



Tom and Carolyn Perrier are shown surrounded by their children and grandchildren. The Perrier family will be honored as the 2023 Stockman of the Year by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) at the annual Stockmen's Dinner on March 2 in Manhattan.

Tom Perrier Family named 2023 Stockman of the Year

The Tom Perrier family will be recognized Thursday, March 2 as the 2023 Stockman of the Year. The award is presented annually by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) at the annual Stockmen's Dinner that kicks off at 6 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center.

Tom and his wife, Carolyn (Graham) Perrier, are fourth-generation ranchers in the Flint Hills. They were instrumental in implementing technologies such as performance recordkeeping, artificial insemination, expected progeny difference (EPD) use and ultrasound evaluation since their return from military service in 1969.

As confusing as it appears, the names "Dale" and "Banks" are nowhere in the Perrier family pedigree. Robert and Alice Loy and their first three children homesteaded a farm three miles northwest of Eureka, in 1867 and named

their farm "Dalebanks" — the same name of their ancestral farm and region in their homeland of England.

Just like three generations of ancestors, Tom and Carolyn have always believed in giving back to their community and industry through service in various organizations. Carolyn has served and led her PEO Chapter, the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation, Upper Fall River Jayhawkers 4-H Club, the Greenwood Preservation Society, Greenwood County Cattlewomen, Entre Nous, Music Club and the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Tom served as Kansas Angus Association president; additionally he served as a board member of the Greenwood County Fair Association, Eureka USD 389 School Board, Greenwood County Cattlemen's Association, Greenwood County Farm Bureau, Kansas Livestock Association and the Fall

River Watershed District. He also served two terms on the American Angus Association board of directors. Their children have always been the true priority, and they are very proud of each of them.

Matt and Amy (Teagarden) Perrier and their children — Ava, Lyle, Hannah, Henry and Hope — live on the ranch. Amy is a part-time physical therapist, working in the local school, hospital and rehabilitation clinic. She also advocates for the beef community through the Greenwood County Cattlewomen social media platforms, in addition to her full-time roles as ranch wife and mother. In addition to his managerial duties at Dalebanks, Matt recently finished his term as president of the Beef Improvement Federation, is a past president of the Kansas Livestock Association, Greenwood County Farm Bureau and the Green-

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Legendary K-Stater John K. Vanier passes away

John K. "Jack" Vanier, 94, passed away Friday, February 10, 2023. Following is an obituary from his family and statements from Kansas State University leadership.

From the Vanier family: To call Jack Vanier a founding father of a bygone rural Kansas culture would be three things at once.

An understatement, a compliment and a chance for Jack to respond in his characteristic unassuming nature — accompanied by that brilliant smile — that he was just doing what came naturally.

In his self-effacing, low-key way, it would also offer a golden opportunity for Jack to take issue with the "bygone" sentiment.

Soft-spoken and successful. Kind and productive. Reliable and generous.

If someone were to ask, "What does it mean to be called 'the salt of the Earth?'" one would only need to spend a few minutes talking about Jack Vanier to get a deep and meaningful sense.

Jack grew up on the bedrock of honesty. He came of age with a work ethic. Integrity drove his success in business. With his bride, Donna, he raised a family on faith. Jack Vanier did not struggle with a greater cosmic meaning of why he was here, and that's what made him such a good husband, father and grandfather, rancher and businessman. That's what made him such a good friend.

He loved his neighbor and walked humbly. His sense of humor put you at ease as soon as you encountered him. Jack Vanier was fun to be around.

Born in Salina, Kansas,



to John J. "J.J." and Lesta Vanier, Jack operated the CK Ranch in Brookville, Kansas — once the largest producer of purebred Hereford cattle in the country. The family also held ranching interests in Wyoming, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Jack offered his gift of service and leadership capacity to a host of organizations, including the American Hereford Association, the Kansas Livestock Association, the Boards of Directors of the National Cattlemen's Association and Archer Daniels Midland — roles in which he provided wisdom and insight, but mostly what he would have described as common sense.

And while much has changed in Kansas and the world during Jack Vanier's time on this planet, his passing is not the end of an

era. Jack's legacy is with us today. You see it in Mary's compassion for her community, in Marty's brilliant smile and intellect, in the life lessons John learned from his father. In Jack's grandchildren, you don't have to look very far to see a direct reflection of his light and love.

You see it in the promise of entire generations touched by Jack's benevolence through scholarship, mentorship, and stewardship.

Jack lives on in the thoughts and memories found uppermost in the minds and the warm feelings which lie deep in the hearts of all who encountered him. When we think of Jack Vanier, it is what comes naturally.

His contributions to agriculture, the livestock industry, to Kansas State

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Kansas State University receives \$25 million Challenge Grant Award

Kansas State University recently announced that the university was awarded \$25 million through the State of Kansas' Department of Commerce Challenge Grant program for an infrastructure project in the College of Agriculture.

The Kansas Legislature challenged all state educational institutions to leverage private monies with the state funds at a three-to-one ratio for facilities construction and renovation projects. The focus of the projects would be to attract and retain students and build the state workforce through increased enrollment. K-State met the challenge by raising \$75 million in private donations to compete for the maximum available single award of \$25 million.

In December, K-State met the private funding threshold. These funds, along with the challenge grant funding and an initial legislative appropriation of \$25 million during the 2022 session, will net \$125 million for agricultural infrastructure improvements.

This infrastructure project will provide both new and improved teaching spaces for more than half of all the students taking courses in the College of Agriculture and will eliminate approximately \$56 million in deferred facilities maintenance.

The College of Agriculture infrastructure project

is the first for the university's new interdisciplinary approach to develop innovative solutions and educate and train the future leaders who will move agriculture forward, benefiting Kansas academically and economically. These buildings will position K-State to attract students and faculty focused on expanding next-generation research while working more closely with private industry.

"I want to say thank you to every donor, from the individual or family to our agricultural industry partners, for their generous gifts, and I want to express my gratitude to Governor Kelly, Secretary Toland and the Kansas State Legislature for their award and belief in the future of the university and the state's agricultural industry," said Ernie Minton, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension.

"These innovation centers are the beginning of what we expect to be a long-term, sustained initiative to improve and enhance Kansas' signature industry, of which the challenges are global and complex. At K-State, we do not shy away from the big issues," said Minton. "The College of Agriculture's vision is, and will continue to be, collaborating with partners to solve these challenges to positively impact the world."

"We are so thankful for the generosity and support of our state, industry and commodity leaders, alumni, friends and donors who are united by our vision to lay this incredible foundation for economic growth and job creation for Kansas," said Richard Linton, president of Kansas State University. "This investment in the university greatly contributes to how we will be able to prepare our students and faculty with the most innovative skills and tools needed to succeed and lead within this critical industry — and it is an investment that will benefit the people of Kansas and beyond for decades to come."

"I want to thank the coordinated leadership provided by the university, the college and the KSU Foundation for their work to meet and achieve the state's challenge grant expectations," added Linton. "This is a giant step forward in addressing an ambitious infrastructure project for our globally recognized College of Agriculture," said Greg Willems, president and CEO of the KSU Foundation. "We want to thank our generous donors who believe in this project and helped us achieve this match."

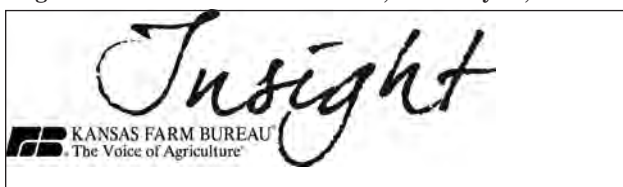
Agriculture drives the economy in Kansas, generating about \$76 billion annually. Approximately 14% of the state's workforce supports the agricultural industry, and according to a recent Kansas Department of Agriculture survey, almost a third of respondents expect the workforce to increase and plan to add additional full-time employees.

Construction and renovations will begin on the Kansas State campus in mid-2023, with all phases completed by the end of the year 2026.



Pictured above and below are artist's renderings of the planned improvement on the campus of Kansas State University.





The Rhythm of Calving

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Calving season started on our farm last week with the arrival of three babies. For roughly two months our cows and their newborn babies will be the center of all our attention.

This season has become one of my favorite parts of the farm year. Even though I grew up on a dairy farm, calves arriving in this small window was new to me as our dairy calving was staggered

throughout the year.

Calving is a time of long hours, spontaneous burst of intensity and nights filled with worry. But it is also filled with stretches of quiet serenity, the wonder of new life and a rhythm of routine that fills me with peace and gratitude.

The births are unpredictable — a little bit like knowing you are going to have a house guest but not knowing when they will arrive. We are nervous the calves will show up in

the middle of the night or when you are away from home, but we can't spend all of our time watching and waiting. Day or night, the births often happen without issue and a cow with good maternal instinct will have the young one clean, feeding and walking around the pasture within 24 hours.

Occasionally things don't go as planned and we have to step-in and help things along. This is most likely to happen for those giving birth for the first time or on very cold nights. When we help by pulling a calf, warming them inside or occasionally feeding them colostrum, there is a lot of worry and hope that the calf will make it. Knowing that the natural course of calving means some won't survive

doesn't ever make it easier to lose one.

Like a doctor making rounds, farmers ride through their pastures multiples times a day during calving season. We are on the lookout for dark patches in the grass that might be a calf, cows with twitchy tails or away from the herd, which are both signs they are close to delivery. This exercise of checking the herd doubles as the practice of mindfulness, the therapeutic technique of focusing on the present to relieve stress, because all of our energy is spent paying attention to the things happening in the moment.

The views during this season are unforgettable, too. I have always thought Kansas is at its height of beauty on warm February

days when the sun is shining and cows are grazing on wheat that has greened up.

Evening checks are always my favorite. The "how was your day," conversation on the drive to the field fades away as we start the check and need to focus on the task at hand. As the days have started to get a little longer, the fading sun creates a picturesque world framed by the most beautiful colors the sky can paint. A feeling of peace and wonder settles in during these marvelous moments.

Every day the work is the same: look for new calves to tag, check on cows who are getting close to delivery, check the water and roll out a feed bale if needed. These are simple steps of a routine

that never feel that way; each day is challenging and gratifying in its own ways.

The weeks of calving season are filled with hard work, lots of stress and little sleep. They also generate enough beauty and contentment to fuel my soul for the coming year.

If you don't have calves of your own, when you next pass a field of cows grazing stop to enjoy a moment of beauty and remember the farmers who keep watch at all hours' day and night.

"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.

Improvement in farmer sentiment carries over into 2023

Following a sharp increase to close out 2022, the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer had only a modest increase in January, up 4 points to a reading of 130. The rise in sentiment was primarily attributable to better expectations for the future, as the Future Expectations Index improved by 5 points to 127. The Index of Current Conditions rose only 1 point to a reading of 136. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted from January 16-20.

"Although producers were a bit more optimistic about the future this month, they again reported expectations for tighter margins in 2023 than in 2022," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal

investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Farm Capital Investment Index was up 2 points to 42; however, it remained 7% lower than a year earlier. Just over seven out of ten survey respondents said they think now is a bad time to make large investments in their farm operation. Among respondents who felt now is a bad time, 39% said high prices for machinery and new construction, 25% said rising interest rates, and 12% said uncertainty about farm profitability was the primary reason. Interest rates are becoming a bigger concern for farmers. As recently as November, just 19% percent of farmers in the monthly barometer survey chose rising interest rates as a key factor impacting their perspective on in-

vestments.

Each January, starting in 2020, the survey has included a question asking respondents if they expect to have a larger operating loan compared to the previous year and, if so, the reason for the larger loan. In January, 22% of respondents said they expect to have a larger 2023 farm operating loan compared to 2022, down from 27% last year. Among respondents who expect to have a larger operating loan, 80% indicated it was due to increased input costs, while only 5% said it was due to carrying over unpaid operating debt, which according to Mintert is important to note. The percentage of respondents who attribute their need for a larger loan to unpaid operating debt has fallen sharply since the question was first posed in January 2020. At that time,

just over one-third of producers who anticipated needing a larger loan said it was because of unpaid operating debt. That percentage fell to 20% in 2021 and to 13% in 2022 before declining again to just 5% in 2023.

"The sharp decline in the percentage of producers expecting to carry over unpaid operating debt is important," said Mintert. "It supports the idea that the vast majority of producers are entering 2023 in a strong financial position despite the rise in production costs."

Producers' expectations for short-term and long-term farmland values were mixed in January. The Short-Term Farmland Index fell 4 points to

120, down 15% when compared to one year earlier, as more producers said they expect values to hold steady over the coming year instead of increasing. The Long-Term Farmland Values Index rose slightly to 142 from 140 in December. Over the last year, the long-term index has declined just 2%, as producers continue to retain a more optimistic long-term than short-term view of farmland values. Among producers who expect to see farmland values rise over the next five years, the top reasons for their optimism continue to be non-farm investor demand (63%) and inflation (23%).

The survey also included questions about leasing farmland for carbon

sequestration, and U.S. farmers continue to express interest in carbon contracts. During the first quarter of 2021, approximately 7% of survey respondents said they had engaged in discussions with companies about being paid to capture carbon on their farms. When we repeated the question about carbon payments in August 2022 and again in January 2023, the percentage of producers who said they had discussed a carbon contract with a company rose modestly to 9% of respondents. However, relatively few farm operators have chosen to sign a carbon contract, with just 1% of January's survey respondents indicating they had signed a contract.



We started spring calving season this past week, and often it is the small victories that mean the most. I say small victories because it seems like I never have any major victories when it comes to calving. It also seems like it takes a few calves to get into that calving season groove where we operate like a well-oiled machine. Okay, we aren't exactly a well-oiled machine; maybe a machine with a couple of bearings going out but still operating. The first day of calving season was like that.

Four calves on the first day, and five days before the chart said they would. I guess no one consulted the cows about the chart, because we didn't just have one early, we had four in one day. We were a little rusty when it came to catching the first calf and then there was the second calf. I went to the place where I had last seen mother and baby and while I was driving there, mama came steaming in like the house was on fire. I started looking for the calf, curled up in the tall grass and I saw nothing. Mama cow was not settling down, running frantically back and forth and acting like she did not know where her baby was. I had a hunch we were being played and decided to move on to the next calf and give the cow time to let her guard down and lead us to her baby.

The next calf saw me kick my shower caddy that I keep medicine, tags, syringes, buttons, and castrator bands. Of course, being the first day of calving it was fully loaded and ready to go. Stuff went everywhere. The big stuff like the medicine bottles, tagger, bander, tags and pliers weren't hard to find and pick up but the buttons and the bands took forever. To make matter worse, I got grass and other stuff in my formerly clean shower/calving tagger caddy. I knew better than to set it down where I or the cow could step in it, but I was a little rusty.

We got the calf tagged and went back to see if the previous cow had let her guard down. We found her with the main bunch of cows frantically going around looking for junior. She kept coming back to the first calf we had tagged, and that calf's mother assured her that she was not about to share custody. I was starting to get concerned, I had just

talked to a neighbor about how bad the coyotes were and how they could run a new calf off. The cow was acting like she did not have any idea where her calf was and she couldn't be that good of an actress or so I thought.

We went back to the original scene of the crime and started widening our search out. I even gave a lost calf bawl; I am not as good as Dad was at this but in usually works. It sort of worked this time, the cow came back running and bawling and acting like she had no idea where her baby was. I had just about decided she wasn't acting and was getting worried myself. Worrying about the calf going through the fence, we started working up the fence.

Well, she stayed there until we got about 100 yards up the fence line and then here she came, bawling and running. I felt a little better, maybe we had gotten a little closer. Kind of like when I was a kid looking for Easter eggs and Dad would tell me if I was hotter or colder. Even with her losing her nerve, we still could not find the calf. I knew we were close, or at least I hoped we were close. A foot search revealed nothing and again I started to worry about a baby calf, spooked and on the wrong side of the fence.

The decision was made to back off, regroup and come up with Plan B. That was either going to be to go on the other side of the fence and look, or to go home and hope the calf showed up. I didn't like either of those options. Then it occurred to me, the cow kept stealing nervous glances back to the lone cedar tree in the fence. She had just tipped her hand. Cautiously we made our way up to the tree, as we did the cow took off in another direction.

Sure enough, there was the calf, laying under the tree, up against the trunk. Mama, knowing the gig was up, came back and watched as we tagged and vaccinated a really nice heifer calf. Hopefully this hiding thing is not genetic although I know it is. In the end, I got my calf tagged and worked. It was Glenn I, Cows o. I am sure that score will swing to the cows as calving season goes on but, like I said, you have to enjoy the little victories.

2022 was another record year for U.S. farm exports

The American agricultural sector posted its best export year ever in 2022 with international sales of U.S. farm and food products reaching \$196 billion, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced. Final 2022 trade data released by the Commerce Department shows that U.S. agricultural exports increased 11 percent, or \$19.5 billion, from the previous record set in 2021.

"This second consecutive year of record-setting agricultural exports, coupled with a record \$160.5 billion in net farm income in 2022, demonstrates the success of the Biden-Harris administration's efforts to create new and better markets for America's agricultural producers and businesses," Vilsack said. "We're strengthening relationships with our trading partners and holding those partners accountable for their commitments. We're making historic investments in infrastructure to strengthen supply chains and prevent market disruptions. We're knocking down trade barriers that hamper U.S. producers' access to key markets. And we're continuing to invest in export market development programs, partnering with industry to bring high-quality, cost-competitive U.S. products to consumers around the world."

The value of sales increased in all of the United States' top 10 agricultural export markets — China, Mexico, Canada, Japan, the European Union, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Colombia and Vietnam, with sales in seven of the ten markets (China, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and Colombia) setting new records.

"While we remain committed to our established customer base around the world, we are also setting our sights on new growth opportunities in places like Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Overall, there were 30 markets where U.S. exports exceeded \$1 billion in 2022 — an increase from 27 markets in 2021 — demonstrating the broad global appeal of American-grown products," Vilsack noted.

The top commodities exported by the United States in 2022 were soybeans, corn, beef, dairy, cotton and tree nuts, which together comprised more than half of U.S. agricultural export value. International sales of many U.S. products — including soybeans, cotton, dairy, beef, ethanol, poultry, soybean meal, distilled spirits and distillers' grains — reached record values.

"At the end of the day, agricultural trade is all about opportunities — for America's farmers and ranchers, for our rural communities, for the U.S. economy and for our global customers. We extend our gratitude to the Americans across the agricultural industry who create and support those opportunities by growing, processing, selling and shipping our farm and food products to the world," Vilsack said.



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wood County Cattlemen's Associations. He currently serves on the Kansas Health Institute and hosts a bi-weekly podcast, Practically Ranching.

Michele and Russ Callejo and children Luke and Alice reside

in Roseville, California. Russ is deputy regional director for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Michele, who served in a variety of research roles in both the animal and human pharmaceutical fields, now cares for their children and volunteers

with numerous community organizations in the area.

Mark and Kelly Perrier and their children Lauren and Drew live in Wichita. Mark is senior financial analyst for Rabo AgriFinance and Kelly is director of deli and retail

channel grocery sales for Cargill.

To learn more about the Tom Perrier Family and their leadership in the industry, register for the Stockmen's Dinner by February 23. The cost to attend is \$50/person. Registration is available online at asi.ksu.edu/stockmensdinner or by contacting 785-532-1267.

Plan to stay the night in Manhattan and attend

the 109th Annual K-State Cattlemen's Day on Friday. Hosted in Weber Hall, the day will start at 8 a.m. with refreshments, educational exhibits and a commercial trade show. The program begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Visit KSUBeef.org for a detailed schedule and registration information. Early registration deadline for Cattlemen's Day is February 24.

Following Cattlemen's Day, the 46th Annual Legacy Sale will begin at 4 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center. The offering includes 42 bulls, one elite Angus heifer, 14 fall-bred females, 21 commercial heifers and three AQHA ranch performance horses. To learn more about this year's offering and to request a sale catalog, visit asi.ksu.edu/legacysale

USDA releases WASDE Report

The United States Department of Agriculture recently released its February Crop Production and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates reports.

USDA raised domestic corn ending stocks by 25 million bushels (mb) to 1.267 billion bushels (bb). It also boosted soybean ending stocks for the 2022-23 marketing year to 225 mb, which is 15 mb higher than last month. USDA left Brazilian crop forecasts unchanged at 153 million metric tons (mmt) of soybean production and 125 mmt of corn. It trimmed Argentina's soybean crop estimate by 4.5 mmt to 41 mmt and its corn estimate by 5 mmt to 47 mmt.

USDA estimates for U.S. 2022-2023 wheat ending stocks were increased to 568 mb, below the pre-report estimate of 579 mb. USDA left wheat exports the same at 775 mb. The average U.S. farmgate price for wheat was pegged at \$9.00 per bushel, down from \$9.10 from the January report. USDA estimates world wheat production at 783.8 mmt, an increase from 781.31 mmt in January.

The report favored the cattle and beef markets. Beef production for 2023 was raised by 50 million pounds, as the first quarter of 2023 grew by 140 million

pounds from last month's projections, which more than offset the 90-million-pound decline projected for the second quarter of the year. The large production for the first quarter of 2023 stems from aggressive cow slaughter, while the reduction for the second quarter portrays tighter fed cattle supplies.

Price projections for steers in the first quarter

of 2023 gained \$1.00 to average \$158.00 from January's report, and the second quarter prices grew by \$2.00 from January's report to now be projected at \$159.00. Both the third and fourth quarters of the year remained steady at \$157 (third quarter) and \$162.00 (fourth quarter). Beef imports for 2023 grew by 25 million pounds, while exports remained steady.

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Chocolate Cream Cheese Frosting:
3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter, softened
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3 tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract


In a mixing bowl combine flour, sugar, baking cocoa, baking soda and salt. Add the water, oil, vanilla and vinegar; mix well (batter will be thin). Pour into a greased 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool completely.

For frosting, in a mixing bowl beat the cream cheese and butter. Add the confectioners' sugar, cocoa, salt, milk and vanilla; mix well. Spread over the cake. Store in the refrigerator. Yields: 12 to 15 servings.

Kellee George, Shawnee:

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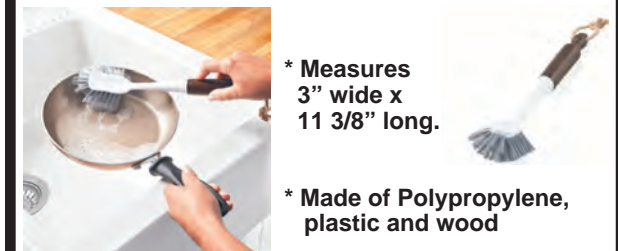
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2 tablespoons soy sauce
1/2 cup uncooked rice (not instant)
1 1/2 cups warm water
Chow Mein noodles
Brown hamburger and onion in a skillet. Mix in all other ingredients except Chow Mein noodles. Pour into casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees covered for 30 minutes then for 30 minutes uncovered. The last 4 minutes sprinkle with Chow Mein noodles.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
OLD-FASHIONED RICE CUSTARD
1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice
4 cups milk, divided
1/4 cup butter
3 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

In the top of a double boiler combine rice and 2 cups milk. Cook, stirring occasionally, over boiling water until rice is tender and most of the milk has evaporated; about 45 minutes. Stir in butter. Beat eggs then blend in sugar, vanilla, salt and remaining milk. Stir into the hot rice mixture. Pour into lightly greased 2-quart casserole and top with nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until firm.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
CHOCOLATE CHERRY CAKE
1 package chocolate fudge cake mix
1 can cherry pie filling
2 eggs
1 teaspoon almond extract
Powdered sugar

Mix all ingredients (except powdered sugar) together. Pour into greased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until cake tests done. When cool sift powdered sugar over the top.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD COOKIES

- 1 cup butter
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- Dash of salt
- 1 1/2 cups flour

In a large mixing bowl cream butter until light and fluffy. Blend in remaining ingredients. Chill 1 hour. Drop by rounded teaspoon 2 inches apart onto greased cookie sheets. Bake at 300 degrees for about 20 minutes or until the cookies are set. Makes about 4 dozen.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
SAUSAGE SAUSAGE BAKE

- 1 pound Italian sausage, cut into 1/4-inch slices
 - 15-ounce jar spaghetti sauce
 - 8 ounces spaghetti, cooked & drained
 - 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 4-ounce package Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- In a skillet brown sausage. Drain. In a greased 2-quart baking dish combine sausage, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti and Parmesan cheese. Top with Mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.


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Baking With Sugarbuns
By Michele Drees
Birthdays And A Girl's Evening

It is currently Valentine's Day and as I sit down to write this, I am in disbelief of what this week brings and the continuous reminder that time never stops for you to catch up.

Today marks year sixty for the man who taught me what a good dad, husband, grandpa and partner are supposed to look like, and to top it off, he was the best dad a girl could ask for. He calls me "Dumb Dumb," and I call him "John John," but at the end of the day, he will always be dad. Regardless of how ridiculous I am being, I can always count on him to have my back.

Besides teaching me what a good man looks like, he also tried his hardest to teach me what he considered necessary life lessons. Things like changing oil, how to clean a garage, mow a yard, and so many others. Some of those lessons, I took and fully understood; others, like changing oil, I decided just were not meant for me and opted towards leaving that to the professionals.

If my general desire to playfully tease people bothers you, I would suggest you blame my dad. Growing up you knew you were on his good side if he teased you and/or gave you a nickname. While he may claim he does not love cats, I can assure you I got my love of all animals from him. From an incredibly young age, I always remember him treating any living (furry) creature with such kindness and compassion.

Most recently I can say my dad taught me how powerful a first look can be. My mom said he cried when I was born and while I clearly do not remember the day that I got married and the moments before that were spent on a first look with my dad. I came up behind him. He had told me he was not going to cry, actually saying, "You are Kyle's problem now," (all in good fun), but when I came up behind him and heard him snifle, I full-blown ugly cried. When he turned around, I saw the tears in his eyes and the pure love that he has always had for me. There were so many amazing things happening that day, but a first look with my dad was one of my favorites.

On the 16th we have another big birthday. Our sweet, sassy and incredibly loving Chloe turns five. I remember when her mom and dad brought her home and she made it quite clear I was not her favorite person. For her sister, I was always able to calm her cries and she would light up when I would walk into

a room. Chloe was not having it. More times than not, she would rather I leave her alone than to even consider looking in her general direction.

When she started talking, I would ask her if she liked me, and she would always tell me without hesitation that in fact she did not like me. No apologies ever, she owned her dislike for me, and I respected it. As the years have gone on, Chloe has been consistent in standing her ground and telling you exactly what she means.

Somewhere along the line she has decided I might not be as awful as she originally thought and has gone the complete opposite end of the spectrum and decided that she wants to cling to me if I am around. Now when we are together, she can be found saying the cutest things to me, one of my favorites being, "Boo Boo, I am attached to you, I will never lose you."

A few weekends ago, I was in Junction City, when I was offered the chance to take my two nieces out for a bit. We decided on dinner at La Fiesta while their parents were home cleaning for upcoming parties. As we drove to town, I asked the girls if we should invite Uncle Andy or Grandpa. Mika told me that would be the nice thing to do, but Chloe informed me that she wanted a girl's night, with just her, Mika and Boo Boo. Clearly the boys did not end up getting invited and we had the best time eating Mexican food and making a pit stop for ice cream before officially heading home for the evening.

I am not sure how we are already to five for Chloe or sixty for my dad, but I am forever in awe of the amazing people that they both are. Happy Birthday Dad, I hope sixty is filled with lots of cuddles from Lucy, baby cows, time on your bikes and laughter with all of us. And Happy Birthday, Chloe, I hope five is filled with lots of pandas, happy memories, grand adventures and spent surrounded by the many people who love you so dearly.

Michele grew up in Junction City and graduated from Kansas State University. She worked in the restaurant management field and then as an office manager for a company that manufactures oilfield products. She is currently the payroll manager at Washburn University. Her passion for blogging and food can be followed on Instagram: [boobsbrainsandbaking](https://www.instagram.com/boobsbrainsandbaking).

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Virtual Classes To Focus On Family Caregivers And Their Self-Care

By Teresa Hatfield, District Extension Agent, Family and Community Wellness

Most people will be a caregiver at some time in their lives. Sometimes we don't think of ourselves as caregivers when we take a meal to a neighbor or volunteer to take someone to the doctor's office or help pick up around the house. Who are our family caregivers in the U.S.?

- 53 million people provide unpaid care in the United States

- 42 million care for someone over the age of 50

- 11 million care for someone with dementia

- 24 hours is the average amount of care provided each week

- 50% care for a parent or in-law

Sometimes the toll on the caregiver becomes too much and too great. To take care of the person you are caring for, you need to be able to take care of yourself. When we are on an airplane, they always tell us that if we are traveling with young children, we first put on our oxygen masks and then help our children. It is the same with caregiving; you must

learn to care for yourself.

Caregivers experience much stress due to caregiving's emotional and physical challenges. Caregivers often find it challenging to take care of themselves. They are more likely to experience sleep loss, have poor eating habits, fail to get enough exercise, put off getting a routine checkup, are at greater risk of depression, and are more susceptible to illness. They are also at a greater risk of abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Caregivers have a 60% higher death rate than non-caregivers.

Caregivers need to overcome barriers to self-care before they see how important it is to take care of themselves. Personal attitudes and beliefs can get in the way of caregivers caring for themselves. Some report that they feel they are being selfish and that they are not the ones needing the care. They believe asking for help makes them a poor caregiver. Or, I promised Dad I would not put Mom in a nursing home. Failing to take care of yourself could lead to you being unable to be the best caregiver you

can be.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a program for family caregivers that builds the skills caregivers need to care for themselves as they provide care for others. Caregivers learn to reduce stress and understand the importance of self-care. Caregivers will fill their caregiver toolbox with self-care tools to reduce personal stress, change negative self-talk, communicate their needs to family and healthcare or service providers, communicate effectively in challenging situations, recognize the messages in the emotions, deal with complicated feelings, and make tough decisions.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a six-week class series that meets each week for 90 minutes. Class participants will also receive a copy of The Caregiver Helpbook.

Virtual classes begin Tuesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. The cost of the class is \$10. Please contact Teresa Hatfield at the Meadowlark Extension District to reserve your place in the class at 785-364-4125 or thatfield@ksu.edu.

Popular Walk Kansas Program Gears Up For 2023 Challenge Focuses On Physical Activity, Healthy Eating

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research & Extension News Service

MANHATTAN – Two-thirds of chronic diseases – diabetes, heart disease, arthritis and others – can be prevented by lifestyle changes.

So, each year about this time, Sharolyn Jackson gets pretty excited about a program that rallies thousands of Kansans and their friends to have a little fun and improve their mental and physical health.

Jackson is the state leader of K-State Research and Extension's popular Walk Kansas program, a team-based challenge that encourages people to walk, jog, run, bike, swim or do whatever they need to do to live more healthfully. The program routinely draws more than 7,000 participants.

"Walk Kansas was founded on the principle that if teams of six people would meet the minimum guidelines for physical activity over eight weeks, they could collectively and virtually walk across the state of Kansas, which is 423 miles," Jackson said.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each week – or about 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

"Moderate activity can be walking or exercising or being active at a pace to where you can barely carry on a conversation, but not able to sing," Jackson said. "Vigorous activity is where you can maybe say a few words, but you might have to stop and catch your breath if you want to say a sentence."

The 2023 Walk Kansas program kicks off on March 26 and will run eight weeks through May 20. More information and registration is available online beginning Mar 1. The cost per person is \$10; t-shirts can be purchased for a separate charge.

"It's a very adaptable program," Jackson said. "As a team, if you participate in Walk Kansas, you can choose between different challenges. Challenge One will take you down that 423 miles through the Eight Wonders of Kansas, and requires each team member to exercise 150 minutes per week.

"If the team decides they want to work a little harder, Challenge Two requires four hours of activity per week, per person. And Challenge Three is for those teams where team members will aim for six hours of activity per week, per person."

There is also a solo challenge for those who don't have a team, or just prefer to take on the challenge themselves. Participants do not have to live in Kansas to be on a team or to do the solo challenge.

In addition to tracking their minutes of activity – which are then translated into "miles" of activity – participants are asked to report the number of cups of fruits and vegetables and water they consume weekly. Participants are also encouraged to add in some type of strength exercise.

"We also offer tips and instruction through our weekly newsletters and the Walk Kansas website," Jackson said.

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From April 2 through May 14 – Weeks 2 through 7 of Walk Kansas – Jackson said organizers will offer a weekly webinar on healthy eating, focusing on the Mediterranean diet. The course is called "Med" rather than "meds," to reflect the goal to help participants learn ways to potentially replace medications with healthy eating.

"Walk Kansas, holistically, really is a chronic disease prevention program, or a way to delay the onset of chronic disease," Jackson said. "For those already with a chronic disease, they can learn ways to manage it better through physical activity and healthy eating.

"We often think about (diseases) that might be genetic, or it's just your family history. But the reality is that two-thirds of chronic diseases can be prevented or delayed by these lifestyle changes."

More information about Walk Kansas also is available at local Extension offices in Kansas.

Links used in this article: Walk Kansas, <https://www.walkkansan.org>

K-State Research and Extension statewide offices, <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/statewide-locations.html>

Prairie Gal Cookin'

Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

Cast Iron Skillet Steak

By Ashleigh Krispense

For many farmers and ranchers around the area, beef often plays a large role in our cooking. I often find myself stuck in a bit of a cooking rut as I make the same things over and over. This recipe has mixed things up for us, as we've found a new way to enjoy steak and work on clearing out some room in the freezer!

While there are plenty of opinions on how steak should be cooked, we enjoy ours with very little to any pink, and somewhat tender. Just about everything in this recipe can be tweaked to suit your own personal preference, so if you prefer a little less garlic or bit more pink in the center, feel free to switch it up! As far as which cut of meat can be used, I will use a variety of steaks and have even done it with tenderized steak as well.

This recipe originated from Kent Rollin's Porterhouse Steak with Herb Butter recipe, which can be found on his website at www.kentrollins.com/porterhouse-cast-iron-steak/

You'll Need:
2 steaks, thawed (I used Ribeye steaks this time)
2 tablespoons salted butter
4 tablespoons olive oil
2-3 tablespoons minced garlic

1/2 to 1 teaspoon rosemary leaves
1/2 to 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
Cracked black pepper
Pink Himalayan sea salt
1 onion, sliced thin



Start by melting the butter in a cast iron skillet over medium heat. Once melted, add 2 tablespoons olive oil and mix together.



Gently place thawed steaks into the skillet, crack some black pepper and salt over them, and then sear on each side until just browned (could be 3-4 minutes depending on your stove).



Once steaks are browned on each side, turn the heat down slightly to a bit below



medium and add the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil, minced garlic, rosemary, and thyme leaves.

While they cook, spoon the butter and herb mixture back over the tops of the steaks. Cook until they reach your desired amount of pink in the center.

While it might sound like way too long to some, we like them more tender, so I will even leave them simmer (so long as there is plenty of liquid) for at least 20 some minutes, checking back on the tenderness and to spoon butter over them and make sure they're not burned.

Once the steaks are almost finished cooking or even after they've been removed from the skillet, slice an onion and add it to the remaining juices. Sauté and serve alongside the steak.

If you have extra time, loaded mashed potatoes (with plenty of butter, sour cream, cream cheese, and herbs), dinner rolls, and some herbed butter for the tops of the steak can make for a wonderful dinner. Enjoy!

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.

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Legendary K-Stater John K. Vanier passes away

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University and to all the organizations and people he touched are many and significant. But it was by living his life the way he did that marks the profound contribution Jack Vanier made to our greater society, the rural culture and a way of life worth preserving, that will stand out.

Not because he wanted it to, but because he didn't.

Preceded in death by his wife, Donna Lindsey Vanier, Jack is survived by sister Joyce Hale and brother Jerry Vanier of Kansas City, daughter Mary Vanier of Manhattan, daughter Dr. Marty Vanier of Manhattan and her stepchildren Katie (Kevin)

Buehler, Kirsten (Nathan) Beemer and Kathy Krause, and son John K. Vanier II of Salina, his daughters Lauren Vanier and Sarah (Ryan) Geiger, John's wife, Kim, and children Pallie (Bryan) Swartz, Landon Koehn, Jess Koehn, and Ty Koehn, Jake Mooney and Norah Mooney.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Christ Cathedral in Salina, Kansas. The family suggests memorial gifts to any of the following organizations: the Salina Community Foundation and the Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund in Manhattan. Memorials may be sent in care of Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. 8th Street, Salina, Kansas 67401.

K-State leaders offered their condolences to the Vanier family.

University President Richard Linton:

"Jack was part of the very fabric of Kansas State University. His vision, leadership, advocacy and philanthropy for both Kansas agriculture and our great university goes unmatched. The Vanier family has built an incredible legacy with remarkable impact for so many, and Jack's vision laid that foundation. He will be greatly missed by so many, and our hearts go out to his family during this difficult time."

Amy Button Renz, president and chief executive officer of the K-State

Alumni Association:

"Jack Vanier was everything a K-Stater should be. He was generous, quick-witted and had a strong desire to help others. When I joined the staff at the Alumni Association, Jack was a member of the Board of Directors. It was an honor to learn from him, and I was blessed with his lifelong friendship. Jack and Donna were avid supporters of many areas at K-State, including the Wildcat Statue at the K-State Alumni Center. The statue has become a K-State icon and tradition, and it would not have been possible without their generosity. My thoughts and prayers are with John, Marty, Mary and the entire Vanier family."

Gene Taylor, director of K-State athletics:

"We are deeply saddened by the loss Jack Vanier, a true K-Stater

who impacted so greatly our university, athletics program and the entire state of Kansas. Jack was an amazing and humble person who had a deep love for the Wildcats, and he and Donna's foresight, belief and incredible generosity will forever link the Vanier family name to K-State Athletics. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Marty, John and the entire Vanier family during this emotional time."

Greg Willems, president and chief executive officer of the KSU Foundation:

"Jack Vanier had a larger-than-life personality and was revered for his integrity and loyalty to his family and friends. His lifelong involvement and generosity supporting K-State has been truly remarkable. Jack's humble leadership and unwaver-

ing support was treasured by countless leaders at K-State, and we will miss him greatly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Vanier family on the passing of their patriarch and our magnificent friend."

Also expressing condolences was Senator Jerry Moran. "Jack and Donna were involved in nearly every good project that benefited Salina and central Kansas," he said. "They made everyone feel comfortable in their presence and helped a young guy from Hays become their congressman and later senator. If you were to look for a role model citizen, copy Jack. His legacy will live on in the K-State students who study agriculture and the Kansas farms and ranches that will continue to be passed from generation to generation thanks to Jack's contributions to our state."



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Tow the Line

My buddy bought an old truck.

A 1947 Chevy that had begun to be built into a "street rod." The fella he had bought it from had already modified it enough that a 327 V-8 filled the engine compartment. The engine ran, but there was no drive shaft connecting the tranny to the Pontiac rear end that was perched under her hind quarters. That would take a custom build. So we towed her home.

Now, we wouldn't have thought to actually rent a tow bar, or utilize such modernity if we had actually considered such a thing. Safety? Nah, we're only gonna be doing 30 to 40 miles per hour anyway, and we already had access to plenty of log chains since we were, after all, professional loggers.

Once Marty paid the fella for the project, which did conjure up images of a custom layered paint job, chop top, and chrome stacks, he asked for a bill of sale and we backed my beige 1968 Ford Custom short bed up to the ole girl and pulled that eight-foot piece of three-inch pipe out of the back and started running that log chain through. The pipe, you see, was our safety device, intended to keep the old 'Chebbie' from running up into my tailgate. While the old truck was sound and rust-free, she wore a nice rust-colored red primer coat of paint, had her detached bumpers in the back, and sported a

really nice, full set of slotted chrome mags with new tires (60s on the front, and 50s on the back), she had zero stopping capabilities. Yep, no brakes.

We got the chain run through and hooked up so it wouldn't come undone, properly spaced and headed out for Olsburg. Did I mention the truck was in Clay Center?

It was a rather long ride, tensely watching my rearview mirror with Marty and his brother riding ten feet off my bumper, checking the mirrors, letting traffic pass, making sure to occasionally check the road in front of us, allowing plenty of time for stopping and turning as we headed north at the old Ebenezer Church and made our way through the

sprawling metropolis of Green, Kansas. We passed by Randolph going on into Olsburg to get some fuel, and finally back down to the saw mill at the Booth Creek turnoff on K-16. We were all standing out in the driveway, admiring Marty's new baby, and talking about the possibilities for her, when two tan cars, a State Trooper, and a Sheriff's car came tearing off the pavement and skidded up to a stop in our driveway. The trooper, KBI agents and the Deputy all came swiftly toward the lot of us, spreading out as they came around us, demanding answers to their questions and paperwork.

They wanted my registration papers, driver's license and took down my plate number. Of course, Marty had no license plate, no such paperwork on the truck in tow, but offered up his handwritten bill of sale that, fortunately, he had requested upon payment to the former owner of the old truck. We were all stunned at the intensity of the officers and why they were so serious about an illegal towing operation! I mean, sure, we had

no lights, no brakes, no SMV sign, no flags, and my flashers were only visible as the old truck weaved back and forth behind me, but I thought bringing in the KBI was a bit excessive! I mean, this was the safest tow we'd ever done! With my truck being the main culprit in this crime, I was getting prepared to be cuffed and stuffed!

After several minutes of interrogation they revealed to us that earlier that same day, a rusty colored late 1940s model International pickup truck had been stolen in Abilene and was last seen heading north on K-15 toward Clay Center, being towed by a beige Ford pickup. Someone in Green had heard that news and had called in a report of a beige Ford towing an old rust-colored truck, and obviously someone had said we were headed toward Olsburg.

By the time we got the whole "circumstantial evidence" thing sorted out, proof of ownership established and confirmed, and ourselves cleared from being arrested for "grand

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theft auto," the real thieves were probably in Nebraska. I don't know if they ever caught those guys or got that old Binder back to the rightful owner. I do know that as those officers returned to their respective vehicles, I finally ventured to take a breath of air and sat down on that piece of three-inch pipe still suspended between the two pickups.

As the trailing officer

turned and went toward his car, he turned back to me and said, "Rent a tow bar next time." I just nodded and waved.

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4 Seasons Graziers, the Next Generation to hold organizational meeting Feb. 26

By Donn Teske

Back in the early nineties Jerry Jost, who was with the Kansas Rural Center, wrote a significant grant application that was awarded to the Kansas Rural Center by the Kellogg Foundation. A significant part of the grant was to promote more sustainable grazing practices in Kansas. As part of that outreach Jerry would bring producers together

to network and learn from each other.

As the networking solidified, what arose from that education effort was the formation of quite a few "grazing clusters" around the state. I remember that both Salina and Marion had really active clusters, as well as the cluster focused around the Onaga area that I was involved the most in, the 4 Seasons grazing cluster.

The grazing clusters would bring in educational speakers and would go on group tours to learn from others doing it. I remember once being a part of a van-load of producers from the 4 Seasons cluster touring the Noble Foundation projects in Oklahoma. Other tours were grazing projects in Nebraska and the University of Missouri grazing schools at Linneus, Missouri, etc.

We focused a lot on MIG (Management Intensive Grazing) with paddock cells, experimenting with different varieties of forage, water developments, fencing, goats, sheep, even cattle breeds and breeding to better thrive on grass, only without so much supplementation. And we focused a lot on the economics of grazing animals for profit rather than just because that was the way it had always been done.

Mary Fund was awarded a KDHE grant for the KRC that dealt with improving water quality coming off of farms. That was their Clean Waters Farm Project and what I was hired by the Rural Center to work as one of their fieldmen around the state. In that role I worked with producers to improve their water quality. I helped them apply for a stipend grant to help them toward their goals, implement the project, and then host tours of their project so their neighbors could

see what they were accomplishing. This all was done utilizing EPA 319 funds.

Between the KDHE grant and the Kellogg grant we were really doing some great stuff across Kansas.

We were very active in the 4 Seasons cluster and it was a win-win effort. We learned a lot and we spent time with each other, networking with others with the same interests. Steve Suther herded the cats in the 4 Seasons for quite a bit of the time it was really hopping.

Then we started to stagnate. I suspect a lot of that was my fault. Steve talked me into taking over the group, more-or-less, with Mary and it wasn't the same after that. I was running my tail off at that time with my jobs in my life, and myself and most of the other graziers in the groups time were getting overwhelmed with life. Our kids were coming of the age where we had constant school and church responsibilities and activities, and it was just too easy to not focus much energy on the 4 Seasons.

Mary Howell and I sat on what little organizational funds there were in the cluster treasury for all these years since the clus-

ter became stagnant.

Now there are a group of youngsters; some are children of the original graziers group, some are new, that have the energy and desire to learn what we tried to learn from our time in the 4 Seasons and they wish to start it up again.

Thus, the "4 Season Graziers, the Next Generation"!

They are having an organizational potluck and meeting on Sunday, February 26th in Blue Rapids at the Community Center just south of the Casey's. The meal starts at 12:30.

Mary is supplying soup, drinks and table service. Bring a dish, or just bring yourself. But come and network and help get the next generation grazing group off to a great start.

So if you are young and eager to learn and network with others of your interests, or you are just an old fogey and are willing to share your experiences, or wish to absorb this younger generation's energy, or you still have that need to learn in your soul, please RSVP to Mary Howell at mary@kgcl.org or call her at 785-292-4955 or her cell 785-562-8726, and come and join the adventure on Sunday February 26th!

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For more than 100

years, NIAA has convened animal agriculture leaders to explore the sector's most pressing questions and issues. The 2023 conference theme and agenda

provide the opportunity to engage with visionary leaders to explore their insights into the future of animal agriculture.

"Our Annual Conference has featured sustainability topics in recent years, but with USDA's investment in Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, I'm looking forward to the experts we'll have expanding on evolving solutions in the animal agriculture space," said Eric Moore, NIAA board chairman and director of tech services - North America for Norbrook, Inc.

The Annual Conference will feature dynamic

speakers and panelists as we explore, discuss, learn, and develop knowledge that fosters interdisciplinary cooperation with our colleagues from across all aspects of the food system. Confirmed speakers, panelists and moderators include:

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Additional antibiotic regulations ahead

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

When fighting a bacterial infection, often it means a trip to the doctor's office to obtain a prescription. And when it comes to livestock and companion animals, a veterinarian is the professional guiding the treatment protocol.

In the U.S., the regulating agency overseeing antibiotic use is the Food and Drug Administration, and it is instituting a change to antibiotic labeling that will soon go into effect, said the veterinarians at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

"GFI (guidance for industry) 263 is a plan for animal drug companies to change their labels from over-the-counter to prescription and it will go into effect June 11, 2023," said veterinarian Brian Lubbers.

He said this policy covers all medically important antimicrobials that are used in food-producing and companion animals.

"Most of what we use in veterinary medicine is also considered important in human medicine with the main exception being ionophores," Lubbers said. "This policy primarily addresses the injectable

and oral penicillin, tetracycline and sulfa products. These products are currently available over-the-counter, and they will be moved to a prescription-only label."

Lubbers said that for beef producers who already have an established veterinary-client-patient relationship, often referred to as a VCPR, this new policy will have little impact on how they run their ranches.

"Producers just need to have the oversight of a veterinarian with this directive, but they can still treat their animals without the veterinarian present and they are not required to buy the product from the veterinarian," said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson.

Lubbers agreed and added: "While the veterinarians establish treatment protocols, they don't have to actually observe every animal prior to the animal getting the prescribed treatment."

Aside from the goal of reducing antibiotic resistance with this guidance, the veterinarians also see some additional benefits with this policy.

"Knowing that we have antibiotic oversight is a benefit with our trading partners and consumers," Larson said.

Lubbers said that with

closer veterinary oversight, health challenges may be addressed in a more efficient manner.

"A veterinarian may be able to recommend a better treatment plan with closer involvement to the herd and that can have additional health benefits," he said.

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Reduced ethanol demand drives ending stocks higher

Projected corn ethanol use for the 2022/23 marketing year declined by 25 million bushels from last month, according to this week's USDA World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates report. As the only change on the supply or demand side of the corn balance sheet, it resulted in a corresponding increase of 25 million bushels in projected corn ending stocks for the current marketing year.

Despite a return to the post-COVID normal in 2022, fuel ethanol produced using corn trailed the years leading up to the 2020 COVID disruptions.

From 2017 to 2019, the average annual fuel ethanol production was 15.9 billion gallons, calculated using data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). After dropping to 13.9 billion gallons in 2020 and recovering to 15.0 billion gallons in 2021, production in 2022 was 15.4 billion gallons. This is 88% of the 17.4 billion gallon per year total of U.S. ethanol production capacity.

The EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook, released earlier recently, projects a 2023 fuel ethanol production of 15.2 billion gallons, a 1% decline from 2022. Though not a significant

reduction from 2022, the sector is falling about 5% short of the pre-COVID production levels.

Among the factors that impact ethanol production are motor gas consumption and ethanol blend rate.

Motor Gas Consumption – Motor gas consumption fell to 123.4 billion gallons in 2020, a 13.7% decline from the 2017 to 2019 annual average of 142.9 billion gallons. Consumption improved to 135.1 billion gallons in 2021 before falling to 134.6 billion gallons in 2022. The EIA outlook projects further decline in motor gasoline consumption in 2023 and again in 2024, dropping to 133.8 billion gallons. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation shows that vehicle traffic volume for 2022 was back to pre-COVID levels, indicating that miles driven is not a factor in lower ethanol use. An increase in vehicle fuel efficiency or increasing adoption of hybrid or electric vehicles may be contributing factors now and into future years. Given ethanol is an input in motor gasoline, the decline in motor gas consumption is another factor in declining ethanol use.

Ethanol Blend Rate – The ethanol blend rate, the amount of ethanol blended relative to the amount of motor gasoline consumed, has moved incrementally higher annually but still would round to 10% for the past decade. This is not surprising given nearly all gas sold in the U.S. contains 10% ethanol. Higher blends such as E15, marketed as UNL88 and E85, are available in various markets across the U.S. Expansion of and availability of higher ethanol blends is needed to break through this 10% blend wall.

The capacity for greater corn ethanol production is already available, and the U.S. could be using more of it. Corn ethanol is an immediate climate change solution as a low-carbon, clean energy source and an affordable, home-grown fuel. Corn ethanol is uniquely positioned to play a larger role in the future of transportation fuels. Last year, the Next Generation Fuels Act was introduced in the House and Senate, which would remove barriers to blends of ethanol up to 30%.

Now is the time to detect early season pests

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

A wave of warm weather in the middle of February may draw the attention to winter grain mites – a concern to many farmers – but Kansas State University field crop entomologist Jeff Whitworth said they aren't doing any damage right now.

"Most winter grain mites are in the egg stage right now. There are a few active nymphs and adults, but most are in the egg stage," Whitworth said. "If you go out on a warmer night with a flashlight you can see some feeding on the leaves, but if it is colder, they will be down in the soil not really doing any damage."

According to Whit-

worth, three pests may cause concern early in the season: winter grain mites, army cutworms and Hessian flies. Whitworth said all three are most active in late fall to early winter.

"Once temperatures drop, winter grain mites die off and just their eggs are left during winter, but army cutworms will be feeding anytime the temperatures are over 45-50 degrees Fahrenheit," Whitworth said.

"The Hessian fly is dormant right now, but if you have places in your wheat field last fall that looked like they're going backwards or dying with dark blue-gray colored leaves, pull those up and you'll see little mahoga-

ny colored, cigar-shaped flaxseed. That's the resting stage of the Hessian fly."

When the weather consistently becomes warmer, these three pests mature and may cause damage.

"If the crops are still dormant, pests won't feed on them very much. Even if they do, it's not going to cause any problems. It's once these crops – mainly wheat – come out of dormancy and start growing that we start having a problem," Whitworth said.

Lack of soil moisture will add to pest-caused damage once crops break dormancy.

"That damage is going to show even more because those plants are also struggling for moisture,"

Whitworth said. "It is a good idea to go out and try and figure out where those populations are, but you don't need to do anything about them right now."

Whitworth recommends sampling or monitoring the weak or thin areas to determine if the cause is pest-related and plan your action based upon pest identification. It is best to wait until plants have broken dormancy because pesticides do not work as well below 50 degrees F.

"So even if pests do feed on plants, it's not going to impact the spring growth or the yield because the roots are already set. Don't worry about trying to find a solution until everything breaks dormancy," he said.

Kansas Local Meat Marketing Workshops being planned

As demand grows for local meat, poultry, and eggs, Kansas producers have an opportunity to expand into new markets and

grow their customer base. The Kansas Local Meat Marketing Workshops will help small-scale meat, poultry, and egg produc-

ers capitalize on this moment. Attend to learn key marketing strategies, best practices, and regulations from the experts, including fellow producers. KDA's Weights and Measures program will also offer free scale certification with paid registration. Dates for the workshops are February 24 in Olathe and March 3 in Parsons.

The cost is \$20 per attendee, which includes a local food lunch. Each workshop will cover the same content and will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register at tinyurl.com/LocalMeatKSU.

The Local Foods Transdisciplinary Team at Kansas State University hosts the workshops. The Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, KSU Global Food Systems Seed Grant, Walton's, Frontier Farm Credit, Neosho County Farm Bureau, Sedgwick County Farm Bureau, Johnson County Farm Bureau, Kansas Farmers Union, Allen County Farm Bureau, Kansas Meat Processors Association, and the Kansas Rural Center are sponsors of these workshops.

For questions about these workshops, please contact Erica Blair at elblair@ksu.edu.

For more information, please contact Adaven Scronce, Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, adaven@ksu.edu or (620) 331-2690

LAND AUCTION
76.84+/- Acres of Cropland, Rec. Pasture & Hay in Chase Co.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 - 6:00 PM

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 725 Dogwood Ln, Blue Rapids, KS

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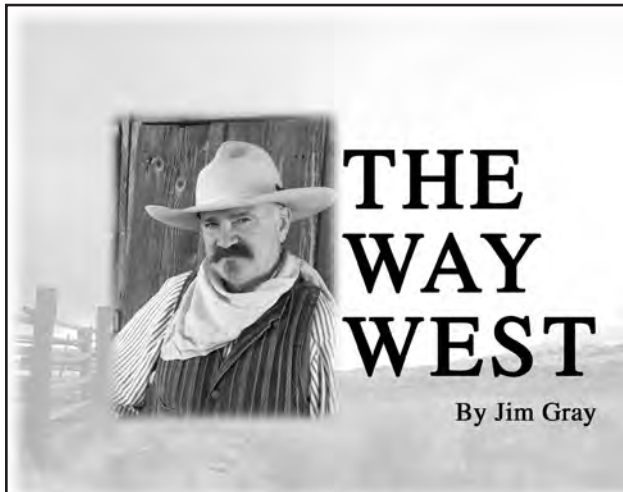
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Transplanting Her Vine

The royal blue field of the Connecticut state flag flies curiously over a Kansas state historical marker at the west edge of Elk Falls, Kansas, along Highway 160. The blue field is emblazoned with a white baroque shield overlain with three grapevines. Below the shield a banner displays the motto "He Who Transplanted Sustains." Connecticut State Librarian Charles J. Hoadly further explained in 1889. "The vines symbolize the Colony brought over and planted here in the wilderness. We read in the 80th Psalm: 'Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: Thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.'"

The subject of the his- toric marker is Prudence Crandall, one of many immigrants to the new state of Kansas in the 19th century. Just why a Connecticut flag is flying over a Kansas historical marker is clarified by an additional plaque placed with the flag at the site by the citizens of Connecticut. Her story is one of sacrifice and accomplishment with national significance.

Prudence Crandall's character was fixed early in life by her Quaker faith. Born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, September 3, 1803, she spent her formative years on the farm of her parents Pardon and Esther (Carpenter) Crandall. When seventeen years of age her family moved to Canterbury, Con-

necticut. Quakers held that women should have equal educational opportunity, leading her father to enroll her in the New England Friends Boarding School in Providence, Rhode Island. There she was taught arithmetic, Latin, and science.

In 1831 she and her sister Almira bought a mansion house on the Canterbury green and opened the Canterbury Female Boarding School. They initially taught daughters from the town's wealthiest families. The school immediately acquired a reputation for excellence, equal to that of the foremost schools for young men. In the fall of 1832 Sarah Harris, the daughter of a free African-American farmer, asked to enroll and was accepted, initiating the first integrated school in the United States.

White parents were scandalized and removed their daughters from the school. Crandall was forced to close her doors, but only temporarily. Within months she reopened "Miss Crandall's School for Young Ladies and Little Misses of Color." According to the *Litchfield Connecticut Enquirer*, "This came as an earthquake upon the good people of Canterbury... The citizens assembled, and sent one committee

after another, requesting Miss Crandall to give up the project, but she remained inflexible." By the spring of 1833, African-American girls from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, and other parts of Connecticut filled her enrollment. Canterbury residents succeeded in bringing legislation into law to outlaw her school. Called the "Black Law," out-of-state African-Americans were banned from enrolling in her school.

She was arrested, jailed, and released. She withstood legal challenges to the school while Canterbury businesses shunned Miss Crandall and her students. Doctors refused to treat them. The school well was poisoned, and students were pelted with spoiled eggs and feces.

On July 26, 1834, the Supreme Court of Errors (today's Connecticut Supreme Court) dismissed all action against Prudence Crandall, ruling that her action did not constitute a crime. Twenty-four days later, Miss Crandall was married August 19, 1834, to Rev. Calvin Philleo, a Baptist minister, sixteen years her senior with three children from a previous marriage.

The people of Canterbury stormed the school

the night of September 9, 1834, in a final effort to rid themselves of "the little Misses of color" within their venerable village. The mob threatened the students with clubs and iron bars, smashed the doors and windows and rendered the place "uninhabitable." Shocked at the aggressive act of violence, she closed the school the next day out of concern for the safety of the students and her family.

Although now Mrs. Philleo, the name of Crandall had become so famous that newspapers always referenced their stories with her maiden name. She and her new family left Canterbury, living in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Illinois.

After her husband passed away Crandall followed her widowed brother, Hezekiah, to Elk Falls, Kansas, in 1877. Mercifully the folks in Connecticut suffered several attacks of conscience. Within a few years of closing the school in Canterbury the Black Law was repealed. The Connecticut Legislature awarded Prudence Crandall Philleo a four-hundred-dollar annual pension in 1886 as an act of reparation for the suffering she had endured. She was given the opportunity

to retire in her Canterbury home but chose to remain in Kansas. In 1984 the restored school was opened as a museum, designated in 1991 as a National Historic Site. Crandall was recognized by the Connecticut General Assembly as the state's official heroine in 1995. A bronze statue of Crandall with a young black student was placed in the Connecticut capitol building in 1996. And of course, there is the memorial marker and flag accompanying the Kansas historical marker at Elk Falls.

In 1885 Professor James H. Canfield of the University of Kansas wrote of Ms. Crandall for the *Topeka Daily Capital*. A portion of a letter written by Crandall was reproduced in the article in which she spoke fondly of her Kansas home. "I like Kansas very much. My humble dwelling is situated in one of the most beautiful spots on earth."

Prudence (Crandall) Philleo passed away at 10:30 a.m. January 23, 1890. Having changed the course of history she happily transplanted her vine deep into the sod of Kansas on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray can be reached at 220 21st RD Geneseo, KS. Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

STEERS		HOGS	
300-400	\$264.00 - \$275.00	2 Fats Emporia	300@\$95.00
400-500	\$250.00 - \$261.00	9 Fats Abilene	287@\$94.00
500-600	\$230.00 - \$240.00	3 Fats Pawnee Rock	240@\$92.00
600-700	\$189.00 - \$199.00	2 Fats Pawnee Rock	240@\$91.00
700-800	\$177.00 - \$188.75	3 Fats Emporia	327@\$90.00
800-900	\$175.00 - \$186.75	3 Fats Abilene	295@\$90.00
900-1,000	\$169.00 - \$180.00	1 Sow Wichita	610@\$45.00
		2 Sows Esbon	535@\$45.00
		1 Sow Ellinwood	525@\$45.00
HEIFERS		CALVES	
300-400	\$244.00 - \$255.00	1 Blk Tampa	135@\$700.00
400-500	\$220.00 - \$232.50	1 Bwf Tampa	105@\$650.00
500-600	\$188.00 - \$199.00	1 Blk Hillsboro	285@\$600.00
600-700	\$160.00 - \$170.00	1 Blk Hillsboro	240@\$575.00
700-800	\$167.00 - \$176.50	4 Blk Salina	228@\$550.00
800-900	\$161.00 - \$172.50	1 Blk Salina	190@\$500.00
		4 Blk Salina	236@\$475.00
		4 Mix Salina	225@\$450.00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

STEERS		BULLS	
24 Blk Salina	335@\$275.00	1 Wf Clifton	2585@\$138.50
5 Blk Salina	288@\$270.00	1 Wf Clifton	2430@\$138.50
3 Blk Mound City	310@\$267.00	3 Blk Nebraska	2322@\$138.50
45 Blk Salina	472@\$261.00	1 Blk Gypsum	2045@\$138.00
16 Blk Salina	413@\$259.00	1 Blk Clifton	2260@\$137.50
10 Blk Salina	404@\$257.50	1 Blk Bennington	2080@\$136.00
32 Blk Salina	567@\$240.00	1 Blk Quinter	1965@\$135.50
15 Blk Gypsum	574@\$238.00	1 Blk Clay Center	1945@\$135.00
4 Blk Salina	505@\$236.00	7 Blk Nebraska	1973@\$133.50
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57 Blk Minneapolis	898@\$177.25		
56 Mix Minneapolis	910@\$177.00		
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58 Mix Hope	893@\$175.75		
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