



Simon named Rookie of the Year at World Livestock Auctioneer Championship

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Raised on a cow-calf operation in Butler County, Barrett Simon grew up going to bull sales and listening to the chant of the auctioneers. He attended Butler County Community College and Kansas State University, competing on the livestock judging team at both. His first job out of college was in north central Kansas, where he got to know the owners of the sale barn in Mankato and thought that auctioneering was something he would like to do. He put in some time learning from other auctioneers and practicing. "I had two or three guys that I really liked listening to," he related. "I never really listened to the radio, just listened to them over and over." He describes his chant as a hybrid of those auctioneers, with new things he hears continuing to be incorporated. He got his first



Barrett Simon, who calls for bids at El Dorado Livestock and Sundgren Realty and Auction, was recently named Rookie of the Year at the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship.

chance to call for bids at a consignment sale about eighteen months ago and has been doing it ever since. He sells at El Dorado Livestock every week and also works for Sundgren Realty and Auction in El Dorado. He also works a lot of purebred sales in the spring and fall. "Ev-

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everything I do now hinges around an auction of some sort," he said. Prior to becoming an auctioneer he worked as a commercial marketing specialist for Red Angus Association of America, a position that also had him attending many sales.

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Ag community mourns death of Baxter Black

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

The farming and ranching family lost a beloved member last week when news was received of the death of renowned cowboy poet, author and television and radio personality, Baxter Black. He was 77.

Black, who began his career as a large animal veterinarian in 1969, became a popular public speaker in the early '80s. He left his veterinary practice in 1982 and added Cowboy Poet to his list of accomplishments, as well as television host with the program *Baxter Black and Friends* on public TV. He also had a syndicated radio program and segments on RFD-TV and the Cowboy Channel. He had more than 30 books to his credit in genres ranging from poetry to fiction to a graphic novel, with even a couple of children's books sprinkled in the mix. He sold more than two million books, CDs and DVDs.

Those who had the opportunity to meet Baxter Black in person quickly learned that those kind eyes underneath



Black is shown at his booth at the National Western Stock Show.

Courtesy photo

his cowboy hat and that slow western drawl were as genuine and steadfast as a mountain sunset. The ornery grin beneath his signature mustache let you know you'd found a friend. Agriculture had no stronger ally and no better ambassador.

In late 2021, Black's wife Cindi Lou announced he would be retiring due to unspecified health problems.

While his voice may now be silenced, save for the archived recordings, his memory lives on and agriculture is stronger and better understood by the masses because of his efforts.

In Black's own words: "Because farmers and ranchers choose to work directly with God, we get a closer look at life. We're not insulated from its precarious nature. In return we're exposed to the beautiful sunrise, the smell of rain, the quiet snow and satisfaction of saving a life now and then."

Rest easy, Baxter. We'll see you on the other side.

Storms pull the plug on 2022 Symphony of the Flint Hills

By Lucas Shivers

Due to sudden thunderstorms quickly blown into the area, the 2022 Symphony of the Flint Hills forced 7,000 participants to hustle home from a congested site after only the first half of the concert and festivities outside of Bazaar in Chase County on June 11.

In the rush, the mile-long path with participants carrying chairs, bags and coolers bottlenecked to get through gates and over muddy streams. The parking areas and traffic took hours for everyone to safely evacuate the site due to the storms carrying high winds and rain.

"Without a doubt, we're at the mercy of Mother Nature here in the Flint Hills," Gov. Laura Kelly said in her welcome speech. "There is truly nothing like this event anywhere else in the entire world. So many worked tirelessly to organize this gathering. Every year, I don't think it can get better, but I'm proven wrong every single year."

Appropriately, the topic of focus for the 2022 event was "Weather of the Flint Hills." The event drew thousands from Kansas City, Wichita and surrounding areas out to the prairie to celebrate music, art and prairie ecology.

"The theme is weather and something I've learned is that you can't complain about precipitation when you get it, but I'm glad for sunny days," Julie White Hower, board chair from Council Grove, said.

The Joe and Mike Stout families provided the land at the site called Irma's Pasture with beautiful views in every direction,



Attendees of the Symphony of the Flint Hills were able to enjoy part of the concert before the threat of severe weather forced their evacuation.

even for watching the storms come in.

The 2019 event was planned for the same site, but a microburst of high wind knocked down tents the night before, forcing a full cancellation.

Premier Event

Prior to the hasty exit of the 2022 show, the pavilion of snow-white capped tents which were blown down in the storm offered art shows, food vendors and educational programs. Covered wagon rides, hiking areas, wildflower identification and gift shops were all available for local, regional and international guests to learn about the Flint Hills.

Gov. Kelly rallied the crowd before the 6:30 p.m. performance of the Kansas City Symphony, under the direction of conductor Jason Seber, who shared in his final performance.

"The Kansas City Symphony brings a world-class sound to complement this world-class location," Kelly said. "Last year, we only had a few sections with wind and percussion due to COVID, but we've got the whole shebang this year."

The Kansas City Symphony played only the first half of the program with sections of Copland's variations on shaker melody from Appalachian Spring; Somewhere Over the Rainbow from the Wizard of Oz; and Tara's Theme from Gone with the Wind. The

crowd missed the traditional Home on the Range at sunset.

Weather Focus

Reflecting on the themes of the sky and song selections, Kelly noted the importance of weather for Kansas.

"It's only fitting that the theme this year is weather," Kelly said. "While we can't control the weather, one thing we can control is our continued stewardship of this incredibly beautiful landscape."

She complimented the producers and agriculturalists who serve the area and state.

"The Flint Hills are not just breathtakingly beautiful, but we're surrounded by some of the highest quality pasture land on the planet," Kelly added. "They are expertly managed by a network of ranchers who know this land and care about it like no one else. We owe our deepest gratitude to these families who care for the land and feed the world. These farming and ranching families are vital to our state."

The family farms keep the spectacular Flint Hills growing.

"Families have done a superb job of preserving these grasslands for generations to come," Kelly said. "We can preserve Kansas's unique ecosystem which is vital to native wildlife, tourism, education and local ranching economies.

It's our most treasured natural resource."

Balancing the demands of renewable energy sites like wind, she noted the role of finding the right places for wind farms.

"We can meet and even exceed our natural resources," Kelly said. "It's not only a win-win; it's a wind-win."

Symposium Topics

Coinciding with the concert, the symposium beforehand shared key and relevant topics like the cycling patterns of weather in Kansas and the world; living with Mother Nature; and prairie burning is not optional - it's absolutely essential.

Nerding out with storm

chasers; myth or fact on ten weather folklore sayings; and the 1951 floods were additional topics. The education series featured multiple pavilions with keynote speakers.

One presenter was Jim Levitt, director of the International Land Conservation Network at Yale University. He focuses on innovations in the field of land and biodiversity conservation that are characterized by novelty and creativity in conception.

"I've been fascinated by the presentations about soil, fire and agriculture," Levitt said. "I've learned about protecting biodiversity and weather, along with so much more."



Mike Holder gives his presentation, "Prairie Burning is Not Optional - It's Absolutely Essential," during the Symphony of the Flint Hills.

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Diving In

By Glenn Brunkow,
Pottawatomie County
farmer and rancher

How many old westerns have we seen the hero crawling across the desert, desperate to find a drink of water? He turns his canteen upside down and only sand runs out. Or the cattle baron uses unscrupulous methods to gain the water rights of the small ranches.

Water has been the source of conflict since the dawn of mankind. It is the one thing that sustains life, the one thing without which we can't live. That is one absolute that we cannot change, and conflict over water will only become more serious in the future.

Water is absolutely critical to those of us in agriculture. It is necessary

for our crops and livestock. I am not telling you anything you do not know. However, we need to have a serious discussion about water and water rights.

Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) water policy has grown over the years, but it is something we need to take a deep dive into. Maybe the policy we have is good enough, but I suspect we need to make some changes. Those changes might be small tweaks, or they might be major overhauls. It is up to you, the grassroots Farm Bureau member.

That is why we are hosting a series of meetings around the state, and I am imploring you to attend one and add your opinion to the process. This may be the biggest issue we have

ever faced and one that will shape agriculture in Kansas for a long time. If we are not at the table, decisions will be made without our input that could have catastrophic consequences.

I don't know how to make this any clearer or any more urgent. There are parties involved are pulling from every direction: municipal, agricultural and industry. We must make sure any policy adopted allows us to continue to produce food and fiber.

KFB will host a series of two-hour moderated discussions around the state to gather feedback on possible policy changes. All meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and are scheduled for the following locations:

- June 28, Manhattan
- June 29, Hoxie
- July 6, Hutchinson
- July 7, Dodge City
- July 14, Burlington

Participants are encouraged to register at www.kfb.org/advocacy.

We know your time is

precious and this is not an easy time of year to get away, but we must get moving on this now, so we have policy ready to be voted on at KFB's annual meeting in December.

I cannot emphasize enough how much we need everyone to participate. I would also ask that you do some research and education and become acquainted with water policy from all across the state and not just your own area. Our water issues are many and varied and we must produce a unified policy that will best represent our varied needs. Again, I cannot say strongly enough how important this issue is or how much your ideas and opinions are needed. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

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Fields-of-Corn photo contest officially open

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Fields-of-Corn.com photo contest is now open and accepting entries for the 2022 contest. Since the beginning of the contest in 2014, nearly 3,000 pictures have been submitted across the various categories. This year a new category, Farm Babies, has been added.

"Each year, we evaluate the categories and entries to determine if we should expand the areas

photographers can enter, and farm babies was a natural addition for this year," said NCGA graphic communications manager Beth Musgrove. "Our winners last year knocked it out of the park, and I can't wait to see what gets entered this year. Other popular categories include growing field corn and the farm family lifestyle, just to name a few."

Last year, "My Drone's View Returning Home" was the grand prize win-

ner. The picture was taken via drone by Todd Wachtel of Illinois. The most popular entry was from April Anthony of Ohio for "Fire in the sky!!" in the equipment category.

A total of 26 cash prizes will be awarded, with the single, most popular photo with Facebook "likes" receiving a \$500 prize and First (\$300), Second (\$200) and Third (\$100) prizes will be awarded for each of eight categories and, as in prior years, judges

will select a single Grand Prize winner to be awarded \$500.

Fields-of-Corn.com launched in 2014 to help tell the story of farming field corn in America. You can visit Fields-of-Corn today to enter your best farm photos and vote for your favorite photos. The minimum width in pixels required is 3000 for photo submissions.

Open to all, entries will be accepted through November 30 and will be available to accumulate Facebook "likes" through December 31. Winners will be announced in January 2023.

KARL celebrates graduates, welcomes newest class

A program that develops leaders for agriculture, business and rural communities recently celebrated its newest graduates at the same time it announced the next class of participants.

Jill Zimmerman, president of the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership program, said 27 individuals of Class XV celebrated the completion of their advanced leadership development experience during the inaugural KARL Big Event June 4 in Manhattan.

Class XVI, announced the same day, includes 30 Kansans who will start the two-year experience later this year.

"KARL identifies, prepares, and connects aspiring leaders to positively impact Kansas agriculture and rural communities, and is part of the International Association of Program for Agriculture Leadership," Zimmerman said. "KARL grows leaders who make a difference and go on to lead in agriculture, their businesses, communities and families."

Since it was first delivered in 1989, more than 450 men and women have participated in KARL and are leaders and active volunteers in the agriculture industry and rural communities.

This is the first time KARL has had a combined event to celebrate the graduate fellows and announce the new class associates. Event speakers included American Countryside producer Andrew McCrea and Senator Jerry Moran.

"On behalf of the board and all alumni of KARL, we offer our sincere congratulations to the Class XV Fellows for their ac-

complishment and we welcome KARL Class XVI Associates into the program," said Doug Hofbauer, board chairman of the KARL program. "We look forward to their future work as leaders who make a difference on behalf of agriculture and rural Kansas."

Each class experiences a two-year curriculum of 52 seminar days across the state of Kansas; a national study tour to Washington, D.C. and to the Gettysburg Leadership Experience at the historic battleground; a domestic study tour; and an international study tour.

Zimmerman said that members of Class XVI will travel to Spain for their international study tour.

The list of KARL Class XV Fellows (graduates), in alphabetical order by last name, includes: Kim Baldwin, McPherson; J.J. Bebb, Mound Valley; Leland Brown, Lenexa; Allison Burenheide, Kansas City; Darci Cain, Ellis; Stewart Cauble, Liberal; Amy Doane, Downs; Jessica Ebert, Tescott; Karly Frederick, Sterling; Roy Frey, Sabetha; Sean Gatewood, Topeka; Kayla Jarvis, Phillipsburg; Justin Kastner, Manhattan; Leigh Ann Maurath, Oakley; Tyler Millershaski, Lakin; Jesse Muller, Liberty; Jackie Mundt, Preston; Andrew Ochampaugh, Russell; Garrett Reiss, Saint George; Kendra Riley, Dexter; J.R. Robl, Lenexa; Clay Schemm, Sharon Springs; Anthony Seiler, Wichita; Bob Tempel, Garden City; Debra Teufel, Hutchinson; Shawn Thiele, Manhattan; Beth Weibert, Abilene

The list of KARL Class XVI associates includes: Luke Amend, Whitewater; Ashley Beying; Jamie Boggs, Buhler; Carl Clawson, Plains; Andrea Diemel, Madison; Greg Doering, Manhattan; Ryan Engle, Madison; Travis Graber, Haven; Jacob Harshberger, Dodge City; Sara Hayden, Great Bend; Sarah Henry, Randolph; Megan Hobbs, Newton; Wendy Hughes, Ellinwood; Jeremy Johnson, Pittsburg; Andrea Krauss, Russell; Danielle Kaminski, Hays; Kevin Logan, Hesston; Mary Marsh, Manhattan; Iryna McDonald, Hays; Derick McGhee, Lenexa; Nathan Miller, Benton; Christa Milton, St. John; Lindsey Ott, Overland Park; Mark Palen, Beloit; Nicholas Peters, Goessel; Regan Reif, Great Bend; Jennifer Smith, Lecompton; Eli Svaty, Liberal; Kari West, Girard; Adam York, Manhattan.

For more information about KARL, call Zimmerman at 785-532-6300, email karl@ksu.edu or visit the KARL website at <http://karlprogram.com>.



This past week, we lost an iconic character in agriculture, Baxter Black. In the hours and days following the news, tributes poured in Baxter truly touched many lives, probably everyone who read his column, books, poems, saw him in person or listened over the radio. He had the rare ability to relate to each and every one of us on a personal level. Everyone has a Baxter Black story of how he touched their lives or a time when they spent time with him. I don't recall ever seeing that kind of tribute for anyone else on the scale we saw the past couple of weeks.

I am the same. I owe this column directly to him – growing up and waiting each week to read his column, performing his poems for 4-H Day, and later writing because he inspired me too. Honestly, Tatum would have been Baxter if she had been a boy, which is the kind of impact he had on me. The couple of times I met him in person, he was a gracious, kind man who patiently listened to the bumbling, ramblings of a superfan with a desire to be a writer. Like everyone else I have my favorite Baxter story but mine is vastly different with a lifetime impact.

Twenty-seven years ago, with a couple of months added on, Baxter performed in Hoxie and that performance changed my life. At the time I was the Extension agent in Wallace County and very much single. The sport in the courthouse was to set me up on blind dates and I was growing weary of them. It just so happened that the County Treasurer had a daughter who was getting married and one of her bridesmaids was single. Cathy showed me a picture of a beautiful girl and like any red-blooded guy, I was instantly in.

However, I had been on enough of these blind dates to know it was going nowhere, especially since this girl was in south central Kansas, more than four hours away. I had also tried long-distance relationships and I wasn't in the mood for that either. But the idea of an evening with a pretty girl was appealing, so I took the bait. Then came the question of what was I going to do with this girl that evening. It just so happened that it was the week I had the Extension spot on the local radio station in Goodland and they were a sponsor of the Baxter Black performance in Hoxie. The program host asked a trivia question about Baxter and being a Baxter Black groupie, I knew the answer.

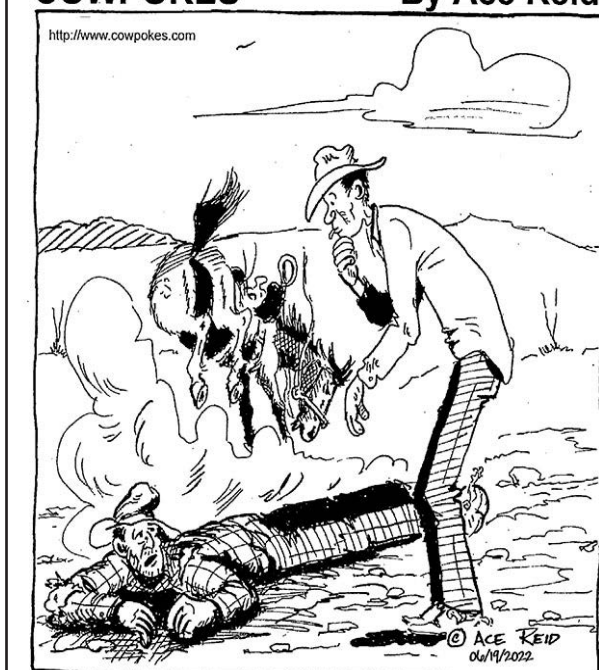
I knew the answer but not the phone number of the radio station and I had to listen to wrong answers for the next 30 minutes as I drove north. Just as I pulled into the parking lot someone else stumbled on the right answer. I gave the host enough grief that he gave me a pair of tickets just to shut me up. The answer to my dilemma was handed to me. I was going to spend an evening with a pretty girl that I would never see again watching my all-time favorite entertainer. It might be one of the best blind dates yet. I wasn't sure if she liked Baxter Black, but I did and what did it matter, since I would never see her again anyway?

I called this Jennifer to tell her what my plans were, find out where I was picking her up at and coordinate all the other logistics. We had a nice chat, and I was intrigued but also, I knew that nothing could come out of this. She was too far away, and I just wasn't in the mood for any relationships. She, however, knew who Baxter was and seemed anxious enough to see him, which was a good sign. In the meantime, she did her homework and found out that I was not tall, handsome, or rich, all things that had been promised to her, and she did not back out.

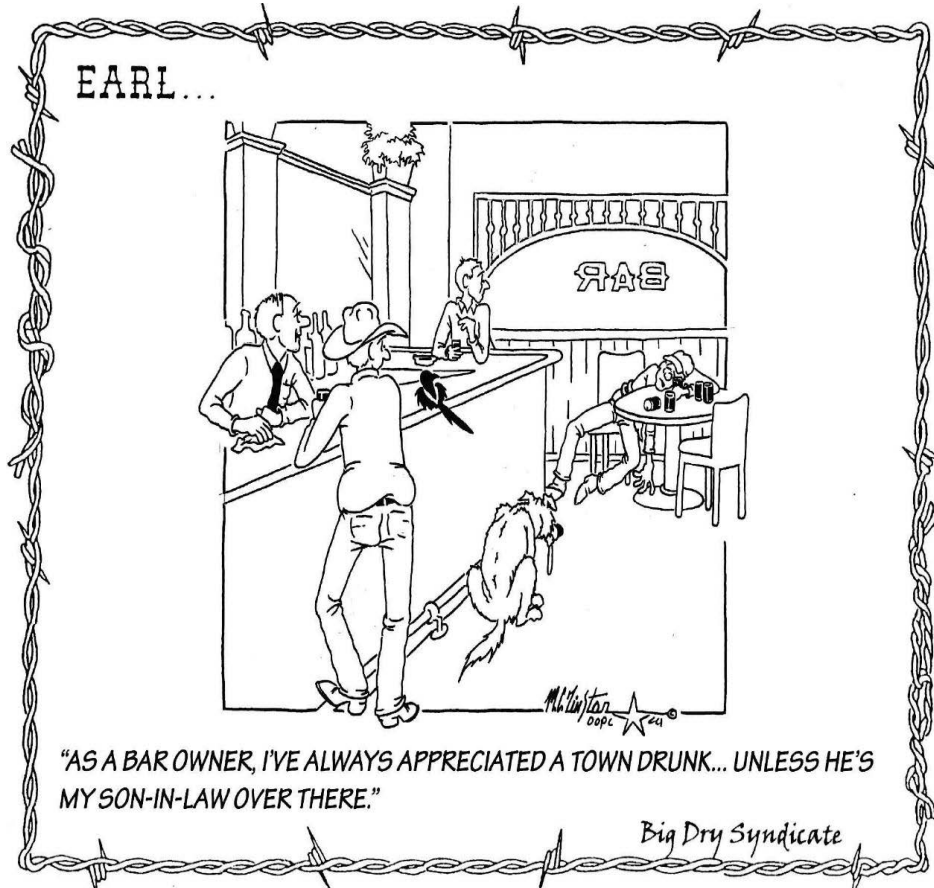
That day I drove to Colby and picked Jennifer up at her friend's house; at that point I realized I had hit the jackpot of all blind dates. I really can't tell you much about the performance. I know these things for sure; the trip up and back was incredible, the performance was good, and Jennifer saw me at my geekiest fawning over Baxter at the meet-and-greet following his show. We came back to Colby and had a Coke at the Village Inn, and I returned her to her friend's house. To shorten the story, we were married six short months later and twenty-seven years and some change later it seems to have worked out fairly well.

I saw a lot of great Baxter Black stories in the past weeks, but I know without a doubt, no one else's story changes the course of their life any more dramatically than mine. Baxter was truly one of a kind and a genuine national treasure and someone like those of us in agriculture will never see again. He put our thoughts down on paper, gave us a voice, served as an ambassador to the non-ag world along the way and saved at least one lonely Extension agent from a life of solitude.

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In early June Simon competed in the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship, where he was named Rookie of the Year.

"I went in with no specific expectations," Simon stated. "I just wanted to make Josh and Macy at El Dorado Livestock proud and be able to say I did

the best I could whether I won or not." Out of a field of 31 very talented auctioneers, there were six or eight rookie contestants.

Other Kansas semi-finalists competing were Neil Bouray, Webber; Brandon Hamel, Natoma; Lynn Langvardt, Chapman and Andrew Sylvester, Wamego.

While the contest is exciting and winning an honor, Barrett believes it's important to not lose sight of the bigger picture.

"I do think one important thing to remember is that though the WLAC is a great way to highlight our industry and the Livestock Marketing Association Convention, ul-

timately it boils down to market owners, auctioneers and producers focusing on protecting and enhancing the livestock marketing industry," he emphasized. "Regardless of where attendees were from, there was a clear passion for the auction method of marketing and a sense of responsibility to our individual custom-

er bases, as we play a vital role in generating revenue for their respective businesses."

Looking ahead, Simon says he isn't trying to forecast too far down the road or lay out a specific plan. "I hope it lasts a good long while, because I'm having a lot of fun doing it," he said. "I'm surrounded by a lot of good people in the

business, so I've made a lot of good relationships that I hold in high regard. My hope is to continue building those and creating new relationships. If I take care of the people that have taken care of me, God will see that it works out in the end. Whatever He has in store, that's the way it will be."

McKalip nominated to serve as ag negotiator with USTR

President Biden has nominated USDA advisor Doug McKalip to serve as chief agricultural negotiator with the United States Trade Representative.

"This position is important to corn growers," said Brooke S. Appleton, vice president of public policy at the National Corn Growers Association. "We are very pleased to see this nomination in place and moving forward, and we look forward to working with Mr. McKalip on some of our key trade issues."

McKalip has worked on agricultural policy and trade for over 28 years. He most recently served as senior advisor to Secretary Vilsack. The position, which requires a Senate confirmation, is charged with conducting and overseeing international negotiations related to trade in agricultural products.

"NAWG applauds President Biden nominating Doug McKalip to this critical role, and we encourage the Senate Finance Committee to work quickly in moving

forward this nomination," said National Association of Wheat Growers CEO Chandler Goule. "I know Doug very well from his decades of public service at the USDA, and he will be able to hit the ground running on day one. There are numerous challenges facing the United States when it comes to ag trade, but we are eager to see Doug's nomination move quickly so he may begin important work at USTR to advocate for U.S. wheat farmers."

"Trade is incredibly important to U.S. wheat producers, who export about half their production each year. That makes securing market access and the work of USTR critical," said U.S. Wheat Associates chairman Vince Peterson. "We welcome the nomination and look forward to him being confirmed and in place to advocate for agriculture at USTR."

The American Soybean Association welcomes the long-awaited announcement, as well.

Stephen Censky, ASA CEO, said, "U.S. agriculture faces numerous challenges on the global marketplace, and we are thrilled President Biden has nominated Doug McKalip to serve as Chief Agricultural Negotiator at USTR. Doug understands these challenges deeply from his years of service at USDA and in the White House, and ASA is glad to have that expertise added to the team at USTR. U.S. soybean growers are excited to work with Doug in his new role."

Another \$1 billion month for beef exports; pork exports remain below year ago level

U.S. beef exports maintained a remarkable pace in April, topping \$1 billion for the third time this year, according to data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). April pork exports were well below the large totals posted a year ago, while lamb exports continued to trend higher.

Record exports to Taiwan highlight huge month for beef exports

Beef exports totaled 124,408 metric tons (mt) in April, up 3% from a year ago and the fifth largest on record, while export value soared 33% to \$1.05 billion – second only to the record \$1.07 billion posted in March. April exports to Taiwan and the Philippines were record-large and exports increased to Japan, China/Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Middle East and the Caribbean. For January through April, beef exports increased 5% from a year ago to 478,260 mt, valued at \$4.05 billion (up 38%). For South Korea, the leading value destination for U.S. beef, export value already topped \$1 billion, increasing nearly 50% from a year ago.

"Global demand for U.S. beef continues to overcome enormous obstacles, from inflationary pressure to logistical challenges to the recent lockdowns in some of China's major metropolitan areas," said USMEF president and CEO Dan Halstrom. "Most encouraging is that even as beef exports climb to unprecedented levels in our largest Asian markets, demand is strengthening in other regions as well, fueled by a strong rebound in the foodservice sector."

Halstrom cautioned that April results did not capture the full impact of recent COVID-19 lockdowns in China, some of which continued through May and into early June.

The pressure inflation imposes on consumers' discretionary income and the rising strength of the U.S. dollar versus some key trading partner currencies are also growing headwinds for U.S. red meat exports.

Pork exports regain momentum in Japan, set new record for Dominican Republic

April pork exports were 212,876 mt, down 21% from the large volume reported a year ago. Export value was \$600.6 million, down 20%. Exports to leading market Mexico remained strong in April and are running well ahead of last year's record pace. April exports also increased to Japan, Honduras and Colombia and exports to the Dominican Republic reached a new record. Through April, pork exports fell 20% from a year ago to 842,804 mt, valued at \$2.31 billion (down 18%).

"The sharp decline in China's demand for imported pork continues to weigh heavily on the year-

over-year results for U.S. exports, and the COVID lockdowns dampened demand even further by limiting consumer spending and slowing activity in the wholesale market and the meat processing sector," Halstrom explained. "We do expect exports to China to regain some momentum in the fourth quarter of this year – certainly not back to the peak volumes of 2020, but improving over current levels. Meanwhile shipments to Mexico remain on a record pace and exports to Japan and several Latin American markets trended higher in April."

Rebound in Caribbean demand fuels strong April lamb exports

April exports of U.S. lamb increased 37% from a year ago to 1,493 mt, while export value soared 90% to \$2.56 million. Growth continues to be driven by large variety meat exports to top market Mexico and revitalized muscle cut demand from the Caribbean foodservice sector. Janu-

ary-April lamb exports increased 49% from a year ago to 6,512 mt, while value climbed 76% to just under \$10 million. Muscle cut exports increased 87% from a year ago to 668 mt, while export value more than doubled to \$4.3 million (up 105%).



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Cream margarine, peanut butter and sugars; mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in baking soda, oatmeal and chocolate chips. Spray or grease an 8 1/2-by-11 1/2-inch baking pan. Spread evenly in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 14 minutes or until the middle is set.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

FRUIT & CREAM DESSERT

2 cans chunky fruit cocktail, drained
2 bananas, sliced
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 cup maraschino cherries
1 1/2 cups Cool Whip
3/4 cup sour cream

In a bowl combine fruit cocktail, bananas, lemon juice and cherries. In another bowl combine the Cool Whip and sour cream. Refrigerate both bowls until ready to serve. To serve

spoon fruit into individual serving bowls top with cream mixture.

Margaret Wetter, Norton: THREE-CHEESE NOODLE BAKE

2 cups uncooked noodles (4 ounces)
1 cup cottage cheese
3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup chopped onion
3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/6 teaspoon salt

2 egg whites
1 egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8-by-8-inch pan. Cook and drain noodles. Mix all ingredients with cooked noodles. Spread into the dish. Bake uncovered for 35 minutes until set and golden. Let stand 5 minutes and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Jackie Doud, Topeka: CHICKEN ALOHA

6-8 chicken breast halves
14-ounce bottle ketchup
1 can cream tomato soup
1 green pepper, chopped
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup vinegar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
8-ounce can pineapple chunks with juice
Cooked rice

Place chicken in a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Combine all remaining ingredients except rice. Pour over chicken. Bake covered at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 15 additional minutes. Serve over rice.

Linda Whiteman, Mayetta: CROCK-POT POTATOES

32-ounce package frozen hash browns
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1 pint sour cream
1 stick oleo
1/4 cup chopped onion

Thaw hash browns. Combine all ingredients in crock-pot. Cook on low for 2 to 3 hours.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: ONE DISH MEAL

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
1 medium green pepper, chopped
2 celery stalks, sliced
1 quart tomato juice
1 1/2 cups ketchup
1 1/4 cups uncooked macaroni
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt & pepper taste

In a Dutch oven brown ground beef over medium-high heat. Add onion, green pepper and celery. Continue to cook until vegetables are crisp-tender. Drain excess fat. Add all remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer 2 hours or until the macaroni is tender and the liquid is absorbed.

NOTE: This is all prepared on top of stove.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: PEPPER SALAD

1 green pepper, thinly sliced
1 sweet red pepper, thinly sliced
1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
3 tablespoons vinegar
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash garlic powder, optional
Dash pepper

Cutting The Clutter: Start With A Positive Attitude

With warm weather showing up, many people look at cleaning their homes. If you are tired of staring at a mess, now is a great time to take some steps to cut the clutter.

Start with a positive attitude with everyone in the home on the same page. Encourage all family members to be involved to clean as well as maintain the home. It shouldn't be on one person's shoulder to do all the work as that typically isn't sustainable.

If there is a lot to clean up and organize, set aside several days to do the work. Take baby steps. Don't over-

whelm yourself to the point of giving up.

Use the box approach to sort items in the space. Label four boxes Keep, Store, Give Away/Sell, and Throw Away. Customize these boxes to your space. For example, if you have a lot of papers, you may also add a Recycle box.

Start at one point in the room. Move clockwise around the room sorting items into the boxes until you return to your start point. Once you have sorted everything into the boxes, pick one box to deal with at a time.

For your Keep box, put all items back into their rightful home. If you are storing any items, make sure to properly label the box/bin/tote so you know what is in storage. For example, "Monica's Winter Clothes." This can help save money, so you don't purchase items that you already have in storage.

For items in the Trash box, throw away or recycle things that are broken, torn and stained. If you are no longer using the item and it still has life left in the Give Away/Sell box, decide what you will donate or sell. Take action so it doesn't get placed somewhere to be dealt with later.

Maintain that clutter-free home. Using the mantra, "Don't put it down, put it

away." can be helpful. Once you are down with something, take the initiative to put it back where it belongs instead of on the counter, couch, floor, etc. where it adds to the clutter. Consider having a household rule like only touching an item one time. For example, when you bring the mail inside, you immediately deal with it instead of setting it down.

For more tips and tricks on spring cleaning, check out the K-State Research and Extension publication titled "Cut the Clutter and Get Organized" online at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF2879.pdf> or contact Monica Thayer, Family Resource Management Extension Agent, at 785-527-5084 or mthayer@ksu.edu

In a bowl toss peppers and mushrooms. Combine vinegar, oil, salt, garlic powder and pepper and toss with vegetables. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Kellee George, Shawnee: FIVE INGREDIENT WHITE QUESO

1 pound pepper jack cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
8 ounces cream cheese

I can ro-tel tomatoes with green chiles, drained
4 tablespoons milk

Cube pepper jack cheese and place in bottom of saucepan. Add all ingredients except milk. Place on low heat and stir often. Once cheese is melted add milk; stir and take off stove and serve.

NOTE: Can half the recipe.



I have never been a huge fan of birthdays; more specifically, my own birthday. I will celebrate anyone else's birthday with all the excitement in the world, but for some reason when it comes to my own, I tend to struggle finding that same level of excitement.

This year was a little bit of a mixture of emotions. We started out the celebration by going to Kansas City and eating at one of my favorite restaurants, J. Alexanders. Kyle spoiled me with anything and everything I could dream of from the menu, and we were able to sit back and enjoy each other's company.

The rest of the weekend leading up to my actual birthday we were able to spend some time with my family and we had the opportunity to have the girls over to our house for the first time since I moved in. They had fun exploring and seeing where their Boo Boo was living now and before they left, Mika told me she liked this house better than the last one; the seal of approval I did not know I needed but did. They also brought Kyle and I our birthday gifts that they had shopped for (my favorite tradition); we got everything from dog toys (in case we get a puppy) to hair dye and we loved every minute of it.

My actual birthday started with the best cuddles in the world from my sweet ginger cat Max. Then it was work as usual before heading to my brother's house to eat lunch with his girls. When I walked in, they got super excited, instructed me to close my eyes and told me they had a surprise for me. When given permission to open my eyes, I was gifted a cake they made and decorated and they sang Happy Birthday to me. I loved every minute of it.

After work my mom met me in the parking lot to say hi and chat for a bit before I headed to kickboxing and eventually back to Topeka. Although my birthday had

been everything I could ask for, somewhere along the drive back to Topeka, I realized what was missing.

I had been waiting all day for the phone call that just was not going to come and that was a hard pill to swallow. Turning thirty-four was the first birthday without any grandparents and specifically without Nanny and her early morning call to try to beat everyone else to the punch of saying happy birthday. Some days are easier than others, but it is in these little moments when my heart hurts the most. There is not a thing in this world that I would not have done to have heard her voice that day, but my only option left to really hear her is in my dreams or in voicemails and as much as I enjoy those, they just are different from having her here in person.

Kyle could tell I was in a funk when I got home and I could not find the words to tell him why, but he was patient, and he was kind and gave me the space he knew I needed to process all the things that were flying around in my mind. Nanny, nor my other grandparents were there physically, but I never doubt they are with me in spirit, and I keep reminding myself of that to make those hard moments a little bit easier. Overall, my birthday was everything I could ask for and I felt so very loved, it was just in those moments when I realized that things are forever changed and reminded me how much I miss some very important people.

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

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Perfect Timing: June Is National Fresh Fruit And Vegetable Month

Kaitlin Moore, Nutrition, Food Safety, and Health Agent, River Valley Extension District

With the coming of June, we celebrate National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month. It's perfect timing as the growing season is in full swing and there is an abundance of fresh produce available locally. The goal of National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month is to increase the daily consumption of fresh produce.

Fruit and vegetables provide a list of valuable nutrients your body needs:

Calcium is essential for healthy bones and teeth. It is also needed for the normal functioning of muscles, nerves, and some glands.

Diets rich in dietary fiber have been shown to have several beneficial effects, including decreased risk of coronary heart disease.

Healthful diets with adequate folate may reduce a woman's risk of having a child with a brain or spinal cord defect.

Iron is needed for healthy blood and the normal functioning of all cells.

Magnesium is necessary for healthy bones and is involved with more than 300 enzymes in your body! Inadequate levels may result in muscle cramps and high blood pressure.

Diets rich in potassium may help to maintain healthy blood pressure.

Vitamin A keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps protect against infections.

Vitamin C helps heal cuts and wounds and keeps teeth and gums healthy.

Thankfully, adding more fruit and vegetables to your diet is easy right now with all the fresh selection at your local supermarket, roadside stand, or farmer's market, here are some ideas:

Bake peaches for a sweet snack. Slice in half, drizzle on some honey and sprinkle with ginger and pecans.

Boil diced or crushed tomatoes in a vegetable or chicken broth for the base of a homemade tomato soup! Add fresh herbs and spices to make your own unique recipe.

Stir-fry onions, peppers, zucchini, corn and jicama. Throw in some red or black beans. Season with your favorite salsa to give it a Southwestern flair. Serve over rice.

Sauté green and yellow summer squash with onion and garlic. Season with salt and pepper, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. For a different twist, add chopped tomato and basil.

Roast Brussels sprouts drizzled lightly with olive oil, and sprinkled with salt.

Grill corn on the cob. Peel and coat in a mix of seasonings such as oregano, pepper, onion and chili powders and salt with a touch of butter to help it stick. Wrap in aluminum foil and grill until tender.

Grill pineapple, peaches or mango. Top with a dollop of low-fat ice cream, frozen yogurt or sherbet.

Microwave any of your

favorite chopped veggies in a bowl with an egg or two for a quick, nutritious breakfast.

Microwave spaghetti squash by cutting in half lengthwise and putting face down in a dish with water. Scoop out squash and serve like spaghetti with tomato sauce and/or Parmesan cheese.

Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH) is the only national 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to achieve increased daily consumption of fruits and vegetables for better health. PBH offers many educational resources including webinars, informative guides on the benefits of fruits and vegetables and how to incorporate more of them into one's diet, recipes, and a database where one can research nutrition and storage information for a variety of fruits and vegetables.

The information presented in this article was sourced from their website, fruitsandveggies.org.

Sources: <https://fruitsandveggies.org/stories/its-june-and-fresh-rules/>, <https://fruitsandveggies.org/stories/key-nutrients-that-protect/>, <https://fruitsandveggies.org/stories/top-10-ways-to-cook-almost-anything/>

Questions about increasing one's fruit and vegetable intake may be directed to the River Valley Extension District's Nutrition, Food Safety and Health agent, Kaitlin Moore at 785-243-8185 or kaitlinmoore@ksu.edu



By
Kelsey Pagel

Pick Up Your Eggs

Shortly after we were married, I decided we needed chickens. Neither of us had ever been around chickens. Why I thought we needed them, I cannot tell you at this point. The first step in acquiring any farm-related purchase for any good farmer: search Craigslist and Facebook. After finding a good deal, Matt went after the portable trailer, complete with chickens, feeder, waterer, etc. Things we have learned since that initial purchase: we don't know anything about chickens and Matt isn't interested in learning more.

We've had them for several years now. Chickens just have this uncanny ability to want to die! Matt isn't a dog person. I got a puppy shortly after we were married. She got ran over and I swore I'd never have another dog. When chickens started disappearing, I suggested getting a LGD. Matt wasn't thrilled with Abilene, my first puppy, coming inside and shedding or riding around with me in the pickups. When I suggested a LGD, I prefaced it with the dog would have to be outside and home because its job would be to guard the chickens. Not getting a hard no, I started searching for the right dog.

I stumbled upon a four-year-old Great Pyrenees at a neighbor of my parents. They were just looking to downsize and give him away to a free home. A free dog, you can't turn that down! His story, allegedly: he was born on their farm, went to a friends for a few years, then they moved and he came back to them. He was supposed to be Great Pyrenees, Anatolian Shepherd and Akbash. He wasn't neutered when we got him so right away there was the expense of that. Also, the shot

record was a little sketchy so we got those up to date as well. So our free dog turned expensive pretty quickly.

I did a little bit of research and asked my cousin and her husband who train dogs. When I brought him home, I walked him around the perimeter of where I wanted him to stay. I introduced him to the chickens, showed him his food, water and bed and let him be. Since then, I've seen him outside of his "boundaries" three times: twice chasing a coyote across the road and once because he came to me in the pasture around our house.

"They" whoever they are, say LGDs choose one thing to protect. Poncho chose me. He could not care less about the chickens. They can live, die, eat his food, cross the road or eat the flowers. He does not care. Poncho is my biggest protector. At some point in his past, he was abused by a man. He doesn't like men at all. Matt is okay, but nobody else. He protects our house and I'm so grateful to have him. Several people have told me I need to calm him down. Absolutely not. I'm home a lot by myself. I love how protective he is. If you're supposed to be here, I'll come out and get him. If not, he'll let you know where the exit is. We joke a lot that if Matt ever chose to hurt me, Poncho would not allow it.

Poncho, isn't a huge fan of storms, he's slowly made his way into the house during them. He knows he's supposed to stay on the rug by the door when inside. He understands he's absolutely not allowed on the kitchen floor. He knows the rules. Matt knows I do the majority of the cleaning, and has been told that until he would like to clean the house, I will let the dog in during storms if I want to. The other night, I was working upstairs and came downstairs to Matt laying on the couch with Poncho right beside him. They like each other, even if they say they don't.

Anyways, back to the chickens. Matt was in charge of getting the eggs

for several days in a row. I go out to get them one night and two chickens were sitting on eggs. We were getting gobs of eggs at that point, so I let them be. The first one hatched one chick. She was doing absolutely great with her baby. Until it fell into a tub of water I had out for the big chickens; and drowned. I am still so mad at myself for having that water there. With this weather, I thought I was doing the right thing to have their chicken waterers filled with extra pans of water around. Apparently, it wasn't. You know how it is, you try doing the absolutely best and something like this happens.

The second hen hatched six. One just wasn't doing well. I tried dropper feeding it and encouraging it to live. It didn't. And now I have a hen with five chicks that I'm not sure what I'm going to do with. She needs her own pen so she doesn't have to try keeping track of five, but teach them what to do.

The moral of this long story: PICK UP YOUR EGGS WHEN YOU HAVE CHICKENS! We lose money on the birds and don't need the headache of figuring out how to care for a hen and five chicks. And I'm sure you have these types of things on your farm. However, we chose to have chickens and we chose to not pick up the eggs and let the hens sit. Now we will figure out how to care for this chicken and her chicks in the best way we can.

As we enter busy hay season, I hope you have few breakdowns, good hay drying days and good moods. May I remind you that everything doesn't have to be done today. There will be tomorrow, and if there isn't, are you sure you lived the last day you had the way you wanted! Until next time!

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

Mosquitoes Can Take A Bite Out Of Outdoor Fun And Cause Serious Issues

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. - With mosquitoes come not just itchy bites but the risk of diseases such as West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, Zika virus and yellow fever, among others, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist and entomologist Tamra Reall.

Prevention

The best way to avoid getting mosquito bites around your home and yard is to empty any standing water, especially after it rains or the sprinklers run, says Reall.

These puddles, even those as small as a tablespoon, are where mosquitoes lay their eggs and the larvae grow. Water collects in flowerpots, tire swings, toys, trash, gutters, poorly drained soil and holes in trees. Empty these containers and fix drainage problems. Chlorinated and filtered swimming pools are not mosquito havens, but untreated pools are.

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when working in the yard. Wear a repellent, preferably one containing DEET. Adult mosquitoes like to rest on vegetation, so keep grass mowed to eliminate potential hiding places. Make sure door and window screens are in good condition. Use a fan to create a breeze. Mosquitoes are not strong flyers, so a light breeze can keep them away.

Avoid spraying lawns and using foggers. Mosquitoes can develop resistance to sprays and quickly infest the area again. Foggers may be effective for only a few hours and contain pesticides that kill helpful insects, including pollinators and mosquito predators.

Field tests show that bug zappers and ultrasonic pest eliminators are not effective ways to attract and kill mosquitoes.

The Missouri Department of Conservation recommends using nontoxic mosquito dunks and pellets for areas with stagnant water. These are safe for animals, beneficial insects and the environment.

Treatment

If you get a mosquito bite, wash the affected

area with soap and water. To reduce swelling and itching, apply an ice pack for 10 minutes; reapply as needed.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends this at-home treatment:

* Mix 1 tablespoon baking soda with just enough water to create a paste. Apply the paste then wash it off after 10 minutes.

* Use an over-the-counter antihistamine or anti-itch cream.

* Consult a health care provider if you develop a fever or pain.

The MU Extension guide "Mosquitoes" is available for free download at extension.missouri.edu/g7400.

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WHEAT HARVEST SPECIAL 2022

Family farm extends to another generation

By Lucas Shivers

Editor's Note: This is the third installment of our annual five-week Wheat Harvest Series, sponsored this year by Kansas Wheat, Luco Manufacturing, Herra Machine Hydrostatics, Hoffman Brothers Welding and Harris Crop Insurance.

Returning another generation to the family farm, Tim Turek's history in the land runs deep and hopefully will continue with his daughter Paige returning to work on the farm.

Turek hopes that Paige will take over some of the managerial tasks so he can focus on production.

"We run a diversified farm that includes a lot of wheat, some corn, soybeans, alfalfa and canola and a cow/calf operation," Turek said.

Turek, who lives near South Haven in Sumner County, and his wife Jill raised three daughters on the farm.

Their oldest daughter, Whitney, lives now in Wichita, working for Koch in the fertilizer marketing department. Paige is the middle daughter who came home to work with



Pictured from left are Paige Turek-Dvorak, Tim, Jill, Rachel and Whitney Turek.

the farm. Rachel is the youngest at K-State, studying in the medical area.

"Paige really wanted to come back," Turek said. "She worked for an ethanol company in Wichita working accounting behind a computer screen. She was working from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. and driving an hour both ways."

Paige's husband Coltin works for Evergy as a Relay Tech and they live near the family farm.

"They grew up together and knew each other for a long while with more interest starting in their college years," Turek said. "Paige likes the cattle side of things. I think it's working great. We'll see how it goes this summer. Paige is a planner."

Family Roots

Turek's great grandpa, Joe, started the lineage on the family farm land generations ago in the 1890s.

"His dad brought him and his siblings down from Nebraska for the land run into Oklahoma, one brother was old enough to make the run and staked a quarter near Renfrow, Okla.," Turek said.

With tragedy and illness, his parents had passed away by the next spring.

"Hard times followed, and it wasn't long before the older brother got discouraged and left Joe with the farm and his other siblings."

Joe kept that farm in Oklahoma until the 1920s when he sold it and bought five quarters in Kansas.

"My grandpa George had many stories of hard work and struggle from this time period," Turek said. "He never really stuck his neck out, just made a good living and raised his family. He helped me a lot, probably taught me more than anyone."

George rented his land to Tim and helped farm other land that was rented

in his area.

"I never saw the man hurry, but he got more done than I did, I think," Turek said.

Grandpa George and Grandma Lillian helped his father Gene buy his first farm in the late 1960s. Gene married Joy, who grew up in a small town and had no agriculture background.

"Dad worked for AT&T for nearly 30 years and expanded his farm as he went," Turek said. "My mom quickly adapted to the agriculture scene, and she was probably the hardest working woman I ever knew. At one time they were lambing 700 ewes."

Family Memories

Tim grew up farming with his parents Gene and Joy (who has passed away). He currently farms with his dad and brother Greg.

Tim was an animal science major from KSU and went right back to start farming.

"I enjoy the cow/calf operation, but we're in a part of the world where our pastures are areas that are not farmable so we have a lot of small pastures for our 300 cows," Turek said. Jill grew up in Wichita, but her grandma, who was a neighbor to Tim, made sure they were introduced over a search for a barn cat.

"She gave me her number, but she still had to chase me down, because I never called her; we were married in 1994," Turek said.

Jill works in marketing and is busy on the farm

cooking for the crew, running parts and moving us around all hours of the night!

Several young men that have worked here over the years refer to her as Momma Jill, and often show up on Mother's Day.

Tim and Jill's girls grew up on the family farm. All three ran equipment during harvest; Rachel has allergy problems, but the other two spent some time in grain bins at seed cleaning time when temperatures are near 100. They all know how to work.

"We enjoyed watching the girls grow up with a love for animals, bottle calves and Border Collie puppies while they were young," Turek said. "They helped with livestock and raised calves and steers for FFA. Paige's love for cattle began with a show steer named Doobie. Doobie was so mellow that she could lay on him, I think she even snuck him a chocolate bar one time. It was a sad day when their calves had to be sold."

2022 Wheat Forecast

The wheat this year had some really good potential.

"It may still be a reasonable harvest, but the heat and dry conditions at the end are not the best," Turek said. "A month ago, we could have had 60-bushel potential, but now it's at maybe 40-bushel. We will have to see what kind of grain fill we get and get in there to see how it does. There have been a few rains around but we're not

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A timely look at U.S. wheat in food aid

The United States sends more international food aid to those in need than any other country. U.S. food aid programs are managed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and include either commodity, cash or food voucher donations. U.S. wheat is typically the commodity utilized the most through in-kind donations.

U.S. Food Aid Programs
The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) coordinates the Food for Progress program, which prioritizes countries in need annually. Through the program, the USDA purchases U.S. commodities to donate to priority developing countries where the commodity is sold to support agricultural development projects in those countries.

However, most U.S. food aid is operated by USAID's Food for Peace office. Title II of the Food

for Peace Act is primarily an emergency food assistance program. USAID purchases commodities for Title II from the United States at market price and donates them to meet the immediate nutritional needs of those facing hunger. In other cases, USAID will purchase and donate local or regionally grown commodities or provide market-based food vouchers and cash. The type of assistance varies based on local circumstances and needs.

Currently, the two largest recipients of wheat under the Food for Peace program are Ethiopia and Yemen. Ethiopia receives U.S. hard red winter (HRW) wheat, while Yemen receives U.S. soft white (SW) wheat, as these two wheat classes best meet the local demand.

USAID programs using SW wheat are most important to the Pacific Northwest, including Idaho. Wheat donations to Yemen represent ap-

proximately 30% of all U.S. wheat food aid donations. Although supplies have been tight for marketing year 2021/22 due to weather, the Pacific Northwest has remained a consistent supplier of food aid to Yemen when it is most in need.

Challenges
Under USAID's food aid programs, cash and vouchers represent most of the aid provided, surpassing in-kind commodity donations in recent years, which account for 40% of aid. USAID's justification for this preference is that supplying cash and vouchers is more cost-efficient than shipping commodities.

This leads to another challenge in the U.S. food aid programs. Cargo preference policies currently require that 50% of food aid be shipped on U.S.-flagged vessels, imposing additional costs on these programs. A study from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) states that cargo preference re-

quirements on shipping commodities for food aid increased costs by about 23%, or \$107 million, from 2011 to 2014.

As a result, this requirement limits the amount of funding spent on purchasing U.S. commodities and reduces the amount of food aid that reaches those most in need. However, the costs of cargo preference policies were once offset by a reimbursement program from the maritime administration. This allowed the benefit of maintaining a U.S.-flagged vessel fleet for the maritime industry while keeping more funding in USDA and USAID food aid programs. With the elimination of these reimbursements, the additional costs impact the amount of commodities purchased for food aid programs.

Today's Crisis and Tighter Wheat Supplies

Russia's invasion of Ukraine started a ripple effect of catastrophic events in the Black Sea

region. The unjust attack on Ukraine and its people has increased the risk of food insecurity globally as many countries heavily rely on low-cost wheat from this region. Ports along the Black Sea in Ukraine have remained closed due to these need-less attacks, although Russia has continued to export. With Ukrainian ports closed, some European countries, notably Romania, have been helping Ukraine export its grain through its ports.

The Black Sea region supplies around 30% of the world's wheat exports. Many countries that depend on this region to meet their wheat demand are questioning where they can import wheat from while facing significantly higher costs. The European Union, United States, Canada and Australia are expected to pick up much of the demand but with limits. Although India increased its exports at the start of the crisis, helping meet

global demands, India recently announced it would restrict wheat exports over concerns domestic wheat production will not be as high.

The U.S. Wheat Industry's Commitment

As food costs continue to rise, the impact of a global pandemic continues, and now a war in an important wheat production region will likely push more people into food insecurity across the globe. U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the Food Aid Working Group (FAWG), a joint working group between USW and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), are proud of the wheat provided through these food aid programs and believe that commodities should be kept in these programs. The U.S. wheat industry is committed to food assistance that impacts the most vulnerable populations to provide food security.

U.S. Department of Agriculture to invest up to \$65 million in pilot program to strengthen food supply chain, reduce irregular migration, and improve working conditions for farmworkers

President Biden joined leaders from across the Western Hemisphere to present the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection at the Summit of the Americas. The Declaration seeks to mobilize the entire region around strong actions to bring the historic migration crisis under control. The Declaration is organized around three key pillars: (1) stabilization; (2) legal pathways and protections; and (3) humane migration management. In preparation for the Summit, the United States and other countries in the region developed a suit of bold new migration-related deliverables.

The full economic contribution of the food and agriculture industries is estimated to be nearly \$7 trillion. The industries account for nearly one-fifth of the country's economic activity, directly contributing \$2.7 trillion to the U.S. gross domestic product and supporting more than 40 million jobs. The key to the success of these industries is

millions of farmworkers. The COVID-19 pandemic put a spotlight on the importance of these workers and their contributions to our nation's food security, and simultaneously highlighted challenges of labor instability, irregular migration, and the need for increased labor protections in order to increase the resiliency of our food system and supply chain.

To address these challenges, the U.S. Department of Agriculture in coordination with the other federal agencies will develop a pilot program utilizing up to \$65 million in American Rescue Plan funding to provide support for agricultural employers in implementing robust health and safety standards to promote a safe, healthy work environment for both U.S. workers and workers hired from Northern Central American countries under the seasonal H-2A visa program.

The program will aim to improve the resiliency of our food and agricul-

tural supply chain and advance several major Administration priorities:

- Driving U.S. economic recovery and safeguarding domestic food security by addressing current labor shortages in agriculture. Even before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, agricultural employers were struggling to secure a stable workforce. The pandemic has only exacerbated this problem, threatening our domestic capacity to produce a safe and robust food supply. This pilot program will help address this shortage by expanding the potential pool of workers.

- Reducing irregular migration through the expansion of legal pathways. The Biden-Harris administration has taken numerous steps to address the elevated levels of irregular migration from Northern Central America. The H-2A visa program offers a lawful pathway for individuals from these countries to come to the United States to engage in temporary

or seasonal agricultural work. An effective H-2A visa program is critical to the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain. This pilot program will aim to address challenges that both workers and employers face in utilizing the program.

- Improving working conditions for farmworkers. Strong working conditions are critical to the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain. Through this pilot program, USDA will support efforts to improve working conditions for both U.S. and H-2A workers and ensure that H-2A workers are not subjected to unfair recruitment practices.

USDA will provide opportunities for stakeholder engagement as the program is developed. USDA will also partner with the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) through a technical assistance cooperative agreement to inform USDA of the challenges faced by agricultural workers and to inform development of

the pilot program. UFW will work with relevant stakeholders, including farmers, farmworkers, farmworker advocates, and unions, to ensure that the agency benefits from a

wide range of views. After the consultation and program development phase, USDA intends to launch a competitive pilot program ahead of the growing season in early 2023.

Explore the options for early summer sericea control

By David Hallauer, Meadowlark Extension District crops, soils and horticulture agent

Despite our best efforts, sericea lespedeza continues to be a problem weed across our grassland acres. With its ability to 'attack' desirable forages from multiple angles (shading, high water use, and in some species, germination reductions from allelopathic chemicals contained in the plant), it's no wonder it's been deemed a noxious weed in the state.

There are various control options for sericea lespedeza (mowing, prescribed fire, grazing with different livestock species) with chemical control the most common. Summer is a great time to initiate control efforts while sericea is in the vegetative stage and susceptible to herbicides like Remedy Ultra and PastureGard HL. Broadcast applications (one to two pints per acre Remedy Ultra or three-fourths to one and a half pints per acre PastureGard HL) should be applied in spray volumes of ten to 20 gallons/acre for best results. Surmount at two pints per acre is also an option. For spot application,

mix a half-ounce per gallon of PastureGard HL or a one percent solution of Remedy Ultra in water. Aerial applications should be done at a minimum spray volume of three gallons per acre. Repeat treatments will likely be necessary.

Whether just getting started or continuing a long-term battle against sericea, there are lots of good resources available to assist. One of the most important is your local noxious weed director, a great resource for information on everything from product purchases to rates and timing. A second is your applicator. Good communication with them can enhance control efforts greatly. A third is the 2022 KSU Chemical Weed Control Guide, available from any District Office. One page of the book is devoted entirely to sericea lespedeza chemical control options. It can help you determine products to use now as the plants are vegetative as well as other options as the growing season progresses. Request a copy by contacting any District Office or e-mail me at dhallaue@ksu.edu.

Family farm extends to another generation

• Cont. from page 6 finishing well."

There are a few spots of concern to watch. "I'm seeing wheat streak mosaic, and it's more widespread this year than before," Turek said. "I have not looked hard for rust, but I applied fungicide on a lot of it to try to protect what I had. We didn't get the moisture at the end, so it may not have paid."

"We grid sample and are working to balance pH, phosphorus, and potash," Turek said. "We push nitrogen fertility at various times and work with imagery to see how much we need. We didn't have the weather to finish properly but we try to predict the yield before we apply the last shot of nitrogen."

High Inputs
The family also grows and sells certified seed wheat. "We try to take care of those acres better than the rest since they may be in short supply," Turek said. "It'll all be expensive."

Fuel and fertilizers, along with vehicles and equipment, are all also more expensive this year.

"We did a lot of pre-payment and did pretty good for this season, but we're out of those options and have to bite the bullet to start having to buy more," Turek said.

"We just have to run the numbers to make sure it'll work," he added. "Cotton is getting bigger down here with some neighbors and my brother who plants a little of it. It is a legitimate crop for the area, and it tends to shine in dry weather."

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Faced with the prospect of tasting a dog biscuit during the Kansas FFA convention recently, one young lady wrinkled her nose, relaxed and gave it a try.

It tasted better than she expected, she said.

She was one of several Kansas FFA members who flooded the Kansas State University campus for the annual gathering, attending many workshops taught by faculty in K-State's College of Agriculture.

Greg Aldrich, an associate professor in grain science and coordinator of the pet food program, led the students through a session titled EPAW – Every Pet a Wildcat.

K-State's pet food lab includes industrial stand mixers, ovens and a molding machine that makes



FFA members participated in a session called EPAW – Every Pet a Wildcat – while at the state convention recently. The session included making and tasting dog biscuits.

FFA photo

dog biscuits with a "KSU" imprint. Aldrich told the

FFA members that the university's pet food program

focuses on research and the science behind the in-

redients they use.

Aldrich also likes experimenting with different flavored biscuits, "And they're all safe for humans to taste," he said.

Aldrich and the students mixed dough for cheddar and regular flavored biscuits and poured it into the molding machine. While the biscuits baked, Aldrich talked to the students about the science that's involved with the ingredients they just combined.

In this case, he said, the binding agent was gluten from wheat, but Aldrich has also tried using sorghum, gelatin and egg whites.

When the biscuits came out of the oven, the students were allowed to taste their creations; a variety of reactions ensued. One hesitant FFA member described the experience

as "similar to eating a thick wheat cracker. Really dry, but good."

Most students only took a small bite, but one young man had no such reservations, eating almost three whole biscuits. Asked why, he said: "I wanted to try both flavors, and they were really good."

Aldrich said hands-on opportunities for students to use all of their senses are important to their education and development.

"It makes it real," he said. "So much of what we do in learning is intangibles or abstractions, -- words on a page -- so when we can bring students into a manufacturing environment and give them (a chance to) touch, taste, smell, it reinforces what they've learned in their books... They'll never forget it."

Know the difference between plowpans and claypan soils

By James Coover, Wildcat Extension District crop production agent

While the names are often interchanged, claypan soils and plowpan soils are two different things. One is a natural soil classification while the other has been created from years of tilling wet soil.

Claypan soils are those that are characterized by heavy clay beneath a layer of lighter silt clay soils. The claypan layer will have a higher soil density and lower permeability. Claypan soils are natural and intrinsic to parts southeastern Kansas and western Missouri. However, erosion from years of tillage have brought the claypan much closer to the soil surface by reducing the overlying silty layer.

Plowpans, however, are completely man-made. They were created by crushing the structure of the soil into dense plates from years of tillage and heavy equipment. Plowpans also are characterized by high soil density and low water permeability. The two are connected because natural claypan soils often end up with very dense and problematic plowpans, but not all claypan soils will have a plowpan and not all fields with a plowpan are technically claypan soils. Claypan soils can be very productive farmland if managed correctly, in large part, by reduction of the plowpan. Plowpans restrict root penetration and nutrient uptake, increase erosion by reduction of water percolation, and are both poorly drained and more susceptible to drought. The plowpan is a physical feature within a soil that took years to slowly create and will take years to remove.

Surface compaction versus subsoil compaction

Surface and subsoil compaction are similar in that the loss of soil aggregation and both surface and subsoil compaction are a result of over tillage. Subsoil compaction is characterized by compaction below six to eight inches, the common plow depth (aka plowpan). Surface compaction however isn't always a dense compaction of the soil because tillage breaks it up. Surface compaction can sometimes be seen in cloddy soils and later with pronounced crusting. The temporary solution to surface compaction is more tillage, fluffing the soil to allow pathways for air and water. This of course, reduces aggregation farther and increases subsoil compaction. Most publications describe this as the downward spiral of tillage. Tillage creates the need for more tillage.

Ripping: a possible first step

Subsoiling, usually with a ripper and a tractor large enough to pull it, can be a first step in tearing up a plowpan. Ripping isn't a cure-all though. It uses a lot of diesel, only partly breaks the plowpan, and the effects can be temporary. Once ripped, a field will be more susceptible to re-compaction. Proper ripping should follow the contours of the land and is done when soil moisture is below 50 percent field capacity. Too wet and the ripper

will smear the soil and won't shatter the plowpan. It is also important that the shanks are set to the right depth within the lower side of the plowpan. An ideal ripper is one that has minimal disturbance to the field surface. It's important to remember that ripping doesn't take out the plowpan. It only shatters it, so roots and water grow into it.

Plowpan reduction over time

If operations go back to a normal of tilling, planting, or harvesting when the subsoil is too wet, then the plowpan will quickly reform. The real process of reducing the plowpan requires time and intention. Any reduction of tillage can be beneficial; reduced tillage, surface tillage, strip tillage, and of course, full no-till. Every tillage pass not made is less compaction.

Better load distribution is the use of equipment with a bigger footprint and less psi on the ground. On average, the weight of farm equipment has doubled every twenty years and this increase has certainly increased the effects of compaction. Tracked machines, more axles, wide tires, and even reduced tire pressure can spread out the weight of the machine.

Compaction is not caused consistently with each wheel pass. While pressure upon dry soils has some level of compaction, it takes a certain amount of soil moisture for the clay particles to slide and aggregates to condense. Even if the soil surface is dry, the plowpan layer might be wet enough for compaction. Cover crops can help even out the soil moisture by pulling the moisture from deeper depths and not relying entirely on evaporation to dry the soil.

Cover crops have a lot of effects when it comes to reducing compaction. While ripping can shatter a plowpan temporarily, roots are needed to grow into the cracks of the plate-like plowpan clods to break them up. While the cover crops are growing, they are increasing the soil microbiology as they pump organic compounds to the microbes near their roots. The microbes create the 'glue' that holds the aggregates together and alter the structure of the soil. When terminated, the roots decay and leave channels for air and water. It has been well demonstrated that cover crops can reduce the need for tillage by suppressing weeds and delaying weed germination in spring. And for those that plant directly into standing cover crops, the cover crops actually help cushion the weight of the tractor.

In summary, while many of our fields can be considered claypans, and they always will be, there is nothing to say that plowpans are a permanent part of the field as well. Subsoil compaction often goes unrecognized but is responsible for a lot of yield loss and erosion. Plowpans reduce water infiltration during the spring rains but then restrict water and root movement during the dry months. Plowpans formed over years of farming operations on wet soils and only years of intentional conservation farming can reduce the soil compaction. However, like most issues in farming, the best solution is easier said than done, and the process of reducing compaction is a big one. If you have any questions about soil compaction identification or reduction, please contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, jcoover@ksu.edu or (620) 724-8233.

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Tripod was unfortunately born of a first-calf heifer on an extremely cold night some years ago. Despite several hours of warming up in the house, and some TLC, frostbite took his ears off, and eventually he even lost a foot. Nonetheless, he was a lively and spunky little calf, and had a good mother, who, in spite of her inexperience, made sure that calf was fed at least twice a day. He didn't move around much, and there wasn't much need in the first few weeks of his life, because his mother came around like clockwork, morning and evening to make sure he had a belly full of good warm milk.

Consequently, the little three-footed calf could be found in the same general spot for a few days at a time. Of course, as he grew and began to graze on his own, he became pretty adept at overcoming his handicap, and while he wasn't always with the herd, he did quite well for several months, until finally he fed a bunch of hungry ranchers.

Genetically modified corn does not damage non-target organisms

The largest, highest quality analysis of data ever conducted reveals that genetically modified Bt corn has little impact on non-target insects and other organisms, especially compared to growing conventional corn. This study was published today in Environmental Evidence by a USDA Agricultural Research Service scientist and his Swiss colleagues.

Bt corn is corn that has been genetically modified so that it produces proteins from the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* to control corn borers, corn rootworms and other

major pests of corn. The first Bt corn was approved in 1996 and critics have been suggesting that it also can destroy beneficial insects or other non-targeted organisms.

One of the issues with assessments of possible non-target organism damage by Bt corn has been that each study was limited in scope, environment or size. The paper's three authors have made up for these shortfalls by systematically pulling together data from studies in 12 bibliographic databases, 17 specialized webpages, and the reference sections of 78 review articles that

all met the highest standards for research quality.

"We gathered together hundreds of individual studies published between 1997 to 2020 that have looked at whether growing Bt corn changed the environmental abundance of non-target animals such as arthropods, earthworms and nematodes, especially as compared to growing non-genetically modified corn accompanied by the pesticide necessary to control major pests," explained ARS entomologist Steve Naranjo, director of the Arid-Lands Agricultural Research Center in Maricopa, Arizona and one of

authors of the study.

Naranjo and entomologists Joerg Romeis and Michael Meissle with Agroscope, ARS' Swiss counterpart, found that this massive aggregation of data showed Bt corn had no negative effects on most invertebrate groups including ladybeetles, flower bugs, and lacewings. Populations of Braconidae insects, which are parasitoid wasps that prey on corn borers, were reduced with Bt corn.

The researchers even examined if authorship or financial support by biotechnology companies affected the outcome of indi-

vidual studies.

"It might be a bit surprising but according to the analysis, when any negative effects by Bt corn on non-target organisms were found in the data, they were attributed more often in studies with private sector support than when no backing by biotech companies was declared," Meissle added.

"But after all the number crunching was done, what we found was that, overall, Bt corn just does not have negative impacts on non-target organisms," said Naranjo.

The quality standards for which studies would be included in the meta-analysis and which would be cut were outlined and vetted by stakeholders, scientists not involved in the meta-analysis project and even members of the journal's review board, none of

whom knew if any study's data showed a negative impact on non-target organisms or not.

The result is the largest pool of high-quality data anyone has ever analyzed for this purpose consisting of 7279 individual invertebrate records from 233 experiments in 120 articles, 75 percent of which were from peer-reviewed journals. The entire data set also has been published in BMC Research Notes.

In summary, this major meta-analysis largely proved out previous individual studies. Bt corn represents a highly selective pest control technology with relatively few negative consequences for non-target invertebrates, especially when compared with the use of broad-spectrum insecticides for managing Bt-targeted pests, according to the scientists.

KDA Photo Contest now accepting entries

Agriculture has a beauty like no other and we strive to acknowledge and appreciate it throughout the state. You can show us the true beauty of the state's ag industry through the Kansas Department of Agriculture's annual photo contest. KDA began accepting photo entries on June 9, and will continue accepting entries until August 22.

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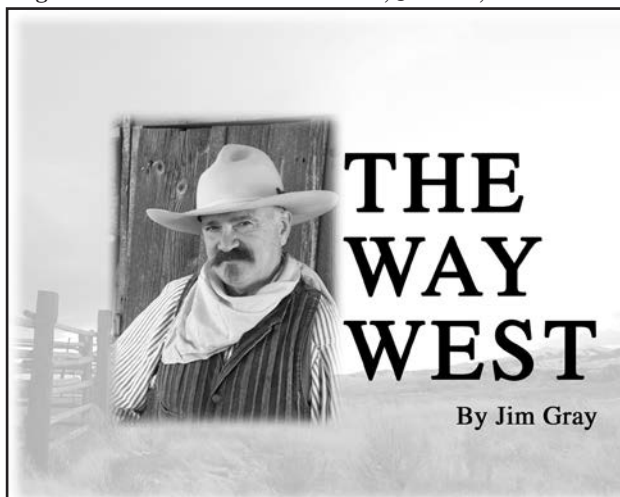
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Clash of Divergent Cultures

In the early 1860s cultural differences brought about most of the friction between the native plains tribes and the invading western adventurers, frontiersmen, and settlers. The capitalist mindset of the newcomers couldn't stomach the habits of the native people, who often entered the camp or lonely cabin begging food and gifts.

There was definitely a difference in culture. The same frontiersman would offer food and shelter to a traveling stranger yet consider the lowly Indian nothing more than a beggar. Stealing horses was another matter. A man could hang for stealing a horse, while stealing a horse was an ingrained component of tribal life on the plains.

The sporadic outburst of violence between these divergent cultures eventually ignited into war when soldiers responded to an earlier theft of livestock in Colorado with an attack on a Cheyenne village on the western fringe of central Kansas. Lean Bear, a well-respected Cheyenne peace chief was killed, bringing outrage and an unusual alliance of Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Sioux warriors. Trading posts and mail stations were attacked along the Santa Fe Trail and Fort Riley Military Road in Kansas and the Platte River Road (California-Oregon Trail) in Nebraska.

The Army responded, placing the Seventh Iowa and the Eleventh Kansas Volunteer Cavalries in

headquarters on the edge of the frontier at Salina. A split log stockade was erected for the military presence. The Fort Riley Road to Santa Fe was soon reopened. Soldiers were stationed at the Smoky Hill Crossing (near present-day Kanopolis) and at the mouth of Walnut Creek on the Arkansas River (east of present-day Great Bend).

Encroaching settlement on favored tribal buffalo hunting lands was another source of friction. Settlers were building cabins along the Saline River west of the frontier town of Salina. John and Thomas Moffitt, along with John Houston and James Tyler, shared a cabin near the Saline River about forty miles northwest of Salina. They had returned to Salina in May during Indian raids along the main trails but in late June were growing anxious to get on with building new lives on the banks of the Saline.

The Moffitt party was definitely bucking the odds when they set out for their cabin on July 1, 1864. Tensions remained high on the plains. The Governor of Colorado declared martial law on July 5th. Two days later, General Samuel Curtis moved to protect travelers on the overland trails. All available troops were pressed

into service as escorts. At a special ceremony on July 13, 1864, the Smoky Hill Crossing was designated Fort Ellsworth. The post at Walnut Creek was designated Fort Zarah.

By the end of July, warriors of the allied prairie tribes were "everywhere and nowhere." Troops were so scattered that their presence had little effect over warriors that roamed at will. Three hundred warriors attacked Fort Larned but were repelled by cannon fire. In five days, the warriors killed thirty-five men, stole six hundred horses and mules, and burned trading ranches all over the plains.

The Moffitts seemed oblivious to the chain of events, planning a celebratory buffalo hunt with the whole family. John Houston went into Salina on August 6th to gather his wife, two children, and father-in-law, Mr. Tyler, for a day of fun at the ranch.

After settling everyone in at the cabin the men drove onto the plains with a two-horse team and wagon. While they drove over the plains in search of buffalo their guests busied themselves preparing for the envisioned feast. In one terrible moment the hunter's day of reunion and celebration turned to horror as Indians mount-

ed on their war ponies charged out of nowhere. A sharp creek bank blocked the hunter's return to the cabin. A rock bluff was spotted along a small creek and upon reaching it they formed a breastwork along the rocks. One hundred Indians circled their defenses, showering the beleaguered men with arrows and rifle fire.

The men were well-armed for the hunt, carrying both pistols and rifles. The battle raged as each man eventually fell to overwhelming numbers. A small band of Indians approached the cabin, but Mr. Tyler killed a warrior with a single shot. The Indians carried their companion off and didn't return.

Overnight Tyler dug a hole under the cabin wall and the family escaped to the Saline River. Walking through the night they eventually arrived at the Tripp Ranch, a well-known gathering spot along the river. Mounted messengers rode to Salina with news of the attack. The messengers were told that the Cheyenne had attacked Fort Ellsworth, twenty miles south of the Moffitt cabin. Three hundred Indians ran off all the horses and wounded three soldiers.

A sergeant from the Seventy Iowa Cavalry led twelve brave citizens to

the Moffitt cabin finding the remains of the unfortunate buffalo hunters. The men had put up a desperate fight. John Moffitt had sixteen arrows and several bullet wounds in his body. Fourteen arrows had pierced the body of his brother Tom. The victims were buried where they had fallen and as far as we know are still there today, testament to an age when divergent cultures tragically clashed on The Way West.

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



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| 400-500 | \$193.00 - \$202.00 |
| 500-600 | \$174.50 - \$184.00 |
| 600-700 | \$156.50 - \$166.00 |
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| 5 blk | Gypsum | 1409@98.50 |
| 1 grey | McPherson | 1365@98.50 |
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| 1 blk | Barnard | 1130@90.50 |
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| 1 bwf | Halstead | 1545@89.50 |
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| 2 bwf | Geneseo | 1363@88.50 |
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| 1 fat | Moundridge | 275@68.00 |
| 10 fats | Tescott | 312@64.00 |

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| 1 rwf | Salina | 275@525.00 |
| 1 red | Hillsboro | 220@385.00 |
| 1 blk | Bennington | 185@335.00 |

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| 1 red | Lincoln | 1645@121.00 |
| 1 blk | Ada | 1890@120.00 |
| 1 blk | Salina | 1830@118.50 |
| 1 blk | Beloit | 1905@116.00 |

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| 4 blk | Miltonvale | 468@202.00 |
| 4 mix | Newton | 328@187.00 |
| 4 mix | Hope | 516@184.00 |
| 3 red | Hope | 600@166.00 |
| 63 mix | Enterprise | 788@163.00 |
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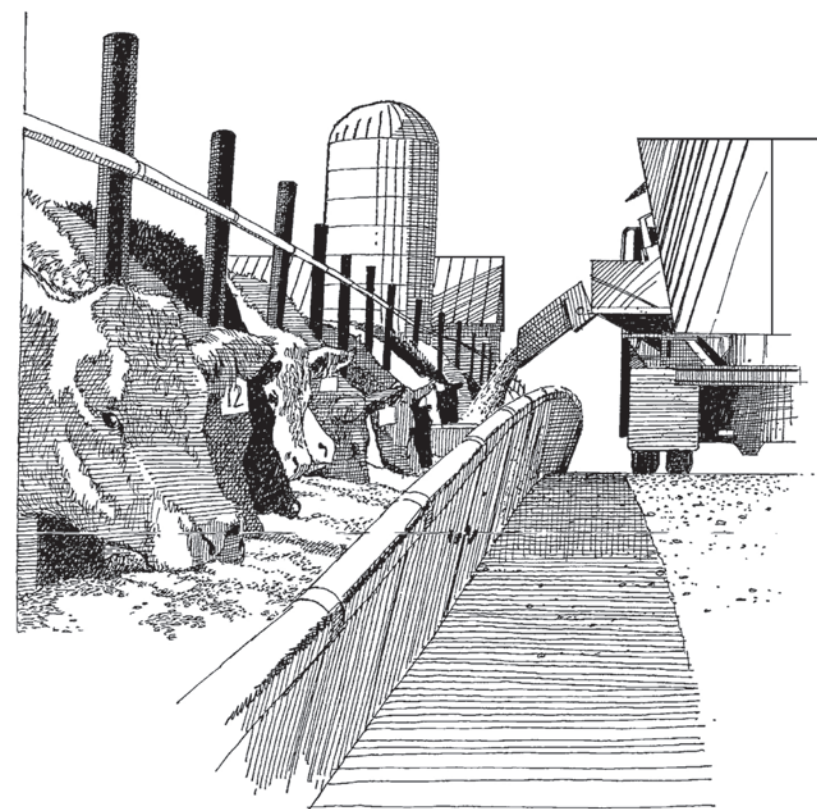
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