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Abilene unveils World's Largest Belt Buckle



At 19 feet 10½ inches wide and 13 feet 11¼ inches tall (not including the frame), Abilene is now home to the World's Largest Belt Buckle. Unveiled in late December at Eisenhower Park, the project serves as a billboard celebrating Abilene.

Designed by local artist Jason Lahr, Fluter's Creek Metal Works, the buckle features Dwight D. Eisenhower, Wild Bill Hickok, the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad, the Historic Seelye Mansion, the C.W. Parker carousel horse, the C.L. Brown telephone, a racing greyhound and a Chisholm Trail longhorn inlaid with blue quartz.

The buckle is a project of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, which hopes the new roadside attraction will entice travelers to stop and visit the Best Historic Small Town.

"Whether you enjoy cowboy history, art, fun photo opportunities or the world's largest things, make sure to add the World's Largest Belt Buckle to your Kansas I-70 road trip," said Julie Roller Weeks, Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau director.

The project is funded by a Kansas Tourism Attraction Development Grant and from donations from 100 businesses and individuals. The buckle garnered nationwide attention when Jefferson White, a.k.a. "Jimmy" from the hit television show *Yellowstone* shared about the project.

Recently, *True West Magazine* also named Abilene the recipient of its Readers' Choice Best Promotion of a Historic Place award.

Learn more at www.WorldsLargestBeltBuckle.com.

Wheat industry celebrates 10th anniversary of the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center

By Julia Debes

Traditionally, the tenth anniversary is celebrated with a gift symbolizing the strength and resilience of a relationship. Those traits describe well the ties between Kansas wheat farmers and the public and private research partners that come together at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center in Manhattan for the betterment of the wheat industry.

The halls of the Center were filled with cheer in mid-December as these partners celebrated the tenth anniversary of the state's single-largest, farmer investment in wheat research. The open house and holiday party also recognized the successful conclusion of the Fields Forward campaign supporting the Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation and unveiled a brand-new virtual tour of the facility.

"I don't think we could have imagined the relationships and the projects that would have resulted from the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center ten years ago when the building just opened," said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. "It's exciting to know that it's exceeded expectations, and we anticipate even bigger things in the next couple of decades."

The Kansas Wheat Innovation Center was built by the Kansas Wheat Commission, through the Kansas wheat checkoff, to get improved wheat varieties into the hands of farmers faster at a time when private research in wheat was limited. The Center was built on land owned by Kansas State University; the Kansas Wheat Commission has a 50-year lease on the property.

Construction on the \$15 million Kansas Wheat Innovation Center began in October 2011, and the facility was completed in November 2012. An additional four greenhouse ways were completed in spring 2018. Today, the facility boasts more than 10,000 square feet of office space, 15,000 square feet of laboratory space and 23,000 square

feet of greenhouse space.

"The Kansas Wheat Innovation Center is a great story," Harries said. "It's really from the ground up about how farmers were telling the board of directors they wanted more investment in wheat research because they see the tangible results of that from the new varieties that are released."

"The leadership of Kansas Wheat at that time really went out on a limb and decided to invest a large amount of producer dollars in the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center. Research was the main motivator, having a public face for the wheat organizations and the research that was being done. And it has just led to bigger and better projects."

The Kansas Wheat Innovation Center is home to public and private wheat breeding programs conducting cutting-edge research on advanced wheat breeding, end-use quality and ancient wheat relatives, in addition to consumer outreach. While each project has its individual aims, they have a unified goal — using advanced techniques in wheat research to improve yield and quality of new wheat varieties while shortening the time needed to develop those varieties.

"In 20 years, or even in ten years, from this anniversary, we'll be talking about how we're developing novel traits here in the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, about wheat varieties that result from work in the center that are specialized with nutritional value or other features," Harries said.

There is no doubt the future of Kansas wheat has excellent support, especially as the tenth anniversary also celebrated the successful conclusion of Fields Forward, the campaign for a sustainable wheat future by the Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation.

The KWCRCW was established in 2011 as the official fundraising organization for the Kansas Wheat Com-

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Kansas net farm income held steady in 2022, but this year could be tougher

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

A Kansas State University agricultural economist says farm income in Kansas remained "pretty good" in 2022 despite the rising cost of doing business.

But Greg Ibendahl says farmers should be cautious heading into 2023 as the combined effects of weather and higher prices for fertilizer, gas and other inputs are likely to hit their pocketbook a bit harder.

"Going into 2022, (the agriculture industry) was definitely in an environment of higher input prices, but I think a lot of farmers were able to lock in (lower prices) for some of those inputs before they went very high," Ibendahl said. "So I don't think farmers fully felt the effect of higher prices in 2022."

In January, 2022, Ibendahl reported net farm income for Kansas grain farms to be \$261,000, a 39% increase from the previous year. In May, the Kansas Farm Management Association reported the statewide average net farm income in 2021 was \$310,230 – the highest ever

recorded.

Ibendahl has yet to see final numbers for the current year, but he suspects Kansas' net farm income will fall short of 2021's record numbers. Nonetheless, they should still look good for most of the state's farmers and ranchers.

"Farm income kind of bottomed out about six years ago," he said, "but ever since then, it's been rising every single year. Net farm income will certainly be down from what it was in 2021, but from a historical perspective, I think it's still going to be pretty high, which is good for producers."

Ibendahl said drought conditions in much of Kansas – especially in the southern part of the state – put a drag on net farm income the past year. Crop insurance helped some farmers, he said, "but it's certainly not going to be what it could have been if we would have had normal rainfall this last year."

He added that although prices for many grains were up, Kansas farmers couldn't take full advantage of that bump because of lower yields due to drought. Government payments also slowed

post-pandemic.

Farmers are likely to feel the brunt of high prices for fertilizer. Ibendahl noted that cost of anhydrous ammonia – an efficient and widely used source of nitrogen fertilizer – topped \$1500 per ton in 2022.

"Based on my models, I think we're going to be looking at \$1200 to \$1500 for the next year or two, so it's going to be pretty high and I don't think there's going to be any way to avoid it like some farmers did the past year," Ibendahl said.

Cutting back on the amount of fertilizer applied is not necessarily a good option, he added: "You're still going to want to apply close to the normal amount of fertilizer to get the yields that you need. So, that's going to be a big expense that farmers are going to have to deal with."

Ibendahl also said the coming year is not a good time to incur more debt due to rising interest rates.

"We don't want to be in a situation where a dime out of every dollar goes to paying interest," he said.

"Something I recommend all the time is to

watch your family living. Farmers are not different from anyone else in the world; when income is up, it's not unusual for farm families to raise their family living. Now's the time you're really going to have to watch what you're doing with your family living so that you don't get those debt levels up."

Regular updates on the economics of farming is available on AgManager.info, a website published by K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics.

Six selected for second cohort of KFB's Casten Fellows program



Casten Fellows are front row, from left: Shanda Matix, Ashley Hornberger and Hope Hernandez. Back: Kyler Langvardt, Levi Clubine and Mike Beying.

Six Farm Bureau members of Kansas have been selected for the second cohort of the organization's Casten Fellows program to enhance leadership and expand perspectives of participants.

"This program was developed to honor Kansas Farm Bureau staffer Jill Casten-Downing and continue her love for agriculture, leadership development and international travel," says Edie

Doane, Kansas Farm Bureau director of training and development. "The participants selected have demonstrated a commitment to intentional lifelong growth and active engagement in Kansas Farm Bureau."

Fellows have significant prior leadership experience and are selected through an extensive application and interview process. These members will commit to more than

100 hours of individual and group work for the program, in addition to an international study experience in Uganda and Tanzania. The following are members of the second cohort of Casten Fellows:

- Mike Beying, Osage County
- Levi Clubine, Montgomery County
- Hope Hernandez, Finney County
- Ashley Hornberger, Douglas County
- Kyler Langvardt, Geary County
- Shanda Matix, Thomas County

The Casten Fellows program is focused on developing individuals who can engage at the highest levels to enact change through meaningful relationships, innovation in ideas and processes, and effective leadership.

"I'm the most excited for the changes in perspective and worldview the Casten Fellows program will offer all while I dream of ways to be better for my community," Fellow Mike Beying says. "I was drawn to the program because of the commitment Kansas Farm Bureau has made to develop engaged leaders."



Here’s to the New Year

By Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We are on the verge of welcoming a new year in. I don’t know about you, but I will not be sad to see 2022 in the rear view mirror. Any way you cut it, this year was tough, whether it was the economy or the weather. In many ways 2023 can only get better. Our sense of optimism is one of the best qualities of agriculture. Each year is a blank slate, a new beginning with endless possibilities. It doesn’t matter how bad the last year might have been, this next one is our year. It is because we are in the business of nurturing

new life each year. If we plant crops, we put seed in the ground with the hope rains will come, the sun will shine and the new growth will break through the soil. We count on two things that we cannot control, rain and sunshine. Yet each year we place a small seed in the soil and hope it will sprout, grow and produce grain. If that does not take faith, hope and optimism, I don’t know what does. If we raise livestock of any species, most of us are responsible for bringing new life into this world. Very little creates more wonder for me than to watch a newborn lamb or calf come into this world. I

don’t care how many times I witness the miracle of life; it will never get old. The planning and preparation for that moment was months or even years in the making. All the work, all the waiting is worth it in those first few moments. A sense of optimism and hope abounds in all livestock producers this time of the year. Hope and optimism are inherent to farming and ranching, it is the one thing we all have to have. We approach each year knowing we need to feed a hungry world and to do that we need to have help. There is so much of agriculture that we cannot control, and that makes faith in the future so important. We plan and work hard to do all we can, but in the end our livelihood comes down to what Mother Nature decides to do. To keep going each year requires a resolve few others understand.

That optimism for the future is what keeps each of us going through the bad years and disappointments. It is what makes us so special and why we are the backbone of society. No matter the situation, no matter how bad things might get, we move forward with eternal hope and the knowledge things will get better. I hope that this year will send rains at the right time and sunshine when we need it. I hope the crops are bin-busters and your livestock are sleek and fat. Most of all I hope the upcoming year is a good one. May 2023 bring the best for you with hope that 2024 is even better. “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.



If you’ve read this column for a while, you may recall that each new year I come up with a saying to live by for the next 365 days. To make it more of a challenge, it has to rhyme with the year we are embarking upon. It started in 2004 when my oldest son was leaving the nest and I realized that the more I spoke (nagged, cajoled, needled, reminded...) the less he actually heard. So, I decided to live by the phrase, “Say less and pray more in 2004.” It progressed through the years with little gems like, “There’s nothing God can’t fix in 2006,” or “Let the love of Christ shine in 2009.” Rhyming 2007 and 2011 was a little tricky, and boy was I getting desperate by the time we got out of the teens. But I survived, mentally, spiritually and linguistically. So now here we are at 2023. I’m not going to lie, I’m pretty glad to see 2022 go – it’s been kind of a rough one on this old girl. But I survived and am looking forward to what this next year will bring. 2023 – an easy enough year to rhyme, don’t you think? This year’s saying will be, “More Jesus, less me in 2023.” I want to be so focused on Him that the daily frustrations and struggles of life occupy only a reasonable, rightful amount of space in my mind and spirit, rather than becoming all-consuming; an eternity focus that keeps everything else in perspective. I’m also trying to lose a few pounds, giving a whole extra meaning to the “Less Me” part of the saying. Wish me luck. I pray God’s blessings to all of you and your families in the New Year.

Dealing with stress in agriculture

By David G. Hallauer, District Extension agent, Crops & Soils/Horticulture

As I write this, there’s snow on the ground and 25 mile-per-hour winds. If your agricultural enterprise requires you to be out in these conditions, it’s likely added some stress to your life. By the time you read this, the forecast is for more sunshine and temperatures approaching freezing – but that doesn’t mean your stress magically goes away. Some of the joy of being involved in agriculture is the autonomy to make our own decisions and take risks to attain a favorable outcome. With that, however, can come a great deal of

stress. On top of that, there are multiple facets of production agriculture over which we have no control. We can do some things to mitigate price/production risk or reduce weather effects, but total control is out of our hands. When we have weather events like we just went through, or look long term at input prices, stress can start to add up. There’s no ‘one size fits all’ solution to managing stress. They are as unique as we are as individuals. There are, however, resources available to help. If the issue is resolution of a legal or financial matter, maybe the Kansas Ag Mediation Service is the

place to start. The Kansas Arability Project provides some excellent resources if you are dealing with a physical disability challenge, but is also a great place to look for farm stress resources as well. A coalition of organizations together host the Kansas Ag Stress Resources webpage at <https://www.kansasagstress.org/>. This group of collaborators has banded together to provide multiple levels of stress assistance to benefit youth to older adults and individuals to families. Not sure where to start? The Kansas Ag Stress Resources page is a great first stop. Additional resources are available in a Kansas

AgrAbility publication from K-State Research and Extension entitled Managing Stress - Tips and Resources. In addition to some of the above, it provides other helps as well. Find it online at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3568.pdf> or request a copy (confidentially) via e-mail to dhallau@ksu.edu. Above all, don’t hesitate to reach out. A conversation with a friend/family member may be what it takes to ease your mind. Trusted clergy or mental health professionals can be helps, too. The autonomy we enjoy in agriculture is great, but a little help isn’t a bad thing, either.



I am writing this in the shadow of our Christmas tree. Jennifer has decreed that tonight will be the night we take it down. I must admit that I am a bit sad to see it go. I find sitting near it with the lights on has a calming effect and I will miss that. The other reason I am sad is that taking it down means that the Christmas season is over, and we are into a new year. I find January and February the hardest months to get through; luckily, we will be lambing and calving, and the chaos helps makes the days go faster. I must also say that there is something about January and the new year that is a bit refreshing also. A new fresh year, maybe a clean slate, a time to make changes in your life or at least a time to clear your mind and start afresh. The new year is, hopefully, the time to have hope and see the promise and a new start. Often people make wishes for a new year, some make resolutions to change, and others hope a new year brings better luck. I have done all three and I will continue to make wishes, resolutions and hope for better luck. I will also make one wish for all of us for the upcoming year.

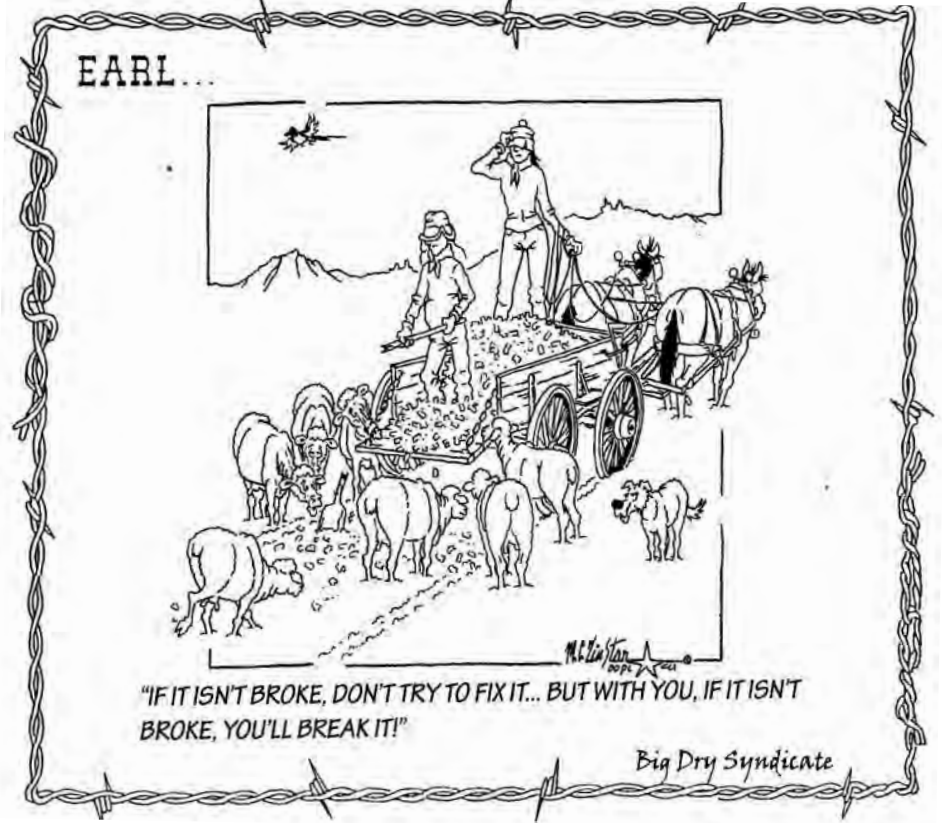
I hope that the new year will help you refocus on what is truly important in your life. It’s not stuff or finances. What is important should not be about promotions or titles. It should not have to do with business success or anything material. At least for me, the most important things in life are the relationships around me. I tend to push them away when I am stressed and worried. Instead of running to the one thing that would help, I tend to put them on the back burner. If I could just work a little harder, put a little more time in, then I would have more time for the people around me. Let me back up a little too, the first relationship to focus on should be God. Speaking for myself, this is the first relationship I put on hold. I will get back to speaking with God later, right after I fix everything that is wrong in my life. How arrogant of me, I can’t fix anything and yet I push away the one who could help. I have to find more time for prayer and meditation each day and make that a priority. From there everything else will

revolve and improve. The second relationship I need to work on is my family. Isn’t it funny how when we are stressed and anxious, the first people we take it out on are those closest to us? Maybe you are better than I am, that is a distinct possibility, but I tend to snap and growl at my wife and kids. I guarantee they know I am stressed even before I do. I am going to try to lean on them just a little more and try to make the time we have together better and leave the stress and anxiety at the door. This will be hard; I am a habitual offender when it comes to grumpiness. Then there are the relationships outside our family. How many times do we think about talking to an old friend but pass on it because we don’t have time. I do that all the time; I have so many things on my list I don’t have time for any distractions. First, talking to a friend is not a distraction, and second, will those few minutes really matter in the long run. I bet they won’t. Never once have I spent time with a friend and come away wishing I had worked instead. More often I skip meeting up with someone and working and later, I have this nagging feeling that I should have chosen otherwise. So, friends, my wish for each of you is not for a successful year. Don’t get me wrong, I hope you will have one. I hope the rains will come and the stars will all align in the right order. It would be great if we raised a bin-buster crop and if our calves came off pasture bigger than ever, that would help a lot. In the end, there is nothing we can do to make the rain come at the right time and the sunshine when we need it. That is all out of our hands. What I do wish for the upcoming year is something that we do have control of our relationships. I hope and I pray that the upcoming new year will be filled with renewed relationships and a sense of what is truly most important. That wish is not only for you but for me also. If we get it right with our God, family and friends, my guess is that everything else will fall into place. This year take time to remember what is really most important.



winning dishes highlighted this taste and versatility and included dishes like smoked brisket, steak and egg Benedict, BBQ flank steak, cowboy Philly Cheesesteaks and an unbelievable tenderloin recipe. Rick Bloom of Wichita brought home the winning recipe by serving up an awe-inspiring spit-roasted beef tenderloin for his tailgate party during the game versus Oklahoma State. Prior to each home football game, a select group of Kansas beef producers and representatives of K-State Athletics toured the parking lot of Bill Snyder Family Stadium looking for great-tasting beef dishes. Bloom was chosen as the overall champion from previous weeks’ tailgate recipe winners.

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mission. The Foundation works to raise private dollars to combine with public funds for the advancement of wheat research, including the accelerated release of wheat varieties. The Fields Forward Campaign was launched in January 2019 and accepted many types of gifts to support wheat research, including cash, stock transfers, donations of grain and deferred gifts such as will bequests.

While the doors to the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center are open during regular business hours, anyone can take a virtual tour of the facility and its research projects anywhere at any time, thanks to a new virtual tour unveiled during the open house. Check out what the partners at the Center have accomplished over the last ten years and what they have planned for the decade ahead at <https://innovation.kswheat.com> or watch a video overview at <https://www.youtube.com/kansas-wheat>.

KGFA and KARA select 25th class of Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders

The selection committee for the Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders (TAL) program met in early December to review applications and select five members of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) and five members of the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA) to comprise the 25th class of agribusiness' premier leadership development course.

The selection committee of TAL alumni chose: Andrew Breese (Kansas Grain Inspection Service); Todd Dingler (ProValue Insurance); Jeff Ellis (Syngenta); Brandi Hartley (Farmers Co-op Equity at Isabel); Blake Malcolm (AgMark LLC); Jed Miller (Ag Partners Cooperative Inc.); Kent Nichols (MKC); Todd Schultz (Producer Ag, LLC); Jack Vincent (The Scouler Company); and Ed Zahn (Heartland Ag Systems) to complete the 25th class.

"We are thrilled to welcome our 25th class of Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders," KGFA and KARA President and CEO Ron Seeber said. "The program's longevity, a quarter-century and more than 200 graduates, is a testament to our members seeing a personal and professional return on their invested time and referring their peers to apply year-after-year. I want to congratulate and thank our newest TAL class for making the commitment to learn more about their association, the legislative process and how as graduates of the program we can work together to enhance the future of agribusiness."

Each class participates in three sessions designed to improve the leadership skills of Kansas agribusiness men and women through increasing their

understanding of the association's mission and activities, teaching the state and federal legislative process, improving leadership and communication skills, and preparing members for possible public service through campaigns or public office.

NASS releases organic survey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service has released the results of its 2021 Certified Organic Survey. Certified organic operations in Kansas sold a total of \$66.1 million in organic products in 2021, down 4% compared to 2019. The number of certified organic operations in Kansas totaled 129, up 17% from 2019. The 2021 Certified Organic Survey is a special study conducted by NASS in conjunction with USDA's Risk Management Agency. It provides value of sales information at the commodity level along with acreage, production, and practices data for a variety of certified organic crop and livestock operations. Information was also collected on marketing and agricultural practices, crop insurance usage, select production expenses, and acres transitioning into organic production.

An Op-Ed from Farm Policy Facts

It's a rallying cry pushed by special-interest groups and farm policy critics: dismantle the U.S. food system! But a fundamental misunderstanding of how our food is grown leads to bad ideas and even worse policy. Ray Starling, a former White House and U.S. Department of Agriculture official, explores this debate in his new book "Farmers versus Foodies."

It's a privilege to have this conversation at all, Ray pointed out on the Groundwork podcast. In recent memory, most Americans have not had to worry about where their food comes from.

"It is the ag productiv-

ity of today that has made room for all these other debates," Ray said. "We can't forget that."

Even during COVID-19's unprecedented disruptions, the American food supply was largely able to adjust to shifting demand in just a matter of weeks. Farmers never stopped farming, keeping Americans fed.

Now, with the world's most abundant and most affordable food supply at our fingertips, the foodies, as Ray calls them, are hungry to improve the food system. But not every idea is worth pursuing – and some attempts to dismantle production agriculture have dangerous consequences.

"We can do things differently, but there are going to be trade-offs," Ray explained. Critics must be cognizant of those trade-offs and recognize that they're essentially saying, "I'm okay with actually in-

creasing food insecurity in some parts of the world, so that I get food grown the way I'm comfortable with it being grown."

Of course, while modern agriculture is a marvel, there are ways for farmers and foodies to work together. Improving our food system will take innovation and an understanding of the intricate issues affecting agriculture.

For example, if foodies would like to see fewer pesticide applications, that might require work-

ing to increase access to a willing and reliable workforce who can manually control weeds or removing barriers to the deployment of genetically innovative crops.

As cultures shift, farmers and farm policy advocates must be proactive in educating foodies on the realities of production agriculture and outspoken on the importance of preserving our national food security. When it comes to farm policy, facts still come first.

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Kansas cattle on feed down 6 percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.33 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 6% from last year. Placements during November totaled 420,000 head, down 3% from 2021. Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 410,000 head, down 10% from last year. Other disappearance during November totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

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Routine Appreciation

Christmas, combined with a frigid cold snap, has us all out of routine. I like routine. At the time of writing, we have one more Christmas to go before we're done. We hope you had an amazing time with your families and you received something you wanted.

I said in the last article that gift giving and receiving isn't my favorite thing. But it's so fun watching everybody open things. Matt and I are thrilled with our treasures we received: Texas Roadhouse gift cards (multiple cards! We're thrilled! We love going on dates there!), Matt got jeans (always necessary – he never seems to have a good pair, they're always grease- and oil-stained), I got an incredibly warm stocking hat and some cash. Matt fought over chore gloves at the big family gift exchange game and was thrilled to be the winner. It's funny what we get excited about as adults. My immediate family is left and we always exchange between my two sisters and their husbands (so six of us adults – everybody has one name). There's just something special about your own family.

For years and years and years my immediate family has always been together on Christmas Day. I'm sad I didn't get to be with my family on Christmas Day, but we're making it work. I read somewhere that this particular writer loved her in laws, but also missed waking up at her family home on Christmas morning and being with her siblings and parents. Doing the traditions that we grew up with. I know times change and many have their own kids they want to make traditions and memories with, it just makes me sad not to be with my sisters and parents on Christmas Day. Many of you went through the first holiday season without someone you love. It's okay to feel joy and sadness at the same time. The holiday season brings a ton of emotions and feelings. It's okay to feel them all.

Matt and I don't normally chore together. He does his thing, I do mine. However, when the -40 windchill

happened, we fed together. And it was SO nice. We love our net wrap, but the little bit of moisture we had before it froze, did a number on getting it off the bales. It worked out good to have one of us on each side of the bale. Even though Matt and I work together, we rarely ride around together. While I absolutely hated the weather, the time together is so precious to me. Sometimes less is more though, and while I'm thrilled with the time, it was also nice to have the weather warm up and be able to chore exactly how I wanted again, solo.

We have one pas ture we're wintering at this year where the water is just not the greatest. We were in the process of installing a tank behind a pond before the weather turned nasty. Honestly, I'm glad we didn't get it done because I think I've convinced Matt to change directions instead of what he was going to do. However, that meant filling tanks during the cold. Which works out fine, until the tanks freeze solid. We brought a generator and put some heaters in the water to help, but the water just instantly freezes if the cows don't drink. One of those days Matt and I chopped ice and threw it out of tank that was two to three feet thick. The cold was miserable and I'm crossing my fingers it was the last of the season, but I'm not sure I'm quite that naïve; hopeful maybe.

All in all, I'm always amazed at how well the cows do in such extreme temperatures when given the appropriate things. They went through a lot of hay and enjoyed their grain daily, but we're so fortunate to have not lost any. Now it will be a matter of watching them closely as it goes from -30 to 50 in just a few days. That's so hard on all of us, but especially the critters outside in it. I'll be checking and double-checking everybody in the next few days for sickness with the weather swings.

Anyways, here's to hoping the last Christmas went well and there's favorable weather in 2023!

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

Helping Young Children Manage Stress K-State Extension Specialist Advises A Calm, Nurturing Approach

MANHATTAN — Stress: Just saying the word leaves some people on edge, whether it's giving a talk, dealing with a work event or trying to manage a toddler in a tantrum. Everyone experiences stress from time-to-time.

And in the case of a stressed-out child, Kansas State University child development specialist Bradford Wiles said it's best to offer support in the time of a perceived crisis.

"The first thing we can do as parents is to minimize our own stress by being patient and taking deep breaths before responding authentically to our child," Wiles said.

He used an analogy of how people on an airplane are instructed to put their oxygen mask on first in the case of an emergency before offering assistance to those around them.

"You want to make sure you are calm before helping the child because if you go into that situation agitated, your efforts at calming them will be much more difficult," Wiles said.

He explained that in the moment of high stress, it is difficult for rational reasoning to occur.

"When we are stressed, our mind essentially constricts to where we can't really process anything other than the things that are immediately in front of us," Wiles said. "One of the problems with young children who are stressed out is that they have no interest in redirection because they are just reacting to their stress at the moment."

He said engaging children in a meaningful and compassionate way is the best approach.

"We have to get them to a place where they can start to think through things and we can do that through mindful behaviors," Wiles said.

Along with deep breathing, Wiles encouraged parents and caregivers to offer a hug or physical comfort that many young children respond well to.

"Once the children are calm, we can engage them and help them return to a more normal interaction in the world," Wiles said.

Timeouts may not work for young children, he said.

"It is hard for a child that is really escalated

to understand what they are supposed to do in a timeout, which is to think about what they've done and how they might do it differently," Wiles said. "It is punitive to put them in a space where they can't be comforted and try to self soothe when they don't have those skills."

Instead, Wiles said, "I would try to soothe them until they are calm, and then try to get them to tell you what they did wrong because the goal is to try to dismantle the agitation rather than accelerating it like when you put them in a location away from you where you can't help them."

He also said it is important to be aware of the tone of voice that is being used with the child.

"Our tone speaks volumes about how our messages are received. If our tone is harsh, our children are aware that there is a message that comes with that and conversely if our tone is calm and compassionate, they hear that too," Wiles said.

Lastly, Wiles reminded parents that they are continually modeling behavior choices to their children.

He said: "If you are stressed and running around upset and yelling, then your children will see that and act that way too. The difference is that most adults can keep from going into the meltdown phase and children just don't have the ability to regulate to that degree."

More information on child development is available online from K-State Research and Extension.

Links used in this story: Applied Research in Child Health and Enhancing Resilience, www.hhs.k-state.edu/ahs/extension/child-development



Dear 2023

By Lou Ann Thomas

Dear 2023,

I know you've been here for a few days by now, but I was waiting to officially greet you. You see, we've been through a lot the last few years and I wanted to see what your intentions might be before I invested any hope in you.

That's what we all want, even expect, from a new year – hope. We all need the opportunity for a fresh start, a new beginning. And 2020, 2021 and 2022? Disappointing in the hope category, to say the least. In fact, the best thing I can say about the last few years is they could have been worse. Although I'm not wanting to imagine how. They were rough enough as they were.

Yet we greeted everyone with a joyous Happy New Year when it began! Some of us even declared each to be "my year" and allowed ourselves to feel hope that the year beginning would be better than the one just ending. But they really weren't that much better.

Forgive me if I'm sounding a tad bitter. I feel betrayed and I'm dealing with some trust issues as a result. Here's the deal, if you want to be considered a Happy New Year, if you want to get on my good side, you need to deliver. Not sure what that means? Well, we know this year will mostly be what we choose to make it, but it would feed our hope to have you, our shiny new year, as the happy canvas on which we create the portraits of our lives. So,

for your consideration, here's my 2023 Wish List for us all:

May we experience more laughter and love. May we enjoy more music and meaning, dancing and dreaming. May we all feel a lot more peace – inner and outer, please. May we have opportunities to savor delicious food and meaningful conversations with the people about whom we truly care. May we stop to watch more sunsets and sunrises. May we read good books and be inspired by other's stories. May we spend more time in our hearts than in our heads. And may we, by the end of this year, feel more deeply the grace, beauty and power of our lives and ourselves.

I know that might feel overwhelming to you being so new here, but I'd like to point out, even though we learned a lot from the challenges of the last few years, we are still waiting for hope to catch up. We learned and will use in this new year things like we are strong and capable, that we succeed faster when we work together and that community truly is common unity, but we're tired and worn down. We could use a lift and some ease.

So how about it, 2023? Every one of us would be so grateful if you could truly be a Happy and hopeful New Year. I'm rooting for you. I'm rooting for us all.

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He was very good with it. There were a few instances where he had his hands full, or was too far away for me to hear, so I actually learned to read his lips fairly well, and we developed a hand signal code for certain needs, like sorting out a sick calf from the bunch of stockers on pasture.

A fist to the chest indicated the calf was red. A circular wiping motion to the face meant “motley-faced,” while a straight vertical motion over the face meant “Baldy.” A black was a pat to the thigh. It worked out very well and eliminated the need for talking while sorting calves.

We were calving in early February that year and it was quite cold. #243 had done a good job tending to her calf, which was up and nursing by the time we found her. She was an aggressive little range cow, and there were several of those type in those days that we just knew we would have to catch and

work on the truck.

As I drove up on the new pair she began bobbing her head in warning. I eased up toward her slowly to keep her from running off with the baby, putting her on the passenger's front fender. Just as we closed in she started working the truck bumper over. I glanced at Shorty and nonchalantly said, “Step out there and shag a loop on that calf.”

By that time, she was working her way down his side of the truck and was working on the right front tire. He looked back at me and gave me a hand signal we had not discussed as part of our repertoire of “cowboy sign language”, but nonetheless is a universally understood gesture of refusal.

I laughed and stepped out, undetected by the cow at this point, and dropped a loop over the baby's head and drug her around my side of the truck and lifted her up on the bed, tagging, weighing, and releasing to her unhappy momma.

That next winter I had to reduce the number of cows so we kept everything five years and under, selling the rest of the bred cows. Both 243 and 911 were in a set of “running aged” bred cows I sold through the sale barn at Manhattan. We hired a pot to haul them and I drove over sale day. I was in the

sale ring seats as a group of our cows came in and caught sight of 911. I stood up and stopped the auctioneer and warned “That big yellow horned cow needs to go to the kill floor! She'll hurt ya!” The guys held her back and weighed her up. I was feeling pretty peachy about the public service I had done for my fellow cattlemen, and I settled back into my seat to watch the rest of them sell.

Two weeks later I awoke at 3 a.m. like a thunderbolt had just struck! I had forgotten to warn those buyers about #243! I spent the next two hours imagining a young mother taking her toddler out to see the new baby calf, and... well, I called the sale barn as soon as I thought there would be someone in the office. They tracked her down and gave me the number of the folks who bought a jag of those cows. I called the number.

The Mrs. informed me that Hubs was at work and gave me his work number to call. I explained to this fella my concerns and gave him the description and the number of the cow. I added that she is fine to be around except at calving time; as soon as she drops that calf, nobody is safe anywhere close! There was a brief pause, and then he exclaimed “I know that wench! She broke my

leg!”

“Well now, isn't this a fine kettle of fish you've plopped yourself right into...” Yes, I have these conversations with self in my head sometimes but sometimes it just flops right out my mouth. This time I was able to pinch my lips and avoid its escape.

The proud owner of the cows jumped right in, “It's okay though! You see, it was my own fault! My dad and I used to have cows and we decided we enjoyed them enough to buy a few to put on his acreage again. We were working them through the alleyway and I got too close so she kicked me in the leg! I'm in a walking cast.” I was only slightly relieved until he said, “My dad is going to be calving them out.” I immediately told Hop-along to make sure his dad did NOT get anywhere close to this cow after calving, and better yet, take her to the sale barn and I'll pay you anything you don't get back out of her.”

I never heard back, so all must have gone well.

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Coffee Shop Meetings begin Jan. 12, 2023

Farm Succession Planning will be the topic on January 12, 2023 at the first session in this year's Coffee Shop series of educational meetings, organized by the Riley County Extension Service. Ashlee Westerhold, director of K-State's Office of Farm and Ranch Transition, will be the featured speaker.

Coffee Shop meetings will be held at The Farm-

house in Riley, starting at 10:30 a.m. and adjourning by 12:00 noon every other Thursday from January 12 through February 9, and on Friday, February 24.

Meeting dates, topics, and speakers are:

January 12 — Farm Succession Planning — Ashlee Westerhold

January 26 — Cow herd Nutrition and Management

— Jason Warner, K-State Research and Extension Cow-Calf Specialist

February 9 — Pond Management for Big Fish and Good Livestock Water — Joe Gerken, K-State Research and Extension Fisheries and Aquaculture Specialist

February 24 — Wildlife Management & Wildlife Damage Control — Drew Ricketts, K-State Research & Extension Wildlife Specialist

Coffee Shop meetings are sponsored by the KSU-Riley County Extension Service. Additional sponsors include: Frontier Farm Credit, Peoples State Bank, Riley County Farm Bureau Association, and Riley State Bank.

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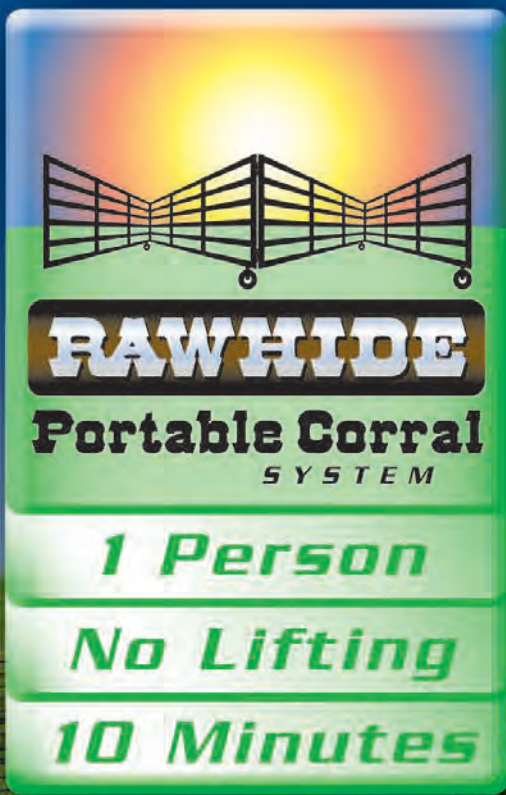
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is something of an airplane theme in the decor, but all tasteful and relaxing in blues and grays. With three bedrooms, the person needing privacy can shut a door and get away from it all while everyone else plays games or watches movies. When the kids are too loud you don’t have to worry about their bothering other folks in the hotel. And the price? Well, with the ability to cook and keep snacks in the fridge, it is so much cheaper in the long run. I cannot say enough about how comfortable this home was.

Located near down-

town, it was convenient for us to run to the store for supplies, go to the movies, or the other sites this wonderful town has to offer. As one of our old river towns, Atchison has a great variety of architecture on the hills and bluffs overlooking the Mighty Mo. For an historian, it just doesn’t get any better.

The weather was bitter and biting for most of our stay but warmed up enough for the kids to go in the back yard to swing and play cornhole. We are all hoping to come back in the summer, when we can take advantage of this comfortable home and explore more of this historic town.

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New talks between U.S., Ecuador, Uruguay

Two senior U.S. senators asked the Biden administration to start trade-agreement talks with Ecuador and Uruguay, using a pact with Mexico and Canada as a template to expand export opportunities with “trusted partners” in Latin America as China’s influence grows.

Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Robert Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat, and fellow committee member Rob Portman – a former U.S. trade chief and an Ohio Republican – asked Trade Representative Katherine Tai and Secretary of State Antony Blinken to capitalize on the success of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USCMA) and expand relations in the Western Hemisphere.

Ecuadorian president Guillermo Lasso met with U.S. counterpart Joe Biden at the White House, where the leaders agreed that the countries had made historic progress in strengthening bilateral ties.

Lasso has previously noted that Ecuador is the only nation on the Western Hemisphere’s Pacific Coast that has no free-trade agreement with the U.S.

In Uruguay, President Luis Lacalle Pou has started free-trade talks with China, negotiated deals with Turkey and applied to join the 11-nation Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership trade bloc as he seeks to open markets to for the nation’s goods and services.

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Inflationary challenges will continue affecting retail beef prices

Though retail beef prices are lower than a year ago, prices remain historically higher as inflationary challenges affect the overall U.S. economy and projected fewer cows heading into 2023, according to David Anderson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock economist.

“Retail beef prices are lower than a year ago even though the total Consumer Price Index number is 7.1% higher than last year,” Anderson said. “(Retail beef prices) have been lower for several months now. And they are lower than last month. However, the level of prices remains high in comparison to the past several decades.”

Anderson said there are signs that consumers are looking at alternative beef cuts as a cost-savings measure at the retail meat case.

As 2022 comes to an end, beef production across the U.S. has been at a record pace due to drought conditions over much of the country.

“We are on pace to produce a record amount of beef this year, over 28 billion pounds,” he said. “Production is up because of the drought, and higher production costs are forcing ranchers to cull their herds. So, the increased number of culled cows and heifers are boosting beef production, for now. While production is high now, in the future we’ll have a lot less beef production as the impact of fewer cows and calves is felt.”

Meanwhile, wholesale beef prices are well below a year ago. The lower wholesale prices are very slowly translating into lower retail prices, Anderson said.

“Those lower prices should start to show up at grocery stores,” he said. “Beef has actually become relatively less expensive than pork and chicken in recent months as beef prices have declined.”



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Congress passes Omnibus Appropriations Bill

On Friday, December 23, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the fiscal year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations bill. The \$1.7 trillion package passed out of the Senate with a 68-29 vote and passed the House with a vote of 225-201-1. It will fund the government through Sept. 30, 2023, but due to the size of the bill, Congress extended the stopgap spending patch through December 30, allowing time to formally enroll the bill before it goes to President Biden's desk to be signed.

The bill included several policy riders supported by cattlemen that would:

- Extend Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) authority to Sept. 30, 2023.
- Prohibit the Department of Transportation from enforcing Electronic Logging Device regulations upon livestock haulers.
- Renew protection for livestock producers from EPA greenhouse gas reporting requirements for FY23.

The bill also provided an additional \$1 million to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

for the Cattle Contracts Library pilot program but the duration of the pilot program was not extended beyond the original end date of Sept. 30, 2023.

No provisions of either the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act or the Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act were included in the bill.

"As we wrap up a successful year advancing USDA's priorities to build more, new and better markets for producers, tackle food and nutrition insecurity, and ensure wealth is created and stays in rural communities, I'm pleased that Congress has come together to pass the Omnibus bill that delivers some resources crucial to continuing our work on behalf of the American people," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Rep. Tracey Mann voted against the bill. "This week, Members of the House of Representatives were called back to Washington, D.C. to vote on a \$1.7 trillion spending package under the threat of the government shutting down," he said in a statement after the vote. "This is not the way that

a democracy is supposed to function. In fact, this is the first time in modern American history that one party has jammed an omnibus bill through Congress during the lame-duck session after losing control of the House. It's plain and simple – this is bad legislation passed in a dishonest, untimely way."

"While Washington Democrats had control of the House, it was their responsibility to pass normal spending bills. They never got their act together, so now we are stuck with this omnibus – a 4,155-page spending bill put together behind closed doors and with no input or oversight from House Republicans," he continued. "Now, Americans are sure to face even higher rates of inflation because of this legislation and out-of-control spending."

Rep. Ron Estes also cast a nay vote, objecting to what he referred to as bad policies and pet projects within the piece of legislation. "Not content with causing the worst inflation in decades, Democrats have decided to force through a massive 1.7 trillion-dollar spending package at the 11th hour before Republicans take back control of the House," Estes said. "Their \$1.7 trillion package is overflowing with bad policies that will make inflation worse, ignores the crisis at the border and fails to fix the defund the police crime wave. This 4,000-plus-page bill that no one has read in total is everything that's wrong with Washington, D.C. This deliberate move by lame-duck Democrats sidelines the incoming majority – allowing Nancy Pelosi to pass one more pork-filled bill."

Projects Estes listed in his statement included:

- \$286 million in Title X funding that will fund Planned Parenthood.
- \$65 million for salmon restoration project
- Creates a pandemic czar, adding to our already bloated bureaucracy which will take away Americans' liberties in name of "public health"
- Allocates historic high funding for renewable energy programs at the Department of Energy instead of addressing the decimated American energy independence.

- \$410 million for border security for Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia and Oman without securing our own southern border
- \$524.4 million for the NIH to fight "structural racism"
- More than 4,000 earmarks for pet projects, like \$1.5 million to encourage outdoor eating in Pasadena, California, and \$2.35 million for the Leahy Center named after retiring Senate Appropriations Chair Patrick Leahy

House ag committee chairman David Scott views the passage of the bill as a win for agriculture. "I am pleased that both the House and the Senate have been able to negotiate and pass the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations bill ahead of the 118th Congress. It was a pleasure to have worked alongside my House and Senate Agriculture Committee colleagues in order to ensure additional legislative priorities such as the Growing Climate Solutions Act, the SUSTAINS Act, and the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2022 (PRIA V) were included within these provisions to fund the government."

"Additionally, I am pleased that the agreement includes the \$100 million in critical funding to help alleviate some of the losses experienced by cotton merchandisers that I advocated for and worked hard to include. I would also like to thank the Senate Agriculture Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee for their important work to establish a permanent Summer EBT program for eligible children," Scott continued.

"Each of these provisions included in the omnibus are so vitally important to ensuring the wellbeing of the American people. Today's passage of the omnibus spending bill will ensure that our American agricultural security will remain intact," Scott added.

The bill funds several of the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) top priorities, including research to address aflatoxin, a mycotoxin that has been costly to U.S. corn growers, disaster mitigation efforts and climate

change initiatives.

"We are very pleased to see that Congress and the president have prioritized programs that are important to corn growers," said NCGA vice president of public policy Brooke S. Appleton. "We are appreciative of our allies who made sure these important initiatives were included in this legislation."

One of the biggest wins for corn growers was the allocation of \$1 million to fund aflatoxin research through NCGA's Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence, in conjunction with Texas A&M. Aflatoxin can cost corn growers between \$52.1 million to \$1.68 billion in annual losses, according to a 2016 study.

The development was praised by state corn grower leaders.

"For years, the Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence has provided funding to projects focused the mitigation and amelioration of aflatoxin in corn," said Texas Corn Producers executive director David Gibson. "Having Congress recognize the severity of this issue by providing additional funding through the Agricultural Research Service via appropriations is a tremendous step forward in our efforts."

Wheat growers also found things to like in the bill. "We appreciate Congress coming together to pass the omnibus to fund the federal government for the rest of FY 2023. We are grateful to see \$3.7 billion in disaster aid for the calendar year 2023 and the registration review deadline extensions for PRIA and FIFRA be included in this legislative package," said NAWG CEO Chandler Goule. "Throughout 2022, large areas across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado have been experiencing extreme to exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, and the relief provided in the omnibus can help wheat growers as they navigate these harsh weather conditions. Lastly, glad to see the Growing Climate Solutions Act be included in this year-end package, which NAWG has supported as it provides a credible source of information for growers looking to participate in voluntary carbon markets."

Programs and funding that specifically benefit wheat growers include:

- Disaster Aid: The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act includes \$3.74 billion for crop and livestock losses in the calendar year 2022. In early December, NAWG and other commodity organizations requested disaster aid be included in a FY 2023 Omnibus package.
- Pesticides: The

Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) which allows pesticide registrants to pay registration fees to help pesticides get through the registration process faster. The EPA's Office of Pesticide Policy (OPP) also received \$140 million, the highest funding since 2010. Finally, the Federal Insecticide, Rodenticide, and Fungicide Act (FIFRA) was amended to extend the deadline for EPA to conduct registration reviews of existing products.

- Growing Climate Solutions Act: The Growing Climate Solutions Act will provide growers with a resource for information on voluntary carbon markets and technical assistance providers and verifiers related to those market programs. In addition, an advisory committee at USDA, comprised of a majority of farmers, ranchers and forest landowners, will provide recommendations to the Secretary on the carbon markets and related work.

- Sponsoring USDA Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions (SUSTAINS) Act: The omnibus also includes SUSTAINS Act, which encourages private sector partnerships for agriculture sustainability by allowing businesses to invest in conservation practices in geographic regions of their choice—and allows for matching USDA funds.

- Research Programs: The bill provides \$3.45 billion – \$175 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level – for agriculture research programs, including the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

- Marketing Programs: The bill provides \$237 million, \$11 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$4.7 million above the request, to facilitate the movement of agriculture products and open market opportunities.

- International Food Assistance Programs: The bill includes \$2.2 billion for international food aid and to promote U.S. agricultural exports overseas. This includes \$1.75 billion for Food for Peace grants and \$243 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program.


Rep. Jake LaTurner was another Republican lawmaker who objected to the bill.

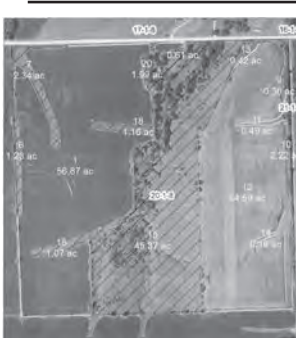
"With just 11 days until Republicans take the majority in the House, Speaker Pelosi jammed through a 4000-page bill that spends \$1.7 trillion on lib-

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To be held Saturday, Feb. 4 in Axtell, KS
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160+/- ACRES MARSHALL CO., KS CROPLAND
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 — 10:00 AM
Auction Held in Blue Valley Tech. Com. Bldg,
1557 Pony Express Hwy, HOME, KANSAS
**TRACT:** NE1/4 in Section 20 – Township 1 South – Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Marshall Co., KS, consisting of 160 acres more or less (Balderson Township).
FARM LOCATED: From Oketo, KS, go 2 ½ miles east on Cherokee Rd, and the farm is on the south side. Home, KS is 7 ½ miles straight south, and the Nebraska Stateline is 3 miles to the north.
DESCRIPTION: Farm consists of 103+/- acres of upland Cropland. The balance is mostly pasture, and there are some waterways. This farm is predominately Wymore silty clay loam soil that has been in a Corn and Soybean crop rotation. This farm has an established Rural Water meter and connected hydrant located along Cherokee Rd in the former farmstead area, and the benefit unit will transfer to the buyer. It is located along a good county rock road to the north, and a township road to the east.
FSA INFO: Farmland Acres: 158.88; DCP Cropland Acres: 103.14; Base Acres: Grain Sorghum 57.6, Wheat 33.9, Soybeans 1, Corn 4; PLC Yield: Grain Sorghum 107, Wheat 35, Soybeans 37, Corn 107.
TERMS: Cash with 10% down payment/earnest money on day of sale with the balance due in full on or before February 24, 2023 with delivery of deed, and marketable title. Full possession will be given at closing, subject to present tenant's rights. Seller & Buyer equally split cost of standard title insurance, and attorney fees for preparation of contract-deed-escrow. **This land is located in a good farming community, and should merit the serious consideration of anyone wanting an individual unit or add-on acres. Look it over before sale day, and come prepared to bid. Statements made day of sale take precedence over any advertised or previous statements.**
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023 - 9:30 AM
2110 Harper, Dg. Fairgrounds, LAWRENCE, KS (Bldg. 21 Climate Control)
COLLECTIBLES inc.: Beautiful Antique Ornate Parlor Woodstove "Victor Oak Jacob Retterer Chicago" VERY NICE!; Outstanding Hanging B&H #96 Oil Lamp; Vintage Double Sided Lighted SCHLITZ Sign w/wall bracket; 25 Vintage Railroad Metal Signs; OTHER SIGNS & RAILROAD ITEMS; CAST IRON; 600+ License Plates; 50+ Steel Traps; Cocks; Adv. Oil Cans & other Memorabilia; 100s Adv. Pens/Pencils; COKE clock & display; **MUCH MORE!**
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LIVE & SIMULCAST
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 — 7:00 PM
**Glen Elder Community Room/Library, 120 S. Market GLEN ELDER, KS**
Selling 157.8 ACRES
LAND DESCRIPTION: 157.8 acres more or less with 141.79 acres crop land, and 16.01 acres timber, creek and waterways. Wheat base acres 104.21 Base yield 39 Grain Sorghum base acres 21.79 Base yield 71.
LAND LOCATION: The property is located just 1/4 mile North of the Mitchell/Jewell County line on the East side of 110th Road.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S/2NW/4) and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2SW/4) of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 9 West of the 6th P.M., Jewell County, Kansas.
POSSESSION: Possession of the open ground will be at closing and Possession the wheat ground will be the day immediately following wheat harvest or August 1, 2023 whichever is sooner. The buyer will receive 1/3 share of the wheat crop and pay 1/3 share of chemical and fertilizer expense.
Auction Conducted by: Coldwell Banker APW REALTORS®
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January 7 — Collectibles inc.: Antique Parlor Woodstove, hanging B&H #96 oil lamp, 1970s Red Honda Spree moped, vintage double sided lighted Schlitz sign, 25 vintage railroad metal signs & other signs, metal &

Congress passes Omnibus Appropriations Bill

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eral pet projects and failed Democrat policies. This spending package is an irresponsible way to govern and a raw deal for Kansas taxpayers," LaTurner said.

Senator Roger Marshall voted against the bill and said in an interview with Fox Business News, "We are going to borrow another trillion dollars from our grandchildren. The number one driver of inflation in our country right now is our national debt and now legislation that is going to borrow another \$1.7 trillion. America is going to continue to print this money, the feds can keep raising interest rates but they are just a tiger chasing its tail."

Democratic representative Sharice Davis voted in favor of the bill, as did Republican Jerry Moran, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who secured \$15 million for the construction of new U.S. Army barracks at Fort Riley, which serves the 1st Infantry Division.

Moran is the lead Republican on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs —and also applauded the passage of the Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits Improvement Act (Cleland-Dole Act) and the STRONG Veterans Act as part of the FY2023 Appropriations Package.

"It's fitting to name the Cleland-Dole Act in honor of two veterans, including Sen. Bob Dole, a Kansan and wounded veteran, who never stopped fighting for his fellow veterans," said Moran. "By closing the gaps in health care for rural veterans, protecting veterans' right to seek care where they choose, investing in the treatment of prostate cancer, expanding homeless outreach programs and more, this legislation touches the lives of veterans in all different walks of life, from every corner of the country, to make certain they have access to the benefits and health care they have earned."

Moran said there was also more than \$13 million in new funding for Kansas law enforcement in the Appropriations Package.

tin advertising, 75+ cast iron items, 600+ license plates, 50+ steel traps, crocks, 300+ Farm & Vintage Toys inc. Precision Classics, 1:16 w/boxes, Tonka & more, coins & misc. held at Lawrence for private sellers from Tecumseh & western Kansas. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 9 — 195 +/- acres Native grass pasture with recreational appeal selling in Admire, KS for Roy & Freda Venning Trust. Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers.

January 12 — Land auction consisting of 144.23 acres Marion County cropland & grassland with 92.71 ac. cultivated cropland, grassland is fenced for livestock with spring, great wildlife habitat held at Peabody for Melvin & Marilyn Flaming. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.

January 12 & 14 — Household goods, furniture, antiques & more held at Clay Center for Helen Heimerich. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

January 14 — Guns: 1957 Eagle Cushman & (3) Remington nylon rifles, furniture, antiques, primitives & collectibles inc.: signs, kero lamps, crocks, glassware, dolls, collectible toys, CI seats, books, banks, comic books, steins, Native American items & much more held at Portis for Vincent Brown Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

January 14 — Signs inc.: Member Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Shell, Kent, DeKalb & more, several beer signs, Toys inc. 150 farm tractors & more, 50 dolls, Pedal vehicles, lots of Collectibles & an assortment of tools held at Abilene for Darryl & Debra Blocker. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 14 — Real Estate auction consisting of 154.5 acres m/l of Marshall County Farmland

of which 142.15 ac. are terraced crop acres, balance waterways and wooded areas for wildlife habitat held at Frankfort for Paul Seiwald Trust. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

January 15 — Guns inc. German WWII P38 pistol & more; Collectibles inc.: quilts & quilt blocks, vintage clothing, glassware, Depression glass, Roseville, magazines, gold & silver jewelry, vintage toys & dolls, artwork & much more held at Salina for Markham/Kerley Collection. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 16 — Land Auction consisting of 144 acres with 106 tillable Highway frontage located West of Burlingame held at Osage City for Mary E. Dunn Estate & Heirs. Online bidding at: www.Superiorlandgroup.hibid.com. Auctioneers: Superior Real Estate & Land Group, Wischropp Auctions.

January 17 — Land Auction consisting of 445.7 Acres of Butler County land inc. pasture, trees, large pond, good access, rural water meter, (selling surface rights only) held live at El Dorado for William C. Paulson, Jr. & Pamela S. Paulson Revocable Trust AND the Martha Paulson Pope Living Trust. Online bidding available: www.Sundgren.com. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Land Brokers.

January 17-31 — Unreserved online land auction for cropland and commercial lots. 72.63+/- acres in Atchison Co. selling in 4 tracts, seller Marlatt Construction Company, INC. Auctioneers: Big Iron Realty.

January 18 — Online only Equipment auction with large amount of cattle equip., tools, vehicles, and ATV's, and many misc. items, to be held in Eureka, KS. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, INC.

January 19 — Simultane-

ous Live & Online Land Auction consisting of 55 acres m/l of Pottawatomie County Land offering open areas of grass along with mature timber along the creek held Live at Manhattan with Online bidding available at gavelroads.com. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers.

January 19 — Land auction consisting of 157.8 Acres m/l of Jewell County cropland, timber, creek and waterways held live at Glen Elder with simultaneous bidding at www.apwrealtors.hibid.com. Auctioneers: Coldwell Banker APW Realtors, Chris Rost & Mark Baxa.

January 20 — Land Auction consisting of 160 acres m/l of Marshall County Cropland (103 ac. m/l upland cropland, balance mostly pasture with some waterways) held at Home for Kimberly A. Meyer. Auctioneers: Olmsted Real Estate.

January 20 — 106 +/- acres with home and outbuildings in Emporia, KS, selling online in 3 tracts for Royal E. Bebermeyer Rev. Trust. Auctioneers: Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers.

Selling online

January 21 — New Strawn Consignment auction by S&S Sales LLC selling tractors, trucks, trailers, vehicles, all types of farm & livestock equipment, farm misc. items, hay, lumber & more held at New Strawn. Brett Skillman, Sales Manager; Auctioneers: Darwin W. Kurtz & Paul Hancock.

January 26 — 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); 50+ plows, other farm equipment & machinery held live West of Jewell (online www.thummelauction.com) for Calvin Bohnert Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real

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Estate & Auction, LLC.

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.

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

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Trust #1 & A.J. Herbin Trust #2. Auction held at Marsville. Auctioneers: Prell Realty & Auction, LLC.

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

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

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

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

SIMULTANEOUS LIVE & ONLINE

LAND AUCTION

55 +/- ACRES • POTTAWATOMIE CO., KS

Thursday, January 19, 2023 • 11:00 AM
Auction Location: Pottorf Hall - Cico Park, 1710 Avery Ave., Manhattan, KS
Online Bidding: Bidding at gavelroads.com.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 9 East, LESS (*brief legal*).

The East Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 9 East, LESS (*brief legal*).

DIRECTIONS: Approximately 5 miles east of Manhattan. Turn north on Rockenham Rd. Parcel sits half mile on the west side to School Creek Rd.

DESCRIPTION: This 55+/- acre property offers an attractive combination of open areas of grass along with mature timber along the creek. Just minutes from Manhattan, St. George and Wamego. Contact Pottawatomie County Planning and Zoning for the zoning regulations. Pottawatomie County Rural Water District #1 will provide information regarding the rural water availability. There is an easement for the City of St. George water wells. Power lines run around the perimeter.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be at Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers, ABILENE, KANSAS

SIGNS, TOYS, COLLECTIBLES, DOLLS
Signs inc: Member Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers; Railway Express Agency; Wayne Price; Ferguson Oil; Franklin Ice Cream; American Brakeblok; MFA; Shell; Kent; Acco Seed; DeKalb; 3 pt. porc Skelgas; Opalene porc; Duckwalls; Dicks Market; Zenith; Dennis Menace DO; Chapman adv sign; Magic Mothers Premier; Dempster; Beaver Check Station; lowealth Hybrid; Alida Pearl Coop; United-Hagie; NAPA; Peerless Chain; Best; Quikrete; Coop; Best; several beer signs; Mira Fount; Raybestas; Toro; Conkeys Feed; Tomco Bred Corn;

Funks; Auburn; Delco Battery; Marlboro flange; newer metal John Deere; store displays; plastic Phillips 66 & Pepsi sign; road signs; many other; Purina Chow & Gooch's clock; other clocks; beer advertising; pool table lights; beer trays; **Pedal vehicles inc:** 1950s sad face Murry fire car, Fire Chief car, Fire & Rescue car, Radio Flyer pedal car; other pedal cars; **pedal tractors:** AC7080; Case IH 7130; Agco Allis 8765; John Deere; Ford TW-5; CI 766; CI 1206; Magnum 340; trailers; Radio Flyer & Sears Roebuck wagons; JD trike, bike & scooter; Schwinn bike; Toys inc: 150 farm tractors; Tonka construction toys;

JD Manys Moo Moo; 50 dolls; cap rifles; BB guns; railroad lantern; Crocks (3 & 8 gal Red Wing; 6 gal salt glaze); John Deere folding school chair; 2 horse head hitching posts; neck yokes; scale beam; well pump; weather vane; water cans; planters; granite; oil cans (Wanda, Phillips, Sinclair, Champlin, Coop, Mobil, Nutrena, other); pop bottles; well pump; metal yard chairs; wood pulleys; coffee & tobacco tins; wood pulleys; cream cans; beer bottles & cans; wood gun shipping box; car tags; Assortment of tools; assortment of collectibles.

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DARRYL & DEBRA BLOCKER

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

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION For VINCENT BROWN ESTATE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 — 10:00 AM
AUCTION LOCATION: 627 Market Street, PORTIS, KS 67474

GUNS (SELL AT 12 PM): 1957 Eagle Cushman; (3) Remington Nylon Rifles
FURNITURE: Youth & high chairs; 4 stack bookcase w/desk; 4 stack Viking stack pack; spool cabinet; railroad desk; iron beds; hotel commode; nice sideboard; 38" C-roll desk; old beauty shop chair; tip up 45" oak table w/6 chairs; 52" S-roll desk; matching hutch & buffet; 7" church pew; oak file cabinet; hall seats; walnut pegged inlaid dresser; library table; Dillingham cedar chest; Hamilton 4 stack printers cabinet; rolling elec. jewelry showcase; sm. commode w/mirror; 5 pc. wicker set; organ stool; Eastlake lamp table; wardrobe & MORE; **ANTIQUES-PRIMITIVES-COLLECTIBLES:** Railroad cart; Pepsi Cola sign & lighted clock; Java Coffee Lighted Sign; Wildcat fireplace screen; Kero Lamps; 25 gal. Lg. Red Wing crock; light globes & fixtures; Resistol Western hat; 14" Fiesta platter; Precious Moments; set of Staffordshire; Little Orphan Annie Embroidery Kit; Barbie dolls & clothes; Ertl Toys MIP; **Toys:** Ice cream truck, game boards, 5020 JD Tractor, 8600 Ford Tractor, 640 Ford Tractor & others, Stallion 38 Guns & Holster, marbles inc.; Clays & Benningtons, Arcade Car & Piano, 1939 Walt Disney Snoopy Windup, Smith Miller Truck (Silver Streak), CI JD Tractor, The Model 8020 Tractor (Precision), Case 1200 SN# (boxed), Farmall Regular, Texaco Gas & Fire Trucks, Lg. Tonka Toys & more, Life magazines; knives; Little Golden Books; Boye needles, shuttles & bobbins case; Walter Wood CI Implement Seat & American Harrow CI Seat; Germany Magic Kit; Mood Indigo pcs.; Ford books; pcs. of coral, lava, petrified wood & clam, brachiopods & crinoid stems; Gaylord, KS. souvenir; Precision tool box; 1942 cardboard Coke Sign; CI Hog, Horses, Lobster, Share Cropper & Safe; double face banks & others; 2 gal. Waconda Springs water jug; DE Koffie Grinder; Hildreth Iron Works Success windmill weight; Foreign Currency & Coins; Mint & Proof Sets; Grapette clown & Jack Be Nimble banks; 2 Lg. Gilded picture frames; Horse Bit w/Bird; J&P Coats Thread Display; Stanley #2 Level; ½ gal. & Qt. Red Wing jars; #2 Lg. Wing Red Wing crock; spice cabinet; W.R. Case Knife set; Chesterfield Cig Display; lightning rods & balls; Snow Shoes; coffee jars; Coors Steins (lots in boxes); Comic Books; 45rpm records; Texaco Coin Bank Signs; Baseball Cards; Tins inc.: Redman canister (some full); Indian grinding rocks, War club, Bola stones, stone ax, AWLS, hoe, scrapers, Trade Pipes, stems for beads, Hematite used for rouge or paint & more; 2 rings of Sleigh Bells; spinning wheel; crock foot warmer; pitcher & bowl; Hurricane elec. lamp; Hull 8"x10 1/2" & 107-8" pcs.; Friendship quilt; porch posts & MORE. **MISC.:** May-tag washer; 24" & 30" flat screen TVs; & MORE! *Partial List!*

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eymoon suit; horsehair cloak/ gauntlets; Continental Fire Insurance sign; vintage baby clothes; vintage housewares; silver plate trays; sterling silver; vintage dessert ware; crocks; books 1st editions; song books; Campbell's Soup stand; trunks; travel books; darkroom equipment inc: Saunders Enlarger w/Dichroic Head power box & easel; various equipment & supplies; vintage college & high school year books; scrapbooks; postcard albums; Smith Corona typewriter; handmade wooden chair w/arms; miniature roll top desk; shearing rugs; Coca Cola trays; wooden folded table; brass bed; travel souvenirs; HILDA calendars; 42"x84" wooden dining table; wooden crates (apple, citrus, cherry, Chianti, other); vintage photos; artwork; **assortment of other items.**

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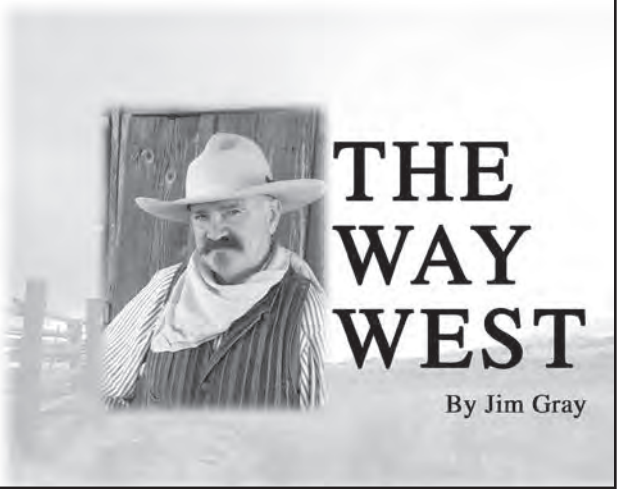
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When January First Was The Last of August

Kansas winters are often mild. Snow in recent years rarely stays on the ground for more than a couple of weeks. But then, this is Kansas, and just about the time one gets used to the weather a big change blows our way. I well remember a few long, cold winters, but when tallied over the years the bad winters have been rare.

One of Kansas' most severe winters swept across the western plains as settlers celebrated the New Year of 1886. In Dodge City

the festive atmosphere was enhanced with the certainty that the coming year would be as agreeable as the previous mild December had been. Little heed was taken of an ominous warning of a coming storm.

Railroad communications allowed for improved notification. A signal banner was raised over the court house warning stockmen of an impending cold wave approaching western Kansas. In spite of a slight drizzle, everyone chose to ignore the signal flag.

As clocks struck twelve midnight a pistol shot rang out. "...And then as if that had been the signal, a solid line on Front street and a not much less number across the dead line (railroad tracks) let loose with guns, pistols, fire crackers and everything that would make a noise... representing the report of a fair-sized battle, and waking everybody within the city limits, who realized that the glad new year had come without cause of a reasonable doubt. The hilarity of the occasion lasted until late in the night, or rather early in the morning..."

Morning brought the realization that a full-scale blizzard had set in. Temperatures plummeted to eighteen below zero as

sixty-mile-per-hour winds wailed over the frozen prairie. Cattle drifted with the storm as the relentless winds carried drifts of snow before them. Many an unfortunate animal froze in its tracks.

Three torturous days of brutal cold, wind, and snow finally came to an end as winds died, and skies cleared. Folks began to dig out. The deceptively warm day lured farmers away from home to check on neighbors. Cowboys set out in search of drifting stock. But cruel irony held one last card in this hand of death and destruction. The storm returned with a vengeance and as Lewis Nordyke wrote in *The Great Roundup*, "Any number of leather-lunged, six-gun banging cowpokes couldn't turn a herd when the crazed animals struck their blizzard gait... many an old boy mounted the pale horse in that storm."

August Johnson was one of those "old boys" that didn't survive the storm. Johnson was believed to be a line rider for the Smoky Hill Cattle Pool, an early-day version of a modern grazing association. Several ranching operations "pooled" their resources of cowboys, supplies, and know-how to graze their herds together on a common range. The

Smoky Hill Cattle Pool straddled the Smoky Hill River for thirty miles. The range extended approximately twelve miles each way north and south of the river.

The news of August Johnson's death traveled rapidly over the range. It was said that he had perished on Salt Creek while attempting to light a fire to warm himself from the blizzard. The word on the range was that "January first was the last of August."

As it turned out August Johnson was not a line rider for the pool. And like so many rumors that were passed from camp to camp his story may have been confused with another August Johnson who had been killed July 3, 1882.

The August Johnson of '82 was a well-known cattleman killed by a bolt of lightning as he was riding with trail-drivers Mark and Gus Withers south of Dodge City. Johnson's hat was torn to pieces. His undershirt was set on fire. A gold shirt stud set with a diamond was melted and the diamond was never found. Johnson was dead before he hit the ground. Gus Withers lost an eye, but his brother Mark survived with only the plush being burned off the top of his hat. Cowboys never for-

got the day with a saying that spread over cow country; "The 3rd of July in '82 was the last of August."

From the similar reaction to their deaths, it is easy to see how the story of August Johnson being killed in the blizzard of 1886 became intermingled with the other August Johnson who was killed by lightning in 1882. The true story of the man who froze to death in 1886 was actually well known to settlers and cowboys alike and was later recorded in the newspaper column "*Pioneer Remembrances*," by Mildred Cass Beason. Her columns were compiled and reprinted as a collection under the same name, *Pioneer Remembrances*, by the Gove County Historical Society in 1986. Beason published a letter from D. P. Snyder, of Evans, Colorado, dated September 1, 1938. Snyder was with August Johnson when he died and took the opportunity to "set the record straight." There was more to be told about the terrifying January storm that was the last of August on The Way West.

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

WEANED/VACC. SALE Starting at 10 AM

120 black steers & heifers, 600-750, home raised, weaned November 1; 60 black steers & heifers, 650-800, weaned, vaccinated; 15 black/bwf steers & heifers, 600-700 long time weaned; 62 black/char steers, 900-925, no sort; 9 black steers & heifers, 500-600 60 days weaned, 2 rounds vaccinations; 80 black heifers, 500, home raised, long time weaned, green; 150 steers & heifers, 600-800, home raised, weaned November 1, running on rye; 65 steers & heifers, 600-750, home raised, long time weaned, open, spring vaccinations; 70 mostly black steers, 700, no sort; 65 mostly black steers, 800, no sort; 450 black heifers, 600-850, Cow Camp sired, weaned November 1; 70 mostly black steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round fall vaccinations, open; 70 steers & heifers, 500-700, 2 round vaccinations, long time weaned; 250 black steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 63 black & red steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 7 steers, 650-750, long time weaned, home raised, 2 round vaccinations, bunk broke; 95 black/char steers & heifers, 550-650, home raised, long time weaned, 3 round vaccinations, open; 39 red & black steers & heifers, 550-650, home raised, long time weaned, 3 round vaccinations, open; 11 red & black steers & heifers, 550-650, home raised, long time weaned, 3 round vaccinations, open; 100 steers & heifers, 550-800, long time weaned, vaccinated; 63 charX steers, 900-925, no sort, off 2 ranches; 70 black steers & heifers, 700-850, home raised, long time weaned, vaccinated; 15 steers & heifers, 700, 45 days weaned, 1 round vaccinations, hay fed; 120 black steers & heifers, 350-500, home raised, 60 days weaned, vaccinated, hay fed; 100 black & red angus steers, 600-900, home raised, 2 round vaccinations, November 10 weaned, red angus certified; 35 pure bred angus steers, 700-900, home raised, 2 round vaccinations, weaned September; 55 black steers & heifers, 500-700, spring vaccinations, October 1 weaned, open; 60 steers, 850-875; 38 black steers & heifers, 500-600, 60+ days weaned, 2 round fall vaccinations, knife cut, poured, Garner Angus sired; 15 open heifers, 675, September weaned; 24 steers, 600-800, weaned, 2 round fall vaccinations, home raised; 15 steers & heifers, 600-700, 60 days weaned, home raised, vaccinated; 73 heifers, 600-800, home raised, long time weaned, off wheat; 25 steers, 2 round vaccinations, off cow; 65 heifers, 750-800, no sort; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.**

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EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

WEANED/VACC. SALE Starting at 10 AM

37 black steers & heifers, 350-500, home raised, long time weaned, running out; 15 black steers, 600-700; 18 black steers & heifers, 500-700, home raised, 45 days weaned, fall vaccinations, open; 14 black steers & heifers, 600-700; 54 black steers & heifers, 700-750, home raised 2 rounds vaccinations; 24 black heifers, 700-725, weaned October 1, fall vaccinations, poured, open; 16 mostly black steers & heifers, 425-500, 90 days weaned, fall vaccinations, McCurry Brothers sired; 23 red/black steers & heifers, 600-700, home raised, 2 rounds vaccinations, 60 days weaned; 50 black/bwf/red steers & heifers, 500-600, weaned 60 days, fall vaccinations, wormed; 15 black steers & heifers, 600, weaned September 1, 2 round fall vaccinations, Garner Angus sired, bunk broke, knife cut; 50 black/bwf steers & heifers, 600-700, long time weaned, 2 round fall vaccinations, running out, green; 45 black steers, 550-600, 85 days weaned; 25 black steers & heifers, 600-750, October weaned, fall vaccinations, home raised; 200 black steers & heifers, 550-700, Irvine sired; 120 black steers & heifers, 550-700, hay fed; 250 black/charX, 450-750, weaned September 1; 55 black steers, 500-700, home raised, long time weaned, fall vaccinations; 120 mostly black steers & heifers, 600-700, home raised, fall vaccinations, long time weaned, sim/angus sired; 45 char steers & heifers, 650-850, home raised, fall vaccinations, October weaned; 130 black steers & heifers, 600-800; 145 black/bwf steers & heifers, 500-700; 20 black steers, 800-850, 60 days weaned, 2 rounds vaccinations; 100 black steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, 2 rounds vaccinations, 60 days weaned; 115 black/char steers & heifers, 650-800, home raised; 120 char/angusX steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, October 25 wean; 90 steers, 700; 20 heifers, 700; 55 blacks steers & heifers, 500; 65 steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, 120 days weaned, 3 rounds vaccinations; 100 steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, 120 days weaned, 3 rounds vaccinations; 30 steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, 120 days weaned, 3 rounds vaccinations; 40 steers & heifers, 500-750; 40 steers & heifers, 400-700; 60 blacks steers & heifers, 600-750, weaned November 1st, fall vaccinations, open; 320 char/angusX steers & heifers, 70-850, home raised, weaned October 15th; 20 heifers, 750; 61 black sim angus steers & heifers, 650-750, home raised, vaccinated; 175 black steers & heifers, 650-850; 140 black sim angus steers & heifers, 500-700, home raised, weaned September 5th, 2 round vaccinations, knife cut, hay fed; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.**

Wishing Everyone a Happy & Prosperous New Year!


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