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Perseverance pays off – Rawhide celebrates 20th anniversary

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

If you lived in Abilene in the 1970s, you may have seen a little boy riding his bike around town, cowboy hat planted firmly on his head and lariat flung over his shoulder. You may have chuckled to yourself as you imagined the daydreams and imaginings going on underneath that cowboy hat as he navigated a frontier of his own design. What you probably wouldn't have thought was that one day, that little cowboy on his two-wheeled steed would create a product that would sell all around the United States and beyond. That he would build a business that would support not only his family, but many others that he employed. That he would build on the western heritage of the town on whose streets he roamed and manufacture equipment to keep ranchers and their cattle safe as cows and baby calves were worked.

That little cowboy was John McDonald, and Rawhide, the company he founded, turned twenty years old this past March. The seed for a portable corral system was planted in his mind long before it ever blossomed into an idea and eventually a prototype. "When the rodeo came around in Abilene each year, a portable arena was set up on the ballfield," McDonald recollected. "I was wandering around, watching these guys set up this portable arena and one of them said, 'If you're going to be in the way, you might as well help.' They gave him a little bucket full of pins and he would walk around handing them to the workers as they put the arena together."

McDonald was born in Clay Center and lived for a short time in Oklahoma before his family moved to Abilene. "Dad was into horses, and I was always into the horse thing as a child," he said. "Shortly after we moved to Abilene, my parents got a divorce and we couldn't afford the horses any more." He may have lived in town, but his heart remained on the prairie. Even though he no longer owned a horse, he started entering Little Britches rodeos, competing in junior bull riding and junior bareback riding when he was eleven. He played football, basketball, baseball and participated in track until high school when it became apparent there wasn't enough time for rodeo and other sports. "I made up my mind that rodeo was what I was going to do," McDonald said. After high school graduation he attended Dodge City Community College on a rodeo scholarship, then transferred to Kansas State

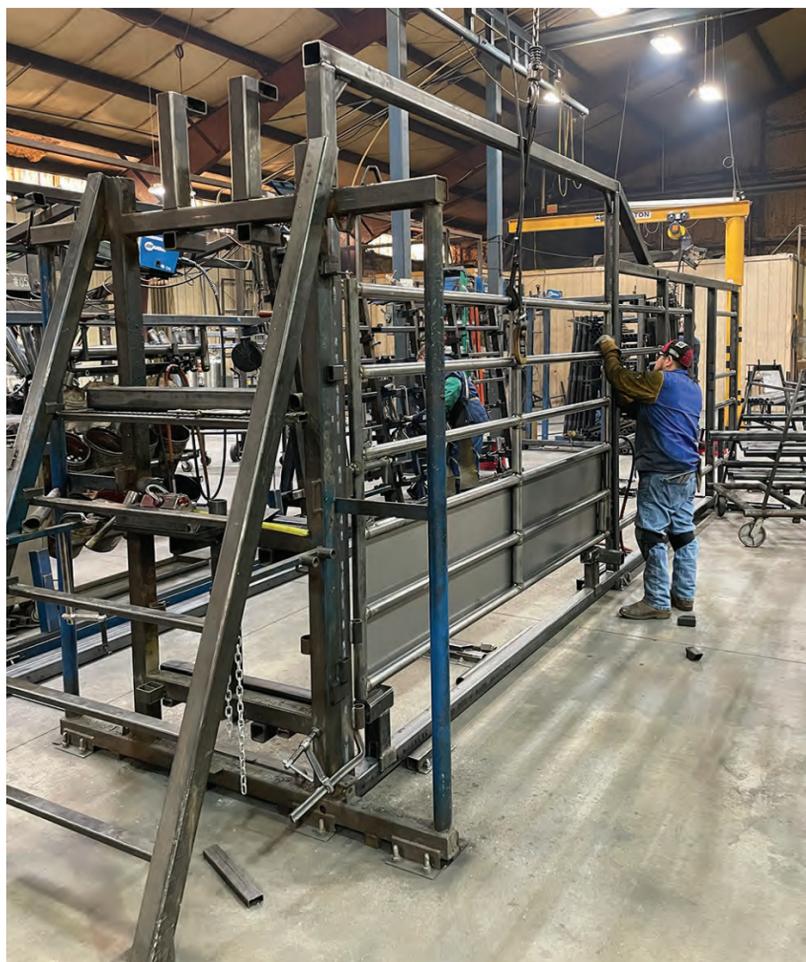


John and Mary McDonald are shown with their nine grandchildren on their Flint Hills ranch south of Manhattan.

University, where Mary, his future wife was attending. He rodeoed for Kansas State a bit, as well.



Welders work on corrals at the large shop in Abilene that has housed Rawhide since 2013.



Courtesy photos

University, where Mary, his future wife was attending. He rodeoed for Kansas State a bit, as well. The couple got married and started their family. "I thought I was going to rodeo for the rest of my life, but things change when you get married and have a family," he reflected. He got his pro rodeo card and competed on the weekends while driving a truck for Manhattan Ice and working construction. In 1986 they decided to move to Colorado. "I wanted to live in the Fort Collins area. I'd been there as a child and knew there were a lot of horses there. I could rodeo out of Colorado and maybe train horses for a living," he said. "I put my shingle up and advertised at the sale barn that I was training horses and got very busy." Mary, who had gotten her degree in animal science, went to work as a chemist for Anheuser-Busch.

McDonald was setting up a place on his property for bucking bulls, using some of his own equipment and some he had leased from a neighbor, when he got a call about a televised bull riding series that was in the works. They'd heard he

had equipment and wanted to lease it from him. Bull Riders Only started airing in 1991. "All of the best bull riders that I'd ridden with were going to these events and I'd just decided to stop riding bulls," he stated. Instead, he traveled all over the United States with them, setting up the equipment for the events.

In time Bull Riders Only dissolved and McDonald subcontracted with the PBR. "I'd had this idea when I was doing the bull ridings with my equipment to make up set-ups faster," he described. "Sometimes I had to go in after a hockey or basketball game, put dirt down and set up my equipment. I needed to be able to do it faster."

One night in Long Beach, California, a fight broke out between the bulls in a pen, necessitating one of them be let out. "I pulled the pin and let him out in the alley," McDonald said. "These were panels that had female clips on both ends and you would pin your equipment to the post. The gate went all the way back around like you opened a gate and when that happened, I saw something and said

to myself, 'You could build something like that off your bucking chutes, have it fold back and not have to unpin them.'

Using the chute itself as an anchor, McDonald began experimenting with a longer panel and a wheel, giving him the ability to roll the panel open. "I decided I needed to build myself a corral I could take to pastures and set up myself," he said.

He spent five years drawing and redrawing designs before building his first portable corral. He approached Matt Engle, who owned a welding shop in Abilene and agreed to help him. The McDonalds decided they wanted to actively pursue developing and building the corral. They sold their property up near Miltonvale, but couldn't find a place near Abilene to keep his livestock. Mary's cousin let them use his little feed lot and the family moved into Abilene. "So here I am, living in town again," McDonald said. He and Matt built a few prototypes, then constructed one that sold to a man in Glasco. They built a second one and took it to the 3i Show in Garden City. It had multiple pens for sort-

ing, real gates and hydraulics. It was built to where you could drive through it with your pickup, as well as drive highway speeds. It had solid rubber wheels to avoid flat tires.

When Engle decided to get out of the business, McDonald bought a small building across the street from the Pioneer Farm and Ranch store in Abilene. "I moved into that shop, bought me some materials and learned how to build it myself," he said. He hired one employee, then needed a second. They built one corral per week in the beginning. He had a tiny little office that he kept his paperwork in and used his cell phone for his business phone. He advertised in newspapers and handed out flyers and the business grew. "I would go to a show and sell four or five corrals on a handshake, then go home and build them," he said. "For the most part, for my entire existence I've been behind on orders, except for when mad cow disease hit and in 2008 when the stock market crashed, then I got caught up."

Today McDonald builds 300-400 units per year and has never stopped looking for ways to improve his de-

sign. "I'm in the shop continuing to come up with new and different things to still be the Cadillac of portable corrals," he said. Also important to him is taking care of his customers. "Bad news travels faster than good news," he said. "At Rawhide, if a customer has a problem, we get somebody out there to take care of it."

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a slight slowdown in his business, and now with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, he's getting fewer calls. "I can always tell when something is going on in the world, because my phone doesn't ring," he said. Supply chain issues have affected his prices to a degree, as steel prices have shot up. "At one point my steel costs went up 240%," he shared. "I had to raise my prices, but I didn't want to pass it all on to the customer." He added that they've had to shop around more for many of their components, like raw steel, hydraulic hoses, batteries, solar panels rubber wheels and

transport wheel rims. "It's made double the work for Mary in the office," he said.

The McDonalds will host an anniversary open house on June 4 in Abilene that will include tours of his shop, a drawing for a corral, and a special presentation he is very excited about. "All my life in rodeoing, the bit thing was to win a trophy buckle," he explained. "There were times I was looking forward more to the trophy buckle than the money I won." So this past winter when the weather kept him indoors, he designed a 20th anniversary trophy buckle for Rawhide, which he had produced by Gist Silversmith. He had one made for himself, Mary, their three children, his parents, Matt Engle and his shop manager Victor Caceres.

The twenty years haven't always been easy and there have been challenges to overcome all along the way. But even when the ride was rough, the little cowboy turned inventor and businessman remains grateful for the success of the equipment he designed. "It's been good to me," McDonald reflected.



The City of Dreams

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

I recently traveled to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with the Kansas Ag and Rural Leaders (KARL) program. Our trip included unique farm tours like a camel dairy, falcon hospital and the oldest irrigation district in the world. We experienced local traditions and culture by visiting museums, a desert oasis, a camel race training facility, a livestock market, a palace and the grand mosque. However, the real reason people visit UAE is to see Dubai.

Dubai's leaders seem to have committed to the "If you build it, they will come" ideal popularized in Field of Dreams. Their vision for Dubai has been to replace oil revenue that will eventually dwindle with money from tourism, business and the financial

sectors. They are creating a center of business for the Middle East and the world; a "City of Dreams."

Dubai had been described by many former travelers as the Las Vegas of the Middle East. I expected the Burj Khalifa (currently the world's tallest building) and the Palm (a manmade island complex) would have a row of skyscrapers connecting the two areas and the city might feel like Chicago or Los Angeles.

My mind was not prepared for what the city actually looks like. Everything is new and really tall; high-rise buildings as far as the eye can see. When you emerge from a cluster of them, you can see another cluster of 10 to 20 a few miles away in any direction except downtown, which is more like 100 to 200 high-rise build-

ings. The city is filled with brand new metro lines, shopping malls, tourist attractions and residential communities. Dubai is a modern city of stunning architecture and the latest technology.

Our tour guide joked that Emiratis' favorite word is "est." They have the tallest building, largest shopping mall, deepest swimming pool, largest dancing fountain, highest Ferris wheel. The list goes longer and makes me think the Guinness Book of World Records probably has an office there purely for convenience.

The most impressive part is almost none of it existed 20 years ago. Many attractions didn't exist ten years ago as lots of the projects were fast-tracked to prepare for the World Expo, which was originally scheduled for 2020 and delayed a year because of COVID.

The six-month Expo ended March 31 and was expected to bring 25 million visitors to see the 192 country pavilions focusing on themes of sustainability, mobility and opportuni-

ty. If you are picturing the state fair, this expo was about 20 times bigger without the animals, and even though we visited at the end of month six, the place felt fresh; bathrooms were clean, pavilions and facilities were in good working order, and there were no visible signs of staff packing up. The same sense of quality and pride could be felt throughout all the attractions we saw.

Dubai is a city of dreams. It is the manifes-

tation of leaders' vision and ability to motivate others to join in creating something big, something people all over the world will talk about and want to see for themselves.

People ignore their field of dreams because it seems too big. Dreams don't happen overnight. Small steps, like having a clear vision or creating things that you can be proud of, are what create the momentum to move big dreams forward.

The tallest building in the most extravagant city in the world was what one man saw when he looked across the barren desert. Just imagine what you can make of the world around you.

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K-State offering online financial and risk management courses for farmers and ranchers

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

Farming and ranching, even in good times, can be a challenging business. Among many other forces, producers routinely deal with the uncertainties of weather, disease, pests and even politics.

But recent years' events – a trade war with China, COVID-19, rising prices for farm inputs and the current war in Ukraine – have piled on an already long list of difficulties for those in rural America.

"More than ever," said Kansas State University Extension farm economist Robin Reid, "Farm financial and risk management are critical to long-term financial sustainability in agriculture."

K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics has released two online courses to help farmers and ranchers navigate the tough times. They are:

- Finances and the Farm – six lessons covering recordkeeping, bal-

ance sheet, income statements, cash flow, managing family living expenses and goal setting. The course includes three hours of short video content and 1 ½ hours of bonus content. The cost is \$100 (education only), or \$300 if the participant wishes to receive Farm Service Agency borrower's training financial credit. Registration is available online.

- Risk Management on the Farm – a five-part series covering costs of production, crop insurance, crop marketing, farm programs and beef cow/calf risk management. The course includes more than 4½ hours of short video content. The cost is \$100 (education only). Registration is available online.

Both courses are self-paced, which means participants can take up to six months to complete the material, though it is recommended that participants make a schedule to complete it in four to six weeks. Reid and K-State farm analyst LaVell Win-

sonor are the instructors.

"These courses offer a great applied approach to developing and utilizing farm financial statements for management decision-making, and for mitigating risk using insurance products, government programs and marketing plans," Winsor said.

Reid said the finances course is designed for "a wide array of agricultural producers."

"Farm recordkeeping and developing financial statements are not unique to any type of farming or ranch operation," she said. "So, in this course, we provide two case studies: one is a row crop and beef cattle farm, and the other is a farm that is oriented toward community supported agriculture (CSA) or farmers' markets."

The course on risk management, she added, is designed for a row-crop farming operation, "with additional risk management information for cow-calf producers."

Last year, 133 producers took the finances course; the risk management course is new this year, though it is based on material presented during a five-part series offered by K-State agricultural economists earlier this year.

"That program offered 28 in-person sites and had 340 participants," Winsor said. "By launching the same program in an online, on-demand format, we are making it possible for producers to take the class at their convenience."

Reid said those who register by May 15 qualify for a \$25 discount off the education-only prices. For the finances course, the coupon code to use is EP2VC5; for the risk management course, the code is RSKMGMTFM25.

More information is also available by contacting Reid by email, robin-reid@ksu.edu, or 785-532-0964.



We will soon go to Lincoln and help Tatum celebrate the end of an amazing journey. She will be recognized at the Block and Bridle Honors Banquet for being on the livestock judging team. I could not be prouder of her and what she has accomplished during her collegiate judging career, even if it was hard for this guy who bleeds purple to watch her put on the crimson and cream. Like all great endeavors it was not as much of what she accomplished that made the journey special, but the journey itself.

Her livestock judging journey started somewhere around junior high. Tatum was a great softball player and we thought she had a future playing collegiately. That meant playing traveling ball in the summers and fall along with hitting lessons and winter practices. At the time we thought we enjoyed going to the tournaments and I suppose there were parts that were enjoyable. Then between her eighth-grade summer season and her freshman year things changed.

I guess it was my fault: Tatum seems to have inherited my joints. A series of ankle and then knee injuries really sidelined her career. During that time, she found out she really liked showing livestock, and along with that, participating on livestock judging teams. Then it happened. Her junior year her FFA team won the state livestock judging contest and qualified for the national contest. At the same time even more injuries were making softball painful and a lot less enjoyable.

I will never forget the afternoon during Tatum's senior year when she told me she had made a big decision. She was going to judge livestock in college and not play softball. Funny, I was disappointed; too much of my life had centered around her being a great ball player and I had missed the obvious. The real irony is that a serious knee injury had made me decide to judge livestock in college. It didn't take me too long to come around to realizing that my kid was a lot smarter than I was and that she had made the right decision.

We made a couple of college visits and she settled in on Fort Scott Community College as her landing place. She was given the exact same scholarship she would have received if she had played softball and, in her words, no one had ever blown a knee out livestock judging. During the two years at Fort Scott her growth as a livestock judge was incredible but the journey was even more special.

I remember her calling to tell me

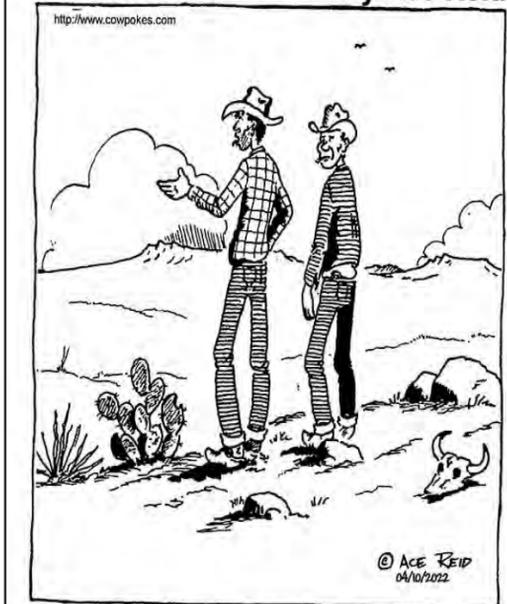
about practice and the places she had gone. Her calls rekindled great memories of my own, time spent with teammates in the van. Long days and even longer nights spent traveling, practicing, and learning. Her experience judging in junior college was great and the best part were those once-in-a-lifetime experiences. During this time, her high school classmates who had gotten athletic scholarships, one by one, dropped out of those sports.

COVID cut her junior college career short. They were in the van driving to Houston when they got word to come back home because the contest was canceled. Fortunately, she had already visited the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and decided that was her next destination. Like I said earlier, it was a tough pill for a K-Stater to swallow but once again my kid was smarter than I was. UNL was a great fit for her and the perfect place.

For the next year and a half, I relived my senior college judging experience through my kid. Even more great trips, experiences, and livestock. It was lots of miles, lots of work, some highs, and a few disappointments but a journey that was well worth the trip. It is hard to explain the experience of being on a collegiate team to someone who has not and that is why I was so happy that Tatum got to experience it. It was something she would not have gotten to live if it had not been for the difficult start to her journey early in high school.

We had discussed it many times during the past four years. Why did we put so much effort into athletics? Often it only led to frustration. I don't have a good answer, other than maybe it was my obsession as a parent even though I knew there was something better out there. In any case, it was part of the journey and maybe the path would have been completely different without sports. We will never know, but what we do know is that the outcome was great. I know my daughter is a better person for all of the hard work and effort she put into livestock judging the past four years. I know that she has had the opportunity to see some of the best livestock and meet some of the best breeders during that time. She has traveled thousands of miles and seen places I have never seen. I am so proud of her dedication and all that she accomplished in her collegiate career. I don't know what path the future will lead her down, but I do know she is better prepared for it.

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Sens. Marshall, Ernst hold briefing on war in Ukraine's impact on global food security and energy markets

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

On Wednesday, April 6 senators Roger Marshall and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) hosted a Zoom meeting with members of Ukrainian Civil Society Dr. Hanna Hopko and Daria Kaleniuk to discuss the impact of Russia's invasion into Ukraine on global food security.

"This is Day 42 of Putin's unprovoked war in the Ukraine," Marshall said. "It's brewing a perfect storm in the Black Sea and if it doesn't end soon, it will reach the point of no return." He said that food insecurity will be the pandemic of 2022. "America won't be immune from the food insecurity plague," he asserted.

"Russia is using food as what we call a quiet weapon," Ernst said. "The World Food Program executive director David Beasley says the impact is like nothing since WWII. He said he is having to take food from people who are hungry and give it to people who are starving." She added that the best way to address the food security crisis is for Ukraine to win the war, which she believes can happen if the United States and NATO properly equips them to do so.

Maria Berlinska, a Ukrainian war veteran herself, said her grandparents spent their lives growing wheat and corn. She does not believe the war in Ukraine should be regarded as a regional issue, but rather a threat to all of western civilization. "Putin has said he wants to beat America,"



Senators Roger Marshall and Joni Ernst, center, hosted a forum on Wednesday, April 6 to address global food security and energy markets amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

she said. "That's why I want to stop this war while it's only the Ukraine. They will use our resources to attack the western world, against our societies, our values, our democracies."

Berlinska said the propaganda coming out of Russia has changed more in the last eight days than it had in the previous eight years. "Russia is saying they need to kill all Ukrainians," she emphasized. "I saw a lot of war crimes. This is more than war crimes, it's genocide."

Hopko talked about how the war has affected the agriculture infrastructure. Prior to the war, Ukraine exported 5-6

MMT per month of grains through sea ports. Seaborne exports make up 95% of Ukrainian food exports and now ports are blocked and commercial vessels are being attacked by Russia. Sea mines have been deployed, as well. She said that if current conditions persist, the world will face starvation, hunger riots and refugee migration. She indicated that the unblocking of Ukrainian sea ports is critical for world food security and asked for international pressure on Russia via major food buyers such as China, Turkey, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, an embargo and blockade of Russian sea

exports, provision of anti-ship weapons to Ukraine and support from the U.S. Navy and Royal Navy to clear the Black Sea from mines.

In addition to the infrastructure issues, just getting the 2022 crops in the ground is also a challenge, as the nation has just 40% of the diesel fuel and 40% of the financing it needs to plant a crop. She said that planting is at risk of failure due to those factors.

Kaleniuk discussed coming to understand the issue of hunger as a child watching her grandmother, who had lived through WWII, plant a large crop of potatoes each year to be ready for a food shortage. "Ukrainian farmers are now pulling missiles out of their fields," she said. "Ports are blocked, crops are not getting planted. It will all lead to a food shortage. Russian ships should be blocked from all ports in the western civilization. I can't understand why it's taking so long to

get help to Ukraine."

Dr. John Newton, chief economist on the Senate Ag Committee, pointed out that wheat accounts for about 50% of the calories worldwide. "With much of the U.S. in drought, the U.S. wheat crop is in the worst condition we've ever seen," he said, adding that only 30% of the crop is in

good to excellent condition. That, coupled with Ukraine's severely limited ability to plant and export a crop, will make food insecurity a worse problem to deal with, he indicated.

As for high energy prices, Ernst believes there can be a domestic remedy. "The solution is to unleash American energy and not be reliant on Russia, who has invaded a sovereign country, but to rely on our own resources," she said. "This administration wants to turn to other nations." She wants to allow for more biofuels to enter the market, year-round E15 and money for retailers to help them be able to offer it. "We can provide and backfill for the loss of Russian oil," she said. "All this administration has to do is say, let's do it."

"The obvious solution is to get Putin out of the Ukraine," Marshall stated. "We aren't implementing sanctions - we're talking about them but only implementing about 10% of what we could. The rubel has already bounced back to nearly the level it was before the war. The sanctions aren't working - we need to get them weapons. We are the leader of the free world and it's time we start acting like it."

Farm policies have real impacts on real farmers

An Op-Ed from Farm Policy Facts

Spring is finally here, bringing warmer weather, budding trees... and tax season.

Benjamin Franklin once famously said, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes. So, we invited Paul Neiffer, Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen, to join us on the Groundwork podcast to discuss how current - and proposed - tax provisions affect our farmers.

Known as the Farm CPA, Paul has seen a lot over his 40-year career. Many farmers turn to his blog Farm CPA Today for up-to-date information on tax considerations. With many family farms operating as complex businesses while also trying to navigate a burdensome tax code, it can get tricky - fast.

Especially when tax changes aren't implemented in time for farmers to meet deadlines or legislative proposals threaten to upend multi-generational family farms.

We asked Paul about a proposal floated in Congress last year that would

have changed the way family farms are taxed when they're transferred from one generation to the next through a provision called "stepped-up basis." Texas A&M University found in a 2021 study that this proposal would have harmed 98 percent of the family farms they regularly survey, leaving those farmers with an average tax bill of \$726,000.

"That was going to be very difficult for a lot of farm families to deal with," Paul confirmed.

Paul gave us a hypothetical based on the real-life scenarios he often deals with:

A farmer in California dies, leaving a farm worth \$20 million to their heirs. However, the farm is also carrying \$10 million of debt, resulting in a net worth of \$10 million.

If the proposed tax change had passed Congress, the farmer's heirs would have had to pay the federal estate tax, taxes on the stepped-up basis of the \$20 million farm, and California taxes, resulting in an approximately 56 percent tax rate and a whopping \$11 million tax bill.

"So, the heirs that thought they were getting an asset worth \$10 million will now end up \$1 million in the hole," Paul explained. "That's how devastating that this proposal could have been for a lot of farm families."

When it comes to explaining how certain tax changes will harm America's farmers, Paul explained that farm policy critics "try to couch it as being a free lunch, but it's not."

Not only do farmers already pay a significant amount in taxes, but many are plowing their earnings back into their farming operation so that they can more efficiently grow the crops that feed and clothe us. They're investing in Main Street businesses and supporting our rural communities.

So, how can policy-makers better serve rural America when it comes to farm policy? Easy, Paul says. Reach out to the farmers and the farm organizations that will be directly affected by any tax changes and take the time to really understand all of the consequences - intended or unintended.

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2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 over-ripe bananas, mashed
3/4 cup dark brown sugar
1/4 cup sugar (plus 1 tablespoon or so for topping)
2 eggs
1/4 cup sour cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/4 cup chopped walnuts (for topping)

Set oven to 350 degrees. Lightly butter a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Melt butter until it turns golden brown, stirring for 6-8 minutes. Transfer to a bowl to cool. Whisk flour, baking soda and salt. In another bowl mix bananas, brown sugar, sugar, eggs, sour cream and vanilla; stir until completely incorporated. Add flour mixture. Stir until combined. Don't over-mix. Transfer to a pan. Spread 1 tablespoon of sugar over top. Sprinkle nuts over top. Bake 60-65 minutes. If starts getting too brown tent with aluminum foil over top.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

SKILLET PEAS

1/2 cup butter
1 medium onion, chopped fine
Pepper to taste
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 small can mushrooms
1 cup grated cheese
(2) 10-ounce packages frozen peas, cooked & drained
Saute onion in butter. Add pepper. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 15 minutes.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:

HAM & SWISS SLIDERS

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large red onion, sliced
3/4 cup honey mustard dressing
12 small dinner rolls, split
12-ounce honey ham, thinly sliced
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
2 tablespoons melted butter
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Set oven to 350 degrees. Heat oil in a large skillet. Add sliced onion and cook until softened, about 10 minutes. Spread honey mustard on cut side of each roll. Set roll bottoms cut side up into a 9-by-13-inch bak-

ing dish. Layer with onion, ham and Swiss cheese. Top with roll top. Stir melted butter and Worcestershire sauce together in a small bowl and brush evenly over tops. Bake until sliders are lightly browned and cheese is melted, about 20 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

STRAWBERRY MUFFINS

1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup oil
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 3/4 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar (plus 1 1/2 teaspoons for sprinkling)
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped ripe strawberries

Set oven to 350 degrees. Line 6 muffin cups with paper liners. Lightly beat milk, oil, egg and vanilla in a small bowl. In a large bowl mix flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Add strawberries and toss to coat. Fold milk mixture into flour mixture until just combined. Fill each cup with heaping 1/3 cup batter. Sprinkle tops with the 1 1/2 teaspoons of sug-

ar. Bake until toothpick inserted comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Cool 10 minutes in pan then transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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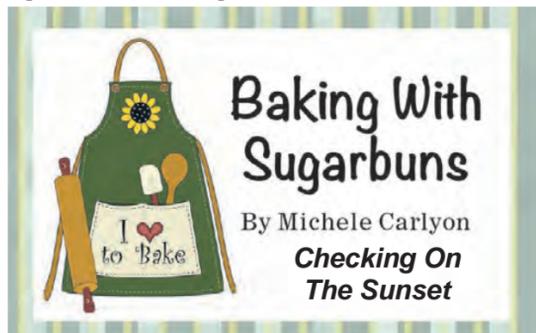
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SUGAR SNAP PEAS

8 ounces sugar snap peas, cut diagonal into 1/2-inch pieces (about 2 1/2 cups)

2 tablespoons sunflower seeds
1 tablespoon feta cheese
1 tablespoon sunflower oil
Zest & juice of half a lemon
Salt & pepper

Combine sugar snap peas, sunflower oil, feta cheese, sunflower seeds lemon juice and zest. Season with salt and pepper.



Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon
Checking On The Sunset

The other night, I was at my brother and sister in law's house when my youngest niece, Chloe, said to me, "Boo Boo, will you take us a bath?" Her version of asking for me to give them a bath. I gave her my usual answer of, "I don't know, I am very busy!" To which she reminded me with pure exhaustion that I am "never busy because you are here all the time." When a four-year-old puts you in your place, you proceed to do what she asks, and she goes about her normal day-to-day life knowing she has her thirty-three-year-old aunt wrapped around her fingers.

To get them in the bath is a challenge; they run around like wild children as you try to get the hair ties out of their hair and once they get in the bath the real fun begins. The constant reminders to not drink the bath water and to tilt their heads back so they do not end up with water in their eyes. Also, the fun reminders to scoot back from each other to avoid the inevitable "She's touching me" fight.

While trying to keep them calm in the bathtub, I try to ask them what they did that day. The usual answer I get is, "I no remember." So, I keep asking questions until I get some answers. Mika is currently obsessed with an animal show on YouTube so when she remembers something from the day, it is usually an animal fact; at five, she probably knows more animals' technical names than all the adults in the family put together, quickly telling me to look it up on my phone when I have no idea what she is talking about.

Chloe on the other hand, she is a little harder to get an answer out of. I think it might be the spunk in her, but when she does decide to talk it is generally laced with sass and sarcasm. She does not like telling me what she did in

school on a daily basis, but she will tell me what Mika did and what her beloved pandas have done all day.

Well, on this night, I asked them what they had done that day. They both could not remember. We were talking about random things and Mika interrupts the conversation to say, "I forgot to check on the sunset tonight!" I told her it was a pretty one and that she could check on it the next night, but then I asked her why she wanted to check on it. Mika, the sweetest little five-year-old ever, looks at me and says, "If it is a pretty sunset then I know the next day is going to be a great day!" She did not have anything to say after that and I did not push for more five-year-old knowledge, I just took it at face value and finished their baths and helped get them ready for bed.

I am constantly amazed by the way the brains and the logic of these two little girls work, but I love when such beautiful statements come out of their mouths. I also cannot help but to feel incredibly lucky to live in Kansas, because if little Mika is correct, every day should be a great day, because if you look at the right time, Kansas will always provide you with a pretty sunset. Whatever you do, do not lose that five-year-old spirit that lives within and keep checking on the sunset as it has promise of a great tomorrow.

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 mcarlyon88@gmail.com

Home-Canned Vegetables Are The Most Common Cause Of Botulism Outbreaks In The United States

On April 21, 2015, the Fairfield Medical Center (FMC) and Fairfield Department of Health contacted the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) about a patient suspected of having botulism in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Botulism is a severe, potentially fatal neuroparalytic illness. A single case is a public health emergency because it can signal an outbreak.

Within two hours of health department notification, four more patients with similar clinical features arrived at FMC's emergency department. Later that afternoon, one patient died of respiratory failure shortly after arriving at the emergency department.

All affected persons had eaten at the same

widely attended church potluck meal on April 19.

CDC's Strategic National Stockpile sent 50 doses of botulinum antitoxin to Ohio. Twenty-seven of the 29 patients initially went to FMC. Twenty-two patients were transferred from FMC to six hospitals in the Columbus metropolitan area approximately 30 miles away; these transfers required substantial and rapid coordination.

Twenty-five patients received botulinum antitoxin, and 11 required endotracheal intubation and mechanical ventilation; no other patients died.

Of 12 food specimens collected from the church dumpster, six were positive for botulinum neurotoxin type A; five contained potato salad and one contained macaroni

and cheese that might have been contaminated after being discarded.

The attendee who prepared the potato salad with home-canned potatoes reported using a boiling water canner, which does not kill C. botulinum spores, rather than a pressure canner, which does eliminate spores.

The combined evidence implicated potato salad prepared with improperly home-canned potatoes, a known vehicle for botulism. This was the largest botulism outbreak in the United States in nearly 40 years.

Close adherence to ESTABLISHED home-canning guidelines can prevent botulism and enable the safe sharing of home-canned produce.

These ESTABLISHED guidelines can be found:

- Online at the National Center for Home Food Preservation: nchfp.uga.edu

- In the most recent version of the Ball Blue Book

- In the book titled So Easy To Preserve, which is published by the same entity that operates the National Center for Home

Food Preservation, the book can be purchased here: setp.uga.edu

- In the USDA's Complete Guide to Home Canning which can be found online for free download, also on the National Center for Home Food Preservation's website: https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html

- The USDA's Complete Guide to Home Canning can also be purchased from Purdue University: mdc.itap.purdue.edu

The methods and recipes in these resources are RESEARCH-BASED.

NOTE: If you have a dial gauge pressure canner, it is time to get it tested. Local Extension offices can test these brands: Presto, National, Maid of Honor, and Magic Seal. We cannot test All American gauges.

If you have questions about how to can food safely, contact Kaitlin Moore, Nutrition, Food Safety & Health Agent. Phone: 785-243-8185; email: kaitlin.moore@ksu.edu.

Information about the 2015 botulism outbreak in Ohio was found at cdc.gov

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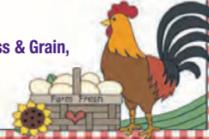
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Easter Popcorn Treats Add Healthy And Colorful Surprises For The Kids



EASTER BUNNY BARS

These festive popcorn bars make a great Easter treat for kids and adults alike!

Yield: Serves 16

2 tablespoons butter
3 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 cups popped popcorn
1 1/2 cups candy-coated miniature eggs
2 tablespoons pastel-colored sprinkles

Melt butter in a large saucepan set over medium-low heat; stir in 3 cups marshmallows and vanilla until melted. Remove from heat. Immediately stir in popcorn until well-coated.

Press into parchment paper-lined and greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan; smooth top with greased spatula. Immediately sprinkle with remaining marshmallows, miniature eggs and sprinkles; press toppings lightly to adhere to popcorn layer. Let stand for about 30 minutes or until set. Cut into bars. Store in air-tight container.

Tips: Use colored mini marshmallows, if preferred.

Chocolate lovers can drizzle melted dark, milk or white chocolate over top.

HOPPIY POPPIY EASTER EGGS

The holiday just got sweeter with these adorable popcorn Easter eggs.

Yield: 16 eggs

10 cups freshly popped popcorn
1 cup pastel-colored jelly beans



1/4 cup butter or margarine

1 package (10 1/2 ounces) miniature marshmallows
1 package (3 ounces) blueberry, strawberry or lemon gelatin

Combine popcorn and jelly beans in large bowl; set aside. Microwave butter and marshmallows in large glass bowl on HIGH for 2 minutes or until marshmallows are puffed.

Stir in gelatin. Pour marshmallow mixture over popcorn and jelly beans. Mix lightly until coated. Shape into 16 (2-inch) eggs with greased hands.

Nutrition Facts: 170 calories; 4.4 g total fat; 2 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 65 mg sodium; 32 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 23 g sugar; 1 g protein; 13 mg potassium

POPCORN EASTER BASKET

Kids can help create these adorable popcorn Easter baskets.

Yield: 12 baskets (basket base: 3-inches wide and 1 3/4 tall)

3 quarts popped popcorn
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
3 cups miniature marshmallows

3 tablespoons (1/2 of a 3-ounce box) strawberry, lime or lemon gelatin dessert mix
12 licorice twists (8 inches each)
1/2 cup shredded or flaked sweetened coconut

Green food color, or color of choice

Small candy-coated chocolate eggs or jelly beans

Spray a large mixing bowl lightly with cooking spray and place popcorn inside. In a medium saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in marshmallows and gelatin dessert powder until marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth. Pour over popcorn and mix well until coated.

Spray hands with cooking spray and press firmly to form into 12 balls. Press each popcorn ball into well of muffin tin. Press firmly into muffin pan with the back of a spoon to form base of basket. Bend and press a licorice twist firmly into both sides of each basket (if licorice seems thick, peel 2-3 strings from each piece).

Place coconut into re-sealable plastic sandwich bag. Sprinkle a drop of food color onto coconut and seal bag. Press bag to distribute color evenly. Sprinkle about 1 teaspoon of coconut onto each basket. Place a few candy eggs into each basket. Allow basket to set about 1 hour before gently removing baskets from muffin pan (removal can be made easier with the tip of a small knife applied to pan edge).

Serve immediately or wrap individually in plastic wrap for storage. Add a ribbon tie to plastic wrap as a decorative closure.



Nutrition Facts (per 1 cup): 180 calories; 8 g total fat; 4 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 90 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 17 g sugar; 2 g protein; 39 mg potassium

Recipes from popcorn.org



By Kelsey Pagel

Team Pagel!

I'm Kelsey, half of Team Pagel. I'm a wife and farmer/rancher. I grew up on a family farming operation that my mom and dad built together from the ground up together. I married into another family farming operation. I now farm and ranch with My Forever (Matt, the other half of Team Pagel) and his family. We have cow/calf pairs, the ability to do start-to-finish cattle depending on the market, row crops (primarily corn and soybeans), hay and pasture. We are big believers in working with nature as much as we can.

Somebody told Matt a few years ago that he was a cowboy, not a farmer. They couldn't have been further from the truth. My hubby loves the soil and equipment. He loves working on things. He loves planting and harvesting. I love the cows. I love calving. I love watching them grow. I love the satisfaction of knowing all of my cows by number without seeing their tags. He's the farmer and I'm the rancher. We both help each other. We're blessed to be able to farm with his family on a three-generational farm.

I'm great at starting things. I'm not great at finishing things. I love Texas Roadhouse Rolls and cheesecake. I've recently discovered a love of cooking from a physical cookbook. I love cast iron skillet. I love pork chops in those skillet with caramelized pineapple. Seriously, that combination changed my life. Ask my husband, we now have it at least once a week.

I love writing and am still amazed after almost five years of freelance writing that people will pay me. I'm a proud graduate of Cloud County Community College and Kansas State University,

though not with a writing degree. My mom asked me to graduate with our bachelor's degrees before getting married so I got mine in three years instead of four. I might be hard-headed and I might come by that pretty honestly, if you know my mom then you know. I use almost nothing that I learned in those college classes. Because of that, I believe there's a space for college, but there's also a need for the college of hard knocks and real life.

I don't believe in coincidences. Everything happens for a reason.

We will never have a clean house, but you're always welcome. I believe that a great marriage doesn't happen by accident. Your dreams won't happen if you don't make time for them. There will never be the perfect time or situation. You have to make them happen. Nobody will care as much as you do.

This ag lifestyle is incredibly stressful. It can feel so absolutely isolating and lonely. Know there are fellow agriculturists out there. Reach out and connect. Don't go through life alone, we aren't meant to do that. Mental health is a real thing and should be talked about. I believe how we fuel our mind and body plays a huge role in our mental health, but also believe not all of us can talk (or eat) our way out of our minds. You are strong. You

are capable. You are loved. If you need someone to talk to, send me a message.

I believe our bodies are meant to be moved. I believe we spend too much of our time sedentary. I believe water should be consumed on the regular. Pop should be a treat, not a daily beverage. Before you write me off for that statement, know that my husband keeps Mountain Dew in business. Know that I will be married to a man with no teeth before he hits 35 because of how much he consumes. I'm still working through it if I'm going to be able to stand by my man with no teeth. I don't know if I'm as strong as Tammy. I'll let you know when it happens if I'm able to

All jokes aside, I'm honored and humbled to have you here. I'm a wife and farmer. I don't have a clue how to balance life. I look forward to meeting you as I share my real story. Nothing made up here. I don't know any lifestyle but agriculture. I've seen the good, bad and ugly and continue to live it. There are no better people than the American farmer.

Kelsey Pagel is a Kansas farmer. She grew up on a cow/calf and row crop operation and married into another. Kelsey and her Forever (Matt) farm and ranch with his family where they are living their dream and loving most of the moments. She can be found on IG & FB @ teampagel.

Easter Tips: Hide The Eggs Not The Bacteria!

When you are decorating, cooking or hiding Easter eggs, extra care is needed to enjoy them without the risk of getting sick. Here are some important safe handling tips to remember this time of year:

- Inspect eggs before purchasing them and make sure they are not dirty or cracked. Harmful bacteria may enter a cracked egg.

- Store eggs in their original carton in the refrigerator rather than the refrigerator door.

- Wash your hands with soap and water before handling eggs when cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding them.

- Refrigerate hard-cooked eggs until just before the hunt.

- If you are having an egg hunt, consider hiding places carefully. Avoid areas where eggs might come into contact with pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles, insects, lawn chemicals, or other

potential sources of bacteria.

- After the hunt, find all the eggs you have hidden. Discard cracked or dirty eggs and eggs left unrefrigerated for more than 2 hours. Rinse uncracked eggs and put them in the refrigerator until it's time to eat them. DO NOT EAT hard-boiled eggs used for an egg hunt or as decorations if they have been at temperatures above 40 degrees F for more than

two hours; discard them.

- Refrigerate hard-cooked eggs in their shells and use them within 1 week.

For more information, please contact Holly Miner, Nutrition, Food Safety and Health Agent, haminer@ksu.edu, 620-331-2690.

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Beef Fest names winners in feedlot, carcass contests

Steers owned by Anderson Ranch of Alma and heifers owned by Spring Creek Ranch of Cassoday won the overall gain contest as part of the 2021 Flint Hills Beef Fest feedlot and carcass awards. The steers from Anderson Ranch gained 3.16 lbs. per day from the time they went on grass in April

2021 until harvest from the feedlot in January 2022, while the Spring Creek heifers gained 3.05 lbs.

First place in the steer feedlot contest were cattle gaining 5.59 lbs. on feed and owned by Lefler Prime Performance of Americus. In second place were steers from PDL Cattle Co. of Olpe. The steer

carcass contest was won by entries from Plum Creek Ranch of Neosho Rapids, with second place awarded to cattle owned by Jeff and Tonya Fowler from Chanute.

In the heifer division, the winning pen from Spring Creek Ranch gained 5.40 lbs. per day in

the feedlot contest, with Anderson Ranch owning the cattle that finished second. Entries from John, Heather and Andrew Sigle of Wilsey won the heifer carcass contest, with Kara and Coy Horton from Council Grove owning the second-place pen.



Matthew and Julia Anderson of Anderson Ranch won the overall gain contest in the steers division in the Flint Hills Beef Fest feedlot and carcass awards.



Shown are John, Heather and Andrew Sigle, whose heifers won the heifer carcass contest.



Jacquelyne Leffler was presented the award for first place in the feedlot steer division.



Kevin and Gwen Wellnitz won the award for first place steer in the carcass contest.

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Five trends impacting the future of the global soy market

In 2021, U.S. soybean farmers grew nearly one-third of the soybeans in the global market. Customers around the world look to U.S. Soy to provide a reliable supply of high-quality soybeans and soybean products for their growing needs. Programs developed by the U.S. Soy industry, including U.S. soybean growers' associations, are critical to satisfying demand in the global marketplace.

To ensure U.S. Soy retains access to a quickly changing, consumer-driven market, five state soybean checkoff groups jointly funded an effort designed to help soybean farmers make smart and informed decisions that will increase opportunities for future success. Soybean checkoffs from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri and Ohio collaborated to conduct the Future State of Soy exercise that identified the most impactful trends for soy in the coming years.

"We uncovered five major trends that will impact the global soy market and U.S. soybean farmers in particular," said Steve Pitstick, Illinois Soybean Association chairman. "These trends help uncover how the global demand for soybeans will change over the course of the next several decades, giving farmers valuable insight now to make decisions that will better position them for the future."

The five trends identified in the Future State of Soy exercise include:

- A rising focus on high-quality soybean oil and meal
- Changes in fuel demand, including alternative fuels, and emerging fuel uses
- The rising need for protein given a growing global population – both in animal and plant form
- The increasing global competition for soy and how infrastructure can provide an impactful

advantage

• Emerging and diversified revenue streams that will offer farmers more opportunities

"We know that every farmer and every farm is unique," said Pitstick. "Identifying these trends enables farmers to determine if their farm is set up to take advantage of one over another, or if it can support a multitude of changes to take advantage

tage of several trends. The ultimate purpose for this exercise is to help farmers navigate changes now so they are set up for the future of this industry. Proactively addressing how the market is shifting means we won't be left scrambling to meet market demands later, which will keep U.S. Soy in high demand around the world."

The soybean checkoff is already investing in

several programs at both the national and state levels to find new markets, new uses and new characteristics of soybeans that will align with these five trends. The soybean checkoff will also use

these trends as a litmus test when determining if future investments will result in strong returns for U.S. soybean farmers. As the soybean checkoff continues to position U.S. Soy for the future, this work

will help influence how the world perceives the value of domestic soy and soy products.

For more information about the Future State of Soy exercise, visit FutureStateOfSoy.org.



Bill Burton won the Olma Peak Award for the top overall steer at the Flint Hills Beef Fest feedlot, carcass contest.



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Adding value to farm commodities can ease supply chain strain

For two years, shoppers have seen how supply chain problems can shock the food system. Initially triggered by the pandemic, these problems have persisted due to labor shortages, transportation bottlenecks and now international conflict.

"Supply chain issues have really hit home for consumers," said Mallory Rahe, University of Missouri Extension agricultural business and policy state specialist. "Many of us have walked down an empty grocery store aisle, or we've had to choose a food product other than one we'd normally buy simply because what we wanted wasn't in stock."

On-again, off-again product availability coupled with consumer interest in local foods has led more farms to consider adding value to the commodities they produce.

Adding value can take different forms, such as processing a raw commodity into a ready-to-eat product, adopting a unique practice such as grass-fed or organic production, or marketing foods on a local basis.

As farms develop and sell their own value-added foods, consumers have more choice and may feel less of the supply chain strain.

The meat industry provides one example, Rahe said. When the pandemic led to bare retail meat counters, producers re-

sponded to consumer demand by selling whole animals, halves or quarters. Others have sold meat directly to consumers through farmers' markets or online marketplaces.

Farms interested in starting a value-added enterprise should first conduct their due diligence, Rahe said. That involves research into the risks, costs and opportunities.

The MU Extension publication *Adding Value in Agriculture, Food and Forestry* lists questions that farms should answer through research. Rahe said to begin with these five questions:

1. What problem will you solve? Think about how your product can solve a problem or fill a need. Identify businesses that would be your competitors and find ways to differentiate how your product addresses the need.

2. What customers will you serve? Learn all you can about your target customers, including their motivations and preferences. To collect this information, browse through social media or conduct informal interviews.

3. What resources do you need? List the raw materials you'd need to make the value-added product. If you don't raise all of the needed materials on your farm, identify possible suppliers. Also, account for facility and equipment needs. Document how much all of these invest-

ments would cost.

4. How will you structure the business? The value-added enterprise should be separate from the farm enterprise and ultimately sustain itself independently. Gauge how the value-added business may require different skills from those used to run the farm. You may need to call on advisers or hire others to support you.

5. What are the economics? Estimate what your value-added enterprise's cost structure would look like. Project how many units you could sell at a certain price.

Understanding these economics will help you gauge whether you have the potential to profit and how you would need to finance the value-added enterprise. Ideally, you'll organize the answers to these questions in a written feasibility study that you can keep on file, Rahe said.

"Lenders and investors will want to see that you have the potential to succeed, so a written study provides the documentation," she said. "Even if you don't need external funding, a feasibility study provides a plan that you can rely on when you're deciding whether to start a value-added enterprise and how to operate the business."

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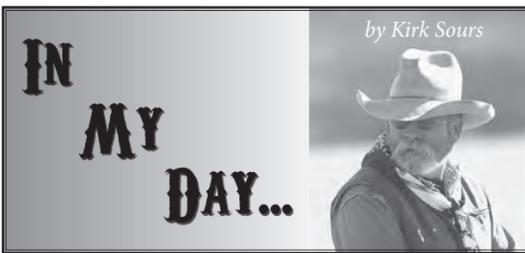
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by Kirk Sours

Almost Heaven, Part 2

In my last article, I mentioned apple harvest. Winchester, Virginia is the "Apple Capital" of the Shenandoah Valley, and the annual "Apple Blossom Festival" is still as great an attraction as ever. Apples and other produce are still king crops in the area. My dad grew up working in some of those orchards before he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War.

While the homeplace out on 612 by Mt. Williams was less than 15 miles from the city of Winchester, it might as well have been on the other side of North Mountain. It was an en-

tirely different world out there in 1965, and my family all lived like it was 1935. I don't specifically recall the big old log house being electrified, but it may have been. I do remember my Great-Aunt Mamie, who looked as old as the house itself, sitting in her corner brushing out her waist-length snow-white hair, which during the day was in a tight bun, rocking and listening to a large old tube type radio with Roy Acuff singing The Great Speckled Bird. The radio may have run off a battery, and if there were any electric lights in the house, they were few and far between, because

A prescription for improving wheat quality and yields

Wheat Letter recently reported on how improving U.S. wheat quality takes cooperation between people and industries around the world. Following up on the post about the Wheat Quality Council (WQC) meeting on Feb. 23, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo., this post is excerpted from a story in *BakingBusiness.com* about best management practices for growing more and improved hard red winter (HRW).

At the WQC meeting, U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) Vice President and West Coast Office Director Steve Wirsching emphasized that breeding wheat for higher yields and improved quality is crucial to continue serving domestic and overseas wheat buyers.

Growing wheat is often challenging, but recent adverse environmental conditions have made the venture even more so. Extreme drought and sometimes high winds without rain to relieve parched fields have ravaged the nation's hard red winter wheat growing regions.

Breeding protects HRW from bad weather

Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer of Kansas Wheat, noted at the WQC meeting that as of late February, 85% to 90% of U.S. HRW was growing under drought conditions, based on USDA and U.S. Drought Monitor data. He showed most wheat crops across the hard winter wheat belt was rated poor to very poor, although conditions have improved slightly since then. At the same time, Gilpin suggested that the winter wheat surviving the drought was doing so because of its quality, proving that plant breeders' investments have been worth the effort invested in public breeding programs by farmers, universities and governments.

Quality and Yield

The *BakingBusiness.com* article continued with a summary of regional and national programs to help farmers maximize wheat quality as well as its yield. One of the most recognized programs is the annual National Wheat Yield Contest, which is coordinated by the National Wheat Foundation (USW is a co-sponsor of the contest). And while the word "quality" is missing from that title, it is certainly a component of the contest, said Gilpin. Trying to bridge the gap between wheat producers and users, the contest now aims to recognize high-yielding and industry-desired high-quality wheat.

Another initiative dedicated to helping farmers produce high-quality wheat with high yields is the Kansas "Wheat Rx" program, a partnership between Kansas Wheat and Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Stronger Flour Needed

"The importance of management and 'Wheat Rx' as the prescription for high-yielding and high-quality wheat are, together, the new priorities for wheat production in the state," Gilpin said. He added that U.S. flour millers want to supply higher quality, stronger flours for bakers, a desire shared by overseas millers.

At the WQC meeting, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations Aaron Harries and Kansas State University Research and Extension Agronomist Romulo Lollato shared their insights and research from the collaborative program. They said the Kansas Wheat Rx focus is to help producers identify the best wheat varieties for their specific environment and production practices.

For centuries, wheat has fed the world. Ensuring strong and high-quality varieties through modern plant breeding, along with maximizing yield potential, will sustain wheat's role in feeding future generations.

we still used a lot of oil lamps and lanterns.

Aunt Mamie was my Granddaddy's sister-in-law, whose first husband of less than four months was killed in action ten days after landing in France in 1918. As was the mountain custom, his brother William married Mamie, and after he died in the 1940s, she never remarried, and lived with my grandparents until they both passed within a month of each other in 1966. She died the next year.

Things got really hard after those couple of years with the loss of my baby brother in 1965, both grandparents in '66 and Mamie in '67. We left the cabin and lived in the old house for a while with my uncle's family, which was not a good situation at all. Grief and stress can destroy stability and security within a family, as I learned at a young age. We bounced around for a couple of years, renting a neighboring bungalow for one winter, before moving to a small village called Nain. The rodents were so bad in that place, I remember my dad chasing them around on his hands and knees smashing them with his fists. We moved after school let out for the summer to a little camper trailer set between a high-

way and railroad tracks for a few weeks.

Playing in the hot gravel of the tracks I longed for the times walking hand-in-hand with my Granddaddy, whose little Terrier named Lucky was running happily along in front of us, while he sang Oh Happy Day, as we walked out to check on a newborn calf in the front pasture. My friend Jay from down in Sycamore Hollow would ride his bike up and we would play in the straw stack by the road, or traipse through the timber in the back. Dad and I would pick wild mint for tea from the spring. Those memories seemed like a lifetime ago to an eight-year-old kid trying to figure out what happened. Roughing out a life in the mountain cabin was much preferable to me, in spite of the lack of playmates. Some of the urchins I'd been playing with recently with were nearly as scary as that mountain lion.

After the family sold the farm and settled everything, my dad bought a '65 Chevy station wagon, rented a U-Haul trailer to tow behind it and we loaded up everything we owned and drove west. My Mom's parents lived in a place called Kansas, and I was about to discover a

whole new world. A place where we had our own house, a car that would run every time you turned the key, ate pork chops that we didn't butcher ourselves, bread from a plastic wrapper that was already sliced, and there was a round knob on the wall that you simply turned to a higher number to get warm; no coal, no firewood, no kerosene lamps. And a television, which I had only seen in

the department stores in Winchester, or at my dad's rich friend's house on Wardensville Grade.

I thought we had struck the jackpot!

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Newton is bustling. I am sitting in the Market and Deli on the corner of 6th and Main. Passersby are squinting into the sunshine and holding tightly to their jackets lest the wind wrestles them away.

My coffee is sweetened with local honey and the welcoming of the ladies manning the store. The welcome is sincere, helpful. I spent the last two nights at the Days Inn in Hutchinson (which I highly recommend; it was clean, the service was excellent, and the staff appropriately friendly). I am on my way to Wichita and then to the Honey Springs Battlefield, and then to the Wrangler Awards at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Then more meetings before heading home... sometime.

I was thinking about times spent in Newton: the Kansas Sampler Festival many moons ago where I first met the legendary Dave Zerfas and found a kindred spirit; the premiere of *The Road to Valhalla* at the the Dickinson Fox Theatre; other events and times with friends that run together.

The *Road to Valhalla* screening was an incredible evening. Noel and I headed down and Heather Sewell, our *Around Kansas* producer, came with camera and videoed interviews I did with Michael Martin Murphey and other stars of this docudrama on the Kansas/Missouri border war. As I told an audience recently, I have insinuated

myself in just about every project Ken Spurgeon has made. In the aforementioned film, I delivered the unforgettable line, "Jim Lane was a drama queen."

The music was absolutely what transformed this project, however, thanks to the efforts of Jed Marum, Orin Friesen, Murphey, and their friends. Powerful moments, like the ones with Buck Taylor as an aging Union veteran, standing in the cemetery surrounded by his remaining comrades, were transformed by the music that underscored the scenes. Ah, that was a great project...

I will be visiting with Ken later today about our latest project, *The Contested Plains*. We are working on the music for that film now and are fortunate to have wonderfully talented folks like Orin who are still involved.

Oh, before I forget, when I spoke to the antique dealers' meeting in Hutchinson the other night, there were fans of *Around Kansas* and readers of *Grass and Grain*. It is always nice when people say so!

Time to refill my coffee cup and get on down the road. Work calls.

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Native Stone Scenic Byway stone fence workshop planned

A dry stack stone workshop will be held on April 24, 25, and 26, 8:30 to 4:30 each day. The instructor is a certified dry stack stone mason. The fences are built just as our ancestors would have built them 150 years ago. The fee is \$100. Drinks, snacks, and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in participating please contact Marsh Ericson at kmarsha@msn.com.

The Native Stone Scenic Byway is a 75-mile byway through Shawnee, Wabaunsee, and Riley Counties. The Byway features the natural beauty and panoramic views of native limestone features and structures throughout this region, seen in everything from hillsides and stone fences, to barns. Limestone is the bedrock on which

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The Native Stone Scenic Byway highlights both the natural wonder of rock formations and the amazing craftsmanship of masons who built the small towns and communities with native stone. The heritage continues today with stone masons who share this craft by holding workshops on the Byway each year to repair or construct sections of stone fence to honor and preserve the craft and enhance the Native Stone Scenic Byway for future generations.

Classic cars, live music, antiques, and art in Abilene May 13-14

From classic cars to big band era music and from antiques to art in the Little Ike Park, the second weekend of May in Abilene is sure to have something for everyone to discover.

Put on your dancing shoes and head over to the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene on Friday, May 13 for a night of great jazz by the Kansas All Star Big Band featuring some big band era melodies from Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Count Basie and more, the good music like our parents and grandparents listened to. This event will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a cost of \$10 per person over the age of

five years. Load up your lawn chair and enjoy some great tunes.

Saturday, May 14 brings an array of activities up and down Buckeye Avenue. If you are a car buff, then Holm Automotive Center on the north side of Abilene is the place for you to be. Meet up with your buddies who love cars as much as you do at the fourth annual free car and truck show, which will be at the dealership lot at 2005 N. Buckeye Avenue. Every car featured has a story to tell. Whether it is grandpa's old Studebaker or your dad's old Chevy he hot-rodged around in during his high school

years, you won't want to miss this event!

Venture on over to the Dickinson County Heritage Center at 412 South Campbell for the Meadowlark Swap Meet, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. What will be there you may ask? Anything and everything you would see at a Prairie Home show or at an Ag History demonstration. Vendors may set up Friday between noon and 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m.

Head to downtown Abilene for the Abilene Antique Fest. Vendors from all over the state will offer a variety of something for everyone. An-

tiques, re-purposed items, and other items will be on display. Onsite food vendors will be there with some delicious eats for you to enjoy. The Antique Fest runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be located on 4th and Kirby Streets. There is no gate fee for this event.

From 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, the Dickinson County Arts Council will be hosting Arts and Ales 2022 at Little Ike's Park on 3rd Street, right in the heart of downtown Abilene. Music, art, and beer tasting are on the agenda. What a perfect way to end the perfect day in Abilene!

Soy checkoff releases 2021 Sustainability Overview Report

The soy checkoff released its inaugural U.S. Soy Sustainability Overview which outlines key environmental achievements made by U.S. soybean farmers. Their ongoing commitments will help optimize their efforts to continue providing the most sustainably produced soy to domestic and international customers.

The U.S. Soy Sustainability Overview, developed by the checkoff on behalf of U.S. soybean farmers, details the modern practices and advanced technologies deployed by farmers in recent years to conserve land, water, energy and other natural resources. With the U.S. soybean industry progressing toward its 2025 sustainability goals to reduce land use, soil erosion and greenhouse gas emissions while increasing energy efficiency, significant progress has also been made in the past four decades. Between 1980 and 2020, conservation efforts by U.S. soybean farmers have improved:

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- Soil conservation by 34% per acre.

• Soy production by 130%, using roughly the same amount of land.

"With the world demanding sustainably sourced food, feed, fuel and thousands of other nonfood products, we know that U.S. Soy plays an outsized role in delivering solutions in the U.S. and around the globe," said Polly Ruhland, USB CEO. "Continuously improving is at the heart of our work in optimizing sustainability throughout the value chain. Our soybean farmers are committed to sharing the progress we have made and how we're looking ahead to contribute in solving some of society's biggest challenges, such as food security and sustainable energy."

U.S. farmers realize these gains by employing a range of sustainability best practices, including cover crops, crop rotation and conservation tillage, to maximize yields while also capturing carbon from the atmosphere and conserving soil, water and other precious natural resources. Advances in technology, such as precision farming equipment and drones, also support more sustainable farming.

These efforts advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. U.S. Soy initiatives directly support SDG Goal 2: Zero Hunger and intersect with other goals such as Clean

Water and Sanitation, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life on Land, and Partnership.

"When my father started farming in the '60s, 30-bushel-an-acre soybeans was a good yield. When I started in the '90s, it was 45," said Tim Bardole, USB farmer-leader and soybean farmer from Iowa. "Today, if we don't grow 70-bushel-an-acre soybeans, it's considered a disappointment. To me, that proves sustainability. If we are damaging the land, it would not produce the way it does, all while implementing practices like no-till to strengthen our soil's resiliency, preventing runoff and erosion."

Looking beyond the farm, USB spurs innovation to develop new uses for soy's meal and oil components, in many cases advancing solutions that provide renewable and more climate-friendly alternatives to fossil fuels and carcinogens. For example, USB fostered advances in biodiesel, which uses soy oil to provide fuel that has the potential to reduce greenhouse emissions by up to 86% compared with petroleum diesel. Additionally, U.S. soybeans are increasingly used as a sustainable alternative to chemicals found in plastic, paints and adhesives and helps support 4.6 million American bio-based jobs, according to a 2019 U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

The U.S. Soy Sustainability Overview highlights climate-smart farming practices stimulating results, shares the stories of farmers across the country like Bardole who have driven dramatic improvements simultaneously in sustainability and productivity, and establishes a benchmark for U.S. Soy, setting the foundation for broader measurement and reporting in the years ahead. For regular updates about U.S. soybean sustainability, please visit ussoy.org.

GRSB launches Beef Carbon Footprint Guideline

The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) Scientific Advisory Council has launched the Beef Carbon Footprint Guideline to allow for sector-wide consistency in the calculation of the carbon footprint of beef cattle.

GRSB and its members noticed that across the sector, businesses and organizations globally were using different methodologies and data to measure their carbon impact - leading to inconsistencies. The creation of the project included financial support from McDonald's Corporation and DSM. Blonk Consultants also showed support by advising on the methodological approach and developing the guideline.

AUCTION REMINDER
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 — 9:00 AM
 Located at 5081 S. Rock Rd., NEWTON, KANSAS
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AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 — 10:30 AM
 862 S. 2400 Road, WHITE CITY, KANSAS
DIRECTIONS: 2 miles West of White City on G Ave. (Woodbine Road) then South 2 1/4 miles on S. 2400 Rd. OR 1 1/4 miles North of Hwy 4 on S. 2400 Rd. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

CAR, PICKUP & MOWER: 2000 Lincoln Town Car, all leather & electric V-8, sunroof 145,105 miles; 2001 Ford Ranger ext. cab V-6, auto, 125,838 miles; Swisher zero turn mower, 18 1/2 hp., 42" deck, good.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES: White City drug store cabinet, CI pulls 16 drawers, 8 1/2" tall, unique; Kenmore upright freezer; 1950s dinette table & 6 chairs; 4 oak bar stools, nice; gun cabinet; walnut sofa table & end table; 2 La-Z-Boy recliners; single bed; walnut veneer bdr. set, full size bed, chest of drawers, dresser & mirror; Philips 48" flat screen TV on stand; walnut dresser & mirror; small maple 4 drawer chest; full size bed; small cedar chest; sewing machine in cabinet; Vizio flat screen TV; several occasional chairs; SW sofa sleeper; patio table & chairs; folding tables & chairs; pine rocker; oak library table; small walnut dropleaf side table; tower fans; RCA speakers.

COLLECTIBLES & MISC.: Cooky Cucumber toy; toy tractors & trucks; red wagon; wood ladders; implement seat stool; Gilbarco fuel pump, no globe; post drill; large selection of manuals; milk cans; lard press; NC+ seed signs, not metal; Rex Ray fan; canning jars; pink Fostoria water glasses; dresser lamps; hand done quilt; chenille bedspread; various glassware; CA roaster; mixing bowls; large baking pans & dishes; set of Sierra Stoneware; various kitchen & household items; x-mas dolls; NuWave Infared oven & other kitchen appliances.

TOOLS & MISC.: Power Kraft AC DC welder, 250 amps; Chicago bench top drill press, 3/4 chuck; large grinder; Central Machinery bench grinder; yard tools; wrenches, socket sets & gear wrenches; crescent wrench 14"; pliers, hammers & all kinds of hand tools; Intergram bench type drill press, 3/4 chuck; B&D sander & jig saw; belt sander; die grinder; Makita circular saw; Craftsman 1/2 drill; various other power tools; chain saw sharpener; Central Forge gear puller set; Craftsman tool chest, top & bottom cabinet, like new; Craftsman bench grinder on stand, like new; Chicago 10" bench type table saw; Makita 9 volt cordless drill; Craftsman 10" miter saw, very good; bolt cutters; Craftsman 4 gal. shop vac.; 12 volt sprayer; 5th wheel hitch, good; camper cords & other items; large lawn wagon; camping equip.; Shimano Allivio men's & ladies bicycles, very good.

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AUCTION
SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 — 10:30 AM
 Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KS

GUNS: Sell first at 10:30
 1. 1873 model Winchester 38-40 rifle (276624); 2. 1876 model Winchester 45-60 rifle (31931); 3. 1890 model Winchester 22 short (358222); 4. 1894 model Winchester 30-30 saddle ring carbine (491749); 5. 1897 model Winchester 12 ga. (853710); 6. 1906 Winchester 22 rare stainless barrel (834667); 7. Iver Johnson 16 ga shot-gun (37572); 8. Iver Johnson 4-10 shot-gun (59222); 9. Wm Moore & Co 12 ga double barrel old percussion; 10. T. Foley 10 ga double barrel old percussion; 11. L.C. Smith 12 ga double barrel w/letter (320829); 12. Lefevre 16 ga. double barrel (149159); 13. 1876 model Winchester 45-75 (6592) "2nd model rifle" scarce; 14. 1897 model Winchester 12 ga. (1006553); 15. 1894 model Winchester 30-30 saddle ring carbine (760502); 16. 1890 model Winchester 22 short (358222); 17. 1906 model Winchester 22 s-lr (824251); 18. Winchester model 12 semi deluxe 16 ga. (1237671); 19. Colt revolver pocket 32 DA (18390); 20. Colt revolver 1877 model mfd 1878 (50111); 21. S&W revolver 32 WCF 6 1/2" barrel model 1905 (109066); 22. S&W revolver 32 WCF 6 1/2" barrel model 1905 (36265); 23. H&R 676 revolver 22 magnum in box (AV021065); 24. Smith & Wesson model 10-6 matted heavy barrel 38 (15575); 25. Colt Lighting rifle 22 cal. 1/2 nickel (39637); 26. Colt Lighting rifle large frame 40-60-260 (1685); 27. Winchester model 64 pistol grip deluxe 30-30 (1319425); 28. Winchester model 42 pistol grip deluxe 4-10 (25172); 29. Winchester 06 model 22 cal. "Trapper" (207559); 30. 1873 Winchester rifle 22 cal full nickel letter (555798); 31. Winchester 12 ga 101 (54399); 32. Daly shotgun (like 101) 20 ga. (206452); 33. Winchester model 61 22 cal (159500); 34. Winchester model 90 hard to find 22 lr (710884); **assortment of ammo for all of the guns sold; gun parts.**

INDIAN ARTIFACTS & COLLECTIBLES
 2-Navajo saddle blankets late 1800s; bear lap robe; 4 bows; quiver & arrows; Navajo rugs; other Indian artifacts; 10 Colt knives in boxes; large bull buffalo skull; longhorn mounts; deer & antelope mounts; turkey fans; kerosene lamps; trunks; antique chairs & rockers; rug beaters; sausage stuffer; antique radio; LP stereo set; assortment records; fishing gear; fly rods; cane poles; coffee grinders; meat grinders; cast iron & tin cookware; old tools; other curios & relics.

NOTE: Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. This is a very quality auction from a private collection. We will open the doors for viewing at 8:00 a.m. The guns will sell first followed by the collectibles.
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Online Gun Auction (online now, ends April 12, 6 PM) — Spring 2022 Military & Collectors Gun Auction with over 850 lots of quality firearms & ammo, also gold held at Proxibid.com/Kull or Armsbid.com. Auctioneers: Kull's Old Town Station, Dan Kull.

Online Only Property Auction (ends Tuesday, April 12, 6 PM) — Commercial building property & greenhouses (located at Blue Rapids) consisting of T1: 0.36 ac. office/retail space; T2: 1.52 ac. zoned agricultural use, metal building on wood frame; T3: 0.93 ac. zoned agricultural use; T4: 3 parcels, 2.81 ac. total; T5-T17: Greenhouses. Held online at www.MidwestLandandHome.com for JB Greenhouse, Inc., seller. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jessica Leis, agent; Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer.

Online Only Auction (bidding open now & soft closes April 13, 8 pm) — Refrigerator, gas cookstove, furniture, riding mower, lawn sprayer & miscellaneous household & collectibles (items located at Geneseo) selling for Norman "Butch" Schill. Auction held online: hollingerauction.hibid.com/auctions/current. Auctioneers: Hollinger Online Auction.

Online Auction (Preview: April 16 in Shawnee; Bidding soft closes April 19, noon) — Over 500 lots including 2008 Exiss horse trailer, storage trailers, vehicles, Harley Davidson motorcycle, Sprint car, lawn & garden, tools held online at <https://lindsayauctions.hibid.com/catalog/354006/consignment-auction-tools-vehicles-equipment-farm/>. Auctioneers: Lindsay Auction & Realty, LLC.

April 16 — 2000 Lincoln Town car, 2001 Ford Ranger pickup, Swisher 0-turn mower, furniture & appliances, White City drug store cabinet, collectibles including toy tractors & trucks, manuals, canning jars, dishware, stoneware, tools, camping equipment & misc. held at White City for Jo Ann Scott Estate & another seller. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Es-

tate & Auctions, LLC.

April 16 — 2000 JD 5205 FWA tractor w/loader, 2002 Case 95XT skid steer, Mitsubishi Rega MXR55 excavator, 1993 GMC 3500 flatbed pickup, 1965 GMC pickup & more construction equipment, shop items & more held at Newton for Chilson & Lucy Cook. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

April 16 — Consignment auction consisting of tractors, ATVs, UTVs, camper, livestock equipment, guns, Farm equipment, truck load of new skid steer loader attachments, horse drawn buggy, chain saw, New 60x80 building, riding mower, trucks, trailers & much more still coming in held at Leon. Auctioneers: Wedel Auction & Real Estate.

April 16 — Surplus auction consisting of 2009 Chevy Tahoe, 2014 Dodge Charger, office chairs, filing cabinets & misc. office equipment, ice machines, trailer, grader, tractor, truck & backhoe tires, used culvert pipes, large dumpsters, lumber & plywood, 3 pt. equipment, misc. tools, welding equipment & lots of misc. held at Burlington for Coffey County Government. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

April 16 — Estate auction consisting of vehicle, shop tools, household & collectibles held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

April 20 — Krehbiel Farm auction consisting of Tractors & trucks, field equipment including balers, disc, plows, harrows, drills & more, trailers, corn head, grain headers & more farm & ranch supplies held at Pretty Prairie for Stacy Krehbiel, Krehbiel Farms. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

April 21 — JD 5101E w/563 grapple bucket, loader, 2008 Vermeer 2800 rake, haw mower, stock panels, barn gates, 1997 Toyota Tacoma, mowers, stock trailer & more held at Udall. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.

April 22 & 23 — Colorado Draft Horse & equipment auction consisting of horses, mules, carriages, harnesses & saddles held at Brighton, Colorado. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

April 23 — Selling over 400 lots of coins including foreign coins, large cents, IH Ct. book, Wheat Cents, 2 & 3 Cent pieces, nickels, dimes, CC Morgans & more held at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

April 23 — Over 20 vehicles, forklift, compressor, car lift, front end alignment systems, shop equipment, tools & more

held at Salina for C&C Auto Sales. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

April 23 — Furniture including Becker built 107x44 Oak dining room table & Becker built Oak bookcase & more, household & garage items including appliances, salt & pepper collection, canning jars, advertising items, old radio cabinet & much more held at Goessel for Marvin (Linda) Voth. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

April 23 — Tractors, trailers, 2005 JD 7820 w/loader, JD 5020 tractor, shop supplies & tools & more held at Udall. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.

April 23 — Vehicles including 2001 Toyota Camry LE, tools & lawn items, Cliegear caddy cart, golf clubs & golfing miscellaneous, household & misc. antiques, many pieces of Polish pottery, Singer Featherweight & more, Winchester 24 gun safe, furniture, mechanical cast banks & more held at Topeka for James & Lauri Bruton. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

April 23 — Machinery auction consisting of Sprayer, combine, tractors, swather, excavator & skid loader, semi tractor & trailers, trucks & trailers, machinery, hay & cattle equipment held at West of Smith Center for Anchor A Farm, Inc. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 23 — 2012 Ford Escape Limited Ed., Coachman Royal 285RKS 5th wheel camper, Bad Boy zero-turn mower, collectibles, furniture, tools & miscellaneous held at rural Lecompton for Mrs. Peggy J. Miller (Norman "Pod" Miller. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 24 — Guns, ammunition & safe, 1990 Maxima 20' boat & trailer, primitives, collectibles, antiques & antique furniture inc.: oval pictures, old whiskey barrels & stands, glassware, old neon beer signs, Precious Moments, pottery, old toys, old cigarette machine, coin-operated nickel scale & much more held at Effingham for May partial Estate. Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Services.

April 24 — Selling 34 lots of guns including Winchester rifles, Iver Johnson, Colt revolvers, Smith & Wesson & more; assort of ammo & gun parts, Indian artifacts & collectibles held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 28 — 96.7 Acres m/l of Marshall County land consisting of T1: 73 ac. m/l with farmland, homesite & cropland; T2: 12.7 ac.

m/l of farmland & cropland; T3: 11 ac. m/l farmland and cropland held at Frankfort for Fischer Dairy (online bidding available at www.MidwestLandandHome.com). Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

April 30 — Tractors inc. Case 530 w/loader, IHC 300 Farmall, restored, IHC H, trucks inc. 1964 Chev. truck, 1991 Chev. S10, farm items, assorted lumber, antiques & collectibles inc. furniture, 2 Fred Mueller saddles, signs, advertising items, tins, Christmas decor, & many more items held South of Abilene (or East of McPherson) for Sharon & Gary Mueller. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 30 — Lots of tools, welders, shop equipment, motorcycle & motorcycle equipment, zero turn mower, collectibles, household & miscellaneous held at Lebo for Mrs. Carol Dodds. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

April 30 — Antiques & collectibles including furniture, oil lamps, crocks, toys, records, BB gun, ceramic dolls, wooden train, 2 Old Smokey toy trains, granite ware, glassware, McCoy vases, household, furniture, tools & more held at Hunter for Marge Peckham. Auctioneers: Meitler Auction Service.

April 30 — Household, tools, riding lawn mower, collectibles, kitchen items, power & hand tools, yard items, antiques, primitives, glassware & much more held in Blue Rapids for Dolores M. Sutton Estate & Harold & Virginia Sutton. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

April 30 — Farm sale held Southwest of Wakefield for Ted and Connie Luthi. Auctioneers: Kretz 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 for Larry & Marilyn Elgin. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

April 30 — Retirement farm auction consisting of tractors, trucks, trailers, farm & livestock equipment, shop tools, household & collectibles held at Buhler. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

May 1 — Collectibles including Lamps of all kinds, large collection of lamp parts, vintage toys, advertising items, artwork including signed

pieces, tins, 60s Coke machine, 40s Frigidaire refrigerator, dolls, ammo box, furniture & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 3 — Land Auction consisting of 15 acres m/l, premier Greyhound farm facility, climate-controlled 2004 Cleary kennel/shop w/electric (located between Abilene & Solomon) held at Abilene for Flying Eagles Kennels. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

May 5 — Land Auction consisting of 156 acres m/l Lincoln County land with excellent upland tillable, pasture, home & buildings sold in 2 tracts held at Lincoln for Bernie Bolte Estate. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

May 5 — Residence and household goods held at Marysville for Eldon Zimmerman Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz, salesman & auctioneer.

May 6 & 7 — 4-State Draft Horse & Mule sale consisting of mules, equipment, box wagons, carriages, saddles & tack held at Miami, Oklahoma. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

May 7 — 60" Bad Boy mower, 60" Swisher pull behind mower, log splitter, snow blower, work bench, tool boxes of all kinds, all types of tools including sanders, wrenches, sockets, brad nailer, saws, planer, grinder, chisels, concrete tools, paint supplies, carpenter tools, jacks, yard tools, limb saws, lawn dethatcher & more; also collectibles including pinball machine, plinko machine, slot machines, Coca Cola pop machine, Route 66 tin sign, furniture, military, granite ware & more held at Salina for John & Shirley Dornberger. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions.

May 7 — Selling Migmaster welder, large lot of good tools, power tools, shop equipment, household & miscellaneous held at New Strawn for downsizing auction for Bob & Virginia (Ginny) Mitchell. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

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

May 15 — Gun Consignment auction with guns, ammo, accessories & related items held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 21 — 2006 Kawasaki 4x4, tandem axle car trailer, duplicates & triplicates of tools includ-

ing wrenches, plumbing supplies, pliers, clamps, router bits, saws, concrete & carpenter tools, tool boxes, clamps, chain saws, stick welder, snow blower, furniture & much more held at Salina for John & Shirley Dornberger. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions.

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

May 28 — Large farm auction consisting of vehicles, tractors, farm equipment, shop tools, guns, farm primitives, antiques & collectibles held at Hutchinson for Kroeker Estate. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

May 30 — New Strawn Farm & Ranch Consignment Auction held at New Strawn. Sales Manager: Brett Skillman; Auctioneers: Darwin W. Kurtz & Paul Hancock.

June 2 — Estate auction consisting of household & collectibles held at Hutchinson for Burk Estate. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

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

McDonald's McPlant Burger underwhelms in test stores

McDonald's test of its Beyond Meat McPlant Burger indicates the product is underperforming, according to a recent report. Earlier this year, the fast-food chain announced it would expand the pilot to roughly 600 stores in California and Texas, including 350 in the Dallas-Fort Worth market and 260 in the Bay Area. Participating restaurants sell about 20 sandwiches per day, with three to five being in rural areas of East Texas. The output is well below the initial test, which saw eight stores selling about 70 McPlants per day and falls short of franchisees' expectation of 40-60 products per day.

According to Peter Saleh, analyst at financial services firm BTIG, these poor sales are also hurting operational procedure. Originally, the McPlant was supposed to be cooked in advance and held for 15 minutes like other menu items, but because of low sales volumes, it is now cooked to order. This entire process takes four and a half minutes from order to delivery, which lengthens drive-through service times by about a minute.

MACHINERY AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the farm 8071 K Road located from Highways 36 & 8 (West of SMITH CENTER, KS) go North 7 miles to 100 Road then East 3 miles to K Road then 1 1/4 miles North to the farm.

SPRAYER, COMBINE, TRACTORS, SWATHER, EXCAVATOR & SKID LOADER

2014 John Deere 4730 sprayer 90' boom, JD automatic boom height; 2014 John Deere S680 combine, duals 2216 engine hrs, 1386 separator hrs.; 2013 Flex Draper 635FD head 35' w/M38 Maurer tandem axle header trailer; 1986 1253A 12 row head; 2012 PK tandem axle header trailer; 1997 John Deere 7410 front wheel assist tractor w/JD 740 loader w/grapple, quad range, w/left hand reverse, weighted 4 hyd 3 pt. new interior, 8003 hrs; 2012 John Deere 8360R front wheel assist tractor, IVT shift, ILS front end, duals, weighted, PTO, 3 pt, 5 remotes, 3 case drains, premium cab, electronic power steering, heated electric mirrors, 3927 hrs; 1966 John Deere 2510 diesel tractor w/148 loader w/grapple, roll guard dual hyd, 6001 hrs; 2010 John Deere 4895 diesel swather, auto steer ready, 18' 896 power reverse header sickle drive; 2001 John Deere 260 diesel skid loader, 2 speed, 691 hrs w/bucket; John Deere Worksite Pro trencher TR48; 2010 John Deere 8251 loader cab w/gas & heat, hyd

bed w/winch, 3981 miles; Dae-wo 225 excavator.

SEMITRACTOR & TRAILERS, TRUCKS & TRAILERS

2004 Freight Liner semi tractor w/sleeper, 10 speed, Detroit 60 series, 530,000 miles; 2004 Freight Liner semi tractor w/sleeper, 10 speed, Detroit 60 series, 543,000 miles; 2-2010 Neville 42' grain trailers ag hopper, dual chutes; Demco 950 bu grain cart, near new tires, augers rebuilt, gear box resealed w/bearings; 1974 Chevrolet C65 twin screw truck, 427 engine, automatic w/24' metal box, power up & down hoist; 1991 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 3/4 ton pickup 454 engine, automatic; 2008 Hillsboro 700 model 724 gooseneck 24' dual tandem trailer; 53' gooseneck triple axle dual wheel flatbed trailer; 45' gooseneck triple tandem flat bed trailer; Lambert 24' gooseneck tandem trailer; Jantz Femco 2 wheel 6'x8' metal dump bed trailer.

MACHINERY

2002 John Deere 1820 air seeder w/270JD 1900 double tank cart, 120 front, 150 rear, single chute, 45' 12" spacing; 2009 John Deere 1770NT planter 12 row 30" w/liquid

fertizer, electric row shut off, Yetter openers; John Deere 2623 VT disc w/basket rollers 29'3"; John Deere MX10 3 pt. mower lift type rotary; John Deere 550 Mulch Master; Blue Jet 7 shank sub tiller; Kan Am 3600 terrace machine; Flex King XL 35' V blade w/treader; 40 High capacity dual screen grain cleaner; dump wagon on 4 wheel chassis; John Deere 8300 20-12 grain drill; John Deere 3 pt. 6 row planter; drive over pit w/10" electric auger; 3 pt. 8' shop built blade.

HAY & CATTLE EQUIPMENT

Haybuster 2650 hay processor; John Deere 568 Mega Wide Plus baler, net & twine; Frontier high capacity double rake; Winkle trailer w/13 panels, 2-12' gates & 2 walk in gates; Dual 600 tandem axle manure spreader; 1000 gal tank on tandem axle trailer w/transfer pump; 12 bale dual tandem goose neck bale trailer; Hesston 4 bale 5200 bale mover; 6 wheel 4 bale hay feeders; 6 LH creep feeders; Honda Foreman ES 4 wheeler; JD 4 wheeler; gas post hole digger; JD chainsaw; winch; cylinders; fencers; 3 trailers tools & other.

NOTE: The John Deere equipment was purchased new. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. At 12:00 Noon we will sell the sprayer, combine, tractors, swather, air seeder, planter, skid loader, semi tractors & trailer, excavator, they will be live auction and online at High Bid. There will be a 3% buyers fee if purchased online. There will be no buyers fee on the live auction.

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LIVING ESTATE AUCTION

VEHICLES * ANTIQUES * TOOLS * HOUSEHOLD & MORE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 2624 SW Golf View Drive, TOPEKA, KANSAS 66614

Directions: Turn East at 27th @ Urish Road and take the first left on Golf View Dr.



2001 Toyota Camry LE with 150,686 mi: this very well-kept car has plenty of new parts and is road ready! (rebuilt alternator, almost new tires, new plugs & wires)

CAR WILL SELL AT 12:00 pm SHARP



TOOLS & LAWN: US General tool cabinets, Craftsman tool cabinet, vise, 40pc tap & die set, putty knives, scrapers, razor blades, side cutters, razor cutters, chisels, punches, filter wrenches, pipe wrenches, drill bit/driver set, drill bits, sockets, ratchets, extensions, Craftsman wrenches, adj. wrenches, power tools, picks & screw drivers, hex head wrenches, nut drivers, framing squares, drywall squares, cut off tool, Dremel tool, roto zip, laser level, motorcycle jack, shop vac, saw blades, Makita reciprocating saw, Delta chop saw, pancake air compressor, Craftsman air compressor, wet tile saw, furniture dolly's, hand carts, hose reel & air hose, push brooms, claw hammers, rubber mallets, roofing hatchet, quick clamps, pry bars, nail bars, bolt bins, blow torch, 24' ext. ladder, Rockwell jaw stand, floodlights, STIHL 8GS56C leaf blower, misc. hand tools & yard tools. **many more items not listed!**



Cliegear caddy cart, Calloway clubs, 2 other sets of clubs and caddy's, golf balls and golfing misc.

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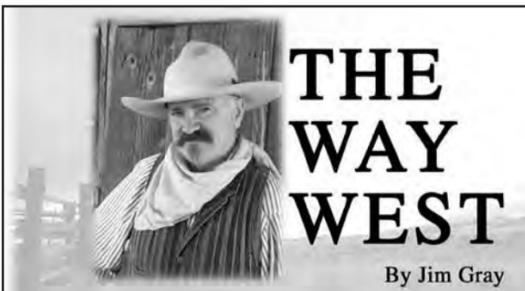


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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Long Jaunt

In the Spring of 1872 Warren Y. Jenkins traveled from Panama, Illinois, to Kansas in a two-mule wagon with Mr. Cuno Clawson. The story was related in *The Jenkins, Boone and Lincoln Family Records*, written by Jenkins in 1925. Jenkins was helping Clawson move to his claim at Cherokee station, Crawford County, Kansas,

from his home near Panama, Illinois.

Jenkins had been thinking of migrating to Kansas since his return from the Civil War. He sold his land in 1867 with the intention of moving to Kansas, but "matters were so unsettled in Missouri and Kansas" that he decided not to risk the trip. In 1868 he bought eighty acres near Panama,

Illinois. The place was rough, timbered, and in need of clearing to make it productive. Jenkins persevered, but the constant struggle with stumps and incessant sprouting of new trees from the old roots "worried and disgusted" him so, that his thoughts returned to Kansas.

Neighbors told him that Kansas was rocky. Instead of stumps and sprouts Jenkins would find stony land. To those comments Jenkins replied, "Thank the Lord the stones and rocks will not have to be sprouted."

The wagon trip to Kansas took about twelve days. He hoped to find a nice quarter section (160 acres) to homestead, although the rush for land would leave very few opportunities near Clawson's claim. Once Mr. Clawson was settled, Jenkins started walking to the Montgomery County seat of Independence, seventy-five miles away.

After a few days on the road he came to a good-sized plank house with the sign "Meals and Lodging" on the right side of the road. Hoping to get something to eat he approached the Inn, situated on a rise in the open prairie. On that higher ground he could see the village of Cherryvale in the distance

and concluded to go on, "even if it made dinner a little late."

Like so many travelers, Jenkins was unaware of the danger that lurked within the walls of that infamous Inn. Years later he would learn how close he came to losing his life to the "Bloody Benders," who notoriously murdered unsuspecting travelers from 1869 to 1873.

Jenkins arrived in Cherryvale at about 1 p.m. After a late dinner he caught a train for Independence. Disappointment was awaiting him when he found that the Independence land office was not for homesteads, but for obtaining pre-emptions, a procedure that required the purchase of land at \$1.25 per acre. The land office for homestead application was in Arkansas City, another seventy-five miles west of Independence.

The next morning Jenkins "hit the trail" for Arkansas City, but the trail that he followed diminished until it faded out completely. For hours he trudged, "over the trackless prairie," until he came upon a squad of seven horsemen. They spoke but "in a strange jargon" that he couldn't understand. Finally, one of them rode forward and

asked in English who he was, where he was from, and where he was going. When Jenkins told him he was looking for Arkansas City he was informed that he was no longer in Kansas. Jenkins had wandered more than a mile into Indian Territory.

The squad of organized United States police patrolled the border with orders to arrest trespassers found south of the Kansas line. Seeing a bronze button on the lapel of Jenkins' coat the apparent leader remarked, "Well, Comrade, I see that you are a veteran, and I shall make an exception in your case." Turning to his men he uttered something in the Osage dialect before pointing northwest to two mounds in the distance. Jenkins was told that Arkansas City was just a little north of the mounds.

Jenkins thanked the officer and directed his steps "as suggested." He walked for two or more hours before darkness hid the mounds from sight. Spreading his blanket "out in the bleak wide prairie," he ate a small portion of his lunch of bread and cheese. The remainder was tucked under the blanket for breakfast. But when he awoke his breakfast was gone, taken by some prairie varmint.

Resuming his trek he soon heard the notes of *Roll On Silver Moon*, coming from a newly built frontier dwelling. A young lady sitting at an organ invited him in and "spread a wholesome country diet," before him. Unfortunately, she informed him that Arkansas City was still some distance away. Adding to his dismay, she told him that all desirable homesteads were already taken in that district.

With his money getting low, Jenkins gave up his quest, bid the young lady farewell, and "struck a bee line for Cherryvale" where he paid out his last dollar for an eighteen-dollar train ticket to St. Louis. He found a friend in St. Louis who loaned him three dollars to make it home. He had been away from home for two months. Jenkins recalled how good his wife and four little children looked to him after his long jaunt, and though unsuccessful, Kansas would not be forgotten, but that is another story to be told on *The Way West*.

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Livestock Commission Co., Inc.

Salina, KANSAS

SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211

MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY

Hogs sell at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

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

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD

For a complete list of cattle for all sales check out our website www.fandrive.com

CATTLE USA.com LIVE CATTLE AUCTIONS

FARMERS & RANCHERS HAS SWITCHED BACK TO Cattle USA.com for our online auctions.

1 blk	Wilson	1345@90.00	1 blk	Junction City	2170@123.50
1 blk	Brookville	1320@90.00	1 blk	Concordia	1745@121.50
1 blk	Brookville	1210@89.00	1 blk	Salina	2195@120.50
1 rwf	Hutchinson	1505@89.00	1 blk	Randolph	2125@119.50
1 red	Assaria	1305@89.00	1 blk	Junction City	1875@119.50
4 blk	McPherson	1336@89.00	1 blk	Clyde	1715@119.00
1 red	Salina	1670@89.00	1 red	Salina	1770@119.00
1 blk	Durham	1515@85.00	1 red	Partridge	2185@118.00
			1 blk	Wilesey	2025@117.00
			1 blk	Westfall	2470@117.00
			1 char	Delphos	1895@116.00

BULLS

1 red	Partridge	2065@126.50
1 blk	Randolph	2280@125.00
1 blk	Wilesey	2100@123.50

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

125 blk Sim/Ang, s&h, 350-550, home raised 3round vaccs, weaned 45 days; 140 blk Sim/Ang, s&h, 550-800, home raised, 2round vaccs, weaned; 22 charX, s&h, 400-525, 1 round vaccs; 29 str, 400-700, Fink sired, weaned October, 1 round vaccs in mid March; 120 Red Angus, s&h, 2 round vaccs, 400-525, home raised, off cow, replacement quality; 75 blk str, 750, long weaned, 2 round vacc; 150 blk/red s&h, 800-1000, home raised, 2 round vacc, long weaned, open; 104 mostly blk str, 800-850, off rye, 1-Iron, Wyoming origin; 40 blk/red s&h, 550-800, home raised, long weaned, 2 round vaccs, open; PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, COW SALE:

BULLS: 15 Red Bulls, yearling-2 year olds, semen & trich tested; 8 registered Angus, semen checked; 4 black & red, long yearling-2 year olds, black Angus/Sim cross or Red Angus/Sim cross, semen & trich tested; 2 yearling Red Angus, semen check; 2 yearling Angus, semen checked; 4 1-3 year old blk Angus, 2-2 year old Optimizers, 1-2 year old blk Angus, semen & trich checked. 1 Red Angus, 18 month old, trich & semen checked. 6 blk/red bulls 18 mo-2 year old, semen checked. 2 Red Angus yearlings, semen checked, virgin bulls.

HEIFER PAIRS: 15/15 black with black/char calves, 12 weeks old; 70/70 black, HR, calves will be by Confidence Plus, calves worked with black leg, calves all by 30 days plus; 90/90 black and red Angus, black heifers bred to Angus or Red Angus, Angus heifers- Mushrush Red Angus, big calves, calves worked; 40/40 blk, 50% AI'd black Angus, remainder- Red Angus sired. 40/40 blk, 60+ days old, calves worked. 30/30 Red Angus, home raised, "FANCY", started Feb. 18. 45/45 blk hfr pair, worked. 80/80 Gardiner sired, calves & heifers worked, big calves. 15/15 bwf heifers, big calves, worked.

REPLACEMENT HEIFERS: 100 blk, OCAV-pelvic measured, OCHV, off wheat; 40 Sim/Angus, pelvic checked OCHV'd, Cow Camp Ranch genetics. 100 blk/bwf, OCHM, pelvic exam, 800lbs. 4 Angus. 65 Angus and few black white face, home raised, pre breeding vacc's OCHV. 45, home raised, Sim/Angus, pelvic exam.

BRED HEIFERS: 7 red fall bred heifers. home raised, calving ease bull turned in November 19.

COWS: 75 Blk/Red, 3-5 year old; 125 Blk/Red, 3-5 year old; 50 Blk/Red, 3-5 year old, bred black; 300 blk/bw/red, 3-5 year old, bred Red Angus or blk Sim/Angus, calving August 1 75 days, cows NW origin; 24 young bred cows, bwf, fall bred to blk bulls; 60/60 pairs; 20 fall bred, bred Red Angus; 15/15 blk pairs, 3-5 year old, calves worked, exposed back; 45 blk/red, fall bred, 3-8 year old, bred Angus, start calving September 1; 30/30 blk Angus with 8-12 week old blk/char calves, running age cow; 15 mix cow, 3-4 year old, 2nd calf, bred Red Angus; 15 mix cow, 3-5 year old, bred Red Angus; 100 blk, 3-5 year old, bred Griswold, Sim/Angus, calving August 15 for 60 days; 40/45 running age, fall bred, bred to Cow Camp Sim/Angus or Clark Balance; 25/25 blk pairs, 3-7 year old, Feb/March calves, all worked, calves-charX or black; 16/16 HerefordX, 5-8 year old with BWF calves; 20 Mx fall bred, running age, bred to Sim/Ang or Balancer; 9 Hereford, 3 year old, bred to Angus; 30 mostly registered Angus, 3-8 year old, fall bred, bred Gardiner Angus, calving September/October; 10 Angus, 5-8 year old, bred Angus, spring calvers; 40/40 black/red, 3-7 year old, bred Limousin, Feb/March calves; 25/25 black/bwf, solid-broken, 300# calves, calves are Balancer sired. 10/10 registered 6-8 year old. 135 blk/red. 3-5 year old, bred Sim/Angus, mostly fall bred few heavy bred, all Northern origin. 4 Red Angus fall bred, 3-6 year old, bred Red Angus, start calving September 1. 70/70 blk pairs, 6 years-older, Irvine Sim/Angus calves, calves worked. 6/6 blk, 5-broken, Cow Camp sired. 100 blk, 3-4 years old, bred Herbster Angus bulls, start calving August 20-60 days. 80 mix, 4-8 year old, bred blk on Red Angus, spring calvers, heavy bred. 170/170 5-7 year old, blk/red cows, char/blk/red calves, calves worked, cows worked. 25 bred cows, blk/red, bred char or blk Angus, 3-5 year old, spring bred.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES:

SPECIAL COW SALES: All Sales are on Tuesday at 11 AM

Tuesday, April 19 * Tuesday, May 3

IN STOCK TODAY:

• Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders * Heavy Duty Feed Bunks