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Patton honored with Friend of Soy Award

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Some of her earliest memories are of working in the kitchen with her mother and grandmothers – helping create hearty fare to feed the family. Alongside her Czechoslovakian grandma, five-year-old Charlene Patton learned to make dumplings, noodles and kolaches. “I remember watching her and learning from her,” she reflected. Joining the 4-H program a couple of years later, Patton participated in the foods project, where she learned more fundamentals of baking.

Patton loves baking. She also loves Kansas agriculture and holds farmers in the highest regard – particularly soybean farmers. On Wednesday, January 11, those soybean producers returned that admiration to Patton, presenting her with the Friend of Soy Award at the Kansas Soybean Expo in Topeka. The award honors a person, company or organization who has demonstrated the ability to work cooperatively with Kansas soybean farmers in their effort to promote their product.

Following graduation from Kansas State University in 1975 with a degree in foods and nutrition in business Patton served as the marketing specialist at the Kansas Department of Agriculture, where she promoted Kansas Food products. In 1996 she was approached by the Kansas Soybean Commission about being a spokesperson for them. “It opened up a whole new world of working with soy foods and introducing consumers in Kansas to using the soybeans,” she said.

Right away she began working with WIBW television to produce a monthly segment demonstrating how soy can be incorporated into tasty, nutritious recipes. Getting the segment on the air was an easy sell, Patton said. “They were very open to it because we are an agriculture state and they were interested in the soybean industry,” she said. KOAM in Pittsburg and KAKE in Wichita also began running the program. “That really helps us cover the entire state of Kansas in telling the story of soybean producers,” said Patton. The station provides Kansas Soybean with links to the shows so they can post them on their website, along with the recipes. “So if people miss a segment, they can go onto our web-



KSA president Teresa Brandenburg, left, and Ron Ohlde, Kansas Soybean Commission chairman, right, presented Charlene Patton with the Friend of Soy Award at the Kansas Soybean Expo on January 11 in Topeka.

Photos furnished



Patton is shown in the WIBW studio during a recent segment. Also pictured is Reina Flores, WIBW 13 News multimedia journalist and Jared Broyles, anchor and executive producer of 13 News This Morning.

site and find the recipe and see the video,” she described. Patton also provides recipes and videos to Family and Consumer Science teachers to use in their classes. “So many of our recipes are quick and can be done in the classroom,” she pointed out. “It’s a great opportunity to expose students to another ag product in Kansas and show how widely the soybean is used in food.”

WIBW’s Chris Fisher once said he is amazed with her dedication and enthusiasm. He points out, “Soy is anything but flashy. Nowhere in any song is there mention of Kansas’ non-amber waves of broadleaves, and people don’t flock to soybean fields in the fall to take selfies for social media and family photos, but Charlene does an amazing job shining a spotlight on the importance of soy and soy producers in a state where it might easily be lost in the shuffle.”

With hundreds of reci-

pes in her repertoire, Patton says it’s hard to pick a favorite. “It’s like picking your favorite child,” she laughed, but admitted that a strawberry smoothie made with tofu has been popular in her house ever since she first made it for her four daughters many years ago.

Her family has always served as the judges for the recipes she modifies to include soy. “Any time you’re creating recipes and you’re trying new ingredients, there will be some you like, and some you think, ‘I need to go back to the drawing board,’” she admitted. Recently she made a barley and Italian sausage soup, which her husband Dan proclaimed as one of the best recipes she had ever prepared.

Along with flavor, Patton is quick to emphasize the nutritional value of soy. “You can buy black soybeans in the grocery store to use in Mexican food recipes,” she said.

“You can get them in a can and a half-cup gives you nine grams of soy protein.” 25 grams of soy protein per day is recommended to protect against heart disease. Another protein powerhouse is edamame. “It’s readily available in the frozen food section in grocery stores, and it’s so great to add to soups or salads. Or if you’re making a casserole, add edamame to it.” Patton said that due to COVID, much of the shelf space given to products has changed in the past couple of years. So if you don’t see a product like black soybeans or edamame, ask your grocer for it. “If a grocery store knows you’re looking for it, they’ll try to get it back on the shelf,” she said.

On the subject of COVID, the pandemic presented another challenge that Patton worked to overcome. “All of the stations closed their studios for in-person interviews,” she said. Chris Fisher of WIBW told Patton, “We



Patton’s grandchildren, Ezra and Charlotte Kramer, are pictured in her home kitchen. Each summer Patton features kid-friendly recipes during one of her segments to help get kids in the kitchen and teach them about agriculture.

want to still keep working with you and we’re going to make it work.” And they did. With her husband Dan as her cameraman, they shot videos in her home kitchen, then Fisher and Jared Broyles would interview Patton via Skype or Zoom. Since the interviews and filming of the videos weren’t taking place at the same time, Patton typed up a script of exactly how they made the recipe, and following the interview they would take the scripts and put the video with the correct portions of the interview. “I’m so appreciative of WIBW because they had to go the extra mile and put the video together with what I was talking about when they interviewed me,” Patton said. There was a downside for the WIBW crew, though. “They didn’t get to eat the recipes afterwards like they usually do,” she said. “My husband did, though. I had to treat him really good.” Because Dan was filming with a cell phone, he was able to get great close-up shots that aren’t really possible with a television camera. “He could look right down in the bowl and see what we were doing, which was great,” Patton said.

When Patton arrived at the Soybean Expo luncheon, she had no idea of the award she was about to receive. She’d been told they were going to recognize WIBW with the Meritorious Service Award, and

Fisher said they should invite Dan, since he’d done all the camera work. Even when their daughter Jana walked into the luncheon, she just thought she was there to see her friend Daniel Anderes, Junction City, recognized as the 2023 Corteva Young Leader from Kansas. So when it was announced that she had been selected for the Friend of Soy Award, Patton was dumbfounded. And when the room full of producers for whom she has spent more than two decades championing gave her a standing ovation, she was overwhelmed with emotion.

“I love sharing info about how important ag is for Kansas and how important soybeans are to the state,” she said. When we think of Kansas we don’t always think of soybeans. In my job in talking to consumers, I like to highlight how important soy is. You’d be surprised at how much soy is used as an ingredient when processing other foods. The food processing industry would be at a loss if they didn’t have soy. I want to call attention to soybean farmers in Kansas and thank them for what they do in producing soybeans in the state.”

And those soybeans farmers? They want to thank Charlene Patton for her tireless efforts to promote soybeans to consumers of all ages in Kansas.

Hiawatha farmer sweeps 2022 soybean yield contest; highest value entry out of Abilene

Another growing season has passed and the 2022 Yield and Value Contests entries paint a picture of the growing conditions measured in regions across the state. A decrease in the average contest yield is indicative of drought pressures and high heat indexes throughout the 2022 summer.

“Even though the growing season created challenges for growers across the state, we were pleased with the steady participation in the contest,” Gail Kueser, KSA yield contest committee member, says.

“We had twenty-four entries submitted into the Yield Contest bringing the average yield to 81.04 bushels per acre.”

Ryan Patton of Powercat Land Company in Hiawatha fared well during the season and managed to clinch first place in the irrigated and dryland categories of the yield contest. Those yields reached 98.82 bushels per acre and 94.96 bushels per acre, respectively. Lyle Longenecker, Abilene, won the value contest with a premium of \$1.74 over cash value – an increase of 37 cents over

the top value in the 2021 contest.

Falling second in the statewide conventional-till irrigated division is Arganbright Farms LLC of Waterville with a yield of 97.86 bushels per acre. Olson Family Farms, Everest, earned third with a 92.20 bushel-per-acre entry.

In the statewide no-till irrigated division, Love and Love Farms of Montezuma came away with a first-place entry of 96.49 bushels per acre. Grimm Farms Inc, Morrill, earned second place with 95.99 bushels per acre and Tony Spexarth, Colwich, came in third with a 90.65 bushel-per-acre entry.

In the north-northeast corner of the state, Powercat Land Company took first in the conventional-till dryland category with the same entry that topped the statewide dryland division, 94.96 bush-

els per acre. HBJ Farms, White Cloud, earned second with 86.98 bushels per acre. Kyle Jeshke, Highland, came in third with a yield of 86.31 bushels per acre.

In the no-till dryland category of the north-northeast division, Henry Farms, Robinson, submitted the top yield at 86.86 bushels per acre. Johnson Ag, Bendena, took second with a yield of 84.06 bushels per acre.

In northeast Kansas’ no-till dryland division, Bigham Farms of Grantville submitted the winning entry of 68.16 bushels per acre. Phil Halling, Lancaster, earned second in this division with 64.79 bushels per acre.

Brandon Litch of Melvern topped the east central no-till dryland division with a yield entry of 66.74 bushels per acre. Robert Litch, Melvern, earned second at 60.03

bushels per acre.

Rod Watson took first in the southeast conventional-till dryland division with a yield of 61.32 bushels per acre.

In the north central conventional-till dryland division, Rod Stewart of Washington took first with a yield entry of 61.09 bushels per acre.

Ryan Stewart of Washington topped the north central no-till dryland division with an entry of 63.34 bushels per acre.

Aaron Pauly topped the south central conventional-till dryland division with an entry of 62.22 bushels per acre.

Twenty-six individuals across Kansas entered the 2022 value contest. Following the top entry from Lyle Longenecker, Scott Kennedy of Hoxie earned second place in the contest with a sample that was a \$1.73 premium over the cash price. Powercat Land

Company had the third-place entry at a premium of \$1.65. The value contest analyzes a 20-ounce sample for its value-added qualities and calculates a value.

The Kansas Soybean Commission provides monetary awards to finalists each year. The highest dryland and irrigated yields in the state each receive a \$1,000 award. In each district and the value contest, first place receives \$300, second receives \$200, and third receives \$100. New to the prizes this year, first-place entrants also earned a trip to Commodity Classic in March.

Winners received recognition at the 2023 Kansas Soybean Expo January 11. Full results and production practices are listed in the official contest document at www.kansas-soybeans.org/contests.



Creating Memories and Leaders

By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Kansas Farm Bureau had a good 2022 as evidenced by the Pinnacle and New Horizon awards it received at the American Farm Bureau's 104th convention recently. The Pinnacle award is the highest honor a state Farm Bureau can earn for program and membership achievement. KFB received the New Horizon award, which highlights innovative new programs, for the Casten Fellows Program, developed to honor the life of staffer Jill Casten-Downing through leadership development and international travel.

The honors are well deserved, and it's nice to take a few minutes to appreciate the amount of work required to go from the initial idea to implementation and execution. The destination is important, but so is the journey.

There's no shortage of challenges today in agriculture, as evidenced by just some of the ongoing work from last year, like KFB's End Hunger campaign to ensure all our state's residents have access to the food they need. From Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, individuals and businesses contributed more than \$50,000 toward the campaign. That money will go to innovative programs run by county Farm Bureaus to address the needs they've identified locally. By no way is this prob-

lem solved, but progress is being made. Next year's goal is to raise \$75,000.

Another ongoing project includes KFB's purchase of Shop Kansas Farms (SKF) which allows our farm and ranch members to reach consumers in a new way. SKF founder Rick McNary is also helping communities develop local food systems to capture the full economic value from farm gates to dinner plates.

Announced late last year, the Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program will really get rolling in 2023 as the state's first ever initiative to match agriculturists and rural business owners with a structured plan to train and retain employees. It's not a silver bullet for the lack of help available in rural areas, but it's the beginning of addressing a skills gap to meet our current and future workforce needs.

As always, KFB will continue to ensure the voices of farmers and ranchers are heard in Topeka with a special focus on three topics: water, taxes and broadband.

KFB will continue to support the basic tenets of Kansas water law, which have provided our members the ability to plan, invest and defend their private property rights for decades. KFB policy also supports the development of a Kansas Water Plan, either through the state general fund or dedicated

statewide revenue sources.

Any redesign of tax structures comes with the potential to shift taxes from one source to another with significant consequences. KFB will continue to steadfastly advocate for the constitutionally required use-value system that accurately and appropriately values agricultural lands and provides stable tax revenues to local units of government. Agricultural operations are businesses, and they should receive fair and equal tax treatment as it pertains to sales tax exemptions.

Access to a vibrant, high-speed broadband network is essential to the future of both rural and urban Kansas. Statewide broadband deployment will provide new opportunities for the delivery of healthcare, education, entertainment, business development and enhance the capabilities of precision agriculture. Efforts by the state to facilitate telecommunications connectivity throughout Kansas should consider the technology-dependent nature of the agriculture industry, and its significant impact on the Kansas economy.

For those paying attention, this isn't a new list, and there's a good chance it will be similar in 2024. There will be advancements on some fronts and setbacks on others. The key is stick to your priorities and have the patience to withstand the mundane and incremental nature of progress.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.



I remember seeing a cartoon once when after church a parishioner told the minister he had gone beyond preaching to "just plain meddlin'." Apparently the topic of the sermon hit a little too close to home for the old chap.

Well, this isn't church and I'm no preacher, but nevertheless, I am going to commence to meddlin'. So, hold on to your hats.

For the past several years, much has been written on the topic of mental health. I myself have written a couple of stories on it. Agriculture has always been a stressful occupation – that's not news to anybody. However, in the past several years there has been a marked increase in the number of suicides in the ag community. There have been several efforts to address this, for instance Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Ag Mediation Services, Agribility and K-State Research and Extension along with many other organizations joined to develop Kansas Ag Stress Resources, a website filled with helpful information and resources. Pawnee Mental Health established their Ag Assistance Program, which offers Kansas farmers and ranchers in their ten-county service area three free mental health sessions with a licensed mental health provider.

But here's the deal. All of those efforts are wasted if you don't use them. If you continue to insist on going it alone and dealing with your own problems, none of these programs have one bit of value.

This paper is filled each week with notices of meetings that are being held to help you run your operations to the best of your ability. Very often the information presented is referred to as more "tools for your toolbox." You understand that knowledge is a very valuable tool, so you show up for these meetings.

So why won't you show up for yourself? Why is adding tools to your mental health toolbox regarded as negative or even embarrassing? Because truly, that's what these resources can offer you – tools to help you face stressful situations and respond to them in healthy ways. Tools to help move you back away from the ledge when life threatens to push you right over it.

As farmers and ranchers, you spend your entire life working for something that can be handed down to the next generation. It's important to you. So important that sometimes, you destroy your own here and now while trying to provide for a future for others. You are worth so much more than that.

And speaking of passing something down to the next generation, here's a harsh reality for you. Unaddressed mental health issues don't end with you. They get passed right down to the next generation, and the next and the next. So, while you're working so hard to leave a legacy of farming or ranching to your children and grandchildren, how about spending some time working on leaving them a legacy of mental health? What if a few sessions with a trained professional now could completely alter the future of the next generations in a healthy, positive way?

Life is hard. None of us make it through without bumps, bruises and scars – physical, mental and emotional. We weren't raised by perfect parents, we weren't perfect parents and our kids won't be perfect parents. But what if we put as much priority on taking care of our mental health as we do our physical and financial health and the health of our farms and ranches? What if we address the hurtful patterns we've seen pass from generation to generation and commit to learning healthy responses to life's inevitable stressors?

Here's another question for you. What if we don't?

Vilsack sets USDA's 2023 policy objectives

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack made four key announcements during the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting in Puerto Rico. His announcements include:

- Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase 2: Phase 2 of the ERP will provide help to producers for production and quality losses of eligible crops, utilizing calculations of a producer's decrease in gross revenue. ERP Phase 2 payments will be \$1.2 billion and will likely be pro-rated as USDA projects total gross outlays at \$1.5 billion.
- Pandemic Assistance

Revenue Program (PARP): Vilsack announced PARP payments for producers that suffered a 15 percent or greater decrease in allowable gross revenue for the 2020 calendar year compared with either 2018 or 2019. The payments will have a factor of 80 percent (90 percent for under-served farmers and ranchers) and will be reduced by 2020 ERP payments, and pandemic assistance under either the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) 1 or 2 and other pandemic aid.

- U.S.-Made Fertilizer: USDA will seek public comment on 21 potential-

ly viable projects totaling up to \$88 million to boost U.S. fertilizer production via the first round of USDA's Federal Production Expansion Program, a \$500 million effort announced earlier this year.

- Meat and Poultry Processing: Three projects in Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota will work to expand independent meat and poultry processing capacity via the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program. The projects total \$12 million and are in addition to other recently announced efforts in the sector.



Friends ask me all the time how Dad is doing. I really struggle with the answer because there is no good one. The truth is that dementia never gets better and the best we can hope for is that the disease does not progress, or that the decline slows down. The sad reality is that he is not going to get any better and the father I have known is gone. Believe me, there is not a day that goes by that I don't think about how he was and wish that I could go back even for a few hours.

There is a lot I would like to ask him. Practical things, like where all the water lines are located. Recently I put in some new waterers and the water line was not where I thought it was. I would guess he probably told me once upon a time, but I didn't really think I would need to retain it; he would always be around. I have most of the water lines worked out now and you would think I would have shown them to someone else like Jennifer or the kids. I am a slow learner. The rest of the things like where certain parts or pieces are in the shop I have figured out over the past five years but it has taken countless hours to do so. I have worked through all the records and have that straightened out, but again, it took longer than it should have. I know planning for not being around is not easy but it is something we should all do and yet most of us go on like we will be around forever.

The business stuff is hard to deal with; aside from details like where stuff is, what I really miss is bouncing ideas off of him and getting advice. The advice thing really made me mad at times when I was younger. He was stuck in the past, too conservative and didn't want to try new things. Now I understand and I wish I had listened more. I guess I should be happy that I got to farm with him for as long as I did. As much as I lament about it, the farm business is not my biggest regret when it comes to Dad and his ailment.

No, what I regret the most is that I did not write down family history. I listened to the stories and thought that

I didn't have to remember them because he would be around much longer. We would eventually get around to writing them down but that could wait until another day. A couple of weeks ago we were going through things we had taken out of his house when we were cleaning it. Family photos that pre-dated my birth by decades. Some of them were labeled and that was greatly appreciated but many were not. I saw the faces of relatives, ancestors and wished I knew who they were, and the stories associated with them. Now that is gone, or at least Dad's stories about them are gone.

I do tell anyone that asks that Dad does seem to be comfortable in the care facility he is in. The staff is great to him, the food is good and thanks to cable TV he can watch reruns of all those shows he was too busy to watch when he was farming. He never complains or acts unhappy, but that was never his nature. That is about as good as it gets and as much as we can hope for, for that I am grateful. I do try to get in to see him on a regular basis, but it is hard because of the farm. There is a certain amount of irony in that and I am sure that on some level he understands. When I do make it in for the first fifteen to twenty minutes we talk farming and often I get just a little glimpse of the "old Dad" during those chats. Quickly that fades and there isn't much else to talk about. Typically I sit and watch whatever oldie is on the TV for a bit and then I leave. I make him promise me that I won't have to get him out of trouble and that usually makes his ornery grin flash for just a second.

I don't tell you all of this for sympathy. Many have gone through this before us and many will go through it after. It is part of life and something we all will deal with. Rather I am urging each of you to spend time, write things down so history and legacy are not lost. If we can serve as a warning, then some good will come out of this. We have learned to enjoy life in new ways and to make the most of what we have. That is what counts.



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Awards presented at Kansas Soybean Expo signify value of sharing soy foods

The Kansas Soybean Association and Kansas Soybean Commission presented the Friend of Soy and Meritorious Service Award at the luncheon of the Kansas Soybean Expo January 11.

Charlene Patton, Topeka, is an icon in the food and nutrition space. Many Kansans would recognize her for appearing monthly on television to demonstrate the best ways to incorporate soy foods into delicious, nutritious recipes. These appearances on stations in Topeka, Wichita and Pittsburg earned her the Friend of Soy Award, which honors a person, company or organization who has demonstrated the ability to work cooperatively with Kansas soybean farmers in their effort to promote soybeans.

Patton has served as the Kansas Soybean Commission's Consumer Media Specialist since 1996, a role which entails modifying everyday recipes to use soy-based ingredients and sharing those recipes with audiences across Kansas. Her expertise in nutrition comes from a life-time love of baking and knowledge passed down from her mother,



WIBW's Jared Broyles, Jeremy Goodwin, Chris Fisher and Al Bonner accept the Meritorious Service Award from Teresa Brandenburg.

Juanita, and grandmother, Tressie.

Patton, who grew up in Grantville, often credits these women and the 4-H program for laying a foundational knowledge of baking. As a 4-H member, she even wrote a weekly nutrition article for the Valley Falls Vindicator and earned state and national foods project awards in her tenor.

At Kansas State University, Patton earned a degree in foods and nutrition in business in 1975. She also met husband, Dan, and the two wed in 1977. The couple have four daughters – Jana, Krista, Lori and Megan. The family earned recognition as the Kansas 4-H Family of the Year in 2008.

Patton worked as a marketing specialist promoting Kansas food products at the Kansas Department of Agriculture prior to consulting for the Kansas Soybean Commission. She also serves as executive director for the Home Baking Association.

The monthly recipes created by Patton on behalf of the Kansas Soybean Commission are always available at www.kansas-soybeans.org/consumers. This page also outlines her TV appearance schedule and includes links to the station livestreams to watch these demonstrations from anywhere.

WIBW-TV earned the Meritorious Service Award, which honors a person, company or orga-

nization who has dedicated a significant portion of their time or resources working to the benefit of soybean farmers. When the logistics of sharing Patton's soy food recipes live from the TV studio became challenging during the pandemic, WIBW went above and beyond to continue providing those recipes to their audience in northeast Kansas. Morning show hosts Chris Fisher and Jared Broyles joined in virtual interviews with Patton while she demonstrated the recipes from her home kitchen. Offering this technological solution allowed the long-standing partnership between WIBW and the Kansas Soybean Commission to continue without pause.

WIBW-TV has been a valuable media partner in promoting soy food recipes from the Kansas Soybean Commission in the two-plus decades since

Patton took the role of creating the dishes as Consumer Media Specialist. The Kansas Soybean Association chose to honor WIBW-TV with the Meritorious Service Award for recognizing the impact of the recipe segments on consumer attitudes toward soy and creating a solution for sharing them during the pandemic. Broyles, along with Al Bonner, Chris Fisher and Jeremy Goodwin attended to accept the award on behalf of WIBW.

These awards are presented annually at the Kansas Soybean Expo and recipients are determined by the KSA board of directors. Expo is a project of KSA with funding from KSC.

Outgoing KSA and KSC board members were recognized for their service during the Expo luncheon, as well. A plaque was presented to Bob Haselwood

of Berryton for his service as chairman of the Kansas Soybean Commission from 2019-2022. Mike Bellar, who served on the Commission from 2010 to 2021, was unable to attend and accept a plaque recognizing his service.

Outgoing KSA president Teresa Brandenburg accepted a plaque honoring her two years of leadership to the KSA board. She will now serve one term as chairwoman of the board.

Additional KSA board members were recognized for their service to KSA, including Jeremy Olson of Everest, 2020-2023; Gail Kueser of Garnett, 2014-2023; Kim Kohls of Moundridge, 2018-2023; Dwight Meyer of Hiawatha, 2007-2023.

The 2023 Corteva Young Leader from Kansas, Daniel Anderes, received recognition for his participation in the program.




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Prairie Gal Cookin'

Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

Before The Spring Rush

By Ashleigh Krispense
As a farm wife, our days can often look different from those of other folks. Spring is the beginning of a busy season as the pastures are prepared for grass cattle, corn planting commences, and meals are packed up and sent to various tractor cabs.

A common topic will soon be “spring cleaning,” as visions of sparkling bathrooms and perfectly organized cabinets fill our minds. This year though, I’ve finally come to the conclusion that it just might not be meant for me. Sure, I might enjoy some time on a warmer day with the windows open while doing some tidying, but I’m moving my full days of organizing back a few months and embracing a “winter purge.” While the days are still dreary and cold, I’m spending more time indoors so I can free up those warmer spring afternoons for time in the

garden or out on the farm.

If you’re interested in joining me in my attempt to become more on top of things, here are some suggestions to inspire you towards your own winter purge! Don’t feel like you need to tackle all of these ideas, they can be used simply as inspiration. Consider focusing on the areas that tend to be hit the hardest during busy weeks, whether it’s a mudroom, storage pantry, etc. Now is a good time to get your “Before Spring” list made, so you’ll have several weeks to gradually work through it.

Organize the Hot Spots
While areas like the kitchen and bathrooms often get picked up more regularly, less frequently visited places such as storage rooms and closets can get rather cluttered and overwhelming. Setting aside a day or two to work in these areas can result in you feeling a sense of

happiness each time you walk into a pleasantly tidy room later on!

Tackle the fridge and freezer
Gathering expired food and forgotten leftover containers might not sound like an afternoon of fun, but each time you open the fridge door and find clean shelves and minimal containers you’ll find it easier to locate what you’re looking for and less stressful.

Do some extra shopping
Getting not only the pantry, but the whole house fully stocked on supplies can be helpful to avoid any unplanned trips to town during the busy season. From kitchen supplies to bathroom toiletries and laundry detergent, take some time to do a thorough inventory of everything needed and go on a shopping trip. If the thought of walking through endless store aisles is overwhelming, utilize the pick-up option and order your items online!

Prep meals and food
From extra tin-foil wrapped casseroles, neatly stacked in the freezer, to baggies of cookies that have been baked and sectioned into small quantities — I’m looking forward to utilizing my small

kitchen freezer in a more productive manner. Other freezer meals can include: mini chicken pot pies, ham and cheese or cheeseburger pockets, bierocks, and cooked meatballs (minus the sauce). Other helpful things are smoked or pre-cooked meat, seasoned taco meat, cooked hamburger mixed with marinara sauce for spaghetti, and raw sausage or meatloaf that can be quickly placed in a crock-pot.

Make a meal list, not plan
I’ve attempted meal plans before, but our days can be unpredictable enough that it’s challenging to stay on track. Instead, I keep a list of meal suggestions that hangs on the fridge for easy inspiration. But if you have the time, keeping ingredients prepared and available for quick use is also very helpful. Produce can be washed and stored in the fridge, meats can be pre-cooked and stuck in the freezer for easy access, and a list of available food options can be kept updated on a whiteboard. This way, you’ll know what your options are with just a glance and it won’t matter what day of the week each meal is made on.

Prepare for upcoming birthdays or events
If birthdays seem to hit right during the busiest of spring days, consider checking ahead a few months and ordering any gifts now to be set aside. Party decorations can also be purchased and stored away for one more thing to check off your future list.

Get a head start on the garden
While many gardeners already pick out their seeds during the dreary winter months, sometimes it takes some intentional effort to get seed varieties researched and the order actually placed. Consider making a plan ahead of time for what crops you intend to plant, where, and how much seed will be needed. If there is space in your freezer, seeds can be stuck in there until you’re ready in a few months.

Order any new work jeans or boots
This is a bit of a no-brainer, but it seems like we could always handle having an extra pair or two of work jeans around. Depending on where you like to buy them, it can be helpful to watch eBay for inexpensive pairs or your favorite website for any sales they might be

running. Even if items aren’t needed right now, it’s better to have paid a good price for them and have extras tucked away in the storage room rather than to run out and have to pay full-price somewhere else.

Finish any winter projects
I’m preaching to myself with this last suggestion, as I tend to be an excellent project-finder, but not as skilled in the follow-through. Whether you need to finish scrapbooking, crafting, refinishing a piece of furniture, or even just reading through some books, mark out some time to set down and get it done before it spends the summer gathering dust on the coffee table!

Hopefully some of these ideas inspired you to make your own list of things to tackle! Spring is creeping up on us and the countryside will be greening up before we know it. In the meantime, enjoy your time indoors and make sure to spend some evenings relaxing by the fire... With a project! Stay warm.

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

K-State Specialists Encourage Kansans To Test For Radon Exposure In Their Homes

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN — There is nothing like a breath of fresh air, but what if that air in the house is tainted with radon? Long-term exposure to residential radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers, said Brian Hanson, radon program coordinator and extension engineer at Kansas State University.

“Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive solid gas that can be an issue in a house with any type of foundation, and it is challenging because unless we do a specific air test for it, we don’t know what the amount of exposure is,” Hanson said.

Hanson spoke on this topic as part of the Living Well Wednesday webinar series held January 11.

Radon testing and management
The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 1 in 4 houses in Kansas are elevated or at the EPA action level of four picocuries of radon, said Hanson. “In reality, our data indicated that it is probably closer to one in three houses statewide,” he said.

Hanson recommends Kansans test routinely with low-cost kits that can be obtained at state and local extension offices. He recommends visiting the Kansas Radon Program website to learn more about testing and other valuable information.

“When purchasing a

home, you should always include a professional radon test as part of your due diligence in buying,” Hanson said.

For homes that have elevated radon exposure levels, homeowners can install remediation systems that will improve the air quality, said Hanson.

“Generally, it requires installing a permanent mechanical system called an active soil depressurization system that puts a direct vacuum on the soil, pulling out the radon continuously from beneath the foundation,” Hanson said, adding that these types of systems cost around \$1,500-\$2,000 to install.

It is important for homeowners to keep testing throughout their time in the home, Hanson said.

“If the home is elevated in radon levels and you put in a remediation system, continue to test every two years. For homes that initially test low, they should be retested every five years or after a major renovation,” Hanson said.

Webinar series
To hear more about this topic, Hanson encourages Kansans to

tune in to the Living Well Wednesday webinar series.

Along with addressing radon exposure, there are other health-related topics planned for the next few months, said Sharolyn Jackson, K-State northeast area family and consumer sciences specialist.

“Our Living Well Wednesday series focuses on health in a broad context from physical and mental health to financial and relationship health,” Jackson said.

She encouraged people to register for the webinars so that they can view the recording link and get reminder prompts ahead of the presentations.

Future seminars include end-of-life legal documentation, hypertension awareness, mental health care and ways to stretch the food dollar.

“All of these topics relate to our daily living by helping people to live well,” Jackson said.

To learn more, visit the Living Well Wednesday webinar website.

Links used in this story: Living Well Wednesday webinar, <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/fcs/livingwellwed/>

Making Your Family Walks More Fun

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness
At the time of this writing, we had some snow, ice and a little cold snap. But we have had some nice days where I hope you and your family were able to enjoy a great way to connect while being physically active. Like any routine, though, you may be feeling the need to spice it up. If your family is in a walking rut, try these four tips to boost the fun for everyone.

1. Come with questions: One of the favorite parts of a family/friend walk is not the physical activity. It is the time to talk with friends or family. Very rarely do we get one-on-one time, without a screen or other distractions vying for our attention. When we walk, it is easier to focus on one another and a great time to ask questions. Conversation starters are great for getting our chats going. They can be as simple as, “What should we have for dinner?” They can be as thoughtful as, “What is one thing you are thankful for right now?” Sometimes we even get silly with, “Would you rather have purple spots all over your skin or green hair?”

2. Listen to music or books: You can bring your phone on walks in case of emergency, but we also use it to listen to music. Usually,

we end up dancing more than walking, which adds the perfect amount of spice to a walk routine. If music isn’t your thing, try an audiobook. Instead of counting the minutes, walk until you complete a chapter. What a great way to exercise your body and mind!

3. Track your mileage: We stay motivated by setting goals and tracking your mileage. You can start your watch at the beginning of your walk and go until a family member is ready to stop. Sometimes when they realize how close they are to a full mile, they will want to keep going. Creative tip: You can take it one step farther by making a mileage paper chain. For each mile walked, add a link so your child can have a fun interactive visual.

4. Change your scenery: You can only walk to the stop sign or around the block so many times! When you begin to sense burnout with your routine, it may be time for a change of scenery. This can be as simple as doing your normal routine in reverse, or you might try that new walking path you noticed on your drive every day. Many communities have access to walking paths or trails — do some research to find new views you can enjoy while being active.

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Kansas Farm Bureau, members receive national honors at AFBF convention

Kansas Farm Bureau received the Pinnacle Award, the highest honor a state Farm Bureau can be awarded for program and membership achievement at the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) 104th convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

KFB also won the New Horizon Award, which celebrates the most innovative new state Farm Bureau programs for the Casten Fellows program honoring the life of Jill Casten-Downing and her love of Kansas, agriculture, leadership development and international travel.

"I couldn't be more proud of the work Kansas Farm Bureau does on behalf of our members to protect and enhance agriculture," Joe Newland, KFB president, says. "The Pinnacle and New Horizon awards showcase the dedication of our organization's leadership, membership and our implementation of forward-thinking ideas."

Kansas won Awards of Excellence in all four program areas: Advocacy, Coalitions & Partnerships, Engagement and Outreach and Leadership and Business Development.



Kansas Farm Bureau president Joe Newland proudly waves the Kansas flag as he takes the stage at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In addition, Newland was elected to serve on the AFBF board of directors representing the Midwest region and Marieta Hauser, Grant County, was re-elected to the AFBF Women's Leadership Committee.

Farm Dog of the Year
Jackson County Farm Bureau members Denny and Donna Ashcraft were awarded the 2023 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year award. Their farm dog, Tough, is a 14-year-old Border Collie and has

helped the Ashcrafts on their livestock operation since she was two.

"We're very excited to partner with Purina for the fifth annual Farm Dog of the Year contest, providing the public a look into daily life on the farm," said AFBF president Zippy Duvall. "Farmers and ranchers love what they do, but it can be stressful, even on the best days. Because farm dogs often play a dual role as both working dogs and companions to farm families, they can help ease the burden."

Purina donated prizes for the contest again this year. This included \$5,000 in prize money, a trophy plate, a year's supply of Pro-Plan dog food and other Purina products for Tough.

For more about Tough and the Ashcrafts, watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwyKCqldQiw>.

Ag Innovation
The Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge, now in its ninth year, provides opportunities for Farm Bureau members to showcase business innovations being developed for agriculture. Austin Hausmann, a Farm Bureau member in Kansas, won this year's challenge with his company, NORDEF. The company received \$50,000 in prize money to continue developing technology capable of producing diesel exhaust fluid at the point of use. DEF is injected into the exhaust stream of diesel vehicles to break down emissions to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Distinguished Service
Kansas native Dale Moore was honored with AFBF's highest individual honor, the Distinguished

Service Award. Moore is a former AFBF executive vice president, spending his career serving as a champion for agriculture in the public and private sectors where he helped shape seven farm bills.



Newland accepts the Pinnacle and New Horizon awards from AFBF president Zippy Duvall.



Jackson County Farm Bureau members Denny and Donna Ashcraft accepted the 2023 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year award from Duvall. Earning the award was their dog Tough, a 14-year-old border collie who has helped on their operation since she was two. The award was sponsored by Purina.



Duvall presented the Ag Innovation Challenge Award to Austin Hausmann, founder of NORDEF.

Agronomy Night to be held February 7 in Independence

By James Coover, crop production agent, Wildcat Extension District
K-State Research and Extension-Wildcat District will host an Agronomy Night on February 7 at Independence Community College-West Campus, located at 2615 West Main Street, Independence. It will be held from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Agronomy Night is an annual event that brings in great speakers to talk on all sorts of current farming topics. This year we will have Dr. Bruno Pedreira and Bryan Rutter speaking on soil micronutrients, how they function in field and how they contribute to yield. This topic applies to every farmer because while micronutrients might sound small, their impact is big.

The free dinner and program is provided by all the many great local businesses: Bartlett Co-op, Frontier Farm Credit, Corner Post Crop Insurance, Community National Bank and Trust, Triple D Seed, Pro-Ag Services, Caney Agri Services, Prairieland Partners, Farm Bureau Financial Services, and NoMule Dirt Work.

Please register to attend by calling 620-331-2690 or email jcoover@ksu.edu.

An informational flyer can be downloaded from the Wildcat District website at www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu. For more information, contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, jcoover@ksu.edu or (620) 724-8233.

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Fugitives on the KTA

We have our share of excitement ranching along the Kansas Turnpike. More than I like, to be honest. Yes, the biggest fear is having cattle loose on I-70, and I do have a few of those I'll share in this column.

But sometimes the excitement comes from the critters coming off the Interstate, instead of those getting onto it!

A couple of felons from Michigan were involved in a high-speed chase westbound one af-

ternoon as I was fueling a tractor within sight of the highway a half-mile away. After disappearing behind a hill, the convoy of felons and State Troopers reappeared eastbound in the right-of-way of the westbound lanes and stirring up quite a cloud of dust before the criminals crashed their car and two guys left their girlfriends to fend for themselves and took off afoot in our general direction. I had not spotted them yet when a trooper came by and

asked if I'd seen two guys running across from the Interstate, one wearing a red football jersey.

As it was, they had come across just east of us about a quarter-mile, which raised some concerns about our neighbors over that direction. After multiple law enforcement vehicles made several passes back and forth and my fuel tank was full, I decided I would drive down to where a couple of county sheriff's officers were parked. The crooks had not been caught, and as of that time they were not believed to be armed and were just a couple of runaways and car thieves. Learning the direction and potential path they had probably taken could have very likely brought them to one of our pastures where there was an old wooden creep feeder that would be an excellent

hiding place, I thought, for a couple of bandits to hide out until dark.

Just then the boss pulled up behind me and after a brief rundown of what I was thinking, we decided we'd do a little scouting on our own. We entered the pasture gate, leaving it open and I went through the next pasture to the far east fenceline and began driving along it, looking in-to the neighbors' properties for signs of strangers, while John followed and watched from the hilltop for several minutes.

I slowly made my way south along our property line until I came to a hedgerow that intersected our fenceline, where, just as I passed the point of intersect I could see a bright red jersey with a white "88" ducking back into the hedgerow about 100 yards down the line!

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I continued on along the fence for a bit, not changing my speed, or otherwise indicating that I had seen them. Slowly turning off the fence and heading for the creep feeder where I thought they could be, I saw John pull up to that spot and look inside the fill door. I drove up beside him and told him I'd just seen them, and I would stay and watch while he went and got the deputies out on the county road.

The call went out on the radios and all units converged in our area, blocking all roads, and by this time they had called in an airplane, which was flying a grid pattern overhead. "A little overkill for a couple of runaway car thieves," I thought. I heard an engine roar behind me and I turned to see three cars, two county and one city cop looking for a bit of excitement!

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That city cop must have been doing 40 mph across that pasture just as he hit an old terraced area where his front wheels left the ground, and when it came down the front chrome bumper on that old Crown Vic dug a divot the size of a fat Cocker Spaniel and pitched it in the air! It was like a scene out of the old TV show *Dukes of Hazzard* with Roscoe P. Coltrane leading the party! They all lined their vehicles up facing the east neighbor's property and began to pile out. (Continued next week)

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Listen and weigh in on Farm Bill negotiations during Kansas Commodity Classic and KAWG Annual Meeting

Two key wheat meetings in late January will offer growers the chance to hear projections for upcoming Farm Bill negotiations from national policymakers, newsmakers and a market analyst and weigh in on the policies impacting the wheat industry.

"What a year in the world of wheat with the Russia-Ukraine conflict, drought, high input prices and even a potential rail strike," said Shayna DeGroot, KAWG director of membership and governmental affairs. "Join us for discussions with policymakers and policy-watchers as we work to address wheat farmers' needs in the upcoming growing season and Farm Bill negotiations."

The 2023 Kansas Commodity Classic — the annual convention of the Kansas corn, wheat, soy-

bean and grain sorghum associations — returns to Salina on January 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn. This year's event will be emceed by nationally acclaimed farm broadcaster Greg Akagi, WIBW 580 AM.

The Kansas Commodity Classic is hosted by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Kansas Soybean Association. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast with a welcome from Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam, beginning at 8 a.m.

The morning sessions will feature a market update from Dan Maltby with Maltby Risk Management, a U.S. Agriculture in 2023 projection presentation from AgriPulse communications publisher Sara

Wyant, a U.S. Senate update from Senator Jerry Moran and a House update panel featuring congressional staff.

Following lunch, the afternoon session includes a Farm Bill and Farm Programs Update from national association staff and a U.S. Senate update from Senator Roger Marshall. The event will conclude at 2 p.m.

Thanks to support from sponsors, including platinum sponsors Indigo Ag and the Kansas Bankers Association, the event is free to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged by visiting <https://www.kansascommodityclassic.com/>.

One day ahead of the larger convention, members of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG) will meet separately to discuss KAWG activities and priorities. The annual meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Jan. 26 at the Kansas Wheat Innovations Center in Manhattan. KAWG members will also have the opportunity to attend in person or via Zoom, and virtual attendance information will be emailed to members ahead of the event.

"This year we made sure Kansas wheat growers' voices were heard over a broad spectrum of issues," DeGroot said. "KAWG is proud to give our farmers a voice and keep you informed on events around the world."

During a policy resolutions session, KAWG members will discuss and debate policies specifically impacting wheat

growers. Read the current set of KAWG resolutions at <https://kswheat.com/kawg-resolutions>.

Need to renew or sign up for a KAWG membership? Membership benefits include a weekly update with state and national news in addition

to a weekly market analysis, the monthly Wheat Farmer/Row Crop Farm newsletter and the annual guide to wheat varieties for Kansas and the Great Plains. Learn more or pay for your membership at kswheat.com/kawg.



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Growing Crops in Volatile Conditions topic of February 9 crop school

By Shannon Blocker,
Pottawatomie County
Extension agent,
agriculture and natural
resources

Growing Crops in Volatile Conditions will be the focus of a crop school sponsored by K-State Research and Extension-Pottawatomie County on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 601 Elm St, Wamego.

Presentations will include "Weed Management in 2023" by Sarah Lancaster, K-State Extension Weeds Specialist; "Best Management Practices for Reducing Phosphorus Loss" by Nathan Nelson, K-State Professor-Soil Fertility; "Tar Spot of Corn: A New Threat to Kansas Corn" by Rodrigo Onofre, K-State Extension row crops pathologist; and "Crop Inputs and Budget Tools" by Gregg Ibendahl,

K-State Extension Crop economist. Shannon Blocker, Pottawatomie County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension agent, will also cover "New Nitrogen Soil Test Recommendations for Corn."

A noon meal is spon-

sored by Ag Partners Cooperative. Please register by February 2, 2023, online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by clicking the registration link. You may also call the Pottawatomie County Extension Office at 785-457-3319.

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Remember *Hell on Wheels*, that award-winning western starring Anson Mount as a supervisor building the transcontinental railroad? “Hell-on-wheels” wasn’t one place, but many. As the tracks moved, so did the towns that built them. Of

all those temporary towns, none is more legendary than Phil Sheridan, once located in present-day Logan County. While most of them lasted around a couple of months at most, Sheridan ruled the prairies for two years.

When the railroad ar-

rived at that lonely outpost in the shadow of the twin buttes, Lawrence and Hurlbut, progress stopped. The company went bankrupt and was forced to reorganize.

Sheridan boasted something between 600 and 2,000 residents at its height. Descriptions of the inhabitants and their odd habits that were published in the newspapers would offend every ethnic group in America.

Sheridan served as the depot for Fort Wallace and troops were encamped nearby to protect the ersatz town and its trade, most often men of the 38th Infantry, “buffalo soldiers.” Hundreds of

freight wagons, thousands of animals, and the gamut of humanity – and inhumanity.

Miguel Antonio Otero II was a boy in Sheridan. The future governor of the New Mexico Territory would recall that he and his brother would wake up in the morning and rush down to the railroad trestle to see if they recognized the latest target of the Vigilance Committee (headed by the senior Otero). Violence defined daily life and the cemetery was filled with the fruits thereof.

A group of us met at the Fort Wallace Museum recently to begin compiling our resources on Sheridan

– firsthand accounts, articles, newspaper accounts, artifacts. Pam Whitson will be donating items that her late husband, Doug Whitson (former Sherman County Sheriff) discovered on the site of old Sheridan. We hope to create a map of the town and the roads leading to it. Former Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn is so knowledgeable of local history and has researched and written extensively on Sheridan. Likewise, Chuck Bonner of the Keystone Gallery is part of our ongoing look into the complex and rich history of the site.

Stay tuned for further developments. This is honestly one of the most ex-

citing projects I have ever been involved with. If you have stories, relics, connections to the ghost town of Phil Sheridan, please share them. Oh, and I will be speaking on the subject February 23 at the National Guard Museum in Topeka. The Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Kansas is hosting me at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited. I would love to see you all there!

Deb Goodrich is the host of the Around Kansas TV Show and the Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200, marked from 2021-2025. Contact her at au-thor.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

USDA lowers expected corn ending stocks for 2022/23

By Krista Swanson, lead economist for the National Corn Growers Association

The United States Department of Agriculture released the January World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates (WASDE) report January 12. The expected reductions in use were met with notable changes to U.S. production that resulted in lower-than-expected ending stocks for the 2022/23 marketing year.

As compared to the December WASDE report, a 200 million bushel drop in total production was spurred by a 1.6 million acre cut in final 2022 harvested acres, more than offsetting a one bushel per acre increase in yield to 173.3 bushels per acre. The downward adjustment to 79.2 million harvested acres brings 2022 harvested acres to the lowest level since 2008. This translates to 89.4% of planted corn acres harvested in 2022,

the lowest share of planted acres harvested since 2002.

The decline in harvested acres from the December report was highly concentrated in four states, with Kansas (-710,000 acres) and Nebraska (-480,000 acres) accounting for nearly three-quarters of the total and South Dakota (-240,000 acres) and Colorado (-120,000 acres) rounding out most of the remaining quarter. Compared to 2021, 2022 harvested acres of corn silage were 75% higher in Kansas and 65% higher in Nebraska. Given the negative impact of drought on yields and pastures, some acres that would normally have been harvested as grain were instead harvested as silage, particularly in the larger drought impacted livestock-producing states.

On the demand side, domestic use was trimmed by 35 million bushels from December, while exports were

cut by 150 million bushels. The net result was a 15-million-bushel drop in expected ending stocks to 1.24 billion bushels for the 2022/23 marketing year. If realized, this will be the lowest ending stocks since 2013/14 and would put stock levels, relative to use, at 8.9%, also historically low compared to most years. The forecast for tight supply and low stocks-to-use ratio remains.

On the global scale, the January WASDE shows foreign corn production also forecast lower than the December forecast, with hot and dry weather in South America leading to cuts in Argentina and Brazil production over the past month. Despite those cuts, 2022/23 corn production in both nations is forecast higher than 2021/22 bringing continued strong competition in the world export market.

Recent water testing by KDHE shows decrease in levels of contaminants in Washington County streams caused by oil spill

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced recently that results from recent water testing on Mill Creek show a decrease in the concentration of contaminants over time and a downward

trend in contaminants on the Little Blue River. KDHE has been sampling the water in Mill Creek, located in Washington County, following a crude oil spill that occurred last month.

On December 9, 2022,

a stream advisory was issued for Mill Creek downstream of the spill to the Little Blue River directing area residents not to come into contact or allow pets and livestock to contact the creek water. That advisory remains in

effect.

Weather dependent, KDHE takes water samples weekly from multiple sites to measure levels of petroleum contaminants in the water. Additionally, KDHE staff review and analyze the daily water and soil sampling conducted by TC Energy’s contractors. The water is being analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds known to be present in this grade of crude oil known as diluted bitumen.

“Bitumen is a heavy grade of crude oil that is safely diluted for transportation down the pipeline,” Randy Carlson,

Ph.D., geologist and director of environmental remediation at KDHE said. “Without dilution, it would not flow through a pipeline efficiently.”

TC Energy is temporarily diverting Mill Creek from a location upstream of the pipeline spill, to downstream of the containment dams. The diversion will assist in the clean-up and reclamation of the impacted zone of Mill Creek by limiting the quantity of unimpacted surface water that enters the containment area.

Specially constructed earthen dams have been effective at containing spilled material. However, trace amounts of pe-

troleum contaminants have been detected downstream. The diversion of surface water around the impacted area will reduce the chance of further impacts downstream.

No public water supply intakes are present on the Little Blue River. TC Energy is providing water testing for residents with private water wells close to Mill Creek, the Little Blue River, or with private surface water intake for livestock or recreational ponds located on either of those streams. Inquiries about testing can be made by email at public_affairs_us@tcenergy.com or by calling 1-855-920-4697.

Healthy Forages, Healthy Beef Cattle focus of educational program Feb. 15

Healthy Forages, Healthy Beef Cattle will be the focus of an educational program sponsored by K-State Research and Extension-Pottawatomie, Riley, and Marshall Counties on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 5:30-9:00 p.m., at the Westmoreland

Elementary Gym, 205 S 4th St, Westmoreland, KS 66549.

Presentations will include “Growing Healthy Forages” by Bruno Pedreira, K-State Extension forage agronomist; “Neonatal Calf Care” by A.J. Tarpoff, K-State Extension beef

veterinarian; “Nutritional Impacts on Beef Reproduction” by Jason Warner, K-State Extension cow/calf specialist; and “Introduction to Rangeland Analysis Platform” by Shannon Blocker, Pottawatomie County agriculture and natural resources Extension agent.

A meal is sponsored by Bank of the Flint Hills, Bennington State Bank, Farmers State Bank, Frontier Farm Credit, Kaw Valley State Bank, Landmark National Bank, Union State Bank and Merck Animal Health. Please register by February 8, 2023, online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by clicking the registration link. You may also call the Pottawatomie County Extension Office at 785-457-3319.

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Rep. Mann reappointed to House Agriculture Committee

Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS) has been selected to serve for a second consecutive term on the House Agriculture Committee.

"I serve in Congress to advocate for agriculture and our Kansas conservative values," said Rep. Mann. "As a farm kid and fifth-generation Kansan, I am humbled to continue representing Big First farmers, ranchers, feedlot managers, nutrition-

ists, ethanol producers, ag lenders, and agribusiness owners on the House Agriculture Committee. I recognize that the responsibility for the well-crafted farm and food policy in advance of the reauthorization of the Farm Bill is more important now than ever, and I am committed to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work on behalf of those who feed, fuel, and clothe

the world."

Mann has prioritized protecting and strengthening crop insurance, promoting trade, and stopping regulatory overreach during his tenure on the House Agriculture Committee. During the 117th Congress, Mann co-led the Supporting Market Access to Reinvalidate Trade (SMART) Act, which was referred to the House Agriculture Com-

mittee and would double the investment for the market access program and the foreign market development cooperator program to allow trade associations to work on behalf of agricultural producers to expand markets. Mann also cosponsored 22 pieces of legislation that were referred to the House Agriculture Committee.

The House Agriculture

Committee's jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to:

- Crop insurance
- General farm commodities including wheat, grain sorghum, corn, soybeans, sugar, cotton, and others, and commodities exchanges
- Agricultural credit
- Rural Development
- Energy and elec-

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- Conservation
- Nutrition programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Horticulture
- Pest disease management
- Research and research education
- Livestock, poultry, dairy, and livestock marketing
- Trade promotion

Bringing new technology, knowledge, and opportunity to agriculture, KC Ag Business Council to host Ag Innovation Forum

The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City will host its seventh annual Ag Innovation Forum Feb. 8 at the Downtown Marriott in Kansas City. Council executive director Bob Petersen said the event will showcase and celebrate ag technology and innovation taking place in the

Midwest.

Featured speakers are:

- Dr. Bill Wilson, distinguished professor, North Dakota State University in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. "The Rise of Technology in Agriculture."

- Carter Williams, president and managing

partner of the iSelect Fund. "The Convergence of Ag Technology and Human Health."

- Steve Welker, operating partner, Lewis and Clark AgriFood. "Nurturing the Seeds of Innovation."

Farm Journal's Tyne Morgan will serve as the event emcee. Rounding

out the one-day program will be panel discussions on three key topics.

- New Technology/Entrepreneurs moderated by Mike Rohlfen with TechAccel and featuring
- Reza Bloomer, director, business development, InnerPlant.
- Dave Baitinger, seed production engineering

team lead, Bayer.

- Climate-Smart Pilot Programs and featuring
- Kelsey Swango Billings, vice president, Innovation and Stakeholder Engagement, Field to Market.

- John Jansen, United Soybean Board on behalf of Farmers for Soil Health Climate-Smart Commodities Partnership.
- Kristen Coady, senior vice president and chief communications officer, Dairy Farmers of America.

- Transparency and information Systems moderated by J.J. Jones

with Cultivated Conversations and featuring

- Deborah Arcoleo, partner, Transparency Ventures.

- Dr. Manreet Bhullar, research assistant professor of horticulture and natural sciences, Kansas State University.

- Lamar Steiger, owner, The 808 Ranch.

Presenting sponsors for the event are Farm Journal and TechAccel.

Further information on the event, including registration and a complete list of sponsors, may be found at www.agbizke.com

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

The beginning of a new year often is an opportunity to reflect upon the past and set goals for the future. On a ranching operation, Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute experts say it is a good time to make record-keeping and management adjustments.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, the team of experts agreed what records to keep will vary from operation to operation, but in 2023 there may be some special challenges that aren't typically a concern.

"As you think through your grazing plan in 2023, you need to factor in that many parts of the country are still in a drought. That may mean you need to have a contingency plan for your forage resources," said Phillip Lancaster, beef cattle nutritionist. "It might be helpful to talk with someone with grazing expertise from the NRCS (Natural Resources and Conservation Service) to help you set up a plan for drought-stressed pastures."

Meeting the herd's nutritional needs is one aspect of an overall health plan, said veterinarian Bob Larson.

"A good overall cat-

Winter wheat seeded acres up while canola sees decrease

Winter wheat seeded area for 2023 is estimated at 7.50 million acres, up from last year's seeded area of 7.30 million acres, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Canola seeded area is estimated at 6,000 acres, down from last year's seeded area of 9,000 acres.

tle health plan includes good nutrition, good housing and good biosecurity," Larson said.

Specific to housing, Larson said that cattle need to be maintained on pastures that are not overstocked and can be moved easily when needed. He encouraged producers to check water sources and fencing to make sure those are well maintained for the year ahead.

Regarding biosecurity, Larson said it is important to work with the local veterinarian to develop a vaccination program and protocol for introducing new cattle onto the ranch.

Veterinarian Brian Lubbers suggested ranchers take the time early in the year to touch base with their veterinarian.

"This is a good time to schedule a routine visit either on Zoom or when they are on your ranch to make sure you are in agreement on your health plan moving forward," Lubbers said.

The veterinarian is just one of many local advisers who can offer expertise, said Larson.

"It is important to build that local group of experts in your community,

from your accountant to your banker to your nutritionist, to give you ideas to consider as you make plans for the operation," he said.

Agricultural economist Dustin Pendell echoes Larson's advice, adding there are routine records that are important for every operation.

"You are going to want to track your income and expenses so that you have what you need to complete your taxes," Pendell said. "Your balance sheet will have your assets, liabilities and net worth and that will be important for your banker to see."

Another important record that Pendell suggests ranchers track is the cash flow.

"Knowing the timing of when cash is coming into and leaving the operation will help you manage your income and expenses," he said.

Pendell also advised that producers incorporate recordkeeping as part of a routine rather than setting aside a day to deal with the accounting.

"Don't put it off to a free day because that day will never come," he said. "Instead, make record-

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Rare Case 210 corn picker/silage cutter (8074240); Woods Brothers Dearborn 16-7 one row corn picker; IHC 300 gas tractor, 2 pt. fast hitch; John Deere 300 tractor w/2 row 244 corn picker w/shucking attachment; Minneapolis Moline model SH 1 row corn picker w/shucking attachment; Massey Ferguson 135 gas tractor w/Ford 601-16-65 one row corn picker; John Deere M gas tractor w/1 row John Deere corn picker; McCormick Deering corn binder, wood, good; rare paddle auger; IH 4-wheel corn sheller w/elevators; MW Field King wood flare box wagon; "New Idea one row corn picker; John Deere B gas tractor w/roll-o-matic front; John Deere 630 gas tractor, 3 pt. (6306614); IHC M gas tractor w/hyd. (FBK142409X1); John Deere 60 gas tractor, narrow front, power steering, hyd., (6052458) needs head gasket; Massey Harris 44 special gas tractor, wide front, new tires; Farmall Cub w/PTO belly mower (191329); Farmall A tractor,

PTO, belt pulley; Farmall B tractor; IHC H w/Schwartz wide front (FBH225834); John Deere 40 combine w/10' header (407188); John Deere 55 Corn special combine, 13' header, Full Vision cab (90536); 1950s GMC 250 truck, duals, 6 cy, 4 speed, w/Grain-O-Vator feed wagon; 1950s Chevrolet Load Master truck, 6 cy, 4 speed, w/15' bed.

75+ PLOWS: JD 202 2 way pull type plow; IH 39 2 way pull type plow; JD roll over plows; JD 2, 3, 4 bottom pull type plows, both trip & hyd; IHC 2, 3 bottom pull type plows both trip & hyd; IHC 3-14 pull type plow w/sold beams; IH 2 bottom disc plow; Minneapolis Moline pull type 3-16; Case pull type 2-14; Massey Harris pull type 3-16; John Deere 5-14 on land plow; John Deere 3, 4 & 5 bottom semi mount plows; IHC fast hitch 2 & 3 bottom plows; Massey no 37 3 pt. 3 bottom plow; JD A gas tractor; IHC W6 tractor power steering dual hyd; IHC Super M tractor needs work; IHC

H & M tractors; IH fast hitch; Moline 2 row RH5 corn picker; Dearborn 1 row corn picker; Great American 1 row corn picker; stationary corn sheller; whirlwind terrace machine; Kewanee 500-400 drag elevator; Farmhand F11 loader; 10 flair box wagons; John Deere 4 wheel wagon w/hoist; combine bin trailer; Van Brunt 10-7 drill w/packer in front 5 ½'; Noble 5' V blade; Duplex hyd scoop pull scraper model DV200; JD 6' offset disc; JD BW 10' disc; Rhino 3 pt. 8' disc; JD 7' pull type sickle mower; JD no 11 pull type sickle mower; John Deere 1 row corn binder; stationary baler w/gas engine; JD 4 row 494A planter; JD 2 row planter; 3 pt. scoop; silage blowers; buzz saw; new 12.4-38 tractor tires; several other pieces of machinery; IH sign; sorting bin; horse drawn circular stationary grinder; several wood & metal corn shellers; 3 John Deere 1 1/2 hp stationary engines on carts; IHC 1/2-2 1/2 hp stationary engine on cart.

NOTE: Calvin has collected antique farm equipment for many years, this will be a large auction. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. The first items on the sale bill will be sold live and on internet. After that all items will be live auction. If you want to bid on any other items call 785-738-0067 and we will call you when we are selling that item. For information contact Josh Bohnert at 785-564-2390.

CALVIN BOHNERT ESTATE

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

AUCTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 — 10:00 AM

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

Oak wardrobe; oak parlor table; oak library table; pine step back cupboard; 1800s walnut cradle w/forced hardware; black country cupboard; marble top Victorian dresser; walnut M.T. dresser; walnut gentleman's chest; oak kitchen cabinet w/frosted glass; oak fainting couch; oak baby bed; Morris chair; Grandfather clock; Victorian rocker; mid century phonograph; mid century floor lamps; mid century M.T. end tables; Art Nouveau foot stool; floor model Pac Man Machine Midway 1981 Bally Co. works perfect; Oak tobacco box "Whitewater Encampment W.F. Churchill 1895; oak/glass voting ballot case; Aikin Lambert B's gold pens curved glass showcase; Boye Sewing Needles showcase; oak collar showcase; double wheel store coffee grinder; 1941 Challenger peanut machine; 1909 Pepsi Tutty Fruity gum display; oak collar box; wooden barber pole; Gilcrest malt mixer; 1936 Seven Dwarf figures; 6 drawer spice cabinet; Victorian hanging lamp; carmel slag hanging lamp; stain glass window; Crocks: Dobson & Branns pickle jar w/lid; Fairchild crock jug; 3 gal RW water cooler w/

lid; 30 gal RW; 6 gal RW churn; 3 gal Western churn; 2 gal Buckeye churn; 4 gal salt glaze churn; 3 gal RW jug; several RW crocks; 1880s passenger train water cooler; Victorian baby buggy; 1890 wicker baby stroller; 150 spice tins (Happy Kids; Peanut Butter; Aircraft; Kansas; Lee; Courthouse; Happy home; Planters; American Aces; Portage Tobacco tin); horse weather vane w/ball; brass saxophone; Jayhawk collectibles; Toys inc: (Cl Yellow Taxi; Massey Harris, Tru Scale & Gleaner combines; other farm toys); Auburn rubber cars; circus shooting gallery; Flying O bike; Sterling Skiptooth bike; Roy Rogers pencil set; several watch fobs; Cyrus Hall McCormick coin; O. W. Shulze Reserve trade coin; George Washington coin; Washington, Ks. Fire Dept badge; Kansas centennial coin; Railway Conductors watch fob; **ADVERTISING:** Fairmont Ice Cream clock; signs (Nesbitts Orange Drink; Squirt Soda; Hires Root Beer; Chesterfield; Squirt; Dr. Pepper; neon Budweiser beer; Kyanize Paints; 7x2' Chesterfield; King Van Lines; Red Wing linseed oil; E A Schleier ther-

mometer; **Pictures:** yard long Pacific Tea Co 1898 girl; Indian Madin; Almon signed painting; 1903 H.G. Hammond oil painting; Medcalf Case machine print; 1911 charcoal signed print; Round Grove Farm Greenleaf, Ks picture; 1909 football picture; Beattie pictures; 30 framed prints; Army picture; Halloween masks; crock insulators; perfume bottle set; Staghorn cutlery set; mini brass fishing reel; 50 pcs early paper inc: farm manuals (McCormick, Massey, Ford); Cl dog door stop; 100 hankies; 50 tea towels; quilts; ladies hats; costume jewelry; silver topaz ring; AWA human hair jointed doll; duck decoy; bronze parrots; bakelite Victor & Firestone radios; Kennedy for President button; Hull pottery; milk glass spice set; Perez adv plate; Victorian plates; Wedgewood cameo set; decanters; adv button key; rag rugs; wash tubs; buggy wheels; violin; wire store rack; wooden boxes; blue jars; Cl pump handles; wooden planes; 50 pc. graniteware; ornate cast iron shelf brackets; collection of other good items.

NOTE: This is a large quality collection. Check website for pictures www.thummelauction.com

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023 — 10:00 AM

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

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
Pine 1 door cabinet; pine 2-door cabinet; 2 pine table w/top cabinet; pine kitchen table; 1 drawer chest; folding table violin case; oak rocker; bow back chair; green wood cabinet; painted dresser; painted kitchen cupboard; short pie cupboard; pine cradle; cobbler's bench; wood cabinets; wooden sorting cabinet; cast iron bed; oak drop front desk; child's rocker; bridge lamp; AAA Root Beer sign; Full Vamp Shoe sign; Manor Bread sign; Viceroy sign; folk art wooden horse; Indian pottery; Burma Shave sign; Gene Autry Wagon Team movie poster; Roy Rogers Far Frontier loby card; **75+ good tins** (Golden Wedding coffee & tea; HGF; Heinz; Comrade coffee; Quaker Mills spice; Angelus marshmallows; Crisco; Rex; Thompson Double Malted; Marco's Sweet Pea; Players Navy Cut; Magnet Coffee; Breakfast Call; Summer

Girl; Waconia sorghum; Unadeda Bakers; Tom Keene; Falcon Oil; Folgers Extracts; Penns; Daisy Pellets; Diamond Match; tobacco; many other); Skelly Oil glasses; Griffiths spice set; Denes Bros match safe; several pcs art; brass weather vane horse; GILPIN cast iron tool box; black cast iron mechanical bank; stain glass windows; lead glass door; bear rug; wood butter molds; butter paddles; Pyrex bowls; Fiesta disc pitcher & tumblers; Bennington bowls; tin type pictures; assortment wood boxes; Christmas ornaments; double dial wall clock; kitchen clock; school bells; chicken items; cast iron dogs; 12" pc. petrified wood; Monarch radio; sad irons; feed scoop; 3 gal Red Wing; 3 gal Buckeye; brown top jug; crock bowls; Mr. Peanut jar & bowl; Roseville vase; sponge bowl; stain glass desk lamp; 1935 Kan tag; Silver Spring ice cream tray; cast iron skillet;

cannon ball; egg basket; copper boiler; copper pot; tin 2 handle churn; 4 qt. Dazey churn; sprinkling can; granite pans; wood bowl; hats; wood totes; books; small wood wheels; wooden fruit boxes; Western Paper file; horn; nail kegs; seed bag pilows; pine medicine cabinet; yard windmill; sad irons; duck house; galvanized items; cast iron pans; oil cans; wood plane; cast iron step; type tray; chicken feeder; screen door; wash tub; boots; buckets; wash boards; toys; potato scoop; turtle shell; tin pedal tractor; unusual 10 gal bucket; deer mount; fish mount; antlers; wooden sled; US shovel; **400 toy trucks** (First Gear; railroad semi; soft drink; freight; construction); tin toy train engine; metal sky scraper building; Lifetime cook ware; modern table saw; cutoff saw; 8' step ladder; pancake air compressor; new wheelbarrow; assortment tools; yard tools.

NOTE: This is a very nice collection. Check our website for pictures www.thummelauction.com

CURTIS BUNTING ESTATE

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Farmer Direct Foods elevates Hale to VP of Operations

Farmer Direct Foods, a leading producer of regeneratively grown and artisan-quality grain-based products, is pleased to announce the promotion of Keaton Hale to the role of vice president of operations. Hale, a fourth-generation miller, has been a valuable asset to Farmer Direct Foods since his appointment as plant manager in May 2022. Prior to joining Farmer Direct, Hale held the position of mill superintendent at Grain Craft in Pendleton, Oregon. There, he was responsible for overseeing daily operations, ensuring safety and quality, and implementing continuous improvement strategies at the mill. “Keaton is a natural leader and has made a significant impact from the day he joined the company,” said Tim Webster, CEO of Farmer Direct Foods. “He is a fourth-generation



Keaton Hale has been promoted to VP of Operations for Farmer Direct Foods. *Courtesy photo*

flour miller with deep roots in the industry and we are lucky to have him on our team. He combines his professional experience, remarkable instincts, and can-do attitude to push us all to be better every day. I'm grateful for Keaton and look forward to work-

ing alongside him as we grow Farmer Direct Foods towards its full potential.” In his new role, Hale will maintain responsibility for the overall management and direction of the mill operations, including daily production, personnel, and efficiencies. In addition, he will play a strategic role in the development and implementation of capital improvement projects throughout Farmer Direct Foods’ milling operation in New Cambria. “I am excited to carry on my family’s legacy and continue driving our mill operations forward here at Farmer Direct Foods,” said Hale. “I see immense potential in this company and its ability to be a force for good in the industry.” Born and raised in Salina, Hale graduated from Kansas State University in 2017 with a degree in Milling Science and Management.

1/25/23 EQUIPMENT ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
(Location of items: Bazaar, Kansas)
Items Selling Online Only Through AuctionTime.com
Bidding OPEN NOW and will close 1-25-23
EQUIPMENT: 2006 International 4400 Diesel 281,303 mi; 2004 GMC C7500 LPEFI Propane Semi with Shop Built Heavy Duty Flatbed, 92,829 mi; Hercules Gooseneck Triple Axle Flatbed Trailer; 1999 Ford F250 4WD Flatbed; Kohler Generator 5-1 9800 Welder, Power Unit, Air Compressor, all in One, 1 Hr, Brand New; 20 Ft Gooseneck Flatbed Double Axle Trailer; Used Ford Short bed Came off of a 2002 Ford F250 Green, Tow Hitch, RV Gooseneck insert & Bumper included.
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Sumner County, Kansas Land Auction
335± Acres of Farmland / Pasture / Hunting Land
Thursday, February 16th @ 7:00pm
Auction Held at Argonia Community Center
225± Acres of FSA Cropland Acres • 110± Pasture Acres
Seller: The Garnett G. Clayton Trust No. 1
Legal: The North Half (N/2) of S31, T33S, R4W
Note: This land is located 10-miles South of Argonia, 13-miles East of Anthony, & 30-miles Southwest of Wellington. Property will sell subject to seller's confirmation.
Directions: From Argonia, drive 7-miles South on Argonia Rd. Turn West on Hwy 44 & drive 1-mile. Turn South on Blackstone Rd. & drive 1-mile until you see Subject Property on West side of road.
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Registration is open for Local Food and Healthy Farms Conference

Registration is open for the 2023 Local Food and Healthy Farms Conference, Feb. 3-4 at The Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska. The conference is open to the public.

The Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society's annual conference has been a mainstay for decades. For the second year, the conference is a partnership with Nebraska Extension and Nebraska Specialty Crop Growers to provide the most dynamic and comprehensive farming and local food systems conference in the state. The conference invites attendees to learn, connect and collaborate for a more resilient food future.

Conference highlights include:

- More than 30 sessions on topics that span the agricultural and local food system spectrum, including farm financial and transition planning, farm skills, field crops, livestock, farm and food policy, urban agriculture and local food access.
- Keynote addresses from Katie Nixon, food systems leader and co-operator of Green Gate Family Farm, a certified organic diversified market farm; and Bob Quinn, a leader in promoting organic and sustainable agriculture and co-author of the book “Grain by Grain: A Quest to Revive Ancient Wheat, Rural Jobs and Healthy Food.”
- Several opportunities to network with other farmers, researchers, sponsors, service agencies and consumers, including a Friday evening reception and exhibit hall.

The cost is \$70 per day or \$130 for both days and includes meals and access to all conference events. Scholarships are available. Register by Jan. 27 at <https://www.sustainablenebraska.org/2023conference-registration.html>.

The conference is supported by several sponsors, including Grain Place Foods, Roberts Seeds, the Center for Rural Affairs, World Wildlife Fund, Johnny's Selected Seeds and Buy Fresh Buy Local.

MU Strip Trial Program sees results in foliar fungicide applications

University of Missouri Integrated Pest Management coordinator Mandy Bish often hears farmers say, “A treated acre is an acre I’m not losing sleep over.” That is a good mindset for residual herbicide applications, she says, but it may or may not pay off when it comes to foliar fungicides, depending upon circumstances.

Use of foliar fungicides in soybean has increased across the southern states, including Missouri since 2005. The uptick followed Hurricane Ivan’s wind and rain, which likely brought spores of soybean rust into the U.S.

The Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council has helped fund 43 Missouri foliar fungicide strip trials through the MU Certified Strip Trial program since 2018. See results at striptrial.missouri.edu.

In those trials, Missouri soybean growers saw an average yield increase of 1.8 bushels per acre over nontreated acres when applying fungicides at R3 development stage. The increase was not unique to Missouri. Researchers in 240 small plot trials in nine states and Ontario, Canada, reported a 2.7% percent yield increase.

“This corresponds to a 1.6-bushel-per-acre bump in 60-bushel bean,” says Bish.

However, not all fields responded the same. Researchers continue to look at how disease pressure, extreme precipitation and other factors such as row spacing affect response.

But one thing is certain, Bish says. “Fungicides work when we need them. We do not want to lose that effectiveness.”

Producers must weigh the yield increase against potential risk of fungicide resistance in the long term.

Bish also shares updates on two other issues affecting row crops.

Tar spot

Missouri producers reported more tar spot cases in northern Missouri cornfields in 2022. MU’s Plant Diagnostic Clinic confirmed cases in northern counties in August 2022. Bish estimates that it is present in the northern third of the state. “We’re not the hot spot yet but continue to creep closer,” she says.

Tar spot’s growing presence calls for frequent scouting, Bish says, since it spreads quickly. In years with severe outbreaks, tar spot can cause yield losses of 20-60 bushels per acre due to reduced grain fill, kernel abortion and reduced kernel weight, as well as late-season lodging.

First discovered in 1904 in the country of Mexico, the disease reached the Midwest by 2015. Tar spot, which spreads quickly through fields, appears as circular or oval raised black dots on both sides of corn leaves. A brown or tan halo may surround the spots, which can also appear on the sheaths and husks. It overwinters on soil surface residue and spreads by wind and heavy rain.

Scout often, choose less susceptible corn varieties and apply residual and multiple modes of action foliar fungicide treatments to reduce losses, Bish says.

Timing of application also matters. Current re-

search shows no benefit to R4 or R5 applications. The most effective applications, given current disease pressure, appears to be at VT/R1, Bish says.

SCN management

Soybean cyst nematode (SCN) costs the soybean industry \$1.2 billion annually. Eggs persist in the soil for years. Found in 1956 in Missouri, it appears in all soybean-growing counties. “It’s not going anywhere soon,” Bish says.

More troubling is that the effectiveness of SCN-resistant soybean varieties is breaking down, Bish says. Commercially available SCN-resistant varieties, using P188788 and Peking, were first introduced in the late 1960s. More than 95% of the resistant varieties contain P188788.

“Basically, we’ve relied on one resistant variety for more than 30 years,” Bish says.

SCN can rob yields without any visual indicators. Roots sometimes show infestation during the growing season, but soil tests that include SCN egg counts tend to be better indicators of SCN densities. (See www.scdiagnosics.com for information on how to sample for SCN eggs.)

ILeVO seed treatments offer protection against SCN in greenhouse studies. MU Certified Strip Trials with ILeVO showed an average increase of two bushels per acre in treated strips compared to nontreated strips across 20 locations, Bish says.

Researchers are also studying how cover crops affect SCN numbers, Bish says. “We have a lot to learn in this area, but most preliminary data indicate our most popular cover crop, cereal rye, is not influencing SCN populations,” she says. Rotation with corn and other non-host crops still appears to be the best approach to manage SCN until breeders can develop new resistant varieties.

For more information, contact Bish at bishm@missouri.edu or 573-882-9878.

SIMULTANEOUS LIVE & ONLINE
LAND AUCTION
80 +/- ACRES • MARION CO., KS
Thursday, February 2, 2023 • 11:00 AM
Auction Location: Lincolnville Community Bldg, 213 W. Sixth St., Lincolnville, KS
Online Bidding: Bidding at gavelroads.com.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 18, Range 4 East.
DIRECTIONS: Travel 2 miles north of Lincolnville, KS to 310 Rd. Turn west and travel 1 ½ mile to parcel on the south side of the road.
DESCRIPTION: This tract is comprised of native grass, pond, cattle panels, timber and five wire fence. It is a clean, well maintained property. Solid characteristics for a cattle operation or recreational tract.
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Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

Due to the uncertainty of events, if you plan to attend any of the following auctions and have any doubts, please contact the auction company to confirm that the auction will be conducted and inquire about safety procedures if you are concerned. And please check their websites.

Hundreds of auctions, on-line and in-person. www.kansasauctions.net/gg/ Online Only Auction (open now, bidding ends January 24) — Selling 460+ lots including tractors & equipment, coins, jewelry, Jewel Tea, guns, pedal tractors, signs, antiques, tools, Milwaukee 12/18V & more (items located at Cottonwood Falls). Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction (www.GriffinRealEstateAuction.com).

Equipment Online Only Auction (open now, bidding ends January 25) — Selling online through AuctionTime.com. Equipment including 2006 International, 204 GMC C7500 semi, Hercules gooseneck trailer, 1999 Ford F250 flatbed, Kohler generator-welder, gooseneck flatbed trailer, used Ford short bed (items located at Bazaar). Items offered by Griffin Real Estate & Auction (www.GriffinRealEstateAuction.com).

Unreserved Online Land Auction (Bid Online: January 17-31) — 72.63 acres m/l of Atchison County Cropland & Commercial Lots selling in 4 Tracts. T1: 20.51 ac. m/l with 6 buildings, 3 10,000-bu. bins; T2: 44.95 ac. m/l with 40.69 ac. m/l cropland; T3: 0.77 ac. m/l commercial lot; T4: 6.4 ac. m/l commercial lot. Seller: Marlatt Construction Company, Inc.. Go to www.bigiron.com. Auctioneers: Big Iron Realty, Mike Campbell, listing agent.

January 26 — Rare Case 210 corn picker silage cutter, Woods Brothers Dearborn 1R corn picker, IHC 300 tractor, JD 300 tractor, Minneapolis Moline 1R corn picker, MF 135 tractor, JD M tractor, JD B tractor, JD 630 tractor, IHC M tractor (9 items sell live & online); 75+ plows, other farm equipment & machinery held live West of Jewell (some items online www.thummelauction.com) for Calvin Bohnert Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 28 — Estate auction consisting of antiques, primitives & collectibles inc.: cast iron seats, antique jacks, planes, small engines, knives, hand-held collectible tools & more held at Strong City. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

January 28 — Annual Janu-

ary Consignment Auction with over 2,500 pieces of machinery from area farmers & dealers held live at Paris, Mo and online at Equipmentfacts.com and Proxibid.com. Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Real Estate.

January 28 — Antiques & collectibles including pine furniture, oak rocker, cast iron bed, Vice-roy sign, folk art wooden horse, Indian pottery, signs, 75+ good tins, crocks, 400 toy trucks, assortment of tools & more held at Salina for Curtis Bunting Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 28 — Complete dispersal of Black & Red Angus OCV spring & fall 1st calf bred heifers, bred cows, replacement heifers & breeding bulls held at Beatrice, Nebraska (online bidding available with LMA Auctions) for Schafer Cattle. Auctioneers: Beatrice 77 Livestock Sales.

January 29 — JD 2510 tractor w/GB loader, shredder, zero turn mower, pedal tractor, 2006 Buick Rendezvous, furniture, collectibles, tools & miscellaneous held at Seneca for Hilda Bergman Trust. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

January 29 — Bronze statues, Russell prints, Indian blankets & rugs, wood carved statues, horse bridals, spurs, books, furniture, artwork, nice Western & Indian items of all kinds, tools, firearms & more held at Salina for Larry Carlson Estate & another collector. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 30 — Live & Online Absolute Land Auction consisting of 4,382.92 acres m/l in Lincoln, Russell & Osborne counties selling in 8 tracts. Auction held live at Russell with online bidding at ranchandfarmauctions.com. Auctioneers: Ranch & Farm Auctions in cooperation with Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC.

January 31 — Machinery auction including JD 4960 tractor & other tractors, NH 664 big round baler, 4-wheel trailers, cattle trailers, semi tractors, pickups & lots more machinery, held live West of Jewell (with online bidding at www.thummelauction.com) for Calvin Bohnert Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 2 — Simultaneous Live & Online Land Auction selling 80 acres m/l of Marion County land comprised of native grass, pond, cattle panels, timber & 5-wire fence held live at Lincolnville with online bidding at gavel roads.com. Auctioneers: Gene Francis

& Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

February 3 — Marshall County Land Auction consisting of Tract 1: 143.40 taxable acres m/l (2 parcels to be sold as 1) with cropland & native grass with fishing, hunting for Elizabeth Schulte Wassenberg Trust. Tract 2: 157.70 taxable acres m/l (2 parcels to be sold as 1) with cropland, farmland, tame grass, hunting for Bertha J. Herbin Trust #1 & A.J. Herbin Trust #2. Auction held at Marysville. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

February 4 — Antique furniture, art, signs, collectibles, pottery, glassware, toy collection & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 4 — Axtell Knights of Columbus Consignment Auction held at Axtell.

February 5 — Antique furniture, Mid-Century items, crocks, toys, advertising items including signs, pictures, lots of collectibles held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 5 — Firearms Auction consisting of 150 firearms including shotguns, rifles, revolvers, pistols, large amount of ammunition, accessories held at Ottawa for One Family Collection from Eastern Kansas. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 8 — Live & Online Farm Equipment Auction consisting of Tractors (2001 CIH MX120, 1995 CIH 7220, 1987 CIH 7120, IHC 230), 1997 JD 310E tractor backhoe, Galion 188 road grader, Trucks & Pickups, Farm Equipment, Farm & Shop items & lots more held live at Las Animas, Colorado with online bidding on certain items at www.equipmentfacts.com for Loyde P. Gardner Trust B. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

February 11 — Antique & collectible auction including antique furniture, wooden telephone booth, collectibles (Pepsi & Coca Cola items, Coors, parking meter & more), primitives, antique tools, old Santa Fe RR tools, traps old toys, glassware & more held on the East edge of Leoti for the Late Teresa Duncan & Larry Duncan. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

February 11 — Coin auction including gold coins, silver coins, sets & much more; many are graded & sleeved held at Lawrence for a 1-owner collection. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

February 11 — Kawasaki Mule 4010 side by side, Yamaha Big Bear 400 4-wheeler, Tractors, Combine, Trucks, Machinery & tools, antiques, wood

boxes, glassware, primitives & household held near Smith Center for Higby Farms, LLC. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 16 — Lee Valley, Inc. Annual Spring Consignment auction including tractors, tillage, harvest & grain handling, trucks, trailers, vehicles, antiques, hay & livestock, construction, planting & spraying & miscellaneous held live at Tekamah, Nebraska with online bidding available at www.EquipmentFacts.com. Auctioneers: Lee Valley, Inc.

February 16 — Sumner County Land Auction consisting of 335 acres m/l of Farmland, Pasture, Hunting Land with 225 ac. m/l of FSA cropland acres & 110 ac. m/l of pasture held at Argonia for The Garnett G. Clayton Trust No. 1. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate, Crossroads Auction & Realty.

February 19 — Antiques & collectibles inc.: Furniture, Japan slot machine, large chicken collection, perfume bottle collection, doll collection, toys, kerosene lamps, jewelry, glassware, Christmas items, books & much more held at Salina for Marla (Leander) Byquist Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

February 25 — Special Offering of spacious building lots from 1.7 to 4.45 acres conveniently located in the Highway 24 corridor between Manhattan and Wamego. Lots are build ready. Auction to be held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC. in cooperation with Flint Hills Outdoors, LLC.

March 6 (Monday) — Lyons Ranch 35th Annual Angus Bull Sale held at the Ranch South of Manhattan, 12:30 pm.

March 11 — Toy Tractor Auction held at Beattie (inside Community Center) for Don Groshong. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

March 25 — Annual Farm Machinery & Farm Misc. Consignment auction including farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment, farm tools & misc. held at the North edge of Durham in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

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

Limited forage availability, now what?

By Ross Mosteller, Meadowlark District Extension agent, livestock and natural resources

K-State Research and Extension has a booth at the Topeka Farm Show and I took my turn on a shift. There were funny looks from folks who tried to engage me in conversation about K-State basketball, given my obvious lack of knowledge there, as frankly I could care less about that season or any basketball game. That's not to say that KSRE employees are not dedicated to our university, but there is good researched-based, information from other universities. Today's discussion, for example, references some good work done at Oklahoma State University.

Looking at the national drought monitor, the majority of states west of the Mississippi river are continuing to deal with some level of drought; with Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma at the epicenter of severe drought. Most cow/calf producers in this region are into winter feeding with access to very limited hay supplies and stock piled forage compared to "normal." This means that typical approaches to maintaining cow herds have 1) become much more expensive or 2) are simply not available. Therefore, it has become time to look for Plan B, C or D!

Information that provides guidelines for alternative winter-feeding methods can be found in an Oklahoma State University Extension Fact Sheet: ANSI-3034 called "Management of Cows with Limited Forage Availability." This is an excellent publication, specifically as you look at the guidance given in regard to limit feeding options. In this fact sheet you will find:

- Culling suggestions (if that has not already been done)
- Recommendations about how much hay is needed if it is to be purchased
- Limit-feeding grain

with limited forage available

- Suggested complete diets for cows fed in dry lots
- Limit energy concentrate feeding management tips
- Limit feeding of hay

While there are some successfully proven approaches referenced here, most of them will require more intensive management, equipment and a watchful producer's eye. If your operation is not set up to feed more concentrated diets, with more management, this may not be practical. Another consideration might be that these systems generally require greater concentration of animals into feedlots or sacrifice pastures/paddocks, which will likely have additional side-effects down the road. Be aware too, that these are not "cheap" fixes and grain-based and grain by-product diets are inflated this year, given the higher commodity and input prices.

Now, to prove that I do bleed purple, K-State's Dr. Jaymelynn Farney composed a Beef Tips article on this same topic in 2018, covering some similar considerations. She well illustrates the benefit to simply dividing up the cow herd by production status, body condition, age, etc... and selectively feeding to the various groups, by nutritional needs. If physical space and equipment is an option to implement this approach, it doesn't have much additional cost.

There are some interesting discussions happening throughout the animal agriculture industry, and it is definitely a year to look at some "outside the box" thinking. Look at what your situation is, look for alternative methods in many forms and have those plans B, C & D at your disposal, should you need them. If fog days are accurate, a wetter spring is coming, so let's all keep up positive thinking and focus on what we can control.

AUCTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Fairgrounds in SALINA, KANSAS

Bronze "Majestic" eagle statue by Moigniez; "Buffalo Horse" by Remington; Bev Doolittle "Copy Custer's Last Stand"; Russell prints; Buffalo picture; 13 Indian blankets & rugs; cowhide rug; Horn built rocker, floor lamp, table lamps, hanging lamp; pair 5' hand carved eagle statues; wood carved birds; Indian carved rock; western saddle black leather, fancy tooled at over plus horse head on fenders w/tapadero's; horse bridals (made by American Farm Sales, Salina, KS); WWII mule bridles; Merchantile store buggy whip holder; Cowboy Roping statue; **Spurs:** John Kittleson silver bar overlay; Calvary; vintage misc & straps; Indian ashtay; horse collar mirror; buffalo skull; Concho's; 1876 McKeever US cartridge boxes; (Rock Island arsenal & Watervilet Arsenal; model 1873 US bayonets; US model 1860; C. Roby Calvary sword 1865 w/inspector stamp; sash w/ Indian beadwork; power flask; bullet molds; Swiss made 1914 sawback bayonet HS-Hans Steimer; Frankoma cattle brand hot plate; nickel silver belt buckles; 1986 Hesston buckle; buggy advertising; western wood hat form; cast iron harness hangers; harness plastic ring spacers; Fork Art wood hay wagon w/team & covered wagon; playsets (Marx Fort Apache; Sears The Blue & The Gray; Fort Cheyenne); books: (Good Medicine, Nancy Russell; Trails Plowed under, Charles M. Russell; Charles M. Russell paintings, drawings & sculptures in the Amon C. Carter collection, Fredrick Renner/Done In The Open drawings by Fredrick Remington/ The Illustrations of Fredrick Remington 200 Illustrations/ Ranch, Dudley Witney & Maria Johnson; Portrait of the Old West, 1 st edition, Harold McCracken/Portfolio of Six Western Prints by Fredrick Remington/ Portfolio of 12 pen & ink sketches by Charles M. Russell; Majestic Montana

Charles M. Russell Portraits of Montana Region; History Of American Jacks & Mules by Frank C. "Jack" Mills; collector books on barb wire & trip check wire; **Trip-Check wire** large roll of "Crescent Ball"; & 18" pieces of Doughnut Shop; Loop Back Knot; Coupling Hooks; Crescent Ball; Barbwire: 150+ 18" pieces some rare Early Stover Clip; Bates Multi Point Barb Strip; Gregg Barbed Oval Snake; Swanson Welder & Pin; H. Reynolds Necktie; many others; 1895 "Smiths" fence stretcher; 2 Mission Oak end tables; pine log 5 pc. bedroom set; pine log kitchen table & 2 chairs; cedar chest; library table; curio cabinet; pine bench; Meter lamp; Skull; grinding stones; 2 bird baths; 5 gal Waconda Water crocks; **Art:** (Terry Redlin "Welcome to Paradise"; Albert Fitch Bellows "The Village Elms"; David Maas painting/prints w/duck stamps; 1932 tramp art frames w/prints; 1860's painting; RC Gorman signed print); Rock Island catalogs; Regan-Bush letters & original invitations; political buttons & pins; costume jewelry; tie pins; cufflinks; rings; 15 watches; brass fire extinguishers; autographed Caddyshack poster; 1930's & 40's Indian motorcycle dealer literature; Harley magazines 1930's to 60's; Barclay & Manoel lead soldiers; fishing lure, reels (Jitterbug, Heddon, Creek Chub, South Bend); Bicycles (Roadmaster AMF; Kalhhoff; Hiawatha; Sears; Fantasia; Schwinn Traveler; Coop; Flying O Team Pursuit 12; Hawthorne; Hercules; Murray); Wards Lakeside lawn mower; Nixon's Feed price sign; Fairbanks store scale; **Tools:** Craftsman table saw; portable air compressor; bench grinder; 1/2" drill press; floor jack; wheel barrow; 4-drawer Simplicity cabinet; metal drawer cabinets; yard tools; handyman jack; bar clamps; ladders; power tools; cut off saw; 1" belt sander; other tools.

FIREARMS: Sell at 10:00 a.m. See website for more on guns. 1. HT Cooper NY 50 cal, 30" heavy octagon barrel NSN; 2. 1847 1st model Colt Dragon US revolver 44 cal, 7.5" bbl. #1789 3. Ballard Ball & Williams dual ignition 38 #13931; 4. 1861 US percussion rifle; 5. US Springfield 1866 Allin conversion 50-70; 6. US Springfield 1870 #6025; 7. Whitney Phoenix breechloader 12 ga #2855; 8. Merwin Hulbert jr. falling block 22; 9. Whitney 22 pocket revolver model 1 #9169; 10. Marlin XXX standard 12 gauge 22 caliber 30 rimfire; 11. Miles double barrel percussion shotgun; 12. 1887 Winchester 10 ga. #43576; 13. 1887 Winchester 12 ga. #8645; 14. Colt Dragon American historical foundation gold plated limited ed. "The Union Commemorative" 44 #31407; 15. Desert Eagle 357 mag #7987; 7 desert eagle 357 mag clips; 16. Dan Wesson 15-2 357 revolver #308089; 17. Marlin 336R. 35 remington #AC46485; 18. Weatherby Mrk V 300 Weatherby mag #H190549; 19. CZ Trail O/U 12 ga #1957648; 20. Benelli Super Black Eagle 1 3.5" 12 ga #U123627; 21. Thompson center 45 cal muzzleloader #28288; 22. Enfield Mark 1 38 #V4701; 23. US Property WWII M8 flare pistol #284203; 24. Parker Bros 12 ga #109550; 25. Ithaca lefever nitro special 12 ga. #342795; Daisy 1200 powerline pistol w/holder; starter pistol; 6000+ rounds, new old stock in box (22, 28 special, 270 Winchester, 300 Weatherby; 223; 12 ga; Remington 10 ga 3" & 2 7/8; collectible/antique Remington, Winchester, Wards Red Head, 219 zipper; Frankford arsenal M1911 45 cal; many new original 12-15 magazines Beretta PX4; 96/90; 9mm; 40 SW; Taurus pt 24/7; 40 Walther PPQ M2 40 SW; holsters; new 3M 6800 gas masks.

NOTE: Check our website for pictures www.thummelauction.com. We have combined Larry Carlson Estate with another collection. There are many nice Western & Indian items.

LARRY CARLSON ESTATE

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AUCTION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be at the farm located 1/2 Mile West of JEWELL, KANSAS on H Avenue

John Deere 4960 front wheel assist diesel tractor, 15 sp powershift, quick hitch triple hyd. weighted 11420 hrs, been on farm since 400 hrs.; 1992 John Deere 4960 front wheel assist diesel tractor, 15 sp powershift, quick hitch, triple hyd.; 1978 John Deere 4840 diesel tractor, duals, 8 speed power shift, quick hitch, 1000 PTO, triple hyd; John Deere 4230 diesel tractor, quad range, 3 pt., triple hyd, 16290 hours runs good; 1998 Great Plains NTA 30-10 air drill (47,000) acres, cart model 7111; New Holland 664 big round baler (962900) 25,000 bales; 1992 H-1000 Hay Buster (9203085) tub grinder; H-1000 Hay Buster (791259) tub grinder; H-1100 Tilt Tub Hay Buster (CJ13241) new rods & hammers; EZ Trail 475 grain cart (EGC475Z1093422); AL grain cart model 425; 1974 IHC Loadstar 1200 truck 8 cy engine, automatic, 55,715 miles w/Oswalt 330 mixer w/scale, 3 augers. (46528 mixer serial no.); 2006 Case IH 2388 Axial Flow combine, new tires, engine hrs 5102, separator hrs 3612; 1979 IHC 1460 combine 6700 hrs; IHC 1460 combine 6500 hrs; IHC 1010 30' head-

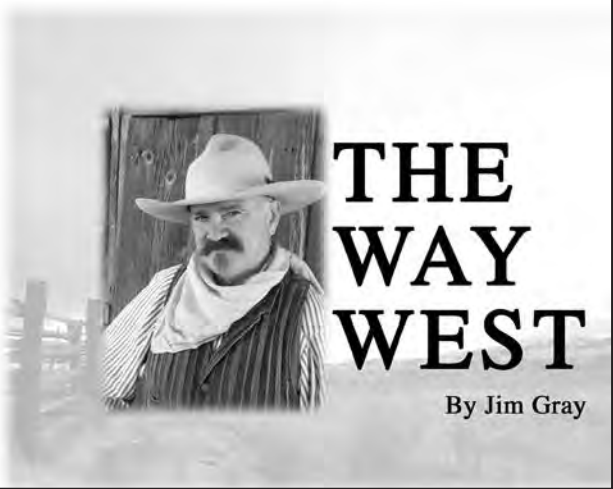
er on tandem axle trailer; IHC 1020 25' header on 4 wheel trailer; IHC 810 24' header on 4 wheel trailer; IHC 1020 25' flex header on 4 wheel trailer; IHC 863 corn head 6 row 30"; IHC 810 header w/pickup header; 6 ton SFG tandem axle dry fertilizer spreader; Vermeer R23 twin rake; 3 pt. sprayer, 2-250 gal tanks 60' boom; 2005 John Deere 956 MoCo swather pull type; 1987 White semi tractor, 855 diesel engine, 15 sp transmission, 100,000 on overhauled; 1998 Volvo semi tractor 1207 Detroit, 10 sp direct drive transmission good; 1984 GMC Brigabier semi tractor; 1968 Hyster 3 ton 30' tandem dual lowboy; 40' flat bed tandem axle semi trailer; 1977 Fruehauf 42' drop deck semi trailer air ride w/3100 gal tank to haul sprayer; 1988 Wilson 48' cattle pot trailer w/nose deck; 40' Aluminum end dump grain/rock semi spread axle w/front axle lift; 1987 Chevrolet Silverado 10 4 wheel drive pickup, V8, automatic, air, 160,000 miles; 1956 Chevrolet 3800 dual 6 cy, 4 sp., pickup w/service bed 37618 miles; 1973 Chevrolet C 60 truck 8 cy, 4 sp 2 sp, 18' steel bed w/hoist; 1960s Chevrolet

C160 truck 8 cy, 4 sp 2 sp, 16' steel bed w/hoist; 1993 Fleetwood travel trailer gooseneck 1 slide out; KanAm 48025 terrace machine (51255); 1998 Case IH 955 planter 12/23 15", PTO hyd pump, variable rate, corn, milo & bean drums; Bohnert 6'x16' tandem axle covered stock trailer good flower; 2004 Bohnert 6'x18' tandem axle car trailer; IHC 580 tandem axle PTO manure spreader plastic liner new chain; 1990 John Deere 5830 field cutter w/Kemper 4 row head; swather head; pickup head; 4 wheel silage trailer; 1998 Tyler Patriot sprayer 750 gal tank w/90' booms, 5800 hrs., w/EZ steer Trimble 500 monitor, Raven meter; 1964 John Deere 760 paddle scraper 10 yard; Ford 917 3 pt shredder; 3 pt. 8' snow plow; 6 bale clamp; New Holland one row 717 cutter (4168); 9 gravity flow 4 wheel trailers; 40' PTO auger; 16' wiper fits front loader used 3 times; 3 single axle aluminum van trailers; 48' tandem axle van trailer; 53' tandem axle van trailer; used semi tires; 20,000 bu. steel bin has been taken down; 3 pallets new seed sacks; 60+ 20' endless cattle panels; guard rails; bridge plank.

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Jayhawk Reputation

As the nation moved toward Civil War in the tumultuous decade of the 1850s Kansas Territory became a smoldering ember in a mounting conflict over slavery in America. Would the thirty-fourth state enter the Union in recognition of slavery, or would it be a free state?

The election of Abraham Lincoln on November 7, 1860 was one more smoldering ember pushing the nation toward the ultimate flashpoint. Six weeks later South Carolina provided the oxygen to spark the flame when it withdrew from the Union in an act of secession on December 20, 1860.

Although sympathetic to the Southern cause,

President James Buchanan signed the bill to admit Kansas to the Union on January 29, 1861. “The air was still thick with rumors of ‘rebel plots’ to assassinate Mr. Lincoln,” when President Buchanan escorted Lincoln by carriage to his inaugural ceremony the morning of Monday, March 4, 1861. Though six Southern states left the Union to form the Confederate States of America President Buchanan honored the nation’s peaceful transfer of power and dutifully sat through Abraham Lincoln’s oath of office and inaugural address.

Though the country was ill-prepared for war the fire of national division erupted into an inferno of

war with the bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 4, 1861. In Washington, D. C. President Lincoln and his administration were sitting ducks. Very few troops were in place for defense of the nation.

Kansas senators Lane and Pomeroy arrived in Washington on April 13, 1861, as the battle for Fort Sumter thundered across Charleston harbor. Virginia seceded on April 17th. The next morning a rebel flag could be seen flying from the Capitol in Alexandria, Virginia, just across the Potomac River. Virginians were actively preparing to invade Washington D. C.

In the absence of Union forces Lane offered a defense force of “Kansas men” to protect the President. The Kansas men had arrived in Washington with the Kansas senators to seek positions in Lincoln’s new government. Lincoln accepted Lane’s offer, opening the White House to his “Frontier Guard” of sixty frontiersmen who had seen service in bloody Kansas Territory. Even Lane’s fellow senator, Samuel Pomeroy, took up arms as a private in the Frontier Guard.

In his book, “The 116,” James P. Muehlberger

chronicles the epic account of “Abraham Lincoln’s Lost Guard.” The Frontier Guard was bivouacked in the East Room of White House. The President came down stairs to receive the men who had vowed to stand together to defend his life until they were dead or taken prisoner. Lane was presented with a new saber by Abraham Lincoln’s White House chief of security, Major David Hunter, formerly stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

With sword in hand General Lane ordered his men to collect in martial formation for the President. As the firelight flickered from the East Room’s two fireplaces Lincoln looked upon the faces of the men who were prepared to give their lives in defense of their President. They were tough, confident veterans of the bleeding Kansas war that had already been raging for more than six years. Muehlberger wrote, “...they were outmanned and knew the need for readiness to fend off an expected fierce attack by the Confederates. Lane and his men fully expected that they would be attacked and that some perhaps all, might die.”

That night John Hay,

assistant secretary to the President, began his Civil War diary. “The White House is turned into barracks. Jim Lane marshaled his Kansas Warriors today ... into the East Room ... It is a splendid company of Western Jayhawkers.” From Hays’s perspective, “Kansas had supreme possession of the White House.”

Sentries were positioned. From high above sharpshooters were placed upon the roof of the White House and the five-story Winder Building. Lane wanted the Confederates across the river to know “that experienced, cold eyes would be looking down the barrels at them.”

Lane continued to raise fighters that swelled to over one hundred sixteen men hailing from a variety of northern states supplementing his original corps of Kansas men. Lane then spread rumors that five hundred bold Kansas frontiersmen were defending the White House. His men took every opportunity to be seen around the grounds. At night they boldly marched over a nearby wooden bridge, stomping the wooden planks as if an entire army was regularly preparing to invade Virginia.

The specter of John Brown towered over the White House. Everyone knew of Brown’s raid on the arsenal at Harper’s Ferry and his willingness to die for the cause of freedom. Union spies reported that Virginia rebels were in “dread of James Lane and his John Brown horde.” Captain Job B. Stockton of Leavenworth stunned the opposing forces when he took a Frontier Guard detachment into Virginia and captured the first rebel flag of the war.

By April 27, 1861, thousands of northern troops had arrived in Washington. President Lincoln and the nation had been saved from early destruction by Lane’s bold leadership. The 116 is a book that every Kansan should read, for little is recorded of their heroic service to the country in America’s history books. For that matter, the whole nation should know the story of the saviors from Kansas whose Jayhawk reputation carried them to Washington from their frontier homes on The Way West.

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AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

Selling Cattle every Monday

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TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE 4,000.

BULLS: \$116.50-\$126.00

COWS: \$76.50-\$85.00

STEERS

300-400\$245.00 - \$255.00

400-500\$227.00 - \$217.00

500-600\$215.00 - \$225.00

600-700\$196.00 - \$206.50

700-800\$170.00 - \$180.00

800-900\$163.00 - \$174.50

900-1,000\$160.00 - \$171.00

HEIFERS

300-400\$209.00 - \$219.00

400-500\$195.00 - \$204.00

500-600\$184.00 - \$195.00

600-700\$167.00 - \$177.00

700-800\$159.00 - \$168.75

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

STEERS

1 Blk Benton350@\$255.00

6 Blk Atlanta335@\$241.00

3 Blk Atlanta542@\$225.00

35 Blk Marquette538@\$225.00

7 Blk Galva503@\$220.00

10 Blk Inman530@\$220.00

4 Blk Windom463@\$217.00

9 Blk Hutchinson586@\$217.00

7 Mix Concordia544@\$216.00

4 Blk Galva559@\$214.00

23 Blk Marquette487@\$214.00

4 Blk Hutchinson564@\$212.00

4 Blk Salina568@\$212.00

11 Blk Hillsboro570@\$207.00

22 Mix Miltonvale628@\$206.50

11 Mix Partridge601@\$206.00

10 Blk Miltonvale605@\$200.00

6 Blk Inman623@\$199.50

4 Mix Mt. Hope580@\$198.00

12 Blk Chase692@\$187.00

36 Mix Miltonvale691@\$185.75

13 Blk Windom755@\$180.00

26 Blk Miltonvale716@\$179.50

161 Blk Miltonvale771@\$178.50

27 Mix Hutchinson713@\$177.75

33 Blk Chanute781@\$176.50

22 Blk Gypsum781@\$175.75

10 Blk Hillsboro711@\$175.00

5 Blk Mcpherson856@\$174.50

68 Blk Miltonvale884@\$174.50

10 Mix Mcpherson823@\$173.50

20 Blk Mcpherson848@\$173.50

35 Blk Gypsum891@\$172.50

61 Blk Durham811@\$172.00

6 Mix Mt. Hope907@\$171.00

35 Mix Hesston906@\$171.00

19 Blk Dwight926@\$170.50

25 Blk Chanute903@\$170.00

10 Mix Hillsboro922@\$169.25

7 Mix Mcpherson901@\$169.00

11 Mix Gypsum1030@\$167.00

HEIFERS

7 Blk Atlanta286@\$224.00

11 Mix Atlanta366@\$219.00

2 Mix Benton363@\$210.00

3 Mix Benton400@\$204.00

1 Blk Salina415@\$202.00

4 Mix Hutchinson435@\$200.00

2 Blk Whitewater400@\$199.00

8 Blk Hutchinson551@\$195.00

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

CALVES

9 Blk Salina272@\$550.00

3 Mix Salina233@\$475.00

6 Mix Salina238@\$450.00

4 Blk Salina209@\$425.00

1 Red Abilene175@\$360.00

1 Blk Miltonvale115@\$350.00

2 Blk Miltonvale115@\$275.00

1 Blk Salina110@\$250.00

BULLS

1 Char Hillsboro1605@\$126.00

1 Char Hillsboro1625@\$124.50

1 Red Galva2305@\$124.50

1 Blk Ellsworth2165@\$119.50

1 Blk Clay Center2325@\$119.00

1 Blk Tampa1605@\$119.00

1 Char Cedar Point2205@\$116.00

1 Blk Tampa1775@\$113.50

1 Char Hillsboro1510@\$110.00

COWS

1 Blk Enterprise1830@\$85.00

7 Blk Burns1574@\$81.00

8 Blk Burns1543@\$81.00

1 Red Miltonvale1775@\$80.00

4 Blk Tampa1575@\$80.00

2 Blk Tampa1550@\$80.00

1 Red Ellsworth1800@\$80.00

1 Blk Lindsborg1640@\$79.50

1 Blk Gypsum1505@\$79.50

8 Blk Burns1487@\$79.50

1 Blk Lincoln1280@\$79.00

1 Blk Lincoln1290@\$79.00

1 Blk Ellsworth1510@\$78.00

1 Red Abilene1630@\$77.50

1 Blk Lindsborg1445@\$77.00

SPECIAL COW SALE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

BRED HEIFERS

12 Bwf Sylvan Grove\$2,250.00

12 Blk Cheney\$2,050.00

60 Red Gypsum\$1,975.00

20 Red Hunter\$1,960.00

10 Red Hunter\$1,950.00

24 Blk Wakeeney\$1,925.00

21 Bwf Wakeeney\$1,925.00

15 Blk Osborne\$1,885.00

11 Blk Sylvan Grove\$1,875.00

BULLS

15 Rwf Hunter\$1,875.00

6 Blk Gypsum\$1,850.00

14 Bwf Wakeeney\$1,850.00

91 Blk Wakeeney\$1,800.00

6 Red Osborne\$1,800.00

7 Blk Hunter\$1,700.00

BRED COWS

10 Bwf ProtectionYoung@\$1,925.00

10 Blk LorraineYoung@\$1,875.00

12 Blk ProtectionYoung@\$1,850.00

6 Blk LorraineYoung@\$1,850.00

8 Bwf ProtectionYoung@\$1,835.00

4 Blk SpiveyYoung@\$1,785.00

11 Blk OsborneYoung@\$1,775.00

15 Blk OsborneYoung@\$1,735.00

13 Blk WakeeneyYoung@\$1,725.00

5 Blk ProtectionYoung@\$1,700.00

5 Red OsborneYoung@\$1,685.00

10 Blk OakleyYoung@\$1,675.00

19 Bwf ProtectionYoung@\$1,650.00

6 Blk OakleyYoung@\$1,650.00

21 Blk Scott CityYoung@\$1,610.00

8 Blk BrookvilleYoung@\$1,600.00

4 Red BrookvilleSolid@\$1,525.00

2 Red Scott CitySolid@\$1,500.00

5 Blk OsborneSolid@\$1,375.00

25 Red Scott CitySolid@\$1,310.00

21 Bwf ProtectionSolid@\$1,275.00

62 Blk Scott CityBroken@\$1,135.00

49 Blk InmanBroken@\$1,085.00

19 Mix OsborneBroken@\$1,060.00

Early Consignments For THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 10 AM

150 black steers, 550-800, long time weaned, off grass, vaccinated; 16 black steers & heifers, 500-600, 45 days weaned, home raised, vaccinated; 46 red Angus steers & heifers, 500-800, October weaned, vaccinated; 80 black & char mostly steers, 650-850, home raised; 20 heifers, 800; 110 steers, 700-900, home raised, knife cut, long time weaned, vaccinated; 55 heifers, 700-900, home raised, long time weaned, vaccinated, open; 62 charX steers, 900-925, no sort, off 2 ranches; 16 bwf steers & heifers, 675-700, home raised, vaccinated, weaned 60+ days; 22 black steers & heifers, 550-750, 1 round vaccinations, 30+ days weaned, open; 200 black & char steers & heifers, 550-650, Angus sired, 3 round vaccinations, long time weaned; 55 mostly black steers & heifers, 500-700, home raised, 60 days weaned, fall vaccinations; 25 steers, 750-800, no sort; 35 heifers, 700-750, no sort; 62 black steers & heifers, 600-800, long time weaned, fall vaccinations, home raised, open; 10 black heifers, 700, home raised, long time weaned, open; 58 heifers, 700-850, long time weaned, open, home raised, vaccinated; 80 red steers, 675-725, home raised, 3 round vaccinations, weaned mid October; *plus more by sale time.*

Early Consignments For TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 11 AM

50 mostly black steers & heifers, 550-650, home raised, mostly hay fed; 70 black & red steers & heifers, 500-550, home raised; 53 Sim/Angus steers & heifers, home raised, fall vaccinations, weaned October 20, open; 53 mostly black steers & heifers, 650-750, long time weaned, fall vaccinations; 40 black heifers, 600-700; 60 black heifers, 550-650, Green Garden sired; 45 black/charX steers & heifers, 550-700, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 50 black/charX steers & heifers, 500-750, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 210 black steers, 500-600; 37 Red Angus steers & heifers, 600-750, certified Red Angus; 100 black steers & heifers, 600-800, October 26 weaned, home raised; 100 black steers & heifers, 500-700, home raised; 100 black & red steers & heifers, 550-750, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations, off triticale; 75 black steers & heifers, 500-600, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccination, running out; 75 steers, 650-875, Benoit Angus sired; 61 Red Angus/charX steers, 725-825, 90 days weaned, 2 round fall vaccinations; 48 Red Angus/charX heifers, 725-825, 90 days weaned, 2 round fall vaccinations; 360 black steers, 600-750, long time weaned, 2 rounds vaccinations, home raised; 87 black/bwf steers & heifers, 700-800, weaned November 1, 2 round fall vaccinations, home raised, open; 80 black/red steers & heifers, 700, 60+ days weaned, 2 round vaccinations; *plus many more by sale time.*

UPCOMING SPECIAL TUESDAY SALES:

COW SALES: Tuesday, February 21 * CALF SALES: Tuesday, February 7

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