



Lifetime of mentoring leads to Morrison scholarship; Dalquest the 18th recipient

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

It was while sitting on a hill overlooking a battlefield in Korea that 2nd Lieutenant Gordon Morrison made a covenant with God. If He would bring him home safe and sound, he would spend the rest of his life working with youth.

"He credits that covenant with his life's success," said Morrison's wife, Janet. "It was his willingness to be obedient that gave him success. And he taught at a time when it was okay to tell students about it - they knew all about that covenant."

When he returned safe and sound, Morrison set about honoring the promise he'd made to God. After just a few days of vacation, he and his wife packed up and moved to Alton for his first teaching position. He taught agriculture and was also the FFA sponsor for one year while earning his master's degree. He then taught vocational agriculture classes at Council Grove High School for fifteen years, while also serving as their FFA advisor. During his tenure, the chapter received many state awards, as well as national recognition.

In 1969, as Cloud County Community College was building its agriculture department, Lee Doyen, who was serving as its head, realized he needed assistance, so Morrison was brought on board. He moved his family from Council Grove to Concordia to take the position. "When Gordon got his



As well as her scholarship, Carissa Dalquest was presented a copy of *Views from the Learning Post* by its author Gordon Morrison and his wife Janet. Dalquest was the 18th recipient of the Gordon Morrison scholarship.

master's degree in agronomy, there were only three of them in the state of Kansas" Janet said. "Once they got rolling, there was a lot of support in this area for an ag focus for these kids. These men developed a program that tied in with K-State and transferred well. At one time they had about a hundred students in the ag department."

Morrison built many lifelong friendships with his students, pouring almost as many life lessons

Photo by Clay Dalquest into them as he did agricultural knowledge.

"He was an unusually gifted teacher with those kids," Janet said.

C.B. Smith was one of his students at Council Grove High School. "Unfortunately, there have only been a handful of teachers who had any influence on my life," he said. "He was the biggest. He seemed to understand what lit a kid's fire. We didn't have a lot in the vo-ag department, it wasn't one of the pri-

oritized classes. But what little we did have, he made the most of."

Smith credits Morrison with giving him the courage to attend classes at the vo-tech college in Emporia his senior year. "I probably wouldn't have ventured out if I hadn't had the confidence he helped me achieve."

"Not all of his classes were textbook," Smith reflected. "They were ways to live your life and be a good person."

Jerry Long, from the Clifton area, was one of his students at Cloud County Community College, having graduated with a degree in agribusiness 51 years ago this spring. "Between him and Mr. Doyen, they were the best teachers I ever had," he said. After graduating from CCCC, Long had a full ride scholarship to Ft. Hays State with Purina Mills, but was offered three quarters of land and went into full-time farming instead. He also owned several agribusinesses over the years. Between farming and running those businesses, he drew often from the knowledge he gained from Morrison and Doyen, be it irrigation classes, fertilizer courses or feeding classes.

Because of the countless number of students impacted by Morrison over the years, Smith believed a scholarship in his honor was a fitting and ongoing tribute to him, and in 2008 went to work setting one up. "I sent letters to former students and

the response was overwhelming," he said. "Once people knew about the scholarship, a lot of people who just knew him but weren't his students wanted to jump on board, also." The first scholarship was awarded in 2009. In all, 18 \$1000 scholarships have been awarded to Council Grove graduates pursuing a career in agriculture.

This year's recipient was Carissa Dalquest, daughter of Clay and Lori Dalquest of Wilsey. She traveled to the Morrison Ranch so he could present her with the scholarship himself. He also gave her a copy of his book *Views From the Learning Post*, a compilation of columns Morrison wrote for *Grass & Grain* for twenty-five years.

Dalquest, who graduated as valedictorian of her class, has been involved in FFA, 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She's also been very active showing and judging livestock. She will attend Butler County Community College in El Dorado this fall, where she will major in agribusiness and compete on the livestock judging team. She then plans to transfer to a four-year college, more than likely Kansas State University, to continue livestock judging and double major in animal science and ag communications.

In all that she does, Dalquest strives to be a positive voice and role model for agriculture - always working to demonstrate the importance of

ag to a populace that is increasingly disconnected from food, fiber and fuel production.

"In the past I've done a lot of public speaking contests on ag topics, like an FFA speech on the threat of alternative proteins, or at FBLA about the beef packing monopoly and how that's affecting the beef industry," Dalquest said. She was able to present the speeches to several different groups as practice for the competitions. "It was a good starting point," she said. "In the future I want to continue doing that, but I'm not sure how that's going to look."

She is considering the possibility of going to law school, then perhaps working as a lobbyist and helping to shape agriculture policy.

Dalquest reflected on the scholarship she received from Morrison. "To me it was a really cool deal because of how much history there is and how much Mr. Morrison has done in the Council Grove community and in Concordia," she said. "He's made an impact on many people and they have a lot of respect for him and really look up to him. My grandpa was also really good friends with him, so that was also nice."

That feeling was mutual. "Gordon was very pleased to meet her and present the award to her," Janet said. "He found that she is most deserving and is looking forward to her future accomplishments."

First ship carrying Ukrainian grain leaves the port of Odesa

(AP) — The first ship carrying Ukrainian grain set out Monday, August 1 from the port of Odesa under an internationally brokered deal to unblock the embattled country's agricultural exports and ease the growing global food crisis.

The Sierra Leone-flagged cargo ship *Razoni* sounded its horn as it departed with over 26,000 tons of corn destined for Lebanon.

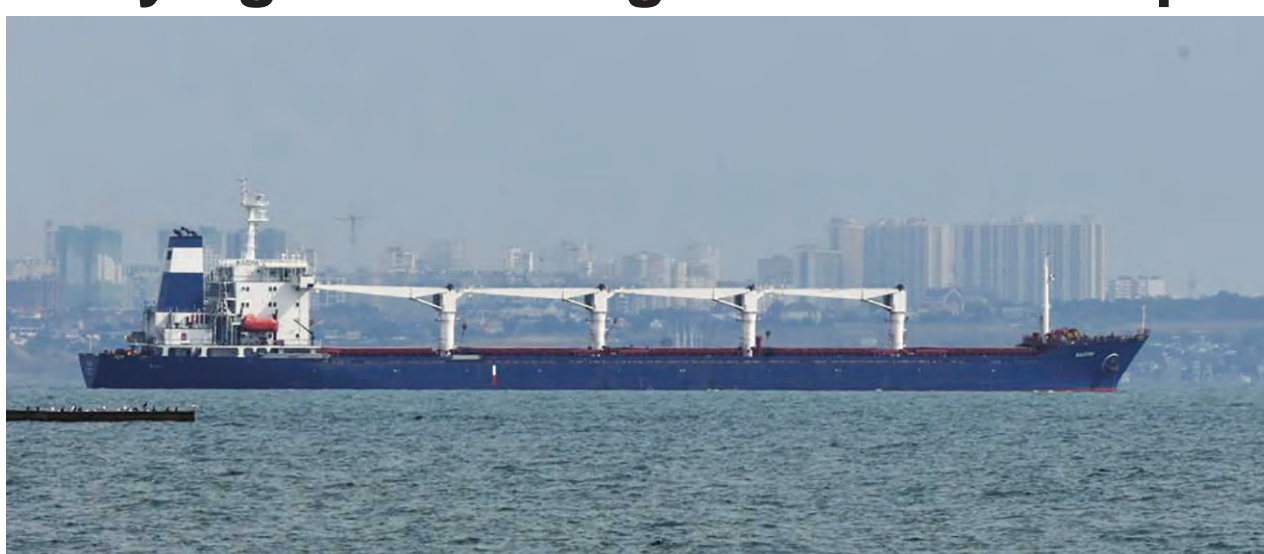
"The first grain ship since Russian aggression has left port," Ukrainian Minister of Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov declared on Twitter.

Russia and Ukraine signed agreements in Istanbul with Turkey and the U.N. on July 22, clearing the way for Ukraine to export 22 million tons of grain and other agricultural products that have been stuck in Black Sea ports because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine more than five months ago. The deals also allow Russia to export grain and fertilizer.

As part of the agreements, safe corridors through the mined waters outside Ukraine's ports were established.

Ukraine and Russia are major global suppliers of wheat, barley, corn and sunflower oil, with the fertile Black Sea region long known as the breadbasket of Europe. The holdup of shipments because of the war has worsened rising food prices worldwide and threatened hunger and political instability in developing nations.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sounded a cautious note. Calling the



The bulk carrier *Razoni* starts its way from the port in Odesa, Ukraine, Monday, Aug. 1, 2022. According to Ukraine's Ministry of Infrastructure, the ship under Sierra Leone's flag is carrying 26 thousand tons of Ukrainian corn to Lebanon. The first ship carrying Ukrainian grain set off from the port of Odesa on Monday under an internationally brokered deal and was expected to reach Istanbul on Tuesday, where it will be inspected before being allowed to proceed.

shipment "the first positive signal that there is a chance to stop the spread of a food crisis in the world," he also urged international partners to closely monitor Moscow's compliance with the deal.

"We cannot have the illusions that Russia will simply refrain from trying to disrupt Ukrainian exports," Zelenskyy said.

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov hailed the ship's departure as "very positive," saying it would help test the "efficiency of the mechanisms that were agreed to during the talks in Istanbul."

Under the agreements, ships going in and out of Ukrainian ports will be subject to inspection to make sure that incoming vessels are not carrying weapons and that outgoing ones are bearing only grain, fertilizer or related food items, not any other

commodities.

The *Razoni* was scheduled to dock early last Wednesday in Istanbul, where teams of Russian, Ukrainian, Turkish and U.N. officials were set to board it for inspection.

More ships are expected to leave from Ukraine's ports through the safe corridors. At Odesa, 16 more vessels, all blocked since Russia's invasion on Feb. 24, were waiting their turn, with others to follow, Ukrainian authorities said.

But some shipping companies are not yet rushing to export food across the Black Sea as they assess the danger of mines and the risk of Russian rockets hitting grain warehouses and ports.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who proposed the grain deal in April, said the *Razoni* was "loaded with two commodities in short supply: corn and hope."

"Hope for millions of people around the world who depend on the smooth running of Ukraine's ports to feed their families," he said.

Lebanon, the corn's destination, is in the grip of a severe financial cri-

sis. A 2020 explosion at its main port in Beirut shattered its capital city and destroyed grain silos. Lebanon imports mostly wheat from Ukraine but also buys its corn for making cooking oil and animal feed.

Kubrakov said the shipments will also help Ukraine's war-shattered economy.

"Unlocking ports will provide at least \$1 billion in foreign exchange revenue to the economy and an opportunity for the agricultural sector to plan for next year," he said.

Hearing the ship sound its horn as it left port delighted Olena Vitalievna, an Odesa resident.

"Finally, life begins to move forward and there are some changes in a positive direction," she said. "In general, the port should live its own life because Odesa is a port city. We live here. We want everything to work for us, everything to bustle."

The resumption of the grain shipments came as fighting raged elsewhere in Ukraine, with Russia pressing its offensive in the east while Ukraine tries to retake territory in the Russian-occupied

to remove about 52,000 children still there.

Two civilians were killed and two seriously wounded when Russian forces fired missiles at a bus evacuating people from a village in the southern Kherson region, according to Oleksandr Vilku, head of the military administration in the city of Kryvyi Rih.

Ukrainian authorities have been calling on civilians in that region, which was overrun by Russian troops early in the war, to evacuate ahead of a planned counteroffensive.

More shelling was reported in Kharkiv in the northeast and Mykolaiv in the south.

Analysts warned that the continuing fighting could still upend the grain deal.

"The departure of the first vessel doesn't solve the food crisis; it's just the first step that could also be the last if Russia decides to continue attacks in the south," said Volodymyr Sidenko, an expert with the Kyiv-based Razumkov Center think tank.

Flint Hills Discovery Center holds National Day of the Cowboy celebration



Rodeo Queens, roping, and carriage rides - all this and more were featured at the annual National Day of the Cowboy event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center on Saturday, July 23. Approximately 600 people attended. Guests took western style photos, played horseshoes, and branded wood block souvenirs with a specially made FHCD branding iron.

Kids created paper plate snakes and bolo ties, saw and felt native animal pelts, and were introduced to their Western Hognose Snake, Severus. Guests also received bandanas courtesy of Wranglers and Vanderbilt's in Wamego. It was a day full of fun for all ages filled with "Howdy" and "Yee-Haw" a-plenty!



Price and Value

By Greg Doering,
Kansas Farm Bureau

"Price is what you pay, value is what you get," Warren Buffet is fond of saying. That line was running through my head recently as my wife and I were preparing to have some flooring replaced in our kitchen and living room.

We had moved all the furniture out of the way and thought we might try to speed the process along, and save a little money, by starting the demolition process ourselves. The floating floor we installed in the kitchen when we first moved in came out without any problem. The linoleum underneath was a different story.

Actually, it turned out there were two layers of vinyl covering. After working up a sweat removing a small section of flooring that was atomically bonded to the subfloor, we decided the cost savings weren't as valuable as we initially thought. We left the rest to the professionals.

It's a good reminder that price is only one side of the equation, and it's difficult to judge the utility of something by only looking at half the calculation. It's something I hope everyone keeps in the back of their minds as budget season for cities, counties and school districts is in full swing.

In the coming weeks the majority of Kansans are likely to receive letters from at least one of these governing bodies of their intent to raise prop-

erty taxes. These notices will include the value of your property, the tax you paid in the last year and a variety of other information. The date, time and location of a public hearing on the budget also will be included, and that's where community members can offer their input on the proposed tax increase.

The direct notices are relatively new and add an extra layer of transparency to the usual public notices published in a local newspaper and posted on government websites. Hopefully they'll function as intended and spur more public feedback on budgets. Whether it's through people attending the public hearings or having private conversations with county commissioners, city councilors or school board members, more engagement in the process will help ensure the taxes levied match the value of services the community desires.

I will note that these conversations should be approached with a degree of caution because the public hearing is toward the end of a months-long process of drafting a budget and setting tax rates. If, for some reason, you're hoping for a larger tax increase than proposed, you're going to be out of luck since the maximum mill levy will have already been established. But public pressure can still lower the levy and reduce tax bills if elected officials are persuaded to do so.

Officials have to strike a balance between the ser-

vices the public wants at a price they're willing to pay. The wants are often well intentioned, even reasonable, but they're also unlimited. The appetite for tax increases is usually more subdued, at least by the public.

When offering your opinion on a budget, keep in mind the other side of the equation. Cutting taxes is popular until it results in service reductions. The same way saving money on a new floor sounds like a good idea until you're on the ground with a pry bar trying to pull off two layers of linoleum. I have no doubt some are willing to pay that price. I, on the other hand, discovered that getting the lowest bid possible isn't always the greatest value.

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Kansas Leopold Conservation Award finalists selected

Four finalists have been selected for the 2022 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the prestigious award recognizes farmers, ranchers, forestland owners, and other landowners who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife resources in their care.

Sand County Foundation and national sponsor American Farmland Trust present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 24 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In Kansas the award is presented annually by Sand County Foundation, American



Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Several years ago I wrote a column about what I called Pillar People – those individuals who have no real obligation to make a difference in the lives of others, but choose to do so anyway. I talked about my Uncle Wally, who made such a difference in the lives of my siblings and I with his advice, humor, and – most importantly – his prayers. He died several months ago, and I miss knowing he is there if I need a listening ear.

This week's cover story is about someone who has been a Pillar Person for countless young people over the years – Gordon Morrison. He retired from writing his column, *The Learning Post*, in *Grass and Grain* not too long after I became editor. One of my deepest regrets is that I did not have time to meet and get to know him, although, in a way I did – through his written word; common sense wisdom in an easy-to-read and relatable style.

When Mr. Morrison retired, for many years everywhere I went for *Grass & Grain*, someone would come up to me and tell me how much they missed his column and what an influence he had been on their life. I can't even begin to count the number of times I was told he was the best teacher they ever had.

Gordon Morrison was, and continues to be, a Pillar Person, although now at 93 years of age, that looks a little different than it once did. While I wasn't able to visit with him for the story, I did have wonderful conversations with his wife Janet. To be honest, it made me wistful once again not to have gotten to know Gordon when I had the chance.

But my hope is that, while his ability to mentor young people may be somewhat diminished now, he will continue to be an inspiration for others to do so.

Today's youth still need those Pillar People... maybe now more than ever.

Farmland Trust, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and Ranchland Trust of Kansas.

The Kansas Leopold Conservation Award will be presented at the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts' 78th Annual Convention in Wichita in November. The award recipient will receive \$10,000 and a crystal award.

The finalists are:

- Ray and Susan Flickner of Wichita. The Flickner family farms in McPherson, Hodgeman, Dickinson and Norton counties. They installed sub-surface drip irrigation technology to become more efficient with water and nutrient applications on crops. They experiment with cover crops to improve water infiltration and suppress weeds. Their Flickner Innovation Farm is a collaboration of university, industry and agency partners where new

methods to improve soil health and conserve water are demonstrated.

- Kevin Karr Family of Emporia. The Karr family raises crops and hogs in Lyon County. To reduce soil erosion, Kevin began using no-till practices in the 1980s. He credits no-till with enhancing wildlife habitat and reducing his fuel use, while building better soil structure. Weeds are naturally suppressed by planting cover crops of rye, while beneficial insects are attracted to flowering cover crops. The combination of no-till and cover crops has bolstered the farm's resilience to drought.

- Michael Thompson of Almena. Michael has implemented conservation practices at Thompson Farm and Ranch in Norton County, where he farms with his father Richard, and brother Brian. By rotationally grazing their beef

cattle, the Thompsons are improving the landscape of native range pastures and fields of cover crops. Michael's a vocal advocate for soil stewardship among other farmers and ranchers via speaking engagements, social media, and a program geared toward youth.

- Glenn and Barbara Walker of Brookville. The Walkers are improving soil health, wildlife habitat and water distribution on their properties in Ellsworth, Lincoln, Rice, Russell and Saline counties. By using rotational grazing to feed their beef cattle, they are also managing grassland to improve habitat for greater prairie chickens, turkeys and deer. Their investment in removing invasive red cedar trees improves water resources. Several of their properties are enrolled in the Kansas Walk-in Hunting program.

"Kansas Association of Conservation Districts is excited to recognize these outstanding landowners who are committed to conservation on their land," said Dan Meyerhoff, KACD executive director. "We are proud to partner with Sand County Foundation and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas to give these families the recognition they deserve."

"The Ranchland Trust of Kansas congratulates the finalists for the Leopold Conservation Award," said Chelsea Good, Ranchland Trust of Kansas chairman. "RTK is proud to be a supporter of this award showcasing and celebrating the achievements of landowners who invest and succeed in conservation efforts of private lands."

"These award finalists

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There is nothing so uncommon as common sense, and boy, does that hold true these days. Just a warning: I am going to start out on a rant with this column; sometimes you just have to let it all out because keeping it in causes too much tension. My bachelor's degree was in agricultural economics, so I understand economics as well as anyone, or at least I used to think I understood it. What I have learned recently is that nothing makes a lot of sense or can easily be predicted.

Recently I had a reporter from the Reuters news agency call me for an interview. He is someone that I have talked to several times over the years, and he wanted to know how the cost of feed was affecting my operation. I told him it doesn't take a degree in economics to understand that if the price of inputs goes up substantially and the price you receive does not increase that it is not good. I told him that the price of feed has gone up a great deal in the last year to eighteen months in spite of trying to reformulate to drive the cost down. We had thin margins to begin with and suddenly those margins are gone or in the red.

He then asked me if I was going to pass those input cost increases along in the price of my cattle and sheep. I laughed for a while and then I realized that he was serious. I told him that ag producers were price-takers not price-makers and we got what the market dictated we could get. He asked why we didn't go to the elevator and tell them that we now had to have this price for our soybeans. I again explained to him that it didn't work that way. The elevator manager would probably look at us like we were on drugs, most likely laugh in our face and once again tell us what the price was.

He then asked me about my lamb. It is true that I sell directly to the consumer with my lamb, and I do have a bit more freedom, but I have learned that there is a limit to what you can charge if you want to sell your product. It can't be much more than the consumer can buy it for at the grocery store. Right around the pandemic we had a little more freedom, but the consumer's memory

has faded and more importantly, their checkbooks are squeezed by the same inflation we are fighting also.

Then I pointed out to him that the price increases in feed are a direct result of the inflation and supply chain issues that are plaguing our economy as a whole. More directly most of our problems are tied to the price of oil. Don't get me wrong, I want to preserve our environment and I do everything in my power to protect our air, water, and soil, but the people behind the green movement have lost their minds and especially their hold on reality. Look into green energy; let's work on making it practical but right now this minute, it is not.

I told him that we need to wake up before the radical green movement people had pushed us down the road too far. We cannot quit fossil fuels cold turkey nor should we. We are smart enough that when the time is right, and technology is developed we will make the change ourselves. We do not need to be told how to save the planet by those who have never been in the real world and fly around on private jets.

I am sure that he did not expect that kind of rant, but I also thought it was important that he tell the story of how things really are. Folks, we all need to be standing on our soapboxes and telling the world that our food supply is in jeopardy. Sure, the nut in Russia does not make it any better but the true threat to our food supply is the green movement. We all need to make our stand and let our fellow citizens know. If you don't believe me take a look at what has happened in Sri Lanka.

I am sorry for the rant, but I feel like we are hitting a critical point in history. I don't mean to be all gloom and doom because I do have hope, but the time for action is now. We must stand up and make our voices heard and we can do that in November. We can make a statement that we don't like the path we are on, and I have every confidence that we will. I do think that these times and this period in history are as dire as we have ever seen, however I am just as confident that we will rise up and meet the challenge.



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Kansas Soybean Commission elects new leadership team

The Kansas Soybean Commission ended its August 2 meeting with a new team of officers.

Ron Ohlde stepped into the chairman position. He raises soybeans, corn, wheat, sorghum and cattle with his sons near Palmer. Ohlde has served as a Commissioner since 2003 and occupied a number of leadership roles during his service. Ohlde represented Kansas on the United Soybean Board previously. The chairman supervises and maintains control of all business pertinent to



Soybean officers recently elected are, from left: Raylen Phelon, treasurer; Ron Ohlde, chairman; Keith Miller, vice chair; Gary Robbins, secretary.

the Commission's work. Keith Miller, Great Bend, stepped into the vice chair position. He grows soybeans, wheat, corn, grain sorghum and

alfalfa hay. Miller joined the Commission in 2020. The vice chairman acts in the absence of the chairperson.

Gary Robbins, who farms near Havensville, stayed in the secretary position. He farms with his wife and son growing soybeans, corn, wheat, hay and they raise background steers. Robbins moved into his Commissioner role in 2020 following service on the Kansas Soybean Association board. The secretary is tasked with maintaining corporate records and

minutes from meetings.

Raylen Phelon was elected treasurer. He farms near Melvern alongside his wife and son growing soybeans, corn, wheat, hay and managing a cow and calf herd. Phelon served on the Kansas Soybean Association previously. The treasurer manages the receipt, deposit, disbursement and investment of soybean checkoff funds.

Each of these positions serve on the Commission's Executive Committee, which is tasked with maintaining routine operations of KSC business and, in certain cases, may authorize expenditures within individual pro-

gram levels as approved by the Commission. Officer terms on the Commission encompass one calendar year.

Additional Annual Meeting business included funding a beef cattle feeding study at Kansas State University, approving the position description and timeline for a new Assistant Research Contractor and hearing reports from organizations supported by Commission funds.

Commissioners convene again December 15-17 in Topeka to review funding proposals and make fiscal year 2024 funding decisions.

K-State launches effort to support growth of meat processors in Kansas

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

A rush to locally produced meat partly necessitated more than two years ago by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has spawned consumers' interest in direct-to-consumer processing businesses, said a group of Kansas State University experts.

Dustin Pendell, an agricultural economist with K-State Research and Extension, said that while consumers have always expressed an interest in locally processed meat, "Kansas has seen an increasing demand for local, direct-to-consumer meat processing businesses."

Jessie Vipham, an assistant professor in K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, noted that from January 2020 to March 2022, the Kansas Department of Agriculture granted licenses to seven new custom meat

processing facilities in the state.

Plus, she notes, "The KDA's meat and poultry inspection staff have spoken with at least 82 individuals who have expressed interest in operating a new custom or inspected meat processing facility in Kansas."

In July, K-State's Global Food Systems initiative awarded a grant to Vipham, Pendell and Rachel Mui – an assistant professor of management in K-State's College of Business Administration – to further develop the capacity of meat processing businesses in Kansas.

"As a university," Mui said, "we have a charge to promote economic growth and prosperity, and as more and more people consider small business ownership – especially in the meat processing arena – we have a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact."

"Ultimately, we hope to support small and very-small meat processors across Kansas, in terms of business expansion, business start-up and adoption of improved food safety practices," Pendell said. "Specifically, we will conduct a needs assessment on the opportunities and constraints of small and very small meat processors when establishing or expanding a meat processing business."

Pendell added the K-State group aims to develop individualized Food Safety Road Maps "that outline the food safety and inspection goals of each meat processor."

The project team will be hosting five "Town Hall" meetings across the state to meet with small meat processors about their current needs.

"By working alongside local meat processors, we hope to better understand their needs from both in-

dustry-specific and entrepreneurial perspectives, and help them effectively address them, while identifying new opportunities and efficiencies at the same time," Mui said.

The project will include K-State business students. Vipham said additional support has been received from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Meat Processors Association, Kansas Small Business Development Center and the K-State Research and Extension local food systems transdisciplinary team.

"This project is exciting because it is truly a collaborative effort across multiple K-State colleges and departments, as well as multiple Kansas partners both public and private," Vipham said.

For more information, interested persons may contact Vipham by phone, 785-532-3486, or email, jessiev@ksu.edu.

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are examples of how Aldo Leopold's land ethic is alive and well today. Their dedication to conservation shows how individuals can improve the health of the land while producing food and fiber," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation president and CEO.

"As the national sponsor for Sand County Foundation's Leopold Conservation Award, American Farmland Trust, celebrates the hard work and dedication of the Kansas award finalists," said John Piotti, AFT president and CEO. "At AFT we believe that conservation in agriculture requires a focus on the land, the practices and the people and this award recognizes the integral role of all three."

The first Kansas Leopold Conservation Award recipient was selected in 2015. The 2021 recipient was Dwane Roth of Holcomb.

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between people and the land they own and manage, which he called "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

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

Gin Fox, Holton, Shares Winning Recipe This Week To Win Contest And Prize

Winner Gin Fox, Holton:

- FRUIT SALAD**
 1 can of pineapple chunks (do not drain)
 1 small box of instant vanilla pudding
 1 can of mandarin oranges, drained
 1 bunch of green grapes, halved
 2 bananas
 1 package of strawberries, sliced

Pour the pineapple and its juice into a bowl; add the pudding mix and stir until creamy. Stir in drained mandarin oranges. Add additional fruit and stir in completely until covered and creamy. Refrigerate until chilled. Don't let set too long or bananas will turn brown.

NOTE: Other fruits are optional to be added in according to your taste.

- Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: **DUMP CAKE**
 Jackie Doud, Topeka: **CHEESEBURGER QUICHE**

- (2) 12-ounce bags frozen mixed berries
 1 box white cake mix (not one with pudding in it)
 1 can Diet 7UP

Place frozen berries in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Add dry cake mix on top. Pour 7UP evenly over cake mix. Do not stir. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes.

- 1/2 pound ground beef
 1/3 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1/2 cup milk
 1/8 teaspoon oregano
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 3 eggs
 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
 9-inch unbaked pie shell

In a skillet brown beef and onion; set aside. In a bowl combine mayonnaise, milk, oregano, salt and pepper. Beat in eggs. Stir in beef and onions and 1 cup cheese. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Allow to stand 5 minutes before cutting.

Kellee George, Lenexa: **CHOCOLATE CHIP PIE**
 9-inch unbaked deep dish pie crust

- 2 eggs
 1/2 cup flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 3/4 cup butter
 1 cup chocolate chips
 1 cup chopped nuts
 Cool Whip or ice cream

Set oven to 325 degrees. Beat eggs until foamy. Beat in flour, sugar and brown sugar. Beat in butter. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Pour into pie shell. Bake for 55-60 minutes until knife inserted comes out clean. Let cool. Serve with Cool Whip or ice cream

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: **FARMER BREAKFAST**
 6 cups shredded potatoes

- 1/2 cup cheese
 2 cups diced, cooked ham or Canadian bacon
 1/2 cup sliced green onions
 8 eggs
 (2) 12-ounce cans evaporated milk
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper

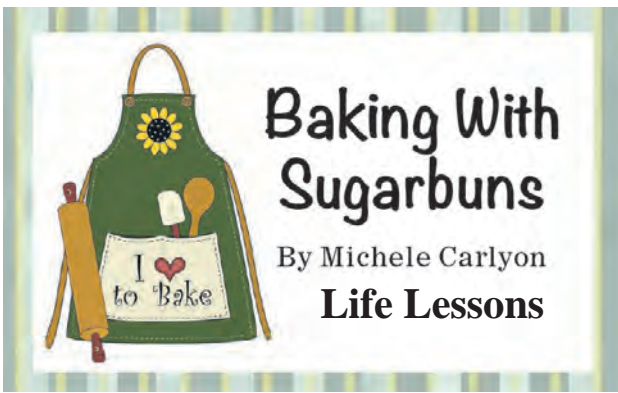
Place the potatoes in the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch casserole pan. Sprinkle with cheese, ham and onion. Mix eggs, milk, salt and pepper and pour over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour, 15 minutes.

NOTE: You can also put this in refrigerator. When you take it out, bake 1 hour 30 minutes.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: **SAUSAGE PINWHEELS**

- 1 tube crescent rolls
 1 pound sausage, thawed (let set out as will be easier to work with)

Shredded cheese, optional
 Roll out crescent rolls. Spread sausage in even layer over dough and roll up. Slice into 8 pieces. You can sprinkle with cheese if you like. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 15-17 minutes.



Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon
 Life Lessons

Growing up, I hated my parents at times. I hated my dad blaring Johnny Cash while I was trying to watch TV and when he would put ice on me to wake me up in the mornings. I hated the fact that both parents never seemed to know how to just sit back and relax. I hated that my mom always insisted on the highest standards of cleanliness and that she would not settle for anything but our best at any given moment.

As we got older, their expectations of us grew and we knew to toe the line. Mom ran a tight ship and dad was there to back her up. They instilled some very high standards of what was acceptable and what wasn't in all three of us. There was not an option of a lazy day, there was always something to do. Sleeping in was a foreign concept and something that was never going to happen.

When I went to college, I got my first real taste of freedom. I did not think it was possible to miss my parents' high standards, but I was quickly proven wrong as I moved from place to place over the years and lived with different people. I quickly learned that people clearly were not raised the same way I was. The necessity to not leave dishes in the sink or the general rule to clean up after oneself, seemed to be a foreign concept to most and it drove me crazy.

College also taught me that sleeping in was glorious and naps were needed to get through those early morning days. I also learned that the constant blaring of Johnny Cash would haunt me for eternity; leaving me as a minority who cannot stand his music (sorry, Dad).

After college came the real world and my first career-driven job and buying my first home. Having my first home I was quickly reminded that I was more like my mother than I thought. I needed order and organization in my life to feel at peace. I also realized that much like both of my parents, I was incapable of just sitting back and relaxing. My constant need to be busy all the time became very evident, which is probably where my love of baking came into play.

Moving in with Kyle, I do not think he was fully prepared for the obsessive need to not have things left in the sink, shoes not being worn in the house and my inability to be still for very long. Thankfully, he is one of the good ones and has embraced all my craziness and has done his best to ensure those little things are always done.

As we prepare for a trip to Wisconsin, Kyle has gotten a real dose of my childhood life lessons. Growing up when you were going on a trip, the house would be left perfect. I did not appreciate that growing up, but now, I love coming home to a clean house where all you need to do is unpack, do laundry, and restock the fridge.

It is funny to me how much things I hated as a child are some of the things that I value the most as an adult. Those life lessons were not always appreciated at the time, but with age they have become the foundation for what is important to me. So, friends, regardless of how annoying or frustrating the life lesson might be in the moment, rest assured there will probably come a time in life where those lessons will be the exact things that become very important to you.

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

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Remember To Always Think About Summertime Grilling Safety

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

Grilling outdoors is often one of the most anticipated activities of the summer. Grilling can be a healthy and low-fat way to cook your favorite meals. To avoid foodborne illness and accidents, follow these tips to stay safe and prepare healthy meals.

As simple as grilling can be, it is important to remember building, personal, and food safety rules. Thousands of fires and injuries are reported each year due to grill-

ing accidents. Keep these safety tips in mind:

- * Propane and charcoal grills should be used outdoors only. Grilling inside can cause a fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - * The grill should be placed at least 10 feet away from the house.
 - * Check the propane grill tank hose for leaks before using the grill.
 - * Keep children and pets away from the grill until the grill has cooled.
 - * Never leave a grill unattended.
- Here are seven tips to make grilling a happy, healthy, and nutritious experience:

1. Always wash your hands and wrists with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before, during and after handling food. Bacteria thrive in moist environments, so it is important to remove all moisture on your hands by drying them thoroughly.

2. Use separate utensils, cutting boards, and serving dishes for raw and cooked foods. Thoroughly wash each item that has come in contact with raw foods with warm, soapy water before re-using. Never serve grilled food on the same platter that held raw meat, poultry, or fish. This is considered cross-contamination and results in yourself and others becoming sick.

3. Never thaw or marinate food at room temperature. Marinate foods in the refrigerator. If you plan to use the marinade on the cooked food as a sauce, reserve a portion separately before adding the raw meat, poultry, or seafood. However, if the marinate used on raw meat and poultry is to be reused, make sure to let it come to a boil first to destroy any harmful bacteria.

4. Keep raw foods that will be grilled such as meat away from foods that will not be cooked such as a salad.

5. Vegetables can easily be grilled. Large vegetables such as corn on the cob can be placed directly on the grill. Wrap chopped vegetables in aluminum foil before grilling.

6. Make sure your grill is hot before you put food on it. If you are using a charcoal grill, preheat the coals for at least 20-30 minutes before adding food.

7. Use a food thermometer to make sure food reaches the correct internal temperature.

Grilling is a great way to prepare healthy food for family and friends. Keep the tips above in mind as you prepare your next meal on the grill.

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Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural: Marilyn Logan, Marmaton Market

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University Second Saturday, Trivia Tuesday.

Do those events sound like items on the calendar at your local grocery store? They might not be what one would expect, but those are examples of creative events that one rural grocery store is using to expand and engage its customer base.

Marilyn Logan is general manager of The Marmaton Market in Moran, a rural Allen County community of 466 people – but there's more. Marilyn grew up in the Crawford County community of Walnut, Kan., population 187 people. Now, that's rural.

"My dad taught us a good work ethic," Logan said. She earned a degree in business with a minor in accounting and worked for years as an accountant and auditor. She raised four sons and is now widowed. She has 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Marilyn moved back to southeast Kansas in 2016. "I like little towns," Logan said. She serves on several local volunteer boards such as the Iola Public Library, Iola Housing Authority, Allen County GROW and SEKCAP.

In Moran, the local grocery store owners were wanting to retire. In 2018, the store was purchased by a group of citizens who formed what Logan called a for-profit semi-cooperative. She served on the board. They named the store The Marmaton Market.

"The first thing we did was take everything down to the bare walls," Logan said. They added LED lighting, remodeled and restocked the store. By December 2019, the store was struggling financially again. Logan took over as general manager.

Choosing The Right Canning Jars

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

A variety of jar sizes are available to use in canning. Reliable recipes sources will indicate what size of jars are to be used for that recipe. But can you use a jar not listed for that recipe? Yes and no.

Standard jar sizes include half pint (8-ounce), pint (16-ounce) and quart (32-ounce). There are also in between sizes such as 4-ounce, 12-ounce, 24-ounce and 28-ounce

When a recipe lists half pint only, you cannot use a larger jar. This is because the larger jar may require a longer processing time which must be tested and verified to ensure safety. Guessing, by the home food preserver, can lead to spoiled food. If a recipe indicates half-pint AND pint, you can use a 12-ounce jar, but you cannot use any jar larger than a pint. For jam and jellies, 4-ounce jars are a good option. Use 4 ounce jars like half-pints; 12-ounce jars like pints; and 24-ounce and 28-ounce jars like quarts.

Just because your family



"I don't know anything about groceries but I do know something about business," she said. "I try to think of innovative ways to bring customers in and keep them happy. I have a wonderful Board of Directors that has been very supportive of the ideas I bring to them."

Today, The Marmaton Market is a full-line grocery store that also offers health, beauty and cleaning items. Logan seeks local meat and produce as much as possible. "In my store, you can get everything you need to prepare a full, healthy meal," she said.

She launched several creative ideas to grow business in the store. One was a more aggressive use of social media, specifically Facebook.

"I post each day," Logan said. Each week she does what she calls Trivia Tuesday when she posts fun and educational trivia questions in addition to ads and sale items. She started holding contests for kids' coloring pages and offering member-only sales plus drawings for holiday gifts.

Customers have the option to sign up to get sale ads emailed to them in advance. Supplies are provided to local food pantries at a discount.

On the Second Saturday of each month, craft vendors are invited to display products inside the store. Lunches are prepared us-

ing in-store products and hoagie sandwiches are made up to go. When the school district stopped offering summer meals, Logan said, "We can do that." A farmers market operates at the store twice a month.

"I like to think outside the box," Logan said. "Or, maybe I don't have a box. I try to learn something new every day."

In 2022, she wrote a grant proposal with input from K-State's Rural Grocery Initiative staff for a Healthy Food Financing Initiative grant that will enable installation of a commercial kitchen for use by local food entrepreneurs.

During 2021 and 2022, she also wrote grants to various programs that allowed for the purchase of coolers, freezers, and a new HVAC system. Almost \$250,000 has been generated through grants to upgrade The Marmaton Market and better serve customers.

"The Kansas Healthy Food Initiative and Rural Grocery Initiative have been a blessing to us," Logan said.

For more information on the store, go to www.themarmatonmarketinc.com.

Second Saturday, Trivia Tuesday. These are examples of creative ideas resulting from outside-the-box thinking by owners and managers of this store in rural Kansas. We salute Marilyn Logan and all those involved with The Marmaton Market for making a difference with commitment to their community and creativity in marketing.

It makes for a Compelling Calendar at a Successful Store.

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uses a certain food in larger quantities, does not mean you can preserve in larger jars. For instance, you will not find a USDA tested recipe for salsa to be canned in a quart jar, because there has not been any testing on this food product in this larger quantity. Doubling the processing time will not guarantee that the center of the

salsa jar will reach the needed temperature in order to kill the bacteria that maybe present. Therefore, it is only recommended to safely can salsa in pint jars ONLY. Be smart, be safe!

Any questions about preserving food safely, contact your local Extension agent or give me a call at 785-863-2212. I can also be reached at csw@ksu.edu

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When The Eggs Are Running Out Your Ears...

By Ashleigh Krispense

After the latest addition to the flock of chickens in the backyard, I've been occasionally considering what will happen once the young pullets finally kick into egg-laying mode. No doubt, we'll be blessed with an abundance of eggs each day. My heart-shaped bowl were I store eggs will be overflowing and I'll be looking for simple ways to cut back on inventory.

If you're blessed with large quantities of eggs, here are a few different suggestions on ways to cook and use them besides your normal scrambled eggs and frittatas.

Note: This list does not contain ways to preserve eggs for later use (such as water glassing, freezing, dehydrating, pickling, etc.), but just some simple ways to use them up now!

*** Sheet pan hash** - A colorful array of sweet potatoes, peppers, onions, corn, black beans and whatever else you feel like throwing in can be arranged on a large sheet pan. Crack over the top of the veggies several eggs, sprinkle with cumin, chili, paprika, a little salt and pepper, and bake for a delicious breakfast dish.

*** Deviled egg salad** - We enjoyed this just recently when I wanted a combination of deviled eggs but in salad form! I boiled the eggs, chopped them up, mixed in the normal deviled-egg-filling ingredients and stuck it in the fridge. We ended up cleaning out the bowl that night!

*** Breakfast freezer**

casseroles - While the amount of eggs you will use will vary depending on what recipe you choose, oftentimes these egg-based casseroles are simple to put together and can be quite handy to have waiting in the freezer for busy days. You'll get rid of an immediate abundance of eggs and end up with a meal in the freezer for later!

*** Overnight French toast** - Some recipes can use as many as half a dozen eggs per loaf of bread. Mix it up and assemble the night before for a simple breakfast. Serve alongside fried eggs and you can likely clean out an easy dozen.

*** Eggs goldenrod (or goldenrod eggs)** - This is a dish that I just learned about in the last year or so. Eggs goldenrod is a simple recipe that requires hard-boiled eggs that have had the white and yolk separated and set aside. Make a roux in a saucepan with milk, flour and some pepper to taste. Chop up the egg whites and stir into the sauce. Serve on slices of toasts with crumbled up egg yolks to garnish.

*** Homemade pasta** - Making your own pasta can be such a fun way to spend an afternoon in the kitchen. While there is likely some trial and error involved in your first couple of attempts, it's very simple to do and tastes wonderful alongside a homemade Alfredo sauce. A single batch likely won't use an abundance of eggs, but offers a different kind of recipe

to try and can always be made in a larger quantity.

*** Homemade custard** - My great-grandma used to make homemade custard with a sprinkle of nutmeg across the top. I can still remember the deep dish pan she would have the jiggly-dessert in and the little bowlfuls we would get. Although it wasn't my most beloved dish growing up (I preferred her homemade bread or cookies), I remember how much she and my mom enjoyed it.

*** Angel food cake** - A deliciously light and fluffy dessert that can be mounding with fluffy whipped cream and served alongside fresh strawberries, angel food cake is a great way to use up some egg whites.

*** A Recipe for a Blessing** - The last suggestion for someone drowning in eggs is to consider blessing others with them. If you have a local food bank, reach out and see if they would appreciate some fresh eggs. Look for senior citizens that are on social security and see if they could use a dozen once in awhile. If you're just looking for ways to share your abundance, you can likely find somebody that will greatly appreciate your's (and your hens') generosity!

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

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Extreme weather demands more thoughtful financing

By Conterra Ag Finance
In the first seven months of 2022, there have been nine weather-related natural disasters in the U.S. with losses exceeding \$1 billion each. From moderate-to-severe drought impacting 70% of the country to 90-mph windstorms ripping through several upper Midwest and Great Plains states, agricultural producers have braced their fields and livestock for unprecedented impacts.

The 2022 disasters build off 2020 and 2021 – recorded as the worst years on record for natural disaster devastation according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For agriculture, natural disasters add uncontrollable risk to every operation. So, should producers be thinking about adverse impacts from extreme weather events during conversations with their lenders?

According to Conterra vice president relationship manager Luke Schul-

tz, the answer is “absolutely.”

“Conterra lends to producers in all 48 contiguous states where at any given time, at least one natural disaster is occurring,” says Manhattan, Kansas-based Schultz. “But that also means we offset risk by having loans across the country and not concentrated in one area.”

Anyone in agriculture knows mother nature often decides success. But thinking ahead and working with an experienced lender is another valuable tool in every producer’s toolbox. Schultz, who serves producers in the Great Plains region and parts of Texas, says producers worried about extreme weather events should look for specific favorable terms when it comes to their financing needs.

“I encourage producers to consider long-term fixed rate loans when they’re available,” says Schultz. “Even though interest rates have gone up and will likely continue to

climb based on Fed hikes, there are still favorable rates out there that we can offer.”

Schultz says that although paying a loan off quickly is often advantageous, if a lender is offering longer payout terms, it’s okay to take advantage of that. Making your contract payoff terms with your lender as small as possible is advantageous if a bad year hits your operation. If a producer happens to be in that predicament now, downsizing or refinancing might be the most realistic option if a disaster has choked the operation.

In the Great Plains region, weather has varied tremendously. While some portions of Schultz’s territory are now in what is considered to be a “megadrought,” parts of Oklahoma, eastern Kansas, eastern Nebraska and Missouri have seen timely rain this season.

Meanwhile, producers in the Texas panhandle are severely impacted by

devastating drought coupled with high winds. Frisco, Texas-based Matt Manuel – Conterra relationship manager for Texas, Oklahoma and surrounding areas – says insurance will be what gets those producers through this year, even as many still fight for a successful crop to take advantage of favorable market prices.

“From a lending perspective, we’re looking at what cost-cutting measures producers impacted by these weather events have taken to either be more profitable or run more efficiently,” says Manuel. “Saving money on a per-acre basis through

irrigation efficiencies and strategic input application can often make the difference to a producer battling severe drought.”

Manuel tells Panhandle-based producers to get creative this year and keep up conversations with crop insurance agents and lenders.

“Weather is a wide pendulum swing every year, but what’s different about this year are the pricing opportunities we’ve seen these last nine months or even longer in some grains,” offers Schultz.

Favorable market conditions and a lender with perspective can offer relief to natural-dis-

aster-stricken areas. Another favorable term producers should be eyeing are interest-only programs in the first few years of the loan. Schultz, who has been serving the agricultural community for more than 20 years, says this offers some relief to producers battling unfavorable weather conditions.

“Even when times are tough, there’s still optimism,” he says. “These multi-generational farms will keep going because farmers have learned to innovate and succeed to get through rough patches. That optimism fuels those of us in agriculture.”

2021 farm production expenditures up 30%

Farm and ranch production expenditures for Kansas totaled \$22.6 billion in 2021, up 30% from a year earlier, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Livestock expenses, the largest expenditure category, at \$6.76 billion, increased 24% from 2020. Feed, the next largest expense category, at \$3.87 billion, increased 57% from 2020. Rent, the third largest total expense category at \$2.10 billion, increased 58% from 2020.

Livestock expenses accounted for 30% of Kansas’s total production expenditures. Feed accounted for 17%, rent 9%, and farm services 7%.

The total expenditures per farm or ranch in Kansas averaged \$384,812 in 2021, up 30% from 2020. The Livestock expense category was the leading expenditure, at

\$115,358 per operation, 445% above the national average. Feed expenditures, at \$66,041 per operation, were 103% above the national average. Fertilizer and soil conditioners, at \$24,573, were 67% above the national average. The average rent expenditure, at \$35,836, was 124% above the national average.

These results are based on data from Kansas farmers and ranchers who participated in the Agricultural Resource Management Survey conducted by USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were contacted in January through April to collect 2021 farm and ranch expenses.

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Inflation prompting consumers to rethink food spending

The 40-year-high inflation has consumers rethinking their grocery and restaurant choices, according to Anne-Marie Roerink, president of 210 Analytics LLC.

The June edition of the IRI monthly survey of primary shoppers implies 45 percent of American households describe their financial situation as being worse than a year ago and 41 percent feel their financial situation one year from now will look worse than it does today. Consequently, consumers are tightening their spending, Feedstuffs reports.

According to the survey, 96 percent of consumers say they are paying somewhat or a lot more for groceries than they did last year. Concern over inflation reached its most widespread level yet, at 93 percent of all grocery shoppers. Up month over month, 81 percent of grocery shoppers made changes to what and where they purchased in June. The dominant changes are looking for sales specials, skipping non-essentials, finding coupons and buying more private or other low-cost brands.

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Slight increase in producer sentiment despite rising costs and lower crop prices

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer farmer sentiment index rose six points in July to a reading of 103. Producers were somewhat more optimistic about both current and future economic conditions on their farms when compared to June. The Index of Current Conditions rose ten points to a reading of 109, and the Index of Future Expectations rose four points to a reading of 100. Although all three indices rose this month, they were still 23% to 24% lower than a year earlier. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. The survey was conducted July 11-15.

"Even though we saw a slight uptick in sentiment this month, there is still a tremendous amount of uncertainty in the agricultural economy," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Key commodity prices, including wheat, corn and soybeans, all weakened during the month and producers remain concerned over rising input prices and input availability."

Farm operators in the

survey voiced concerns about several key issues affecting their operation, including higher input prices (42% of respondents), lower crop prices (19% of respondents), rising interest rates (17% of respondents) and availability of inputs (15% of respondents).

The Farm Financial Performance Index, which is primarily reflective of income expectations for the current year, improved five points to a reading of 88 in June. However, this month, 49% of respondents said they expect their farm to be worse off financially a year from now, which compares to 51% who felt that way in June. This is a markedly more pessimistic outlook than producers provided a year ago when just 30% of respondents said they expect their financial condition to worsen in the upcoming year.

Producers remain uncertain over their expectations for crop input prices over the next 12 months. In July, 18% of crop producers said they expect 2023's crop input prices to decline between 1% and 10% when compared to 2022's prices, versus 12% who felt that way in June. Meanwhile, 26% of respondents in July said they expect 2023's prices to rise by 10% or more, compared to 38%

who expected a crop input price rise of that magnitude in June.

The rise in input costs is leading some producers to reassess their cropping plans for the upcoming year. In this month's survey, nearly one out of four (24%) of crop producers said that as a result of the rise in input costs, they plan to change their farm's crop mix in 2023. In a follow-up question, over half (53%) of respondents who said they plan to change their mix will increase the percentage of their cropland devoted to soybeans. In a separate set of questions, 26% of producers who said they planted winter wheat last year indicated they plan to increase their wheat acreage this fall.

The Farm Capital Investment Index remains near its record low, up one point to a reading of 36 in July. To shed light on why, respondents who said now is a bad time for large investments were asked for the primary reason they felt that way. Of those respondents, 44% indicated an "increase in prices for farm machinery and new construction," 15% said "uncertainty about farm profitability," and 14% chose "rising interest rates" as the primary reason they viewed now as a

bad time for large investments. Somewhat surprisingly, only 7% of respondents chose "tight farm machinery inventories at dealers" as their primary reason for responding negatively to the investment question.

Producers' views on farmland values diverged this month as the Short-Term Farmland Value Index declined nine points to 127, while the long-term index rose nine points to 150. The short-term index is down 20% from its peak reading in 2021, while the long-term index is only 6% lower than the peak reached last year. Short-term, there was a shift away from expectations that farmland values will go higher, with more producers in July expecting values to remain about the same. The long-term

change was attributable to more respondents this month expecting values to rise with fewer expecting a decline over the next five years.

"The short-run and long-term farmland indices don't always move in tandem, but the magnitude of this month's diver-

gence between the short and long-term indices is unusual," Mintert said. "Producers who expect values to rise over the upcoming five years continue to say that nonfarm investor demand and inflation are the two primary reasons they expect values to rise."

Kansas cattle on feed down 4%

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.35 million cattle on feed on July 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 4% from last year.

Placements during June totaled 380,000 head, down 12% from 2021.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of June totaled 505,000 head, up 3% from last year.

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Roundtable meeting discusses who pays for the price of sustainability

The food system is moving in the right direction to become more sustainable, but one of the most significant questions to address is how the cost of new sustainability policies and practices will be funded. The issue was discussed during a recent roundtable meeting hosted by the United Soybean Board (USB) and The Center for Food Integrity (CFI). "The Price of Sustainability: Who Pays?" is part of a broader effort from USB and CFI to foster collaboration

between U.S. Soy and the food industry. The small group, that included food companies, soybean farmers and others, discussed efforts that are under way to make food production more sustainable and how the food system can collaborate to achieve its goals. Farmers and USB directors Tim Bardole, Iowa, and Laurie Isley, Michigan, shared some of the sustainability practices they have undertaken on their farms, such as extensive soil testing, plant-

ing cover crops, strip tillage and drone scouting. "We make these changes because they're the right thing to do. We want to be sustainable because we want to have a long-term impact. We also need to continue to be profitable," Isley said. Those practices add expenses to growing a crop at a time when high-fuel and fertilizer prices are squeezing profit margins, she said. "The crops growing right now are break-even. If something doesn't

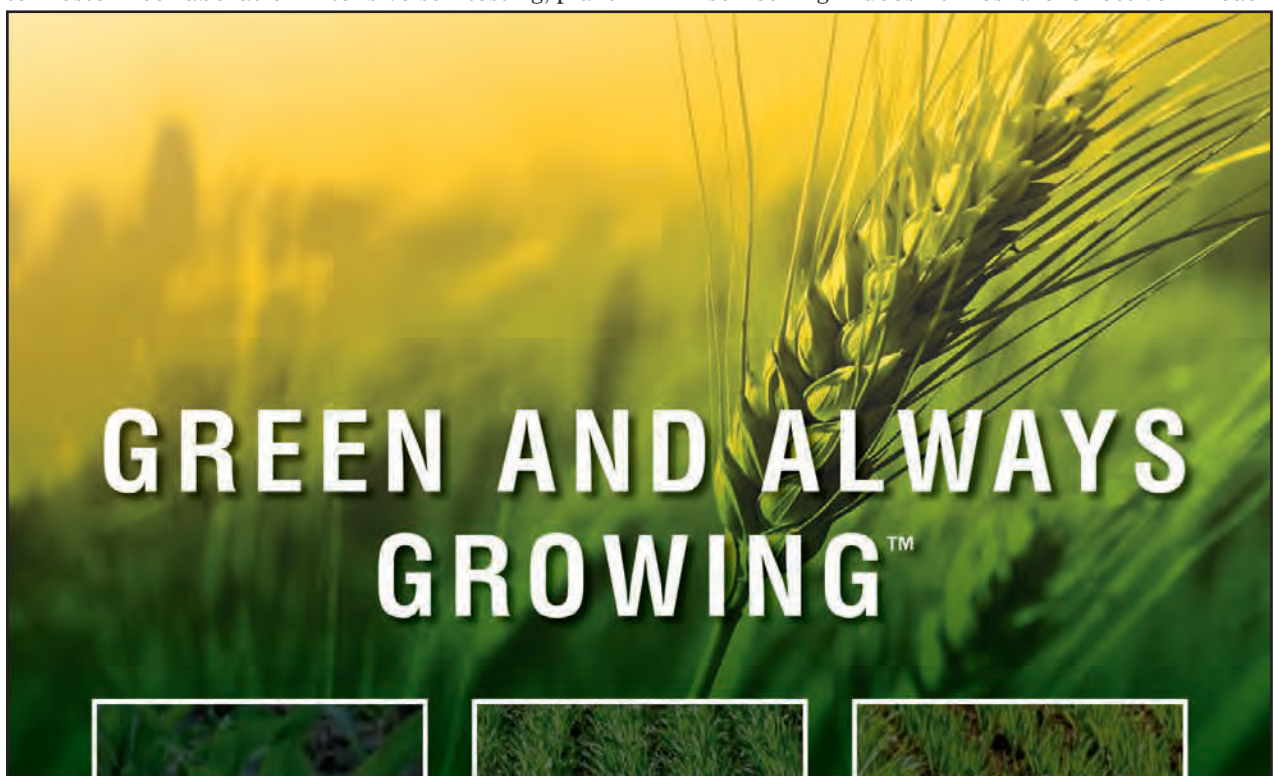
change it's going to be difficult to maintain some of these practices," Bardole said. Food companies are looking at ways to involve the entire supply chain in the effort to improve sustainability. Justin Ransom, senior director of sustainable food strategy at Tyson Foods, said trust and transparency are essential for each member of the supply chain to feel comfortable sharing information in order to understand what processes are effective in each

region or supply sector. "Currently, we have very limited transparency within the industry," Ransom said. "How do we begin to create transparency in the supply chain, so we can say that we're raising our birds, cattle or hogs with grain that came from the most sustainable production practices and tie it all the way to the consumer?" "A communication gulf exists between consumers and farmers," said Hansel New, director of sustainability programs, Dairy Farmers of America. The Cooperative has launched a campaign featuring the "DFA Nerd Herd" to tell the story of dairy farmers and others who are making sustainability happen. New said the food system needs to more clearly understand the resources farmers need to achieve goals - including financial, technical and human resources. "Farmers can't reasonably be expected to take on that full cost burden," said New. "We also know that consumers can't take on that full cost burden, particularly vulnerable consumers who are already struggling with rising food costs. There needs to be a third way."

parent and traceable, said Jason Clay, senior vice president of markets for World Wildlife Fund. In addition to sharing information about practices and results, those in the food system need to share experiences about the business case for sustainability and how to adapt lessons for themselves. The issue is how to think, not what to think. Adaptation is the name of the game. "We need to look at the business model in a different way where we don't have winners and losers, but we have partners along the entire value chain to make them more resilient - everyone wins," Clay said. "Global food supply chains are probably the most inequitable institutions on the planet because the producers have no control."

Sustainability issues will continue to evolve, but the key, according to Isley, is understanding that there's not a one-size-fits-all approach. "What works for me in Michigan may not work in California. It may not work ten miles from me," she said. "Regardless, sustainability must be profitable for farmers so we can continue produce and allow the family farm legacy to continue."

Markets are changing and the food system needs to be more trans-



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The Captain and Toenails

A few years back a friend offered us their cabin on their private lake, complete with a floating dock, multiple boats, fire pit, and gorgeous scenery! Before supper we decided to take a little ride in the boat outfitted with an electric trolling motor. I slid the boat partially into the water, wife and dog clambered aboard and I gave a machismo shove, and we glided smoothly out into the lake. Denise, from the back of the boat, voiced, "There's water in the boat."

"Probably just a little rainwater," I replied with a reassuring tone. The dog began moving to the front of the boat. With a bit more concern, Wife says, "Kirk, there's a lot of water back here!" We continued to drift towards the middle of the lake. With little concern, I said, "Let's switch places," as I wanted to drop the prop in the water and gently motor us into the quite serenity of

the upper reaches of this little piece of heaven. As we passed each other and I crossed over the center bench, I stepped into a considerable amount of water. At this point the dog is perched on the bow seat, taking stock of the increasing flurry of activity in the stern and observing the shoreline receding slowly in the distance. "Dang, there's a LOT of water back here!" I exclaimed, as if no one else had noticed.

I immediately started assessing the process by which I am going to remedy this situation. First thought was to get the motor in the water and stop this outgoing movement of the boat and bring her back to shore. As the water level inside the boat continued to gain on the water level outside the boat, I dropped the prop in the water and reassured the wife "No problem, babe, I'll just crank up the ol' trolling motor and get us back in to shore." I

twisted the switch on the tiller and... nothing. The water continued to rise up my boots. Checking the battery connections I tried the switch again. Nothing.

At this point I am considering the depth of the water, taking a mental inventory of my pockets, and noticed a small black cylinder on the bench beside the battery. Plug! Being the old salt that I am, I thought to myself, "Idiot! Plug the dang boat!" Now I am a very obedient idiot, if a not so observant captain, and quickly carried out the order.

I turned to face my bride, whose eyes were as big as during the birth of every child we'd procreated, and while growling through clenched teeth "You're never touching me again!" Farther forward the dog clung to her perch in the bow, eyeballing me with her ears pinned and lip slightly curled, toenails clinging to the gunwale. "Well, at least we're no longer sinking..." I offered. "Pass me the paddle, honey."

"There's no paddle, Nemo," came the reply. Opening the live well hatch, she said "Still sinking." Reaching into the well she found the plug and stopped that leak. At this point we looked at each other and began laughing. Boat about 1/4 full of water, motor doesn't run, no oars, and we con-

tinued drifting out to sea! Fortunately, we were drifting across toward the floating dock a few yards away, and at the angle of drift it wouldn't take much hand-paddling to adjust our course, maybe close enough to grab a rail or the pontoon boat tied up there. As a plan "B" I considered tying a quick honda in the bowline and roping a dock cleat as we glided past, in slow motion, like an untethered spacewalking astronaut slowly watching his ship slide into the blackness of deep space.

I plunged my hands into the lake water up to my elbows and grabbed armfuls of water. My vision of the astronaut had brought a sense of urgency to the situation. It's about 150 yards across the lake, and if I missed this rendezvous with the dock, that's about three hours of free-floating cruise time at our current speed of drift. It will be dark in one hour. So much for the romantic supper of flame-kissed Tailgate rib-eye steak, snuggling under the blanket by the fire pit, etc. Yes, you can understand my sense of urgency.

Once again all the crew members changed places so I could get a better angle on the dock. Continuing to use my arms for oars, I noticed in my periphery that the furry crew member was expressing major disgust while watching the dock with as much anticipation as the captain. Stretching out I was able to grab the corner rail of the pontoon boat as we closed with the dock and I swung our ship to port just as the crew disembarked, post haste!

A 16-foot boat containing approximately 100 gallons of water is not exactly light, but it's difficult to drain a boat while she's still in the lake, so we brought the old Jeep around, tied the boat on and slid her up the bank. I pulled the plug to let her drain and built a fire.

A wise man once said, "Loaning a boat to a cowboy is like loaning a horse to a banker."

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tools & collectibles held at Hutchinson for Hugh N. Bass Estate. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

August 13 — Antiques, collectibles & household inc. antique furniture, glassware, dolls, paper dolls, KU items, crocks, Native American jewelry & much more held at Salina for Rosalie Short. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 13 — 2004 Ford F250 pickup, trailers, Lots of Tools of all types, plumbing & electronic supplies, miscellaneous & equipment held at Russell for New Concept Construction. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

August 13 — Farm machinery & shop items inc.: 1991 JD 9600 combine, 1979 JD 6620 turbo combine, JD 925 flex head & header trailer, 1974 Ford F-600 truck, field cultivators & more, guns & household items held near Sedgwick for Martin Stein Estate, Bill Stein Estate. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

August 13 — Farm Trust auction consisting of tractors, antiques, implements, hand tools & more held at Belvue for Peter & Karen Smith Trust. Auctioneers: Foundation Realty, Morgan Riat.

August 13 — 1964 D17 Allis Chalmers gas (WF), 1961 D15 Allis Chalmers gas (WF) w/loader, Titan 18' implement trailer, 1969 Ford XL (restorable), shop tools, shop equipment, furniture, household & much more held near Hesston for Wes & JoAnn Esau. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

August 16 — JD 4840 tractor, machinery, vehicles, Gator, trailer, shop items, tools, lawn mower, antiques & collectibles, livestock equipment & much more held near Pierceville for Nally Brothers. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auction.

August 16 — Unreserved Live & Online Land Auction (Bid online August 2-16, 2022) — 315.31 acres m/l of Dickinson County Land consisting of 293.59 ac. m/l terraced cropland, 12.38 ac. m/l waterways, 9.11 ac. m/l one-mile-long windbreak, quonset & 2 grain bins & more held live at Abilene for Tim & Debra Sanders. Online bidding at www.bigiron.com/realty. Auctioneers: Big Iron Realty, Mike Campbell, listing agent.

August 17 — Land Auction consisting of 15,173.06 acres m/l of Prowers County, Colorado land sold in 15 tracts. Combination of farmland & ranchland located south of Holly, Colorado with good producing irrigated & dryland farmland; spring fed Two Buttes Creek runs through much of the ranchland held live at Lamar, Colorado with online simulcast bidding at www.FNCBid.com. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company, Mark Callender, AFM/agent.

August 18 — Lee Valley, Inc., Annual Summer Consignment Auction

consisting of tractors, tillage, harvest & grain handling, trucks, trailers, vehicles, antiques, hay & livestock, construction, planting & spraying, miscellaneous held at Tekamah, Nebraska. Online bidding available at www.EquipmentFacts.com. Auctioneers: Lee Valley, Inc.

August 18 — Land Auction consisting of 1036 acres m/l of Republic County Land. T1: 156.9 ac. m/l; T2: 74.9 ac. m/l; T3: 155.4 ac. m/l less 4.63 ac. home-site; T4: 156.3 ac. m/l; T5: 157.8 ac. m/l; T6: 30.4 ac. m/l; T7: 196.35 ac. m/l; T9: 31.2 ac. m/l held at Belleville with online & phone bidding available. Go to www.MidwestLandandHome.com for online bidding. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, broker; Mark Uhlik, broker/auctioneer.

August 20 — Ranger 17 Fisherman fiberglass Boat, 1994 Ford Sport Explorer, motorcycle, outdoor items inc. rods, reels, spooling station, depth finder, fishing tackle of all types, fishing & hunting gear, knife collection, gun cabinet & lots more, Collectibles inc. 200 yr. old stone/hatchet tool, bronze statue, guitars, vintage albums & 8-tracks, dishware, KU memorabilia, furniture & much more held at Lawrence for Jack Virtue & Jon Gentry Estates. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

August 20 — Nice collection of artwork, antiques & collectibles inc.: Japanese jewelry, Indian artwork, statues, puppets, advertising signs, crocks, tools, leather bag collection & a lot more unique items held at Salina for Chuck Monroe. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 21 — Headlight aiming station, wood machinist chest, Pueblo Indian pottery, road signs, records, belt buckles, tins, 2 small anvils, wood pulley collection, wrench collection, drill collection (hand & electric), oil & gas cans, Large collection of toys, barber chair, barber pole, large selection of glass & lots more collectibles held at Salina for Bob & Joan Dehl. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

August 27 — Quality merchandise, antiques, vintage, modern, tools, furniture, collectibles, glass, pickup, SUV, guns (3 rings possible) held near Overbrook. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

August 27 — 2016 Mahindra Tractor EMax, machinery, Mahindra roto tiller, Cub Cadet lawn tractor, shop equipment & tools of all kinds, lawn

& garden, collection of toy trucks & train cars, lg. pile of salvage iron & much more held at Minneapolis for Joan Miles. Auctioneers: Gerald Zimmer Auction & Real Estate.

August 27 — 1926 2-ton Caterpillar Crawler Tractor, styled JD B tractor, styled JD B tractor, Mahindra 2415 tractor, rotary mowers & mowers, 1931 Model A, golf cart, boats, hit & miss motors, horse drawn items, implement seats, vintage Tonka toys, advertising items, pot belly stove, jacks, Maytag gas washing machine motors, Fire Chief pedal car, lots of collectibles & much more held at Hope for Rose Mary & Kenneth Griffis Trust, Advantage Trust Co. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

August 27 — Land Auction consisting of 80 acres m/l of Washington County farmland, cropland held at Morrowville for United Methodist Church (Haddam). Online bidding: www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik & Jeff Dankenbring.

August 27 & 28 — Selling 8-27: Collectible fishing items from 1800s-early 1900s inc.: thousands of lures, flies, bobbers, reels, rods, gigs, advertising lures, pictures, neon beer & fishing signs, store displays, taxidermy mounts & lots more. Selling 8-28: Collectible hunting items inc. guns, BB guns, cap guns, knives, ammo, decoys, antlers & skulls, ax collection, advertising, animals calls traps & lots more all held at Salina for a 50-Year Collection seller. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 1 — 770 acres m/l of Dickinson & Saline County Land sold in 8 tracts consisting of creek bottom tillable, upland tillable, excellent hunting. T1: 43 ac. m/l DK Co.; T2: 78 ac. m/l DK Co.; T3: 134 ac. m/l DK Co.; T4: 119 ac. m/l DK Co.; T5: 80 ac. m/l DK Co.; T6: 80 ac. m/l DK Co.; T7: 156 ac. m/l DK Co.; T8: 80 ac. m/l SA Co. Held live at Abilene for Leroy Hoffman Jr. Trust, Dorothy M. Hoffman Trust, Advantage Trust Co., trustee. Online bidding available via Proxibid.com. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Ray Swearingen, broker.

September 3 — Farm Toy auction consisting of 1/16 & 1/32 Farm toys inc. Massey Ferguson, Oliver, NH, AC, Ford, JD & more, truck banks, Shrade knives, belt buckles, race cars, paper manuals held at Salina for a private collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 4 — Collection of Fire Fighter items & advertising inc. Fire Marks, signs, fire extinguisher collection, fire hats, brass nozzles, belts, paper, pictures & much more, also selling over 1,000 PEZ & 50+ wall letter holders held at Salina

Grass & Grain, August 9, 2022 for Bob Humiston. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 5 (Labor Day Monday) — Cars (from the Gene Fuller Estate) inc. 1941 Cadillac, 1921 Franklin touring car, Ford Model T, 1913 Sampson truck, 1970 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, 50 pedal vehicles, antiques, crocks, steins & collectibles held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 5 (Labor Day Monday) — New Strawn Consignment Auction selling Tractors, trucks, vehicles, farm & livestock equipment, lawn & garden, trailers, tools, lumber & farm items held at New Strawn. Auctioneers: Darwin W. Kurtz and Paul Hancock.

September 10 — China & glassware, Lincoln drape oil lamps & other oil lamps, 19th Century bronzed statue clocks, advertising pieces, cast iron, cap guns, clocks, dolls, fancywork & many more antiques & collectibles held at Hope for Rose Mary & Kenneth Griffis Trust, Advantage Trust Co. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

September 10 — 1920s Coca Cola salesman sample cooler, oak antique furniture, crocks, electric & kerosene lamps, pictures, very large glassware collection, Hummels, dolls, holiday decor, vintage toys & more held at Salina for Patricia Jones Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 11 — Indian artifacts, guns & collectibles inc.: Sioux buckskin legging, beaded pouch & puzzle bag, scrapers, 1880s gun belt, knives, Indian pottery & vases, Kachina dolls, Navajo necklaces, guns, Royal Copley collection, dolls, glassware & much more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

September 15 — Land Auc-

tion consisting of 77.51 acres m/l of Cropland (located near Soldier) held at Soldier. Auctioneers: Countrywide Realty, Inc., auctioneer Marc Bunting.

September 17 — 2010 Mercury Mariner, furniture, arrowhead collection, clocks, collection of cap guns & holsters, pedal car, Keystone toy large dump trucks, lamps, cast iron collectibles, Coca Cola serving trays, military items & many more antiques & collectibles held at Hope for Rose Mary & Kenneth Griffis Trust, Advantage Trust Co. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

September 24 — Outdoorsman Special auction including Firearms (Remington nylon .22 rifles, other rifles, shotguns), collectible ammunition, Mounts of all types, knives, hunting & fishing gear & equipment, 2 boats, collectibles inc.: belt buckles, sculptures, collector trucks, Jerry Thomas prints & more. Selling immediately after will be 200+ Lots of Coins (nice collection) held at Manhattan for Joretta (Jody) Schwinn & The Late Myron Schwinn. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 15 — Fink Beef Genetics 36th Annual Sale held at Randolph.

November 5 — 31st Annual Bull sale held at the ranch near Wheaton for Moser Ranch.

December 3 — St. James Catholic Church Consignment auction accepting consignments for farm equipment, construction equipment, vehicles, hay, farm supplies, hedge posts, livestock equip., estates, etc. held at Wetmore. Proceeds support St. James Church. To consign contact Bill Burdick, Ron Burdick.

April 8, 2023 — Fink Beef Genetics 37th Annual Sale held at Randolph.

ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 - 9:00 AM

2110 Harper, Dg. Fairgrounds Bldg, 21 (Climate Control) LAWRENCE, KANSAS

FISHING BOAT, SUV, MOTORCYCLE

Ranger 17 Fisherman Fiberglass Boat, 115 Mercury Motor, MinnKota 1358893 TerraNova 80 I-Pilot Foot Control Bow Mount Trolling Motor, Loran Hook 9 Fish Finder, Garmin Echomap, Humminbird in Dash Depth Sounder, swivel seats, live wheels, cover, w/ Ranger Trail Trailer ALLWAYS STORED INSIDE! Very Nice & Well Maintained Fishing Boat! 1994 Ford Sport Explorer SUV 4WD, 4L V6, 5 sp. manual, 2 door, sunroof, chrome wheels/good tires, 157K; Vintage OSSA Motorcycle (As Is); Motorcycle Leather Coat/Pants.

OUTDOORS

Orvis Clearwater Classic II Reel w/864 Orvis Rod; Johnson JF1000 Fly Reel w/extendable rod; ABU Garcia Reel w/Limit Stix Rod; Shakespeare Synergy T114 Reel w/Synergy Graphite Rod; Masterpiece 1750S Reel w/Bionic Blade IB8 Graphite Rod; Johnson/Zebco Spin Cast, etc. Rods/Reels; Fly Reels/Rods; Lures: Blaze/Heddon/Rat-L-Trap, Many Others; Berkeley Portable Line Spooling Station; Hummingbird Platinum Depth Finder; lead molds/heads/weights; Very Large Selection of Fishing Tackle (Most All New!); Fishing & Hunting Gear/Clothing; Oak Gun Cabinet; **Knife Collection:** Case XX Desert Prince Skinning; Hunting w/leather sheath NIB, Case Sidewinder w/Factory Box & leather sheath, 1982-86 Schrade "The Great Outdoors Scrimshaw Series" all have Leather Sheathes, Schrade LB5 w/box & leather sheath, 1982 World's Fair, Old Timer, NRA, Sabre, Schrade 165, Winchester, Remington, Smith Wesson, Purina, Jenny Wren, Win Boy Scout, John Wayne, Coke, Ford, Hand Made, etc. A Very Impressive Knife Collection!

COLLECTIBLES, FURNITURE & MISC.

200 Year Old Vintage Stone/Hatchet Tool (RARE!); Civil War Era Soap Stone Cannonball Mold; Bronze Remington "The Rattle Snake" 22" Statue w/Marble Base; Bronze "L Accolades" French 1869 Horse Statue w/Marble Base; Pevey T-60 Electric Guitar w/Pevey Hard Case; Yamaha Fifty 210 Guitar Amplifier; DAISY 125th Anniversary Model 25 BM Gun NIB Never Opened!; 1900s Romeo ET Juliette Statue; 1921 Geo A. Ogle DOUGLAS COUNTY KS Atlas; Lionel Train Set #246 Type 99 rifier; shotgun shell repumper; Berkel meat slicer; jars; metal toys; fire trucks; Tonka toys; enamel; glassware; china sets; books; coolers; crocks; trunks; recliner; loveseat; chest-of-drawers; desk; round oak table; motorized wheelchairs; coaster wagon; archery equip.; pictures; pitcher & basin; Copper kettles & boiler; sewing machine; pots & pans; Tupperware; 3 pc. Queen size bedroom set; golf clubs; rocking chairs; & more.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 — 9:00 AM

Offering Personal Property for sale at Public Auction, located at 200 W. 117th St. N., SEDGWICK, KS from the intersection of 125th St. & S. KS Ave. (Old 81 Hwy.) 1 mi. south & 1/4 mi. west. **FARM MACHINERY & SHOP ITEMS**

1991 JD 9600 combine, duals, straw chopper, Mauver bin extensions, 3949 eng. hrs., 2522 sep. hrs., shedded; 1979 JD 6620 turbo combine, straw chopper, 2944 hrs.; JD 925 flex head & header trailer; JD rigid header & trailer; 1974 Ford F-600 truck, 16' bed & hoist, 4-2, wood floor, 42K; NH Hayliner 320 wire tie sq. baler, Farmhand accumulator, Farmhand bale forks; 1995 Travalong 20' gooseneck stock trailer; AC 190 tractor, GB 800 loader, 9480 hrs.; GP 30 solid stand folding drill, 8" spacing, dbl. disc; 1985 Ford F-150 flatbed pickup, 4 spd., needs work; Deutz Allis 1400 chiselvator 30' field cultivator; AC 1300 field cultivator; Case IH 950 Cyclo 12 row folding planter, 2 pt.; JD 653A 6 row row crop head; Kory 185 bu. gravity wagon on 4-wheel running gear; (2) 4 wheel bale trailers; UFT 400 bu. grain cart; 2-wheel single axle sm. drop deck trailer; 2 wheel pickup bed trailer; Garfield 10' speed mover; JD 4 btm. semi-mt. plow; folding harrow; folding springtooth; 2 pop-up bale loaders; drag harrow 3 pt. bale mover; 100 gal. fuel tank; cement mixer; E-Z Go gas powered golf cart; 2 ShopSmiths & attachments; Troybilt rototiller; Puma 60 gal. 5 hp air compressor; Powermatic drill press; tire machine; shop press; jointer; Simplicity riding mower; hog scales; wood burning stove; 4" auger; Vantage 3500 generator; hyd. cylinder; automotive cabinets; metal band saw; Dyna-Plex 21C 15W-40 barrel of oil; tap & die set; battery charger; DeWalt chop saw; impact wrenches; socket sets; S&K & Mac tools; end wrenches; Stihl MS170 chainsaw; shop table; jacks; Landa 2-1100 steam cleaner; cattle show supplies; tack; halters; bridles & bits; vet sup.; 2 Longhorn roping saddles; Dakota barrel racing saddle; kids saddle; round bale feeders; welding iron; H & I beams; tires & wheels; ladders; miter saw; forks.

GUNS & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Ruger Mark I .22 target pistol, 3 magazines, ammo; New England Firearms Pardner 20 ga. shotgun, single shot; approx. 1200 rounds of 20 ga. shells; Sears 410 bolt action single shot gun, shells; Winchester Super X 12 ga. pump shotgun, shells; Japanese Arisaka Type 99 rifle; shotgun shell repumper; Berkel meat slicer; jars; metal toys; fire trucks; Tonka toys; enamel; glassware; china sets; books; coolers; crocks; trunks; recliner; loveseat; chest-of-drawers; desk; round oak table; motorized wheelchairs; coaster wagon; archery equip.; pictures; pitcher & basin; Copper kettles & boiler; sewing machine; pots & pans; Tupperware; 3 pc. Queen size bedroom set; golf clubs; rocking chairs; & more.

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RETIREMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 - 9:30 AM

76 29th Avenue - HESSTON, KANSAS

Location: From the 4-way stop in Hesston, 2 miles East on Dutch Avenue then 2 1/4 miles North on West Road.

1964 D17 Allis Chalmers, Gas, Wide Front; 1961 D15 Allis Chalmers Gas, Wide Front w/Loader & new rear tires; Betco 3 pt. side mount Rotary Cutter; New Idea 9' Cutter bed; 3 pt. 5' Rotary Mower; Dearborn 3 pt. 3-16 plow; Steel wheeled side delivery rake; 3 pt. Round Bale Fork; 3 pt. Gin Pole; Titan 18' Heavy Duty Implement Trailer; 1998 Buick Regal GS, 3.8SC, 206K miles; 1969 Ford XL, 2Dr, Hardtop, Fast Back, 390 Big Block, Power Steering, Power Brakes, AC (Restorable); 1996 Polaris 250 Trailblazer ATV; Chicago Electric Mfg 170 wire feed welder; Craftsman 10" Table Saw; 1/2" air impact set; 20 piece 3/4" Socket Set; Dewalt 20V 1/2" & 3/8" Driver set; Air Bubble; 2 Campbell Hausfeld 1 1/2 HP, 11 gal Air Compressor; Sand Blaster; Saw Blades & Grinding Disc; Automotive Brake Tools; Hydraulic Cylinders; Motors; Power Pac; Pumps; High Pressure Engine Powered 2800 PSI Washer; Assorted Gear Boxes; Yale Spur Geared Block; 1/2 ton Chain Hoist; 28' & 16' Aluminum extension ladders; bins of sorted bolts & shop miscellaneous; assorted Shop Power Tools; drills; saws; sanders; Large Oak China Cabinet/Glass Front Top, 74" wide; 2 La-Z-Boy Double Recliners; Locally Made Mennonite Oak Glider Rocker w/matching foot stool; Tell City Oak Oval Dining Table w/6 chairs; small square Kitchen Table; Maple Dresser w/mirror; Mens Chest of Drawers; Chest of Drawers & Bed w/headboard w/rails; Queen Bed & Mattress; Twin Bed & Mattress; 2 Wooden End Tables; 2 White Cabinets; 2 Refrigerators; Washer & Dryer; Lady's Rocker; Little Red Wagon; Tricycle; 2 wheel Scooter; Fisher Price Toys; Dolls; Books; Collection of Tins; 4 qt Daisy Churn; 1/2 gal Milk Bottle; Treadmill; Glassware; Handwork Sewing items; Luggage; Metal Shelving; Holiday Decorations & much, much more!

Lunch by: Mennonite Meridian Church Youth Group

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