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On Friday, June 10 Eric Atkinson turned off the microphone and removed his headset for the final time as host of the K-State Agriculture Today program, ending a 39-year career of providing the latest agriculture information to producers around the state and eventually, with developing technology, around the world.

Atkinson grew up on a traditional family farm east of Winfield in Cowley County. "I really didn't have designs on ag broadcasting early on," he said. "I was actually interested in sports broadcasting when I was growing up."

He received his bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Kansas State University in 1978, then went to work at KWLS in Pratt. He was there for three months before being given the opportunity to become the news and sports director at KCLY Radio in Clay Center. "I did that for a vear until late spring of 1979 when I came to the conclusion that if I wanted to enhance my lot in life, maybe I should go back and get my master's degree," Atkins stated. He left KCLY and went back to the farm, living at home and working at the nearby Crayola crayon factory, which he had done during previous summers as a student. He started work on his master's in 1980 and earned the degree in 1982, then accepted a position as the promotion and development director at KHCC, the public radio station based at Hutchinson Community College "It wasn't my thing, to be honest with you," he admitted. "So I was looking for opportunity."

His opportunity came through an unfortunate circumstance when Paul DeWeese, who had been the producer of Agriculture Today on KSAC Radio at K-State for seventeen years, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 61. "It was quite a shock," Atkinson said. He was encouraged to apply for the position by a former student intern. "I did apply, and by some miracle they hired me at the age of 26,' he said. "I started July 1 of 1983 and I have not left nor had the inclination to leave."

With thousands of broadcasts to his credit, Atkinson says it's difficult to pinpoint what he would consider a signature accomplishment. "It's hard to pin down because of all the good people and subject matter I've had to work with," he said. But one that does stand out is a call-in show he co-produced with Kathy Patton Strunk covering the 1996 farm bill. "We had a threehour show with multiple



Eric Atkinson, right, recently retired as host of Agriculture Today, after 39 years behind the microphone. Auburn University graduate Samantha Bennett, left, has been hired as the new host. Photo by Donna Sullivan

guests from KSU and USDA outlining he nuances of the Freedom to Farm Bill," he described. "That was very well-received. It took a lot of preparation to make sure it went well because it was live."

KSAC went on the air December 1, 1924 and among the original programming aimed towards ag producers was the FarmHour program, which became Agriculture Today in the 1960s. In 1984 the call letters were changed to KKSU and it continued as such until 2002, when KSU's portion of the frequency was sold to WIBW, with whom they had shared time since 1929. In relinquishing their share of the frequency to WIBW, the future of Agriculture Today was uncertain. "There was a pretty uneasy moment there about whether we were going to find an outlet for Agriculture Today," Atkinson recalled.

Then Kyle Bauer of KFRM Full-Time Farm Radio in Clay Center reached out to offer the show time on that station. 'We saw it as an opportunity to partner with KSU and it's been a really wonderful relationship for us," Bauer said. "With Eric being right there on campus and having access to all those people Monday through Friday, it's really been the heart of our morning broadcast on KFRM." The move was beneficial for Agriculture Today, as well. By switching over to a full-time farm talk radio station, their number of listeners in-

creased significantly. "I was really proud of the fact that we were able to make that transition to serving an affiliate-oriented program as opposed to having our own radio station, making the program suitable for distribution to fit other people's formats and so forth." Atkinson said. Initially Agriculture Today on KFRM was a half-hour program. "But it became obvious that we could provide more, and they were more than willing to accommodate that, so it expanded to roughly an hour," he continued. Since then it has also been picked up by KBUF Radio in Holcomb and KBGB in Great Bend.

Producing a daily program requires discipline and routine. "You settle into a rhythm of doing things," Atkinson described. "In the mornings I make sure we have all the elements of that dav's broadcast together. There might be some last-minute editing that needs done because we need to fit a time format for each of the pieces; putting together the introduction for the day's program, all these things happen fairly early

in the morning."

Up until last October they had been feeding the program in real time at 10 o'clock to the affiliates via livestream. But Atkinson and the department came to the conclusion that if they were going to hire a successor they needed to do a little bit of a change in the format. It is now a shorter format without a live element. The show is pre-recorded and emailed out to the stations each morning.

In an industry as diverse as agriculture, being familiar with the subject matter provides a constant learning experience, Atkinson says. "There's no way an ag journalist can have 100% expertise in every nuance of the business because it's so diverse, so intricate in so many ways," he added. "So you do your best to be acquainted with the subject matter. The neat part of this job is it's a learning platform for you, just by the nature of the beast; you have to expose yourself to a lot of things. The trick is to be enthused about that. If you don't have an affinity for all the trappings of production agriculture, you're not going to do well. But if you do appreciate them greatly, you get to learn something every day. And it's pretty cool."

Of all the changes Atkinson has seen during his tenure as host of Agriculture Today, none have impacted production of the show as much as the advances in technology. "When I started, everything was reel-to-reel,' he said. "Everything was edited literally dubbing pieces from one reel to the other and learning how to move things around, physically doing it. Then software came along and you could cut and paste and do things somewhat speedier. You could store things and they wouldn't dry up and crinkle like tapes will after a while." Big, bulky cassette recorders were replaced by digital recorders the size of cell phones, and in some cases by cell phones themselves. The internet came along and made livestreaming from a website possible so people could hear the broadcasts even if they couldn't get their local radio stations. "That was a game-changer," said Atkinson, "You could get international listeners if you wanted to." The podcast concept with the ability to listen on demand opened more doors. "We hopped on board with that after a few years," he said. "We probably should have gotten to it quicker." They were able to post Agriculture Today as a podcast on demand and he said it has been very well received. "So those kinds

of changes of delivery

and production have been

enormous and helped us be more efficient at what we do."

Atkinson says that the people are what he will miss the most as he retires. "The blessing, particularly of this job, is you are surrounded, via Extension, via researchers and our departments, with just tremendous people; not only in their subject matter expertise and their inquisitiveness and the things they're developing and their disciplines, bur their personalities. So many of these folks are good, rural folks in their backgrounds, their work ethics and their dedication to purpose. Thankfully we're not moving anywhere, so we'll bump into all these folks. I've joked that I'll have more time to go to field days than I ever have. There have been a slew of field days over the years that I couldn't go to because I had a broadcast obligation."

As far as plans for the future, Atkinson said he has nothing dramatic planned, but is going to have a home audio production studio for freelance work if it comes along. He says there is also plenty to catch up on at his place in western Wabaunsee County. His wife Rhonda also recently retired as associate director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation. He does have a project in mind of a service where farm families with elderly parents could capture some of their memories on audio recordings to archive for future generations. He said it would be similar to the work he did with the Master Farmer/Master Homemaker program. "You get such an exposure to all manner of how people have done things," he described. "Each story is different, but every one has been successful by and large and it's fascinating to see how that fleshes out. He said he will also continue volunteering in the press box at football

Atkinson's successor at Agriculture Today will be Samantha Bennett, a graduate of Auburn University with a master's degree in animal science with a focus in communications.

games.

Bennett's introduction to agriculture didn't come until she was in college. Her initial goal was to go to yet school and she fig-

science was a bit out of her realm, it would be a good way to begin learning the things she would need to reach that goal. "I fell in love with it," she said. "I became passionate about the industry itself and the work that goes on, but even more so, the people that were within it. My professors were incredibly passionate about what they taught and I saw that reflected in the producers they introduced me to. This was an impressive group of people that made up an integral part of our world." Bennett applied to vet school but got wait-listed. A mentor encouraged her to pursue graduate school and believed communications was the route she should take. "I took him up on it and it was the best two years of my life so far," she said. "I didn't know it would lead to where I am today." One of the projects she undertook while in college was to create a podcast called Actual Ag. "I'd gotten really invested in listening to podcasts daily, but none of them really had anything to do with ag. I created Actual Ag just for something fun. It made me more plugged into not just the department I was in, but the college of agriculture in general and everyone was extremely supportive of it." When she neared the end of her master's program and started applying for jobs, she came across the posting for the position at Agriculture Today. She was a little hesitant, as Kansas is a long way from her home in Alabama, but she decided to apply. "They invited me out for an in-person interview and I was hooked," she said. She was back in class at Auburn when a Kansas number came up on her phone. She was being offered the position. "I ultimately made the decision to come here and I couldn't be more happy,' she said. "I think it's the best decision I've ever

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Stacy and Jay Rezac.

Rezac family recognized as BIF Commercial Producer of the Year

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) recognized Rezac Land & Livestock of Onaga as Commercial Producer of the Year during the group's annual convention in Las Cruces, N.M. KLA nominated the ranch for the award.

Rezac Land and Livestock, founded by Don and Barbara Rezac, is a diversified operation on the northern edge of the Flint Hills. In 1986, their son, Jay, and his wife, Stacy, and Jay's older brother, Lance, and his wife, Debra, formed a partnership. Since that time, the operation has grown substantially and today includes six partners - Jay and Lance; Jay's sons, Russell and Matthew; and Lance's children, Nicole and Garrett

The family operation includes a Simmental- and Angus-based cow herd, feedyard, stocker and backgrounding business, and farming enterprise. The cows graze yearround on native grass, stocks and cover crops. The Rezacs have carefully drafted a plan to make the ranch's commercial cow herd financially viable, and a producer of quality females and calves that perform well in the feedyard and on the rail. This plan includes an intensive breeding program and careful use of natural resources. Over the years, great strides have been made in improving conception rates and increasing pasture performance. These improvements are a result of a willingness to embrace new technology and a commitment to enhancing the sustainability of the

BIF also announced new leadership during the convention. Joe Epperly of Nebraska will serve as president, with Kansas rancher Kevin Schultz of Haviland elected as vice president. Matt Perrier, a rancher from Eureka, will remain on the board as immediate past president.

More than 200 beef producers, academia and industry stakeholders were in attend-ance at the meeting. The BIF mission is to promote greater acceptance of beef cattle performance evaluation.

Riches of Agriculture

By Greg Doering, Kansa Farm Bureau

It's easy to forget today that agriculture is the foundation of civilization. It's the process that ended our cease-less following of food and allowed us to settle into cities. What followed, over the past several millennia, is the world we inhabit today. In short, farming and ranching are the essential drivers of the manufacturing- or service-based economy we all enjoy.

In the United States, where about one in 50 people grows the crops and livestock that end up on our dinner plates, it's easy to overlook the importance of agriculture. Through our industriousness and separation of labor, we've made it easy for generations of citizens to imagine food only comes from the grocery store or the double doors to a restaurant kitchen.

All of that's true, but it's also slightly misleading. Fewer than 2 percent of the U.S. population is directly involved in growing the raw inputs—food, fuel, fiber—our nation consumes. But the crops and livestock they produce go on to support the jobs of nearly one in three Americans, illustrating just how long the road is from farm to fork.

It's worth reading the full report at www.feed-ingtheeconomy.com, but here are the highlights: 43,464,211 jobs, \$2.3 Trillion (capitalized for effect) in wages, \$182.9 billion in

exports and \$7.4 trillion in total output.

While those numbers are impressive, they're not exactly representative. After all, we're talking about the wealthiest country in the world some 12,000 years after humans first began bending the will of nature to their own ends by domesticating plants and animals.

But it wasn't until within the last century that we as species went from accidental agriculturalists to the purpose-ful planners we are today. Norman Borlaug proved it was possible to dramatically increase crop yields by switching from low-yield crops to high-yield varieties, which had a twofold effect on the world's economy.

First, increasing the productivity of land meant farmers had more money to invest in labor-saving machinery further boosting their efficiency. Second, while machines did indeed replace many farm workers, the displaced workers were able to find higher-paying manufacturing or service jobs in towns or cities.

In a University of Chicago paper, authors Gollin, Hansen and Wingender speculate that without this transfor-mation, the gross domestic product in the developing world would be half its current level. Or, more realistically, if these advances had simply been delayed by a decade, the world would have missed out on about \$83 Trillion (again, capital-

ized for effect) in benefits from the increased nutrition unleashed by Boulaug and his disciples.

To shed even more light on this miraculous achievement that has enriched the lives of everyone today is that agriculture is no longer an extractive industry. Even after the discovery and widespread use of high-yield crops and synthetic fertilizer, agriculture still needed more land to grow the food necessary to nourish a growing popu-lation.

As the folks at ourworldindata.org put it, humans cleared one-third of the world's forests and nearly two-thirds of the grasslands since the end of the last ice age all to sustain our species through agriculture since the only way to expand production was through cultivating wildlands

With the tools provided by modern science and industry, however, that's no longer the case. In fact, the world has passed "peak agricultural land," a recent article declared. What that means is farmers and ranchers are producing more food than ever while at the same time reducing the number of acres devoted to that task.

ed to that task.

In essence, it's not just everyday people like you and me who are more divorced from how our food is raised. Earth itself is becoming increasingly separated from production agriculture because the riches of production ag-riculture are being realized in both dollars and the land left unspoiled.

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I invite you to imagine a scenario with me, if you will.

It's about 11 p.m. on a Saturday night and you and your loving spouse are dozing in front of the television, waiting for your teenager to return home for the night. A few minutes before curfew, in he strolls.

"Mom, Dad... you have a problem," he announces. Suddenly you're not as drowsy as you had been.

"Oh, what's that?" you query.

"I totaled your car," he continues. At this point, you're thinking, "Son, it seems to me that YOU are the one with a problem." But before you can voice that obvious reality, he continues.

"But don't worry, you'll be glad to know that I have a solution..."

Hmm, maybe the boy is growing up and you are about to witness the birth of a mature thought process.

"You will take the car down to the shop tomorrow and pay the \$1000 insurance deductible," he instructs. "Until it is fixed you will need to either rent or borrow a car or take public transportation. Now, naturally, since there is a claim, your insurance rates will go up. But I'm sure we can all agree that I have done a good job solving your problem. You should probably raise my allowance. You're welcome."

With that he turns on his heels and exits the room, leaving you shellshocked and befuddled.

He caused a problem, used your resources to fix it, now expects to be rewarded or at the very least appreciated for his efforts.

Sound familiar?

How many times in your lifetime have you seen actions by the government cause a problem, then down the road, said government swoops in, uses your tax dollars to address it, and expects a hero's reception? And please don't think I'm playing partisan politics here – it happens on both sides of the aisle

In January, 2014 I covered Bruce Vincent at the Kansas Soybean Expo. He was a former logger from Montana who chronicled for his audience the dismantling of the logging industry about thirty years ago now, and the problems that then ensued. The Endangered Species Act, a very well-intended law, was used to reintroduce the grizzly bear to the area. The loggers banded together and worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to form the world's first Community Involvement Team for a Predator, and after twenty years of cooperative management, the grizzly bear population in the northern Rockies had increased. He talked about how the grizzly and logging could complement each other in that the bears eat the berries, roots and shrubs that grow after the trees are removed. Then an environmental activist filed a lawsuit under the Endangered Species Act on behalf of the grizzly bear to stop all forest management efforts by the U.S. Forest Service in the area.

"It made me question his environmental credentials," Vincent said. "Because if we're not managing the forest for the bear and nature is doing it, the tool of choice in the Rockies is fire. Do you know how fast a grizzly bear can run? 35 miles per hour in short bursts. Do you know how fast a Rocky Mountain wildfire burns? As fast as the wind is blowing for as long as it blows."

He said that if the grizzly lawsuit had not worked, the activist had lawsuits for twelve other species ready to file

Sadly, it did work. Because of that lawsuit and others like it, Vincent's hometown of Libby no longer has a sawmill, and his family logging company that once had 65 employees now has none. They modified their logging equipment and stationed it around their homes to protect them from wild-fires. I'm sure there are many stories just like Vincent's that could be told.

Fast forward to 2022. On May 27 USDA announced a program to advance climate-smart mass timber construction and expand wood markets. The price tag – \$32 million.

So now, unless I am completely misunderstanding or misinterpreting this, taxpayer dollars will be used to do what private industry had successfully – not to mention sustainably – done for decades. Back in the 1930s and '40s Vincent said the loggers realized their past practices of simply cutting down trees was not a sustainable business plan, so they developed world-class forestry practices which provided a 200-year management plan. "We do believe that if we do a decent job of taking care of where we live, it will do a decent job of taking care of us and future generations," Vincent told the soybean producers that day.

I do understand that with grant programs such as this, there is also private investment involved, and that it won't be strictly taxpayer funded.

Now, again, please don't interpret this as some sort of partisan jab. It's pretty much a blanket statement that the government needs to stop expecting accolades for using taxpayer money to fix problems they helped create in the first place. And in all fairness, it wasn't all government-driven. The activists being allowed to misuse the law was a huge contributing factor. Activists with little to no true knowledge of the subject matter cannot be allowed to drive conversations using emotions rather than facts. Without even trying very hard, I bet you can come up with many more examples of how this has happened.

All I'm saying is this...

Don't wreck my car, son, then tell me I have to pay to fix it.



There are some events I look forward to each year; I mark them down on the calendar and wait. The Kansas FFA Convention in Manhattan is one of them and I have been waiting for two years to go back to it. I know, I am a little old to be going to the convention, but I have my ways of getting invited to it. For a while I got to go as a chaperone for my kid's FFA chapter. That method worked good for me, but it did embarrass my children. The last few years I had the honor of representing Kansas Farm Bureau either judging events or handing awards out. That was a pretty sweet gig. Shortly before the pandemic I was appointed a trustee for the Kansas FFA Foundation and that grants me access to the convention.

You might ask why I am so excited about going to the FFA Convention. If you are asking, it means you have never been to it. I promise if you went once you would want to return each year. I go back each year because it helps renew my faith in the future and I become energized by simply being around that much energy and enthusiasm. One of my favorite things to do is to stand at the front of the auditorium and look at the crowd. The sea of blue corduroy, white shirts and black dress slacks or skirts is something to behold. The first time I filled in for our advisor I joked that it made me appreciate my years as a 4-H agent. It is really hard to pick your kids out of that sea of FFA official dress. However, that is one of the things that sets FFA apart and makes it special.

I absolutely love watching the opening ceremony, starting with the state officers running in among the lasers and pounding music. I can't describe it, but it gets the blood flowing and builds excitement for the rest of the session. The sessions are something to behold too. Awards are handed out and often they come with a description of what that member has done. I am telling you, the winners make me feel like I was a real slacker in high school. It also lets you know that we are turning out some great minds and leaders in our schools and that is something we don't hear enough of. Making the stage at the Annual State FFA Convention is the culmination of a lot of hard work whether that be their supervised agricultural experience or through one of the contests. It is truly something to be proud of.

I genuinely enjoy watching the chapters being honored for the great work they do in their schools and communities. Again, if you are worried about our youth, you need to watch and learn what our FFA chapters are doing - you will feel better immediately. Probably my favorite of everything in the sessions is the address of the retiring officers. The state FFA officers are the cream of the crop and some outstanding young leaders. I always enjoy hearing about their take on leadership and involvement. Best of all is when they honor their families, advisors, and school administration. It is neat to see the network of family and teachers who helped mold these impressive young people.

I didn't even mention the speakers. I have heard some of the best motivational speakers I have ever seen. I admit it, I am a sucker when it comes to a good motivational speaker. Maybe I need more motivation than most, but I rarely turn down a chance to listen and gain more ideas on how to live life. All of these things make the sessions incredible and are part of the reason I continue to be involved in FFA even after my kids have graduated but those are not the most important reasons.

No, what I really enjoy and marvel at each year are the FFA members themselves. I like to come to the sessions early and stay a while after they are done. I like to watch the members interact with each other and their advisors. The energy, enthusiasm and zest for life is contagious. Members that might be rivals on the sports field are friends at convention. There is a buzz that you can't help but be caught up in.

Yes, we read and hear a lot that makes us wonder about the next generation, but I am here to tell you that I am not worried. At least I am not worried about the 1800 or so FFA members I spent a couple of hours with last week. What I saw were focused, talented, enthusiastic young leaders who will be making a mark on agriculture and society in general for many years to come. I didn't know how much I missed this the past couple of years until opening session. I wish I could bottle it up or in some way share it with each of you. I don't know about you, but a shot of youthful energy and optimism is just what this old guy



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Kansas FFA Foundation launches fundraising campaign with million-dollar gift

The Kansas FFA Foundation launched their endowment-plus campaign with a million-dollar contribution announcement during the 94th Kansas FFA State Convention on June 3 on the Kansas State University Campus. The statewide campaign — "Our Kansas. Our Youth. Our FFA." — will raise \$5 million to establish an endowment to support the Kansas FFA and allow donors to give to immediate needs.

In officially sharing the project, Kevin Harris, campaign chair from Abilene, noted the organization's growth as a driving factor. "An endowment will create more stability for the future of the Kansas FFA and the local FFA chapters. Kansas FFA has grown over 30 percent during the last decade with no increase in their budget," Harris said. "It's time our agricultural educators and FFA members have the same opportunities as some of the neighboring states."

The campaign has started strong with many close to the Kansas FFA Foundation giving considerably and the exciting announcement of a million-dollar gift to the campaign from Tom and Maggie Hemmer of Salina. The Hemmers' gift will provide \$500,000 over the next five years and the remainder as an estate gift to be received

Halley Nett, chair of the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, acknowledged the gift on behalf of the foundation. "We are grateful for the generosity of the Hemmers in leading the way for this campaign. As a business leader and former state FFA officer, Tom knows firsthand the amazing leadership opportunities FFA offers. This campaign will help secure those opportunities for future members for generations to come."

Hemmer noted that their gift was motivated by the generosity of others. "I was blessed with a great FFA experience in high school, and it set me on a path for success in life. This gift expresses our gratitude and our desire to ensure a strong future for FFA in Kansas." Tom Hemmer said.

Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation, is excited to share the opportunity for others to help support this effort. "This is the first state-wide campaign the Kansas FFA Foundation has launched. We believe many Kansans and FFA alumni understand the value and importance of the Kansas FFA and want to be a part of securing its future," Gaines said. "This organization has given many successful individuals the leadership skills necessary to succeed in life. Now is the time they can help pass that opportunity for greatness on to the young leaders of tomorrow.'

The FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The Kansas FFA Association represents 224 chapters and more than 10,800 members across Kansas, supported by the Kansas FFA Foundation.

For additional information on the campaign and how to participate, contact Johanna Anderes, Kansas FFA development coordinator, at johanna@kansasffafoundation.org or call 785-410-7313 or visit the Kansas FFA website at www.ksffa.org/foundation.

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While her realm is in podcasting and she's never done radio before, Bennett believes she can use her experience with one to strengthen the other. "Podcasting is such a unique tool that Extension should be utilizing more across the country," she said. "I think it's perfect for the work that Extension aims to do. Our producers are busy individuals, so giving them the opportunity to learn something in their own time is so important." She said she wants to spend time learning about the audience of Agriculture Today and how she can best serve them. "I want to dive into that a little more and learn about the audience in terms of demographics because I think that can tell you so much about the content that needs to be

"Upholding the tradition and legacy of Agriculture Today is important to me," she continued. "I don't want to change things to where the audience is turned away from it, but also incorporate things that maybe younger audiences are interested in.

"The passion I have for this industry, hopefully translates well across the air." Bennett said. "I really do have the best interest for how this industry progresses and grows and how to best be a tool for those that actually take the time to listen. I'm honored to be in this position and I hope that comes across and is reflected in the work that I do from here on."

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program will hit the century mark on December 1, 2024 and although he won't be the one behind the microphone, Atkinson is optimist about the future of the show. "I feel that it's in good hands," he said.

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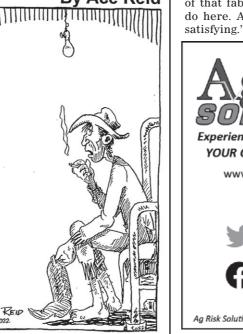
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something that you know inherently is of such value to agriculture in Kansas. and beyond for that matter," he concluded. "Those who are involved in it farmers, ranchers, bankers, consultants, equipment dealers, whomever it might be - you're a part of that fabric in what you do here. And that's really



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- 2.5-ounce jar sliced mushrooms, drained

4 Kaiser rolls

Combine ground beef with 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 3 teaspoons mustard and half of the onions. Form into four patties and broil or grill to desired doneness. Meanwhile in a small bowl blend cream cheese, remaining Worcestershire sauce, 1 teasnoon mustard and mushrooms. Spread the cream cheese mixture on cooked patties then top with reserved onions. Broil or grill 30 seconds more or until the onions are golden brown. Serve on rolls.

Susan Schrick, Hiawatha: NO-BAKE S'MORES BARS

- 8 cups Golden Grahams cereal 8 cups miniature marshmallows, divided 1 1/2 cups milk chocolate
- chips 1/4 cup light corn syrup 5 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon vanilla ex-

Melt 6 cups of marshmallows, chocolate chips. butter and corn syrup on low heat, stirring occasionally until melted. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla, cereal and the rest of the marshmallows. Press into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. When cooled, cut into squares.

Kellee George, Shaw-

CAKE ANYTIME 1 cake mix (any flavor your favorite)

1 angel food cake mix Mix the dry cake mixes together in a big bowl. Keep sealed until ready to

When you want a dessert take 3 tablespoons of the dry mix and add 2 tablespoons of water. Microwave 1 minute or more, depending on your microwave. Top with fruit or Cool Whip.

Margaret Wetter, Norton: RHUBARB CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix (and ingredients on box) 5 cups sliced rhubarb
- 1 1/2 cups sugar 1 pint half & half

Mix cake according to box directions. Pour into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix rhubarb and sugar. Sprinkle over cake batter. Pour half & half over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecum-

POTATO ONION DISH 8 medium potatoes

2 large sweet onions,

1/4 cup water

Paprika

- tablespoons chicken
- bouillon granules 2 cups shredded sharp
- Cheddar cheese 2 cups sour cream 3/4 cup bread crumbs 2 tablespoons butter

Cook potatoes; peel and slice 1/4-inch thick. Set aside. Place onions, water and bouillon in a saucepan and bring to a boil then simmer 7 minutes or until onions are tender. Drain and set aside. Combine cheese and sour cream. In a greased 2 1/2-quart casserole dish layer half the potatoes, onions and cheese mixture. Repeat layers. Combine bread crumbs and butter and place on top of potato mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through. ****

Linda Whiteman, Mayetta:

HAM & BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 cups ham, cubed 1 pound broccoli, fresh or frozen
- 1/2 cup sautéed onions 2 1/2 cups cooked rice 1 cup grated cheese

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 1/2 teaspoons mustard

1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper

4 eggs, beaten

Combine ham, broccoli, onions, rice and 1/2 cup cheese. Blend eggs, soup and seasonings. Mix all together and put into a greased 2-quart casserole. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until firm around the edges. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top and bake 5 minutes longer. Serves 6.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater. Oklahoma:

MARINATED SALAD

1 head broccoli, separated into florets

- 4 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced 5-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, rinsed &
- 1 red onion, sliced into rings

drained

- 8-ounce bottle Italian salad dressing
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

broccoli. Combine mushrooms, water chestnuts, onion and dressing in a large bowl. Cover and marinate several hours.

stirring occasionally. Just before serving add cherry tomatoes, stirring gently to combine.

> Jackie Doud, Topeka: PEANUT BUTTER PIE

2/3 cup sugar 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

- 1 tablespoon flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 3 cups milk
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

9-inch baked pie shell

In a saucepan stir sugar, cornstarch, flour and salt. Gradually add in milk. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat and cook and stir 1 minute longer. Remove from heat and stir about 1 cup of mixture into egg yolks. Return all to saucepan. Return to heat and bring to a gentle boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter until smooth. Pour into pie shell. Cool. Cover and refrigerate. Serve with whipped cream.

Kansas FFA Members 'Savor The Flavor' **Students Participate In Food Science Workshop**

By Jessica Jensen, K-State Research and **Extension news service**

MANHATTAN — Apple pie and Kool-Aid sounds like a party snack, but at the Kansas FFA state convention recently, it was part of a food science workshop.

Kansas FFA students had the opportunity to explore the relationship between taste, aroma and flavor. Students sampled three food products and discussed their sensory characteristics.

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tant Janae Brown said that this pie was considered a "depression pie" because of the non-traditional ingredients used. Students were shocked to hear that Ritz crackers and cream of tartar were used instead of apples.

"I could tell it wasn't quite right, but it still tasted a lot like apple, which was really cool," said Grace Young, who is with the Osawatomie FFA

Beyond trying to decide what was in the apple pie, students tasted two flavors of Kool-Aid, then listed off what flavors they believed the Kool-Aid to be. Once all students had guessed. Brown explained that the red Kool-Aid was grape flavored, and the blue was watermelon flavored. Brown said she used different colors to throw off their brains because the brain plays a large part in perception.

"It was difficult to figure out that the color wasn't representing the flavor and looking past the color was a little difficult.' said Julia Studer, member of the Frankfort FFA

Brown told the students that when you hear what the flavor should be, your brain will recognize that as the flavor. One student had just that reaction: "For the red, it took a while to recognize the flavor, but for the blue when people started to say watermelon it clicked," said Chellby Cosby, who is with the Geary FFA Chapter.

The final test that students completed was an aroma test. There were 20 aromas around the classroom that students could smell. Several students had more difficulty with this test.

"It was really hard to pinpoint what the smell was without being able to see it." Young said.

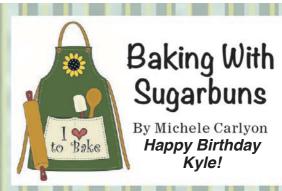
Throughout the three tests. Brown discussed how flavor chemists use the same tests they just completed to decide the taste and aroma of different products. She also discussed how they use the sense of sight to help decide theses profiles.

Young said: "I enjoyed learning about how aroma is actually a big part of tasting and identifying what you are eating rather than just your taste.'

The Kansas FFA convention was held June 1-3 on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

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About two years ago I was using the dating app. Bumble when I stumbled upon Kyle. I was actively dodging most people and just using it to chat as Covid was hitting hard and I was trying to keep fairly to myself to keep my nieces as safe as possible. I was chatting with Kyle for a bit before we decided to meet: I insisted on having his full name so I could check out other social media platforms to "ensure he was real." My delivery might not have been the best, but I am always unapologetically me. Upon my social media search, I learned our birthdays were one day apart, he being much older than me (only three years, but I like to remind him that, that is much older).

We met for the first time a few days after our birthdays for lunch. I distinctively remember asking him when his birthday was and pretending like I had no idea his birthday was in fact just one day after mine. Me being me, I am not a big follower of astrology, but I am always intrigued by the "what is supposed to happen," when you mix two signs. I have never put much stock into it, but still find it fun to read. I was amused to find out that two Geminis were either a force to be reckoned with or a force that would wreck each other. I clearly did not let the what-if deter me; I was interested in learning who Kyle was as a person and boy, am I glad I did.

Kyle has proven to be the calm to my chaos, the rational to my irrational, the think to my just jump, and one of my best friends. He is learning every day a little bit more about how to be a great cat dad, how to pet Mia to avoid getting

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bit, what her meows mean and the art of making Max love him more than me. He is quickly picking up on the things that drive me crazy and doing his best to do better. He is always up for a walk and even has accepted the fact that if we see a cat, I will stop and try to get it to come to me. Kyle is always up to try new recipes with me, but also knows that sometimes I just want a sandwich from the Wheel Barrel (best sandwiches in Topeka). He is quick to point out the things I am great at and loves to share my baked goods with the people in his life.

Kyle is not someone who asks for much, but for his birthday he wanted a new pair of sunglasses and a reservation for dinner at a newer restaurant in Topeka. The glasses are bought, the reservation is made, celebrations are to be had. I hope this thirty-seventh year of life is everything he could ever ask for. I hope we fill it with lots of wonderful memories, a ton of laughs, adventures galore and surrounded by all the people who we adore so very much.

Kyle, Happy Birthday! Enjoy it and let's make this year, the best one yet!

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: boobsbrainsandbak-

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Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural: Nancy Fife-Eagle, Beth Stockebrand, **Hys Filling Station**

the Huck Boyd National **Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University**

Remember when small town Kansas had filling stations instead of convenience stores?

Todav we will meet an old-time filling station, but this one is not about filling your gas tank. Instead, it's about filling your stomach.

Fife-Eagle Nancy and her daughter Beth Stockebrand are co-owners of Hys Filling Station, a diner in Yates Center. Nancy is vice president and compliance officer for GNBank in Yates Center. Beth is a nursing home administrator. Nancv and her husband live in the house where she grew up, in the nearby rural community of Toronto, population 281 people. Now, that's rural.

For decades, Yates Center had a small diner named Tip-Top Café. It had great memories for both Nancy and Beth.

"Tip-Top was my first iob at 15 and I could barely drive," Beth said. Her late father worked in the restaurant industry and even ran a small carryout place. "My dad was a really good cook."

The Tip-Top Café closed and became another restaurant briefly, but was then abandoned. Beth attended Emporia State, married a Woodson

By Ron Wilson, director of County guy, and returned to the community.

> In 2016, Nancy and Beth decided to purchase, remodel and reopen the old diner. "My husband is a car guy," Beth said. "He runs an auto body shop in Iola so we wanted an automotive theme."

In front of the diner. they installed an antique gas pump from her grandfather's shop. Using the name Hys from Beth's grandparent's business name, they called it Hys Filling Station.

"A few people have pulled up to the pump and tried to get gas," Nancy said with a smile. There's no gasoline, but when those customers get inside, they find downhome family cooking and small town friendliness.

Hys Filling Station features hamburgers, cheeseburgers, pork tenderloin, chicken strips, chicken fried steak, ham and beans and much more. "We've had people rave about our hamburgers, and our chicken and noodles always sells out," Nancy said. "All of our hamburger is grown by a local farmer.'

There are daily specials, including casseroles and homemade chicken and noodles everv Friday. The diner is open for breakfast and

This is a family affair. "Beth's father-in-law, Ron Stockebrand, breads evervthing by hand," Nancy said. Beth's mother-inlaw Patty makes pies.

In honor of Beth's dad, there is an entree called the Herbie, which consists of a hamburger patty on Texas toast with handcut fries, chili and cheese.

"My 13-year old son washes dishes on Saturday." Beth said. "I want to teach him a good work ethic.'

"(Working in the diner) brings us closer as a family," Beth said. "When I make my dad's chili, I think of him."

Beth and Nancy credit the hard-working staff and supportive customers for the restaurant's success.

"I like our customers, and this is all possible because we have great team members," Beth said.

Nancy adds: "I enjoy our customers and our employees. We have a lot of fun."

Small town friendliness abounds here. "We're not a very big place, so folks will often share a table with someone else," Nancy said. "Recently there was a couple in town for a funeral. They came in and sat down with another couple they didn't know and by the time they left, they were friends. The one couple even paid for the other's meal."

"We like to connect



with people," Beth said. "When I leave here on Saturday, my heart is

Hys Filling Station benefits from the fact that Yates Center is situated at the crossroads of Highways 75 and 54. For more information, search 1/2 cup salted butter, softfor Hys Filling Station on Facebook.

Remember when small town Kansas had filling stations instead of convenience stores? Today we can recapture that nostalgic theme while enjoying classic foods in a friendly setting.

We commend Nancy Fife-Eagle, Beth Stockebrand and all those involved with Hys Filling Station for making a difference with good food and friendship. Now let's take a look at the menu and ... Fill `er up!

Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at http://www. kansasprofile.com. more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, interested persons can visit http://www.huckboydinstitute.org

Rich and Chewy Caramel Chip Chocolate Cookies

These rich chocolate cookies are delicious when paired with the caramel chips mixed throughout. They're simple to whip up in a short amount of time and a nice variation from the normal chocolate chip cookie. Make sure you don't over bake them if you want to keep the soft, chewy texture inside. They need to be just set up and slightly firm on the outside when you pull them out of the oven. Recipe originally from Hersheyland.ca

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3/4 cup brown sugar, packed 1/2 cup white sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs 1 1/2 cup flour

1/2 cup cocoa

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

ing sheets and set aside

10-ounce bag caramel chips Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Grease your bak-



In a large bowl, beat the softened butter, sugars, and vanilla. Then beat in eggs.



In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, cocoa,



Gently stir it into the wet mixture. Once combined, stir in caramel chips.



Using a medium-sized cookie scoop, drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto your prepared baking sheet (depending on how your oven cooks, you might have to gently press each cookie down a little to help them spread. The dough can be a little on the thick side).



Bake for 7-9 minutes or until cookies are just set up when you gently touch the tops. Let them cool a couple minutes on the cookie sheet and then transfer to a wire rack to finish cooling completely. Enjoy when warm for a delightful, gooey cookie!

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

New Extension Agents Announced At Meadowlark District Offices

Teresa Hatfield will begin serving as the Meadowlark District Family and Community Wellness Extension agent, effective June 13. Meadowlark District has offices in Holton. Oskaloosa and Seneca. Hatfield's primary office is in Holton.

Hatfield earned both her bachelor's degree in History and her master's degree in Gerontology from Wichita State University. She has most recently been employed as an adult development and aging Extension agent for K-State Research and Extension - Sedgwick County in Wichita.

Family and community ellness agents develop and deliver educational programs to build healthy, sustainable communities, families, and individu-Programming may include but is not limited to: strengthening families and individuals, building community capacity, family and community health and wellness, and local volunteer development.

Contact Teresa Hatfield via email at: thatfield@ksu. edu.

Clay Roland will begin serving as the Meadowlark District 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, effective June 13. Roland's primary office is in Oskaloosa.

Roland earned his bachelor's degree in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his master's degree in Meat Science from the University of Florida. He has most recently been employed as an agriculture instructor and livestock judging coach for Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

4-H youth development agents develop and deliver educational programs for school-aged youth. This includes supporting community clubs, out-ofschool programs, school enrichment, volunteer and outmanagement, reach to create new program opportunities with new and existing community partners.

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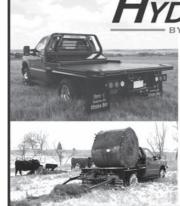
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Farm transition starts new tradition

Editor's Note: This is the second installment of our annual five-week Wheat Harvest Series, sponsored this year by Kansas Wheat, Luco Manufacturing, Herrs Machine Hydrostatics and $Hoffman\ Brothers\ Welding.$

By Lucas Shivers

Transitioning into Kansas farming after growing up in New York, Evan Lesser, with his fiance Codi, of Graham County near Palco, farm with several crops, a cow/calf operation and sell seed wheat.

"I'm from upstate New York and came to K-State for college due to a family friend who taught at the vet school," said Lesser. "I loved it all. Both my parents were veterinarians with a small farm, and I always wanted to farm full-time. I ended up buying another farmer out."

A few years ago, Lesser bought an entire operation from Kendal Grecian, a third-generation farmer.

"I've been working with Kendal since 2010 and transitioned everything in 2019," said Lesser. "It went well in my situation. He didn't have any kids coming back and didn't want to sell everything at auction. I worked for quite a few

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Evan Lesser, pictured with his fiance Codie, worked with Kendal Grecian to buy his operation. K-State offers a program through the Office for Farm and Ranch Transition to help match young producers who desire to get into the ag industry with farmers or ranchers who are ready to pass their operations on.

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Lesser gets married in September to Codi, a Kansas native.

"Her family farms not far from here," Lesser said, "She farms full-time with me. Most of my free time revolves around the

friends." **Transition Support**

farm and some time with

At K-State, the agricultural economics department was awarded a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program grant through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to establish the Office for Farm and Ranch Transition. As part of the \$745,000 grant project, the department hired Ashlee Westerhold as director for the center.

"K-State has a new program to help with others in my situation," said Lesser. "They act as a matchmaking service to find others who are trying to get into it. I'm on the advisory board."

The Office for Farm and Ranch Transition provides critical services for beginning farmers and ranchers in Kansas. As the average age of farm operators in Kansas continues to increase, many farm families may be looking to transition their operations in the near future, either to the next generation or to unrelated younger produc-

The office provides education and services specifically for transitioning farms and ranches and to assist beginning farmers

cessful operators.

Learning More

Arriving in Kansas after finishing high school in New York, Lesser spent time working on a farm in southeast Kansas outside of Burlington to get Kansas residency.

"I learned more about the stocker side of things and ran grass calves. I got a different aspect of things to see," he said. "Then at K-State in Manhattan, I found some guys looking for a roommate and ended up in a house. I have lots of memories on the Rodeo Team for a few years."

He graduated from KSU in 2010 and has been out on the farm near Palco ever since.

2022 Wheat Prospects

Looking at the wheat crop this year, Lesser shared the outlook from the current condition out in the field.

"Our wheat is short, but it looks decent," he said. "It'll be an average year as long as it keeps raining. It's not a disaster and we're thankful to be in better shape than other parts of the state."

The wheat so far looks clean and without many issues, he said.

"The mites came in a bit. If we stay cold and wet, scab may be part of something to look for, but thankfully, we're pretty disease-free." Lesser's advice seeks

to make the most of the years like this to be ready for anything coming in the future.

"Take advantage of the

and ranchers in being suc- good years and be prepared for when the years are not so good. There are lots of opportunities out there if you're willing to work for them."

The Office for Farm and Ranch Transition sets objectives to:

- Develop of a landlink program to introduce existing landowners with beginning farmers and ranchers through an application and curated matching process
- Provide one-on-one technical services to facilitate transition of an existing farm and ranch operation.
- Share training programs for beginning farmers and ranchers to master critical financial and business skills.

"The overall goal of this project is to equip beginning farmers/ ranchers to be successful farm managers and provide resources and technical services that will enable opportunities for land access." said Allen Featherstone, agricultural economics department head. "The land-link program will bring farm families together through the matching process, they will receive one-on-one technical assistance in developing their transition plans, and general education conferences on farm transition will increase farm financial knowledge and business skills."









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Russell protein plant packs premium potential for Kansas wheat producers

By Julia Debes for **Kansas Wheat**

Summertime brings the welcome smell of hot dogs and bratwursts sizzling on the grill. But nothing messes with the BBQ vibe like the bun splitting into two when you are in the middle of making the perfect mix of meat, bread, sauce and toppings. The difference between a hot dog bun that falls apart and one that can stretch and hold its form comes down to one micro ingredient — wheat protein. And a facility in Russell produces more of this micro in-gredient than anywhere else in the country, helping bind together hot dog buns, pet food, plantbased meats and more, all while utilizing 100 percent Kansas-grown wheat.

PureField Ingredients is the largest domestic supplier of wheat protein in the United States, producing about 75 million pounds of wheat protein annually. That is more than half the domestic production, and the facility recently completed an expansion that increased pro-duction capacity by 50 percent. In addition to the wheat protein manufacturing plant, the Russell compound also includes an ethanol plant, which means the plant takes in wheat and produces wheat protein, high-quality ethanol and livestock feed.

"By expanding our operations, PureField is helping our customers address increasing consumer demand for high-protein, plant-based, and non-GMO foods," said Brad Kelley, CEO of PureField Ingredients, in a news release announcing the expansion. "Continued demand growth from the bakery, pet, packaged food, and vegetarian and vegan food mar-kets, paired with recent challenges to the global supply chain, have resulted in a shortage of wheat protein in the United States. The expansion also allows us to continue supporting local farmers and, with the creation of additional employment opportunities, our community, as one of the largest employers in Russell.

But What Is Wheat

Protein? Wheat protein called vital wheat gluten, is an essential part of many food and pet products. Isolated from the bran (the outermost part of the wheat kernel) and the starch (part of the inner layer called the endosperm, wheat protein is an extracted and activated part of the kernel. When added to a recipe, wheat protein provides a binding agent (pure gluten) that helps the end product — like a hot dog bun — hold its shape and not crumble. This quality factor is called elasticity, like a pizza dough tossed in the air that stretches out without becoming little dough grenades.

Wheat protein is also used as a binding agent in plant-based meat alternathe different floors of the tives, like seitan - nicknamed "wheat meat" And that same characteristic is also desirable in the pet food market to help dry kibble stay in the appropriate shape — about 40 percent of the wheat protein produced in Russell

is destined for pet food. As Evan Backhus, commodities manager for PureField Ingredients, explained, there's just no ingredient out there that provides the same combination of added protein, elasticity and binding as wheat protein.

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The journey from wheat kernel to wheat protein is complex, but the plant is incredibly efficient. On an average day. roughly 57 trucks deliver wheat to the plant — every load sourced from the western two-thirds of Kansas. Every load of wheat is graded and in-spected before a truck can unload which takes between five and seven minutes per sam-ple. Samples must be Grade 1 or Grade 2, with protein above 11.5 percent and a test weight of 58 pounds per bushel or above. If the sample does not meet the smell test the grain inspector checks for odor from smut, fumigation or other issues — or the inspector finds even a single live insect, the entire truck is rejected.

Once a truck passes inspection, an automated system guides the truck to where to dump, and the grain is stored onsite. Right now, the plant only has enough storage for about a three-week supply — 750,000 bushels — making it important to have wheat in storage locked in elsewhere. Backhus explained the company's quality lab has demonstrated de-creased quality for wheat protein extraction if wheat is stored for more than a year, so he prefers to use high protein wheat from the first elevation, meaning sourced directly from the first place a wheat farmer delivers the wheat after harvest — either a local elevator or preferably onfarm bin storage. Locking in a steady supply of Kansas wheat that can de-liver throughout the year can be difficult, but Backhus is up to the challenge.

Once the wheat is binned, and the plant is ready, it is time to make wheat protein. The start of the wheat protein production process looks very similar to a flour mill with large, loud, rumbling machines and pneumatically sealed pipes crisscrossing

building. In the beginning, wheat kernels undergo a traditional cleaning process. Sifters help sort out cell phones, bolts or other random foreign objects that might have fallen in the grain truck. Tempering - adding water and heat — raises the moisture content of the kernels before the milling process. Rollers then peel off the bran like a banana.

Then the wheat kernels continue in a milling process of rolling and sifting, which grinds larger particles into smaller ones and continues to sort out wheat middlings — basically larger particles that don't grind down. Wheat middlings can be sold as animal feed, but the Russell plant utilizes them internally at the ethanol plant down the blacktop more to come on that.

The resulting flour is not as fine as one would buy at the store but is the same basic texture. At the next stage in the plant, water and enzymes are added to make the flour into a dough. This process separates the wheat protein, which looks like white, chewed-up bubble gum. The solid is separated from the liquid.

The watery starch is headed down the blacktop to the ethanol plant, where it is used as the primary feedstock to produce biofuels. This specific ethanol meets the standards for California's low carbon fuel standard, so the ethanol can be sent by rail as far as the West Coast as well as sold regionally.

The by-product of the ethanol production process is distiller's grains the solid parts of the wheat leftover as the liquid goes into ethanol. The wheat middlings from the earlier stages of milling are added to this by-product. The result is a new type of distiller's grain that is sold to local feed-

Back to the wheat protein. Backhus explained the slimy solid mix is like what a farmer gets when he pops some wheat kernels into his mouth in the field — the right mix of chewy and sticky. The last step in the production process is to take the liquid out of the wheat protein mix — drying down the wheat protein into its final powder form.

The finished product is packaged and ready to ship. Because wheat protein is a micro-ingredient, a food or pet company only needs a small amount in their recipes. As a result, 60 percent of the wheat protein produced in Russell is sent out in 50-pound bags or 2.000-pound totes. The remaining 40 percent is sent out in bulk to larger customers, all by truck.

The Only Limit to **Potential Is Harvest**

Even though the plant only recently completed its expansion, PureField Ingredients is already planning the next phase — to double in size again.

There is a hungry appetite for domestically produced wheat protein. Backhus explained the United States utilizes roughly 650 million pounds of wheat protein a year, but only 140 million pounds are produced within the country. The remaining amount has to be imported from Europe or Australia. Sourcing internationally, like many other products nowadays, is getting harder with shipping delays, and the long transport can degrade the quality of the finished product.

The main limitation to meeting this need? Sourcing enough high protein wheat of the right quality.

Because protein levels can vary greatly during wheat harvest, it is difficult for the company to forward contract production. As a result, Backhus goes on the hunt each June to find just the right wheat - hard red winter or hard white winter are both acceptable — from the right grower to lock in as much wheat as possible for the upcoming year. He maintains a database of more than 1,800 wheat growers and elevators, takes calls from producers who think they have a match, and hits the road. He has even bought wheat straight off the back of a farm pickup in the field if his portable testing equipment gives the right results.

The premiums for that high-quality wheat are a good deal for growers, but Backhus ideally needs them to have good protein and be able to bin the wheat on-farm for at least 30 days, locking in supplies for the plant but stretching out delivery.

But even the best-laid plans can go astray if Mother Nature does not cooperate and the wheat harvest does not end with a good quality crop.

"I go where the protein takes me," he said. "I've got a group of pretty good farmers that I like doing business with that have on-farm storage.'

Still, the upside is real and PureField Ingredients is continuing to research how to better secure wheat supplies by combining contracts for farmers, agreements with cooperatives and specific agronomic practic es to hopefully produce the highest quality wheat possible in addition to partnering with industry on research to grow higher quality/higher protein wheat. Backhus encouraged growers to look at varieties with not just yield advantages and disease resistance but high milling and baking quality. And to talk with their agronomists on how to best manage for high protein, high-quality wheat. Doing so is a win-win for this large Kansas company and for the farmers who supply their must-have ingredient.

Learn more about PureField Ingredients at https://www.purefield.com/

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From seed and fertilizer to parts and equipment, supply issues have disrupted many agriculture businesses in recent months. Additional factors - like market volatility, atypical weather patterns, and significant fuel cost fluctuations - make it more important than ever for producers to reduce costs and gain control over their operations whenever possible.

"While it might seem early to begin planning ahead for harvest fuel needs now, this is not a typical year,' said Michael Newland, director of agriculture business development at PERC. "With on-site storage options and fuel contracts, producers using propane can take control of their energy needs. Now is a great time to begin having those conversations with propane suppliers to poten-tially lock in lower costs and ensure sufficient supply ahead of demand increases."

While producers nationwide face many challenges across commodity and energy sectors, pro-pane costs and supply are not currently an issue. In fact, more than 90 percent of U.S. propane supplies are produced in the United States.

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Winter wheat coloring eclipses five-year average

For the week ending June 5, 2022, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Ser-vice. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16% very short, 20% short, 46% adequate, and 18% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 20% very short, 22% short, 47% adequate, and 11% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 18% very poor, 23% poor, 30% fair, 26% good, and 3% excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 61%, ahead of 44% last year and 49% for the five-year average. Mature was 2%, equal to last year, and near 5% average. Corn condition rated 0% very poor, 7% poor, 33% fair, 50% good, and 10% excellent. Corn planted was 93%, near 89% last year and 91% average. Emerged was 77%, near 73% last year and 78% average. Soybeans planted was 64%, near 67% last year, and equal to average. Emerged was 46%, near 48% last year, and equal to average. Sorghum condition rated 1% very poor, 6% poor, 40% fair, 50% good, and 3% excellent. Sorghum planted was 42%, ahead of 28% last year and 32% average. Cotton condition rated 6% very poor, 9% poor, 38% fair, 46% good, and 1% ex-cellent. Cotton planted was 92%, ahead of 86% last year and 76% aver-age. Sunflowers planted was 32%, behind 38% last year, and near 34% average.

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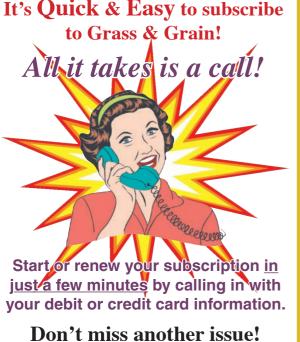
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Not exactly a prison sentence, but at times it was quite solitary. The Sand Hills region is unique, in that above the ground, it's a vast desert; a grass-covered array of sand dunes which sit upon, and feed, the largest fresh water lake in North America; the Ogallala Aquifer. It's truly a beautiful country, quite fragile, yet can be harsh to its inhabitants. The water table actually comes above the ground in the wet valleys in the winter time, creating very large ice patches a few inches thick, and the need for "ice shoes" for your

They don't shoe horses much in the Sand Hills. Kind of like the country I ride in now, here in far northeast Kansas: just keep their feet trimmed and they'll be fine. Not like the stone-littered Flint Hills of Kansas, where you have to carry a box of nails and be ready to use your fencing tool to reat-tach a shoe, or risk

I did a little over a year breaking up your horse's feet, in which case, you'll be walking. You know the old poem, "For want of a nail, a shoe was lost. For want of a shoe, a horse was lost. For want of a horse. a soldier was lost..." and so on. "Ice shoes" were typically just a standard shoe which we welded "points" on, generally four balanced points per shoe. Usually, we just put them on the front feet, to allow the back feet enough slippage for pivoting, which helped avoid joint injury while getting good traction with the front.

> I first arrived at the Gudmundsen Ranch, a 13.000-acre endowment to the University of Nebraska, in early March of 1984. The nearest "town" was Whitman, which was at one time, the railhead for cattle drovers in the region. Whitman, when we were there, consisted of a lumberyard, which provided much more than building supplies, and a small grocery/post office building, a boarded-up clapboard church, a very small

school, and a gas station, which doubled as a beer joint/pool room, along with a few scattered houses. Whitman was one of three small towns in Grant County, includ-ing the county seat of Hyannis. There are more square miles in

Grant County than people. The "mail road," a literal one-lane oil strip (if you meet oncoming traffic, somebody has to pull off), leading north out of Whitman, used to be the main road to the Black Hills area of South Dakota, and there's a whole lot of Nebraska between the two. The Gudmundsen was about eight miles outside of Whitman, and considering the vastness of the Sand Hills, was quite close to blacktop roads. Many ranches were dozens of miles off any asphalt. We had rural postal delivery three days a week.

As I said, I started work in March, just into spring calving, and having just left my junior college career internship on a cattle "farm" where my primary duty was taking care of the stocker yard, I was ready for some horseback time. Both I and my mount, a little bay gelding named "Shilo," were baptized by fire. He spent every day under the saddle for the first three weeks until I could find a second horse, which was a trick because my first full day off work was Friday of Memorial Day weekend. That second horse was about as ugly an equine beast as ever walked the earth, and the very antitype of Shilo. who was a small, wonderfully made little cow pony with a pretty head, at a scant 14 hands tall.

Cherokee was the name he came with, a five-yearold vulgar looking gelding, 16 1/2 hands tall, rawboned, dapple grey, with an oversized head like a mule and matching mane, which stuck straight up, protruding only a little farther than his hip bones. I thought perhaps the previous owners had roached him, and it just hadn't completely grown back in yet, but nope; I owned him for a couple years and it continued to stand up straight, which did make him look like a huge blue mule. His feet were like dinner plates, kinda what vou might expect to find under a Clydesdale, without the pretty feathering. I speculated that the native-born grev grew those feet from walking in sand all his life. That horse ate everything I fed him and never gained a pound, even at rest on pasture, and after deworming. I am quite sure he was the horse Ace Reid used for

his cartoons. I just called him "Ugly." I roached his mane and sold him after we came back to Kansas for exactly the same money I gave for him. He served a purpose, though, and little Shilo

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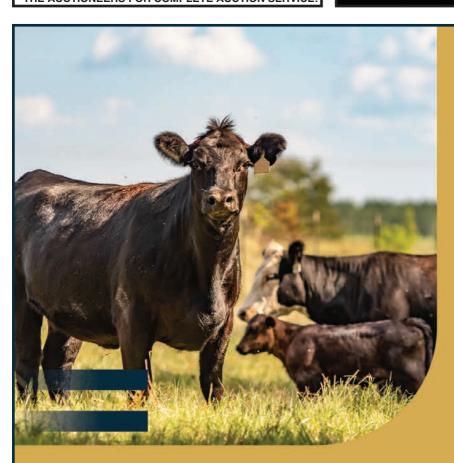
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Mvfellow Grass and Grain contributor. Ron Wilson, interviewed me recently for his Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural.

I have made the big time, reached the inner sanctum, been christened a real Kansan.

Ron, as you all know,

Ron has shared the television screen with me for many seasons and it is an honor to be mentioned in the same sentence with him. He is one of the most genuine people I have ever known and works tirelessly and enthusiastically to promote Kansas and the western way of life.

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Around Kansas himself,

Thanks so much, my friend.

Speaking of rural, I avoid the soap box. but I cerned about the divide between rural and urban America to the detriment of our society. This is not the country mouse bashing the city mouse -I love cities, love the institu-tions made possible by our cities. But the dismissal of rural America as insignifi-cant is dangerous on so many levels. Like many issues, however, this is born of ignorance, and what can we do to increase awareness and appreciation for an agrarian existence?

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We have to start with

kids. Let's make the internet work for us and have more classroom exchange between students in Manhattan, N.Y., and Manhattan, Kansas, Exchange students shouldn't be limited to foreign countries. Let's encourage pro-grams that allow kids to explore other regions of this vast country, other environ-ments with their challenges and advantages.

Of course, tourism is a part of this picture. Agri-tourism is addressing this void and heritage tourism is another piece of the puzzle. Anything we can do to under-stand where our fellow Americans come from and why they look at the world the way they do helps us all move forward with mutual respect – country mice and city mice alike.

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up work estock projects youth

By Annika Wiebers, K-State Research and Extension news service

With school out for the summer, many 4-H members across the state are working more inten-sively to get their livestock projects ready for county fairs.

"Our 4-H fairs will start the second week of July," said Kelsey Nordyke, a 4-H Youth Develop-ment specialist in southeast Kansas. "Most of those kids have had their projects through the spring, but now they're out of school and they have a little bit more time to

devote to those pro-jects. Now is when they kick it into high gear and really start to work on those projects."

Livestock projects are different from other areas because they require continuous attention and care, Nordyke said. The 4-H'ers have to work hard from day one, without days off, to make sure their animals stay healthy and develop

"With our livestock projects, those kids are going to have a spring weigh-in to keep track

of where their animal's weight is, and there's always an end point that we want them to reach based on what the livestock industry and show industry calls for," she said. "We want kids to be paying attention to where those animals are as far as feeding so they can reach that target weight at the end of their project.'

However, feed and weight gain aren't the only factors that 4-H'ers need to monitor to get their animals show-ready.

"Depending on which

species it is, there's an exercise regimen that goes hand in hand with it as well," Nordyke said. "They're really dialing in (on) nutrition and exercising those animals to get them to not only gain what they're supposed to gain or hold them where they are, but also to get them looking their best when they enter the show ring this summer.'

When it comes time for the 4-H'ers to step into the ring with their projects, showmanship is often a major factor in judging de-

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cisions.

"Exhibiting livestock projects for show is just a little bit different than commercial livestock pro-duction," Nordyke said. "It gives our kids an end point for the judge to evaluate the animal, but kids also have the opportunity to practice their own showmanship skills, which really is just showing how well you do as an individual and how well you show while the animal is being evaluated as well."

Although raising livestock projects requires a lot of hard work, the 4-H'ers have a lot to gain, ac-cording to Nordyke.

"Raising and showing livestock helps kids develop mastery, it helps them grow communication skills, and it really helps them to develop a sense of self-worth and accomplish their goals," she said.

These projects can also be a starting point for kids hoping to pursue a livestock career in the future.

"If they're going to sell something to a packer, we want them to learn what those packers are looking for, so they're going to get a paycheck based on what their animal weighs," Nordyke said. "Many kids chose this project because they're interested in the livestock industry, whether that be going back to the family farm, establishing their own genetics or their own herd, or enter-ing another part of the livestock industry. Our livestock industry in the United States is so broad, our kids can do anything from raising livestock to biotechnology and biosecurity, working to make the world a safer

place for everyone." Nordyke strongly encourages everyone to visit their local county fairs this summer, regardless of their experience with agriculture, and talk to 4-H'ers about their projects, their goals, and the work they did to reach them.

Inflation a factor in restaurant traffic

decline Food inflation and rising costs have increased the price of a foodservice meal over the past few years, up to nine percent in April compared to April 2019 and contributing to a four percent decline in consumer visits to U.S. restaurants this April compared to a year ago, reports the NPD

Group. In April, restaurant traffic was 11 percent below the pre-pandemic level in April 2019. NPD Group says the one percent increase in consumer spending at restaurants in April versus a vear ago was more a reflection of higher prices than increased use of restaurants.

Rising restaurant prices have had the greatest effect on lower-income households and households with kids, Drovers reports. For consumers in households with annual incomes under \$50K, their restaurant visits declined by 11 percent in April 2022 compared to the same month a year ago.

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collectible commemorative plates, English sterling rose w/ provenance; much antique sterling inc: 1830 English tea set; 1779 George III bed chamber candlestick w/snuffer; Tiffany; Gorham; Wallace; Reed & Barton; A. Jager 800 German; Mexican sterling set: Lunt: Towle & others: Old Fiesta dinner & salad plates, tumblers all sizes, salt & peppers, covered mustard pots, fruit bowls, covered bowls, many stick handle pieces inc: coffee pots, creamers, cups w/ saucers, tea pots, carafes, stick demitasse cup w/saucer, many other; Fenton vases; Roseville; Hull & Hunt vases: Hall & 1949

Dryden pitchers; other dishes; pottery some native American; Swords several inc: 36" w/ etched blade & glided handle: 36" sword w/black wood handle & etched blade & sheath; fancy etched sword w/sheath; Cavalry sword w/sheath; officers sword w/etched blade & sheath; 10" US bolo knife w/sheath: Bound Gun Reports from 1955; other gun periodicals; 200+ Radios; transistor radios; Victrolas; typewriters; sewing machines; Philco TV w/built-in HI-FI; Army mess kits; copper boiler; pocket watches; many tools; Craftsman tool chest; many other

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SELLING FRIDAY, JUNE 24 5:00 PM

GUNS, COINS & JEWELRY Guns inc: Pistols: 1. Colt 32ACP semi rimless smokeless 189663. 2. Smith & Wesson .22 long 5 1/4 barrel, 65199; 3. Smith & Wesson 27-2 357 magnum black 4" N423255; 4. Colt Python 357 Nag 6: barrel OY230662; 5. Smith & Wesson 357 mag Hwy Patrolman black 5" barrel 59328; 6. Smith & Wesson 22. Long black outdoorsman 5" barrel 635159; 7. Smith & Wesson 22 long black 341644: 8. Smith & Wesson 22 long black 5 ¼" barrel K67710; 9. Smith & Wesson 38 special 64-3 stainless 3 1/4 in box BAP3021; BROWNING 1. Belgium 22 long rifle black gold trigger 1962 Challenger 6628U2; 2. Belgium 22 long rifle black-gold trigger 6" 1962 Challenger 16404U2; 3. Belgium 22 long rifle black-gold trigger STD Medalist 1962

19735T2; 4. Browning Arms Co. Italy 380 auto stainless BDA-380 425PB 10367: 5. Belgium .25 ACP stainless pearl handle gold trigger S299358; 6. Belgium 25ACP hand engraved stainless Renaissance collection 1 of 3 S211229; **7.** Belgium 380 ACP hand engraved stainless Renaissance Collection 1 of 3 591922; Winchester model 423 177 cal German pellet gun; Winchester model 427-55a German pellet gun; Browning Arms Morgan UT & Montreal PQ model Airstar 200 4.5mm 1.77 Belgium No patent 4.899,717 sn 1214P46NZ 02497; 4. Beeman Precision Airguns model R9 German Bushnell scope 1463867; **5.** Browning Gold Medallion Leapold scope wood engraved A-bolt 22 cal. 09241PPG36; 6. Weatherby Mark V Varmintmaster 22-250 German 56957; **7.** Browning Arms HP patent 4723369 Eu-

ro-Bolt 243 Win 58655NWP17 Weaver scope; 8. Browning Belgium engraved M7-4X engraved gold w/scope T53979; 9. Browning Gold Wood w/3-9x40 22 air rifle w/scope made in Turkey 524; 10. Browning Belgium Patent V2233378-233 Browning Lighting, 20 ga. over under 15613; 11. Browning Recoilless 2 3/4" trap load SN05990NW869 trap shoot gun 12 ga single shot; Silver & Gold: 44 silver dollars; 5 oz Canada Peace dollar; 1904s \$5 gold peace: Swiss silver ½ oz; Cuba Ks. centennial coins; Ike dollars; Kennedy halves; Alexander The Great coin; gold flecks; 1950 \$2; red, blue & green seal \$1 & \$2 bills: Accutock scale: costume iewelry: jewelry cabinet; many Browning collectibles (golf clubs, belt buckles, watch, knives, other); 12 gun safe; fishing poles & tackle.

SELLING SATURDAY, JUNE 25 10:00 AM VEHICLES, SIDE BY SIDE,

MOWERS: Sell at 12 Noon 2004 Chevrolet Colorado Z71 pickup, 4 wheel drive, leather, power windows & locks, 3.5 engine inline 5 cy, auto, 109,835 miles; 2010 Buick Enclave CXL, 3.6 V6 engine, leather, 74,914 miles; 2005 Kubota diesel 4 wheel drive side by side, 42V900, power steering, 636 hrs, full cab & winch; 6' front blade; John Deere X394 riding mower, 4-wheel steer 48" deck; John Deere X394 riding lawn mower 48" deck; Toro 6210ZE snow blower; Toro 824 snow blower; Troy-Bilt Junior rear tiller; garden seeder; 2007 Fast Line 5'x12' 2 wheel trailer

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chairs; LG 48" flat screen TV;

several other flat screen TVs:

ladder; aluminum extension ladder: step ladder: air bubble: vard tools; aluminum ramps plastic 6' & 8' folding tables; hose reels; large assortment of other items.

GLASS & COLLECTIBLES Roseville pedestal; Large collection of collectible glass inc: Fenton, Art glass, Bohemian, Chez, green, yellow, pink & clear Depression, Marigold, green & purple carnival, hobnail, Goofus, Vaseline; Cherokee Rose; pink console bowl; American Fostoria; Wexford; Amberina; Miss American; Blue Willow; Caprice; Fire King; Lacy White; Madrid; basket: wine sets: kerosene lamps; Roger Maris Memorial; Salt Creek records; large brass horn; silver plate items; organ stool w/back; cedar chest; coaster wagon; VERY LARGE COLLECTION OF GLASS.

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REAL ESTATE: 2504sqft., 4BR, 1.5BA, 2-story home. Built in 1909. 2021 taxes \$303.44. Buyer must put down 10% of the

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kitchen chrome table w/chairs, full size bed, computer desk, trunk, 3 chest of drawers, file cabinets, old radios, old purses, old hair dryers, old hand mirrors, old cameras, clock collection, Chiefs lamps (2), bedding, puzzles, old treadle sewing machines, dresser, rockers, graniteware, ladders, golf clubs, small safe, sewing machine w/cabinet, McCalls cabinet, salt+peppers, Neon Beer signs, Coors sign, Coors lights (2), Hamms sign (light does not work), old wooden ironing boards, crock jugs, Noritake, crystal, trivets, sad irons, butter churn, ice cream freezers, metal detector, recliner, oil rain lamp (works), 6gal crock with lid, McCoy, Radio Flyer sled, Radio Flyer wheelbarrow, Radio Flyer wagon, Radio Flyer tricycle, Radio Flyer scooter, Speedway tricycle, *many more boxes and items yet to be opened and discovered!*** 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser, 88,676 mi on odometer.

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Corningware, silhouette pictures, fishing equip., cookbooks, pictures, TV

dishes, Depression glass, wash boards, M&M collectibles, smokers stand

electric heaters, wall mount electric heaters, shot glasses, Budweiser air-planes, small oak table, paper shredder, old rocker chair, old marbles, rolling

costume jewelry, small appliances, kitchen utensils, buttons, stamp collection, antique Victrola record player, 45&78 records, puzzles, walkers, blue

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Carol was a longtime resident of Lucas with her husband. We will be liquidating her Real Estate and personal property by way of auction. Both auctions will start at 10 am sharp with the Real Estate and Vehicle selling at Noon on July 9.

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June 14 — Geary County Land auction consisting of a contiguous 660-acre production tract primarily made up of pasture, excellent fences, good water available, 67 ac. bottom broke ground & more held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 14 - 154 acres m/l of Butler County pasture consisting of clean Native Bluestem & mixed grass quarter, fence, water & more held at Burns for the Lathrop Hunter Auctioneers: Family. Griffin Real Estate & Auction

June 15 — Real Estate consisting of 21.98 acres m/l McPherson County land with 3BR, 2BA manufactured home, horse barn with stalls, feed room & 1BR apartment, brome hay land, pens & outbuildings held at Moundridge for Frank Auctioneers: Barnett. Van Schmidt, Farmers National Company.

June 16 -6.84 acres m/l Building Site in Lyon County, located just outside the city limits, minimal gravel, electricity, water meter & great views held at Emporia for Emporia Community Foundation, Also selling: JD 4020 w/GB loader &1991 Chevy 3500 pickup. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

June 18 — 3 Restored JD tractors and Oliver Cletrac, Avery A, lawn mowers, shop tools & much more held at Vassar for the Late Leonard Elmore, Virginia Elmore, seller. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

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June 18 — Large Estate auction consisting of lots of Antiques & Collectibles, Crocks, Shop tools & more held North of St. Marys for Jim & Henrietta Aubert Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

June 18 — Farm & Ranch auction consisting of 2014 625 JD Gator, 1961 Chevy Viking 6D truck, trailers, Gehl 2500 skid steer, large wind turbine, farm & livestock equipment, tools & miscellaneous held at Council Grove for Vicki & the Late Norman Triemer. Auctioneers: J&D Auction Service, LLC., Jase Hubert & Dwayne Coble.

June 18 — Yanmar YM2310D tractor, Ford 1500 tractor, finish mower, rotary mower, NH MZ19H zero-turn mower, JD LA145 mower, Craftsman LTS mower, Honda Recon ES 4-wheeler, bumper pull trailer, hand & air tools, lawn & garden, household, guns, appliances & more held at Overbrook for Fee & Cindy Monshizadeh. Auctioneers: Altic Auction Service, Brady Altic & Lester Edgecomb.

June 18 — Collector trucks, tractor, trailer, stagecoach, equipment, tools, collectibles & much miscellaneous held at rural Lawrence for Gut Works, LLC, Ron Renz & Steve Craig. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 18 — Hundred of fine sterling silver pieces, many antique sterling items, Old Fiestaware, many stick handle pieces, Fenton, Roseville, Hull, swords, 200+ radios, many tools & lots more antiques held at Salina for Charlie "Chuck" Smith Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Es-

tate & Auction, LLC. June 20 — (Monday evening): Selling clean household items, glass, vintage, patio furniture, lots of smalls, etc. held at Lyndon for Mrs. Elizabeth Dean. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions. June 24 & 25 — 2-day

niture, household, tools, large collection of glassware & collectibles held at Belleville for Terance & Joleen Baxa Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. June 25 — 1987 Buick

Regal car, firearms (revolvers, pistols, shotguns, commemoratives & more) & ammo, furniture, artwork, collectibles inc. antique toys, Depression Fenton, glass & more glassware, crocks, Hummels, quilts, Native American dolls & much more, coins, tools & miscellaneous held at Manhattan for Sy Seyler. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction,

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(Saturday) selling 2004

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CXL, 2005 Kubota 4WD

side by side, mowers, fur-

June 25 — Approximately 8 Vintage Trucks & numerous antiques, approximately 30 Vintage Tractors & much more held at Winfield. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.

June 25 — Pontoon boat. Mitsubishi mini 4x4, stock trailer, portable panels, ZTR mower, antique furniture, appliances, miscellaneous held East of Enterprise for Brenda Weaver and Mark Weaver. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

June 25 - Large assortment of vintage collectibles, trading cards, some belt buckles, 100+ Angel collection, comic books, furniture & much. much more held at Emporia for Two Area Sellers. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions & Flint Hills Auctions.

June 25 (Day 1) — (Day 2 will be held July 9): Selling Collectibles, antique furniture, books, household, fishing equipment, glassware, records, cast iron items & more held at Lucas for Carol A. Blackwell Estate. Auctioneers:

Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

June 25 Very large Farm Estate Auction including tractors, trailers, equipment, livestock equipment, UTV, hay equipment, tools, zero turn mower, collectibles, household & miscellaneous held at rural Shawnee for Maurice H. & Mary VanLerberg Estate. (Some items available for online bidding at www.FloryAndAssociates.com). Auctioneers: Elston Auctions, Mark Elston, Jason Flory, Chris Paxton.

June 26 - 2005 Chevy Impala, JD lawn tractor, Ford 8N tractor, rotary mower, furniture, refrigerators, chest freezer, washer/dryer, tools, household, lawn & garden & much more held at Osage City. Auctioneers: **Wischropp Auctions**

June 28 — Pottawatomie County Land Auction consisting of Tract 1: 35 acres m/l; Tract 2: 36 acres m/l; Tract 3: 80 acres m/l; Tract 4: T1, T2 & T3 combined. Country seclusion less than a mile East of Hwy. 99. Held at Westmoreland. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 2 - Land & home consisting of Tract 1: 18 acres m/l; Tract 2: Homesite (5 bedroom, 2 bath home, shop building & several other outbuildings) with 20 acres m/l; Tract 3: 38 acres m/l (T1 + T2); also selling personal property held at Westmoreland. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 2 — 2016 Buick Enclave AWD, 2011 Chevy Equinox LT AWD, guns, household, collectibles & more held at Osborne for Bonnie Thompson Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 7 - Simultaneous Live & Online Land Auction consisting of 70 acres m/l of Marshall County Land held live at Waterville & online at gavelroads.com. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

July 7 — Land auction consisting of approximately 177.6 acres of Clay County land held at Wakefield for Jennifer Schaulis Living Trust. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service, Lonnie Wilson.

July 8 — (Friday evening): 1948 Harley Davidson Hummer motorcycle. 2015 Polaris Sportsman AWD ATV, EZ Go electric golf cart, equipment, hand tools, outdoor items including Cabela's Ascend 133X Tournament Fish Kayak & trailer, gun safe, vintage furniture, collectibles, railroad items, Harley Davidson & Hawk motorcycle items & more held at Lawrence for a private rural Miami County seller. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

July 9 (Day 2) — Selling Real Estate (4BR, 1.5BA home), 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser, furniture, collectibles, glassware, crocks, household, neon beer signs & more held at Lucas for Carol A. Blackwell Estate. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

July 13 — Land Auction consisting of 160 acres cropland in Smith County held at Smith Center for Redetzke Family. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald L. Hazlett, broker/ auctioneer.

July 14 — Douglas County Land Auction consisting of Tract 1: 23 acres m/l; Tract 2: 23 acres m/l; Tract 3: 23 acres m/l; Tract 4: Combination with 69 acres m/l (entire parcel) held at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 14 - Jewell County Real Estate: Tract 1: 159.29 ac. m/l with 134.99 ac. m/l cropland, 20.17 ac. m/l grass & 4.13 ac. m/l of farmstead; Tract 2: 79.30 ac. m/l with 53.13 ac. m/l cropland & 25.50 ac. m/l grass. Also selling collectibles & coins, cars, trucks, tractors & machinery held at Jewell for Dave Ault Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 14 — Land Auction consisting of 320 acres cropland & grass in Cloud County selling in 2 tracts held at Miltonvale for Cecelia T. Deneault Trust. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald L. Hazlett, bro-

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ker/auctioneer. July 15 — Land Auction consisting of 320 acres of cropland, grass & farmstead plus 2 wind towers

in Pratt County selling in 4 tracts held at Pratt for Darrel & Nancy Brant Farm. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald L. Hazlett, broker/auctioneer.

July 22 - Land Auction consisting 600 acres cropland & CRP in Russell County selling in 4 tracts held at Russell for Witt Trust. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald L. Hazlett, broker/auctioneer.

NCBA commends signing of **U.S.-Japan** beef export agreement

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) praised the recent agreement between the U.S. and Japan to increase the Beef Safeguard Trigger level under the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement.

"The agreement signed this week underscores the importance of the mutually beneficial relationship between U.S. cattle producers and Japanese consumers, and we are hopeful that the improved safeguard will provide greater certainty for all segments of the supply chain. NCBA thanks Ambassador Tai for her continued efforts to reduce trade barriers and expand export opportunities for American cattle producers," said NCBA senior director of international trade and market access Kent Bacus.

In March 2021, Japan and the U.S. entered negotiations after record-setting beef exports triggered the safeguard provision of the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement. The increase in the Beef Safeguard Trigger level will allow American producers to continue exporting high-quality beef to meet Japanese consumer demand. Japan is a top export market for U.S. beef, accounting for over \$2.3 billion in sales in 2021.

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AUCTION

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, 2022 — 5:30 PM Held at 624 Topeka Avenue - LYNDON, KANSAS

Kenmore small upright freezer: GE Top Load auto washer & dryer; Samsung 32" flat screen TV: Thomasville 3 pc. BR suite: wicker 2 pc. BR suite; Vintage wash stand; Pennsylvania china hutch; 15+ Fiesta pieces; T. Haviland 12 pl. china set; Roland electric piano w/bench

2 windback chairs & ottomans 30+/- framed pictures; concrete yard fountain; 7+ various size area rugs; 6+ vintage quilts assortment cloth, linen, etc. ladies' fox fur stole; jewelry kitchen items, lots of glassware yard art!

NOTE: Most very clean and in good condition. MUCH MORE CASH OR CHECK Only. Auction held inside Rain or Shine.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION **SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 * 10:00 AM**

AUCTION LOCATION: 4125 Flint Rock Road - WAMEGO, KS



MOWERS, CUSHMAN, TRAC-TOR: JD Z950 w/bagger, 60' deck, 1144 hrs; Bad Boy commercial grade mower, 60" deck, 26 HP, hrs unknown; Hustler Fastrak 48" deck, 369 hrs; 8N Ford tractor; Cushman mini truck (project); 5' 901 Ford rota-

ry mower; 6' 3 pt. mower.
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT & TOOLS: Stone power trowel; MBW power trowel; drywall texture machine; Target concrete saw; Power screed (6' & 12' floats); Lincoln 250 welder; Matco tool chest; Millermate 35 welder; Shop air filters; Craftsman radial arm saw: misc. chains: Miller 350p welders (2); Budgit Hoist (2); Dynaglo heater; Mill-er MP-65E welder; Curtis snow plow attachment; gas post hole digger; gas bottle dolly; Cole-man air compressor; Multiquip oump; Mi-T-M pressure washer; Husavarna concrete saw: misc concrete forms; skid steer tires

rims; winch; welding tables; 6' 3 pt. blade: hvdraulic boom: Power

CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES: Lots of new and used tin (blue white, galvanized and more) red metal frame: misc. hardware and fittings; Manco custom window (9' x 7'); aluminum bleacher material; used shop lights; suck er rod; sheet metal.

FARM EQUIPMENT & SUP-

PLIES: Misc. gates; shop-built trailer w/tank; shop built 18' gooseneck trailer; 2 wheel running gear; old hay rack; 2-whee trailer; ramps; hydraulic cylinders; 3 pt. rotary hoe; misc wire; 100's of T-posts; 4 whee running gear; JD rake; NH sickle bar mowers (2); NH 273 Square baler; fuel barrel; 3 pt. Ferguson spring tooth; 2 bottom plow truck fuel tank; truck bed trailer flat deck bumper pull trailer. MISC.: Shop fridge; multiple used appliances; horse hay feeders; pots; Sea Nymph 1436 Jon boat; boat trailers (2); scrap

metal; McCall cabinets (2); lawn mower trailer; Remington weed eater; gas cans; Yardworks spreader; truck toolboxes (sev eral); landscape blocks & bricks stone accent rock; cut limestone pieces; chain link fence MORE ITEMS BEING ADDED!

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APPROXIMATELY 30 VINTAGE TRACTORS!

1928 John Deere Model D, John Deere 1945 Model A, Oliver

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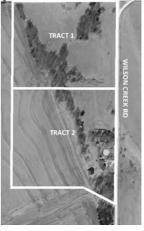
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TIME: Personal property @ 9:00 AM & Real Estate @ 11:00 AM AUCTION LOCATION: Held Onsite - 14220 Wilson Creek Rd., WESTMORELAND, KANSAS

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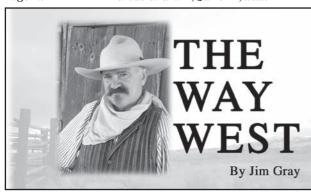
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Just a Social Game

The English essavist Charles Lamb once said, "Man is a gaming animal. He must always be trying to get the better (of someone) in something or other." In another observation Lamb noted, "Cards are war, in disguise of sport." To the professional, gambling on the frontier was not

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the time. The "Knights of the Green Cloth" took the profession of gambling seriously. Even so, an apparent newcomer might unexpectedly walk away with an accomplished gambler's holdings. One never knew when a wolf in sheep's clothing might appear at the gambling



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Northeast Kansas Area 316-644-8392 🛮 agritrim.com 🔹 robert@agritrim.com 🛭 was a wealthy Leavenworth merchant who appeared at the Dodge City gambling tables as reported by the Dodge City Times, March 24, 1877. The merchant. Thomas Carney. claimed to be in town buying hides and bones for his St. Louis firm. Later developments would confirm that his real business in town was to entice a few of Dodge City's, "... unsophisticated denizens into the national game of draw poker, and fleece them of their loose cash."

Mr. Carney was no ordinary merchant. He had been Governor of Kansas for one perilous term: 1862 -1864. During his administration guerilla warfare raged between Missouri and Kansas, requiring the organization of a force of one hundred fifty fighting men, known as the Patrol Guard. Lacking state funds to support such a force, Carney supported the Patrol Guard with his own money. Each man received a dollar a day for his services and the use of his horse. Rations and forage were provided by the federal government.

Ever the promoter of the Kansas economy, Carney joined influential political leaders to form the Topeka Live Stock Company in 1867. The men hoped to attract Texas drovers to market their rangy Texas

Longhorn cattle in Kansas. One could say that developing a cattle market on the Kansas frontier was a big gamble. In this case Carney and his business partners were outmatched when Joseph McCoy, a young Illinois cattle buyer, independently established a market at Abilene, Kansas, that very summer. The Topeka Live Stock Company folded in the face of McCoy's wildly successful Great Western Stock Yards.

Consequently, on a particular spring day at Dodge City, "The Governor's reputation and dignified bearing soon enabled him to decoy three... business men into a social game of poker, 'just to kill time, you know.' ...The game proceeded merrily and festively for a time, until, under the bracing influence of exhilarating refreshments, the stakes were increased, and the players soon became excitedly interested."

The men that Carney had "enticed" into his friendly game just happened to be three of the most familiar cavaliers of Dodge City's gambling dens. Bobby Gill, whose real name was Robert Gilmore, was known among the sporting crowd throughout the Kansas cattle towns. He was often

4 mix

2 mix

5 mix

4 blk

2160@115.00

1895@113.00

1620@87.00

1360@87.00

Charles Ronan was known to be a fine billiard player as well as a "hand" with the cards, and Col. Charles Norton was always good for a game.

Interest heightened

considerably when Col. Norton threw a \$100 bill on the table. His cards may have been good, but Governor Carney was holding the best hand he had seen in a long while, four kings and the "imperial trump," commonly known as the joker or cutter. In his excitement Carney mistook his joker for an ace, giving him a sure probability of holding the best hand at the table. Elated, the Governor added his gold watch and chain to the pot, which Col. Norton calmly matched and raised with his own valuables. To stay in the game Governor Carney was pressed to ante up with his shirt studs, cuff links and money clip. Having reached his limit. Carney threw his Four Kings and Joker on the table with his left hand and, "...affectionately encircled the glittering heap of gold, silver, greenbacks and precious stones, with his right arm, preparing to rake in the spoils."

His celebration was exceedingly short-lived when calmly as a lamb. Col. Norton spread four aces before the governor's eyes. The Dodge City Times, with amused observation, described the scene. "...at that moment a sight met the old Governor's gaze which caused his eyes to dilate with terror, a fearful tremor to seize his frame, and his vitals to almost freeze with horror... Slowly and reluctantly he uncoiled his arm from around the sparkling treasure; the bright, joyous look faded from his eves. leaving them gloomy and cadaverous; with a weary, almost painful effort he arose from the table, and dragging his feet over the floor like balls of lead. he left the room, sadly, tearfully and tremulously muttering, 'I forgot about

They say all is fair in love and war. No one came right out and said it, but it appeared the three Dodge City gamblers had "skinned" the high and mighty Thomas Carney in a "put-up game" proving that going to war at gambling tables should never be mistaken for "just a social game" on The Way

the cutter.

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TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE 1,956.

BULLS: \$116.00-\$127.50 18 blk Montezuma broken@1525.00 COWS: \$85.00-\$95.50 23 blk Montezuma broken@1500.00 13 blk 9 yrs@1425.00 Montezuma

	STEERS			
300-400	\$203.00 - \$213.00		BUL	LS
400-500	\$194.00 - \$205.00	1 blk	Canton	1895@127.50
500-600	\$184.50 - \$196.00	1 red	Holyrood	2180@126.50
600-700	\$174.50 - \$185.00	1 blk	Salina	2265@125.50
700-800	\$154.00 - \$163.25	1 blk	Chapman	2035@125.50
800-900	\$160.00 - \$170.10	1 blk	Salina	2270@125.50
900-1 000	\$146.00 - \$156.00	1 hlk	Hone	2150@12450

700-800	\$154.00 - \$163.25	1 blk	Chapman	2035@125.50
800-900	\$160.00 - \$170.10	1 blk	Salina	2270@125.50
900-1,000	\$146.00 - \$156.00	1 blk	Hope	2150@124.50
		1 blk	Delphos	1920@124.00
HEIFERS		1 blk	Gypsum	2635@123.00
300-400	\$163.00 - \$173.00	1 wf	Junction City	2180@122.00
400-500	\$168.00 - \$178.00	1 red	Salina	1820@120.00
500-600	\$159.00 - \$170.00	1 blk	Salina	2300@120.00
600-700	\$150.00 - \$155.50	1 blk	Salina	2300@120.00
700-800	\$138.00 - \$149.75	1 blk	Salina	1890@118.50
800-900	\$133.00 - \$143.50	1 blk	Lindsborg	2020@115.50

1 blk

1 red

McPherson

Oakhill

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

\$115.00 - \$126.25

900-1,000

3 blk

2 blk

Gypsum

Hillsboro

			cows		
CALVES		1 bwf	Salina	1585@95.50	
1 blk	Salina	250@575.00	1 blk	Longford	1795@91.00
1 red	Holyrood	230@550.00	1 blk	Canton	1370@91.00
1 blk	Salina	265@550.00	1 blk	Salina	1800@90.50
1 blk	Salina	260@550.00	3 blk	Holton	1802@90.50
8 blk	Solomon	236@485.00	2 blk	Marquette	1395@90.00
6 mix	Solomon	217@450.00	1 blk	Lorraine	1640@89.50
1 blk	Gypsum	210@425.00	1 blk	Solomon	1250@89.00
1 bwf	Salina	230@410.00	1 blk	Salina	1400@89.00
1 red	Windom	170@375.00	1 blk	Marquette	1350@88.50
			1 wf	Geneseo	1265@88.00
PAIRS		2 mix	Lorraine	1600@88.00	
4 blk	Gypsum	young@1800.00	4 mix	Solomon	1428@88.00
2 blk	Gypsum	young@1750.00	1 red	Hillsboro	1675@87.50
2 blk	Gypsum	young@1700.00	1 blk	Abilene	1520@87.50
12 blk	Montezuma	8 yrs@1650.00	2 blk	Canton	1425@87.00

IN STOCK TODAY:

1 blk

1 blk

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Heavy Duty Feed Bunks

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1 blk	Claflin	1250@86.00	60 mix	Tampa	918@156.00
1 blk	Concordia	1560@86.00	8 mix	Bronaugh, MO	972@144.00

STEERS HEIFERS 15 mix Halstead 362@213.00 9 mix Halstead 411@178.00 301@173.00 449@205.00 7 mix Halstead Halstead 465@199.00 Halstead 501@170.00 Abilene 5 blk Halstead 377@168.00 Halstead 504@196.00 6 mix Canton 4 blk 581@159.00 555@192.00 Canton 3 blk

542@158.00 Minneapolis 490@191.00 Abilene 2 mix Moundridge Kingman 680@155.50 5 mix 561@190.00 65 mix 608@185.00 Salina 555@154.00 1 mix Halstead 3 mix Miltonvale 662@176.50 Salina 795@149.75 5 blk 69 mix Kingman 15 blk Salina 836@143.50 14 blk 688@176.00 67 blk Bennington 837@170.10 3 blk Minneapolis 830@142.00 Kingman Salina 868@140.50 16 mix 781@163.25 62 mix Halstead 781@163.00 20 mix Tampa 963@126.25 6 mix 5 blk Salina 868@159.00

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