, was a free spirit, decorating her little heart out, not necessarily caring what they looked like, just having a ton of fun. After the cookies were decorated and the cake and loaf were frosted, we went to Chloe's favorite item, the M&M cookies. She will ask you about a hundred times if she can eat the dough and if you are not careful you will catch her doing just that; then the minute they come out of the oven, she is negotiating on how long until she can have one, which reaffirms our love for cookies, and proves we are clearly related.

I was instantly on board, especially as the girls started telling me their plans. Mika, the princess and boss that she is, had her hand on her hip and finger swaying and she informed me that she was going to make a deal with Larry. She was going to tell him that for him to get their treats he must “stop stealing her lollipops from Stacy's for one whole year!” She was determined and she was ready to tell him how it was going to be.

Once everything was made, we packaged it up and they waited for their dad to come and get them, eager to show him how perfect their cookies were and excited to tell him the deal yet again they were going to make with Larry. The next morning, their grandma, Jan, took them over to Larry's house where they attempted to make their deal. Depending on who you ask will determine what was agreed upon. Mika says they agreed on fourteen months, Chloe says they agreed on sixty-one months, our cousin JD says Larry only agreed to six months.

The girls helped me decide what we were going to make, and I got to baking; trying to knock out some before they got there, the attention span of a three and five-year-old is only going to last so long after all. They decided on banana cake, cinnamon loaf, M&M cookies and sugar cookies. I made the cake and loaf before they got there but waited for them to make the frostings and let them go to town on frosting them all by themselves.

At the end of the day, it does not really matter what deal was made; the girls love to pick on Larry, and he loves to tease them right back. Whether it ends up being six months or sixty-one months, I cannot wait to see what these little sassy girls come up with next to keep their dear friend Larry from stealing their lollipops.

I had also baked the sugar cookies before they arrived, but I waited for them to decorate. I made them each their own little station and we went over the one rule for decorating cookies, no licking the frosting off the knife or their fingers until the very end, and let me tell you, I watched them like a hawk to ensure there were no accidental slip-ups. Mika wanted to decorate every cookie like I did; Chloe,

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. If you would like to contact Michele with comments please email mearlyon88@gmail.com

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SHEPHERD'S PIE
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 onion, diced
2 pounds lean ground lamb
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
Salt & ground black pepper to taste
2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary
1 teaspoon paprika
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon ketchup
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 1/2 cups water, or as needed
12-ounce package frozen peas & carrots, thawed
2 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled & halved
1 tablespoon butter
1 pinch ground cayenne pepper
1/4 cup cream cheese
1/4 pound Irish cheese (such as Dubliner®), shredded
Salt & ground black pepper to taste
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons milk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Place olive oil and butter in Dutch oven over medium heat. Stir in onion and ground lamb; brown the meat, breaking it up into small crumbles as it cooks, about 10 minutes.

Stir in flour until incorporated, then mix in salt, black pepper, rosemary, paprika, cinnamon, ketchup and garlic; cook and stir until garlic is fragrant, 2 to 3 minutes.

Stir in water and scrape up any brown bits from the bottom of the Dutch oven. Reduce heat to medium-low and bring mixture to a simmer; cook and stir until thick, about 5-6 minutes.

Remove lamb mixture from heat and stir in peas and carrots until combined. Spread lamb mixture into the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish and set aside.

Place potatoes into a large pan of salted water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain well and return potatoes to pan.

Mash butter, cayenne pepper, cream cheese, and Irish cheese into the potatoes. Mash until combined and potatoes are smooth. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Whisk together egg yolk and milk in a small bowl; stir into the mashed potato mixture.

Top the lamb mixture in the baking dish with the mashed potatoes and spread evenly to cover. Bake in the preheated oven until the top is golden brown and sauce is bubbling up around the edges, 25 to 30 minutes.

IRISH COLCANNON
1 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold or Russet Potatoes, peeled & cut into 1-inch cubes
1 pinch Kosher salt
4 ounces kale leaves (about 6 1/2 ounces with stem)
1/2 cup scallions, trimmed (white & lower green of stalk), rough chopped
1 stick unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces
Salt & pepper to taste
Garnish with scallion slices (about 1/4 cup needed for whole recipe)

Fill a large pan with water (enough water to cover the potatoes by 1 inch). Bring to a boil. Add a large pinch of salt to the boiling water. Place potatoes in boiling water until done, about 20 minutes (no longer hard and cooked through). Drain and

return to cooking pan.

While potatoes are boiling, bring a second pan of water to boil for blanching the kale (and fill a large mixing bowl with ice and water). Place the kale leaves into the boiling water for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally to ensure they all become submerged. Remove from boiling water then place immediately into ice water. Allow to remain in ice for 2 minutes then place in the bowl of a food processor. Add the chopped scallions to the food processor. Pulse for 10-15 seconds until kale and scallions form a finely diced mixture.

Add the stick of butter to the potatoes; mix together to allow butter to melt. Once the butter is melted, mash the potatoes with a masher. Add the diced kale and scallion mixture and stir to combine. Serve hot garnished with scallion slices.

SODA BREAD
4 cups all-purpose flour
4 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking sheet. In a large bowl mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an "X" into the top of the loaf.

Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

APPLE CAKE
Cake:
1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
3 tablespoons whole milk or cream
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 Granny Smith apples, peeled & thinly sliced

Confectioner's sugar for dusting

Streusel Topping:
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
6 tablespoons unsalted cold butter, cut in small pieces
1/2 cup granulated sugar
Custard sauce:
6 large egg yolks
6 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups whole milk (can also use half & half or cream)
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Set oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch springform pan. Make the custard sauce ahead of time. Bring milk to a simmer over medium heat. Meanwhile whisk the yolks and sugar until well-combined. Drizzle a little of the hot milk into the egg mixture, whisking all the time. Drizzle a little more, then transfer back into the pan of hot milk and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until the mixture coats the back of a spoon. Do this slowly, over medium heat. The mixture will become velvety and thickened but will not be as thick as pudding. It will continue to thicken as it cools (don't overcook or can curdle). Stir in the vanilla.

Pour the custard through a sieve (to catch any stray lumps) into a heat-proof jar or bowl and place a piece of plastic wrap onto the surface so it won't form a skin as it cools. Put in the refrigerator until completely chilled.

To make the streusel topping, blend the bits of butter into the flour, sugar and oats until the butter is incorporated and the mixture has a coarse crumbly texture. Place in the refrigerator.

To prepare the cake: Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. Whisk together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Fold the dry ingredients into the butter-sugar mixture, along with the milk or cream. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and smooth out evenly. Top with the sliced apples, and then the streusel topping (no need to arrange the apples perfectly, but try to get them in an even layer).

Bake for approximately 50 minutes to an hour until the top is lightly browned and a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in pan before removing. Dust with confectioner's sugar before serving.

Serve with custard sauce, either cold or warmed.



Lesson In Perspective

By Lou Ann Thomas
Recently I've been given some lessons in perspective, which has given me a new perspective, especially on time and my relationship with it.

As I've shared before, at the end of March I will receive my first shoulder replacement. The second will occur the end of June. I'm in the midst of rather chaotic, and sometimes panicked, preparations for life with only one working arm. Yet, time continues to march me closer and closer to these surgeries and long recoveries. In fact, I recently passed the six-week mark until that first replacement.

My first thought was, "Six weeks? That's no time at all! How will I ever get everything I need to be in place ready in six weeks?" Then I realized that I have been told numerous times to expect to sleep in my recliner for six weeks after surgery and that it will likely be six weeks before I'll be released to drive again. When I think of those six-week spans, I feel as though it is an eternity and will require a long, slow trudge to finally arrive there.

And there it is - perspective. Moving toward something I don't really want to do and am not looking forward to doing, makes time feel as though the dreaded event will be here in a flash. Time races forward like a cheetah. However, when I move toward something I can't wait to do, to get back to, and to enjoy, the time between here and then drags on like I'm trying to walk through sand up to my

knees and my life slows to turtle pace.

The time span between where I am and where I am going remains the same, but the feel of that time's movement changes dramatically because of my point of view. So, what other things have I seen as good or as bad, depending upon my perspective, which likely changed over time, as perspective can do?

Have you ever lost a friend or a significant relationship and felt as though it was the worst thing that could ever happen to you? How could you go on without that person in your life? And yet, with time, you do go on. And, with more time, it's highly likely you look back and realize it was exactly what you needed for your growth, peace, and whatever came next. Since the Universe always trades up, you can be assured that whatever is next will be better than what was before.

That's the perspective I'm choosing to practice as I move toward getting my new shoulders. It may be a long slog from here to there, but I know, eventually, "there" is going to feel a whole lot better than "here."

Can Food Be Stored In The Snow?

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

I get all kinds of interesting questions and this is one that I have received that you might find interesting, "Can food be stored outside in the snow?" Whether it's due to a power outage or your freezer or refrigerator is full due to hosting a holiday meal, it becomes tempting to want to store food outside.

Keep in mind that a full freezer of food usually will keep about two days, if the door is kept shut. A half-full freezer will stay cold enough about a day. If you find that the power will be out longer, you may need to resort to other methods to preserve your frozen food. If it's short-term, the best thing is to keep the freezer closed.

It's tempting to use our giant outdoor "walk-in freezer" to store food, but storing food outside is not recommended by the USDA due to potential variable temperatures, unsanitary outdoor conditions and/or disturbances by animals. There can be temperature fluctuations from the sun's rays, which could thaw the food.

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Since its inception, Kansas Farm Bureau Health Plans (KFBHP) hasn't increased its general rate for the more than 12,000 covered lives of members.

"We heard how difficult it was for our members to balance the ever-increasing cost of health insurance with the variability of farm incomes," says Erin Petersilie, KFBHP

assistant director. "Our challenge wasn't only to provide affordable coverage, it also was giving our members certainty and control over their health-care spending."

Not every healthcare product offers that kind of dependability. Recent research from Kansas State University shows health insurance costs for farmers and ranchers in Kansas grew by more than 80 percent for families and increased by more than 60 percent for couples over the course of the last decade.

The study analyzed health spending of 183 farms for health insurance costs and medical expenses, broken down by family status like single, couples or families. The average annual cost for a single person under 65 to buy health insurance was \$11,602, while family coverage was highest at just under \$15,000.

"We've had some KFB Health Plans members report savings of up to 60 percent compared to their traditional health coverage," Petersilie says. "Being able to keep our general rate steady means those savings compound year after year."

KFBHP has allowed farmers and ranchers to

quit jobs they had only to provide health coverage for their families, reinvest in their operations or start retirement accounts.

"It offers us affordability with similar coverage to what we had before," user Natalie Boone says. "It is saving us enough money that we can easily put more money into our farm and into savings to help with potential major medical needs."

In addition to the substantial savings KFBHP offers, members receive coverage through a nationwide network of health professionals that's reliable. Sedgwick County farmer Jeff Winter had an accident on his farm in 2020.

"I was cleaning out the grain bin and I went to turn off the auger," Winter recalls. "My glove caught the belt and threw my glove against the wall. It didn't take very long before I realized I was also missing my right trigger finger."

While his dad drove him to town, his wife called a KFB Health

Plans representative to see which hospital they should use. They learned Ascension Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita was part of the nationwide UMR network and headed that way. They were unable to reattach his finger, but when it came to his health plan coverage, there weren't any issues.

"Everything went through and there weren't any battles," he says. "It seemed like everything went really well with it."

Another benefit of the plans include no-cost virtual consultations through Teladoc. Additionally, members can choose to add dental and vision coverage if they currently have a plan that doesn't offer it, and Medicare supplement plans are available for those 65 and older. KFB Health Plans are individually underwritten and some plans require a physical prior to receiving coverage if applicants are over 40. So far, nearly nine out of ten applicants have been offered coverage through KFBHP. Unlike insurance coverage through the health-care exchange, there is no open-enrollment period for KFB Health Plans so you can sign up any time.

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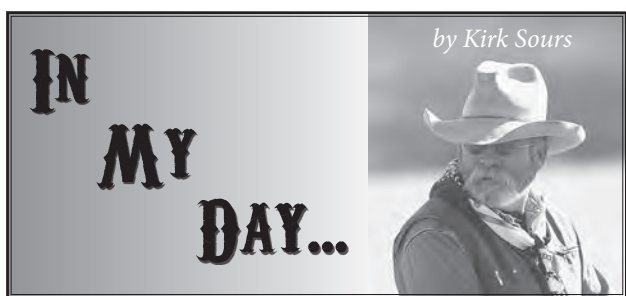
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by Kirk Sours

Honoring the Vets

We do it often. We even have a national holiday to honor our Military Veterans, and rightly so. We are proud of them and they deserve it.

But I'd like to take a few lines to honor the "other vets." The DVMs. Those critter medics we call veterinarians. Those vets' numbers are on our speed dial, refrigerators, bulletin boards and calving barn walls. You might even have a sticky calendar on the dash of your pickup from the clinic

with their number in easy view for quick reference. They are the "go-to" guy, or gal, who we call at the worst possible time of the night, worst weather, or Christmas Eve, and they will come to help. The one we call after hours, about the dog that was just run over, and he says, "Meet me at the clinic."

I did a quick search and found that there are approximately 73,000 veterinarians in the US of A. Of those, only about 5,000 are large animal vets. That's

less than 7%. Now considering we have 93 million cattle, 74 million hogs, 7 million horses, and 7 million sheep and goats, that spreads those folks pretty thin! That's an average of about 36 thousand animals per vet, and that's not counting the all small animals they also tend to!

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Oh, sure, most of us career cattlemen, hog handlers, sheep herders and goat ladies, can handle most situations of practical vet care, like assisting a calving heifer, correcting a dystocia, letting down a bloat, or doctoring a calf with pneumonia. But I mean, when the chips are down, and you find that cow that rolled over into a drainage ditch in a blizzard with a prolapsed uterus still steaming like a pot of chili on your kitchen stove, and

her equally steaming calf standing there looking at her, now that's the time to call the vet! When you find that colt, the best two-year-old you've ever had on the place, with a cut artery on his leg, spurting blood six feet off, you do what you can to stem the flow, but you call the vet in a panic, and she drops everything and shows up to fix your horse.

And they always come... why is that? Well, I have the answer to that question; the same reason we, as ranchers and farmers do what we do. They love it.

I've never had a vet tell me, "I'm busy," "I'm sleeping," "I don't feel like it." Never (I have, however, had a couple tell me, "Oh man, I hate it when you have a field call!").

And then there are the standard routine herd health calls, like OCVing

K-State breeder urges producers to evaluate winter canola after cold weather

By Shelby Varner,
K-State Research and
Extension news

Kansas State University canola breeder Mike Stamm said breeding has aided improvements in canola's ability to survive the winter.

Talking about increasing winter survivability for canola, Stamm said the growing point should be close to the soil surface because that is where it is the most protected.

This year's canola had a tough beginning because the planting zone moisture had dried out in many places last fall, causing producers to seed their fields and then hope for rain.

Stamm said that's not recommended because the initial, top growth is important for getting through the winter.

Fortunately, he said,

Kansas women celebrate gathering together again for 2022 Women Managing the Farm Conference

Fancy cowgirls and ag professionals alike gathered together in Manhattan February 10-11, for the 2022 Women Managing the Farm Conference. From new mothers to proud grandmothers, the conference provided updates on critical farm management topics, introductions to new practices and the opportunity to reconnect with peers.

"Since 2005, Women Managing the Farm has brought together Kansas women who are working to grow their businesses and create positive changes in their communities," said Marsha Boswell, Kansas Wheat vice president of communications. "This year's conference offered attendees not only the chance to learn more about risk management tools and professional resources but also come together again with others working in similar roles in Kansas agriculture."

Courtenay DeHoff — a television personality, keynote speaker and podcast host known as "Fancy Lady Cowgirl" — kicked off the conference by discussing how she celebrates a cowgirl spirit and an urban lifestyle. She encouraged attendees to embrace both the commonalities of those with ties to agriculture and the attributes that make them "fancy" and unique.

During Thursday's luncheon, DeHoff moderated a panel of Kansas leaders to discuss the opportunities and challenges they faced over their career paths. Panelists included Kelsey Olson, deputy secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture; Meagan Cramer, Kansas Farm Bureau director of communications and marketing; and Karol Fike, Kansas State University faculty member in the Department of Animal Science.

Friday's breakfast keynote focused on the mechanics of building a farm legacy. Shannon Ferrell,

most producers experienced good levels of moisture and above average temperatures last October, allowing for the canola to catch up.

"For the most part the canola I saw across (Kansas) was in excellent shape going into the winter months," Stamm said, noting that winter survivability "is a balance of genetics to increase the chances of survival and planting on time to avoid excessive fall growth."

According to Stamm, the plants had achieved optimum growth last fall, though he warns that too much top growth can result in concerns. For example, in Manhattan, the canola was too big.

If winterkill is a concern, there are a few ways to examine the canola crop to see if its defenses against the cold are

effective.

Stamm said canola with low crowns that is prostrate to the soil surface is a good sign. Another indicator of healthy canola is if the crown is green and firm when squeezed because the plant has not winter-killed.

"If you're starting to see some whitening of the stem tissue or the crown, or the stem is really squishy when you squeeze it, then you could potentially have some winterkill further down the line," Stamm said.

He said the canola field can withstand going through some self-thinning and winterkill if it is scattered throughout the field because other plants will branch out to compensate.

For more information, producers can contact

next year's Women Managing the Farm Conference, scheduled for February 15 to 17, 2023. Keep up with conference updates at <http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/> and follow the conference on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm>.

professor at Oklahoma State University, led a stimulating call to action for farm families to develop a farm transition approach and create the mechanisms needed to make those transitions successful.

The conference ended with an agricultural economic outlook by Tanner Ehmke, a CoBank economist. From inflation to commodity prices to nitrogen, Ehmke broke down the macroeconomic factors influencing both farm prices and the U.S. economy. Attendees left with a clearer picture of how to position their operations to take advantage of current low interest rates and higher commodity price projections while guarding against inflation and steep increases in farm input prices.

Additional breakout sessions throughout the two-day conference focused on on-farm management issues, opportunities to explore cover crops and soil health and discussions of physical and mental health resources for rural Americans.

A particular highlight for conference attendees was the networking roundtables, which allowed attendees to connect with other women working in similar roles within agriculture. Agriculture partners discussed the challenges of farm decision-making, while agriculture industry career women coalesced around the changes in the workplace during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other roundtables gathered independent agriculture producers, agriculture helpers, absentee landowners and business managers. The sessions, like the entire conference, offered women the chance to reconnect and re-inspire each other for tackling agriculture's challenges and exploring new growth opportunities.

Missed the conference? Mark the calendars for

(Official Calhoun Vaccination for brucellosis) heifer calves, pre-breeding checks on yearling heifers, pregging cows, and breeding soundness exams on bulls. Sometimes those jobs can get into some longer days, and I've learned that providing good facilities to work in can certainly help keep ol' Doc in an amiable mood.

The tougher calls, like putting down that old saddle pal of 25-plus years, or your long-time canine companion, are always handled with respect and a sympathetic look, or hand on the shoulder. In those unfortunate events, the doc is also an understanding friend.

So here's to the vets!

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K-State lab backs work that helps rescue Haitian sorghum crop

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Feb. 11 issue of *Science Advances* in an article titled, *The recent evolutionary rescue of a staple crop depended on over half a century of global germplasm exchange.*
‘A global rarity’
During the research, the team discovered a single gene naturally responsible for aphid resistance. When researchers combined genomic scan technology with previous research, they were able to validate that a molecular marker gene known as Resistance to Melanaphis sacchari-1 (RMES1) was indeed a sugarcane aphid-resistant locus and is found throughout the

global sorghum breeding network.
The RMES1 gene variant, originally discovered in China, is a global rarity. However, RMES1 originated in Ethiopian sorghum lines, and through the research, it was understood that sorghum breeders across the globe prefer this germplasm. Through research, it was discovered that the identified gene with sugarcane aphid, over time, had already been distributed across the sorghum breeding platforms in three continents.
“As we pulled on the thread of history, we found a whole tapestry of how

this success had come through the work of so many different scientists over the last 50 years. Fifty years of breeders, geneticists and entomologists were tracing it all the way back to farmers in Ethiopia, where this resistance likely originated a few hundred years ago,” Morris said.
“This research allowed us to understand the history behind the genetic evolution of the natural resistance to build the foundation used in today’s genomic tools.”
Morris said the molecular markers developed in this study will facilitate the rapid conversion of

existing farmer-preferred varieties to aphid resistant varieties, even though history has proven that pests like the aphid evolve and create new variants.
“With these genetic markers, we can continue to advance resistant varieties and hope to stay ahead of the natural evolution of the aphid,” Morris said.
U.S., world farmers benefit
The sugarcane aphid resistance molecular markers were tested with four U.S. commercial seed breeding programs and three U.S. public sector breeding programs. Morris said those trials help

breeders efficiently convert farmer-preferred varieties to aphid resistance varieties.
“The work of SMIL certainly benefits the United States,” said Tim Lust, the chief executive officer of National Sorghum Producers. “Sorghum is a small industry worldwide and leveraging those dollars and the research and human talent is so important.”
Lust said the lessons learned with this project – from the standpoint of germplasm and plant viability – are “critical.”
“With this new molecular marker, we can quickly look at how that can be applied, and practical, hands-on research can be done in a timely manner that can get results,” he said. “In all reality that would take us years and years to accomplish domestically by ourselves. And so, it’s something that really allows us from a partnership role to evaluate new technologies and how those can be implemented quickly and what those opportunities really allow.”

ment, or USAID.
Dalton said the researchers’ success translates into resilient seeds for low-income farmers in Africa and the Caribbean, and improved profits for farmers in the United States.
“These findings reiterate why we will continue to focus on ensuring sorghum production grows and evolves in our focus countries, such as Haiti, to support this vital crop to so many smallholder farmers,” Dalton said. “But it also reiterates why we will continue to stress the need for sharing and learning across countries, continents and generations of researchers with the global exchange of sorghum research. This exchange benefits sorghum farmers small and large and maximizes the research time and dollar investment.”
The project included a team of students and scientists from K-State, Colorado State University, Université Quisqueya in Haiti, University of California-Berkeley, the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Energy.

More information about K-State’s Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sorghum and Millet is available online.

Sorghum is one of the most important crops in Haiti and worldwide because it is one of the most drought-tolerant cereal crops. Partnerships with researchers in Africa and Haiti were made possible through SMIL and funding from the U.S. Agency on International Development.

Applications being accepted for Valen, ASA Ag Voices of the Future Program for college students

The American Soybean Association (ASA) is now accepting applications for the Valen Ag Voices of the Future program, which will be held July 11-14, 2022, in conjunction with the summer ASA Board meeting and Soy Issues Forum in Washington, D.C. The Ag Voices of the Future program is for students interested in improving their understanding of major agricultural policy issues, the importance of advocacy and careers that can impact agricultural policy. Class size is limited, and students must be at least 18 years old by July 11 to apply.

Bonus Opportunity through Agriculture Future of America

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Application Process

To apply for the ASA and Valen Ag Voices of the Future program, and be considered for a scholarship to the AFA Leaders Conference, students should visit the Ag Voices of the Future webpage of the ASA website, click on the green “Apply Now” button, and submit their online application by March 9. To make sure students are considered for the Ag Voices of the Future program, they should check the box that reads, “I have an interest in agriculture policy and would like to be considered for the ASA and Valen Ag Voices of the Future Program (July 11-14, in Washington, D.C.), as well as receiving an AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship.” If a student has already applied for the AFA Leaders Conference, they can still modify their application to include checking the box for the Ag Voices of the Future program.

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2022-2023 Henry C. Gardiner scholars announced

Since 2012, the Henry C. Gardiner scholarship application process creates an environment for qualified students to compete for elite undergraduate scholarships. Thirty-three students applied for the 2022-2023 scholarships and represented the largest group of applicants to date. Academic standing, community service, work ethic and future goals are taken into consideration. A panel of K-State faculty and industry leaders review the applications. Finalists are selected and compete in a rigorous interview process. The students are academically elite agriculture undergraduates enrolled at K-State and plan to continue careers in agriculture.

When asked to comment on the level of excellence of the applicants, Mark Gardiner said, "Dad was passionate about education, critical thinking and lifelong curiosity." During the interview process, one student asked Mark to



The 2022-2023 Henry C. Gardiner Scholars were awarded to, from left: Sage Dierks, Lukas Dierks, Joshua Waller, Chesney Effling, Grace Knepp and Riley Krehbiel.

characterize Henry in two words, and those words were curiosity and caring. "Henry was adamant that students should have the opportunities to succeed. The six recipients of the Henry C. Gardiner scholarships are models for the level of excellence Dad

would have appreciated." In closing for the evening, Mark reminded the students that in the future, they, too, are expected to pay it forward.

Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year have been awarded to twin

brothers, Sage and Lukas Dierks, Douglass; Joshua Waller, Hoehne, Colorado; Chesney Effling, Highmore, South Dakota; Grace Knepp, Lincolnville and Riley Krehbiel, Kingman.

The Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship is made possible through the generous contributions of Gardiner customers, friends and family continuing the legacy of Henry Gardiner. To date, 42 undergraduate students have received \$195,500 in scholarships.

Students classified as a rising-junior, junior or senior, either enrolled in or planning to enroll at Kansas State University with a major in Animal Science and Industry or closely related field may apply. Scholarships are awarded annually to students meeting rigorous criteria and exhibiting a commitment to focus on improving the beef industry and food animal production.

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Bull sale season considerations

By Grace Jacobson, K-State Research and Extension news writer

During the late winter and early spring, rural mailboxes seem to be full with bull sale catalogs.

In a recent Cattle Chat podcast, experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute said it can be hard to know how to prioritize traits in making bull selections.

"The most important thing to do is find out what your objectives and goals are for your operation," said Shane Werk, manager of K-State's Purebred Beef Unit.

Like many cattle ranches, Werk and his students are preparing for the annual Legacy Bull sale, slated for 4 p.m. March 4 at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan.

"This is the 45th annual Legacy Sale and we are excited about the offering that we will have available for producers," Werk said.

Operation Objectives
When viewing catalogs, Werk suggests prospective buyers look for bulls that offer traits that enhance the operation.

He said commercial producers need to know the genetic and marketing goals of the operation to determine the best breed fit. EPDs, or expected

progeny differences, can provide those insights on what bulls to add to the ranch.

Beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said producers should determine the traits they really need for improvement. "Then look for bulls that have EPDs above the average EPD for those traits, but also make bulls have average EPDs for other traits so that they don't lose ground in some traits," he said.

"The marketing plan dictates a lot about what traits you need to pay attention to when you're looking at those bulls."

There will be selection differences if the acquired bull will be breeding heifers or cows. K-State veterinarian Bob Larson pointed out that when breeding heifers, the bull's calving ease and calving weight EPDs should be prioritized.

But Werk said there can be a tradeoff if producers are only using one bull to breed the entire herd.

"If you're buying heifer bulls for your cows, obviously there's a potential for less performance and growth in your calves," Werk said. "Also, the bulls that are best for breeding heifers are typically the highest-priced bulls."

Bull Acclimation

K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers said there are health considerations for bulls once producers bring them home.

"When bringing a new animal into the herd, producers need to make sure that they are not bringing diseases along with that animal," Lubbers said.

When separating a bull for biosecurity reasons, it is also a good time to let the bull acclimate to new feed and water, he said.

Separating the new bull from the others can be beneficial not only from a health standpoint but also from a social standpoint, agreed the experts.

When the new bull is introduced, it is a smoother transition to add them to the pen at feeding time, said Werk. "If it's a young bull in with a handful of older bulls, the fight for dominance is going to end quickly," he added.



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Crop insurance earns bipartisan praise at Congressional hearing

Crop insurance is the cornerstone of the farm safety net and an invaluable risk management tool for America's farmers. This message was underscored during a recent House Agriculture Subcommittee hearing called by Subcommittee Chairwoman Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.).

"I hear through pretty much every ag meeting I have how important the federal crop insurance

program is to help farmers manage their risk," Bustos said in her opening remarks.

Robert Bonnie, undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation, testified before the subcommittee about the steps that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is taking to help America's farmers and ranchers deal with the increasing risks of farming. Bonnie began

his testimony by emphasizing the role that crop insurance plays in helping agriculture defend against climate change.

"With increasing extreme weather, crop insurance remains a vital tool for agriculture," Bonnie said. "Crop insurance is absolutely critical," he added later during questioning from members of Congress.

The public-private crop

insurance program is an important component of the farm safety net. This is especially true as farmers experience more crop losses due to adverse weather events driven by a changing climate. When disaster strikes, crop insurance gives farmers the stability they need to plant again.

The success of crop insurance earned praise from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle throughout the hearing.

"I consistently hear from producers that federal crop insurance works, it works well for them, and that the program does not need major changes," said Rep. Angie Craig (D-Minn.).

More than 50 farming, banking, and conservation organizations representing groups from across rural America recently echoed this call to protect crop insurance when they sent letters to policymakers asking them to oppose any budget cuts to the program.

Farmers want to ensure that crop insurance remains strong, because they trust in the program to provide a safety net when disaster strikes. In fact, farmers rely on crop insurance to protect more than 90 percent of insurable farmland in the United States. This trust is built on crop insurance's

long record of delivering aid to farmers quickly and efficiently.

Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) also pointed to the speed of crop insurance during the hearing.

"I think that the crop insurance system we've got has done a really good job from a customer service perspective as well as

making sure those indemnities get out in the field as quickly as possible," Johnson said. "The public-private partnership has delivered a tremendous amount of value."

It's no wonder that more and more farmers are protecting their livelihood with crop insurance.



It's another historic year in Kansas.

Dodge City is marking 150 years. Fort Dodge was established on the Santa Fe Trail in 1865 and a few years later, a village was created a few miles away. The Dodge City website recounts, "In 1871 H.L. Sitler constructed a sod house 5 miles west of Fort Dodge on the Santa Fe Trail. Within one year this site grew into a town with a general store, 3 dance halls, and 6 saloons."

In 1872, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad arrived and Dodge City became a destination. Cattle and cowboys, freighting and shipping – beef is still king. Watch the website for details of all the myriad events that are planned for the year.

Norton is marking its sesquicentennial, too. From their website, "The county was founded by Noah H. Billings, Thomas Beaumont, Henry Gordon, P. Hansen, and George Cole on August 22, 1872.

The organization of the county, however, was premature and fraudulent, orchestrated by H. B. Billings who falsified population statistics and then fled the county. This prompted a county seat war that was not ended until 1878 when Norton became the county seat. The county gets its name for Civil War soldier Orloff Norton, who was killed at Cane Hill, Arkansas, in 1864."

The details of these county seat wars are titillating and the wildness of those early days of white settlement in the West have been fodder for novels and TV shows and movies ever since. These milestone anniversaries give us the opportunity to recall them and re-examine how we have evolved (or not).

I've been invited to speak in Norton on July 2nd just before a viewing of the film *Home on the Range*. The plans for the entire Independence Day weekend look pretty amazing with a parade and fireworks! Follow their website for details.

Got an historic anniversary coming up in your town? Let me know about it so I can share with my far-flung friends!

Deb Goodrich is the co-host (with Michelle Martin) of the *Around Kansas* TV show which is now streaming on YouTube and the Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200. Contact her at author: debgoodrich@gmail.com.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KS

PRIMITIVE PINE & WALNUT FURNITURE

Pine dry sink; drop front cabinet; carpenter's chests; pine church pew; commode; pine benches; harvest tables; railroad sorting desk; green painted pie cupboard; store table; immigrant trunk w/brass trim; walnut tilt top table; walnut end tables; 4 arm chairs from billiards hall; peacock bench; 12 chrome chairs; couch & chair; ice cream table & chairs; unusual iron wheel rocking chair.

CROCKS, TOYS, PRIMITIVES

Crocks inc: 4 gal. target salt glaze, unusual 5 gal. salt glaze, Western 5 & 6 gal., butter crocks, Stone Mason jar, Red Wing Canton, Ks pitcher, crock bowls, butter crocks; **Toys:** Arcade trucks; Buddy L truck; Wyandotte, Structo 60s & 70s toys; Wonder Horse; JD pedal tractor frame & wagon; baseball cards; Robots; lunch boxes; Fisher Price toys; Barbie & Ken dolls; Stain glass window; signs; Coke cooler; cowboy bathtub; early dish washer; washing machine; fancy bird house; early shopping cart w/baskets; large butter churn; kitchen carts; 100s comic books; 1940s Motor magazines & other manuals; porcelain light shades; kerosene lamps; beer taps; clocks; telephones; 84' iron fence; wood wagon; doors; porcelain sinks; trikes & bikes; doors; barn trolley; chicken roost & feeders; cisterns & cups; metal lawn chairs; gliders; wash tubs; sewing machine bases & drawers; wagons; milk crates; egg baskets; lightning rods; scales; sausage stuffer; egg scale; globes; malt mixer; copper kettles; iron wheels; corn sheller; garden gates; longhorn steer horns; deer horns; cultivators; tractor seats; tubs; buckets; tools; fire extinguishers; cast brackets; mail boxes; wall telephones; battery jar; black panther TV light; banana boxes; assortment advertising boxes; fishing poles; BB guns; 1959 Shooters Bible; minnow buckets; lures; iron wheels; Skelly can; barn pulleys; jars of buttons; wooden ladders; cast iron barn stars; waffle irons; door stops; sewing machine bases; buzz saw blade; ice saw; cream cans; cream separator; boxes with iron primitives.

NOTE: This is a very nice auction with many primitives. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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RESCHEDULED DATE for Roswurm LAND AUCTION

RESCHEDULED DATE:
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: The Morris County 4-H Center, 612 US Hwy. 56, COUNCIL GROVE, KS 66846

Due to inclement weather, we rescheduled the auction to March 3, 2022!

Tract #1: 38.6+/- ac in Morris Co. on Four Mile Rd
Tract #2: 90.2+/- ac in Morris Co. on Four Mile Rd
Tract #3: 60.47+/- ac in Lyon Co., located on the east edge of Americus, KS off of Rd 240/Locust St

All three tracts have rural water and paved road access. It is difficult to find tracts like this, what a great opportunity to purchase a smaller sized tract of land in the Flint Hills, close to town and on pavement!

See website for full listing & photos at **GriffinRealEstateAuction.com**

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LAND AUCTION

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Where: Golden Wheel Senior Center
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Online Only Auction (open now; begins closing 2 PM, March 8) — 440+ antiques, glassware, furniture, household & memorabilia (items located at Cottonwood Falls) held online at www.griffinrealestateauction.com for property of Dixie Carrier & Cheryl Kincaid. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

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 — Laflin 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 Polar is 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 11 & 12 — Selling 3-11: Hot water heaters, new plastic pipes, copper, brass, steel & plastic fittings, heating & cooling units, new motors, small parts, submersible pumps & more; selling 3-12: Service vehicles, forklift, Belshe tandem trailer, sheet metal tools, storage racks, shelving, office equipment, pallet jack, Hilti tools & much more held at Hesston for a complete liquidation of Paul's, Inc., a plumbing, heating & AC business. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC., Vern Koch & Mike Flavin.

March 12 — 36th Annual Concordia Optimist Consignment auction consisting of Farm Machinery, trailers, irrigation equipment, construction equipment, 3 pt. equipment, cattle & hog equipment, recreational items, tools, vehicles, household & miscellaneous held at Concordia. Proceeds go to area youth programs. Auction-

eer: Thummel Auction.

March 12 — 2008 Monaco Cayman XL Motor Home, 2000 Ford F350 diesel pickup, 2011 Can-AM Outlander BRP 4-wheeler, tractors, stock trailers, machinery, cattle chutes & corral panels, guns, tools glassware held near North Lawrence. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

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 — Scott County Real Estate auction consisting of 268 acres m/l of dryland cropland and 39 acres of native grassland held at Scott City for Donald Brantner, Judy M. Beach, Shari Marcial, Paula Thomas & Jared Brantner. Auctioneer/agent: Russell Berning; Broker: Lawrence & Associates Realty.

March 16 — Cline Cattle Co. Spring Sale selling Angus, Red Angus & SimAngus bulls, fall yearlings and 20 commercial fall-bred heifers held at Manhattan.

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 18 — K-14 Farm

Primitive & Collectible auction consisting of horse & farm related primitives, iron seats, antique bits, spurs, vintage & cast iron toys, vintage toys, fishing reels, ammo boxes, cream cans, metal & porcelain signs plus many more consignments with a NEW event selling approx. 25 good Standardbred driving horses held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

March 19 — K-14 Draft Horse, Mule & Carriage auction consignments consisting of Draft horses, mules, carriage horses, Quarter horses, ponies, donkeys, horse-drawn equipment, carriages, buggies, wagons, carts, saddles, harnesses & much more held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

March 19 — 2004 Crown Victoria, Cub Cadet 1054 lawn tractor, iron bed, Hoosier cabinet, other antique furniture & collectibles, vintage Kay guitar, old clocks, quilts, good appliances & household items, sewing items, quilting frames & lights, misc. items held at Lebo for Iona Dotson Trust, Thomas F. Robrahn, trustee. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

March 19 — Antiques, antique furniture, collectibles, glassware, household, furniture, appliances, jewelry, diamond rings, coins, butcher equipment, trucks, motorhome, generator, tools & more held at Sylvan Grove for Sadie L. Meitler Estate, Linda Jensen & Kenneth Meitler, co-executors. Auctioneers: Meitler Auction Service.

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 Fusile 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 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:

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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 Winchesters, 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 Produc-

tion 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.

April 30 — Farm tractors & toys, huge selection farm magazines, ledgers, operations manuals, calendars, cloth seed sacks, metal signs, vintage tools, primitives, 100+/- vintage wall ad mirrors w/thermometers from all over Kansas held at Osage City Fairgrounds. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

May 14 — Farm Estate Auction (watch for details soon) held at rural Baldwin City for Warren & Elsie Shuck Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

May 21 — Estate Auction (watch for details soon) held at rural Lawrence. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 25 — Very large Farm Estate Auction including tractors, trailers, equipment, UTV, hay equipment, tools held at rural Shawnee. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.



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TRACTORS, BALERS & COMBINE

1978 IHC Farmall 1086 w/ factory AC cab, 6956 actual hrs., TA, 3 pt., triple hyds., 1000 RPM-PTO, 18.4x38 radial tires, runs good, sells with Westendorf All-Matic WL-42 loader w/7' bucket, good shape; pair of 18.4x38 axle mount duals; 1974 IHC Farmall 1066 dsl. tractor with a Springfield re-manufactured engine, open station ROPS, no TA from factory, 3 pt., dual hyds., very good 18.4x38 tires, runs great; pair of very good 18.4x38 axle mount duals; 7 IHC suitcase weights and weight bracket; 1970 IHC Farmall 656 gas tractor WF, TA, dual hyd., 5947 hrs., 16.9x38 tires, 3 pt., runs good (however it has an external crack in the block which seeps sometimes); 1940 M-Farmall NF, gas tractor, 2 pt. fast hitch, runs and starts great; 1947 M-Farmall NF gas tractor w/ power steering and live hyds., runs good; IHC 2350 Mount-o-Matic loader w/7' bucket, very good; bale spear for 2350 loader; shopmade 7' dozer blade for 2350 loader; 1979 F-2 Gleaner dsl. Combine w/ AC cab, 15' hume reel head with genie float, field ready, shedded; (2) 430 Gleaner 4-row 30" corn heads.

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IHC No. 56 4-row 30" planter w/ fert. & insecticide boxes, good; 24' Crustbuster field cultivator w/walking tandems and

tine harrow; 4-row 2 pt. 30" cultivator; IHC 510 5x16" steer-able plow; IHC 37, 97" wheel disc; Allis Chalmers No. 1200 14' field cultivator w/larger sweeps and 2 bar tine harrow; IHC 3-bottom pull type slat-weld moldboard plow; Massey Harris 7"x16 hole grain drill w/ fert., shedded, good; 11 knife 3 pt. anhydrous applicator; horse-drawn antique IHC galvanized 4 iron wheeled manure spreader w/seal, works good (has a short tongue); Case heavy duty 12' chisel, pull type; IHC No. 46 square baler, twine tie, good; square bale turner; Vermeer 605-D big round baler; older IHC 4-wheel hay rake; 10' dump rake; model 65MX Gehl Mix-All grinder mixer, good; Parker 250 bu. gravity box wagon; very good 6"x14" hyd. drive auger; larger 6-wheel shopmade gravity box wagon; 36' PTO hay or grain elevator; 4-wheel running gear; 3 pt. bale mover; self-propelled Wick applicator w/Continental motor; 2-wheel pickup bed trailer, good; metal and wood loading chute (needs new wood); Massey 410 14' bat reel, good; 4-wheel hay rack.

TRUCKS & PICKUP

1964 Ford F-600 2-ton truck w/4 sp., 2 sp., w/good 13 1/2" Haul-Mor bed w/fold down stock rack and twin cylinder hoist, good; 1979 Ford F-150 Custom 4x4 pickup w/lock out hubs, 351 modified motor, 4 spd., 158,228 miles, very good tires, gooseneck hitch;

Consigned by neighbor, for info please call 785-336-1530: 1974 Ford LN8000 Louisville straight truck with a 1992 Cat dsl. motor w/5 spd., 2 spd., 22' Obeco all steel bed, new Shur-lok tarp, Harsh RL112 hoist, new front tires, tandems w/dragaxle, new clutch, rebuilt trans., new rear brakes, drums, and air lines, all repainted, very good used truck.

LIVESTOCK, ANTIQUES & MISC. TOOLS

(2) 16' metal gates; several 16' shopbuilt gates; Coop upright galvanized 6-ton bulk bin, good; good stock saddle; old set of harness; old IHC hand crank corn sheller; small Antique corn meal grinder; 5-sided wooden cabinet; (4) 5-gal. cream cans; old wood burning stove; (2) 2-man cross cut saws; old hand crank post drill and bits; silage fork; several primitive items; 100-gal. propane tank; propane shop heater; assorted sockets and wrenches; crescent wrenches, hammers, screw drivers, log chains; other assorted tools; Pincor 240 volt 3000 watt gas powered portable generator (motor needs overhauled); 4 double action cylinders; H or M tractor seat and bracket; 300-gal. fuel barrel and stand; 50-gal. fuel barrel with hand pump; model 63 Luxra propane tank heater; 300-gal. poly sprayer tank, like new, 16"x4" auger w/electric motor.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KS

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Signs inc.: Lone Star Beer; Horse Shoe; MoorMans; Class B School; Horse Drawn Surrey; Coors neon; Natural Light; Case XX; Pendleton; DeKalb; Budweiser; **Crocks inc.:** Mason jar; 4-gal Clover Leaf jug; 2- & 5-gal RW churns; Western crock bowl; Weir jar; 1, 2, 3 & 8 gal crocks; **Jewelry inc.:** Turquoise/Sterling necklaces & rings; Steinhilber watches; pocket watches; 14k lady's watch face; **Coins inc.:** large cents; \$2 Red Seal bills; 74 coin set; wheat pennies; jar of buffalo nickels (worn dates); **Toys inc.:** Michigan crane; Tonka wrecker; Nylint roller; Tonka fire truck; Int'l truck/trailer; cast greyhound bus; cast surrey; 1/64th tractors; F.P. milk wagon; Tootsie toys; Levi's doll; Marilyn Monroe doll; Barbie dolls; music box; tops; Murray Kiddie car tractor; AC disk; **Sports cards inc.:** Royals & Chiefs cards; 70s & 80s baseball & football cards; 80s & 90s football cards; baseballs (2 signed Lou Boudreau); **Clocks inc.:** Western Union, mantle, regulator, Kit-Cat; cast iron; Pepsi thermometer; bronze dog; Coca-Cola clock; Prestone anti-freeze stand; Daisy churn; barn hay trolley; red/green Coleman lantern; John Scott metal art horse; cast bed; Miller beer tray; Fal-

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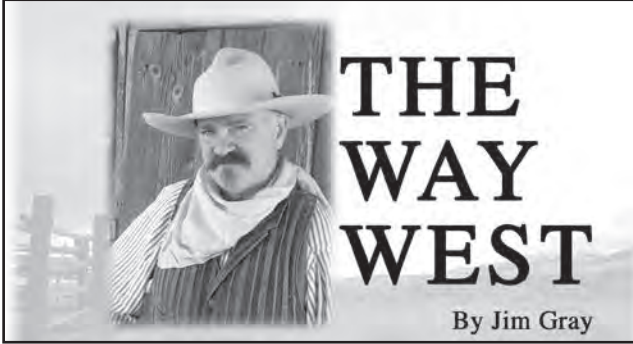
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In Self-Defense

Caldwell, Kansas, in 1883 was a cattlemen's headquarters, especially for cattlemen grazing their great herds south of the Kansas border in Indian Territory. The famous Chisholm Trail was the main thoroughfare to Caldwell's State Line Stock Yards. Cattlemen organized the Cherokee Strip Stockmen's Association to lease more than six million acres of prime

grassland from the Cherokee Nation with uniform guidelines for all members. The stockmen had met annually for the past two years as a loosely organized association. However, on Tuesday, March 6, 1883, they met at Caldwell to establish a "permanent organization" with a constitution and bylaws. A large delegation from the Cherokee Nation attended

the convention along with the leading cattlemen of the day. By one account several hundred cattle owners attended the proceedings, "and perhaps a thousand employees and resident Territory ranchmen (were) present." A roundup committee was formed to identify boundaries for the coming spring roundups. The livestock inspectors were recognized for their work in identifying cattle of questionable ownership both on the trail and in the stock yards. Discussions were held referencing a competing party that was negotiating grazing rights with the Cherokees. Representation was appointed to the state railroad commission. Even a proposal for a telephone connection between Caldwell and Wellington was discussed.

Ultimately the Cherokee Strip Stockmen's Association formally organized as the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association with an official charter and bylaws. A ten-dollar membership required an accurate description of all the marks and brands on the animals owned "or held" by the subscribing member.

A first-rate banquet was planned for the evening of Wednesday, March 7th. The tables were "ornamented with fine bou-

quets of choice fresh flowers, while in the way of edibles nothing was left to be desired..." A grand ball was planned to cap off a memorable evening. Robert V. Dodd was one of hundreds drawn to town for the convention. Dodd was foreman of a ranch on the Washita River and had recently been employed as a cattle inspector in the stock yards at Hunnewell, Kansas. To a cattleman of Dodd's worth the convention offered a delightful diversion from daily affairs. However, by Wednesday afternoon a woman was on his mind. Latham Samuel Records, a fellow cowboy, recalled that Dodd had become "enamored" with Ada Day, one of Caldwell's "soiled doves." Her marriage to Pat Hanley didn't seem to dampen Dodd's desire. Hanley wore long, curly hair that flowed down his back. He and Ada made their home in Hunnewell, a cattle town that was as wild, if not wilder than Caldwell. Records had seen Dodd in action on a big roundup in the Territory and described him "as Albino...the type of fellow who wanted the world to know he was bad." Dodd had cut a cow out of a Colson & McAtee herd. The boys from Colson & McAtee were determined to keep her. In anger Dodd

announced that if they got that cow, it would be over his dead body. That's when the Colson & McAtee boys "put up a job" on Dodd to keep him from hurting anyone. When one of the cowboys turned the cow back into the herd Dodd charged in to keep the cow out of the herd. On cue Bill Larkins rode in next to Dodd, reached over the hip of Dodd's horse, "and jerked his gun out of its scabbard." Just then, George Davis rode in front of Dodd with his pistol in his hand. When Dodd discovered that his pistol was missing, he spurred his horse, dashing at Davis in an attempt to disarm him. Davis immediately fired. The pistol was so close to Dodd's outstretched hand that Records could see gun smoke "roll out from the armholes of Dodd's vest but he was not hit." Dodd didn't get his cow. Larkin extracted the cartridges from Dodd's pistol then handed it back. There would be no dead bodies that day. That incident had happened months before the Caldwell convention and on the fateful day of March 7th cows were far from Dodd's mind. Having gotten pretty well "tanked up" on Caldwell booze, Dodd didn't stick around for the Wednesday evening supper and

ball. Instead, during the afternoon he acquired a team and buggy from the livery of "Big George" Kalbflesch and headed toward Hunnewell. As Dodd left the livery he swore he would return to Caldwell with Hanley's head tied by his long hair to the buggy axle. When he arrived at Hanley's place Dodd audaciously ordered Hanley to leave his own home. Dodd jumped Hanley, hitting him over the head with his pistol. "A protracted scuffle ensued in which pretty much all the furniture in the kitchen was turned topsy turvy." Hanley drew his revolver and shot. Dodd lived about an hour before he "left this mundane sphere forever." Hanley immediately surrendered to authorities, but was released a short time later when the coroner's jury found that Pat Hanley had killed Robert Dodd in self-defense. Pat Hanley would later find himself running from the law, but that is another story to be told on The Way West.

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BULLS: \$109.00-\$127.00	12 blk Claflin 478@181.00
COWS: \$84.00-\$91.50	16 blk Claflin 518@180.50
	2 blk Buhler 458@180.00
	4 blk Salina 428@179.00
	19 mix Cedar Point 578@178.00
	7 blk Claflin 406@178.00
	8 char Salina 477@178.00
	16 blk Buhler 533@177.00
	17 mix Gypsum 526@174.00
	10 blk Canton 537@174.00
	3 blk Canton 572@173.00
	3 blk Inman 517@172.00
	4 blk Delphos 460@172.00
	2 red Canton 495@171.00
	3 char Delphos 500@171.00
	6 red Canton 563@167.00
	8 mix Nickerson 598@162.00
	3 mix Delphos 592@162.00
	4 blk Wellington 599@161.00
	9 mix Marion 632@158.00
	12 blk Clay Center 658@158.00
	11 blk Wellington 689@158.00
	6 red Hope 675@152.00
	11 mix Salina 693@149.00
	22 blk Cedar Point 686@148.50
	14 mix Nickerson 686@148.00
	9 mix Hope 771@147.00
	16 blk Cedar Point 759@146.00
	9 blk Clay Center 767@145.00
	50 blk Durham 725@144.50
	12 blk Wellington 840@143.50
	61 mix Stillwell, OK 815@143.25
	11 mix Marion 751@142.00
	22 mix Salina 843@142.00
	53 mix Nickerson 859@136.00
	50 blk Whitewater 881@136.00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

STEERS

5 blk Claflin 431@230.00	12 blk Claflin 349@229.00
7 blk Claflin 378@226.00	4 mix Salina 338@224.00
2 blk Canton 446@223.00	12 blk Claflin 514@219.00
8 blk Cedar Point 523@217.00	4 blk Inman 443@216.00
4 blk Inman 443@216.00	3 blk Hope 475@212.00
14 blk Claflin 554@212.00	3 blk Delphos 527@211.00
4 blk Delphos 543@211.00	5 char Delphos 440@203.00
26 blk Claflin 593@199.75	3 blk Canton 568@199.00
13 blk Buhler 609@196.25	8 blk Claflin 602@196.00
12 blk Salina 561@195.00	18 blk Cedar Point 630@192.50
4 mix Marion 619@185.00	3 blk Hillsboro 625@182.50
4 red Hope 663@180.00	13 mix Salina 687@178.00
4 blk Clay Center 654@177.00	24 blk Claflin 686@176.50
9 red Nickerson 684@171.00	55 mix Salina 689@170.00
13 blk Buhler 728@169.00	7 blk Clay Center 721@161.50
25 blk Cedar Point 741@161.50	77 mix Salina 797@155.25
4 blk Wellington 840@153.50	7 blk Gypsum 814@152.00
16 mix Marion 808@152.00	23 blk Cedar Point 844@152.00
60 blk Lincoln 932@144.75	48 mix St. John 915@144.50
32 blk Wellington 984@144.50	

HEIFERS

3 blk Claflin 343@187.00	10 blk Claflin 461@183.50
6 blk Clay Center 503@181.00	

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

66 blk, str, 750-900, home raised, long weaned, vacc, Don Johnson sired; 65 blk, s&h, 700-800, long weaned, vacc, open, knife cut; 33 s&h, 700-800, home raised, vacc; 230 blk, str, 550-800, home raised, long weaned, 3 vacc, green; 3 str, 300, long weaned, home raised; 6 str, 800-850, 90 days weaned, vacc, home raised; 48 blk, s&h, 650-850, home raised, long weaned, open; 60 str, 90% blk 10% charx, 900-950, off cover crop and trit-icale; 11 s&h, 700-900, long weaned, 2 vacc, home raised; 35 s&h, 550-750, home raised, long weaned, vacc; 13 s&h, 700-750, home raised, vacc, long weaned; 60 blk, str, 875-900, no sort; 26 s&h, 700-800, long weaned, vacc, home raised, open; 70 mostly blk, s&h, 750, home raised, long weaned, vacc, open; 62 mostly blk, str, 850-900, no sort; 60 str, 850-875; 12 blk/red, s&h, 450-550, home raised, 2 vacc, 60+ weaned, open; 135 blk/red, str, 500-900, home raised, 2 vacc, long weaned, green, hay fed; 25 str, 750-800; 200 str, 450-550, long weaned, hay fed, 3 vacc; 32 blk, str, 500-800, long weaned, vacc, home raised; PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

SPECIAL COW SALE:

BULLS: 9 red, fall bulls; 4 blk angus bulls, semen and trich tested; 8 registered angus bulls, semen checked; 1 red angus bull, virgin, semen checked; 1 blk angus, 3yr old, Wolf Creek origin, semen and trich tested; 2 char bulls, 16mo and 18mo, semen and trich tested, virgin; PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

REPLACEMENT HEFERS: 100-110 sim/angus, home raised, ochv'd, pelvic exam, pre-breeding vacc; 150 angus, ochv'd, pelvic exam, pre-breeding vacc, Montana origin, One Iron, 750#; PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

COWS: 40/40 angus hfrs, home raised, angus calves, vacc, calves 1-2 months old; 120 blk, 4-7 yr old, bred angus, estate dispersal; 14 blk/red, spring cows, bred blk; 55 blk and red angus, spring bred, 3-6 yr old, red bred red and blk bred blk; 20/20 black, running age, char x blk calves 8 weeks old; 40 blk, 3-5 yr old, bred to herf bulls, bulls put in Dec 2 for 45 days, all raised a calf last year; 70 blk, 6-8 yr old, blk calves that are 30+ days old and worked; 12 older, heavy bred cows and pairs; PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES:

- * Don Johnson Bull Sale: March 7, 2022
- * JC Livestock Bull Sale, March 26, 2022

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