

Carbon markets explored at Cattlemen's Day in Manhattan for that service. "So for the deal, but that means

As the topic of carbon markets continues to be floated among agriculture circles, Dr. Jason Sawyer, chief science officer for the East Foundation, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, spoke March 3 at Cattlemen's Day at Kansas State University. Sawyer partnered with researchers at King Ranch Institute and Texas A&M to author a paper that walks ranchers through the opportunities presented by the emerging carbon markets and shared some of those insights with the large group of cattlemen gathered for the annual event.

"Rather than starting on this from the esoterical level of soil microbial transactions, we really thought about this in terms of, if we were presented with an opportunity to enter into this market as landowners and stewards, would we do it?" Sawyer said. "What would I want to know? What would I need to understand to enable the best possible position for my business and my family and the stakeholders involved in the ranch? That mindset started us down this path."

The East Foundation is the first agricultural research organization in the United States. "An agricultural research organization like ours has the legal requirement to do the research in agricultural sciences in conjunction with land grand universities and ag colleges in the United States," Sawyer explained. "The way we execute that mission is in context of that, and part of our mandate as a foundation is that we must ranch." The primary goal of the East family was to make sure their ranch never got broken up, so they placed it in the trust with the requirement that research and education would benefit ranching and wildlife management and would be conducted in the context of a working ranch. "So, our mission is to promote the advancement of land stewardship through ranching science and education," Sawyer said. They operate approximately 220,000 non-contiguous acres in south Texas, spanning about 110 miles from the easternmost property to the westernmost boundary. "Across these properties we conduct a number



Dr. Jason Sawyer, chief science officer for the East Foundation in San Antonio, was the keynote speaker at Kansas State University's Cattlemen's Day on March 3 in Manhattan. *Photo by Donna Sullivan*

of projects, operate a cow/ calf operation, some late stocker operations," Sawyer stated. "It's an ongoing concern that everything we do is in that context, which brings us back to the question of if we were presented with an opportunity to do a carbon trade, would we do it?"

Sawyer said the first step is to understand why such a market would even exist. He illustrated the carbon cycle, in which 219 gigatons of carbon is released into the atmosphere every year and about 215 gigatons comes back down out of the atmosphere into pools that release it. "About two percent of the transacted carbon sort of remains in the atmosphere," he explained. "There's a little bit more that goes up than comes down and that results in an accumulation. That's really in a nutshell the thing that creates a concern."

He acknowledged the skepticism many in the

all of it entirely. Be skeptical, make your own decisions, draw your own conclusions. What I'm going to talk to you about is not the concern expressed on your Twitter feed, but how we view legitimate expressions of concern."

Sawyer went on to outline how over the past 25 years or so, there has been a measurable increase in the amount of capital flow directed toward environmental, social and governance (ESG) objectives. "Right now there are about \$19 trillion of direct investment influenced by ESG considerations," Sawyer said. "That means that investors are allocating capital based on these general concerns about environmental quality among other things. Whether you agree with them or not, clearly it is not affecting their investment decisions. That's an important thing for us to think about." He went on to say that the largest pool of capital is related to carbon and climate change. and one of the fastest growing pools is sustainable natural resources and agriculture. He said that just under 1000 of the world's 2000 largest public corporations have made some sort of climate pledge at this time. "That's a lot of capital," he said. "Why are they doing that? Maybe they are just good citizens and genuinely concerned. Or maybe, if they don't do it. all that investment flow goes somewhere else. And the cost of capital acquisition for them, whether through debt of equity financing, goes up. It doesn't have anything to do with their politics. It's a business decision." He said the government then responds by enacting policies, in part because of how it affects economic decision-making. As companies make promises about becoming carbon neutral, emissions favorable or net zero, the government wants to make sure those promises are kept. Sawyer said there is a proposed rule through the Security Exchange Commission that says if you make a promise to be net zero, you have to report on your progress towards that goal or face penalties. "So the government isn't overtly regulating carbon emissions, but through the back door they are at least proposing a mechanism to enforce promises made by

those of us in the room today, the question is, are land-based solutions a potential answer?" Sawyer queried. "I'm not asking you to be convinced about whether or not all of this should be happening, I'm asking you to accept that it has. And in that market environment, what is your business decision going to be?" Sawyer said the things that must be considered are what's the deliverable, who is involved in these trades, how does it all work, when do you have to deliver it, why should you even consider it and where is the risk?

The deliverable is the carbon credit, so named because in viewing the atmosphere as an account, an emission that increases the account would be a debit and a reduction in that account would be a credit. In carbon accounting the units are tons of carbon dioxide rather than dollars and one unit of carbon is the equivalent of 3.67 units of carbon dioxide. "That ton is like I'm buying an exchangeable permit," Sawyer said. "If I buy it from you, you have taken a ton of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and sort of given it to me. I can go to my carbon emissions account and I can put that credit against my debits to cancel them out. The thing is, it's supposed to represent removal from the atmosphere, and it's supposed to be a permanent removal.

There are three primary methods for capturing carbon: accumulation in the soil, direct air capture and underground storage, and avoided emissions. Each of those methods might have multiple standards and rules about how to do it. Additionality, permanence and leakage are three items likely to be found in the fine print of the standards. Additionality is the idea that whatever was done to generate the carbon credit captured more carbon than it would have otherwise. Permanence means the carbon will be stored in the ground forever. "Leakage means, let's say if you had a forest you were going to cut down because you are in the forestry business. That counts as a carbon release," he said. "Someone pays you not to cut the trees down. You take

there are that many fewer board feet of lumber in the market place today and somebody in some other faraway place cuts down an extra acre of trees to make up for the ones you didn't cut down, which would be a reasonable thing for them to do, because you not putting those board feet of lumber into the marketplace made the price go up. Your action causes a reaction someplace else that offsets your good work."

Sawyer went on to outline the economic benefits of carbon credits, which he compared to a delivery against commodities contract, with pre-payment on the contracts, of which ten years is a common standard. Sampling costs and delivery risks must also be taken into consideration. A possible technical solution would be to use satellites to measure soil carbon rather than soil sampling. "Then it's really cheap to sample," he said. "And there are people desperately working on that all across the United States."

Direct air capture and underground storage could also offer opportunities for landowners. "A giant vacuum cleaner that's going to suck CO^2 out of the air, clean it up and make it pure, then inject it into a hole in the ground," he described. "This was pie-in-the-sky stuff until the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. There's a lot of incentive for people to go out and invent that machine." Unlike mineral rights, the surface estate owns the holes. "That means if somebody wanted to do this on your land, they would have to lease it from you, kind of the opposite of an oil lease and you would get a royalty for whatever they stored." He said the CO^2 could also be used for enhanced oil recovery, where it is pushed into a depleted reservoir to repressurize it and get oil out of it again. "This also means that as landowners, our focus on landbased solutions in terms of plant growth and carbon accumulation might temporarily get set aside for more industrial-type applications, but there is a real opportunity here that you should be aware of."

room might have concerning the topic. "I understand this audience, because I am one of you," he said. "I understand the skepticism, but I would ask you to take a deep breath. Because certainly the public conversation about this, the chatter, the amount of stuff on the internet, you should take some of those things with a grain of salt. But you shouldn't dismiss companies," Sawyer said. "They didn't make the company make the promise, but they might make them keep it. That's a little bit to be determined."

However, the reality is, emissions cannot possibly go to zero, so in order to keep their promise, companies must find someone to take that carbon out of the atmosphere on their behalf and pay them

Scoular invests in Kansas oilseed crush facility for renewable fuels market

Farmers in Kansas and Oklahoma will have access to the rapidly growing renewable fuels market after Scoular converts a facility in Goodland into a dual oilseed crush plant.

Scoular announced it will recommission the former sunflower crush plant outside of Goodland that it purchased in 2021. The Nebraska-based agribusiness will make an investment to retrofit the facility to crush both soybeans and canola. Up to 40 new jobs will be created in Goodland. The facility is expected to begin operations in fall 2024.

Because of its high-oil content, canola is highly valued in the renewable fuels sector, particularly for use in the growing renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel markets. Those markets will grow to over 5 billion gallons by 2025.

The facility will process 11 million bushels of oilseeds a year, toggling between canola and soybeans as availability dictates. As low-carbon crops such as camelina develop in the future, Scoular will be able to process those new seeds.

"Scoular is bringing the canola market back to Kansas and Oklahoma," said Ed Prosser, the company's senior vice president of emerging businesses. "This investment will provide producers with the opportunity to participate in the booming renewable fuels market."

Scoular is partnering with Kansas State University to advise farmers on best practices for growing canola. The crop is well-suited for planting in



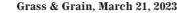
A former sunflower crush plant in Goodland will be converted into a dual oilseed crush plant by Scoular.

a winter wheat rotation in the Southern Great Plains. The rotation can improve weed control and wheat yields.

"The recommissioning of the crush facility in Goodland will breathe new life into the Great Plains canola industry," said Michael Stamm, a K-State agronomist and canola breeder. "This facility will provide new opportunities for renewable diesel feedstock production, generating greater value for the canola grown in the region."

"In small towns across Kansas, every business counts," said Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas. "Scoular's decision to invest in the crush facility in Goodland will increase marketing opportunities for farmers and contribute to the economic prosperity of northwest Kansas. The Goodland oilseed processing plant is an important juncture for farming in western Kansas and food and fuel production for the nation."

Photo by Hayden Outdoors





Connecting Across the Country

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt **County farmer and rancher**

Recently I attended the American Farm Bureau Federation's Fusion Conference, which is a joint event between the Women's, Programing and Education, and Young Farmers and Ranchers committees, in Jacksonville, Fla. One of my Collegiate Farm Bureau students won the state discussion meet and competed in the national event.

In addition to coaching, I was a workshop presenter on the topic of worklife balance, with a former YFR leader from Florida that I am friends with.

As I was packing to leave for the event. Marc and I were discussing my planned agenda for the event and I mentioned the workshop with my friend Morgan. Marc got a slightly confused look on his face and asked, "Do I know this Morgan?"

That's what is funny about the relationships we build at these events. Someone I have only known a few years, visit with at an occasional national event, and am friends with on Facebook feels like so much more than just a professional acquaintance. Morgan and I have a connection through our jobs, mutual respect as leaders and a shared understanding of our in-

dustry and lifestyle. Our friendship is easy because our lives are very similar. I also caught up with

my college advisor from California, who I rarely get to see in person and is probably the most impactful mentor of my life. I visited with a fellow presenter who I have judged with in the past and respect tremendously. The conference organizer is a friend with whom I have a long professional and personal relationship. I am motivated and encouraged by time shared with my "faraway friends." I come home with an enthusiastic and renewed sense of purpose.

Great people are one of the reasons I love attending these conferences. In addition to seeing old friends, I love getting to know new people with interesting backgrounds, listen to the perspectives of speakers and learn what is happening in other places. The information gained through new connections increases my knowledge. challenges my current views and often helps me find new solutions for problems I wrestle with at home.

Early in my career, I remember discussing as a board member whether or not to support a staff member's request to attend a national conference. The board was divided in support of professional development versus funding constraints. The decision eventually came down to the board chair, who chose to approve the request.

He told the group, "One of the most valuable things I have done in my career is attend conferences and meetings. I have always come away better and think there is tremendous value in participating."

Coming back better is one of the reasons we step outside our normal zones. I recently read that one of the most accurate predictors of career attainment is continuous learning and skill development. People who never stop growing are better off than people who rose to top positions early career and maintained that position.

There is tremendous value and opportunity that comes when you attend events like conferences, seminars and conventions. Sometimes you have to step away from your normal circle of interaction to find new and interesting things to bring back.

If you have the chance to attend a conference or event, especially in a different part of the country, I hope you will embrace the opportunity, find people who make you better and gather lots of ideas that you can bring home to make your world just a little bit better.

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On every farm or ranch there are times when, no matter how right you do things, they don't go well. These times are very frustrating and often the norm for me. Then there are times, like last Thursday, that you don't make good decisions and things still come out in your favor. While the outcome was positive, I still did not feel particularly good about my decisions. Last Thursday, one of the bull sales I frequent most years was scheduled. I really wanted to go to the sale. The food is good, I see many friends, but most importantly, the cattle are excellent. I had already bought one more bull than I needed but I did have room for some more heifers and there were several on the sale. It was a 1:00 start for the sale so I had plenty of time to get chores done and be there to look at the cattle and eat a leisurely lunch. Chores went as expected until I started checking cows. I checked the heifer pen first and noticed that 112 was off by herself and uncomfortable. No other signs of active calving so I left her and decided to return in an hour or so. The final group of cows had no new babies, but I did find one sick with a respiratory ailment. I had two choices of treatments available to me and I decided to consult with my vet to see which one was the proper treatment. Knowing that he was extremely busy I chose to text him my question. I finished chores and looked at my phone and I had not gotten an answer. I knew it was not fair to expect one yet, but I wanted to make the sale, so I chose the treatment I thought was best. I caught the calf, doctored it, and said a quick prayer. If I can catch a week-old calf, it is really sick. I watched it for a second and went to check the heifer. About that time my vet texted me and recommended the other treatment. On a normal day I would have waited for his text, but I was in a hurry to get to the sale.

the sale. I was already late so looking at the cattle was not going to be an option. Do you really think I am someone who would skip lunch? I got there in time to eat and settle in for the sale. The cattle were excellent, but I knew that going in. This also meant the heifers were well out of my range and I was only a spectator. My mind kept going back to my sick calf and heifer in labor, I probably should have stayed home. The sale went a little longer than I had expected, and I got home an hour later than I thought I would be. I rushed out to check my heifer. To my horror she was in trouble. The feet and nose were out, tongue was swollen, and she needed help. I started her toward the catch pen. I got her in without much trouble and into a small pen. The one good thing about hand-feeding your replacements and selecting for disposition is that if things do go wrong, they are easier to manage. I got the chains on the calf's feet and started to pull. Thankfully, the heifer stood the whole time I was pulling, and I ended up on the ground, hoping she did not go over backward. With a good deal of huffing and puffing the calf came out suddenly and in my lap. I sat up and we looked at each other. The calf didn't know what happened and I was surprised and thrilled that it was blinking its eyes. I cleaned its airways and moved it to a dry spot. The heifer eyed both of us with a great deal of suspicion and contempt. I eased my way out of the pen wondering if I had a bucket calf and happy that I had to worry about that. I decided to give them some alone time and check on my sick calf. I found the calf, with the rest of the herd. It wasn't any better, but it wasn't any worse and I was taking the fact that it was still alive as a good sign. I went back to the new mother and her calf to find the calf standing up and the heifer licking her off. I decided that was another win. The next morning, I went to let out the newest pair and found my calf much healthier. I guess it's like Grandma used to tell me, even a blind pig finds an acorn once in a while. Or in my case once in a while things work out right, in spite of me.

Prairie Ponderings By Donna Sullivan

Last week I got a press release from K-State Extension about keeping birds safe when washing windows as part of spring cleaning. I'm a crazy bird lady now, thanks to my younger sister, so I read it with interest. Then I realized that for a plethora of reasons, the birds around my parts are completely safe from the danger of newly washed windows. In fact, the area surrounding my home could be declared a regional sanctuary for birds prone to knocking themselves senseless by flying into clean windows.

Now, before you deem me a slob for not washing windows, let me explain. I do occasionally wash my windows, although probably not as frequently as better housekeepers than me would find appropriate. It's just not a huge priority for me. That's why window coverings were invented, right? Come on, work with me here.

I actually have a reason why the two most prominent windows in my house are a bit of a mess. Okay, a huge mess.

The two windows in question are the glass on my front storm door and the sliding glass door out to my back patio. Again, before declaring me a sloth of a housekeeper, let me explain. While to the rest of the world those two windows are simply large sections of glass meant to admit light and protect from the elements, to my grandkids and I, they are giant canvases begging for artistic expression. I keep markers by the sliding glass door and they draw pictures, practice their letters or whatever else strikes their fancy. Somewhere along the line the front door also became fair game. So now, each time I messy-window second of.

come home, I am greeted by our family tree drawn in marker, and below it the words, "Welcome to Donna's House."

The back sliding door overlooks a field that tends to have deer and turkeys standing in it, and it's also where my husband enjoys looking out and seeing the sunset.

"I wish you would wash all this off," he said one day. "It's really messing with my view."

And I've tried, really, I have. Several times I have gone to the doors, window cleaner and paper towels in hand. And just as I got ready to squirt I would notice a backwards letter A in the handwriting of a four-year-old just learning to write her name, or "We love you, Grandma," with each letter written in a different color. There are hearts and flowers and objects identifiable only to the person who drew them.

It's just ink on a glass door, I know. But then again, it's not just ink on a glass door. It's childhoods passing quickly while I yearn for time to slow its relentless march. It's the knowledge that the day will come when no one reaches for the markers, when the glass is clean and the messages and drawings dwell only in my memory.

So, for the safety of the birds, and more importantly, the preservation of precious memories, my windows will remain a mess.

And as for watching the sun set, we can open the door and step out on the patio. Because there is another sunset I'm more concerned with - the sun that sets on childhoods. And that's one I intend to treasure every artistically

Mann works to reform outdated, inefficient farm programs

U.S. Representative Mann (KS-01). Tracey alongside 22 of his colleagues, recently sent a letter to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack urging immediate action to improve outdated and inefficient Farm Service Agency (FSA) program operations and offering recommendations on how to do so.

"Congress and USDA request a wide array of information from agricultural businesses to establish eligibility for farm programs, determine benefit levels, and gather data to assess the impact of such programs," the members wrote. "Unfortunately... the disconnect between

the information requested and the information needed to make decisions delavs eligibility and benefit determinations, increases costs at USDA, and can result in bad decisions."

The letter outlines four actions USDA could take to make FSA programs function as intended:

Ensure all forms 1. match actual farm program requirements

Ensure all forms 2 are made available for online submission 3. Invest in FSA

on staff training to n-per

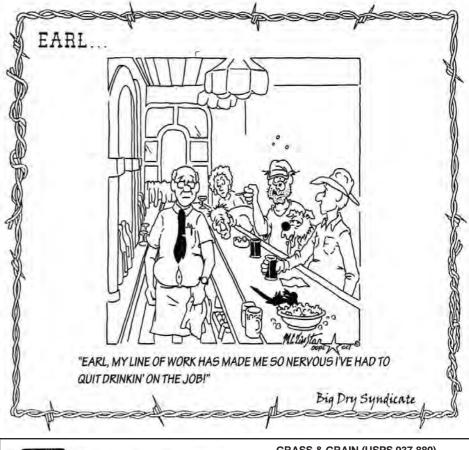
Farm Bill to reduce burdens on producers by streamlining the communication between FSA and the Risk Management Agency and allowing for reporting of electronic data to FSA.

The letter concluded, "USDA plays a key role in ensuring that our nation's agricultural sector is the most innovative and productive in the world. Implementing these modest reforms will ensure that USDA programs which incentivize that innovation function as intended reduce costs to taxpayers, and help farmers determine how to navigate often challenging requirements."

I found the heifer showing obvious signs of labor but still no signs that said I should be worried, but I still had that nagging feeling in my gut. In spite of my better judgement, I decided to go to

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Calling all cowboy poets! 2023 Kansas **Cowboy Poetry Contest entries are open**

Entries are open for the 2023 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest.

"We invite current and aspiring cowboy poets to enter our regional contests where they can perform their original cowboy poems in person," said poetry contest chair Ron Wilson of the Lazy T Ranch near Manhattan.

Regional contests will be held as follows: Friday, May 5, 7 p.m., Rollin 'Red' Vandever Memorial Park, home of the "Wilson County Old Iron Club," 10392 Jade Road, Fredonia; and Friday, May 19, 6 p.m., Hays Public Library, 1205 Main Street, Hays. Contestants can enter to perform at either location or at both. All ages are welcome. Those interested in competing can enter online at www.cowboypoetrycontest.com.

Only the top qualifiers at each of the two regional contests advance to the finals which will be held at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan on June 9. State champions at the finals will receive the Saddlejack Bradrick Award, the coveted Governor's Buckle, discounts and gift certificates from leading western wear stores, free membership in the International Western Music Association-Kansas Chapter, and two tickets to the Symphony in the Flint Hills plus an opportunity to present their poems in the story circle after the symphony.

"We appreciate the sponsors who make this possible, beginning with the International Western Music Association-Kansas Chapter," said Wilson. "Sponsors have included the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation, the Kansas Farm Bureau, the International Western Music Association-Western Wordsmiths chapter, the Hays Public Library, Lawton Nuss, Symphony in the Flint Hills, Flint Hills Discovery Center, and our western wear donors."

Contestants can enter online at www.cowboypoetrycontest.com. There are two categories: Seri-

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ous poems or humorous poems. Contestants can recite a serious poem, humorous poem or both. Awards will be presented in both categories. Only the contestant's original work is allowed. All poetry must be family-friendly. The finals will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023 at the Discovery Center at 7 p.m. on the night before the Symphony in the Flint Hills.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend all of these events. For more information or to enter a regional contest, go to www. cowboypoetrycontest.com.

State contest committee members include: Orin Friesen, president, International Western Music Association-Kansas Chapter, Benton; Jeff Davidson, Eureka; Brad Hamilton, Hoyt; Martha Farrell, Andover; and Ron Wilson, Manhattan. For more information, visit www.cowboypoetrycontest.com.

SY Monument is top variety for fifth consecutive year

SY Monument, the top-planted variety since 2019, accounts for 6.6% of the State's 2023 wheat planted acres. Bob Dole ranks second at 4.6%.SY Wolverine ranks third at 4.1% and WB Grainfield is fourth at 3.9%. Winterhawk is the fifth most popular variety at 3.8%. T158 takes sixth place at 3.3%. Joe, a hard white variety, is in seventh place at 3.2%. Zenda takes eighth place with 3.1%. Everest is in ninth place with 2.3%. Langin rounds out the top ten with 1.9% of planted acres. Area planted with blended varieties is not included in the rankings by variety. Blends account for 9.4% of the state's planted acreage, down from 13.6% last year. Hard white varieties account for 4.1% of the state's acreage, up from 2.4% last year. There are 1,680 positive reports summarized for this year's Wheat Varieties survey. The Kansas Wheat Commission funds data collection and publication of the Kansas Wheat Varieties report.



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Linda Falk, Wheaton, Shares Winning Recipe In This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest Winner Linda Falk, Wheaton: "Very good."

PEACH COBBLER COOKIES

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg, room temp
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup chopped, peeled fresh peaches

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. 5 to 7 minutes. Beat in egg and extracts. In another bowl whisk flour, cinnamon, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt and nutmeg; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Add peaches. Drop by tablespoons 2 inches apart onto parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake until set, 14 to 16 minutes. Cool on pans for 2 minutes then remove to wire rack. Makes 4 1/2 dozen.

Millie Conger, Tecum-	1 tablespoon cooking oil				
seh:	1 pound boneless chick-				
CHICKEN & APRICOT	en breasts, cut into thin				
1 cup chicken broth	strips				
1 tablespoon cornstarch	3 cups sliced celery				
Pepper to taste	2 garlic cloves, minced				

Egg Safety From Hen To Consumer

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

If you have been in the store lately you will probably notice the increase in price of eggs. Eggs are very nutritious and versatile. But, they also bring a food safety risk Kansas gardeners, St. Patdue to Salmonella contamination. This risk can occur inside the egg and on the eggshell.

If a chicken is infected with Salmonella, it can contaminate the egg when it is formed inside the chicken. Farmers, big and small, must be vigilant to identify infected chickens and separate them from the rest of the flock. Chickens are messy, and they can pick up pathogens anywhere in their environment. Keeping coops clean is important.

Eggs are refrigerated for safety. If temperature abuse happens, that causes the egg to heat and the porous shell will pull any contamination from outside the shell into the egg interior through osmosis.

In some locations, consumers are demanding cagefree egg production. This type of production only removes the cages. The chickens are still under one roof. The debate is ongoing whether this will be an advantage to make eggs safer.

Just remember when buying eggs, always open the carton and check eggs for cracks or other damage. This is to help you get the most for your food dollars.

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16 ounces apricot halves in juice, drained 6 ounces fresh or frozen snow peas

Cooked rice

Combine chicken broth, cornstarch and pepper. Set aside. In a wok or large skillet, heat oil on high. Add chicken and stir-frv until chicken is no longer pink. Remove from pan. Add celery and garlic to pan and stir-fry until crisp, about 3 minutes. Stir in broth mixture. Cook until thick, stirring, about 1 minute. Add apricots, peas and cooked chicken. Stirfry until heated through, about 1-2 minutes. Serve over rice. ****

Rose Edwards, Stillwater. Oklahoma: **COMPANY CASSEROLE**

- 6-ounce package wild rice, cooked
- 10-ounce package frozen, chopped broccoli, defrosted
- 1 1/2 cups cubed & cooked chicken
- 1 cup cubed & cooked ham 1 cup shredded Cheddar
- cheese
- 4-ounce can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon mustard

Time To Plant Potatoes In Kansas Expert Shares Tips For Successful Crop

K-State Research and

Extension news service MANHATTAN - For rick's Day means something much more than donning a favorite green outfit and heading to local celebrations.

Traditionally, the Irish holiday signals the date for planting potatoes.

anytime "Actually, from mid- to late-March is fine for potato planting," said Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham.

"Be sure to buy seed potatoes rather than using those bought for cooking. Seed potatoes are certified disease free and have plenty of starch to sprout as quickly as soil temperatures allow."

Upham notes that most seed potatoes can be cut into four pieces – "though large potatoes may yield more," he said. Each seed should weight between 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 ounces, and likely more than one eye.

Each pound of seed potatoes should yield 8 to 10 pieces, according to Upham.

"Cut the seed 2 to 3 days before planning so that 1 can cream of mushroom soup 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

cheese

In a greased 2-quart casserole layer wild rice, broccoli, chicken, ham, Cheddar cheese and mushrooms (in order listed). Combine mayonnaise, mustard and mushroom soup. Spread over casserole. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until light golden brown.

> ***** Jackie Doud, Topeka: CORN SALAD

1 can whole kernel corn, drained

1 cup chopped fresh tomato

1/2 cup chopped celery

2 green onions, sliced

dressing (or more to make good coverage) Combine all ingredi-

ASPARAGUS DIP pound

1 cup sour cream 1/2 cup salsa **Dash lime juice**

Salt & pepper to taste

Cook asparagus in small amount of water until tender. Drain and cool. In a blender or food processor puree asparagus until smooth. Stir in all remaining ingredients. Chill. Serve with raw vegetables or tortilla chips.

Kellee George, Shawnee:

CHICKEN ASPARAGUS STROGANOFF 1 can cream of chicken soup

1/4 cup milk

1/4 cup sour cream 2 cups cooked & sliced as-

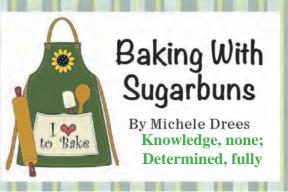
paragus

1 cup diced & cooked chicken

1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Cooked rice or noodles

Grease a 1-quart casserole. Combine cream of chicken soup, milk and sour cream. Pour half the soup mixture into the casserole. Top with asparagus and chicken. Pour remaining soup over chicken. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve over rice or noodles.



If you know me personally or if you have been along on this journey with me for a while, this will not come as a shock to you. but spoiler alert: I am not a sports fan. I have gone to more games since graduating than I even attended while in college and if we are being completely honest, most of the games I have attended have been in swanky seats where the snacks were plentiful and did not cost me a penny.

Football is beyond boring to me, and if you were to find me at a game, I can almost guarantee you, you would have a better chance of me being able to tell you what the fan across the field is doing then to expect me to know a score, or who had the ball for that matter. Baseball or softball? Nope, not interested in watching, but definitely interested in chatting with friends, people-watching and cuddling dogs that might be in attendance at local games.

Tennis is another hard no, and besides watching Ted Lasso, my interest in soccer is completely missing. I could go on and on, but I imagine you get the point. Although, if we are being completely honest, there is something about needing to win that will always draw me into basketball in March. I will likely have not watched a single game all season, but when it comes to a bracket, I bea bracket at my last job, and I talked enough trash that they all probably hated me, but I won it all more than once and I did not feel even slightly bad rubbing that in, to all the people who cared enough to make educated decisions.

Marrying Kyle, I knew good and well he was a sports fan. He is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to any sport, and he is loval to his Iowa State Cyclones and Green Bay Packers to a fault. He organizes a co-ed softball team, plays in an intramural basketball league and is always quick to jump in if someone needs a sub for their teams. He also organizes a March Madness bracket pool for his coworkers.

This year I am getting in on the competition. We are able to enter two brackets, so I did one of my random picks, having Gonzaga winning the whole thing. The second bracket, I called my nieces, read them the teams, and let them make their picks, leaving KSU as the ultimate winner. My base knowledge may still be lacking, but I am fully determined that either I, or my nieces are going to win the whole thing and when we do, I look forward to celebrating with some delicious Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

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

Kimberly Edwards, asparagus, trimmed

"Though it is important to plant potatoes in March, they emerge slowly," he said. "It is often mid- to late-April before new plants poke their way through the soil. As the potatoes grow, pull soil up to the base of the plants. New potatoes are borne above the planted seed piece and it is important to keep sunlight from hitting the new potatoes.

Upham said exposed potatoes will turn green and produce a poisonous substance called solanine. Keeping the potatoes covered will prevent this.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining gardens and home landscapes. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

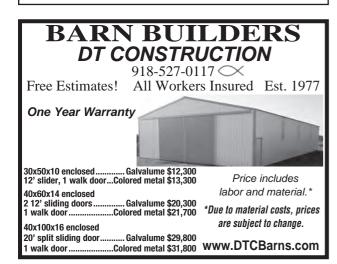
1 cup chopped, peeled cucumber 1/2 cup diced green or red pepper

ents. Chill several hours

1/2 bottle Italian salad before serving.

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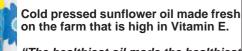
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freshly cut surfaces have a chance to suberize, or toughen, which provides a protective coating," Upham said. "Storing seed in a warm location during suberization will speed the process."

Upham recommends planting each seed piece 1 to 2 inches deep and 8 to 12 inches apart in rows.

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come a diehard fan

There are no loyalties when it comes to bracket picking for me; I pick the name I like best and believe in them so full-heartedly that you might start to believe I know what I am talking about. I do not spend any time researching the team, players, or coaches, but I make a decision and I stick to it. The past couple of years we did

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Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

Skillet Biscuits

By Ashleigh Krispense Sometimes, you just need a little something extra to go with a meal. These biscuits are a quick and simple addition to any dinner, can be whipped up without too many dishes, and taste best when served hot, straight from the skillet. This recipe came from The Toasty Kitchen website (I substitute oil for butter and these biscuits still taste great, but on the Toasty Kitchen she recommends cold, grated butter. So feel free to try it with each!).

You'll Need: 2 cups flour

1

tablespoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt 5 tablespoons canola oil 1 cup buttermilk



In a medium bowl. combine the flour, baking powder, soda, and salt. Mix together.



Pour in the canola oil Generally, the deeper and buttermilk, and stir until combined.

> Grease mediа um-sized (I used a num-

and turn it on medium heat.

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Use your hands to make balls of dough and then flatten them between your palms (make the biscuits as big or small as you like, but try to keep the thickness around or a bit under 1/2-inch. If too thick, they will have trouble cooking through in the centers).



Place in preheated skillet and cook until golden brown on the bottom (around 5 minutes).



Flip over gently and cook until golden (it shouldn't take as long on the second side).



Serve hot with slabs of butter and a jar of jam. Enjoy!

(For the original recipe, check out https:// thetoastykitchen.com/ buttery-stovetop-biscuits/)

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.

Good Things Come To Those Who Bake: Celebrate Bake And Take Month This March With Kansas Wheat

Spring is in the air, and so is the smell of freshly baked treats delivered by home bakers taking part in Bake and Take Month this March. Kansas Wheat encourages all to join in this tradition as a way to reconnect with others.

long-standing "The tradition of Bake and Take Month is a great way to spend time with our children and neighbors as well as give back to those in need," said Cindy Falk, nutrition educator of Kansas Wheat. "Whichever way you are able to observe Bake and Take Month this March, don vour apron, take out your favorite recipe and use this time to celebrate our relationships with our friends, our families and our communities."

The premise of Bake and Take Month is simple — bake something and share it with a neighbor. friend or relative. Add even more meaning to the month by delivering them

with a handwritten note or staying for an in-person conversation.

'You never know the positive impact you may have on those around you simply by sharing a smile and a care package," Falk said. "This piece of Kansas heritage stretches back more than 50 years and is as powerful now as it was when it started.'

Bake and Take Month started with Bake and Take Day in 1970 as a community service project of the Kansas Wheathearts in Sumner County. The Kansas Wheathearts, an auxiliary organization of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, set out to share baked goods with family members, friends, neighbors and others, generating community goodwill. The idea of a community member sharing a favorite recipe with someone special was so successful that the Kansas Wheathearts created a national Bake and Take Day

celebration in 1973, celebrated on the fourth Saturday in March. Although the Kansas Wheathearts disbanded in 2001. Kansas Wheat continues to support this tradition.

"Bake and Take Day may have started as a promotion to educate consumers about the importance of home baking and the nutritional value of wheat foods," Falk said. "Today, it's a chance to break out the oven mitts and create memories together while spreading cheer and goodwill."

No matter whether you are looking for a way to get the kids off their screens during Spring Break, prepping for a March Madness watch party or just want to bring a smile to someone's face, good things are sure to come to those who bake.

For recipes and more ideas for Bake and Take Month, visit https://eatwheat.org/. For specific ways to include children in this activity, check out are children more likely to consume foods that they help prepare but inviting them into the kitchen from a young age can instill a

love for cooking and help

teach them fundamental

cooking-kids-kitchen/

"Getting kids in the

kitchen has many bene-

fits," wrote registered di-

etitian Jill Ladd on the

EatWheat site. "Not only

life skills." Need even more inspiration? Check out the National Festival of Breads at http://festivalofbreads. com/. Falk and her team are busy testing out entries in the Kansas Wheat Test Kitchen for the virtual contest, so stay tuned for even more tasty announcements and recipes to come.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

For audio version, visit kswheat.com



Plant Rhubarb, The Pie Plant, In March

sugar rationing of World War II.

Rhubarb is a full-sun plant that needs at least six hours of direct sun each day. Since it favors cool weather, rhubarb benefits from some afternoon shade in Missouri. It does not grow well in most of southern Missouri because of higher summer temperatures

It tolerates a variety of soil types but prefers those high in organic matter. Like most perennial plants, rhubarb needs excellent drainage. Do not grow rhubarb where water will stand at the base of the plant or in soils with high clay content, Trinklein said. Composted manure and other forms of organic matter improve poorly drained soils.

Trinklein recommends adding about 2 to 2.5 pounds of a complete garden fertilizer such as 10-10-10 per 100 square feet of garden area at the start of growing season. A light side dressing of a fertilizer high in nitrogen or application of 2-3 inches of compost or manure after harvest also helps.

Most gardeners propa-



gate rhubarb from crown divisions. Buy propagules as soon as they become available in the spring, said Trinklein.

Plant rhubarb in a shallow trench. Each dormant growing point, or bud, should be about a half-inch below the soil's surface. Mature rhubarb plants are large. Space plants 2 to 3 feet apart in rows separated by at least the same distance. Firm the soil around the crowns, then water. Keep plants uniformly moist during establishment and avoid overwatering. Do not harvest rhubarb the first year.

There is little margin for error when harvesting rhubarb. Its leaf blades contain oxalic acid, which crystallizes in the kidneys and, in extreme cases, can cause death. Rhubarb's roots contain compounds called anthraquinones that have a laxative effect in humans. Only the leaf stalks of rhubarb can be eaten safely.

stalk. Since cuts encourage

when seen. This forces the plant to put its energies into the leaves and roots instead of flowers and seeds.

Rhubarb trivia

Rhubarb is high in vitamin K and contains large amounts of vitamin C. manganese, potassium, calcium and dietary fiber.

less tart it will be.

toms court in Buffalo, N.Y., ber 8) cast iron skillet legally classified rhubarb as fruit even though botanically it is a vegetable.

Rhubarb leaves make a natural insecticide.

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By Linda Geist, University of Missouri Extension

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Fans of the public radio show "A Prairie Home Companion" know that rhubarb cures life's ailments. When life cannot get any worse, "one little thing can revive a guy, and that is a piece of rhubarb pie," according to the show's creator, Garrison Keillor.

Whether that is truth or fiction, rhubarb is known as the "world's favorite pie plant," said University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein. Cooks prize rhubarb for its thick, crisp leaf stalks that have a tart, sour taste.

Trinklein says March is an ideal month to plant rhubarb, a perennial vegetable that favors cool weather. It produces large, floppy leaves attached to succulent stalks or petioles that grow from short, thick underground rhizomes.

As early as 2700 B.C., the Chinese used roots of the rhubarb plant to treat malaria, constipation and other ailments.

Explorer Marco Polo introduced rhubarb to Europe in the 13th century. Because of its reputed me-



Harvest from healthy rhubarb plants lasts about two months. To harvest, grasp the leaf stalk near its base and pull it to one side while twisting the

crown rot, avoid harvesting rhubarb with a knife. Remove the toxic leaf blade soon after harvest. Refrigerate in plastic bags and use within five to seven days or freeze. Frozen rhubarb lasts about one year.

Remove flower stalks

red a rhubarb stalk is, the In 1947, the U.S. Cus-

dicinal qualities, rhubarb commanded a price three times higher than opium. By the early 15th century, rhubarb was among the items carried by merchants along the Silk Road, a network of trade routes that stretched from the Mediterranean to the Far East.

By the 18th century, rhubarb was a popular pie filling in Europe. Ben Franklin was one of the first to introduce rhubarb to the New World. By the early 1800s, New Englanders grew and sold rhubarb widely.

Rhubarb's popularity increased when sugar became affordable to the middle class. However, rhubarb became a bit harder to swallow during the



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

A pair of Kansas State

University agricultural economists will give updates on the state of the U.S. agricultural economy, and the state of carbon credit programs, during the 58th annual Mid America Farm Expo in Salina March 22-24.

The annual event, considered one of the largest Spring Farm Shows in the Midwest, is being held at the Tony's Pizza Event Center and Saline County Expo Center. More than 300 exhibits are expected

to be on display, representing approximately 275 U.S. companies.

There is no cost to attend and the public is invited to attend. The event is a joint effort of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce and K-State Research and Extension's Central Kansas District.

K-State agricultural economist Micah Cameron-Harp will present 'The State of Carbon Credit Programs' on Thursday, March 23 at 10 a.m. He said carbon credit programs have grown in popularity in recent years.

"But," he notes, "there

is a lot of uncertainty concerning the costs and benefits of participation. By the end of my talk, I hope producers will be able to articulate how these costs and benefits will vary depending on the program in question and the characteristics of their farming operation."

Cameron-Harp said agricultural carbon credit programs are relatively new, whereas other sectors – such as forestry – have offered such credits longer.

"The emerging agricultural carbon credits have some competitive advantages that are worth emphasizing," he said. "Understanding the areas where agricultural carbon credits excel or struggle is crucial when trying to understand the trajectory of these emerging markets."

Later that same day, K-State agricultural economist Brian Briggeman will give a presentation titled The U.S. Ag Economy: How Are We Looking?, at 1:30 p.m. He said he plans to lead a discussion on how Kansas farmers can best respond to an uncertain future.

"Many local, national and global forces are impacting Kansas farmers," Briggeman said. "These forces include rising interest rates, questions about farmland values and a potential recession.

"While interest rates are rising in the short term, there are some indicators that rates will fall in the future. It is critically important for Kansas farmers not to lose sight of the fundamentals of maintaining and managing their operation's finances."

Other presentations planned for this year's Mid America Farm Expo include: Wednesday, March 22 • Basics of farm transition planning (Shannon Ferrell, Oklahoma State University), 10 a.m.

• Mechanics of Building a Farm Legacy: Transactional Tools for Farm Transitions (Ferrell), 1:30 p.m.

Friday, March 24

• Grain and Livestock Market Outlook (Don Close and Cody Barilla of Terrain Ag), 10 a.m.

More information about this year's Mid America Farm Expo is available online at https://www.salinakansas.org/midamericafarmexpo.html

MKC to partner with Land O'Lakes and Verizon on broadband connectivity project to benefit Whitewater and surrounding area

MKC announces a collaboration with Land O'Lakes and Verizon to expand broadband internet access to residents of Whitewater and the surrounding community. Through this partnership, a wireless communica-

tions tower has been built and turned on by Verizon at the MKC Whitewater facility. This effort to improve connectivity has the potential to provide residents in this rural area with additional broadband services in their homes.

Not only is broadband increasingly critical to daily life, it also enables precision agriculture, increasing yields, improving productivity, and boosting profits. Yet, according to the Federal Communications Commission, more than 14.5 million Americans do not have access to broadband, specifically in rural areas, where more than 17% of Americans lack access. However, some claim the number is even higher, Broadband Now estimates that 42 million Americans do not have access to broadband. This effort by MKC, Verizon and Land O'Lakes aims to address these gaps.

This project is part of ongoing efforts by Land O'Lakes and Verizon to address the rural broadband gap across the United States, and MKC is part of the Land O'Lakes member network. Through its American Connection Project, Land O'Lakes, along with its cooperative network, are helping to bridge the digital divide with awareness and advocacy.

"This partnership will

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture has released

a proposed rule regarding

"Product of USA" labeling.

USDA said the purpose

of the proposed rule is to

better align the voluntary

label claim with consum-

er understanding of what

the claim means. It allows

the "Product of USA" or

"Made in the USA" label

claim to be used on meat, poultry and egg products

only when they are derived

from animals born, raised,

slaughtered and processed

in the United States in an

bring a high-speed service option to many residents in our surrounding communities," said Erik Lange, executive vice president and chief operating officer at MKC. "We are excited for what this will mean to those impacted by this project and how it will allow us to better serve our member owners. We are working towards real time notifications to our member owners while in the field and closing the digital divide is critical to accomplish this."

"We're so excited to be working with MKC to bring real solutions for the lack of broadband access in these communities," said Teddy Bekele, Chief Technology Officer at Land O'Lakes. "As a farmer-owned co-op, Land O'Lakes works to support job creation and vibrant communities where our members and their families work and live. We will continue to develop more ways to increase access to digital connectivity for all Americans."

"The work we're doing with Land O'Lakes and MKC is so important in many ways and ladders back to our respective efforts to close the digital divide and bring connectivity to rural areas," said Andy Brady, vice president, enterprise sales, Verizon Business. "The work at MKC's Whitewater facility and in Whitewater is hopefully just the start of an ongoing connectivity expansion effort."

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regarding "Product of U.S.A." labeling

NAMI reacts to USDA proposed rule

"American consumers expect that when they buy a meat product at the grocerv store, the claims they see on the label mean what they say," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "These proposed changes are intended to provide consumers with accurate information to make informed purchasing decisions. Our action today affirms USDA's commitment to ensuring accurate and truthful product labeling."

In July 2021, USDA initiated a comprehensive review to understand what the "Product of USA" claim means to consumlematic for many reasons. USDA should have considered more than public sentiment on an issue that impacts international trade," said Meat Institute president and CEO Julie Anna Potts. "Our members make considerable investments to produce beef, pork, lamb, veal and poultry products in American facilities, employing hundreds of thousands of workers in the U.S. and with processes overseen by USDA inspectors. This food should be allowed to be labeled a 'Product of the USA.""

According to NAMI, the rule uses the same standard as the mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) statute repealed by

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ers and inform planned rulemaking to define the requirements for making such a claim. As part of its review, USDA commissioned a nationwide consumer survey. The survey revealed that the current "Product of USA" labeling claim is misleading to a majority of consumers surveyed, with a significant portion believing the claim means that the product was made from animals born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States.

The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) said the proposed rules for a "Product of the USA" label for meat products are likely to result in trade retaliation from Canada and Mexico, costing American consumers and businesses billions of dollars.

"Unfortunately, this proposed rule is prob-

Congress in late 2015.

Congress repealed COOL because Canada and Mexico challenged COOL as a nontariff trade barrier. The U.S. government lost four times before the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the WTO authorized Canada and Mexico to retaliate and levy more than \$1 billion in tariffs on goods ranging from meat to wine, chocolate, jewelry and furniture.

Importantly, the proposed "Product of the USA" rule would be broader than mandatory COOL because it also includes processed products and products intended for foodservice, which were not subject to mandatory COOL.

Canada and Mexico still retain that authorization and could initiate retaliation with no further action by the WTO.

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of help.

My hired man had moved on after spring work and I was single-footing through hay season. Not really, because my wife and son took turns in the tractor raking hay when needed, so I could run back and forth between swathing and baling. But there were a thousand bales to haul off the fields sitting right where they had rolled out of the baler.

I have a New Holland 85 Bale wagon. It hauls up to four 1200-pound round bales; self-loading and un-

One summer I was short loads them in a straight line. IF you know what you're doing, and don't get in a hurry... and IF you don't break it, because you got in a hurry. Actually, I have two of them; one that still hauls, and one for parts, which, now that I think about it, has very few left to scavenge! I've only ever seen three of these machines, and I've run all three of them. I think it was only built for one year - 1985. Lots of moving parts, and it takes a lot of experience running, breaking and fixing the thing to understand it. Thus, the reason there are

no 86s, 87s or 88s.

Therefore, I am very particular about who I let run it, and almost exclusively reserve that burden for myself.

That summer a drifter came through looking for temporary work. He was a capable-looking fella, about 35, drove a nice truck, and said the right things. His story was pretty sad, and he seemed pretty emotional about it: losing his family and all in a tragic accident. I told him I was just pulling out on my weekly mineral run and to hop in and we could discuss the possibility. As the conversation went from work experience to personal trials, I offered my own testimony of faith and how it had pulled me and my wife through a family tragedy. He was appreciative and we headed back to headquarters.

Paul, the ranch owner, was out that day and we ran into him at the barn. I told him what was up thought about the guy. I opined that he seemed like a decent fella and his work history, as told me, was fitting. The boss asked how he was staked for money, and I softly answered the guy said he hadn't eaten in a couple days. Paul discretely slipped me \$120 cash as an advance and said to offer him the empty house for a place to bunk, and a job for two weeks, if I could use him. I agreed and we drove straight to the hay field. Hooking up the rig, I gave him a few of the fundamentals of running this machine, assuring him that I would show him the intricacies of the old girl after I got back from a lunch date that had been on my calendar for weeks.

and he asked me what I

I met him at the house, unlocked the door and handed him the key along with the cash. He lit up when he saw those greenbacks and asked if there was a store close by where

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town and when I turn at

the light you just keep

right on going about a mile

and there's a grocery store

there that has everything

you need. We shook hands,

he smiled and thanked us.

As I drove off I watched my

mirror to see him pull out

and begin following me

into town. I was running

tight on time, and left him

work I decided I would

put down some more

hay across the road from

where the hauling rig was,

thinking when Ken showed

up, I'd stop and get him

started. But after about

three hours, I got curious.

I mean, he did say he'd

been driving since 1 a.m.

that morning and might

take a short nap before

getting on the rig, which I

agreed was a smart thing

to do. I made a few more

When I went back to

behind in short order.

Page 7 he could by a few personrounds and decided I'd go al items for the next few check on him. days; razor, soap, and such, I pulled up to the house and some groceries. I said, "Sure, just follow me into

and no truck. I walked around the deck and the door was open so I walked inside to find the house key lying on the table and not a sign of him anywhere. That guy took us for \$120 and drove off!

A few weeks later, a fellow rancher out west called me up, asking if I'd heard of him. "As a matter of fact, yes," I said, and proceeded to tell him what'd happened. He said, "You got off cheap. That guy was working for a ranch in Oklahoma and went to a dealer and bought a brand new truck on the ranch's account and drove off with it! They arrested him out here yesterday!"

He never ran my bale wagon.

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Things to consider when preparing to raise chickens

Bv Adaven Scronce. **Diversified Agriculture** and Natural Resource Agent, Wildcat Extension District

Spring is here and you may have heard the sound of chicks peeping the last time you were at the feed store. You may even be thinking about getting a few chicks yourself. Before going out and purchasing chicks there are a few questions you should first consider. Questions to consider before venturing into raising chickens include: Are there any town or city ordinances that restrict raising poultry where you live? Do you have the time to care for chickens, and who will take care of the chickens when you go out of town? If you want your flock to be a source of income, is there a local market for eggs or chickens? If you will be raising chickens for meat, is there a local processor or are you able

to process the chickens yourself?

After considering the previous questions, next, you will need to decide what breed of chickens you are going to raise. Different breeds of chickens have been selectively bred for specific purposes and traits. Meat breeds have been bred to have increased meat yield and improved feed conversion rates. However, they usually do not lay enough eggs to justify keeping as laving hens. Similarly, breeds that have been selectively bred to be layers have been bred for increased egg production, smaller frame size, and will not grow as fast as breeds that have been developed for meat production. If you are interested in raising chickens for egg and meat production there are dual purpose breeds that can be raised for both egg and meat production.

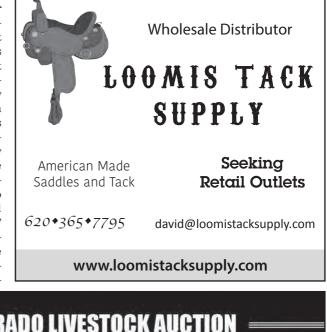
Once you have decided what type of chickens you want to raise, the next step is making sure you have adequate housing for the chickens. Having a coop that will provide protection from heat, cold, inclement weather, and predators is very important. A dry, draft-free coop with ventilation is necessary to help ensure the health of the chickens. In the summer, ventilation provides a way to keep the interior temperature at a comfortable level. Ventilation in the winter is also necessary, to provide fresh air to the house, and reduce moisture accumulation. If you plan on having just a few chickens and only need a small coop, windows or vents on one or two sides of the coop will usually provide plenty of ventilation. To determine how big of a coop you will need first decide how many chickens you will have. Laving hens will

need one and a half to two square feet per bird inside the coop and broilers (chickens raised for meat production) will need one square foot per chicken. If vou do not plan on letting the chickens free range in the yard, a pen or run will also need to be built.

When you bring your chicks home, they may need an extra source of heat, depending on their age and the outside temperature. For the first week, the young chicks should be kept at about 90 to 95° F. The temperature may be lowered by 5° F each week until a temperature of 70° F is reached. After, an additional heat source may be necessary only if the outside temperature is extremely cold. A heat lamp can provide additional heat if needed. The chicks' behavior is the best indicator of appropriate temperature. Chicks scattered out giving a contented sound are comfortable. Huddled, peeping chicks need additional heat. while those panting with their mouths open need cooler temperatures. It is also important ensure chicks have access to feed and fresh water when they are brought home.

Doing your homework, selecting the right breed of chicken for your goals. and having a coop ready for the chicks before you bring them home will help you have a successful start to raising chickens.

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







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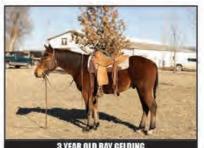
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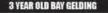
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Sens. Moran, Marshall introduce bipartisan legislation to lift trade embargo to Cuba

senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Roger Marshall. M.D. (R-Kan.) joined their colleagues Sens. Amv Klobuchar (D-Minn.). Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) in introducing bipartisan legislation to lift the Cuba trade embargo. The Freedom to Export to Cuba Act would eliminate legal barriers preventing Americans from doing business in Cuba and create new economic opportunities by boosting U.S. exports and allowing Cubans greater access to American goods. The legislation repeals key provisions of existing laws that block Americans from doing business in Cuba. but keeps in place laws that address human rights or property claims against the Cuban government.

'The unilateral trade embargo on Cuba blocks our own farmers, ranchers and manufacturers from selling into a market only 90 miles from our shoreline, while foreign competitors benefit at our expense," said Moran. "This legislation will expand market opportunities for U.S. producers by allowing them to compete on a level playing field with other countries. It is time to amend our own laws to give U.S. producers fair access to export to consumers in Cuba.'

"I'm proud to sign onto the Freedom to Export to Cuba Act," said Marshall. "It's important for the United States to boost our economic opportunities and increase market access for American-made goods. Repealing the current legal restrictions and trade embargo on Cuba allows for Kansas farmers. ranchers and manufacturers to expand their businesses to Cuba and opens the door to a large export market, while leaving in place measures to address human rights abuses."

"I have long pushed to reform our relationship with Cuba, which for decades has been defined by conflicts of the past instead of looking toward the future," said Klobuchar. "By ending the trade embargo with Cuba once and for all, our bipartisan legislation will turn the page on the failed policy of isolation while creating a new export market and generating economic opportunities for American businesses.³

"We can expand opportunities for American businesses and farmers to trade with Cuba while still holding the Cuban govern-

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ment accountable for its human rights record," said Murphy. "This bipartisan legislation is a smart fix that will create American jobs and benefit the Cuban people."

"It is long past time for us to normalize relations with Cuba," said Warren. "This legislation takes important steps to remove barriers for U.S. trade and relations between our two countries and moves us in the right direction by increasing economic opportunities for Americans and the Cuban people."

The Freedom to Export to Cuba Act repeals the current legal restrictions against doing business with Cuba, including the original 1961 authorization for establishing the trade embargo; subsequent laws that required enforcement of the embargo; and other restrictive statutes that prohibit transactions between U.S.-owned or controlled firms and Cuba. and limitations on direct shipping between U.S. and Cuban ports.

Cuba relies on agricultural imports to feed the 11 million people who live there and the approximately 4 million tourists who visited in 2019 prior to the pandemic. The U.S. International Trade Commission found that if restrictions on trade with Cuba had been lifted, exports like wheat, rice, corn and soybeans could increase by 166 percent within five vears to a total of about





In the words of my Granny, "I despise this fast time!"

When I was growing up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, my daddy pastored a small church in the Round Peak section of Surry County, N.C. (known worldwide for its distinctive Old Time music and its most famous fiddler, Tommy Jarrell). The deacon of the church was a tall, bald (before it was the thing), imposing man with a pocket watch. He had been a bootlegger in his day and had served time for getting caught. In the cemetery there were homemade headstones for some of his family, some decorated with seashells, or pieces of quartz, a string of pearls. He brought bags of candy for me and the other kids. He was as tough and as kind as a mountain man ever was, and he did

not abide Daylight Saving Time. No sir, God followed Eastern Standard Time and so did he.

Thus, every year when the time changed, the deacon's watched remained rock solid in real time, and the door to the church was not unlocked until the hand reached 11 am in God's time.

The result. of course. is that folks had no idea when to show up for church. Some arrived an hour early, a handful on time, and some an hour late. The deacon remained faithful.

So would I, but I live in the Central Time zone now and work in the Mountain Time zone and I'm just not sure how God feels about either one of those.

I just know I despise this fast time!

With all the transition at Around Kansas, we are looking for more input from you. We have a new theme song, a new logo, lots of good things happening that will hopefully be airing in April. We plan to add at least one publication to the mix later this year. So, we want to hear from you - send us your recipes!

We're looking for special stories about food and photos/videos to go with them. The family stories and traditions that go with certain meals, the memories, the smells, the treasured cookbook, the notecards that Grandma scribbled on - all these things make the world of food so rich, and Kansas has such a wonderful variety of ethnic foods and traditions.

We plan to feature them on our show and in future publications, with due credit, of course.

You are the special ingredient in Kansas!!

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MJE Livestock Equipment dealer network experiences rapid growth

MJE Livestock Equipment is proud to announce the appointment of ten new dealers to its rapidly growing distribution network. COO Heather Jantz "The market continsaid. ues to validate our strong value proposition across all product lines, and in less than six months, we have more than doubled our network of dealers. She went on to say, "we are focused on making it easier for the cattle-producing industry to access our products, and these new dealers will do just that."

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MJE Livestock Equipment is expanding to provide American-made livestock equipment to ranchers in every state.

MJE Livestock Equipment is dedicated to ensuring its dealers not only have best-in-class products, such as the revolutionary Conquistador Wheel Corral but also access to the latest in marketing tools. Heather added, "We feel no other Heather manufacturer is making this level of investment in products, services, and support, enabling the highest level of success for our dealers.

Dealers are never alone in promoting and marketing MJE LE products and services. Key selling points are directly linked to a return on investment for dealers and ranchers using MJE Livestock Equipment.

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• Midwest Trailers and Service, Guymon, Oklahoma

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· Prairie Phoenix Cattle Systems, Whitehorse, South Dakota

• S&S Land and Cattle Inc., Lamar, Colorado

"MJE Livestock Equipment provides unmatched expertise when it comes to helping ranchers raise livestock that gets them more bang for their buck. Our partners will be a huge asset to cattlemen and women across the United States, and we'll be working together to design exceptional facilities and offer strategic herd management for our customers," said Heather Jantz, Chief Operating Officer.

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RACT 1: S12, T26, R15, Acres 160, NE 4 LESS ROW

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Yates Center, KS drive south on High-way 75. Turn east on 70th Rd, south on Nighthawk Rd, and then back east on 60th Rd. Property is on the south side of 60th Road. AGENT'S NOTES: This tract features 160 acres of native grass

and 2 ponds. It is currently cross fenced and is split into a pasture and hay meadow. A new pond built in 2022 in the hay meadow area on the north and would allow for rotational grazing with some fencing improvements. The hay meadow is very clean.

TRACT 2: S01, T26, R15, Acres 157.7, SE4 EXC ROW

ROPERTY LOCATION: From Yates Center, KS drive south on Highvay 75. Turn east on 70th Rd, south on Nighthawk Rd, and then back east on 60th Rd. Property is on the north side of 60th Road. AGENT'S NOTES: This exciting property features 3 ponds including

approximately 30 acres of wildlife habitat. When touring the property or the first time deer were seen throughout the property including one 160" class whitetail that came out close to our side by side. The balance of the property is native grass hay meadow that could be converted to pasture with fencing improvements. If you have been dreaming of a farm of your own that can be managed for wildlife this is great property. TRACT 3: S06, T26, R16, ACRES 160.0, SE4 EXC ROW

PROPERTY LOCATION: From Yates Center, KS drive south on Highway 75. Turn east on 70th Rd, south on Nighthawk Rd, and then back east on 60th Road. Property is on the north side of 60th Rd and borders the railroad tracks to the east. AGENT'S NOTES: 160 acres of cross fenced pasture! Featuring

4 large ponds, this property makes it a cattleman's ideal pasture with abundant water and grass. This pasture has a portion in fes-

cue that has been used for a wintering cattle. **Terms & Possession:** 10% down day of the sale, balance due at closing on or before May 16, 2023. Buyer to take possession at closing. With immediate access for fence maintenance pasture season. Sellers to pay 2022 taxes buyer to pay 2023 taxes. Title insurance, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Property to be sold as-is, where-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. Seller's interest in nineral rights to transfer with the sale. This is a cash sale and is not subject Midwest Land and Home is acting arrangements made prior to the auction. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller's interest. All information has come from reliable sources; how-ever, potential buyers are encouraged to verify all information independently. Seller expressly disclaims any liability for errors, omissions, or changes re-garding any information provided for these sales. Potential purchasers are strongly urged to rely solely upon their own inspections and opinions in pre-paring to purchase property and are expressly advised to not rely on any representations made by the seller or their agents. Statements made the ada of sale take precedence over all other printed materials. Announcements nade the day of sale will take precedence over all other information.



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Page 9 Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 Ag and food groups push Congress to pass SHIP IT Act

The Agriculture Transportation Working Group (ATWG), a coalition of more than 80 agriculture and food advocacy groups, is urging Congress to pass the Safer Highways and Increased Performance for Interstate Trucking (SHIP IT) Act. The group penned an open letter to leaders of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Technology, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure advocating for the bill.

According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics,

trucks account for more than 60 percent of all domestic freight by weight. The ATWG calls them the "linchpin" of the transportation sector, noting most freight touches a truck at least once.

"We believe by supporting SHIP IT, Congress can achieve positive benefits for the environment while improving the economic competitiveness of the United States," the ATWG letter states.

The act was introduced by Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Jim Costa (D-Calif.) in January. The bill aims to improve the supply chain by offering tax credits to new and experienced drivers. It would expand access to commercial driver's license tests and cover some driver training costs with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity grants. If passed, the bill would also allow states to opt-in to a pilot program permitting six-axle trucks that weigh up to 91,000 pounds. Hours of service regulations would be modified to provide flexibility for seasonal de mand variances in the agriculture industry.

Soybean Export Council seats 2023/2024 **Board of Directors** Shawn Hulm, Viterra

The U.S. Soybean Export Council's (USSEC) 2023-2024 Board of Directors was seated on March 7, 2023 during the organization's annual meeting prior to Commodity Classic in Orlando.

USSEC's board is comprised of 15 members representing various stakeholders from the U.S. Soy industry. Four members are from the American Soybean Association (ASA), four members are from the United Soybean Board (USB), and seven seats represent trade, industry, and state organizations.

tion of USSEC's board provides us with exemplary leadership with representation from across the U.S. Soy industry," said Jim Sutter, USSEC CEO. "U.S. soybean exports have set records in the last two years and remain strong in this current market year. Robust trade is critically important to our industry with approximately 60% of U.S. Soy production being exported each year. Our board leaders are key to guiding growth, as well as being important contributors to U.S. Soy's vision to advance nutrition. climate-forward solutions, and progress for people

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and communities."

Stan Born, an ASA director and sovbean and corn farmer from Lovington, Illinois, was elected as USSEC chair for a 12month term.

"I am honored to have the trust and confidence of the USSEC board to serve as chairman for the coming year," said Born. "As members of the soy value chain, we are fortunate to have such a strong global team representing our industry in markets around the world. USSEC team members work each day to create a preference for U.S. Soy by nurturing relationships, growing awareness, and demonstrating value. I am excited to do my part to listen and to lead our board and support the USSEC team in

and Sustainability.

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Leader, South Dakota Lance Rezac, Grower Leader, Kansas

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The Fertilizer Institute releases 2022 sustainability report

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) released new data highlighting industry improvement in sustainability performance in key priority areas of workforce safety, energy and the environment, fertilizer use, and industry innovation.

"The 104,000 employees of the fertilizer industry work each day to produce and supply fertilizer to farmers in an effort to feed the world," said Corey Rosenbusch, TFI president and CEO. "To feed a global population of one billion people by 2050, fertilizer is playing a critical role in increasing food production and land use efficiency sustainability in agriculture. 2022 also showed us how fertilizer's role in feeding the world contributes to global stability and national security. TFI has collected data since 2013 on metrics that provide insight into the industry's efforts to improve safety, security, sustainability, environmental stewardship, and efficiency. The data announced today was gathered in 2022 and reflects industry operations in 2021

"The industry is continuously working towards more sustainable operations, including efforts to decarbonize and mitigate environmental impacts," Rosenbusch continued. "Each step of the supply chain is focused on doing more with fewer resources and the impact on communities and the environment. The data in this report highlights the achievements we've made in worker safety and energy and environmental metrics."

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To reduce the industry's energy footprint, 39 percent of all energy consumed is generated using waste heat rather than pulling from the electrical grid. Nitrogen producers recycled enough water to

fill 1.6 million Olympic-sized swimming pools. In 2021, both the recordable rate and the lost • time incident rate were the second lowest since the survey was launched in 2013.

The data includes metrics on segments of the fertilizer industry from fertilizer use on the farm, worker safety, energy and environment, and industry innovation. To learn more about this year's report, visit tfi.org/ sustainability.

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LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 - 10:00 AM FNB Community Room, 101 C St. - WASHINGTON, KS

78± ACRES WASHINGTON COUNTY, KS LAND

BRIEF LEGAL: W 1/2 SE 1/4 Less a tract N of Mill Creek and plus a small tract West of Centerline of Creek along West side of E1/2 SE1/4 Sec. 6 Twp. 03S Rng. 04E in Washington County, Kansas Except & Subject to all easements, visible and of record. Exact egal to be determined by survey.

URVEY: To be split 50/50 between Buyer and Seller.

TAXES: Estimated: \$1360.00.

INFORMATION: Estimated: 65.97 DCP Cropland Acres 57.45 Total Base Acres Wheat - 20.70 Acres Corn - 14.35 Acres Grain Sorghum - 8.45 Acres Soybeans - 13.95 Acres.

OPLAND STATUS: 100% NHEL

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Hwy 15 and Hwy 36 in Washington, KS. Go East on Hwy 36 for 1.5 miles. Property is on the North side of the road.

Brokers Notes: A tract of this quality doesn't come along very often, Class 1 and 2 soils with great access. Don't miss this op portunity to add quality acres to your operation or portfolio.

For more information or to view this property, contact Broker Mark Uhlik, 785-747-8568.

Terms & Possession: 10% down day of sale, balance due at closing on or be fore 5/4/2023. Seller to pay 2022 and prior years taxes. Possession on closing. Title insurance, survey, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Property to be sold as-is, where-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the auction. This is a cash sale and is not subject to the day of the auction. This is a cash sale and is not subject to financing, have your financing arrangements made prior to auction. Midwest Land and Home is acting as a Seller's Agent and represents the seller's interest. EBH Law will be the Escrow and closing agent. All information has a more from collable automatical burgers and closing agent. come from reliable sources; however, potential buyers are encouraged to verify all information independently. Seller expressly disclaims any liability omissions or changes regarding any information provided for these sales. Po tential purchasers are strongly urged to rely solely upon their own inspections and opinions in preparing to purchase property and are expressly advised to not rely on any representations made by the seller or their agents. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all other printed materials. Aerials are representations and not guaranteed to be actual property lines.

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****FARM AUCTION****

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 * 10:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: 123 NE 82nd, TOPEKA, KANSAS



TRUCKS, MOWER. UTV 2004 Red Chevy 2500 4x4 w/57K miles (6.6 engine); 1982 Gray Chevy ³/₄ ton w/139K miles (V8); 1970 Chevy grain truck w/81k miles (V8 & hoist); 1968 Ford grain truck (V8); 1967 International grain truck (no hoist); 1948 Chevy grain truck (straight 6/6 volt); Chevy grain-O-vater: 2005 Grasshopper 723K mower (gas & 60" deck); JD Gator-not running. TRACTORS: 1980 Case 2290 (6500+ hrs.); 1973 Case 870 (clean w/6825 hrs.); AC WD45 w/tri front loader-6 volt: AC WD45 wide front-6 volt(3); AC WD45 wide front-12 volt (2); AC WD45 tri-front-6 volt (2); AC WD45 tri-front w/saw-6 volt; AC WD tri-front cultivator-6 volt; WD45 motor; WD45 parts tractor w/motor; WD45 parts tractor w/o motor; AC saw; misc. AC parts & weights. HAY EQUIPMENT: EZ Haul Hay trailer (36'); 535 John Deere round baler; John Deere 336 wire square baler; 1979 NH swather (9'); NH sickle bar mower: New Holland 10' rake (2); twin rake bar; Vermeer 3 pt. high lift hay mover; Demonkey 40' hay elevator;



several hay racks; Gehl 2 roll silage chopper (40"); AC pto silage blower; NW pto silage. LIVESTOCK: 24' Circle D gooseneck livestock trailer; WW squeeze chute; 15+ big round feeders; 2 square hay feeders; calf huts; stock tanks 8' stock racks; several feed bunks; cattle & hog panels; steel & pipe gates & panels. MISC. EQUIPMENT: Kewanee

disc (11'2" w/cylinder); AC 10 disc w/cylinder; AC 10' disc (2); JD 1240-4 row planter (40" rows); Brillion 12' springtooth (2); 200 gal. sprayer; Case-5 bottom plow; Van Brunt off set disc: Van Brunt 8' drill (2): Glencoe soil saver; AC rotary hoe EZ Flow 10', EZ Flow 11.5' NH 16' manure spreader; Stih gas blower; electric pressure washer; Lincoln welder; acety lene torch set.

MISC ITEMS: Pipe; telephone poles; railroad ties; hedge posts; steel posts; hand tools 6-volt Solar electric fencer; log chains; 300 gal. fuel barrels w stands (3); misc. lumber; MANY SMALL ÍTEMS & TOOLS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST.



ANDREW SYLVESTER, Auctioneer, 785-456-4352 **BILL DISBERGER**, Crossroads Auction Coordinator, 620-921-5642 Real Estate TERRI HOLLENBECK, & Auction uc Broker/Owner, 785-223-2947

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Page 10 Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 How U.S. cotton exports shift in response to competition and trade policy

While the t-shirt you are wearing is likely to be made in China, Vietnam or Pakistan, it may be produced from cotton grown much closer to home. The U.S. is a major world supplier of cotton, exporting much of the production to markets in Asia, where it goes into textile manufacturing. However, growing competition from Brazil and the effects of recent trade policies are shifting

global market trends. A professor of agricultural new study from the University of Illinois investigates how U.S. cotton exports are impacted by these patterns.

The U.S. accounts for 15% of annual world production and 35% of the value of international cotton trade. That makes the country the world's largest cotton exporter, but Brazil is quickly catching up, says William Ridley, assistant

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and consumer economics at U of I and lead author on the paper, published in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics.

"As recently as the early 2000s, Brazil was only a minor player in the cotton market, and now they are the second largest exporter in the world. Brazil's cotton production is more than three times higher than it used to be. with a large expansion in land area devoted to cotton. It is also a trend more broadly with Brazil's agricultural sectors, they've become much more trade-oriented. Almost overnight, they became a major player in the cotton sector," Ridley states.

Brazil's exports to Asian markets, primarily China, Vietnam, Pakistan, Turkey, Bangladesh and Indonesia, have continuously increased over the past two decades. Ridley and co-author Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University, address how Brazil's growing presence in the world market has affected competitive dy-

The authors conducted a statistical analysis of cotton trade between any two countries in the world, looking at the impact of trade agreements, trade policies, tariffs, and other factors. They also modeled these trade flows in relation to Brazil's land area devoted to cotton, estimating how Brazil's expanding cotton production affects other countries through the global trade system.

Ridley and Devadoss also looked at the effects of the recent U.S.-China trade war. At the onset of the dispute in 2018, China imposed a 25% retaliatory tariff on U.S. cotton, causing U.S. exports to decline and opening the door for Brazil.

The researchers performed a counterfactual simulation analysis, where they built a statistical model of the global cotton market as it would have looked without the trade war and the Chinese tariffs. Simulating this scenario allowed them to isolate these elements from other factors affecting trade.

Based on this simulation model, Ridley and Devadoss estimate that U.S. cotton exports to China went down by about \$500 million annually. These exports were instead diverted to other markets, primarily Vietnam, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

The authors estimate that Brazil's exports to China went up by about \$75 million. While U.S. exports to China have somewhat recovered since 2020. when the U.S.-China Phase One trade deal was implemented, Brazil's share of the market remains high.

"Brazil didn't really have much of a foothold in the Chinese market prior to the trade war. Now they seem to be there to stay, so that's one of the consequences of the dispute,"" Ridlev notes.

nized there's growing competition between the U.S. and Brazil in agricultural markets, particularly soybeans and corn. Brazil is really well suited to the production of a lot of these commodities. They are rapidly developing their infrastructure and capacity to export and sell products to the rest of the world. Our results address this growing competition in agricultural commodities and illustrate how factors like the trade war have accelerated this development," Ridley concludes.

"It's long been recog-

Creed Caldwell earns Junior Bronze Award

Creed Caldwell, Parker, has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze award, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Caldwell is the 17-year-old son of Matt Caldwell and attends Prairie View High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in state and national shows. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Caldwell participated in the team sales and quiz bowl contests.

He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

The Bronze award is the first level of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the award, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honor. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.



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HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES Upright freezer; 3 pc. full size bedroom set; spinet piano; ice cream table & chairs; 1 door wood utility cabinet; couch; oak end tables; twin bed; walnut chest; kitchen table & chairs; walnut hutch; entertainment stand; drop front desk; oak desk: hall tree: bookcase: night stands; microwave; flour stand; Janome sewing machine; floor

ment, FNB of Jewell City, EC Riley, The Quality Store, Jacks Repair); yardsticks: Downs, Osborne. Cawker City. Hunter other; Downs, Osborne, Cawker City, Hunter & other local adv: (Wells Harness; Voss Grain & Seed; Downs Bottling Works; Downs Lions pins: Harlan pocket book; Burr Oak Grain & Feed; Heinen Hardware

lamp; Calico Kittens; 6 quilts; afghans; material; yarn; thread; table lamps; tape recorder; assortment books inc: Norman Rockwell; globe; cats; toy loader; yard art; luggage; fans; craft items; shoe rack; Christmas items; car tags; games inc: Touring; Corningware; Pyrex; asst. kitchen items: insulators: grill; metal folding chairs; asst. other items.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 -– 10:30 AM Auction will be held in the Commercial Building at the Republic Co. Fairgrounds in the North East corner of BELLEVILLE, KANSAS

GUNS & MILITARY

Belgium high power 9MM pis-tol w/2 clips & holster matching numbers; 455 Webly Mark 6 revolver (352083); 455 Webly Mark 6 revolver (352083); Ru ger Mark I Target 22 w/box (11-85725); Browning Challenger II 22 auto w/box (655RR02574); Remington 550-1 22; Browning BAR 306 (137RN09640); Remington Model 11 12 ga (270517); Winchester 37A 12 ga; Springfield 03A3 sporterized (5003443); Double barrel hammer black powder; Double barrel wall hanger; Nazi banner; Nazi WWII belt buckle; Nazi dress knife; German Devtschland knife; German 1911 bayonet; 9987B bayonet; German money; German camera; bleeder; 1945 Official

records Ralph E Standley; Columbus pocket watch; Waltham pocket watch; Illinois pocket watch; several rings some are diamond & silver; other items. COINS

986 Mercury dimes; 770 Roosevelt silver dimes; 271 Buffalo nickels; 161 11950D nickels; 9-1900s V nickels; 640 40s nickels; 620 1960s nickels; Quarters (5 Barber, 28 Walking Libertys, 95-1930s; 160-1940s, 40-1950s, 154-1960s silver); Halves (1899 Barber, 8-1910-1930; 10-1930s; 93-1940s; 45-1950s; 30 silver Kennedys; 11-1967 Kennedy; 94 70s Kennedy); 2500 wheat pennies; 601 steel pennies; many unc pennies; 1921 Morgan dollar; 1883, 1891, 1896,1899,1889, 1887, 1898,

1897,1934, 1921, 1922, 1923; Peace dollars; 1923-1922-1925-1926; 1922 peace dollar belt buckle; 44-1970s lke dollars; Susan B 1st day issue; First Step On Moon coin; 1935 \$1 bill; 1976 \$2 bill; Proof sets 1969-71-72-75-76-77-78-82; Mint sets 1972-74-75-76-77-78-79-80; 1946-57 Roosevelt dime book; Lincoln 1909-1940 books 1 full: Lincoln book 1941 & up; Indian Head penny book 1856-1909 w/3 flying eagles 41 coins; 1000 60s clad quarters; Kennedy half dollar book start 1964; American Numismatic Assoc coin set 1969-70-71; Canadian dollars; Historic Flight Sir Ross & Sir Keith Smith 1919-1969; 6 double eagles; 15-3oz silver bars; 6 pc ilver Eagles Nest: other coi

single seat buggy; wagon seat;

walking plow; wooden harrow; Army saddle; 3 high back sad-

dles; horse single seat race

cart; buggy wheels; Keystone

planter; woven wire gate mak-

er; No 1 tire rim bender; foot

vise; platform scale; Pennzoil

sign; large store coffee grind-

er; 4' store showcase; white

porcelain cook stove; large

Singer sewing machine; cider

press; metal washing machine; cast iron store table: 5 drawer

spool cabinet; 7 drawer base

cabinet; churn collection inc.

1910 Superior barrel churn on

wheels; wooden churns; met-

al churns; glass churns; crock

churns; copper candy kettle; cistern pump; water separator; ox yoke; 2 man chain saw; cast

iron kettle; cream cans; grind-

ers; Perfection heaters; primi-tives; spoke shaves; car lights;

iron collection; wrenches; horse

bits; Conoco cans; hay knives

Mokaska wooden coaster wag on; pine corner cabinet: parlor

table; 5 gal RW water cooler

crock jugs; 6 gal RW crock

Western crock; wall clothes dryer; mantel clocks; wall tele-

phone; Aladdin lamp; cylinder

phonograph; 4' store showcas-

es; wall coffee grinder; cast iron seat; forge blower; wash

tubs; sprinkling cans; lard press

Guns (American Gun Co 410 side by side; Winchester 1897

pump 12 ga; Remington model

11 12 ga; Winchester 190 22;

Ted Williams 200 20 ga;); large collection of other collect-

ibles. 2"x10" rough cut lumber

Currie Topeka, Ks. windmill.

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DARLYNE STANDLEY TRUST

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 — 9:30 AM Auction will be held at the farm located from REPUBLIC, KS West 4 miles on Fir Road to 30 Road then 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles North (Republic is located 7 miles North of Belleville, KS on Highway 81 then 11 miles West on Fir Road)

CARS & TRUCKS

1959 Edsel Corsair 4 door car 12,540 actual miles (car was put in building in 1961); Ford Model A good condition; Star car; 1955 Buick Special for parts; 1969 Ford 700 cab forward truck, 8 cy., 5 sp, 2 sp, 16' bed w/hoist 84,092 miles; 1961 Ford F600 truck, 8 cy., 4 sp 2 sp, 14' bed w/hoist 48,671 miles; 1948 Ford F6 truck 6 cy, 4 sp, 13 ½ ' bed w/ hoist 39578 miles.

TRACTORS & MACHINERY John Deere 2030 diesel tractor quad range, 3 pt, hyd w/JD 143 loader 3542 hrs (LQ7996T); John Deere 4230 diesel tractor 3 pt, 8 speed, 10,573 hrs; 1965 JD 4020 diesel tractor 3 pt., hyd, 7991 hrs; 1937 JD steel wheel GPWT wide tread tractor (403431); Oliver Hart Par steel wheel row crop tractor (108887); JD M wide front tractor (25306); JD AR tractor (278534); Fordson steel wheel tractor (F1485-O); JD GP steel wheel tractor (413129) w/unusual rear manure scoop; JD D tractor wide front rubber restored (179092); Case LA propane tractor 1941 JD B tractor (113332); 1929 JD GP steel wheel tractor (211986); 1926 JD D steel wheel tractor (42248); 1928 JD D steel wheel tractor (61770); 1938 JD B tractor w/ belly mower (47574); 1938 JD AR tractor (25639); Oliver Super 88 diesel tractor; 1950 JD A tractor (656718); 1956 JD 420 tractor 3 pt. (86022); JD 4010 propane tractor 3 pt. JD 4020 standard diesel tractor 8 speed,

4804 hrs.; 1958 JD 830 diesel tractor PS, hyd (8300353); 1959 JD 730 LP tractor 3 pt. hyd (7311654); 1944 JD H tractor new rear wheel (48311); AC D17 tractor (15748) no start-er; Allis CA tractor w/loader (13415); JD L tractor; 1955 JD 70 diesel tractor PS, 3 pt, hyd (7022417); 1954 JD 60 propane tractor, hyd, roll a matic front (6062823); JD 45 combine 10' header (20222); 1945 JD BO Lindeman crawler (335297); JD 440 crawler w/backhoe; AC HD9 crawler Detroit engine w/dozer; JD 3800 single row cutter; Allis Roto Baler; Brillon seeder; JD 5 bottom pull plow; Big Ox 10' ripper; JD 16' tandem disc; McKee Bale-Rustler 5 bale mover; 2 wheel grain cleaner; Richardson 5 shank V blade JD LZ 101 2 section 19-10 hoe drill; JD 896 side delivery rake; Hawkins hiller; Sunflower 1230 24' tandem disc; 4 bottom disc plow; road drag; cable dirt scraper; MM baler; Adams No 6 & No. 8 road graders; potato digger

Hustler 3200 zero turn mower 72" deck; Honda 100 motorcycle 6244 miles; 1976 Honda motorcycle 5815 miles doesn't run (C8360T); snowmobile; 3 wheel Mud Bike

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Stationary engines: Sandwich 1¹/₂ hp (A23771); Fairbanks Morris 2 hp vertical; Cushman model C 1 1/2 hp (19824); Byron Lumber Co. high wheel wagon; horse drawn reaper very good; IHC wheat binder; Pony corn sheller; horse drawn corn drill;

NOTE: The Aurand's have collected for many years. There are many unusual items. We will start with the antiques. Cars, Trucks and Tractors will sell at 12:00 Noon. They will be Live and Online, to get the information on the online auction check our website after Feb 22. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com. CHECK PICTURES WE ARE ADDING

WARD AURAND ESTATE & GLEN AURAND FAMILY TRUST Auction Conducted By: THUMMEL REAL ESTATE & AUCTION LLC, 785-738-0067

lamp; child's rocker; Ozias barn painting & Soft Summer Sunset; Stephenson paintings: Farmstead in Fall, Kansas Oats, Country Gardens; Josha Boys painting; assortment pictures; assortment glass; Blue Johnson dishes: silverplate coffee set; poppy seed grinder; collector cars; Local Advertising: Adv thermometers (Reddicks Place, Williams & Son, Downs

Cawker City; EC Riley 1956 calendar; Jewell, Mankato buttons: TSB Banks Glen Elder: Downs, Osborne school paper, other local books; Richardson manuals; 1927 Osborne Courthouse calendar; WR LaDows Market Tipton; CW Bock Cawker City Ford-Fordson sign); Longaberger baskets; lamps; dial telephone; luggage; washboard; sad irons; kerosene

TOOLS Craftsman snow blower; Lincoln 220 welder: Craftsman table saw; router & table; stacking tool box; asst. hand tools; portable air compressor; 1/2" drill press on stand; work bench; Ryobi wood band saw; cutoff saw; sander; yard tools; welding clamps; electric hand tools; fan; aluminum ladder; aluminum extension ladder: asst. of other items.

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



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- Online Only Auction (opens March 16, 8 am & soft closes March 22, 8 pm) — selling to settle Scott Schroeder Estate & sell Bushton City Surplus items: shotgun, 2 rifles, furniture, collectibles, upright freezer, Harley Davidson cycle, table saw & more held online at hollingerauction.hibid. com/auctions/current. Auctioneers: Hollinger Online Auction.
- March 21 21st Annual Bull Sale for Schrader Ranch held at the ranch near Wells selling 80 Charolais & SimAngus Bulls on Test. Online bidding at DVAuction.
- March 21 Hinkson Angus Ranch sale held at Cottonwood Falls. Selling 90 Angus fall bulls, 15 Charolais fall bulls, 70 commercial fall bred heifers.
- March 23 Griffin Horse Stables building & equipment auction simulcast live & online selling buildings, pipe & equipment held live at Manhattan with online bidding at gavelroads.com. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates.
- March 23 Land Auction consisting of 240 acres m/l of Riley County Flint Hills Native Grass pasture including a pond & several other water sources, mature hardwood trees, very clean pasture with excellent fences (property located just 7 miles SE of Manhattan) held live at Manhattan with online & phone bidding available: www.MidwestLand andHome.com. Seller: Pepper Farms, LLC. Auctioneers[.] Midwest Land

consisting of 608 Acres of Chautauqua County land sold in 2 tracts inc.: big rolling hills, several ponds, creeks, pasture, heavy timber, big deer, scenic views, great fences & more held live at Sedan with online bidding at www.Sundgren.com for Lazy K Cattle LLC. Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.-Land Brokers.

March 24 — Barrett Cattle sale held at Maple Hill selling 100 18-mo-old bulls and 20 spring yearling bulls.

March 25 — Yoder Farm Auction including Tractors (2012 JD 7330, 1995 JD 7600, 2008 JD 7230 & more) & like new JD H340 loader, farm equipment (2017 JD L330 baler, 2020 JD 14' MoCo 956 mower, Hesston 1365 disc bine mower, balers, rakes, corn heads, planters, plows, fert. spreaders, discs & more) & trailers (hay trailers, gooseneck trailer, livestock, enclosed), farm & ranch supplies, horse, carriage, guns, household & collectibles & much more held near Haven for Allen & Fannie Yoder. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

- March 25 Tractors inc. Ford 5000 tractor, GB 900 Hi-Master loader, shop equipment, new/ old stock, guns, toys & advertising items held at Marion for Midwest Sales & Service, Frank Pecinovsky Estate, Glennis Maddox, seller. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.
- March 25 Guns & ammo, coins, lawn mowers, neon, KSU apparel, antiques & collectibles, Tonka, lawn & garden, tools & outdoor items, Acorn Superglide stair lift, household & much more held at Manhattan for Ron & Jan Harold. Auctioneers: Morgan Riat Auctions.

March 25 — Estate Auction consisting of Husqvarna mower, utility trailer, Club Car golf cart, refrigerator, power tools, cordless tools, scaffolding, windmill, chainsaw, grinders & vises, Craftsman tools, cast iron kettle & frame & more held at Hope for Morgan Estate. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions March 25 — Tractors, Machinery, Truck, Machine Shop Tools held at Herkimer for Lawrence "Tony" Stoehr Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom. March 25 — 1959 Edsel Corsaid, Ford Model A, 1969 Ford 700, 1961 Ford F600 truck, 1948 Ford F6 truck, Tractors & Machinery. Hustler 3200 zero turn mower, motorcycles, antiques & collectibles inc.: stationary engines, churn collection, cast iron, guns, crocks, saddles, signs & much more held NW of Belleville near Republic for Ward Aurand Estate & Glen Aurand Family Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC. March 25 (Saturday) & (Monday) March 27 — 2-Day Auction selling: Day 1, March 25: Lots

& lots of shop tools of all types, machinery parts, welders, presses, wrenches, vise grips & much more (500 pallets to sell between 2 days); Day 2, March 27: D7H Caterpillar Bull Dozer, 6 Tractors, Semi tractor & drop deck trailers, 3 NH bale wagons, Lots more shop tools & parts held SW of Seneca for Roeder Implement, Inc. Dispersal. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

- March 25 Spring Ma-Consignment chinery auction inc.: Tractors & accessories, trailers, vehicles, campers & boats, ATV accessories, skid loaders, forklifts & attachments, hay & hay equip., livestock equip., machinery & much more held at Holton (online bidding through EquipmentFacts.com. Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
- March 25 Annual Farm Machinery & Farm Misc. Consignment auction including farm machinery, trucks, trailers, livestock equipment, farm tools & misc. held at the North edge of Durham in conjunction with G&R Implement. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
- March 25 Road To Glory Pig Sale held at Dover selling 100 pigs targeting county fair season.
- March 25 New Haven sale held at the farm, Leavenworth, selling registered Angus fall yearling bulls & yearling bull, registered Angus females spring & fall pairs, commercial Angus heifers, fall bred.
- March 25 Sandhill Farms sale held at the farm in Haviland, 1 pm selling approx. 280 head inc. 130 registered Polled Hereford bulls, 25 registered Hereford cow/calf pairs, 100 open commercial Hereford & baldy heifers.
- March 27 Oleen Brothers "The Best Of Both Worlds" Production sale held at Dwight offering 57 Horned Hereford bulls, 53 black Angus bulls, 70 bwf spring pairs, 110 fall bred heifers (bwf, HH & AN), 25 AQHA colts & 3 AQHA riders.
- March 28 Household & collectibles inc. furni-

Case 2290, 1973 Case 870, AC WD45 & more), hay equipment, livestock items including trailer, misc. equipment & many small items & tools held at Topeka for Marvin & Shirley Smith Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

- April 1 Antiques including crocks, pottery, vintage prints, records, Ferguson tractor sign & more, furniture, tools, lawn & garden, household, tools & more held at Emporia for James & Gloria Hannon. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.
- April 1 Toy Tractor Auction including over 210 new in box 1/16 scale toys tractors (JD, Case, Farmall, Int'l, Oliver, MF, AC, Ford, NH & others), crawlers, and a few pieces of machinery, 30+ Hesston Belt buckles & others held at Beattie for Ron Kampfer. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

April 1 — Guns & military items inc. Belgium high power 9mm pistol, revolvers, Nazi items & more; coins inc. Mercury dimes, Roosevelt silver dimes, nickels, quarters, books, mint sets & more held at Belleville for Darlyne Standley Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 1 — Western & collectible items inc. Thomas Holland 1876 bronze sculpture, lots of John Wayne collectibles, 8 Fredrick Remington bronze statues, collectible belt buckles, spurs, Western prints, decanter bottles. Mel's Tack & Saddle sign, 1997 Ford F150 truck, JD 430 tractor, JD mower, 1949 Chevy farm truck, machinery, tools & much more held at New Cambria for Velma P. Pedersen Trust (Mel's Tack & Saddle). Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC., Mark Baxa.

- April 1 Great selection of Outstanding Quality antiques, vintage, glassware, Gilmakra Swedish loom, furniture, collectibles, tools, RARE 1928 Marmon Coupe (partially restored) & extra parts & much more held at Ottawa for George L. & Dorothy B. Chaney Estate. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.
- April 1 Land auction consisting of 78 acres m/l of Washington County land with 65.97 DCP cropland acres estimated

Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 April 2 — Shawnee & Jack- at the

son County Real Estate

Auction consisting of

Parcel A (Shawnee Co.):

T1A; 5 ac. m/l county

building site; T2A: 5 ac.

m/l sit adjacent to T1A:

T3A: 9 ac. m/l building site; T4A: 19 ac. m/l (T1,

2 & 3 combined). Parcel

B (Shawnee Co.): T5B: 12

ac. m/l building site; T6B:

83 ac. m/l crop ground

& timber; T7B: 95 ac. m/

(T5 & 6 combined); Par-

cel C (Shawnee Co.): T8C:

Farmstead w/house &

outbuildings on 15 ac.

m/l: T9C: 96 ac. m/l native

grass pasture; T10C: 111

ac. m/l (T8 & 9 combined);

T11C: 20 ac. m/l pasture.

potential building site;

T12C: 26 ac. m/l fenced

pasture, building site:

T13C: 157 ac. m/l (T8, 9, 11

& 12 combined); Parcel D

(Jackson Co.): T14D: 154

ac. m/l pasture with pond;

Parcels E, F & G (Jackson

Co.): T15G: 214 ac. m/l

pasture, creek, timber;

Parcel H (Jackson Co.):

T16H: 98 ac. m/l invest

opportunity. All held at

Hoyt for Marvin & Shir-

lev Smith Trust. Auction-

eers: Crossroads Real Es-

April 2 — April Valley

Farms 28th Annual Show

Pig sale held at Leaven-

worth. All pigs selling

are raised on the April

April 5 — Land Auction

consisting of 358.5 acres

m/l sold in 3 tracts of Ot-

tawa County & Lincoln

County land held live at

Minneapolis with On-

line bidding available at

Ranchandfarmauctions.

com. Auctioneers: Ranch

& Farms Auctions in co-

operation with Whitetail

Properties Real Estate,

April 6 — Wabaunsee

County Land auction con-

sisting of approximately

425 acres in the heart of

the Flint Hills with na-

tive grass pasture, solid

fences, springs, pond, im-

mediate possession held

at Paxico. Auctioneers:

Crossroads Real Estate &

April 8 — Tractors & load-

er inc. JD 6400, JD 4430,

Westendorf TA-26, 1997

GMC C7500 truck, 2004

Ford F150, JD 6600 com-

bine, heads, machinery,

hav equipment, gravity

wagons & augers, older &

salvage machinery, fuel

tank, trailer & miscella-

neous held near Liberty,

Nebraska for Mr. & Mrs.

Bert Wymore. Auction-

eers: Jurgens, Henrichs,

Hardin, Sommerhalder.

April 8 — Real Estate &

personal property inc.:

Auction, LLC.

tate & Auction, LLC.

Valley Farm.

LLC.

at the Fink sale facility, Randolph selling 150 Bulls, 18-months & yearlings; also Charolais females both spring & fall calvers, donors, flushes, embryos.

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April 13 — Land Auction consisting of 478 acres m/l including T1: 160 ac. of native grass & 2 ponds; T2: 157.7 ac. with 3 ponds, approx. 30 ac. of wildlife habitat, balance is native grass hay meadow; T3: 160 ac. of cross fenced pasture, 4 ponds held live at Yates Center (online bidding at www.Midwest LandandHome.com) for Jason & Abbie Collins. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Barrett Long, listing agent.

April 15 — Collectibles & Toys inc.: many Salina collectibles, clocks, signs, thermometers, cast iron banks, silverware, furniture, 1/16 toy tractors, 1958 Edsel promo car, more collectible toys, post cards, stamps & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

- April 15 Land auction consisting of 146 acres of Washington County land held at Barnes for the Beverly Weiche Estate. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.
- April 15 Three-bedroom home on 1.3 acre lot held at Barnes for the Beverly Weiche Estate. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.
- April 15 Vehicle, household & collectibles held at Barnes for the Beverly Weiche Estate. Auctioneers: Bott Realty & Auction.
- April 15 Coin & Sports Memorabilia auction held at Lawrence for One Owner Collection - Quality is Outstanding. Watch for details soon. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.

April 20 — Clay County Land Auction consisting of T1: 153 ac. m/l with 91 ac. m/l tillable, 23 ac. m/l waterway/meadow, 39 ac. m/l timber/habitat; T2: 78 ac. m/l with 24 ac. m/l tillable, 32 ac. m/l meadow, 22 ac. m/l timber/habitat held live at Clay Center for Heirs of Harold James Macy Jr., Robert Mark Macy. Online bidding available at www. horizon farmranch.com. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

April 20 — Live & Online Land Auction consisting of 3,011 acres m/l of Elk & Montgomery County land sold in 10 tracts including bottom crop ground, hunting & fishing tracts,

& Home, Mark Uhlik broker/auctioneer.

March 23 — Special Bred Cow Sale including 1st calf bred heifers, 1st calf families, cow/calf families, bred cows held at Beatrice 77 Livestock, Beatrice, Nebraska.

March 24 & 25 - Selling Friday, March 24: Reloading equipment, supplies, tools, shells, lots of new & old brass, JD 435 zero turn riding mower, Husqvarna riding mower, Ford 1110 tractor w/951 Ford mower & front blade, Bolton mill, mounts, knives & misc. tools, etc.; selling March 25: 177 Lots of guns of all kinds and Cobalt, Champion & Browning gun safes all held at Portis for Eudyne Reames. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

March 24 — Land auction

ture, sewing machine, paintings, local advertising, books, quilts, yard art, kitchenwares, tools & more held at Downs for Kenny & Marti Wagner. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

- March 28 Ferguson Angus 33rd Annual Bull sale held at the ranch, Agra, selling registered Angus bulls.
- March 31 Cowboy Collectible Auction held at Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Valley Falls selling a wide range of cowboy collectibles including spurs, saddles, bits, bridles, etc.
- April 1 Farm auction consisting of trucks (2004 Chevy 2500 4x4, 1982 Chevy 3/4T, 1970 Chevy grain truck & others), Grasshopper 723K mower, UTV, Tractors (1980

(57.45 total base acres) held at Washington (with phone & online bidding at www.MidwestLandandHome.com) for Sandra & Mike Hood. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

- April 1 Gardiner Angus Ranch sale held at the ranch near Ashland selling 431 reg. Angus bulls, 429 reg. Angus females including (103) 2021 born donors, (20) 3-N-1 pairs, (117) bred cows, (189) bred heifers, 310 Elite bred commercial females.
- April 1 Circle S Gelbvieh Ranch 16th annual Production sale held at Canton offering 67 fall & yearling bulls, 8 Gelbvieh show heifers, 40 pens of Gelbvieh, Gelford & Gelbvieh influenced heifers; first calf Gelbvieh & Gelbvieh influenced heifer pairs.

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3BR, 1 BA ranch-style home, large lot, detached garage & storage building (Sedgwick); also selling furniture, household, shop & lawn equipment held at Sedgwick for John C. & Karen A. McCoskey Rev. Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

April 8 — 350-400+/- mostly 1/16 Toy Tractors, majority NIB & IH or Case IH, plus other farm toy related items and pedal tractors/toys held at Horton (fairgrounds). Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

- April 8 The Pinnacle Live Pig Sale held at Dover selling 50 pigs targeting state fair, KJLS & Royal.
- April 8 Fink Beef Genetics 37th Annual Sale held

great for livestock held live at Independence with Online bidding available at SunGroup-RealEstate.com. Auctioneers: Sun Group Real Estate.

- April 22 Collectible & household auction held at Herkimer for Lawrence "Tony" Stoehr Trust. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.
- April 22 Estate auction consisting of Firearms, Knives, Ammo held at Ottawa for One Owner Collection. Watch for details soon. Auctioneers: Elston Auction.
- April 29 Toy Tractor auction held at Beattie for Ron Kampfer. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

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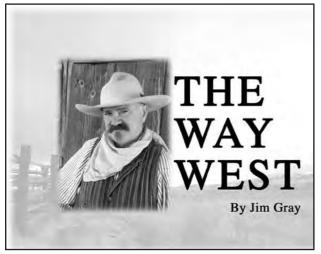
HANNON AUCTION (Antiques, Furniture, Tools, Lawn & Garden, Household) SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 - 10:00 AM **PROPERTY OF JAMES & GLORIA HANNON** AUCTION LOCATION: 1349 N. Hwy. 99, EMPORIA, KS 66801 ANTIQUES: Crocks, Morton Salt Thermometer, Blue Stoneware Pot tery, Wear-Ever Kitchenware, Vintage Prints, Rock'n'Roll Records Ferguson Tractor Sign, Primitive Wagon, Red Rocket Metal Sled, Oal Wall Phone; FURNITURE: Oak Stacking Bookcase, Oak Chifforobe Pie Safe; Chairs, Oak Dressers, Kitchen Cupboard, Oak Secretary Wardrobe, Oak File Cabinet, Metal Lawn Chairs, Victorian Fainting Couch; HOUSEHOLD & MISC: Frigidaire Upright Freezer, Sewin Supplies & MISC; Material; **TOOLS:** Bosch 12" Slide Miter Saw, Blac Max 27-gal Air Compressor, Bosch Sander, DeWalt Plunge Router Bench Grinders, Misc Hand Tools, Tool Box, Benchtop Drill Press Craftsman 10" Table Saw; LAWN & MISC GARDEN: King Kutter 5-ft tiller, 3-pt; 3-pt Post Hole Digger, 5-ft 3-pt Blade, 3-pt Cultivator 84"x46" Trailer, Troy-Bilt Tiller, Husqvarna Trimmer, Echo Weed Eate Troy-Bilt Woodchipper, Husqvarna 55 & T435 Chainsaw; Werner 28-f Ext Ladder; **COINS:** Morgans x4, Walking Liberty x39, Franklin x93 1964 Kennedy x29, Standing Liberty x3, pre-1964 Washington x104 Mercury x147, pre-1964 Roosevelt x65, Indian Head, Wheat, Steel Paper Currency. This a partial listing, lots of household items antiques and tools, this will be a large auction! For full listing, terms & photos GriffinRealEstateAuction.com

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Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023

On The Banks of the Kaw

Oren Arms Curtis was married to Isabelle Jane Quick at Eugene, Indiana, February 1, 1849. According to genealogical record Isabelle's father had died in 1838 and her mother, Naomie Quick, lived with them. Oren was said to have "spent time with the circuses after his first marriage," which is particularly interesting considering that his father had a love for horses with a knack for training. Circus performances at that time were primarily equestrian shows that combined human and equine talents in "horse dramas," delighting audiences beyond the confines of the commercial theater.

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Three children, Milo, John, and Eva were produced from Oren and Isabelle's union from 1849 to 1853. Life with a traveling troupe of entertainers may have instilled the roving spirit that so exemplified the life of Oren Curtis in his later years.

Kansas was on the lips of anyone who paid attention to developing events in the 1850s. Like so many other young men, Curtis caught "Kansas fever," and decided to see the conflict for himself. Curtis landed on Kansas soil on April 1, 1856, taking a job in Lawrence.

Shortly he tried his luck in Leavenworth, but his Free State sentiments brought him afoul of Leavenworth's pro-slavery element. Never one to keep his views to himself and in the interest of self-preservation he left the territory.

At Iowa City, Preston B. Plumb was organizing men to escort several wagons bound for Kansas Territory. The National Kansas Committee, an organization active in directing emigration to Kansas, had arranged for three wagons to be shipped by rail to Iowa City, pre-packed with two hundred and fifty Sharp's rifles, two hundred and fifty Colt's revolvers, one brass twelve-pounder cannon and its carriage. Supplies for use on the way were included.

Plumb left Iowa City with eight men. Oren Curtis joined them at Winterset, Iowa, and three or four others were added before they reached Kansas. Plumb called his company "the Grizzlies." The company was organized according to military regulations. It was drilled every day, for each man was expected to have to fight the Border Ruffians when he reached Kansas

The Grizzlies followed the trail earlier established by Jim Lane bringing emigrants and weapons to Kansas. Along the way, "O. A. Curtis would harangue the company on Kansas and freedom at every opportunity." Settlers fleeing from Kansas were met, "but this did not affect the enthusiasm of the company." Other companies were encountered but Plumb was careful to keep his men apart and to themselves.

The company camped near Indianola the night of September 24, 1856, remaining there until morning of September 26th when the arms were delivered to James Redpath and others at Topeka by crossing the Kansas River at Pappan's Ferry. Plumb, just short of his nineteenth birthday, had become an important operative in the effort to free Kansas. Oren Curtis was twenty-seven.

Curtis found employment with Louis Pappan, helping operate the ferry from the north bank of the Kansas (Kaw) River. According to 1859 settler Thomas F. Doran, the north bottom was "at that time a dense forest of heavy oak and walnut timber, through which a narrow wagon road had been cut."

In the ensuing months Curtis worked several jobs around Topeka, returning to work for Pappan in

1857. Pappan's wife was of Kaw-Osage descent. Of the Pappans, William Allen White wrote "The blackeyed, black-haired daughter of Louis Pappan, Ellen, played games with the Indian children in wild surroundings 'where business buildings now line Kansas Avenue, Topeka,'...and of course, she often used the ferry to cross the river."

Whether Oren attempted to bring his family to Kansas or if he abandoned them is not known. He and Isabelle were divorced in 1858. One thing led to another, and Oren Curtis married the nineteenyear-old Ellen Pappan. Most accounts give only the month of February. 1859, for their marriage, although one genealogical site gives the date, May 8, 1859, "in a ceremony performed by Father Ignatius Maes at the Immaculate Conception Church in St. Marys, Kansas." To their union two children were born in a log cabin near the ferry. Charles (1860) and Elizabeth (1861). Charles Curtis would go on to become Vice-President of the United States in Herbert Hoover's Administration.

Oren took over operation of the ferry from 1859 until 1863, renaming it

the Topeka Ferry. Tragedy struck the family when Ellen died from "black fever," believed to be cholera in April of 1863. Oren's parents were nearby at Mount Florence, about ten miles north of the ferry and his mother assumed the role of surrogate mother for his two children.

A few months later the terrible news of Quantrill's raid on Lawrence swept across the prairie like wildfire. The morning Topeka Tribune exclaimed, "Lawrence in Ashes!" Oren had already raised a company of mounted troops. The paper noted, "We take pride in calling attention to O.A. Curtis and his company of cavalry... which have been recruited, mounted, and armed in the space of a very few hours, and are now at this point ready to march towards the foe, whenever and wherever they may show themselves."

Oren Arms Curtis was about to leave the banks of the Kaw to embark upon a new chapter in his life. One that we will follow in the next installment of The Way West.

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В	ULLS: \$1:	30.50-\$141.50 * COWS:	: \$89.50-\$101.50	7	Mix	Bennington	676@\$213.00
		STEERS		44	Blk	Gypsum	716@\$213.00
300-			65.00 - \$278.00	74	Blk	Westmoreland	690@\$211.00
400-			69.00 - \$281.00	13	Mix	Hope	688@\$209.00
500-			250.00 - \$262.00	10	Mix	Wynnewood, OK	703@\$208.00
600- 700-			29.00 - \$240.00	70 11	Blk	Ada Hutchinson	733@\$204.75 744@\$197.00
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	-600		19.00 - \$230.00	60	Blk	Tampa	812@\$191.25
	-700	\$18	84.00 - \$195.50	66	Mix	Westmoreland	782@\$188.50
	-800	\$1	72.00 - \$183.00	29	Blk	Hutchinson	801@\$185.50
800-			63.00 - \$175.00	65	Blk	Lincoln	863@\$185.00
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		STEERS		117		Hope	882@\$182.00
18	Mix	Marquette	418@\$281.00	12	Mix	Beverly	916@\$179.50
9	Mix	Solomon	429@\$280.00	50	Mix	Canton	894@\$179.50
6	Blk	Solomon	367@\$278.00 450@\$274.00	60	Blk	Tampa HEIFERS	1012@\$175.25
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10	Blk	Gypsum	450@\$259.00	8	Char		455@\$234.00
19	Blk	Gypsum	503@\$259.00	6	Blk	McPherson	547@\$230.00
4	Mix	Claflin	479@\$257.00	5	Blk	Cheney	467@\$227.00
4	Blk	Ellsworth	589@\$254.00	8	Blk	Zurich	488@\$226.00
14	Blk	Inman	540@\$254.00	44	Blk	Minneapolis	491@\$226.00
12	Mix	Little River	414@\$253.00	9	Mix	Durham	459@\$226.00
3	Blk	Hutchinson	488@\$252.00	38	Blk	Little River	458@\$226.00
5	Blk	Cheney	472@\$251.00	3	Blk	Hutchinson	462@\$225.00
10	Blk	Seneca	506@\$250.00	10	Blk	Whitewater	471@\$224.00
29	Blk	Sedan	472@\$250.00	8	Char	Minneapolis	481@\$223.00
11	Mix	Randolph	556@\$249.00	3	Char	Gypsum	472@\$221.00
12	Blk	Osborne	527@\$249.00	3	Blk	Brookville	437@\$221.00
16	Blk	Andale	508@\$248.00	15	Red	Abilene	469@\$217.00
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7	Blk	Wynnewood, OK	517@\$238.00	8	Blk	Solomon	624@\$195.00
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11	Mix	Moundridge	527@\$234.00	14	Mix	Hutchinson	639@\$188.50
17	Mix	Whitewater	593@\$234.00	15	Blk	Delphos	657@\$187.00
11	Blk	Little River	558@\$232.00	5	Blk	Newton	633@\$187.00
15	Mix	Salina	575@\$231.00	32	Mix	Salina	644@\$185.00
65	Mix	Salina	530@\$230.00	20	Red	Lincoln	719@\$183.00
17	Blk	Andale	616@\$229.00	35	Mix	Minneapolis	696@\$182.50
8	Red	Abilene	525@\$228.00	19	Mix	Salina	696@\$182.50
7	Blk	Andale	647@\$227.00	20	Blk	Ellsworth	729@\$181.00 707@\$180.00
3	Char	Marion	620@\$225.00	22	Mix	Beverly	707@\$180.00 740@\$179.00
9 13	Mix	Salina Moundridge	631@\$225.00	10	Blk	Delphos	740@\$179.00 738@\$179.00
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Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211 MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY Hogs sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls. THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised. AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD For a complete list of cattle for all sales check out our website www.fandrlive.com .. com LIVE CATTLE AUCTIONS FARMERS & RANCHERS HAS SWITCHED BACK to for our online auctions.



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UPCOMING SPECIAL TUESDAY SALES:

COW SALES: ** April 18 ** May 2

IN STOCK TODAY:

Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders
Heavy Duty Feed Bunks

Early Consignments For THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 10 AM

600 black steers & heifers, 425-550, vaccinated, bunk broke, Don Johnson sired; 65 mostly black heifers, 750-800, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations, open; 6 black steers & heifers, 500, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations, open; 45 black steers & heifers, 500-550, weaned 6 weeks, 2 round vaccinations; 160 black steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, November weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 160 char/red Angus X steers & heifers, 700-800, home raised, November weaned, vaccinated; 63 black steers & heifers, 550-650, long time weaned, home raised, 2 round fall vaccinations, off wheat; 40 heifers, 550-700, off rye, home raised, weaned; 300 steers & heifers, 450-750, home raised, long time weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 10 steers & heifers, 400, weaned 30+ days, fall vaccinations, bunk broke, home raised; 50 steers, 575-750, long time weaned, off wheat; 30 steers & heifers, 500-700, long time weaned, vaccinated; 70 black/red steers & heifers, 400-600, home raised, vaccinated (Dec); 14 steers & heifers, 600-800, long time weaned, vaccinated, home raised; plus more by sale time.

16th Annual New Frontier Rodeo Bull Sale Saturday, March 25, 2023 - Start Time: Noon



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