



## Benoit Angus Ranch honored with CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award

By Lindsay Graber Runft

Fresh out of the Army with an eye for the right kind of cattle, Everett Benoit bought six Angus heifers from his neighbor and started a cow herd of his own. He and wife Bonnie settled down in north-central Kansas to build a farm and family. The only kind of work they knew was hard work, and plenty of it.

Their resolve and work ethic saw the herd grow to 400 Angus females, along with a 2,500-acre farming division now.

Benoit Angus Ranch, marketing over 150 bulls annually, is a multi-generation family business with sons Doug and Chad. Focused on serving commercial cattlemen, the Benois built a reputation for high-quality cattle that perform on the ranch, in the feedyard and on the rail.

With always-improving cattle to support that renown, and the will to back it up, Benoit Angus Ranch earned the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) 2023 Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award. The family was recognized at the CAB Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, in September.

### Family, Farm and Love for the Angus Female

While Doug manages the cow herd, Chad oversees the farming side. Where possible, that ties back to cattle as row crops, cover and forages diversify beyond managing 3,500 acres of grass. Cows graze

corn stalks till late in the year and cover crops on wheat ground extend light grazing through the winter.

Everett and Bonnie remain involved, often sitting down with their sons to provide input and advice.

"They started this and now we all work together," Doug says. "Dad has been a great teacher for us. And, it's very nice to be able to work with your folks."

Passing his work ethic, love for the breed and the core foundation of the family Angus herd on down to sons meant they grew up with Angus as the only logical choice.

The Benois have been recognized for their emphasis on maternal traits and overall high-quality Angus genetics that meet commercial cattlemen's needs.

"We've had excellent performance on our calves and the carcass value is really, truly, a trait of Angus cattle," says Doug Benoit.

To Doug, the Angus female is the ideal type, further refined for a feminine head and length of body.

And to Jeff Mafi, American Angus Association regional manager, the Benoit Angus herd is a functional, working set of cows.

"They look for females with a good phenotype, do-ability and the right udder," he says. "But they know they are in the beef business, so they pay attention to carcass traits, too."



Benoit Angus was recently honored with the CAB Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award. Pictured from left are John Stika, CAB, Bonnie, Doug, Everett, Michelle Benoit, Bruce Cobb, CAB. CAB photo

Striving for excellence, the Benois stress data collection and testing. The longtime Maternal Plus members document that side of performance in their herd. All replacement females and sale bulls are American Angus Association Genomic Selection (GS)-tested, with results applied to herd improvement and marketing.

Everett says. "You don't quit at three or four o'clock in the afternoon; you have to work at it."

"They're no-nonsense Angus breeders," says Mafi. "If the cattle won't work for customers, they get rid of them."

### Customer-Focused Cattlemen

Any reputation is earned. In the cattle business it can be cultivated in many ways, but it hangs on customer opinion.

"We measure success by our customers," Doug says. "We work for them, and we'll do everything we can to keep them satisfied."

With two annual production sales, females in the fall and bulls in the spring, the Benois rely on a strong customer base, largely repeat buyers and upwards of 85 percent commercial.

Each year's breeding decisions aim to improve

the herd, partly by targeting high-quality beef production. With a bull customer base largely aiming for a premium on calves produced, the Benois employ CAB's "Targeting the Brand" logo in their sale catalogs. In 2023, 76 percent of their bull sale offering earned the logo.

"We put that Targeting the Brand mark in our sale catalog, and I know a number of customers will buy off that," Doug says. "And they will mark out bulls from their selection if it doesn't have the Targeting the Brand logo."

At the first of two rounds of culling, the ranch pulls the bottom 25

percent of bulls based on quality, and sends them to a Nebraska feedyard as steers. That bottom end, in a sense, still contributes carcass data as a baseline for how different genetics perform.

With an average CAB acceptance rate of nearly 65 percent along with those grading Prime, the Benois have found what works.

Sharing his love of the Angus breed, and notion for hard work, Everett Benoit works alongside sons Doug and Chad.

**Putting in the Work**  
"As long as it's got a seat on it, I can usually do a pretty good job," Everett says.

Now in his mid-80s, he wakes before sunrise and climbs into his truck for another day of work on the farm. Whether he's feeding cows or swathing hay, he enjoys what he does from the seat. Bonnie still can't plan on him for dinner-time, but they've managed to get along so far.

"If you love doing something, it's not work," Everett says. "That's the way I taught my boys—and hard work, it pays off."

For the Benois, that's the goal: Add quality to the cow herd and improve the quality of a steak.

With another generation (or two) following in his footsteps, and the success of the ranch to carry forward, one thing's for certain: hard work is a learned lifestyle at Benoit Angus Ranch.

## Brandenburg shares her passion for soybeans

By Lucas Shivers

Farming together as the fifth generation on their family farm south of Russell, Luke and Teresa Brandenburg stepped up to the national stage as soybean leaders.

"This is the first year we've transitioned to farming independently after working with Luke's family for years," Teresa said. "It's scary, but it's good. It was always the goal, and we're excited to make the decisions and handle the responsibilities."

Luke and Teresa met online as she grew up in Iowa raising sheep and cattle with 4-H and FFA. She's been in agriculture her whole life and graduated with an ag ed degree from Iowa State University. Teresa moved to Kansas to be with Luke, who grew up in Russell, to start their relationship and family.

"We started farming together in 2007," Teresa said. "Farm stewardship and sustainability are important to us to ensure that the farm is here for our kids if they want it."

### Farm of Dudes

The Brandenburgs are raising three incredible boys, along with 120 acres of soybeans that are double-cropped behind wheat and 330 acres of grain sorghum. They also manage about 80 head of commercial cow-calf pairs.

Jacob is the oldest at 15, in his first year in FFA as a freshman who loves science and history. Issac is turning 11 and has a creative engineering brain. David is seven and always wants to be in the tractor, out on the farm, or at the sale barn.



Teresa Brandenburg represents soybean producers on both the state and national level and believes it's important to step up and be involved. Courtesy photos

In addition to the farm, Brandenburgs are volunteers at Celebration Community Church, and Teresa works as the National Chapter Operations Director for Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority.

"We are trying to remain optimistic about the fall harvest this year. We had some early rains and a decent start," Teresa said. "The hot and dry summer sets expectations with a little more reality."

They'll be out in the fields cutting by early October.

### Positive Influencer

In 2010, Teresa was selected for the Dupont Young Leader program, an intensive leadership development program put on by the American Soybean Association.

"The biggest leadership lesson is to listen to those around you," Teresa said. "You simply can't know it all. It's my style as a leader to facilitate good conversation and foster understanding. Our Kansas Soybean Association staff and board are the

smartest folks."

Traveling the state and region, she spreads the message of soybeans.

"The farmers we work with are the most welcoming individuals," Teresa said. "I've felt like I belong and know how to voice concerns and ask the right questions."

She gained experience and confidence to be an asset to others to promote soybean's potential.

"I absolutely loved the work and ended up running for an elected position on the board and even served in several leadership positions."

### Policy Perspectives

Teresa represents the farmer voice and soybean perspective in Topeka and Washington D.C., with policy work.

"I learn so much at all levels," Teresa said. "I'm constantly seeing things from other farmer perspectives. I enjoy setting priorities with other farmers to get a broader view of it all."

To help share the story of soybeans from central Kansas, Teresa actively engages with consumers and legislators alike.

"It's an educational opportunity for our leaders to get more of a direct tie to agriculture," Teresa said. "I get to show them what my life looks like as a farmer. This allows them to understand what tools we need to not only be profitable now, but ensure



The Brandenburg family is made up of Isaac, Luke, Teresa, David and Jacob. Together they farm near Russell.

the future of our farming operation."

### Top Seat

Teresa has chaired committees like strategic planning and Expo, served terms as secretary, vice president, and president, and now serves as the chairman of the board.

"We want to provide input and support for the next Farm Bill," Teresa said. "We want to protect crop insurance as a safety

net to allow farmers to operate in challenging conditions. We are focusing on growing our impact to represent the needs of all soybean growers. Farming is so diverse across the different parts of the state, so it's important to ensure things can work in various places and represent everyone."

Her advice to others: "Find those organizations that fit your personal val-

ues. Just show up and be helpful. Give your time, energy, and resources. That's why I've stayed involved as long as I have. It's focused on the future. It's a great fit for me, and I hope everyone finds their best ways to invest."

"Every organization is always looking for people to help and be part of the active membership to share opportunities to step up and get involved."



John Stika presents Shannon and Rusty Wharton with the CAB Sustainability Award. Also presenting the award was Bruce Cobb (CAB).

## Kansas ranchers recognized for sustainability efforts

The view of Wharton 3C Ranch, near Syracuse, in the summer of 2023 is so green Shannon and Rusty Wharton might have better luck convincing people it is a slice of heaven rather than the harsh, drought-ridden environment locals know.

In fact, a few years ago, there wasn't a cow in these pastures, lack of rain left the soil unable to produce much more than dust.

The commercial outfit is made up of about 600 head spread across more than 35,000 acres, most of that a Western Associa-

tion of Fish and Wildlife conservation easement. A 1,000-head grow yard prepares calves for finishing. The Whartons have been managing it for various owners since 2005. The last time it changed hands in 2017, they made the num-



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

By Kim Baldwin,  
McPherson County farmer  
and rancher

Fall harvest is in full swing on our central Kansas farm.

Our dryland and irrigated field corn has all been picked and all that's left in those fields are corn stalks and a lot of dry organic material that was kicked out the back end of a combine.

The only corn remaining in the middle of one of these recently harvested fields is our popcorn crop.

We baby our popcorn like no other crop on our farm. It is strategically planted in areas near windbreaks that will hopefully help protect the plant from the brutal winds we sometimes experience. It's always planted on irrigated acres to ensure it gets the water it needs during the growing season. It also receives the most verbal affirmations and words of encouragement from me during the growing season compared to any of our other crops. And it's the crop that generally tests my patience and my nerves the most as harvest time is determined by a very narrow range of moisture present within the grain.

If field corn is cut a little too wet, the elevator will pay a little less for it and you move on. If the popcorn is a little too wet, the popcorn won't pop, thus defeating the purpose of growing popcorn. Making sure we harvest the popcorn within that tiny window of acceptable moisture levels literally

determines whether or not we have popcorn available for our customers for the next year.

As we get closer to popcorn harvest, I tend to worry about a potential rain that could flood the field. During my time on the farm, we have had instances where heavy rains have flooded shut the roads and flooded fields of sorghum and field corn in water so deep we've been able to kayak in it.

The potential for a heavy downpour in the fall always enters my mind as we get closer and closer to the popcorn harvest.

The potential threat of a flood had me over-looking a more obvious threat – especially with it being so dry out here: fire. I was completely caught off guard when we recently received a phone call late one night from a neighbor who had noticed flames in a corn field. He wanted to know if it was a planned burn. It, in fact, was not a planned burn!

Phone calls were made to 911 as my husband drove off to get a tractor and disc while I drove off to meet my father-in-law in the field.

As I approached the popcorn field, the growing glow ahead of me confirmed we were not going to be able to snuff out this fire with a couple of shovels.

Soon sirens could be heard in the distance coming down our rural roads all en route to our location. Those emergency

trucks and water tankers and even personal vehicles responding to the fire were all driven by volunteers. It's amazing how quickly they all responded and helped put out the fire – especially considering many of them are coming from their own farms located throughout the countryside in every direction.

This team of volunteers quickly drove through the field and extinguished the flames spreading through the corn stalks. When it was all said and done, the popcorn was spared with the fire line just a few hundred feet away from the start of the popcorn rows.

I'm thankful for the willingness of these men and women who serve their neighbors and assist in times of emergencies whether it be day or night. This wasn't the first time we've needed help from emergency responders, and it probably won't be the last time either. But this event reaffirmed my appreciation for the helpers in our community who are willing to assist their fellow rural neighbors. After all, if we didn't have these organized and trained volunteers available and willing to help, who would?

They sacrifice their time and resources at the drop of a hat when an emergency call goes out to help save or protect people and property.

Neighbors helping neighbors – it's part of what makes rural America such a special place.

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## Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

A couple of weeks ago I was in Frankfort for my great uncle's funeral. He was the last of my grandma's siblings and now only his wife is left of that generation. Longevity is one of the hallmarks of the Howell family – Uncle Lyle died at 96, my grandma was just shy of 101, and her other siblings, with the exception of one, lived into their 80s or 90s. Her parents died at 98 and 94 years old. But along with longevity, there is another trait I've noticed that is shared by the ones I had the privilege to get to know. And that is an incredibly positive outlook on life.

My great-grandpa, by the time I knew him, was a wisp of a man with a giant smile and an even bigger heart. He had a dairy and lived on the same farm from 1909 until he moved in with my grandma not too long before he died. He had an old horse named Pearl that was around when my dad was growing up and still able to give us kids rides when we came to visit. He had an infectious laugh and an ornery streak a mile wide, as I recall. I remember visiting him in the hospital once, or it

may have been a rehab center, after he'd had surgery. "I think they gave me some female blood," he declared, rubbing the top of his bald head. "See? My hair is growing back!" Then he guffawed and slapped his thigh. There really were little soft, downy hairs growing on his crown, so who knows, maybe he was right.

He and my great-grandma raised six kids in a tiny little house on their home place. He farmed with horses and milked those cows by hand until the changing times brought technological advances, including electricity, motor vehicles, tractors and milking machines.

I'm sure theirs was a backbreaking existence, working sunup to sundown with few if any of the things we consider necessities today. They would have seemed like frivolous luxuries to them. Yet in every picture I've seen, every memory I have, there's that smile, that laugh, that ornery twinkle in his eye. I'm sure that through the years he experienced every farming disaster imaginable. Yet he had joy – and spread that joy wherever he went.

My grandma was the same way. She lost her first husband suddenly when she had four young sons to raise. There were many, many struggles throughout her life. Yet she had joy. I remember an aide at the nursing home she lived in for a while telling me, "I just love taking care of your grandma, she always has such a positive attitude!" My memories are the same of all of her siblings. They worked hard, were solid, honest, faithful, generous people... and they had joy.

We've always attributed their long lives to clean living and good genetics, but I can't help but wonder if there may be something else at play. A positive outlook, finding the good in situations whenever they could, silly jokes and laughter.

Who knows, maybe it didn't add more years to their life, but I'm confident that coupled with their deep, abiding faith in God, joy and a positive outlook helped get them through the hardest times and darkest days.

And that, my friends, is a legacy worth holding on to.

## New meat packing antitrust bill introduced

U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) introduced a bill to

"break up giant meatpacking and poultry monop-

lies" in the U.S. This bill comes after Tyson Foods made the announcement that it planned to close its poultry plants in southern Missouri. This closure would cause a loss of thousands of jobs.

The bill would amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to set up "specific thresholds for market concentration and allow federal antitrust officials to more effectively prohibit or unwind acquisitions by meat companies that "concentrate the meatpacking sector."

*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.*

—Robert Louis Stevenson



This weekend I am taking part in a wedding ceremony for a young farming/ranching couple. I must admit that I am a bit nervous because marriage is an important and joyful thing and I want to make sure I do my part. I have been asked to deliver a short message (short was emphasized, I guess they know me too well) and most of the past month or so I have been pondering what I might say.

I am a grizzled veteran of nearly 28 years of marriage, and I am fairly sure that in terms of an ag marriage that is like 196 years. I am not a smart man, but I have learned a lot in those 28 years. One thing I know for sure is that there should be some extra vows when a farming couple get married so here is my attempt at them.

The new farm/ranch bride's vows would be something like; I vow to support you in rainy seasons and in drought. I will love you even in times of bad fences and poor pasture and when the phone rings at two in the morning. I will be with you through hailstorms and blizzards. In times of veterinary emergencies when I am in the barn in my robe and crocs and those quick errands on the way home from church in my good clothes and barbed-wire fences. I will continue to love you when the new tractor comes before the house remodeling.

I will love you even in times of sorting cows when you raise your voice and say unkind things. I will remain your wife when your directions make no sense, referencing homesteads that don't exist and trees that have been cut down. I will even love you when coming home in a few minutes turns to hours and supper is cold and being home early is midnight. I pledge my undying love in times of red and black ink.

The new farm/ranch groom's vows are something like: You are the center of my world and nothing I will say during times of working cattle mean anything and I am permanently sorry for what I have said and what I will say. I vow that I will not take my frustrations out on you when I am broken down and you are helping me, no matter how close the rain is. I promise to try to be home at a decent hour or at least apologize profusely when that does not happen.

I will understand that sometimes the house has to come before the farm. I will from this day forth do a better job of explaining my plans and how they might involve your help, and if that is not possible, I will show my appreciation for your sacrifice. I promise that I will use directions with actual landmarks that are visible and make sense. I will also make this solemn vow that I will remember that you have nothing to do with the weather outside.

While we are at it, we should probably also look at the traditional vows. I have to giggle every time the whole about richer and poorer is said. We can go ahead and get rid of the richer part. Then there is the sickness and health. Farmers and ranchers are the last to admit they are sick and the worst patients when they are, and health is a relative term. Finally, the whole "until death do us part" cannot be invoked by either party on their own at a time of their choosing.

In all seriousness, I cannot imagine going through this life and farming without Jennifer, we are a team in the good times and in the bad. We support, encourage, and push each other. A shoulder to lean on and a kick in the pants when needed, but always together. There is nothing better than to have someone to share the good times with and your best friend to pull you from the depths.

I don't have a point of reference for a "normal" marriage, all I know is this life I have lived. I would imagine that being a farm or ranch couple is more intense and that makes it even sweeter. My charge to newlywed couples is to be the rock for each other, take time for your spouse and remember they are the most important thing in your life. Always try to put them first and make sure to make amends when you don't. Don't get so caught up in in where you want to be that you don't enjoy the journey of getting there.

Marriage is a wonderful, difficult, hard thing and requires constant attention and work especially when your work and your home life overlap. In the end, marriage and family are the most important and meaningful part of your life, don't ever forget that.

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# Kansas ranchers recognized for sustainability efforts

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 bers work, purchasing the cattle and a little land, leasing the rest. A mix of puzzle pieces built over time helped two first-generation cattle ranchers carve out their own place in the cattle business. Their resilience and success earned Wharton 3C Cattle the 2023 Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Sustainability Award.

**A Better Way**  
 Unburdened by tradition that sometimes saddles generational ranches, the Whartons' mindset is business first. Follow the science and data in selection and management, then work to get better every day.

"We have our goal towards quality, not only quality in the meat we produce, but also quality of the land," Shannon says.

Involved in retained ownership since the 1990s, the couple tracks everything from conception to carcass data. A recent load

of cattle were 100% Certified Angus Beef ®, including 92% Prime. They achieved 87% or higher CAB and Prime across all their 2021fed cattle. Premiums on those cattle add some extra black ink to the bottom line.

People and a wider vision drive them to build not only their section of the cattle business but the entire industry.

"We all need each other," Shannon explains. "Without the cow-calf producer, restaurants don't have great beef to serve, without the packer, our product doesn't get to those restaurants and consumers don't have access to it. And commercial producers need someone to feed and finish those cattle. So, it's very important that we all work together and realize in the end, we're all producing the same product."

**Greater Involvement**  
 This thought process led Shannon to get in-

involved in the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB).

"It's such a neat organization where we can have the whole supply chain sit down together and say, okay, from the producer all the way to the retailer, we're producing this beef. Let's do it to the best of our ability. Let's make sure we're not impacting the environment negatively. Let's ensure we're taking care of the animals and our employees."

The USRSB framework aligns with the Whartons' mindset on management.

"We have to be sustainable to be in this business," Rusty says. "If we don't do the right thing with the grazing management plan, if we don't take care of the cattle properly and if we fail to bring together our customer base, then we're not going to be in business."

Rusty admits he's been one to store cattle or grazing data in his head or

scribbles in a dashboard notebook. However, technology to sort and the discipline to keep records allow him to run their cattle operation like any other business. That recorded and analyzed data enables good decisions, workable drought plans and meeting the requirements of take one-third, leave two-thirds when grazing the conservation easement.

"It helps you stay focused when you need to make a move," Rusty says.

The most valuable takeaway for the couple's USRSB involvement has been opening new avenues of communication. Shannon has firsthand experience in how simple management tools like Beef Quality Assurance certification and written grazing management plans can align values across the beef supply chain.

"Being involved in the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef has impacted how we communicate what we do, because we've

been doing this for a long time and this is what we believe in," Shannon says. "So, our communication about sustainability is improved by the Roundtable."

Visionaries who were willing to learn, work hard and persevere, Wharton 3C cattle is building both their business and the cattle business for the future.



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  - 2/3 cup shortening
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 cup mashed bananas
  - 2 1/4 cups flour
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 cup chopped nuts
- Topping:**  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Beat sugar, shortening and vanilla. Add eggs, then bananas and mix well. Stir in dry ingredients then nuts. Chill for 30 minutes. Drop by teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet. Combine 1/4 cup of sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon and sprinkle over cookies. Bake 8 to 10 minutes at 400 degrees.

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Jackie Doud, Topeka:  
**APPLE BUTTER**  
 5 quarts chopped apples  
 4 cups sugar  
 4 teaspoons cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon cloves  
 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cook all ingredients in a slow-cooker all night. Stir. Then freeze in containers.

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Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:  
**DRIED BEEF CASSEROLE**  
 1 can cream of mushroom soup  
 1/4 pound diced cheese  
 1 cup cooked macaroni  
 1 soup can of milk  
 1/4 pound dried beef, sliced  
 1 small onion, diced

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately one hour.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**PEA SALAD**  
 1 cup chopped celery  
 1/3 cup chopped red onion  
 1 can sliced water chestnuts  
 3 cups frozen peas (Run cold water over them before

adding and drain well)  
 About 1/2 cup mayonnaise  
 1/2 cup cashew nuts  
 Mix all ingredients except the cashews. Chill. Throw in cashews right at serving.

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Kellee George, Shawnee:  
**FROZEN CHERRY SALAD**  
 1 can Eagle Brand milk  
 8 ounces Cool Whip  
 1 can cherry pie filling  
 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained

Mix all ingredients together and freeze.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

**CHERRY COLA SALAD**  
 1 small package cherry gelatin  
 1 cup boiling water  
 1/2 cup cola  
 1 can cherry pie filling  
 1 small can crushed pineapple  
 1/2 cup nuts

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add cola and all other ingredients. Chill until set.

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## What Does It Mean?

By Lou Ann Thomas

We humans are certainly an entertaining lot. We do some goofy things, make silly misinterpretations and just generally create amusement for ourselves and each other. For instance, my friend Teri recently told me how she had looked all over for her morning cup of coffee. She had only sipped about half of it and was desperate to finish it and get on with her busy day. Teri was ready to give up her search and pour another mug of morning fuel when she realized she had been holding the original cup in her hand the entire time she was looking for it.

You may laugh at her foibles, but I had no room to do so, having just two evenings prior, spent several minutes looking for my phone by using the flashlight on my phone. Teri and I are not alone. I have friends who admit to searching all over their house for their glasses only to locate them on top of their head. Or after trying to locate their house keys for days finally find them right where they left them - still in the door.

A lot of us have memory hiccups now and then, and I don't believe they are all age related or anything to fret about. They are likely more indications of us being easily distracted and losing track of what is really happening in our here and now. It's easy to become absent minded and mishear what is being said when we get overly busy and distracted.

I've always had an inner leaning toward befuddlement. I have never been good at understanding dialects or accents or apparently song lyrics. This came to light several decades ago when I was belting out the lyrics to one of my favorite Cree-

dence Clearwater Revival songs, "Bad Moon Rising." I loved the song but before my sing along I couldn't figure out why the lyric went, "There's a bathroom on the right." Imagine my moment of illumination when I was told the lyric was actually, "There's a bad moon on the rise."

When I share this story, I often hear confessions of misunderstood lyrics by others. Friends admit to mishearing Annie Lennox profess that "sweet dreams are made of cheese" and Dire Straits singing, "Money for nothin' and the chips are free." And many people hear a shout out to a television sitcom star in Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" because they hear, "hold me closer, Tony Danza."

This all makes me wonder, if I can overlook a cup of hot coffee in my hand, not realize I am holding my phone while looking for it, or can mishear song lyrics that I've heard hundreds of times, what else am I missing and misunderstanding? Realizing we all make mistakes and have some lapses of memory makes me want to be more patient - with others and myself. We don't always get things right and that doesn't always mean we're showing signs of age. Sometimes I'm just being my befuddled self.

If you or someone you love are showing signs of memory issues, don't hesitate to get checked out. However, life at any age can be confusing and lead to misunderstandings, especially if we're not focused in on the present.

So, who can tell me what the Beatles meant when they sang, "I want to hold your ham."

Check out Lou Ann's blog at: <https://louannthomas.blog>

## Science Behind Food Preparation Explained

K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN - A potato is a potato is a potato...right?

Maybe not, says Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

"If you taste a whole vegetable, such as a baked sweet potato, compared to slices of sweet potato that are baked, you'll have two different foods," said Blakeslee, who is also coordinator of the university's Rapid Response Center for food science.

"Cutting the vegetable opens up the cell structure to allow the natural sugars and proteins to interact with the heat," she said.

"Taste the sweet potatoes side-by-side and you will pick up different flavor compounds."

Cutting vegetables to roast or bake can "take flavor to another level," according to Blakeslee, because of a concept known as the Maillard reaction.

"The Maillard reaction is a non-enzymatic reaction between amino acids (that make up proteins) and reducing sugars (such as glucose and fructose) in the presence of heat," Blakeslee said.

"In some cases, it is a desirable reaction, such as browning meat or baked bread, or roasted coffee

beans. But in other cases, it is detrimental - such as in dry milk powder if it is stored improperly. It's not the same as caramelization, which is a thermal decomposition of certain sugars in food (such as making caramel candy)."

Vegetables can be tasty regardless of the way consumers prepare them, Blakeslee said; it's just a matter of preference.

"Try different ways to prepare and cook vegetables," she said. "From baking, roasting, sautéing and more, the preparation can add a lot of variety to any meal."

She adds: "Using different preparation methods can take a once-hated vegetable to a favorite vegetable."

Blakeslee publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More information is also available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

## Safe Kitchen Tips

Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee says cooking in the kitchen is a great learning experience for all ages. To avoid accidents, she has some reminders about safety in the kitchen:

\* Stoves are hot. Turn pans with long handles away from other burners and from small helping hands.

\* Because of a lot of hot, wet food and liquid, keep potholders dry, or use silicone rubber potholders for extra safety.

\* While removing lids from hot pans and canners, tilt the lid away from your face so steam doesn't burn your skin.

\* Keep knives sharp for safest use.

\* Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of fire.

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# Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Marci Spaw, Wabaunsee Museum

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

A new project uncovered something old.

That’s what happened in Alma, where the county historical museum staff were working on renovations and made an unexpected find – right underneath their feet. This museum is working to honor and preserve the history and culture of Wabaunsee County.

During the last two weeks, we’ve learned about remarkable women in business at Alma. Remarkable things are happening at the county historical museum in Alma, too.

Marci Spaw is executive director of the Wabaunsee County Historical Society and Museum. Spaw grew up on a farm near Overbrook, went to K-State for bachelors and masters degrees, and met and married Christopher. They now live out in Wabaunsee County’s rural Farmer township, population 119 people. Now, that’s rural.

Spaw joined the museum staff in 2020 and became the full-time executive director in 2022. The mission of the Wabaunsee County Historical Society and Museum is to record the history and culture of the people of the county over time, provide education, and collect, preserve and exhibit artifacts relating to the county.

Alma is the county seat. Wabaunsee County includes most of the territory of the Native Stone Scenic Byway, and Alma is known as the City of Native Stone. So, it is fitting that the museum is located in a historic stone building in the heart of downtown Alma.

The museum has various rooms and glass cases displaying an extensive collection of artifacts, from buggies and tractors to arrowheads and classic photos. Genealogy files can help search for ancestors. One



remarkable feature is an amazing collection of Native American stone tools, catalogued by retired archeologist Bob Blasing.

“We have over 2,000 stone tools, some dating back 10,000 years,” Spaw said.

One visitor wrote about the museum: “This large museum has a fantastic diverse display of artifacts.” Another wrote: “Incredible collection of artifacts detailing the interesting history of the area.”

The museum also performs educational outreach. In 2023, museum staff developed youth educational programming in cooperation with the Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library, the Grimm-Schultz Farmstead, and K-State Research and Extension’s office Wabaunsee County. This included hands-on kids’ experiences such as making bread and butter, wash day, quilting bee, and a day in a one-room schoolhouse.

In 1982, the county acquired the former Farmers Union co-op building next door to the museum. For decades, the building was used as an annex for storage. As the museum needed more space, the hope was to expand into the annex.

To make needed improvements, the museum obtained grants from the Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas Department of Commerce, and Kansas Tourism.

“Our members donated the necessary matching funds,” Spaw said. The renovated space will be com-

plete by the end of 2024.

While this work was being done, the workers made a remarkable find: A hidden underground stone cellar under the annex floor. This man-made “cave” built of laid limestone featured an arched-ceiling design and a long stone staircase downstairs from the annex building.

Such arched cellars were common in the 1860s. Without the benefit of electricity or any form of refrigeration beyond ice harvested from streams in the winter, virtually every building constructed in Alma in the 1800s contained a cellar beneath it for storage of perishable foodstuffs.

When a newer building was built on this lot in 1908, the cellar entrance was covered by the new floor, hiding it from the public view for more than a century.

Spaw said she is excited about this and other elements of the museum’s historical programming. “We have a big facility for a small county museum,” Spaw said. “This is a great opportunity to showcase rural history and culture. We want Kansas kids to fall in love with Kansas.”

For more information, go to [www.wabaunseecomuseum.org](http://www.wabaunseecomuseum.org).

A new project discovered something old. The modern renovation of the museum’s building uncovered a stone cellar that was built more than a century ago.

We salute Marci Spaw and all those involved with the Wabaunsee County Historical Society and Museum for making a difference by honoring and exploring this history. They are helping old-time history become fresh and new.

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



By Kelsey Pagel

## Free Choice

We got rain last night! Hallelujah! We needed the break from harvest for a bit. We’re getting a lot closer to being done on beans and moving steadily along with the corn.

Remember me telling you about Tuff? The second twin I found that hasn’t ever been just quite right. He was adopted by a mom, but is still not ready to go to pasture yet. I just can’t figure out what is wrong with him. He’s eating good, but just doesn’t feel great. I thought it was the switch from formula to a cow’s milk, but it’s been over a week and he’s still just not perking up. Anyways, we’ll keep trying different things to get him healthy and sometime soon they’ll be able to go to grass.

Tilly, the first twin, is doing fantastic. I do a reverse Sandhill method. I move the pairs after they calve rather than moving the dry cows. I left Tilly and her mom with the dry cows so I could play with her twice a day when I checked the cows. But she and her mom were begging to cross the fence to the pairs. And Tilly is loving it. She loves having friends that will play with her. She was a bottle calf long enough that she makes it incredibly difficult for her mom to keep track of her because she doesn’t listen. She does what she wants. But her mom is doing amazing with her. I’m thrilled that I don’t have to bottle-feed calves. I figured they wouldn’t last long as bottle calves.

I’m down to single digits of cows to calve in one pasture and teens in the other pasture. But they have slowed down a lot so worried fall calving is going to stretch out for a bit.

In other news, our ten-

year anniversary is coming up. On one hand I can’t believe it’s been ten years, on the other, it absolutely feels like ten with everything we’ve been through. We missed going on our yearly vacation in August, but Matt still assures me we’re going to go somewhere. I’m not sure when or how, but I’m still hopeful we’ll sneak away for a bit before winter feeding season starts in earnest.

You know when people say things have been hard, but they would do it all over again, that it’s all worth it? I wouldn’t marry Matt again. I’m not telling you anything I haven’t told him and I’m sure he feels the same. I would find someone that didn’t know what a cow was, didn’t know the difference between a corn head and a soybean head and had weekends off. And I would have problems with that person too, different problems, but still problems.

Just because I wouldn’t do it again doesn’t mean I regret doing it the first time. I love Matt and he loves me. We’re all waiting for the fairy-tale ending that Disney sells us from the time we’re old enough to watch TV. There is no fairy-tale ending. No marriage is perfect and no marriage lives happily ever after. There are two very imperfect people with different dreams, different ideas of what needs done and different goals. There is no balance.

The thing that we have is free choice. We make a choice to stay, to work

it out, to continually try making it. I choose to do the things I do because I care about my marriage. I said vows that I mean. I’m married to someone whose worst flaw is how hard he works. Somebody out there is begging their man to work harder. I’m married to a man that loves me, maybe not in the way that I need it all the time, but he will never hit me. I will never have to fear for my life or be scared to be with him or tell him what I need. There are people out there terrified for their lives with no idea how to get out.

We all have our own versions of hell, but often, our own hell is somebody else’s heaven. If you’re reading this, you have free choice. You can choose. Don’t take that for granted. There’s a lot of people in the world that don’t have even that.

With that, I hope you have had a safe harvest with record-producing yields. May the rest of it go smoothly and may we finish on a good note. Grace and patience!

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 and FB @teampagel.

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## Tips For Keeping Your Pumpkins Longer

By Kelsey Hatesohl  
River Valley Extension  
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With fall approaching you might be looking to start getting your fall decorations ready. The first decoration that comes to mind for me is pumpkins! They come in all different shapes, sizes, and colors!

If you are wanting to buy your pumpkins early, I have a helpful tip for you. When selecting which pumpkins you are going to purchase you want to make sure the pumpkin wasn’t harvested too early. Pumpkin rinds develop a hard, waxy layer to keep it from drying out and shriveling up. An easy way to test the rind is to use your thumbnail. If it pierces the fruit easily, it was harvested too early and won’t last as long as others with a stronger rind.

Pumpkins will also stay longer in cooler weather. If the weather starts to get hot again, you might want to pull your pumpkins into a cooler area to help them last.

If you enjoy carving your pumpkins for Halloween, have you considered saving the seeds and roasting them? When you scoop the seeds out, rinse them well to

remove any strands of tissue that might remain and spread them out so they can dry completely. Once dry, roast them on a cookie sheet for 10-15 minutes at 350 degrees F.

Just remember if you are carving your pumpkins the longevity of your pumpkins

will be reduced. Once carved they will last about a week. So don’t carve them too soon before Halloween!

If you have any questions feel free to stop by or contact me in the Washington office, at 785-325-2121 or [khatesohl@ksu.edu](mailto:khatesohl@ksu.edu).

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## The Maine Thing (Part 4)

As we landed at Great Cranberry Island off the big island of Mt. Desert, Maine, we disembarked the mail boat along with a few day workers, and residents. There was a ferry boat coming in so I decided to wait and watch them unload the tandem dump truck full of gravel and a pickup with a gooseneck hauling a skid steer loader. The whole idea of having to ferry all this stuff out to the islands gave me an appreciation for the laid-back, slow lifestyle these folks live up here. You can't get in a hurry!

Some of the guys stayed aboard the mail boat destined for the Little

Cranberry a bit farther out, where they would be building a new dock by the time we arrived later in the day.

We had a few hours to explore so after the ferry unloaded we headed up toward the Post Office building to see if there were any facilities. Did I mention there are no services for tourists on these islands? Well, we headed on up the hill to the interior of the island, walking past homes of varying ages, most probably 40 years or older. There was just one "street" that sort of circled the top of the island and there were only a few golf carts or bicycles, and one motor-

cycle in view for transportation. Yard art consisted of weathered whale bones or wind chimes. We found the cemetery off to one side and took advantage of the seclusion provided to answer nature's call amongst some shrubbery!

Another hour of walking the "street" revealed that many of the homes had private paths that led down to private boat docks; nothing fancy, just the bare necessities for island dwellers. As we made our way back down toward the main dock there was little more activity than when we had arrived, so we just hung out exploring the shoreline.

My wife spent hours on this trip, intently searching for "sea glass," sometimes called "mermaid tears." We collected a combined total of only about three pounds. Sea glass originally came from the rich tourists, from down the coast, dining on their yachts and instead of washing their plates and glasses they just threw them overboard where

they would be broken to bits by the sea and wash up on the stony shores, which Maine consists of almost exclusively.

Craggy rocks and cliffs are the vast majority of Maine's coastline. But here on the islands there was the occasional gravelly beach, upon which was usually built a pier to accommodate the traffic the residents and fishermen depended on. On Great Cranberry the main business was a boatyard. The tide was out when we got back to the docks so we searched for sea glass and whatever else the tide had brought up today. A small crab kept me entertained for several minutes as he "side-passed" back toward the deeper water, from his small tide pool, when he felt threatened by me. Some of the sea glass bits were quite interesting, most not much bigger than your thumbnail, but it became easy to tell if it was older by the thickness and the amount of wear the motion of the waters had smoothed and even rounded the broken

edges, giving it an opaque finish. The thinner, sharper, brighter-colored bits were fairly easily identified as beer bottles.

At almost high noon the mail boat arrived and we eagerly made our way down the pier toward our only ride off this island. Descending the sea-worn wooden stairs toward the boat I flashed our "ticket," the half sheet of Big Chief tablet page the captain had scrawled our passage and amount "Pd \$65." We settled in for the next leg of our island hopping adventure, destination Little Cranberry.

Upon arrival we could already see that this little island is where all the action was. The new dock being built, an actual restaurant (although closed "due to sickness") and small shop, and a commercial lobster terminal. The most fascinating part of that stop was watching the lobster boats line up to off-load their catch for the day. One by one the boats made their way in to one of two stations on the terminal's dock.

We sat on the main public pier watching, with great interest, the process of grading, measuring, and sorting of the catch. The really big lobsters, over five inches, were dropped overboard with any females carrying eggs, as breeders. The "carapace" or thorax of the shell had to be at least 3 1/4 inches up to 5 inches (about three pounds) and have both large claws, to go to what appeared to be the "premium" box. Single claws went into another box, and legal size with no claws, a third. It takes five to seven years for a lobster to reach market size, and they are extremely difficult to farm, as opposed to oysters, clams, or various fish species.

Maine does an extremely good job of managing their aquaculture, which in 2021 was worth \$890M, over 80% of which is lobster fishing alone.

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**NAWG comments on Congress passing a continuing resolution**

Congress passed a short-term continuing resolution, which will fund the federal government through November 17, 2023. While the stopgap appropriations bill is necessary to avoid a government shutdown, the lack of a full fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations package continues to slow down the 2023 Farm Bill process. The lapse in Farm Bill authorization on September 30 marks a critical juncture for American agriculture, demanding urgent action from Congress to resolve the full FY 2024 appropriations process so the work can proceed with Farm Bill reauthorization. The impacts associated with

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"The Farm Bill plays a pivotal role in supporting American farmers, rural communities, and sustainable agricultural practices," said NAWG president and Oregon wheat farmer Brent Cheyne. "While we are glad Congress worked to pass a short-term continuing resolution, our leaders need to set aside their differences, pass a long-term appropriations package, and commence work on a Farm Bill without additional delay. We would like to express our appreciation to the agricultural committees for their diligent efforts and hard work in crafting the Farm Bill. We hope that all of Congress will prioritize passing the Farm Bill to serve the best interests of Americans and the agriculture sector by the end of the year."

NAWG implores Congress to work collaboratively and swiftly to reach a resolution on FY 2024 appropriation and work to get a Farm Bill signed into law by the end of the year. Farmers deserve the assurance of a functioning Farm Bill that supports their endeavors, fosters innovation, and ensures the continued growth of our agricultural industry.

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I am writing from Dodge City, waiting for my colleagues from the Order of the Indian Wars to arrive for the week's talks and tours.

Talks and tours, talks and tours. This is my life.

"Talking Head" was not on my list of What-I-want-to-be-when-I-grow-up, yet here I am.

At the Santa Fe Trail Association conference in Independence, Missouri, I filled in at the last minute for a presenter who was not able to attend. I accompanied my friend, Ross Marshall, in leading a tour to Fort Leavenworth, and after a glass of wine, was the auctioneer for the evening.

I'm the little woman with the big mouth who can always be counted on to talk, whether I know anything or not.

I come by this gift honestly. My Daddy was a preacher, a salesman, and

a politician - in the South.

By the time you read this, I will be on the road again, filling up at Mittens and heading to another conference or presentation or interview. I aspire to inspire but sometimes achieve only comic relief.

Ah, well. It is almost time to Zoom my Osher class and prepare for my talk tomorrow.

"Talking Head" signing off.

*Deb Goodrich is a talking head on numerous documentaries including AHC's Gunslingers and now streaming on History Fix, The Road to Valhalla and The American Artist. She is a producer on Sod and Stubble and the host of Around Kansas. She is the Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum and chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.*

## USDA to begin issuing \$1.75 billion to agricultural producers through critical emergency relief programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that it will begin issuing more than \$1.75 billion in emergency relief payments to eligible farmers and livestock producers. These much-needed payments are helping farming and ranching operations recover following natural disasters in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

"USDA provides substantial economic support for America's farmers and ranchers through its critical farm program payments. These payments are reflective of the incredible and cumulative financial hits brought on by devastating natural disasters that agricultural producers nationwide have endured while fulfilling their commitment to produce our food, fiber and fuel," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This additional assistance helps offset the tremendous losses that these producers faced and is a valuable investment, not only for farmers and ranchers but in the economic successes of our communities - rural and urban - and in our nation's food security for generations to come."

### Emergency Livestock Relief Program

FSA will issue more than \$581 million in 2021 and 2022 drought and wildfire emergency relief to eligible ranchers.

FSA is closing out the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) for

losses suffered in 2021. ELRP Phase Two payments are estimated at \$115.7 million. Ranchers who lost grazing acres due to drought and wildfire and received assistance through ELRP Phase One will soon receive an additional payment through ELRP Phase Two. This second payment will be equal to 20% of the 2021 gross ELRP Phase One payment. ELRP Phase Two payments to producers will be automatic with no application required. In April 2022, FSA staff processed more than 100,000 payments through ELRP Phase One and paid eligible ranchers more than \$600 million for 2021 grazing losses.

In 2022, ranchers continued to experience significant loss of grazing acres due to drought and wildfire. To help mitigate these losses, eligible ranchers will receive ELRP disaster assistance payments for increases in supplemental feed costs. To expedite payments, determine producer eligibility and calculate the ELRP 2022 payment, FSA is using livestock inventories and drought-affected forage acreage or restricted animal units and grazing days due to wildfire already reported to FSA by ranchers when they submitted their Livestock Forage Disaster Program applications. ELRP payments for 2022 losses are estimated at \$465.4 million and will be automatic with no applica-

## Stay alert, be prepared for increased risk of farm fires during harvest

Severe drought and current environmental conditions have the Midwest on alert as fire risks are higher than usual during equipment rollout for corn and soybean harvest. From lack of precipitation to low soil moisture and dry vegetation, these conditions, when paired with hot, running farm equipment, increase fire chances.

"Contributing environmental risk factors for fire include a lack of precipitation, low soil moisture, low humidity, high winds, and warm daily temperatures," says Trent Ford, state climatologist with Illinois State Water Survey at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

When dry fields and environmental risks combine with long work hours, delayed equipment maintenance and cleaning, part failures, and debris-clogged cooling systems - chances of a fire starting are greatly increased, says Ford.

Prepare for high fire risk conditions with farm fire safety tips from climate and agricultural safety experts at University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Water Survey, USDA Agricultural Research

Service, NOAA, and Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

- Check the weather forecast. If conditions are expected to be dry and windy, wait.

- Ensure the farm address is clearly visible from the road.

- Always know the exact field identification and location.

- Access to water, fire extinguishers, and fire blankets.

- Access to equipment to create potential fire breaks.

- Maintain, clean, and monitor equipment for fire potential.

- Smoke detectors in buildings with alerts connected to a phone.

- Have a plan for all livestock.

Equipment fires, specifically combine-related fires, are one of the most common and expensive types of incidents in production agriculture. Fires not only put producers' lives at risk, but there is a chance of total loss of equipment and crops, pausing harvest until standby is available.

"Farm harvest delays cause stress and anxiety for farmers and their families," says Extension Spe-

cialist and Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering Assistant Professor Josie Rudolph.

Like equipment, straw, and hay can become combustibles, systems can have electrical flaws or pumps run dry, and during quick repairs, there is always a chance of sparking off welders, causing ignitions.

"It is extremely important to inspect farm buildings and evaluate storage conditions and upkeep," says Jay Solomon, Illinois Extension educator whose focus is farm facility man-

agement.

Harvest takes over the fall season in the Midwest, but day-to-day farm operation decisions are critical to ensure a profitable crop and safe harvest season. Increased awareness, preparation, and slowing down for safety may help to save a life.

For more information and resources on farm fire risks, download the fact sheet at [go.illinois.edu/FarmFireRisks](http://go.illinois.edu/FarmFireRisks). For questions, contact Illinois Extension at [extension.illinois.edu](http://extension.illinois.edu).

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er; vintage reading glasses. **FURNITURE, TOOLS & MISC.:** Walnut bdr set; waterfall front cedar chest; floral sofa; vintage rocking chairs; large cedar chest; vintage dresser & mirror with tear drop pulls; small church pew, painted; white treadle sewing machine; quilt rack; 3 rocking chairs; Whirlpool washer; Signature upright freezer; Universal sewing machine; Pittsburg vacuum pump, new; Craftsman socket set; Metric & SAE impact sockets, new; AC gauges; B&D hedger trimmer; various hand tools; new items inc., Breadbox bread maker; Coleman 1 burner camp stove; Bissell Little Green carpet cleaner; LED aquarium and numerous items!

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# Ethanol still makes sense for climate, rural communities

**An Op-Ed by Solutions from the Land**  
Ethanol makes a lot of sense. It's a form of energy that harnesses sunshine and, in the process, can sequester carbon. It plays into a circular economy, enabling farmers to work with neighbors to use and reuse resources, creating a ripple effect of economic and environmental benefits.

Renewable corn energy seems a no-brainer com-

pared to nonrenewable petroleum-based gasoline. Oil does not—and cannot—foster life like agriculture. And once oil is gone, it's gone. But a working group of the EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) is questioning the environmental benefits of ethanol.

The SAB's draft commentary to EPA says, "It appears there is a reasonable chance there are minimal or no climate benefits from substituting corn eth-

anol for gasoline or diesel," reports Reuters.

Solutions from the Land agrees with Geoff Cooper, CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association, who, according to Reuters, said: "We adamantly disagree. We encourage the SAB to conduct a more expansive and inclusive examination."

One of the major problems with the SAB's conclusion is that it ignores pertinent recent research studies that demonstrate the benefits of ethanol.

A 2021 study published by the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory "found that U.S. corn ethanol has 44-52% lower GHG emissions than gasoline," wrote Valerie Sarisky-Reed, Ph.D., director of the Bioenergy Technologies Office in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in June 2022.

Sarisky-Reed describes Argonne as "recognized globally as one of the leading experts in this type of LCA [life cycle analysis] research" and notes that "other credible studies have found similar results."

Further, she points out that Argonne's analysis showed carbon emissions from U.S. corn ethanol fell 20% from 2005 to 2019 "due to increased corn yields per acre, decreased fertilizer use, and improved ethanol production practices."

But these facts are missing from the SAB's comments.

"While the SAB draft

report repeatedly points to some highly criticized work by a University of Wisconsin researcher, the SAB report doesn't mention Argonne's work once in its list of studies about ethanol," reports Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor.

"There's a lot of good science that says ethanol does, in fact, have lower life cycle greenhouse gas emissions (from origin to consumption) compared to gasoline," says Brian West, a former Oak Ridge National Laboratory vehicle, fuels and engines researcher.

"I believe very strongly that benefits of ethanol should be reflected in our regulations," West says, noting studies that reflect poorly on ethanol often rely on flawed, misused land use change models.

Sarisky-Reed also notes that recent studies based on data, not modeling "indicate initial projections significantly overestimated land use change impacts."

"Biofuels have already saved millions of tons of greenhouse gas (GHG) in the United States and greater use of these clean fuels should be embraced for sustained and increased contribution to this objective," West wrote in February, arguing that higher ethanol blends can support transition to a low-carbon future, even as interest turns to electric vehicles, which, he says, should not be considered "zero emissions" transportation simply because there is no tailpipe. Ethanol continues to be a worthwhile solution for our nation to pursue as it aims to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. There will always be room for improvement and further research, but let's not ignore the good research that has already been done.

# Flint Hills Beef Fest announces winners



The awards for Grand Prize Heifers and Grandstand Heifers at the Flint Hills Beef Fest went to Haun Ranch, Don and Carol Haun, Fall River. Presenting the awards was Scott Case, Flint Hills Beef Fest.



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# Illinois-led project to sequence 400 soybean genomes, improve future crops

As a source of protein and biodiesel for cleaner renewable energy, soybean is an important crop worldwide. But is it performing to its full potential? An ambitious effort led by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the U.S. Department of Energy Joint Genome Institute (JGI) will sequence 400 soybean genomes to develop a "pangenome" — an attempt to characterize all the useful diversity in the genome to create an even more robust and resilient crop.

The soybean pangenome project will sequence and analyze at least 50 soybean genomes from cultivated lines and wild relatives at reference quality, the gold standard of modern sequencing. A further 350 genomes will be sequenced as high-quality drafts by the JGI. The plan is to include a diverse set of soybean lines, including perenni-

al relatives and lines selected to yield in harsh conditions, preparing the industry to move toward a climate-resilient future.

"There have been soybean pangenome efforts before, but this will be a big step forward. We want to identify all of the variation present within this diverse set of cultivated soybeans. Knowing details of all of the genetic variation should very much enhance and speed up the ability of crop breeders and biotechnology experts to identify important genes and incorporate them into better crops," said project leader Matt Hudson, professor in the Department of Crop Sciences, part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at U. of I. He is also co-director of the Center for Digital Agriculture, science integration chair for the Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Bioproducts

Innovation (CABBI), and faculty affiliate at the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology.

Hudson and his multi-institution collaborators will select and grow soybean lines, shipping extracted DNA to the JGI for long-read sequencing as part of the JGI's Community Science Program. Hudson's team, along with partners at U. of I.'s AIFARMS, will take the lead in analyzing the output.

"AIFARMS was designed to deal with large datasets coming out of agriculture projects," Hudson said. "Having this dataset is going to be a boost for our other digital ag activities."

With its inclusion of wild relatives and the sheer number of reference and high-quality draft genomes set for sequencing, the project will drastically improve the current soybean reference genome. Hudson explains that ge-

netic diversity is the raw material for crop improvement, but the crop's diversity is not reflected in the reference genome. He likens it to the first human genome, which was pieced together only from Caucasian individuals.

"There's an increasing effort to have the reference human genome reflect all of the variation in people. We think there are equally big reasons to do the same thing in

crops," Hudson said. "But it's hard to locate the missing diversity by any other means than sequencing more genomes."

The team plans to consult the global soybean breeding community, including industry partners, in deciding priority lines to include.

Ultimately, Hudson said, the project will "enable deep analysis of the evolution and domestication of modern soybean

and empower soybean researchers and breeders to directly select for otherwise hidden genetic variation in genes that can be targeted for variety development. As soybean is becoming increasingly important as a worldwide crop, as well as being a key bioenergy crop, this project will have global impact and be particularly relevant to U.S. agriculture."

## Cattle Chat: culling priorities

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

There are times in life when tough decisions have to be made, and in the beef business that can come when feed resources are limited or a time of generational transition, said the experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute during a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

"Cows that are not bred are often the first ones to leave the ranch when making a culling decision," said K-State veterinarian Brad White. "But after that group has been eliminated, there are several factors that guide which group of cattle will be cut from the herd next."

Some of these include the average age of the herd, pregnancy timing, long-term feed resource availability and market conditions, according to the experts.

"The first thing I want

to know is if I'm making a culling decision for just this year or if it is a situation where I'm going to be reducing the herd size over multiple years," said K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers. "If I am planning to get out of the cattle business over the next several years versus having a plan to build back my herd size after the drought, those are very different strategies."

K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster agreed and said that often this decision is more complex than a yes or no answer regarding a specific group within the herd.

"The first ones to be sold might be a young heifer or a bred first-calf heifer that was bred late in the breeding season because she doesn't fit with my calving season very well and the market potential right now is good," Lancaster said.

In contrast, White said

that the decision for him depends on the average age of the herd.

"If I have an older herd, I don't want to make the average age even greater by selling off the young females," White said.

The performance of the calves the cows raise might also influence the culling decision, agreed the experts.

"While I typically don't cull on calf performance alone, in a year when I must reduce the herd, I may move that cow higher on my list to sell if she raises a lower-performing calf," said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson.

The other factor to consider is the temperament of the cow, White said.

"If she has an attitude, she is the first to go down the road," he said.

To hear the full discussion, listen to the Cattle Chat podcast online or through your preferred streaming platform.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 — 9:00 AM

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# 2023 GAP Report: Only by working together will agricultural productivity meet demand

Agricultural productivity growth is crucial for ensuring food security and for meeting the nutritional needs of a growing global population while simultaneously meeting environmental goals.

However, the growth of global agricultural productivity has significantly contracted and current efforts to sustainably expand production are inadequate, according to the 2023 Global Agricultural Productivity Report, or GAP Report, that was released through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech on Oct. 3 at an event at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

New findings from the GAP Report, this year titled "Every Farmer, Every Tool," suggest that not enough producers are able to access productivity-enhancing technologies

and efficient practices. To correct course, the globe must reach a higher target productivity growth rate of 1.91 percent annually to meet global agricultural needs without relying on unsustainable practices.

Pressure is mounting to find solutions to both short- and long-term challenges facing local, regional, and global food systems. Major global shocks, climatic variability, and rapidly changing demand for agricultural products show that a new mode of operations is needed to reach the target growth rate.

"To increase agricultural productivity, we must produce more outputs with the same or fewer resources used," said Tom Thompson, associate dean at the college and director of CALS Global. "Global agricultural productivity growth has continued its

downward trend. We must change this trajectory together so that we can improve and enhance food and nutrition security, sustainability, and resilience. Every farmer needs to have the tools in their hands to be as successful as possible."

### Productivity growth must be sustainable

Increasingly at the forefront of global policy dialogues, sustainable productivity growth is recognized as the single most effective solution to meeting demand for agricultural output and environmental goals. Collaboration between the public, private, and civil sectors is critical to giving every farmer access to every proven tool for sustainable agricultural productivity growth.

Agricultural productivity is increasing, but not at a high enough rate. From 2011-21, global total factor productivity, a measure of the world's agricultural productivity, grew at an average of just 1.14 percent annually. To meet the agricultural needs of a growing global population by 2050, 1.91 percent annual growth is the new target. Failure to meet this target could result in an over-reliance on unsustainable production practices and accelerate the decline in total factor productivity growth.

If producers at all production scales can access proven, sustainable, appropriate, productivity-enhancing tools, significant strides can be made in closing the growth gap. Increasing access to and adoption of these tools will require strengthening the enabling environment, addressing influences of food system actor behaviors, and mitigating the effects of external shocks and forces.

"We already have a lot of proven tools available that would help us close the productivity gap. But there are inequalities in the system, ineffective policies, and significant barriers for farmers to access and use these tools — gen-

der, socioeconomic status, risk, to name a few," said Jessica Agnew, associate director of CALS Global. "These barriers also impact farmer livelihoods, food security, and environmental health by causing farmers to use substandard and effective tools instead."

### Tools are available to help

There are well-established tools — including technologies, practices, and strategies — that have demonstrated success in improving farm efficiency and productivity by optimizing resource utilization and minimizing environmental and economic costs. Ongoing research, especially at land-grant institutions such as Virginia Tech, improves existing tools and identifies new ones to sustainably improve productivity, producer livelihoods, environmental and human health, and economic growth.

- Improved genetics: Improved crop and livestock genetics help to maximize yield and nutritional quality while increasing tolerance to various environmental stresses and minimizing input requirements.

- Precision agriculture: Data, technology, and automation are leveraged to make production management more precise and resource-efficient.

- Soil health and management: Healthy soil is integral to sustainable productivity. Soil health and management practices reduce erosion, maximize water infiltration, improve nutrient cycling, reduce the need for inputs, and improve land resilience.

- Integrated production systems: Local integration of production systems, including controlled environment agriculture, increases agricultural output while strengthening ecosystem services and reducing the environmental impacts of resource use.

- Pest and disease

management: Pests and disease are a major threat to producer productivity and input costs. Efficient and effective control of these threats while also maintaining ecosystem services is critical to sustainable productivity growth.

- Mechanization and automation: Machinery and agricultural engineering maximizes labor productivity, improves output quality, minimizes loss, and maximizes resource utilization efficiency.

- Knowledge-sharing platforms: Training on new and existing tools to increase productivity is necessary for optimizing the use of the tools and minimizing costs. Knowledge sharing on how to incorporate innovative technologies into indigenous farming practices is critical for attaining productivity growth.

"Every farmer across the world should have access to the same tools," said Ruramiso Mashumba, a panelist at the GAP Report release event, a Zimbabwean farmer, and the African regional lead for the Global Farmer Network. "Farmers, not just in sub-Saharan Africa, should have the tools to make them more sustainable and productive. Some of the methods I have seen that could help in Zimbabwe is conservation agriculture techniques to mitigate challenges. Farmers are ready to adapt but we need the training."

The panelists — which also included Tony Fernandes, deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. State Department; Sergio Rivas, the chief executive officer of Tanage; Eugenia Saini, managing director at FON-TAGRO; and Paul Spencer, the global trade policy and advocacy leader at Corteva — agreed that technological opportunities, whether it be new seeds, equipment, or techniques, need to be better provided to farmers and producers across the globe.

"Farmers need to be getting the technology into their hands. We see a lot in research and development that just does not make it into the field," said Paul Spencer, the global trade policy and advocacy leader at Corteva.

**Six next steps**  
The 2023 GAP Report offers six data-driven policy and investment priorities to inform actionable next steps for policymakers, investors, researchers, implementers, and other interested agricultural productivity enthusiasts:

1. Invest in public agricultural research and development and Extension services: Public sector agricultural research and development and Extension services generate innovation and information that facilitate environmentally sustainable agricultural output growth, improve human

health, and support a vibrant agricultural economy.

2. Embrace science- and information-based technologies and practices: These technologies and techniques enable producers of all scales to manage environmental and economic risks by improving their sustainability, resilience, and competitiveness.

3. Improve the infrastructure and market access for agricultural inputs and outputs: Efficient transportation, communications, financial infrastructures, and affordable and equitable access to markets for agricultural inputs, services, and outputs support sustainable economic growth, diminish waste and loss, and reduce costs for producers and consumers.

4. Cultivate partners for sustainable agriculture and improved nutrition: Public-private-producer partnerships supporting agricultural development, gender equity, and nutritious food systems leverage public and private investments in economic development, natural resource management, and human health.

5. Expand and improve regional and global trade: Forward-looking trade agreements, including transparent policies and consistently enforced regulations, facilitate the efficient and cost-effective movement of agricultural inputs, services, and products to those who need them.

6. Reduce post-harvest loss and food waste: Reducing post-harvest losses and food waste increases the availability and affordability of nutritious food, eases the environmental impact of food and agricultural production, and preserves the value of the land, labor, water, and other inputs used in the production process.

Behavioral influences such as capability, opportunities, and motivators will play a critical role in driving sustainable agricultural productivity growth by impacting producer and food system actors' adoption of existing and emerging productivity-enhancing tools. Adoption-oriented interventions, tool development, and ongoing support must be designed in light of the complexity of experiences, beliefs, gender, values, and perceptions of individuals and communities involved in agriculture.

Policy and investment action to improve agricultural productivity must consider how external shocks and forces may impact the continuity of agricultural innovation application to ensure that sustainable productivity gains are not lost and to continue to accelerate returns to the producer, society, the environment, and the economy.

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**TRACT #1:** SE1/4 less a farmstead in Section 34, Township 2 South, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 157+/- acres in Franklin Township.

**FSA Info:** Farmland Acres: 156.68; DCP Cropland Acres: 136.19; Base Acres: Soybeans 63.54; Corn 50.71; Wheat 5.40; PLC Yield: Soybeans 35, Corn 112, Wheat 41.

**Farm Located:** From Home City go 1 mile East on Hwy. 36 to 17th Rd., go South 1/2 mile on 17th Rd. and the farm sits on the West side. **Description:** Farm has 120+/- planted Crop acres that is predominantly Wymore soil. There are 16+/- CRP acres, and the balance is waterways. This farm recently has been in a Bean and Corn crop rotation. The farm is conveniently located only 1 mile east of a grain elevator, and 1/2 mile south of Hwy. 36.

**TRACT #2:** NE1/4 in Section 10, Township 3 South, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 160+/- acres in Center Township.

**FSA Info:** Farmland Acres: 156.22; DCP Cropland Acres: 135.58; Base Acres: Corn 60.86; Soybeans 58.88; Wheat 5.01; PLC Yield: Corn 112, Soybeans 35, Wheat 41.

**Farm Located:** From Home City, go 1 mile east on Hwy. 36 to 17th Rd., go south 2 miles on 17th Rd., and the farm sits on the west side. **Description:** Farm has 127+/- planted Crop acres that is all Wymore & Pawnee soil. There are 8+/- CRP acres, and the balance is waterways and remnants of a farmstead along 17th Rd. This farm recently has been in a Corn and Bean crop rotation. The farm is conveniently located only 2 miles southeast of a grain elevator, and 2 miles south of Hwy. 36.

**TRACT #3:** NE1/4 NW1/4 & N1647.03' of W1/2 NW1/4 in Section 4 and N1647.25' of E1/2 NE1/4 in Section 5, All in Township 5 South, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 136+/- acres in Bigelow Township.

**FSA Info:** Farmland Acres: 134.83; DCP Cropland Acres: 111.71; Base Acres: Corn 49.05; Soybeans 49.69; PLC Yield: Corn 128, Soybeans 36.

**Farm Located:** From Frankfort go 6 miles west on Hwy. 9 to 15th Rd. or from Blue Rapids Big Blue River bridge go 5 miles east on Hwy. 9 to 15th Rd., go south 2 miles on 15th Rd. to Yonder Rd. The farm lies along the south side of Yonder Rd. for 3/4 miles.

**Description:** Farm has 97+/- planted Crop acres with some creek bottom. There are 13+/- CRP acres, and the balance is waterways and timber-lined Comdodger Creek. This farm recently has been in a Corn and Bean crop rotation. This farm is 8 miles southwest of a major grain terminal.

**TERMS:** Cash with 10% down payment/earnest money on day of auction, and the full balance is due on or before November 27, 2023 with delivery of deed and marketable title. Full possession will be given at closing. Seller & Buyer equally pay for owners title insurance policy, and attorney fees for preparation of contract-deed-escrow.

This land is located in a good farming community, and should merit the serious consideration of anyone wanting an individual unit or add-on acres. Look it over before sale day, and come prepared to bid. Statements made day of sale take precedence over any advertised or previous statements.

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## DONALD SOBBA TRUST AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 — 9:30 AM

1075 10th Rd, BURLINGTON, KANSAS

(2.5 miles West of Burlington Veterinary Center at the South end of Burlington - WATCH FOR SIGNS) \*\* Food onsite!

**TRACTORS (Selling @ 1 PM):** (most have new paint, some restorations & are stored inside) JD G; John Deere A w/#5 JD Mower 7'; H Farmall , WF; 1949 H Farmall (near new rear tires); Farmall Cub; Super A Farmall (as is, new clutch); Ford 601 Workmaster; Ford 8N; Massey Harris #30; Massey Harris Pony 1 Btm Plow & Sickle Mower for Massey Pony.

**COLLECTIBLE AUTOMOBILES:** 1956 Ford Fairlane 4 door; 1950 Henry J. Automobile; 1950 Dodge Pickup (stored inside); 1948 Dodge Ram Pickup , fit head 6, 4 spd (project); Dodge Parts Truck; 1970 GMC Pickup (Project).

**ANTIQUÉ MACHINERY:** Avery Threshing Machine (recent use); Stationary Hay Baler Missouri Power Baling Press (recent use); John Deere hayrack wagon w/spoked whls; Skyline 4 whl. steel box wagon 12' (possible Military issue) #804-FH; wagon w/metal flare box; Viking 2 whl. feed grinder; 2 & 3 btm John Deere plows on rubber; John Deere #6 2 row planter (restored, rubber tires, fert. attach. & cyl.); John Deere 2 row lister planter on steel; 2 row horse drawn planter on steel; horse drawn lister planter; riding lister plows & cultivators; CASE horse drawn sickle mower; McCormick M1435 5' horse drawn sickle mower; McCormick Deering #7 horse drawn sickle mower; 9' Emerson dump rake; horse cultivator; unusual walk behind potato plow; unusual walk behind planter; John Deere walking plow; several other walking plows & listers.

**OTHER MACHINERY:** 6' 3 pt Bush Hog mower; 5' 3 pt King Kutter rotary mower; 7' 3 pt Imco blade; 3 pt disk 5'; 2 btm Ford plow; IHC 7' balanced head sickle mower (trail type). **ALLIS MACHINERY:** 60 All Crop Combine (in shed); roto baler. **PICKUP:** 2001 Ford F-150, high mi, runs/drives. **GOLF CART, MOWER, TRAILERS:** Club Cart golf cart w/bed (new mtr); LA 145 John Deere riding mower; tandem axle car trailer; 4x6 utility trailer; 54' semi storage box (on the ground); Guidon truck topper 8'; **BQ, CONCESSION EQUIP.:** 10' Commercial Meat Smoker trailer; 6x9 concession trailer (2 whl, bumper pull). **ANTIQUES/ COLLECTIBLES:** Large Large amount of misc. antiques (tractor, implement, oil company, automotive related, etc); (3) 1950s-60s gasoline pumps; iron wheels; license tags; lg. lot of collectible adv. cans, sm. barrels & buckets; lg. amount of oil adv. cans; metal can of John Deere power steering oil; old farm magazines; Look, Post, Home & Garden, Collier's, Sat. Evening Post & more!; old books; old automotive manuals; old repair manuals; old farm equipment; old brochures; JD pocket ledgers; lots other old adv. ledgers; old road maps w/adv.; old sleds; misc. furniture; lg. amount of hallmark ornaments; Department 56 collectibles & Much More! (See Pictures Online). **TOY TRACTORS, FARM TOYS:** Approx 75 Toy Tractors w/boxes; Lots Misc. Farm Toys.

This is a LARGE SALE! TERMS: Cash or Good Check. We do not take Credit Cards. Not Responsible for accidents, sickness or loss of any kind. Announcements made sale day take precedence over printed advertising. INSPECTION: Thursday, Oct. 19 & day of sale only.

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# Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

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Hundreds of auctions, online and in-person. [www.kansasauctions.net/gg/](http://www.kansasauctions.net/gg/) Online Only Silage Equipment Auction (Bidding Ends October 11) — MF 271X tractor w/1060 loader, 2000 Titan livestock trailer, Roto-Mix 600-16 feed/mixer wagon, Woods BB840 Brush Roll rotary mower, Grain Storage & Bulk Feed Bins. Visit [www.FloryAndAssociates.com](http://www.FloryAndAssociates.com) for more information. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auctions, Jason Flory, George Hunsinger, auction rep.

October 9 — Burlap and Barbed Wire Female Sale selling 70 Simmental, Sim-Angus & Angus including fall pairs, breeds, open females held at Clay Center. Hofmann Simmental Farms, Burgman Farms Angus, Klein Ranch Simmentals.

October 10 — Kansas & Oklahoma Land Auction of 1,027 ac. m/l offered in 8 tracts: Sumner County: T1: 80 ac.; T2: 154 ac.; T3: 157 ac.; T4: 141 ac.; T5: 159 ac.; Cowley County: T6: 120 ac.; T7: 58 ac.; Kay County, OK: T7: 158 ac. held at Winfield. Auctioneers: J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc., Rick Hopper & Ken Patterson.

October 10 — Dickinson County Real Estate & Land auction consisting of Parcel 1 (TA: 26 ac. m/l with Wardcraft 2BR, 2BA home, full basement, 6.5 ac. m/l crop ground with balance native grass & timber. TB: 22 ac. m/l native grass with pond. TC: 51.5 ac. m/l with timber, native grass & approx. 11 ac. in CRP. TD: 55.5 ac. m/l primarily productive crop ground, small hay meadow. TE: Combo of Tracts A-D). Parcel 2 (49 ac. m/l productive cropland); Parcel 3 (78 ac. m/l productive cropland); Parcel 4 (151 ac. m/l native grass & timber); Parcel 5 (75 ac. m/l in CRP); Parcel 6 (77 ac. m/l with approx. 20 ac. in production, balance CRP. Held at Brookville Hotel in Abilene for Eldon & Nelda Hoover Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 14 — Collectibles inc.: Markin W. German train set in box & numerous cars, Old Smoky Steam roller, Wileso steam roller & spring wagon, Dennis the Menace comic books, Sassenhaus Mokka grist mill, trunks, clocks, churns, Pepsi Big Eight bottles, records, costume jewelry, vintage prints, JD toys, Barbie & Ken dolls & more, furniture, tools & more held at Council Grove for Robert Lynch Estate & Another Seller. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

October 14 — Mowers, Kawasaki Bayou 4-wheeler, Craftsman 2-wheel trailer, Hustler pressure washer, Honda engine, Honda generator, shop equipment, furniture & household held near Galva for Marlin & Doris Koehn. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

October 14 — Salina Concrete Clean-Up Auction selling new pavers, landscaping & concrete blocks, angle iron, structural steel & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 14 — Car (2022 Buick Encore CX), 1991 Harley Davidson M-FX-STC Cycle-Custom Low Rider, guns & miscellaneous, lawn & garden, shop tools, household & collectibles & much more held at Hutchinson for the Nelson Estate from Wichita. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

October 14 — Coin auction selling over 350 lots including 1/2 cents, large cents, FE & IH cents, dimes, Peace dollars, rolls of silver, several pieces of gold, mint & PR set, commemorative & more held at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction.

October 14 — Smith Farm Live Auction selling New Holland skid steer, Massey tractor 4253, Circle D flatbed trailer, Hawk Line enclosed trailer, baler, discs, other equipment held at Lincolnville for The Estate of Phillip G. Smith. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

October 14 — 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, new central air, roof and siding; also selling shop equipment & misc., household, clocks, appliances, vintage typewriters, Avon collector car cologne decanters, misc. silver & gold jewelry & more held at Delphos for Lola R. Hanchett. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC., Byron Bina, auctioneer.

October 14 — 1999 Ford F350 Lariat dually pickup, 2002 K-Z 951 Sportsman slide-in camper, collector tractors (1954 Farmall, 1947 Oliver, 1938 McCormick Deering, 1930 Oliver), portable sprayer, machinery & related items, trailers, shop equipment, tires & wheels, hand tools, misc. & much more held at Beatrice, Nebraska for Gary "Bugsy" Rolenc. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin & Sommerhalder.

October 14 — Collectible Toys, glassware, furniture, cookie jar collection, guns & lots more held at Louisville for The Clyde & Helen Wheeler Estate. Auctioneers: Morgan Riat Auctions with Foundation Realty.

October 14 — Great assortment of woodworking tools, extra nice furniture, garden/shop tools, kitchen items, toys, crafts, jewelry & much more held at Overbrook for Rick & Janice Meyer. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 14 — 1992 Ford Bronco, Norwood Lumbermate 2000 sawmill, fishing & camping equipment, Troybilt tillers, gas-powered cement mixer, power tools & shop items, lots of cast iron cookware, antiques & collectibles, Kansas Limestone rocks, household & misc. held at Iceville for Jim, Cathy & James Price. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

October 14 — Estate Auction #1 selling Antique, vintage & primitive furniture pieces, fine art & jewelry, pottery, collectibles, glassware, advertising & more held at Lawrence for William P.

Bishop Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 14 & 15 — 2-Day Toy Auction: selling Oct. 14: 250-300 trucks, construction equipment & other toys; selling Oct. 15: Pedal tractors, vehicles, wagons farm toys held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 14 — Houck Rock Creek Ranch Fall Bull Sale selling 29 Simmental & SimAngus Bulls Homozygous Black & Homozygous Polled. Bulls available for viewing by appointment at the ranch in Allen.

October 14 — Judd Ranch 33rd Annual Cow Power Female Sale held at Pomona.

Online Only Land Auction (Bidding OPENS October 20 & ends November 3, 1 PM) — 79.49 Acres m/l of Atchison County Land consisting of T1: Cropland & CRP (less homesite); T2: Homesite & building (4.25 ac. m/l). Selling for William Speer III Trust. [www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com). Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring listing broker.

October 20 (Friday) — Large auction including Old & restored tractors, stationary baler, threshing machine, collectible machinery, collectible automobiles, toy tractor collection, implement, automobile & gasoline collectibles & memorabilia, BBQ Smoker trailer, portable concession trailer & lots more held at Burlington for The Don Sobba Trust. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

October 20 (Friday) — 7720 JD w/loader, farm implements, commercial sewing machines, lots of quality plumbing tools, much more held at Haysville. Auctioneers: Ken Patterson Auctions.

October 20 & 21 — Large 2-Day Carriage, Farm Primitive & Collectible auction: consignments including Fire House Carriage (museum piece), open & top buggies, boxwagons, carriages, Pioneer forecarts, seats, wooden & steel wheels, new & used tack, 30 vintage & high back saddles, Army saddles, spurs, bits, signs, vintage water pumps, tools, anvils, crocks, RR lanterns, clocks, cast skillets, wood planes & lots more items held at Hutchinson. Auctioneer: Morris Yoder Auction.

October 21 — Tractors (2011 Versatile 340, 1996 JD 7400, JD 4220, AC 175), Trucks ( 2001 IHC 4300 DT, 1985 Chevy C-70, 1998 Chevy 2500), Farm Machinery including Crustbuster 4030 DD, Kuhn 5635 field cultivator, Krause 4990 tandem disc, gravity wagons, T-posts, cattle panels & more, shop items held at Newton for Stanley & Marilyn Jost. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

October 21 — Primitives, furniture, glass (antique furniture, showcase, spinning wheel, lamps, churns, Deering cast iron seat, wood pop cases, Murray tin pedal tractor, tools & much more), Soda Fountain bar from Clyde roller skate rink, John Deere AR tractor, vintage signs & more held at Agenda for Howard "Salty" & Lois Hammond Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 21 — JD utility tractor, 2000 Ford Excursion XLT SUV, trailers, collectibles, furniture, coins, & more held at Lawrence for a Private Rural Lawrence seller. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 21 — Coin Auction held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

October 21 — Fink Beef Genetics 38th Annual Angus and Charolais Bull and Female Sale held at Randolph.

October 22 — Selling 2008 Buick Lucerne (37K), furniture, vintage, household, kitchenwares, trunks, yard furniture & art held at Osage City for property of the late Virginia Kersten. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 22 — Toys (unique Kiddy cyclist tin windup w/box, other tin windups, Mickey Mouse & more), banks (Hubley, Arcade, A.C. Williams & more) & collectibles (tip trays, Coca Cola items, Christmas & holiday, Marx HO train set rare Penn Line Pennsylvania T-1, coins, marbles, oil cans & more) held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 22 — Gun Auction with approx. 165 guns & assorted ammunition selling at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

October 26 — 2 Real Estate Auctions: #1: 4 PM selling commercial building on nice sized corner lot held at Alma. #2: 5:30 personal property, @6:30 real estate selling 2-story home with 2 BR, 1 BA, detached garage & personal property held at Alma. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 26 — Nemaha County Real Estate Auction consisting of 118 Acres in one tract (consists of farm house built in 1925, several older outbuildings with balance being grass pasture & hay ground. 4 small ponds & more) held at Wetmore for Kranz Family Irrevocable Grantor's Trust, Dennis Kranz & Sandra Huffles, co-trustees. Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 27 — Farm sale held North of Westphalia for Grant & Gayla Corley. Auctioneers: Kurtz Auction & Realty Service.

October 27 — Land Auction selling 450 acres of Marshall County Cropland (3 tracts) held at Beattie for Delores "Dee" Harries Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auctions.

October 28 — Large auction inc. hundreds of yards of material, sewing items, furniture, N. Rockwell collections, coins, jewelry, Hallmark, kitchen items & more held at Overbrook for Dr. Roberta R. Daniels. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

October 28 — Tools, Collectibles (20+ cast implement seats, pedal grindstones, iron wheels, horse drawn plow, vintage magazines & more), Tractor (1967 JD 4020), Truck (1976 C90), Trailers, Farm machinery, 1946 Plymouth coupe (Special Edition), 2012 Yamaha Grizzly 660 4x4 & more held near Bremen for Frank Feldhausen Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

October 28 — Trailers, old parts vehicles, old car parts, mowers/skid steer,

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farm, portable sheds, tools, shop items, outdoor & yard art, antiques, vintage toys, household & more held at Ottawa for Judy Jackson. Auctioneers: Altic Auction Service.

October 28 — Baseball cards, crocks, several hundred fruit jar collection, 1000s of bottles, large collection of collectibles held at Clay Center for Marlin "Pete" Peterson Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 28 — Estate Auction #2 selling 100s of 2D Art (framed, matted & loose) inc. fine art created by Native American, Western & Southwestern artists held at Lawrence for William P. Bishop Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

October 28 — Cline Cattle Company selling 22 head of 20 month old Angus, Red Angus, Simmental & Hereford bulls held at Frankfort.

October 29 — Selling 800+ old horse bridles, bits, etc., selection of old/vintage tools, 2 older Cub Cadets, lots of surprises held near Eudora for property of the late Eddie Stanley, Charlotte Stanley. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

November 1 — Absolute Land Auction consisting of 7,550 m/l Acres Irrigated & Dryland (Kit Carson County - S. of Burlington) selling in 17 Tracts. All irrigated equipment & water rights are included. Held at Burlington, Colorado. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Cory Busse, listing agent, Don Hazlett, broker/auctioneer.

November 3 — Equipment, vehicles, JD Gator, guns, tools, furniture & antiques & more. Also selling the homestead & 154 acres held at Atlanta. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.

November 4 — Large auction selling tractors, combine, grain trucks, full line of Farm Machinery, tools, vintage furniture, collectibles, 1940 Buick Special, 1975 Olds Cutlass, household & more held near Osage City for Lundgren Farm Trust, Pat & Gail Bean. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

November 4 — Lazy J Appreciation Auction selling Vintage: toys, tobacco tins, signs, crock jugs, Walt Disney movies, coins, advertising items, Salina & Lindsborg collectibles & more, Christmas items, collectibles, sewing & much more held at Gypsum. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions.

November 4 — Public auction held at rural Baldwin for Larry & LaDonna Wilson/Neighbors. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

November 4 — Irvine Ranch 19th annual Bull & Female sale offering 140 head held at the ranch North of Manhattan at 1 PM.

November 4 — Bittersweet West Heart of the Herd Dispersal, 16th Annual Ladies Nite: open heifers, cow-calf pairs, fall yearling bulls, flushes, 2 semen tanks with guest consignors: 4 M Salers, Boeckman Cattle Co., Grandkids Coop, Heart Bar S, K 4 Cattle Co., McIver's Happy Acres, Roy Schmidt Estate held at Hiawatha.

November 6 — Smoky Y Ranch Red Angus production sale selling 50 age advance registered

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Red Angus bulls & registered bred heifers, registered open show heifer/donor prospects, commercial bred heifers & frozen genetics held at Monument.

November 7 & 8 — Grass & Grain Farm & Ranch Show held at the National Guard Armory, 721 Levee Drive, Manhattan featuring the latest in agriculture products, technology & services as well as Chef Alli cooking demo & more.

November 10 — Land Auction selling 154 acres of Marshall County Cropland held at Oketo for Alwin Poppen Family. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate & Auctions.

November 11 — Moser Ranch 32nd Annual Bull Sale offering 60 SimAngus, Angus and Simmental bulls held at the ranch north of Wheaton (bid-off begins at 11 AM).

November 12 — Absolute Real Estate auction consisting of 80 Acres (76.9 taxable) with newer metal Cleary building, working windmill with well & a hunting paradise held at Lindsborg for Marcel & Barbara Tajchman Estate. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 17 (Friday) — Land Auction consisting of 1239. taxable acres m/l in Marshall County & 151.4 taxable acres m/l in Marshall County held at Marysville selling for Frederick H. Nietfeld Trust. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 18 — Southern Nemaha County pasture & cropland auction (land located South of Centralia), selling 235 acres m/l with 51.07 acres terraced upland cropland & 184.44 acres native grass pasture held at Centralia for Jimmie & Karen VanGilder. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 18 — Farm auction held at rural Lawrence for Jeff & Carmen Shultz. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

November 25 — Public auction held at Lawrence for Wendy Balfour. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

December 2 — St. James Catholic Church Consignment auction accepting consignments for farm equipment, construction equipment, vehicles, hay, farm supplies, hedge posts, livestock equip., etc. held at Wetmore. Proceeds support St. James Church. To consign contact Bill Burdick or Ron Burdick.

March 16, 2024 — Springhill Herefords - On Target Bull sale: Our 2024 offering will include bulls sired by Houston, Wall Street, Defiance, Long Haul, Perfecto, Leader 182F and KCF Trust B279. Visit our website for more details about the sale, private treat offerings.

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## AUCTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 — 10:00 AM

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

**TOYS, BANKS, COLLECTIBLES**  
**TOYS:** Unique Kiddy Cyclist tin windup w/box; Jazzbo Jim on Roof; Marx Charley McCarthy Crazy Car & Walker; Pinocchio tin walker; BO Plenty walker; Kampus car mint; Fred Flintstone riding Dino tin windup; Marx tin Easter Bunny riding Harley w/side-car; cast iron Overline Horse drawn circus wagon; papier mache Charley McCarthy; Flippo The Dog; Wyandotte Flash Strat-O-Wagon; Vacationland Express win windup mint; tin circus merry go round w/horses & airplanes; dancing Merry Chimp; Lucky Monkey; Chein Porky Pig & Indian Chief windups; Lehmann seal w/beach ball; windup dog w/shoe; bear jumping rope; 39's wheelbarrow; tin windup alligator; Felix pushup; Minny Mouse windup; Mickey & Minnie riding in bumper car; Mickey riding trike; many other windups; dancing doll from popcorn machine; Doughboy pencil sharpener; Dick Tracy target; **BANKS:** Hubley (Give Me A Penny); **Arcade:** (Beauty Horse; Mule; US Mail); **A.C. Williams:** (Aunt Jerimma; Time Is Money; "Billiken"; Boy Scout; Circus Elephant on

tub; Circus Horse; Rooster; Clown; Bull Dog; Bear; large & small Irish Setter); Red Goose Shoes; Good Luck elephant; Kenton radio; original Paint Safe bank; Wichita Federal Savings Santa; tin litho drum; **Tip Trays:** Tip Meal Ranges; President Suspender; Enterprise Meats & Food choppers; Universal Stove & Ranges; Resinol Soap & Ointment; Globe-Wernicke; Fairy Soap; Malt Lique; Coca Cola; Candies /Ladd; **Match Holders:** J. C. Stevens; Universal Stoves; Tipsy Hose; DeLaval Cream Separator; large and small ball & claw parlor tables; salesman sample oak parlor table; slag glass lamp; ornate bridge lamp; oak counter top showcase; bulldog's door stop & paper weight; Poll Parrot Shoes clock; Coca Cola clock, round sign & cooler; 5' animated Santa Claus; Harold Gale Santa store display; large assortment Blow Molds (Santa, Candles, Street Lamps, Ghosts, Pumpkins, Easter Rabbits & eggs); large Christmas displays; Evergleam 6' aluminum Christmas tree; Evergleam color wheel; Tri-Lite rotating stand for aluminum tree; 140 vin-

tage comic books 12, 15 & 20 cent (Spiderman, Captain Marvel & other); Johnson trolling motor in original box; Marx HO train set rare Penn Line Pennsylvania T-1; HO locomotive kit in original box; Varney HO Pacific locomotive kit in original box; large amount train engines, cars, model car kits; Singer cast iron sewing machine; deer mount; Coleman lanterns; coins books of coins proof sets; Pyres refrigerator sets; Tupperware; 12 Sinclair oil glasses; oil bottles; oil cans; Coca Cola items; soda fountain bottles; Simpsons watches; die cast cars; books; professional fishing line winding machine; well pumps; Quaker State sign; Miller Lite barrel sign; iron gates; vintage ice chests; Dazey churn; swan hood ornament; crocks; vintage typewriters; record players; records; arrow heads; pellet guns; fishing tackle; belt buckles; knives; marbles; Wurlitzer neon clock; Harley neon clocks; Pepsi & Coke cases; cast iron pots; cast iron wheels; vintage oil pump; well pumps; assortment of other collectibles.

**NOTE:** We combined 2 collections, the first collector has collected many unusual toys and banks for many years. This is a quality collection. For pictures check our website at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com)

Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC, 785-738-0067

## 2-DAY TOY AUCTION SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2023

10:00 AM BOTH DAYS

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14:**

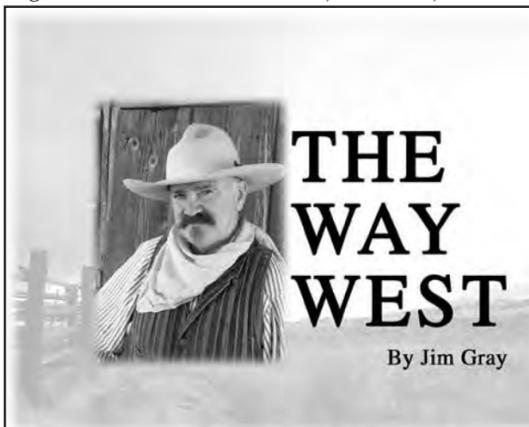
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250-300 trucks, construction equipment other toys inc: 20's, 30's, 40's 50's & 60's era; Fire trucks; U Haul Truck, Trailer & Van; Army trucks; semi tractors & trailers; Gambles semi; Car carriers; Western Auto semi; Allied Van Lines semi; IH Pay Hauler truck; Guided Missile Carrier truck; Circus semi; Livestock semis; sand loader; Michigan side dump truck; Texaco semis; dump trucks; Construction equipment; cranes; graders; JD grader in box; Model sand digger; wreckers; dump trucks; cement trucks; Tonka dump truck in box; search lights; Buddy L, Tonka, Wyandotte, Structo pickups & trucks; Tonka jeep w/boat; Nylint Auto Transport w/box; Tonka dump truck w/box; Montgomery Ward semi w/box; log semi; City Meat Market car in box; Ideal's Fix-It convertible in box; Hallmark cars; toy sewing

machines; Brick Town construction set; farm wagon; 20 Gilbert Erector sets; Erector Engineers sets; Gilbert Chemistry sets; Handy Andy tools; **many many other trucks, check website for pictures.**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15:**  
10:00 AM  
**PEDAL TRACTORS, VEHICLES, WAGONS, FARM TOYS**  
Pedal tractors inc: Massey Harris 44; Massey Harris 44 Special; Oliver 70 Row Crop; Oliver 1855; Allis-Chalmers CA; Massey Harris 6640; Allis Chalmers One Ninety XT; MM Tot Tractor; Castelli tractor & wagon; Western Flyer tractor; Ford TW-5; Ford TW-35; Ford TW-20; Ford 8000; Case Agri King 1070; Case IH 7250; early IHC H; IHC M; IH 1026; Farmall 560; IH 856; White 6215; John Deere A; JD 10; JD 20; several JD's; Deutz Allis 8070; Murray tractor; Colt tractor; Disneyland Special Tractor; others; Pedal Tractor Wagons (Allis Chalmers, JD,

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# THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

## A Noted Character

One of my favorite characters of old west Kansas was a gambler by the name of Bobby Gill. His name has come up in several stories, but never as the main attraction, which made the newspaper article on the front page of the October

9, 1888, Wichita Star stand out as I was perusing pages while researching another story for The Way West.

Bold letters announced, "NOTED CHARACTER," followed by "Bobby Gill The Great Ward Politician of the State and the In-

terate Gambler." I was intrigued. I knew Bobby Gill as a cowtown character with a tendency to draw more than his share of attention. "Bobby the Gill" was the razzle dazzle type. Known among the members of the sporting crowd throughout Kansas, he rarely used his full name of Robert Gilmore.

The reference to Gilmore as a ward politician was a tongue-in-cheek mention to his ability to sway constituents in one direction or another. Bobby Gill really didn't have that kind of influence, but his way with words led one to believe that he could do just about anything short of walking on water.

Gill was well-read and could talk his way into trouble quicker than any man on the frontier. Those same skills usually helped him slide through just enough to stay alive. From the gist of the story in the Wichita Star he also stretched the truth, giving himself the role of "hero" in any adventure in which he had supposedly taken part.

The writer of the Star article described Gill as formerly "a wealthy cattle dealer" out of Dodge City and with the mysterious Shotgun Collins the leader of a gang of gunmen during the famous Dodge

City Saloon War. Gill continued to reach for the stars, telling the editor a fabricated story of leading the Shotgun Collins Gang. The gang, he said, brought down a band of bold bank robbers in Caldwell. Never mind that nothing of the sort had happened at Caldwell. The author of "NOTED CHARACTER" pulled all the stories together in a grand finale saying, "As a ward politician and bummer, as an old settler and a champion story-teller, as a man who has had hundreds of hairbreadth escapes and has witnessed Indian fights and treaties signed as an old soldier, or a beer drinker or a gambler or a sure thing our 'Bobby' Gill has few if any equals in the state of Kansas."

It so happened that Bobby Gill turned up in another column of the same paper in rather unsavory circumstances. The fire alarm had sounded, calling the "fire boys" out to extinguish a burning awning at the front of the Garner and Bevis shoe store. Just before the fire four shots were fired in a nearby alley. Suddenly a drunken yell was heard, "a yard long" and emphasized by "a shot from a heavy revolver." No one was found, but "an old soldier named Robert Gilmore" was amusing himself,

calling people vile names. The amusement "landed him in the cooler."

I have said that Bobby Gill is one of my favorites, but that doesn't mean I would have chosen to spend my idle hours in his company, although I must admit I would probably find it hard to resist his stories. His most famous escapade was the plot to "skin" a former Kansas governor in a rigged Dodge City poker game. When all the cards were laid on the table Governor Carney found himself staring at four aces over his kings. The boys had even tossed the governor a joker to boot.

Gamblers ride a roller coaster of ups and downs. When flush with money the world is bright and gay but when Lady Luck turns against him a gambler can often be reduced to the lowest level of poverty. Bobby boldly rode that roller coaster, sometimes having to rely on friends to bail him out. The newspapers were rife with accounts of Bobby Gill being placed on a train with enough money donated to give him a fresh start in another town on down the line.

Reading the NOTED CHARACTER story led me to the realization that I had not given Bobby Gill's story enough attention. A

quick search of newspapers gave me a clue to his final days.

Unfortunately he fell ever deeper into a disappearing life. His gray hairs saved him from chastisement many times, but his abusive language had grown intolerable, and he found himself unwelcome in all of his old haunts. During the winter of 1899 he moved into the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth. Taken with pneumonia he died April 12, 1900. Robert Gilmore is buried in the National Cemetery at Fort Leavenworth. His brother John S. Gilmore owned the Wilson County Citizen at Fredonia, Kansas. A warmhearted notice of Gill's death was published in a subsequent issue. I was struck by a brother's observation of one who had lived beyond the bounds of polite society. "Likely in disposition, versatile in an unusual degree, active in spirits and quick of perception, his presence meant animation and diversion whenever he appeared in a crowd."

Ah yes, he is still a favorite! For Robert Gilmore AKA Bobby Gill, there are yet many more stories to tell on The Way West.

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**TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE - 1,526**

BULLS: \$129.00-\$140.00		COWS: \$108.00-\$120.00	
300-400	\$323.00 - \$335.00	4	Mix Salina 424@276.00
400-500	\$305.00 - \$316.00	3	Char Abilene 420@275.00
500-600	\$295.00 - \$304.00	6	Blk Salina 440@274.00
600-700	\$284.00 - \$297.00	8	Blk Atlanta 504@267.50
700-800	\$260.00 - \$273.50	4	Blk Abilene 479@259.00
800-900	\$238.00 - \$250.00	14	Blk Atlanta 603@255.00
900-1,000	\$230.00 - \$244.00	9	Mix Abilene 612@254.00
		13	Blk Atlanta 693@246.00
		5	Blk Wilsey 734@246.00
		12	Mix Hillsboro 726@242.50
		5	Blk Benton 768@240.00
300-400	\$320.00 - \$330.00	64	Mix Assaria 763@238.75
400-500	\$269.00 - \$280.00	20	Mix Abilene 761@235.25
500-600	\$255.00 - \$267.50	13	Blk Clay Center 834@234.50
600-700	\$243.00 - \$255.00		
700-800	\$233.00 - \$246.00		
800-900	\$222.00 - \$234.50		
900-1,000	No Test		

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**

STEERS	
2	Blk Salina 393@335.00
9	Blk Sylvan Grove 496@316.00
4	Blk Holyrood 363@310.00
3	Blk Lincolnville 437@307.50
20	Mix Sylvan Grove 590@304.00
3	Red Newton 365@300.00
3	Char Abilene 373@300.00
3	Blk Ellsworth 617@297.00
5	Blk Abilene 508@296.00
3	Mix Salina 560@294.00
5	Blk Abilene 639@293.00
6	Blk Galva 603@292.00
8	Red Newton 483@290.00
10	Mix Sylvan Grove 677@290.00
2	Blk Concordia 615@288.00
6	Blk Valley Center 668@283.50
6	Mix Hillsboro 597@283.00
5	Blk Galva 480@282.50
3	Mix Wells 467@280.00
5	Char Abilene 589@280.00
4	Blk Benton 695@279.00
6	Blk Bennington 712@273.50
15	Mix Haven 566@273.00
10	Blk Benton 738@271.50
2	Blk Ellsworth 715@270.00
7	Mix Minneapolis 731@267.00
7	Mix Hillsboro 762@264.00
22	Mix Minneapolis 784@260.00
33	Mix Hope 827@250.00
5	Blk Wilson 831@247.00
65	Mix Hope 915@244.00
7	Blk Abilene 909@241.00
8	Blk Bronaugh, MO 963@233.50

HEIFERS	
3	Blk Lincolnville 323@330.00
5	Mix Hope 379@310.00
2	Mix Wells 313@285.00
3	Bwf Beloit 412@280.00
4	Blk Ellsworth 461@277.50

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

BULLS	
1	Blk Nebraska 2210@140.00
1	Red Nebraska 2165@140.00
1	Red Nebraska 2175@138.00
1	Blk Nebraska 1760@137.00
1	Red Nebraska 2035@136.00
1	Blk Nebraska 1980@131.50
1	Blk Nebraska 1915@131.50
1	Rwf Nebraska 2060@130.50
1	Blk Nebraska 2305@130.00
1	Rwf Nebraska 2090@130.00
1	Blk Nebraska 1790@130.00
1	Blk Nebraska 2090@130.00
1	Red Waldo 1740@128.50
2	Rwf Nebraska 1870@128.50
1	Blk Tampa 2160@126.00
1	Blk Nebraska 1810@124.00
1	Red Moundridge 1790@123.00
1	Blk Luray 1990@122.50
1	Red Miltonvale 1955@121.50
1	Blk Atlanta 1950@120.00
1	Red Longford 2130@120.00
1	Blk McPherson 1640@119.00

COWS	
1	Red Moundridge 1865@120.00
2	Blk Salina 1685@117.00
1	Blk Salina 1470@116.00
1	Blk Lincoln 1320@115.00
3	Blk Hope 1393@115.00
3	Blk Isabella, OK 1348@115.00
6	Blk Salina 1498@114.00
1	Blk Hope 1265@114.00
1	Blk Salina 1425@114.00
1	Blk Waldo 1335@114.00
4	Blk Salina 1489@113.50
3	Rwf Isabella, OK 1517@113.50
1	Rwf Waldo 1505@113.50
1	Red Waldo 1385@113.00
2	Red Marquette 1408@111.50
1	Blk Lincoln 1415@111.00
1	Blk Las Animas 1355@110.00
3	Mix Miltonvale 1582@110.00
1	Bwf Junction City 1490@109.00

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**Friday, October 13, F&R Futurity: 10 AM, Rope Horse Preview: 6 PM**

**Saturday, October 14, Preview: 7:30-9:30 AM, Sale Starts at 10 AM.**

**Sunday, October 15, 26th Annual Colt & Yearling Sale starts at 10 AM**

For Online Catalog visit our webpage & look for the supplement catalog there as well!



# SPECIAL COW SALE!!!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 (10 AM Start)**  
**Get Your Cattle CONSIGNED!!**

**COWS:** 30 black/red 6-8 years old, bred black Angus, calving November/December; 40 black/red Angus 3-5 years old, heavy bred, bred black; 32+32 running age black pairs (Complete Dispersal); 25 running age black spring bred cows, bred Sim/Angus bulls (Complete Dispersal); 10+10 running age pairs; 100 black/bwf/red cows, 3-5 years old, bred black & red Angus, spring calvers; 60 black & red Angus spring cows, 3-5 years old, bred 3 black & 1 red Angus bull; 40 black cows, 3-5 years old, spring bred; 98+20 black & red cow & cow pairs, 3-5 years old, bred Char; 2 black fall bred cows, 2-3 years old, bred black Angus, calving February; 14 black cows, 3-6years, calve late spring; 7+7 black pairs, 3-4 years, Angus calves, 30 days old; 30 red Angus 3-5 years, bred Brooks Angus, March calvers, short calving; 40 black Angus 3-5 years, bred Brooks Angus, calving March, short calving; 70 Sim/Angus cows, running age, bred Top Notch Sim/Angus bulls, some December calvers up to Feb/March calvers; 50 mostly blk 3-5 years, bred blk/red or Char, 20 calves on the ground, rest are heavy springers; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.** **HEIFERS:** 60 mostly black bred heifers, bred Angus; 25 red Angus/black/bwf heifers, red Angus Classen breeding blacks home raised, bred Balancer, calving March 11th for 45 days; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.** **BULLS:** 7 yearling-18month old red Angus bulls, semen checked, trich tested; 2- 2 years old, black Angus, virgin bulls, semen & trich tested; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.**

## Early Consignments For THURSDAY, OCT. 12, 2023

100 black steers, 450-600; 97 black/bwf steers, 850-900, off grass; 70 Red Angus steers, 400-600, home raised, off cow, 2 round vaccinations, reputation herd, Mushrush sired; 60 black steers, 825-850, no sort; 40 steers, 850; 110 mostly black steers & heifers, 750-850, 90% home raised, long time weaned, vaccinated, Don Johnson/Lyons Ranch sired; 25 black steers & heifers, 500-550, off cow, vaccinated; 11 charX steers & heifers, 700#'s, 60 days weaned, bunk & hot wire broke; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.**

**\*\*\*UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES\*\*\***

**HORSE SALE: October 13-15**

**SPECIAL COW SALES: Tuesday, October 24 \* Tuesday, November 21 \* Tuesday, December 19**

**CALF SALES: Tuesday, October 31 \* Tuesday, November 7 \* Tuesday, November 14**

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