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Sipes celebrates long histories and new legacies

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By Lucas Shivers

Jim Sipes, a fifth-generation farmer in Stanton County, summarized the 2023 wheat crop in one word: terrible.

"It's one of the worst crops I've ever seen," Jim said. "For thousands of acres, there will be no wheat."

Due to severe lack of moisture and drought conditions, the wheat planted in the fall never even sprouted.

"There was literally no moisture because of the weather patterns over the last few years," said Jim, who farms around 15,000 acres. "We haven't had any rain since August. This is the second year in a row where it's been zero."

The Sipes family plans to cover the acres from the 2022 season that didn't come up last year either. Sadly after repeat seasons, there won't be many wheat acres on dryland at all for many in the southwestern areas bordering Colorado and Oklahoma.

"Thankfully the crop insurance is keeping us in operation, but we're needing moisture," Jim said. "We've had a few inches in April this spring so we plan to plant grain sorghum."

The family used to have irrigation systems but quit more than 15 years ago. The wells that once ran thousands of gallons a minute were down so low that the family couldn't afford it.

"We think about irrigation sometimes; but we now worry about having drinking water. We're all 100% rain-fed."

Western Ways

Manter is the Sipes' hometown.

"It's a little-bitty spot with 200 people, counting the cats and dogs," Jim said. "We're down to the post office. Our school consolidated in Johnson City, and the few restaurants we once had closed. Not much survives any more. It's turning into a ghost town without much business."

K-State Dairy planning for the future

Preparing for the future, the Kansas State University Dairy Teaching and Research Center (DTRC) is restructuring its cow herd and management strategy. Today DTRC is home to approximately 250 lactating Holstein cows primarily used for teaching students, research and providing important information to the industry.

DTRC, which was built in 1977, has been home to research and teaching of dairy nutrition, reproduction, health, housing and management. Even though there are challenges due to the aging facilities, this has remained as one of the most productive herds in Kansas for the past decade. The unit provides hands-on experience and research opportunities for undergraduate and grad-



Representing the fifth and sixth generations on the Sipes farm are, from left: Bailey, Kelly, Jim, Caleb and Kylee Sipes.

Sipes reflected that the shifts in populations get even more tough with factors like health care.

"We have a lot of struggles ahead of us."

Jim is the fifth generation of six to farm on the land now that his son is back to join the operation.

"It's awesome to farm with my son, Caleb. It's what we've always hoped would happen. Traditionally, we raised certified wheat seed on a cycle of wheat to sorghum to dryland rotation."

Long-standing History

Jim started farming with his family right out of college.

"My grandparents helped get me some land, and I lived in their old house for a while," he said.

Jim's ancestors shared the generational passion for farming. "Hiram was my great-grandpa with his dad Lawson," he said. "Glenn was my grandpa, and he helped to found the cooperatives and raised funds for several area hos-

pitals."

Glenn also helped pioneer an electric and communications company.

"He served on those boards for many years," Jim said. "They did a lot of things for these communities. None of the rest of us will live up to it. It's a fun thing to look back at history."

Jim also had a great uncle that founded a bank. The financial institution supported the last county not to have a bank in Kansas.

"It actually made it so that all 105 counties had a bank," Jim said. "Another great uncle sold school books and rode around on trains in the 1800s to start schools. A few folks in Syracuse said, 'We don't need a school.' My uncle fist-fought for it. 'If I win the fight, you have a school.' Well, he won the fight against two men; and they got a school."

New Legacies

Jim and Kelly connected after he graduated from

the college of agriculture at KSU.

"I had already graduated, but my sister thought we needed to meet. The rest is history. I knew I needed her to come to the farm with me."

The family farmed some of that original ground with Jim's dad, Bob, who passed away in February 2023 and an uncle named Ronnie who has also not been able to work regularly since COVID.

Caleb and his wife, Kylee, actually live now in the grandparents' home, which was where Jim and Kelly started out as well. Kylee is from Texas and she's teaching school. They studied at West Texas A&M in Canyon City, Texas, where Caleb graduated in 2019 and Kylee a semester later. He worked for a company in Amarillo for Kylee to finish school.

"It worked out really well for them to be back," Jim said. "They moved out here a couple of years after graduating."

Jim and Kelly's daughter, Bailey, graduated from KSU in May 2023, and she's headed to Texas Tech for an ag leadership graduate program. She hopes to help teach adults about agriculture.

"I've been on the Kansas Farm Bureau board for more than a decade," Jim said. "I was able to take my kids to D.C. several times, and they saw the need to advocate for agriculture. It's why Bailey is doing what she's doing. Both kids helped start the FFA program in the area, and Bailey served as both

a district and state FFA officer."

Kelly currently teaches after being a school secretary and sub. She's been teaching for more than a decade, mostly at the high school level. She teaches agricultural education classes, serves as FFA advisor and teaches the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes as well.

"She's perfect for it because she was a Tennessee state FFA officer," Jim said. "Bailey is following in her footsteps. It's a really strong program and needed to happen due to the changes in the county to get a better understanding of agriculture."

Future Hopes

Dreaming of better days with wheat ahead, Jim expects the long-term forecast of weather patterns to change with more rains in the fall.

"Wheat is not a hard crop to raise, but it's not been that way for us in the last five to six years without the moisture to even get the crop to start," he said.

Expecting more types of winter moisture, Jim and his family will be ready for next year.

"Hopefully, we'll see a comeback to get more," he said. "It's worse with rainfall than in the 1930s when our neighbors were in those documentaries only a few miles away. Had we not had better farming practices, we'd be in the same spot."

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Prior to his death this past February, Jim's dad Bob was active in the farming operation and helped with wheat harvest. Courtesy photos

Celebrating June Dairy Month



Ohlde Family Farms hosted the community at their open house June 8. Nearly 275 neighbors and industry friends enjoyed tours of the robotic milking barn at StateLine Dairy near Morrowville, as well as a serving of ice cream. Governor Laura Kelly proclaimed June Dairy Month in Kansas. The Ohlde family was joined by Kansas House Agriculture Committee Chair Ken Rahjes, Agra.

Justin Ohlde serves as Chair of the Kansas Dairy Commission. Tyler Ohlde was elected to his first term on the Kansas Dairy Association board. They are the second generation to serve in the industry groups following in the steps of their father, Steve.

Learn more about the third-generation Kansas dairy at <https://ohldefamilyfarms.com/history/>



The Character In Life

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

As Father's Day approaches this year, I have been reflecting on the life and legacy of my grandfather, Emil, who passed away at the age of 95 earlier this year. I spent more of my life with him than any of my other grandparents, giving me a deeper understanding of the wisdom he shared and the ways he shaped the character and personalities of my family.

Grandpa wasn't outwardly affectionate; I am not sure I ever remember seeing him hug or show public affection to any-

one. He showed love by working hard to support his family; he spent more than 40 years working six days a week on rotating shifts at the local paper mill and milking 40 to 50 head of cattle twice a day. He showed support to his grandchildren through generosity by buying 4-H and FFA project animals, getting us show supplies or making contributions to fund experiences that expanded our educations and broadened our horizons.

He didn't give pep talks, preach life lessons or try to inspire by speech, but

his ability to persevere and overcome obstacles inspires me. He began life in a home where only German was spoken. Though he and his siblings learned English at school, his mother never did. He and his brothers took responsibilities for running the farm at a young age because his father suffered injuries in World War I that prevented him from providing for the family. He left high school to serve in the Navy at the end of World War II and eventually completed his education after he returned from the service. At the age of 92, he crawled 150 yards with a broken hip after rolling his ATV, and instead of letting the injuries conquer him, he waited out his sentence of rehab at the nursing facility without complaint until he was healed enough to return home.

Grandpa had a quiet devotion to the important things in life. He visited his wife of 60 years every single day for several years when she moved into a nursing home at the end of her life even though he remained at home to continue running the farm. He never spoke about religion but attended church every Sunday, even after my grandmother passed away, until his health prevented him and he had to listen to the service on the radio.

He showed patriotism was important, and he was proud to be a member of the American Legion for 70-plus years. The Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2011 was the trip of a lifetime for him, and he

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Where Ground Chuck comes from



This past week we did something new. Brunkow Family Lamb made its first appearance at a Farmers' Market. We set up shop in the Downtown Farmers' Market in Manhattan and it was a great experience. If you have never taken a Saturday morning to walk through a farmers' market, you are missing out. It was something Jennifer and I did when we had time, but this was the first time we attended as vendors. I must say it was interesting from that viewpoint.

One thing I will tell you about farmers' markets is that they are a fascinating place to watch people. One of my favorite things to do is to watch people and airports and farmers' markets are the best place to do that. Some come to browse, and they don't have any idea what they are going to buy. They walk up and down the aisles talking to just about everyone; often they are the ones carrying the smaller bags. They are there to experience the farmers market, to take in the experience and they go at their own slower pace.

Then there are the people on a mission; they are looking for next week's meals. I noticed a lot of them bring their own bags. They are looking for specific things on their list and they know what they want. If they have been to the market before, knowing where they are going, you'd better get out of their way. To be honest that was probably us in the past. We were there for a few things, most specifically the vegetables I couldn't grow. If we lingered longer, I was likely to buy other things we didn't need.

There were many types of people to watch, and I enjoyed the experience. What I really enjoyed the most was interacting with customers. People would come by and ask questions and I found out something I had always thought was true. Most people want to know where their food comes from and how it is produced. I think those of us who farm and ranch take for granted that people know what we do. Well, they don't.

Most of my interactions were very positive and I really enjoyed telling our story and answering questions, all but one. I had one lady who approached our stand and was interested in our lamb. She asked if our lamb was grain-fed or grass-fed. That is where I thought the conversation would end. I told her our lamb was grain-fed. That seemed to be okay with her. Her next question was if we used GMO grains in our finishing

ration.

When I told her we did, she promptly told me she was not interested and left. Since then, I have wondered if I missed a chance to have an open dialogue with her. I really wanted to know what she knew and why she felt like she did. I don't have a problem with it; she is the customer and has every right to choose what she wants, but I want to know why. Where did she get her information and what exactly turned her away from GMO crops?

I am certain that all the information I could supply her with was not going to change her preferences. She certainly did not want to hear my opinion, or she would have stayed. Again, that is okay, we all work with our ideas and opinions and that is our right. It is a free market and I hope she found the product she was looking for. In my opinion, and I think it is an educated one, there is no difference in meat fed GMO or non-GMO grains. But I suspect that science and facts would not have gotten me a sale that day.

I know fellow producers do raise meat without GMO grains and that is their decision and I respect it. There are enough customers for all of us. All I ask as a farmer and rancher is that the consumer takes the time to educate themselves and to make sure that their sources are credible, and science-based. Take the time to talk to producers who are out in the field and who are the experts. Then you can conclude that best works for you.

I guess winning a war is knowing where to pick your battles and I am sure this is one I would not have won. It is proof to me that each of us needs to get out of our comfort zone and talk with consumers. We need to know what they are hearing, how that makes them feel and how their decisions are affected. I will say it again, I believe in the free market and every consumer has the right to select the food or product that best fits their needs and beliefs.

That is why I think farmers' markets are both good for the consumer and a great opportunity for those of us who produce food to get to know those consumers. It is a chance for consumers to meet us and learn directly from the source. So, come on down to the farmers' market, strike up a conversation then make sure you take some really good lamb home for supper.



I've been thinking about writing this column for a couple of months but have hesitated for a variety of reasons. It's a risky one for me personally. In spite of the fact that I've shared almost every aspect of my life with you, from births and deaths to memories and mayhem – this one is different. It will require a degree of vulnerability that is nerve-racking at best and terrifying at worst.

But as I've thought about it and prayed about it, I've realized that the subject it addresses can only be changed on a widespread cultural level if people talk about it.

Lots of people.

Pretty much everybody.

This probably won't be the only time I write about it, although I promise I won't cram it down your throat. I'm sure my family will continue to provide me with enough other shenanigans for the light-hearted columns that are my more usual fare.

The topic? Mental health. Oh, I've written stories and published articles about it, but they were always from the safe standpoint of the outside observer. I've provided you with statistics and available services, all the while insulating myself from revealing any sort of personal struggles. I wrote a column admonishing you that getting help was simply adding tools to your coping toolbox, similar to all the meetings you attend to make you better ag producers, all while fighting back the sense that I was drowning emotionally.

Then last December I felt like I was going under for the third time, which according to old wives' tales on drowning, is the time you don't come back up. I realized if I didn't do something, the outcome would not be good, so I decided outside help was in order.

The reason I am telling you this is not because I want to call attention to myself or garner any kind of sympathy. In fact, fearing that might be the perception is why I have been hesitant to write it at all. But you have been welcoming me into your homes for nearly 13 years. So many of you have written to me or talked to me when we're out and about that I feel a kinship with you, and with that kinship comes a responsibility to share when sharing might be a help.

I knew I needed to talk to someone to help gain a different perspective on things and find healthier ways to deal with them. I had three criteria when I started looking for a therapist. First, for me, it needed to be a Christian. Second, a woman, and third, someone around my own age. I went to my insurance website to see if there was anyone in the network that would meet that criteria, and sure enough, there was. I'll admit, my hands were shaking a little as I made that call. But I made it.

After the first couple of appointments I was starting to feel a little better. I think I talked more in that first session than I normally do in a week. She listened, asked a few questions, and made some thought-provoking comments that I was able to chew on between sessions. My perspective started to shift, and little by little it stopped feeling like an elephant was sitting on my chest.

About three or four sessions in, I had conversations with three separate women, and as we talked, I shared with them that I had started therapy. All three times, they each said that they sometimes wondered if they would benefit from it as well. Since then, I've told three or four other people and every single one of them said the same thing.

Here's the deal – life is hard. None of us navigate our way through it without some bumps and bruises, and sometimes downright train wrecks. Yet we've conditioned ourselves to believe that we have to muddle through and "get over it." If we treated our physical health the way we treat our mental health, I'm pretty sure our species would go extinct.

The thing is, based on the reaction I've gotten from people, the so-called stigma on getting help for our mental health is pretty much self-imposed. Not one time did someone react in a way that made me feel ashamed to have gotten help. Not. One. Time.

I believe that deep down, we all know we're a hurting, broken bunch. Just because we've taken the best punches life can throw at us and managed to stand back up, doesn't mean there aren't injuries and wounds that need to be addressed. They may be invisible, but they're there nonetheless. We might not be bleeding all over the floor, but those wounds need to be bound up and helped to heal just the same.

I have no idea how this column will be received, but it's worth the risk. If even one of you comes to understand that getting help is a much better option than ignoring the pain, self-medicating with whatever helps dull that pain, or letting it ruin both your mental and physical health, or even your life, it's a risk I would take a thousand times over.

Because you, my dear friends, are so, so worth it.



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USDA accepts more than one million acres in offers through Conservation Reserve Program General signup

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting more than one million acres in this year's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup. This is one of several signups that USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is holding for the program, and these results reflect the recognition the agricultural community give to CRP as a resource for climate-smart agriculture

that helps promote plant and animal biodiversity as well as healthier soil. While offers for new land in this General CRP signup totaled about 295,000 acres nationwide, producers submitted re-enrollment offers for 891,000 expiring acres, reflecting the successes of participating in CRP longer term. The total number of CRP acres will continue to climb in the coming weeks once FSA accepts acres on the

Grassland CRP signup, which closed May 26. Additionally, so far this year, FSA has received 761,000 offered acres for the Continuous CRP signup, for which FSA accepts applications year-round. The number of accepted acres that are actually enrolled in General CRP will be decided later this year. Participating producers and landowners should also remember that submitting and accepting a CRP offer is the

start of the process, and producers still need to develop a conservation plan before enrolling their land. Each year, during the window between offer acceptance and land enrollment, some producers change their mind and ultimately decide not to enroll some accepted acres without penalty.

General CRP Signup
The General CRP Signup 60 ran from February 27 through April 7, 2023. Through CRP, producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve soil health and water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat on agricultural land. In addition to the other well-documented benefits, lands enrolled in CRP are playing a key role in climate change mitigation efforts across the country. In 2021, FSA introduced

improvements to the program, which included a new Climate-Smart Practice Incentive to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This incentive provides a 3, 5, or 10 percent incentive payment based on the predominant vegetation type for the practices enrolled – from grasses to trees to wetland restoration.

Other CRP Signups
Grassland CRP is a working lands program that helps producers and landowners protect grassland from conversion while enabling haying and grazing activities to continue. Lands enrolled support haying and grazing operations and promotes plant and animal biodiversity. Lands are also protected from being converted to uses other than grassland. This year's signup for Grassland CRP ran from April 17 through May 26.

Under Continuous CRP, producers and landowners can enroll throughout the year. Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Continuous CRP includes the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative, the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Also available is the Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) initiative. CLEAR30, a signup opportunity under that initiative, was originally piloted in twelve states but has since been expanded nationwide, giving producers and landowners across the country the opportunity to enroll in 30-year CRP contracts for water quality practices.

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leaders and highly impactful research and outreach activities. In the short term, reducing the herd number would be the most sustainable decision to continue providing those opportunities and services during a period of labor shortage in these aging facilities. A state-of-the-art facility with cutting-edge technology would help ensure that we conduct teaching, research and Extension efforts that are up to modern dairy industry standards for decades into the future."

As DTRC transitions this summer, Dr. Mike Brouk, K-State professor

and Extension specialist, will be transferring faculty coordinator responsibilities to Brown and Gomez Leon, who will jointly supervise the DTRC. "Despite the challenges, Dr. Brouk has gone above and beyond his impactful Extension, research and teaching contributions to ensure that the DTRC fulfilled its role in our teaching, research and Extension missions for the past two years," Day says. "Many thanks to Mike for his dedication and commitment to the department and DTRC."

Located on Animal Science Road north of Marlatt Avenue, the

DTRC is just minutes from the K-State Dairy Processing Facility and the Call Hall Dairy Bar. "All of the dairy products offered at the Call Hall Dairy Bar follow a 'farm-to-spoon' principle," Day explains. "The entire production cycle that leads to raw milk, that is then processed to result in Call Hall Ice Cream, cheese, milk and other products, all happen within a two-mile radius of the Dairy Bar. This temporary reduction in herd numbers will not impact the capacity of Call Hall Dairy Bar to provide the ice cream and other dairy products that all enjoy."

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When wheat fields fail, farmers may still have options

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

When planning an upcoming outdoor event, people often turn to the weather forecast to see if their plans will hold or if they will have to come up with an alternate option.

For farmers, those decisions can impact their financial bottom line — too much rain can cause the roots of a plant to rot, and too little rain is also a problem because the crop can't get the water and nutrients it needs to thrive.

So, what is a farmer to do when the crop fails?

"With where we are

at in the growing season today, there are still many options for farmers who have a wheat crop that has failed," said Ignacio Ciampitti, professor of agronomy at Kansas State University.

The first step, he said, is to look at the limitations outlined in the farmer's crop insurance policy before opting to plant something else in the field. The second limiting factor might be related to the restrictions from herbicide carryover effects.

If the farmer opts to plant another crop, there are several options to consider depending on the soil and weather.

"We are still in the planting window for full maturity corn, but it will depend on what region (of Kansas) you live in," Ciampitti said. "However, it is important to emphasize that the yield potential at this late planting time for corn is reduced relative to early season planting."

To help increase the yield, Ciampitti recommends applying a nitrogen fertilizer based on the target yield and the soil's nitrogen conditions before planting.

"In some of these dryland environments, the target yields will be around 150 bushels," he said.

Another option is soybeans, which Ciampitti said is one of the most common cropping rotations with wheat.

"With soybeans, if you can plant in a fifteen-inch row spacing (called narrow rows), that will help the crop to close the canopy much faster for capturing sunlight," Ciampitti said. He said the risk of planting soybeans late if shorter growth cycles are used is that they will finish with less nodes, which decreases the plant yields, and leads to less potential for developing pods.

For farmers growing in drier climate conditions,

and with low soil moisture levels currently, Ciampitti recommends growing sorghum.

"Sorghum is a good option when the fields are already dry; it is important to make sure the fields are clean when planting so that volunteer wheat doesn't grow," he said.

Lastly, farmers may want to consider planting a cover crop to benefit the soil.

"If you are thinking about crop rotation and you want to go back to wheat (short period), cover crops can break the cycle of the mono-crop rotation (wheat after wheat)," Ciampitti said.

He said that the downside of planting a cover crop is that the farmers won't have the income compared to opting for a summer crop.

As those decisions are being made, Ciampitti said producers need to study their current soil moisture conditions and know what their water resources are in order to better understand their potential crop options for this growing season.

More information on crop production in Kansas is available online in the weekly eUpdate published by K-State's Department of Agronomy.

Landmark legislation to address land access introduced in House

Representatives Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Zach Nunn (R-IA), and Joe Courtney (D-CT) have introduced the Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act, a bill to remove barriers faced by young, beginning, and historically underserved farmers and ranchers. If enacted, the bipartisan legislation would authorize and expand the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program and represent an historic step toward addressing the interrelated challenges that these farmers face.

"As the average age of farmers continues to rise, our nation faces an unprecedented generational transfer of farmland. Meanwhile, beginning and historically marginalized farmers are struggling to access farmland and the resources they need to grow viable farm businesses," said Tim Fink, policy director for American Farmland Trust. "Today's introduction of the bipartisan Increasing Land Access, Security, and Opportunities Act reflects a growing understanding that these challenges are inter-related, and that addressing them

requires urgent investment and creative, community-led solutions."

With agricultural land at record prices — fueled in part from steep competition from developers, investors, and established farmers — many young and Black, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC) farmers and ranchers cite access to farmland, whether purchased or rented, as their top challenge. At the same time, our nation's agricultural landowners are aging. For every farmer and rancher under age 35, there are four who are 65 years or older. Compounding these land access challenges, many farms and ranches, especially those that are small and mid-sized, struggle with profitability and farm viability. Farmers must continually fine-tune their business models to develop resilient operations that are viable in the longrun and can withstand the cyclical ups and downs that are inherent to farming.

In 2022, USDA's Farm Service Agency launched the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access (LCM) Program to provide flexible support for a wide range of eligible activities through service providers already immersed in the farming communities they serve. The program is the first of its kind to directly address land access and related challenges facing young, beginning, and BIPOC producers, with services including succession planning, down payment support, business and financial planning, and heirs' property title resolution.

The Increasing Land Access, Security and Opportunities Act expands on this program, making it permanent and authorizing funding at \$100 million per year for the next five years.

"We applaud Representatives Budzinski, Nunn, and Courtney for introducing this bill," Fink said, "and for working to ensure that the next Farm Bill supports equitable opportunities for historically underserved producers to not just farm, but to thrive. By helping farmers get on the land, stay on the land, and build strong, viable businesses, this bill would set the next generation up for success."

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- Prioritizing projects that give direct financial assistance to farmers, involve collaborative partnerships and transition farmland from existing producers to the next generation.


- Establishing a committee of stakeholders to develop a process for evaluating applications and distributing funds effectively.

Hay demonstration day planned June 23

On June 23rd, hay producers will have a unique opportunity to test drive hay Kubota harvesting equipment in an operating hay field. K-State Research and Extension, Wildcat District will have information on managing pastures and hay fields in the midst of drought conditions. Montgomery County Conservation District will also have the rental equipment available to producers on display.

The event will be held at a hayfield on the north side of Highway 160, six miles west of the Highway 75 South junction, west of Independence, see flyer for map. Lunch will be provided by Romans Outdoor Power, starting at 11a.m., no need to RSVP! In the event of bad weather, the event will be postponed to July 14th.

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Dive into the wheat world this summer with the “Wheat’s on Your Mind” podcast

By Julia Debes

Whether it's cutting in the combine, driving truck or rolling along in the tractor, Kansas producers can catch up on the latest wheat industry news with the “Wheat's on Your Mind” podcast from Kansas Wheat.

“If you are looking for educational and entertaining coverage, check out ‘Wheat's on Your Mind,’” said Aaron Harries, podcast host and Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. “We're showcasing wheat stories for an array of audiences from across the supply chain, providing perspectives on how the wheat industry has grown, what the world of wheat

looks like today and the future of wheat in Kansas.”

In Episode 1 and Episode 2 — One in a Brazillion, Harries sits down with one of the most recognizable voices in Kansas wheat-related meetings — Dr. Romulo Lollato, associate professor of wheat and forage production at Kansas State University. The pair chats about Lollato's childhood in Brazil, where his passion for Extension work really took hold and how he ended up at Oklahoma State then eventually here at K-State.

Episode 3 — Creating a Powerhouse: Jagger Wheat with Dr. Rollin Sears features the wheat breeder responsible for one of the most prolific wheat vari-

eties — Jagger. Learn how the variety came to be, as Sears walks through the history of K-State wheat breeding.

Speaking of wheat breeding, Episode 4 — Yield versus Protein: Breeding For Both, features a pair of wheat geneticists — Dr. Mary Gutierrez, research geneticist with USDA's Agricultural Research Service, and Dr. Allan Fritz, head of wheat breeding at Kansas State University. The dynamic duo team up to explain how yield and protein duke it out and what wheat breeders are doing today to create a variety that'll reverse that.

Following the thread of K-State research, K-State

College of Agriculture Dean, Dr. Ernie Minton, joins Episode 5 — Ernie Minton: The Land Grant Revamp to give listeners the rundown on what the plan for the future of K-State College of Agriculture looks like, including all the new, updated buildings in the works.

Taking a mental trip across the globe, Episode 6 — Aussie Wheat? He's Your Guy - Guy Allen sits down with Harries to discuss Australian wheat production, marketing and trading. Together, they compare production between U.S. and Australia and discuss agricultural issues of the land down under.

Continuing to follow

how wheat flows around the world, Episode 7 — This Little Grain Went to the Market: Wheat Trade with Dalton Henry has the Vice President of Policy for U.S. Wheat Associates joining the podcast to discuss trade policy — the technicalities and the practical impacts of policy.

The podcast would be remiss not to talk about the weather this year. Take a look back at the past few dry years in Episode 8 — How 'bout this weather? With Christopher Redman. The Kansas Meosnet network manager gives his perspective on how the current weather patterns came to be — and you can rate his predictions for this summer and fall.

And as the Kansas wheat harvest kicks off, Episode 9 — More than just an estimate with Dave Green, Wheat Quality Council, sheds light on the history of U.S. wheat and why quality has only been cast in the spotlight more and more.

Kansas Wheat will be promoting individual episodes on the organization's social media channels, but listeners should subscribe so they don't miss any of the excitement. Listeners can tune in wherever they listen to podcasts, including Apple or Spotify. Or check out the podcast's website at wheatsonyourmind.com.

Grain and farm supply cooperatives have options for managing skyrocketing insurance costs

Grain and farm supply cooperatives are facing sharply higher property insurance premiums due to the increasing frequency and severity of weather-related disasters. U.S. property and casualty insurers have responded to the increase in natural catastrophe claims by raising prices, increasing deductibles and tightening coverage terms and conditions. For agribusinesses, insurance expense growth has outpaced total operating expense growth by a wide margin since 2021.

According to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange, commercial property insurance rates will remain elevated for the next 12-18 months, as insurers attempt to make up for recent year losses and pursue rate adequacy in an environment of higher costs. The CoBank report outlines strategies grain and farm supply cooperatives can evaluate to mitigate higher costs for insuring grain elevators, input storage buildings and other facilities.

“Over the past three years, cooperatives and their property-casualty insurers have faced a perfect storm of excessive property losses due to floods, tornados and a host of severe weather events,” said Kenneth Scott

Zuckerberg, lead farm supply and biofuels economist for CoBank. “And those losses have come during an inflationary period when the costs for labor and building materials needed to repair physical structures were much higher.”

In 2022, the cost of U.S. weather and climate disasters totaled \$170 billion. That's up from \$155 billion in 2021 and \$114 billion in 2020. The magnitude of three consecutive years of above-average losses has driven one Omaha-based underwriter of property insurance for grain and farm supply cooperatives to exit the market. Other agribusiness insurers have restricted coverage.

Zuckerberg estimates that U.S. agribusinesses paid 40% to 60% more in risk-adjusted premiums so far this year. And cooperatives that experienced property losses between 2020 to 2022 saw rates increase by as much 100%, along with higher deductibles and lower total coverage limits.

“While there's no silver bullet solution, there are steps cooperatives can take to manage their premiums,” said Zuckerberg. “Improving internal loss control and purchasing property coverage through a hybrid insur-

ance program are among the options co-ops can evaluate in consultation with their accounting, legal and risk management advisors.”

Cooperatives may be able to reduce property insurance costs by deploying newer analytic software programs that enhance internal risk management and improve loss control. These programs give cooperatives more ability to document improved risk management and negotiate coverage that closely aligns with their exposure, rather than the broader industry at large.

Participating in a hybrid insurance program created and managed by a specialty carrier or broker is another option available to cooperatives. Hybrid programs blend the benefits of traditional and non-traditional insurance. The non-traditional component of these programs gives cooperatives the opportunity to exercise greater control over their own risk management practices and the ability to self-insure more risk. The traditional component provides the security of using an established insurance company that has consistent reinsurance support and less capital intensity.

Helena reveals multi-year nutrient deficiency findings

Helena Agri-Enterprises reports surprising nutrient deficiency trends from more than 150,000 Extractor® tissue samples taken in multiple crops across the country over the last three years. Potassium tops the list as the most deficient nutrient in corn, cotton and soybeans, while boron is the nutrient to watch in wheat. Derek Emerine, national agronomist for Helena, says the

results call for growers to examine their own fields to ensure nutritional prescriptions are on point throughout the season.

“It's important to pull tissue samples on your own farm,” says Emerine. “A tissue sample gives you the facts you need to prioritize better throughout the season, but it's not just a foliar solution. Depending on your results, it also allows you to shift your focus

with commodity-based fertilizers applied in the fall or spring to address needs in the field proactively.”

While the majority of the 150,000-plus tissue samples analyzed by Helena since 2020 came from corn, cotton, soybeans and wheat, a significant amount of fruit and specialty vegetable crops were also monitored. In addition to potassium, deficiencies in certain sec-

ondary nutrients stood out in the results, including magnesium in corn, zinc in cotton, sulfur in soybeans, and copper in wheat.

“When we look at very large data sets, we start to see trends emerge, no matter if you're in Alabama or Iowa,” says Emerine. “That's the importance of looking at this data from a national level. Yes, certain nutrients will be more or less of a concern in certain geographies. But, if the overall data is pointing in one direction, it's probably something we should all pay attention to now.”

Emerine and the team of agronomists at Helena use data from the Extractor tissue analysis program to measure crop health in-season and provide custom recommendations to growers based on plant need. Extractor is part of Helena's AGRIN-

telligence® platform that has supported growers with precision technology for over 20 years. With Extractor, tissue samples are taken from targeted locations in the field at key uptake periods. The data can also be georeferenced for correlations with soil and yield tests to create a complete picture of performance from season to season.

The ultimate goal of tissue sampling is to guide decision-making. While certain nutrients will

always be an issue, Extractor can find other missing links that have been overlooked historically. To measure crop health in your field, visit HelenaAgri.com to find your local Helena representative, who can help you create an Extractor program that's right for your operation. To hear more insights from Derek Emerine, National Agronomist for Helena, listen to episode 32 of the FieldLink Podcast on YouTube or wherever you listen.

Blue Valley FFA member wins State FFA Proficiency Award

A member from the Blue Valley FFA chapter was awarded a Proficiency Award at the 95th Kansas FFA Convention, May 31-June 2, 2023, on the Kansas State University campus. Landon Schreiber is this year's Kansas State FFA Turf Grass Management Proficiency Award

winner and received a plaque and cash award. Schreiber owns the enterprise, or works for a business that involves the planting and maintaining of turf for outdoor beautification, providing a lawn mowing service that does not include installation or maintenance

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Rat Patrol

Like most people who work outdoors, I've had many experiences with snakes. One of my earliest, and perhaps most influential memories, is being chased by a copperhead in Virginia while picking mint for tea at a small spring-fed swamp, screaming like a girl running backwards, while my dad was throwing rocks at it and yelling at me to "Shut up!" He later explained that the snake was following my irritating screeching. I was six.

It took me decades to get to the point that I did not kill every snake I saw, and today, if I see a big blacksnake around the hacienda, I'm quite happy to see it, after my nerve hairs relax!

Our youngest daughter had no natural fear of snakes and the day she came walking up to the house with both hands full of squirming baby snakes,

we decided we needed to participate and at least help her to understand that even though these were just little stinky ringnecks, we don't go around just grabbing up any old snake! That was probably as therapeutic to me as it was educational to her.

We used to have lots of cats; I mean lots! Our oldest was the 'Cat Kid' and from the time she was old enough to walk she began toting cats around. Although most of them were barn cats, a highly prized and valuable asset on any farmstead, she would find and tame them before they were weaned. After the kids left home we still managed to maintain a pretty fair flock of felines, so our rodent and rabbit population was always kept in check. Until the Belgian Mallinois came to live with us. If you're reading this you're

probably old enough to remember a sitcom called "ALF" (Alien Life Form) about a creature that continually hunted the family cat, which he considered a fine delicacy. That's our dog. Our cat herd, numbering some 28 head, was totally and completely annihilated within two weeks!

As you might have guessed, with no cats, and no rat terriers around any more, the rodent population exploded. The packrats are still an expensive problem in the winter time, when the blacksnakes are sleeping, to the point that about once a month, I have to check, or clean out the engine compartments on most of the rolling stock, no matter where it's parked, even if, like my feed truck, it gets used every day! These F-350s, V-10s in particular, have a large cavernous space between the engine block and the intake manifold,

providing a nice warm place to build a nest. I've found everything from range cubes to a pencil, to a trailer marker light lens amongst the insulation, leaves and various other trash, not to mention the chewed-up wiring that racks up repair bills!

But summer brings the snakes and the rodents skeddaddle for a few months or become snake food. However, as I have mentioned, there are moments of intense fear and heightened involuntary reaction involved in an occasional encounter with said serpents, especially late at night in the dim atmosphere of the porch light.

I had been travelling and returned home after my bride had already retired for the night. The door was locked and I had my key in my right hand ready to insert into the lock as I opened the storm door with my left, which incidentally was

not completely latched. As I jerked that door open and moved inside it to put the key in the lock, a four-foot blacksnake, which had been precariously perched on the top edge of that slightly ajar storm door, came down upon my hat brim, stretching to his full length as he draped across both my arms!

For some reason, I heard some idiot yell, just as my boots lifted my feet about 18 inches above the concrete porch floor, and propelled my entire body backward about three feet at the same time that snake hit the floor and the door swung shut over him.

I am quite proud of my trigger discipline, in spite of the obnoxious noises that idiot kept making as my pistol came into line with that snake, and the adrenaline sent a piercing chill down my spine. "Good guy," the idiot exclaimed, and I watched that snake slither along the wall and disappear off

the end of the porch.

My pistol holstered, I found my keyring right where that snake had left it, checked overhead just in case, and entered the house, still hearing this same idiot making shuddering and grunting sounds. About that time my wife came out wondering what the heck was going on, and who was making those strange sounds. "Who let the idiot in?" I asked.

Turning around and stumbling back toward the bedroom she said, "You did!"

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Insight

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loved to share stories and pictures from the trip. At the age of 94 he participated in the Dream Flight and took a ride in a WWII biplane.

He cared about making a good impression and showing respect. Grandpa showed tremendous pride that our family dressed formally for grandma's funeral because he thought too few people show that kind of care and effort anymore. My cousin recounted how, in the age of cell phones, he always left her very formal voicemails stating, "Hello, Jenna. This is your grandfather, Emil Mundt..."

My grandfather passed along more than the genes for bushy eyebrows and having a big sweet tooth to his children and grandchildren. His values of love, service, generosity, hard work, dedication, pride and high standards are a legacy that live on in me and my family members.

Happy Father's Day and thank you to all the men who are modeling important values and showing the value of character in life.

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Is there any sweeter music than the sound of the falling rain? The hal-lalujah chorus of the bull-frogs? The splashing of the cars on the street? The rumbling of thunder?

The clouds have been glorious, so incredible they are distracting. Looking to the south as I drove to Wallace last night was like looking into the sea - if fish had been swimming in the dark blue it would not have seemed out of place. To the north, the setting sun shone on clouds piled like snow on the horizon. To the east,

streaks of rain appeared as if an artist had swiped his brush from the cloud to the ground.

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Thank you, Lord.
 Deb Goodrich is the host of *Around Kansas* and the *Garvey Texas Historian* at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the Santa Fe Trail 200, marked from 2021-2025. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

Ag Business Council selects Morgan and Schnuck for Distinguished Service Awards

Veteran agricultural educators Jim Morgan of Louisburg and Deanna Schnuck of Boonville, Missouri have been selected by the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City to receive the group's Distinguished Service Award.

"We are indebted to the many educators like Jim and Deanna who have inspired, guided and mentored young people from rural America," said Dustin Johansen, chair, K.C. Ag Business Council. Johansen, senior vice president of Farm Journal's Livestock Division, pointed out these individuals have influenced hundreds of young people in their career choices and experiences, often without the recognition they so richly deserve.

and numerous proficiency award winners. Jim has hosted 18 student teachers from Kansas State University while also serving on their Curriculum Review and Licensure committees. He has also served on the Competency Profile Review and Agriculture Education Accreditation committees for Career and Technical Education Division of the Kansas State Department of Education. Jim has served on many committees on the state and national level within the Kansas and National Association of Agriculture Educators. In 2014 he served as president of the Kansas Association of Agriculture Educators. In his spare time, Jim looks after his family farm near his hometown of Greeley, Kansas.

president-elect, NAAE Region IV vice president for three years, and NAAE Region IV secretary for three years. She had the honor of serving the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (MVATA) for eight years on the area, district, and state levels. Additionally, Deanna serves as a NAAE representative on the National FFA Board of Directors, serves on the National FFA Board of Directors/FFA Foundation Joint Governance Committee, and chairs the National FFA Board of Directors.

rectors Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee. Deanna has also been awarded both the Honorary State and American FFA degrees. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Missouri. In her spare time, Deanna helps run the family produce business as well as helping her husband, Art, with his livestock and row crop operation.

The Council will honor Morgan and Schnuck for their distinguished service at a reception in Kansas City on July 6.



Jim Morgan, Louisburg FFA Advisor

Jim Morgan was named to Louisburg's agricultural education position in 1982, soon after graduating from Kansas State University. When the new school term begins this fall, it will mark his 42nd year in the classroom. In his tenure at Louisburg, Jim has had Louisburg FFA teams win 52 state FFA Career Development Event championships and has had 42 state runners-up. Louisburg has also had two National FFA Career Development Event Champions. Also, while at Louisburg he has had two state FFA degree winners



Deanna Schnuck, Boonville FFA Advisor

Deanna Schnuck has been an agricultural education instructor for 21 years. She began her teaching career in 2003 at the Grand River Technical School in Chillicothe, Missouri, and moved to the Boonslick Technical Education Center in Boonville in 2004 where she has been an instructor for the past 20 years. Deanna has been a leader in agricultural education on many levels. She was elected president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators at the 2022 NAAE Convention after serving as NAAE

USDA forecasts ag exports will decline in 2023

Decreases in corn, wheat, beef and poultry exports led the USDA to reduce its latest 2023 U.S. agricultural exports forecast to \$181.0 billion, down \$3.5 billion from its February forecast. Imports are projected at \$198.0 billion in 2023, down \$1.0 billion from February, a decrease primarily driven by horticultural, livestock, dairy and poultry product imports, USDA said. This year's trade deficit is the first since 2020.

USDA lowered the outlook for livestock, poultry and dairy exports by \$1.2 billion to \$39.3 billion, as lower beef and poultry estimates outweigh gains in dairy. Beef exports had the largest decline, down \$700 million to \$9.3 billion, as weaker unit values for beef muscle cuts more than offset firm shipments to Mexico and East Asia. USDA left the pork exports forecast unchanged at \$6.3 billion. Poultry and products are lowered \$300 million to \$6.7 billion, the result of a weaker outlook for chicken part shipments to China, USDA said. Dairy exports are up \$100 million to \$8.9 billion on higher-than-expected volumes of non-fat dry milk, cheese, lactose and whey.

On the grain and feed side, exports are forecast at \$40.5 billion, down \$3.3 billion from the February forecast. USDA forecasts corn exports at \$14.5 billion, down \$2.1 billion from the previous forecast on both lower unit values and volumes. Brazil is forecast to have a record production this year, which USDA said has eased global prices and made Brazil's corn more price competitive than U.S. corn.

USDA said that even as inflation remains on a slowing trend, economic growth challenges are materializing as monetary conditions tighten. World real gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to increase by 2.8 percent in 2023, unchanged from the previous forecast. Projected growth for the United States' real GDP in 2023 is raised to 1.6 percent up from 1.4 percent February. U.S. consumer spending has been resilient, but April 2023 Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed prices had increased by 4.9 percent over the past 12 months.

Meanwhile, USDA said the Federal Reserve has reaffirmed its intention to continue its scheduled interest rate hikes given above-target inflation and the low unemployment rate, last measured at 3.4 percent in April by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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DAY 1: SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 * 10:00 AM
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Personal Property starts @ Noon (House sells at 2 PM)

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MOWERS & BUGGY STYLE GO-CARTS: JD 318 riding mower w/new engine; Snapper riding mower, misc. push mowers; rototiller; 150 CC & 200 CC buggy style go carts; Schwinn Orange County Chopper Bicycle-Stingray w/satchel.
EQUIPMENT & TOOLS: Ram Air 80 gal (5 HP) 220 air compressor; sm. air compressor; Central Machinery parts washer; Miller Thunderbolt AC/DC arc welder; Schumaker 6/2 battery charger; sm. cutting torch bottle set w/cart (no hoses or gauges); Blue Point/Snap On rolling tool cart w/drawer; Craftsman table saw; router table; Craftsman compound miter saw w/stand; Matco transmission pressure gauge set; Snap On MT 2700 Dis/KV ignition probe; Snap On MT 1112 inductive ammeter set; Snap On deluxe AC clutch hub puller & installer kit; Snap on mini scanner; Blue Point harmonic damper puller; Blue Point; tire pressure gauge; Matco special oil filter sockets; Snap On tach-dwell duty cycle meter; Mac spark plug gauge; Kent-Moore timing belt tension gauge; valve spring compressor; torque angle gauge; soft pull driver set; A-frame bushing driver set; exhaust expanders; Blue Point master power steering pump/alternator remover/installer kit; Chicago pneumatic 3/8" impact wrench; CU boot camp pliers; valve guide reamer (sm. block Chevy); Craftsman 1/2" drive ratchet; piston ring groove cleaner; engine rebuilding tools; Matco spill free funnel; Coleman generator; propane heater; set of number stamps; vices; suction gun; aspirator; LOTS of wrenches, socket sets, hammers etc. & LOTS of other tools!

SELLING JUNE 25:
APPLIANCES & FURNITURE: Microwave; sm. kitchen appliances; sm. kitchen table w/2 chairs; dining table w/6 chairs & matching China cabinet; curved glass China cabinets; recliner/loveeat; glider rocker w/footstool; buffet/hutch; China cabinets; storage cabinet; lg. TV cabinet; card tables; wood framed bevel glass mirror (old); home interior pics.
ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & GLASSWARE: Old crock bowls; Depression glass; Cl door stops; Wamego items; Hull art pcs.; Janice Brunkow pieces; Home Interior Masterpieces; Kerosene lamps; Budweiser holiday mug collections; lanterns; graniteware; marbles; sm. Cl kettles; Belt buckles (Wamego, Snap On, Winchester; Father Biehler, Flush); American Fostoria; Fenton; Carnival glass; knick knacks; USSR animals; miniatures; HP plates; paperweights; LOTS of Elvis collectibles; Goebel birds; Barbie dolls.
MISC.: Pots & pans; Tupperware; kitchen utensils/flatware; t-towels & linens; cookbooks; Pyrex; Guardian ware; stemware; Longaberger Crisco basket and others; **MANY more items that are too numerous to list!**

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Walmart to build \$257M case-ready beef facility, create 667 new jobs in Olathe

Walmart has announced it will build its first-ever fully owned and operated case-ready beef facility in Olathe. The retailer will invest \$257 million in the plant and create 667 new permanent jobs. Construction of the facility will also create 1,000 design, fabrication, and construction jobs.

"Thanks to our work to make Kansas a top food and agriculture state, companies continue to invest in our communities and create high-paying jobs for Kansans," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Walmart's innovative new facility will support a more prosperous future for Olathe, for the Kansas City metro, and for our state as a whole."

The opening of the 330,000-square-foot facility will further Walmart's

efforts in creating an end-to-end supply chain for high-quality Angus beef while increasing transparency and capacity in its supply chain to deliver high-quality products for its customers in the Midwest.

The new facility is set to break ground later this year. The facility will be designed and built by McCorn-Gordon Construction of Kansas City. Once opened in 2025, the facility will process Angus cuts, supplied by Sustainable Beef LLC, into case-ready beef products such as steaks and roasts to be sold in Walmart stores across the Midwest.

Walmart first announced its ambitions to create an end-to-end supply chain for Angus beef in 2019 and has made numerous strides since then,

with the opening of a case-ready beef facility in 2020 and its equity investment and long-term commercial agreement in Sustainable Beef LLC last year.

Walmart customers' shopping habits have evolved over recent years, and more customers are seeking greater transparency in the supply chain and high-quality offerings available at affordable prices. This case-ready facility will increase needed capacity in the beef industry and allow Walmart to keep up with customer demand.

"At Walmart, enhancing quality is integral to how we innovate," Walmart senior vice president of deli, meat, and seafood David Baskin said. "Once opened, our case-ready beef facility in Olathe will mark an im-

portant next step in our journey to create an end-to-end Angus beef supply chain, ensuring our customers have access to the high-quality meats they expect at the everyday low prices they rely on."

"Since day one of her administration, Governor Kelly has been focused on creating and retaining good-paying jobs in our state," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said.

"The Walmart facility will provide solid career opportunities for hundreds of Kansas families in addition to benefitting the entire regional economy."

"This is such great news," Olathe mayor John Bacon said. "We're thrilled that Walmart chose Olathe for its innovative facility. This huge capital investment will help create more jobs that will greatly benefit the City of Olathe and our

entire region."

"We couldn't be more excited about this state-of-the-art facility coming to Olathe," Olathe Chamber CEO Tim McKee said. "We can't thank Walmart, the State of Kansas, and the City of Olathe enough for their help in bringing this facility, and so many great jobs, to our city. This is a huge economic development win for our community."

Study highlights the role of clean technology in reducing food waste

Researchers at the University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership are shedding light on how clean technology can help foodservice companies reduce waste and establish long-term sustainability goals.

On-site foodservice companies provide high-volume food management on a large scale in places like schools, hospitals and stadiums across the U.S., and they are re-

sponsible for a significant portion of all the country's food waste. For example, approximately 100,000 schools serve lunches to nearly 30 million students each day, and around 530,000 tons are wasted each year. According to the United Nations Environment Program, one-third of all food produced in the world – about 1.3 billion tons – is lost or wasted every year. In the U.S. alone, more than 130 billion pounds of food goes to

waste each year at a cost of over \$160 billion. And food accounts for more than 20 percent of municipal solid waste in the U.S., taking up more space in landfills than anything else.

In a study published in the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research, Tiffany Legendre, an associate professor at Hilton College, and her team, interviewed 17 leaders of the country's largest on-site foodservice providers about the role clean technology played in their goal setting and achievement for reducing food waste. Clean technology can range from food procurement and waste tracking software and equipment to digital composting systems.

"Previously, companies couldn't keep track of how much waste was being produced because the data management wasn't good," Legendre said. "Clean technology adoption can make organizational food waste reduction goals more specific and attainable by their ability to measure and quantify what and how much is being wasted."

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023 — 9:30 AM

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

Crock elk umbrella stand; Rookwood flower frog; Roseville (2-8, 1-R-B-6, 463-5, 4-8, 3-5, 1327 38-6, 1-1, other); 6" Van Briggie shade; blue Van Briggie bowl; large collection of Dryden; large collection Fostoria (plates, cups, serving pieces); **Carnival glass inc:** pitcher & tumblers; large collection Rosepoint stems; Jadite; Red Wing Bob White pottery; RS Prussia bowls; sailboat dishes; blue Fire King; Shawnee Corn pitcher & bowl; **Fran-koma inc:** Christmas plate set; set Haviland china; game plates; Little Bo Peep child's dishes; Cambridge stack candleholders; Bristol china set; Miltonvale Pottery "Catfish & Swan"; Oatmeal glass; Open Home pottery dishes; green beater jar w/lid; crock hanging basket; large collection Luray dishes; Blue Ridge china; black glass; Coors double tea pot; Hopalong cup; Hummel plates; Louisville Stoneware set dishes; blue & pink child's dish sets; Play Time Acro Agate dishes; very large collection of pink & green Depression; large collection Fostoria; large collection Candlewick; large collection Rosepoint; Large collection of Dryden; many pieces glass; Red Wing planter base; Aladdin electric lamp; kerosene lamps; Dolphin lamp; castor set; tea pots; apple cookie jar; McCoy cookie jar; Jiminy Cricket cup; Country Kids plates; shakers; large collection collector plates; International Christmas ornaments; Dickens Christmas village; bird collection; Shawnee cat cookie jar top many pieces brown Oven-ware; store jar; Lee mustard tin; Singulars Linn, Ks. Watt bowl & pitcher; Radium Ore water cooler; 6 gal Ice Water crock; Marshall pottery water cooler; 6 gal brown crock; 4 gal brown churn; brown churn; crock pitcher; crock bowls; brown crock; Sana Fount chicken glass water top; Coors pitcher; Bud steins & posters; Hamilton figurines; 100 Madame Alexander dolls in original boxes; Barbie commemorative dolls; Precious Moments dolls & figurines; Beanie Babies; baskets; Muppet glasses; Munsing wood bowl; hand stitched quilts inc signed; 50's hanky box; Linds-

borg & Gypsum banks; Lucas barrel bank; Salad Master pan; bow frames; Railway Express book; Miller beer sign; Coke ads; lightning rods & balls; large Metlox farm set; child's ironer; new kraut cutter in box; fishing picture; Chapman Ks. Road atlas; 1932 car tag; glass skillet lids; baby scale; steel leather stamps; electric churn; #17 tin churn; ½ gal ice cream freezer; small oilers; 1970's Life magazines; wire rack; gas heater; pool score keeper; wood wash tub stand; cultivator handles; hand crank corn grinder; bird cage; Coleman stove fuel measure; reference books; 2 kilns small 10" tall; 2 curved glasses for china cabinets; 45 records; flatware; oil jar carrier; cardboard Miller beer box; Fisher Price duck; sewing items; large collection; **FURNITURE:** Heywood Wakefield end table; oak curved glass china cabinet lighted; pine dish cupboard; 3' pine slant front showcase; tall ice cream table; 10 ice cream chairs; oak pattern back rocker; cabinet sewing machine; Hoosier top; wicker plant stand; buffet mirror; benches.

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June 20 — Shawnee County Land Auction consisting of T1: 27 ac. m/l with pond; T2: 2.86 ac. m/l; T3: 3.86 ac. m/l; T4: Tracts 1-3 combined held at Topeka. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

Douglas Estate Online Auction (Bidding opens June 21, 8 am with a soft close June 28, 8 pm) — Selling a full line of furniture, freezer, washer & dryer, large selection of collectibles, player piano, tools & supplies (located at Great Bend) & held Online at hollinger-auction.hibid.com/auctions/current. Auctioneers: Hollinger Online Auction.

June 22 — Real Estate Auction consisting of a 3BR, 1BA home sitting on a double lot, 2 car garage and a 24x18 workshop/shed & more held at Westmoreland. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 23 — Friday evening public auction consisting of 2014 Chevrolet Impala LTZ Sedan, JD Z445 zero-turn mower, Lowe Big Jon 14' flat bottom boat, new never used shop tools, furniture, collectibles, household & misc. held at Lawrence for Alnoma Flachsbarth, Kathleen A. Puffer, POA & Kathy Colson (Late Jim Colson). Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

June 24 — Material, buttons, sewing machines, Vintage Furniture, Tools, Catering items, Old Toys held at Melvern for Karen Ladenhoff & Carolyn/George Alexander. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 24 — Real Estate consisting of 20 acres m/l of Sedgwick County land with a 3BR, 2 1/2BA ranch-style brick home. Also 2002 Chevy 1500 pickup, Troybilt Pony mower & others, guns, shop & household items held at Wichita for Paul L. Kelley Estate, Patty Kelley, seller. Following the auction will offer 8 storage units (at different Wichita location). Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction, Farmers National Company.

June 24 — Classic cars inc. 1955 Fordomatic Fairlane, 1967 Mustang, 1969

Ford LTD, 1986 Corvette convertible, 1959 Dodge Royal & more, Tractors inc. NH 1520 w/Woods loader, Ford 1510 w/Ford loader, Ford 8N, ATVs inc. 2017 Kawasaki 5X Mule, Polaris Outlaw 90, hubcap collection, lots of auto parts & engine & more; Farm, Ranch & Shop Tools, lawn & garden, household & collectibles & more held at South Hutchinson for Marvin & Vivian Becker. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

June 24 — Estate auction selling Antique & modern furniture, glassware, china, collectibles, beer making equipment tools & garage items. Both days held in Topeka for Elmer & Dixie Bailey Estate. Auctioneers: Wayne Hunter Auctions.

June 24 — Antique furniture inc.: Organ stool w/glass ball feet, tables, dressers, ice cream tables & chairs, couches, walnut cherry quilt chest, oak desk & more, antiques, primitives & collectibles inc. crocks, Aladdin lamps & other lamps, pottery, cookbooks, jewelry, glassware, waffle glass, old pictures, Pyrex, Frederick Remington print, misc. household items, tools & more held at Portis for Carol & Lyle Dixon Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

June 24 — Car & truck body parts inc. 1933 Chevy 2 dr. sedan body & frame, 39 or 40 Ford pickup cab, 1940 Ford panel wagon & more, lots of auto parts, 1970s Rokon motorcycle, lots and lots of native lumber, restaurant equipment, some furniture & more held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

June 24 — Antiques, collectibles inc. Remington bronze "Scout" & others, pictures, artwork, Czech dishes, glassware, K-State items, Coke sign, household, furniture, hand tools & more held at Manhattan for Ron & Jan Janasek. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 24 — Tractors inc. 7045 Allis Chalmers, Farm Equipment, shop items, mowers, 4-wheelers, gun, household, vehicles inc. Chrysler Concorde, 1998 Chevy Cheyenne, 1972 Chevy Custom, dump truck, grain truck & more held at Williamsburg for Chester Fredricks Estate. Auctioneers: Altic Auction Service, Brady Altic & Lester Edgecomb.

June 24 & June 25 — Selling June 24: Tools, shop equipment, truck & outdoor items; June 25: Real Estate consisting of 4BR, 1 BA home, 2 great outbuildings sitting on a nice country-sized lot; also selling household items held at Louisville for Jim & Teresa Kelsey. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 24 — Sellmeyer Farms Huge farm equipment liquidation auc-

tion including tractors, balers, mowers, loaders, planters, plows, rakes, grain bins, antiques & collectibles, household, lumber, fencing, tools, stock trailer, vintage cars & trucks, metal salvage & so much more held at Af-ton, Oklahoma. Auctioneers: BA Rigby Auctions.

June 25 — Assorted coins, Furniture, L&G Equipment, License Plates, Pocket Knives, some Caterpillar items held at Lyndon for Property of The Late Hotch & Betty Hanna. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

June 25 — Bronzes inc.: Remington "Mountain Man," "Bronco Buster," & others; antique furniture inc. 200 year old fancy carved walnut bed, had woven wool Turkey rugs & other rugs, many good pictures, Fenton, cut glass, beaded purses, large collection of linens, Boy Scout items, Military items, Indian items & more held at Manhattan for Tom & Jane Lohman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

June 29 — 1999 Ford F-150 pickup, dump bed trailer, Polaris Explorer 500 ATV, lawn & garden items including zero turn mowers, riding mowers, shop tools & miscellaneous, guns, household & collectibles held at Pretty Prairie for Steve & Jackie Graber. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

June 29 — Land Auction consisting of 522 acres m/l of Washington County Land selling in 6 tracts held at Washington for Brenneis Family. Online bidding available at www.MidwestLandandHome.com. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, broker.

July 1 — Estate auction including 1991 Harley Davidson custom low rider motorcycle, guns, gun safe, misc. ammo, shop tools & lawn and garden, household, collectibles inc. numerous lighted beer signs & more held at Valley Center for Shane Nelson Estate. (Also selling Real Estate at Noon, go to Rigginhomes.com for info). Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

July 1 — Very large auction inc.: Roseville, VanBriggle, large collection of Dryden & Fostoria, Carnival glass, blue Fire King, Shawnee, Frankoma, Hummel plates, large collection of pink & green Depression, Dickens Christmas Village & other Christmas decor, crocks, 100 Madame Alexander dolls, Barbies, quilts, & many other collectibles, furniture & held at Salina for Kenny Brichacek Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

July 1 — Huge Estate auction including furniture, exercise equipment, appliances, vintage items, tins, glassware, galvanized items & more, hunting supplies such as clothing, scopes, knives, gun cases, lanterns & more, woodworking & shop tools, cherry ply-

wood sheets, motors, scrap iron, lawn & garden tools, fencing, chainsaws & more, 2017 JD 4WD mower, Craftsman 48" riding mower & other mowers held at Salina. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions, Loren Meyer.

July 1 — School buses, 5-ton Military vehicle, pickup with snowplow, large variety of tools & shop equipment from an up to date school bus mechanic's shop held at Junction City for B&B Busing. Auctioneers: Randy Reynolds & Greg Kretz.

July 2 — Antique furniture, Frank E. Reese bronze "Wapiti Elk," artwork inc.: Charles Rogers oil, Sandzen 14"x11" print "Summer Twilight," Signe Larson water color, Maleta Forsburg water color & more, Roseville, Weller, VanBriggle, Hull & other pottery, pink Depression & other glass, toys & Hot Wheels, large assortment of other good collectibles held at Salina for Ilene Lambert. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

Unreserved Online Auction (bid Online July 6-July 20) — Tri-State

Feeders II 30,000-head feed yard, 560+/- Acres Beaver County, Oklahoma with 3,535 sq. ft. office, 45,000 bushel grain storage, 30,000 feet of concrete bunk line, 4 electric water wells, 80' truck scale, 2 cattle scales, and multiple buildings (property is agent owned). Attend the Auction July 20 at Liberal or bid online at www.bigiron.com/realty. Auctioneers: Big Iron Realty.

July 8 — 1948 AMI juke box, 45 records, appliances, antique & modern furniture, pictures, collectibles, glassware, silverware, Christmas items, Hesston belt buckles, coins, tools, yard tools & more held at Randall for Leota & Jim Clawson Estates. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 8 — Tractors inc. 1953 John Deere R tractor, Ford 300 utility tractor, Ford 1210 compact tractor, 1937 John Deere D & 1947 John Deere A parts tractors), equipment, tools, firearms, vintage furniture, collectibles, household & misc. held at Lecompton for Mrs. "Lloyd" Carolyn Wulfkuhle. Auctioneers:

Elston Auctions.

July 13 — Jackson County Real Estate auction consisting of 232 acres in 2 tracts: T1: 154.68 acres with a 2BR ranch-style home, balance includes approx. 40 ac. terraced broome hay ground & approx. 110 ac. mixed grass pasture w/heavy trees & brush, 1 pond; T2: 78 acres pasture with mixed grass, heavy trees & brush held at Holton for The Estate of Verona Bolz. Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

July 22 — Farm machinery, livestock equipment, misc. farm supplies & household goods held Northwest of Abilene for John Archambault. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

July 22 — Huge Estate & moving auction inc.: Polaris XPress 300 4-wheeler, zero turn mower, Craftsman Big Wheel mower, Donahue tilt trailer, furniture, Native American collectibles, pottery, albums, appliances, salvage, shop tools of all kinds & much more held at Bridgeport. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions., Loren Meyer.

Pilot test program of tower garden curriculum for rural schools coming to close

A four-month pilot study on creating a curriculum about vertical farming is wrapping up at a rural Kansas high school, thanks to a federal grant received by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) and the Rural Education Center (REC) at Kansas State University's College of Education.

Career Awareness for Rural Agricultural Sciences Through Tower Gardens (CARAT) is designed to attract students to pursue degrees in agriculture and food science. The \$150,000 award for the project was funded through the Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program with the Research Education and Economics-National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

A new curriculum on using tower gardens, a form of vertical farming, is being created and tested at Washington County USD 108 Schools, a REC's Rural Professional Development Schools Network member. Chelsea McCall, a Kansas State University (KSU) graduate and high school biology teacher at Washington County, is the lead teacher piloting the curriculum and part of the curriculum development team. Katie Hutchison, an ESOL/science teacher at Lawrence High School, is the lead curriculum designer. Together, the team has developed a unit of several lessons and resources.

Nancy Zenger-Beneda is the lead principal investigator and serves as executive director of KFAC, an affiliate program of KSU. Rural Education Center director J. Spencer Clark and Assistant Director Lori Goodson are co-principal investigators on the grant and have faculty appointments in the College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

"Students have participated in interactive activities while learning about biology and agriculture careers," Zenger-Beneda said. "Students designed a vertical farm, explored agricultural engineering, and worked as a class to plan and harvest their tower garden."

As part of the project, the students have studied plant nutritional needs and planned individualized scientific experiments as a soil scientist would. Other curricula highlights include developing a product and preparing marketing materials with nutritional product analysis. Throughout the lessons, students learned about food quality, genetically modified organisms, and DNA. Intertwined in the unit, students learned about agriculture careers and skills used in each job. They were then challenged to consider how their skills and preferences might align with employment opportunities. In the final lesson, students make a case for the importance of learning about agriculture.

This project focuses on tower garden curriculum for high school students enrolled in science and is aligned with Next Generation Science Standards. As the next pilot runs, the team will be looking at connecting the curriculum to Kansas Standards in other academic areas. This project is innovative in incorporating Kansas Agriculture and agriculture careers.

The next steps in this project will include a second pilot test which will be documented with photos and videos to develop professional development for teachers interested in implementing the vertical farming curriculum. The research team will provide professional development, online or in-person, for schools interested in implementing the curriculum. While Project CARAT will begin in a rural school district, researchers plan to share the curriculum online, making it available to any school.

"This innovative curriculum helps students connect science concepts and the world around them, especially food production and the impact of agriculture on quality of life while exploring their skills and career interests," Zenger-Beneda said. "Kansas is a leader in agriculture and is also leading education about agriculture to improve agriculture literacy, forging a future with informed consumers, policymakers, and leaders."

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 — 10:00 AM

Auction will be held at the National Guard Armory, 721 Levee Drive, MANHATTAN, KS

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD & TOOLS

Remington bronze "Scout"; Putman dye cabinet w/dye; Boye needle cabinet; **Pictures inc:** Sandzen print "Sunflowers"; Elfreda Peterson water color (Devils Tower); Remington "The Scout & Stamped By Lightning"; Alba Malm paintings; John Helm paintings; Juddy Freed chalk Duck; Elmer Tomasch flower picture; Rankin print; Henderson goose print; Moiser chicken; 2 Carl Larson prints; Forsberg cow; Hamil farm scene; many other pictures; 1869 Clipper Ship lamp; many brass lamps; milk glass lamp w/brass fill; student lamp; many brass items; wood cigar mold; wooden shoes; wooden bowls; wooden spools; other wooden items; brass, wood & glass candle holders; Large collection of **Czechoslovakia** dishes; 8-place set Chez dishes; Chez canister set; Japanese sickie bowl; charger plates; Prince Charles Lady Di china; Austria hand painted bowl; cake pedestal; many pcs of china & clear glass; stems; collector plates;

star crystal pitcher w/glass- es & steins; 20+ place set Pfaltzgraff "Gourmet" 1961 china & serving pcs; pie birds; green canister set; Peoples Coop Society Dairy bottle; copper funnel; copper grain measure; marbles; viewer; candle molds; wooden sugar bucket; wall quilt rack; many silver plate serving trays; silver plate flatware; silver plate punch set; assortment linens; linen table cloths; clarinet; 30"x10" Coke sign; copper boiler; buckets; Radio Flyer wagon; child's wheelbarrow; tins; 20+ wooden ducks; wicker baskets; 1988 Manhattan High autographed basketball; large assortment Christmas items; cookbooks; K-State items inc: Purple Power bottle; table lamps; wooden totes; snow shoes; 1872 slate board; poppy seed grinder; covered porcelain pots; coffee grinders; wall spice cabinet; wooden butter molds; horse radish crock; wooden cheese box rack; oak wall telephone; copper pan holder; Crescent toy cast iron stove; cardboard Super Mop Head sign; doll house; Best Western

sign; fish head mount; kitchen collectibles; wood sieves; games; Coleman coolers; Western hat; wall hat rack; egg basket; wash tubs; many other collectibles. **Furniture:** pine 1 door 1 drawer cabinet; 10 drawer file cabinet; 2 oak high back S roll top desks; maple short pie cupboard; 20's 3 pc. mahogany Empire bedroom set; oak drop front desk; 4' oak church pew; oak library table; pine table; child's chairs; several oak drop leaf tables; small oak dresser; captains chairs; wood upholstered rocker; oak parlor table w/ball feet; fainting couch; heart back chair; wicker seat corner chair; high back organ stool; pine wash bench; twisted leg stool; oak sewing rocker; Spinnet desk; set 6 oak wicker bottom chairs; Tempus grandfather clock; 70's china cabinet; 70's dresser; oak end tables; hall tree; hide a bed; love seat; leather recliner; 4 drawer file cabinets; tread mill; school desk; Bissell carpet shampooer; Honda mower; Toro snow blower; yard tools; hand tools; **large assortment of other items.**

NOTE: The Janasek's have moved. They have collected for many years, there are many very good collectibles. Many pictures, wood items, Chez items. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.

RON & JAN JANASEK

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

AUCTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 — 11:00 AM

Auction will be held at the National Guard Armory, 721 Levee Drive, MANHATTAN, KS

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
Bronzes inc: Remington "Mountain Man," "Bronco Buster," "Cheyenne"; bronze buffalo; 14" Buffalo Soldier statue; Italy cowboy figurine; 200 yr old fancy carved walnut bed; marble top humidor cabinet; several hand woven wool Turkey rugs; 2 Greek Flokati rugs; Kurdish rugs; Belgium tapestry's; Crewel embroidery dove; **many good pictures inc:** Ft. Leavenworth Main Post Chapel signed print (Shari 329/360); The Cheshire Hunt (Artis Kilburwe); Frank Raton Fox Hunt picture; other good pictures; Turkey

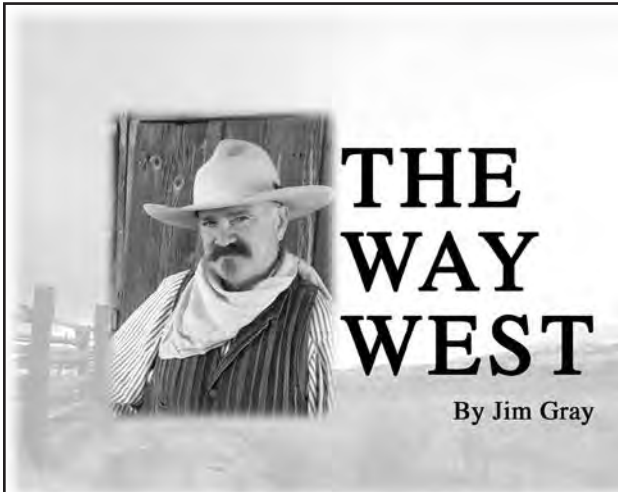
shepherd's lanterns; copper ladles & pans; German butter spreader; brass bed warmer; several Lladro's; caster sets; cut glass pieces; Fenton pieces; RS German bowls; brides baskets; china pieces; beer steins & glasses; perfume bottles; Oriental items; china clock; dresser set; lamp shades; 3 beaded purses; Halloween; Charlen Kinser Designs bears; large collection of linens, table cloths, bedspreads, doilies, napkins, place mats; Boy Scout items; Military items; 1914 Army saddle bridle complete (Major WH Dolan WWI 6th

Mass Infantry); Army saddle bags; clothes, finger print set, medals; 1942 foot locker; replica 1860 army pistol; camel saddle bag; Boy Scout items; nestling boxes; wooden sled; canes; 2 swords; 2 Daisy BB guns; pair iron wheels; wood boxes "Independent Breweries"; branding irons; night sticks; unusual iron wood handle tool; Kroger coffee tin; 1964 Worlds Fair sketch book; assortment of books; set modern golf clubs. **Indian items:** Hopi basket; 2 rugs; Kachina doll; arrow heads; spears; hammers; No-mad home hanging utility bag.

Note: The Lohman's have moved to a smaller home. Tom & Jane were in Turkey several years, many of the rugs are from Turkey. They have collected for many years, there are many unique items. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com

TOM & JANE LOHMAN

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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

On to the Rockies!

Colonel Henry Dodge marched from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on May 28, 1835. One hundred twenty-five U. S. Dragoons and their officers pressed into Indian country along the Platte River, with the ultimate goal of reaching the Rocky Mountains. Their mission was to hold councils with plains tribes to establish an understanding of peace, not only with the United States but among the tribes themselves who were constantly warring with one another.

By the time the command broke camp on July 7th west of present-day Superior, Nebraska, they had held council with Otto, Omaha, Pawnee, and

scapes I had ever seen." Kingsbury underscored the power of this scene adding, "The buffalo surrounded us in large herds, making the prairie almost black by their immense numbers."

They were now on what was known as "the neutral ground" extending from the forks of the Platte River to nearly the foot of the Rocky Mountains. No tribe lived permanently within the neutral ground, although the Arapahos and Cheyennes would occupy the country in the summer for their buffalo hunts.

That evening they camped near a cottonwood grove, the first timber that had been seen since leaving the forks of the Platte over fifty miles to the east. Kingsbury noted the remarkably fine weather, "the air clear and pure, with a fresh breeze from the mountains." Remaining an extra day in camp, hunters were sent out bringing in an abundance of buffalo meat. A large drove of wild horses passed in the distance.

Leaving pleasant surroundings, the expedition soon entered a land of prickly pear and wild sage. Dry creek beds cut through a "very sandy" landscape. Buffalo were never out of their sight and more wild horses visited them on their march.

By July 15th they had marched another hundred miles. Kingsbury noted the crossing of "a serpentine creek of considerable size, believed to be Beaver Creek (near present-day Brush, Colorado). A deserted Indian camp was "supposed to have been lately occupied by the Arapahos." The poles of their medicine lodge were left standing with "some of the emblems of their worship, such as buffalo heads, painted arrows, &c." Clouds that had obscured the horizon throughout the day cleared away before dusk. Supposed clouds on the edge of the horizon were discovered to be conical peaks that revealed "a beautiful bird's eye view of the Rocky Mountains."

The effect was exhilarating. "The sight was hailed with joy by the whole command. The rays of the setting sun upon their snow-clad summits gave to them a beautiful and splendid appearance."

Each day that they drew closer to the mountains, the South Platte River ran colder, clearer, narrower, and more rapid. An abundant growth of

timber sheltered an undergrowth of plums, cherries, gooseberries, and others.

By July 24th the very cold, crystal-clear South Platte issued out of the mountains as a rapid torrent. Turning south they marched toward the divide between the South Platte and the Arkansas Rivers. Traveling parallel with the mountains the first range of mountains hid the second range from view. Only when passing deep ravines and passes were the snow tops of the second and higher ranges revealed. Lt. Kingsbury noted on July 26th (near present-day Colorado Springs), "The mountains were in the form of an immense fortification with turrets and rock-covered battlements... The different passes between the mountains appeared to be guarded by large, terraced watchtowers."

The origins of the Fontaine que Bouille (Spring that boils), today's Fountain Creek, were investigated near the foot of Pike's Peak. Remaining in the area the command ascended one of the peaks on July 28th. "From the top of this we had a beautiful and extensive view of the country for many miles; we saw the timber upon the Arkansas and the Platte, and a large extent of waving prairie country lying between the two rivers. To the right, at an immense distance, we could see the feathery and indistinct outline of the Spanish Peaks (one hundred miles south) just rising above the visible horizon; while in our rear there lay a long succession of high ranges of mountains, until the snowy summits of the last and highest appeared to meet and mingle with the clouds."

The command had reached the "long-wished-for object of all our hopes." Their expectations had been exceeded in every way. Standing triumphantly among the clouds Colonel Dodge and his men well knew that the completion of the mission was yet to be realized with their return to Fort Leavenworth. But for now, they could bask in the knowledge that their quest for peace across the plains to the Rocky Mountains had achieved remarkable success on The Way West.

(Next Time - Homeward Bound)

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Farmers & Ranchers AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

Selling Cattle every Monday Hog Sales on 2nd & 4th Monday of the month only!

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE - 2,424. HOGS - 88.

BULLS: \$127.00-\$138.00		1	Blk	Tescott	1890@	\$121.00
COWS: \$113.00-\$125.00		1	Blk	Enterprise	1660@	\$121.00
		4	Blk	Salina	1608@	\$119.00
STEERS		1	Char	Wells	1440@	\$119.00
300-400	\$335.00 - \$350.00	1	Blk	Geneso	1425@	\$118.00
400-500	\$300.00 - \$310.00	2	Blk	Wilson	1700@	\$117.00
500-600	\$288.00 - \$300.00	1	Red	Sterling	1415@	\$117.00
600-700	\$275.00 - \$289.50	1	Rwf	Salina	2040@	\$117.00
700-800	\$225.00 - \$237.00	4	Rwf	Salina	1483@	\$117.00
800-900	\$222.00 - \$235.00	1	Blk	Ellsworth	1465@	\$116.50
900-1,000	\$221.00 - \$233.75	1	Blk	Wichita	1610@	\$116.00
		1	Blk	Canton	1465@	\$116.00
HEIFERS		1	Blk	Oakhill	1565@	\$115.00
300-400	\$250.00 - \$265.00	2	Blk	Galva	1405@	\$114.00
400-500	\$253.00 - \$265.00					
500-600	\$270.00 - \$283.00	3	Blk	Tescott	320@	\$350.00
600-700	\$250.00 - \$261.00	2	Blk	Canton	315@	\$350.00
800-900	\$190.00 - \$205.00	4	Blk	Clay Center	310@	\$347.00

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

HOGS

12	Fats	Minneapolis	284@	\$61.00
12	Fats	Esbon	286@	\$57.00
8	Fats	Abilene	296@	\$55.00
3	Fats	Lincolnville	287@	\$55.00
12	Fats	Lincolnville	304@	\$51.00
4	Sows	Newton	578@	\$13.00
1	Sow	Lincolnville	585@	\$10.00

CALVES

1	Blk	Bennington	290@	\$975.00
6	Blk	Lindsborg	253@	\$810.00
4	Blk	Barnard	255@	\$760.00
7	Char	Lindsborg	262@	\$725.00
6	Char	Lindsborg	229@	\$700.00
3	Blk	Bennington	188@	\$700.00
4	Blk	Miltonvale	249@	\$675.00
1	Red	Concordia	270@	\$660.00
1	Blk	Holton	170@	\$650.00
6	Blk	Miltonvale	253@	\$600.00
4	Blk	Miltonvale	186@	\$585.00
1	Blk	Lindsborg	160@	\$560.00
1	Char	Lindsborg	185@	\$560.00
1	Blk	Abilene	130@	\$475.00
1	Blk	Lindsborg	110@	\$435.00

BULLS

1	Red	Salina	2090@	\$138.00
1	Blk	Salina	2040@	\$135.00
1	Blk	Moundridge	2130@	\$133.00
1	Red	Salina	2040@	\$132.50
1	Blk	Miltonvale	2205@	\$130.00
1	Wf	Salina	1935@	\$129.50
1	Blk	Lindsborg	1675@	\$126.50
1	Blk	Arlington	1560@	\$126.00

COWS

1	Blk	Inman	1835@	\$125.00
1	Blk	Ellsworth	1460@	\$122.00
1	Blk	Enterprise	1515@	\$122.00
2	Blk	Randall	313@	\$265.00
12	Blk	Pawhuska, OK415@	\$262.50	
2	Blk	McPherson	500@	\$262.00
131	Blk	Pawhuska, OK624@	\$261.00	
3	Blk	Longford	387@	\$260.00
9	Blk	Clay Center	497@	\$260.00
13	Blk	Clay Center	550@	\$256.00
3	Char	Geneseo	573@	\$254.00
12	Red	Lindsborg	530@	\$254.00
5	Blk	McPherson	539@	\$252.00
4	Blk	Longford	465@	\$250.00
30	Blk	Lindsborg	559@	\$250.00
12	Blk	Wichita	542@	\$249.00

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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.

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6	Red	Lincolnville	522@	\$248.00	3	Blk	Raymond	520@	\$240.00
7	Red	Hope	574@	\$246.00	21	Blk	Assaria	624@	\$234.00
40	Red	Wichita	551@	\$245.50	10	Blk	Abilene	816@	\$205.00
58	Blk	Pawhuska, OK674@	\$244.00						

No THURSDAY Sales the month of June, Mondays only. Selling ALL classes of cattle, starting at NOON.

Tentatively No Sales July 3-7, 2023. We Will Resume MONDAY, July 10 AND THURSDAY, July 13. Have a Wonderful and Safe Fourth of July!!

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