

“If you take away religion, you can’t hire enough police.” Harvard Professor

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Withering wheat

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

Some say the landscape in central and western Kansas looks like a barren, brown wasteland. Others believe that statement may be too kind.

Whatever you see, and however you describe it – conditions remain dire in many regions of Kansas going into the final week of February.

In Lincoln County for example, it’s difficult, and nearly impossible, to see green anywhere. Wheat crops look brown like the previous year’s stubble or the fall residue. It doesn’t matter if you look at wheat in bottom land or on hill tops, the crop looks terrible.

“There’s no moisture on top,” says veteran farmer/stockman Steve Boor. “I’m at a loss to figure out what our wheat is running on.”

While there’s subsoil moisture approximately five inches below the surface, without surface moisture in the way of a heavy snow or rain, Boor says the crop is hanging on by a thread.

“If the weather stays dry like it has been, temperatures warm up and the wheat breaks dormancy and starts to grow, it will use what moisture it’s living on right now in a hurry,” the Lincoln County farmer/stockman says.

How long the wheat can (Continued on page 13)

Smoke management workshops

By K-State

Two prescribed burning smoke management workshops are available in Emporia and Manhattan March 21 and April 3, respectively.

Emporia: March 21
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The Bowyer Community Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2700 West US Hwy 50

Manhattan: April 3
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Kansas Farm Bureau headquarters, 2627 KFB Plaza

The objectives of the workshop are to introduce attendees to smoke-related air quality issues, update regulation trends and provide science-based information.

To enroll or for more information, please email zifeiliu@ksu.edu.

The Irish Potato Famine: A Cautionary Tale

Information courtesy of Kansas Farm Bureau's Safety and Ag Ed Division

In 1845, a strange disease struck the potatoes growing in the fields of Ireland. Almost half of the crop was destroyed. What later became known as potato blight was caused by a fungus. At that time all farming was “organic,” and there was nothing to be done to save the essential food crop. Today, potato blight can be prevented by modern fungicides which greatly decrease the crop’s vulnerability to massive losses. This is a clear case where modern agricultural practices increase the reliability and security of our food supply.

Source: The Real Dirt on Farming II

K-State’s Cattlemen’s Day helps producers look forward

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Nearly 800 cattle producers and beef industry supporters from Kansas and surrounding states were on hand for the 105th annual Cattlemen’s Day at Kansas State University on March 2.

K-State agricultural economist Glynn Tonsor and newly-confirmed U.S. Chief Agricultural Negotiator Gregg Doud highlighted the event’s general session, outlining many of the key factors that affect trade in agriculture and other industries around the world.

Doud, a native Kansan and K-State graduate whose appointment as chief agricultural negotiator was finalized just one day earlier, gave a talk based on years of experience in international trade, most recently as president of the Commodity Markets Council.

Tonsor is widely recognized for his work in tracking the economic outlook in the beef industry. During the session, he helped paint the picture of the importance of international trade as U.S. producers expand the beef herd.

“We got a good feel for the potential going forward for beef and all proteins, not only domestically, but in the export markets,” said Matt Teagarden, the chief executive officer for the Kansas Livestock Association, who attended the session.

“I think as you look at some of those supply projections, not only for beef but also the other proteins, it drives home the importance of working with consumers not only in the states, but also around the world to make sure we’ve got a market for those coming supplies,” Teagarden said.

Shannon Blocker, an agriculture and natural resources agent for K-State Research and Extension in Pottawatomie County, said it’s easy to get locked in only on what’s important on a local scale.

“A lot of times we have a very closed picture of marketing our commodity and what we’re working with, but when we think about it in the bigger picture, it helps us all understand why certain things are the way they are, and that trade is an important factor for all of us,” Blocker said.

Teagarden added: “(Cattle producers) like to produce. We do a good job of producing whether it’s grains or livestock, and so it’s important that we have a market to go with those products. I think it helps us make good decisions on our farms and ranches, and helps us better understand the opportunities and the importance of these markets and the factors that determine the supply and demand and overall prices for our products.”

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The Covered Dish: Blonde Brownies

Probably my favorite brownie recipe of all times is the blond brownies I'm featuring this week. At the close of the recipe you'll find the history behind this palate-pleasing dessert/snack. My dad, Jerry, always says he is tired of brownies; because everyone brings them to carry-in dinners. As I may have stated before: 'Dad, that's because everyone works, they're quick and easy.' I, however, am still a big fan of brownies of any sort. Perhaps the biggest problem with brownies is the fact that they are often overbaked.

In any baked good there are several things to watch, in order to produce moist cookies, cakes, breads and baked goods in general.

1. Like a good steak, the baked foods will finish cooking after they're removed from the heat source.

2. Unless the dough is extremely stiff I usually stir baked products by hand.

This keeps me from over beating and bringing excessive oxygen/air into the recipe. Which of course, makes the baked good

dry.

3. Most breads are done at about 190 degrees. It's OK to use a thermometer.

Some breads do vary, so study up before baking.

4. Bake on parchment paper to keep a tender bottom on cookies.

5. Line brownie pans with foil, spray with vegetable spray and then fill with batter. When they're cooked and cooled, lift them out with the foil and proceed to cut the brownies. If cut properly, they'll look like they came from a bakery.

Keep in mind that anything you take to a pot-luck function should be your best representation. If the product doesn't turn out good, don't stress out! Run by the grocery store and get something yummy. Most adults can't pass up a good donut!

There are a great deal of folks out there who like to use new recipes for social events. Not me, I'm too afraid it won't come out well and then my reputation is on the line. Ponder, ponder...just sayin.'

It's nice to see Table



The Covered Dish By Debbie Dance-Uhrig

Rock Lake filling back up. Its spoonbill season currently and I can actually say a lot of folks have been on the lake fishing. We even took Rumor, our corgi, out for a big run at Miller campground this weekend. The sun was shining and it was the most perfect day! My husband also took me out to lunch, which was a nice addition.

The only downside was the fact that Rumor found it necessary to roll on the ground, in some not so pleasant materials! (Dog lovers know exactly what I mean!) Therefore the trip home was a bit smelly and a dog bath was had by all. It was still a wonderful day!

With my return to work and a schedule, of sorts, I'm better about food prep for family dinners. This week I've actually got a good idea what I'm

Blonde Brownies

2/3 cup butter, soft, do not melt	1/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups brown sugar	1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, lightly beaten	6-8 ounces chocolate chips
2 teaspoons, vanilla	1 cup nuts, English Walnuts or Pecans, optional
2 cups flour	
1 teaspoon baking powder	

Soften butter and mix with brown sugar, cool slightly; add the eggs and vanilla. Mix all the dry ingredients together with a whisk. Gradually add to the butter mixture. Lastly add nuts if desired. Spread into a 9 x 13 Pyrex dish and sprinkle with chocolate chips, baking at 350 degrees for approximately 25 minutes. For a better presentation line the baking pan with foil, spray the foil with vegetable spray, spread the dough, add chips and then bake. When the brownies cool remove from the pan. It will be easy to cut perfect bars using this method.

Some cooks even use parchment paper instead of foil. Test with a toothpick for doneness. Makes at least 24 squares.

This recipe originated with Maxine VanMeter, Lewistown, Missouri Our community and church friend, Maxine VanMeter, always brought these brownies to church functions when I was a girl in Lewistown, Missouri. Blonde brownies are a product of the 1960's. Maxine was always the first on the scene when there was a sickness or death in our community, she had a true gift. I went through a period of several years where I couldn't make this recipe. No joking, I didn't make them for like 15 years. Then I started making them again and everything was just dandy. Go figure.....

Note: In August 2015 I was discussing this recipe with Carol & Connie O'Dear who told me the recipe was originally their mother's recipe. Well the two families were cousins, and they were both like extended family to me!

Debbie Dance Uhrig

serving for meals most evenings. It makes the week run smoother, that's for sure.

We've also been in the clean clean mode which feels terrific. Seriously send me a few days of sunshine and I become the energizer bunny! Until I went to Florida a couple of weeks ago I didn't realize just

how rough our winters are. Without the sun all kinds of mental and physical changes begin to occur.

As I noted last week Silver Dollar City opens for the season, Wednesday, March 14th. With the grand opening of 'Time Traveler' coaster, it's going to be a busy season. This will be the

world's tallest, fastest spinning roller coaster. Come see me at the culinary school. I'll be there at 11 & 2 most days teaching classes. And I'm very close to the new ride!

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Kickstart Healthy Habits

When it seems that everyone around you is feeling under the weather, you can be your own best line of defense against getting sick. Help ward off sickness for yourself and your family with these self-care tips that help promote healthy habits and fight off illness.

Eat right. A diet that is rich in fruit and vegetables can give your body the immunity-boosting nutrients it needs to function properly. Avoid excess, empty calories and instead aim for meals that deliver a healthy balance of all food groups.

Wash, wash, wash. Kids and bacteria go hand-in-hand, literally. Kids' hands are everywhere, including some surfaces that may be more susceptible to bacteria. Hand-washing is a simple way to

encourage healthy habits all year round, and Softsoap Liquid Hand Soaps make it easy to gently wash away bacteria. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hand-washing is an important step to help avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. You can find more hand-washing tips and information by visiting CDC.gov/handwashing.

Get up and move. Exercise is one of your strongest weapons against illness. A regular routine that gets

your blood pumping is good for overall health and your immune system. It can help flush toxins and keep your body in top condition.

Just say no. When it comes to protecting yourself and your family, give yourself permission to draw hard lines about spending time with those who aren't feeling well. Reschedule play dates or other events that might unnecessarily expose your family to germs.

Rest up. When your sleep schedule is off, so is your whole system, and that makes

you more susceptible to illness. Everyone's precise sleep requirements are different; you'll know you're getting enough if you feel rested when you wake up. If you're not, and more overnight rest isn't realistic, look for ways to sneak in some extra rest time during the day.

Enjoy the outdoors. Even when it's cooler than you'd like, brief time outdoors can do plenty to lift your spirits and, in turn, your overall well-being. The fresh air and vitamin D from a bright, sunny day are free and easy ways to give your body a boost and help ward

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"All I said in there wuz everybody has a right to his own opinion!"

Charred Tomato Soup

Ingredients

- 3 lb tomatoes
- 1 large (1 lb) yellow onion, peeled, halved
- 8 oz carrots
- 8 oz Anaheim peppers
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp garlic
- 1 qt unsalted vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, finely grated
- .66 oz (1/4 cup) fresh basil, minced
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 10 slices prosciutto, sliced



- Cattleman's Grill California Tri-tip Seasoning
- Noble Saltworks Hickory Smoked Finishing Salt

Instructions

Build a large charcoal fire in your Kamado Joe or other charcoal grill. When the coals are white hot, place the tomatoes, onion halves, whole carrots and Anaheim peppers directly on the coals, working in batches, as necessary. Char on all sides.

Place the peppers in a zip-top bag and seal to steam. When the skins have released, about 15 minutes, remove from the bag. Remove the skins and scrape out the seeds and discard. Dice the flesh into small pieces and set aside.

Rinse off any ash from the surface of the remaining charred vegetables. Place the tomatoes in a blender or food processor and process until pureed.

Dice the onion and carrot into small pieces.

Preheat a Lodge 7-Quart Dutch Oven over medium heat. Add the olive oil. When the oil is hot, add the onions and carrots. Cook until tender, about 5-10 minutes. Add the roasted peppers and garlic. Cook about two minutes longer. Season with Cattleman's Grill California Tri-tip Seasoning, about 2 tbsp, or to taste.

Slow-Cooker Cheesy Potatoes and Ham

Ingredients

- 6 cups (6 medium) thinly sliced peeled potatoes (about 1 3/4 lb)
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped (1 cup)
- 1 1/2 cups cubed cooked ham
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 oz)



1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. Spray 3- to 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix potatoes, onion and ham; spoon into slow cooker.
2. In medium bowl, mix soup, milk, cheese and pepper; pour over potato mixture.
3. Cover; cook on High heat setting 3 to 4 hours or until potatoes are tender. Gently stir potatoes before serving.

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Perfect Deviled Eggs



- 6 eggs
- 3 tablespoons ranch dressing
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery

- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Paprika

1. In 2-quart saucepan, place eggs in single layer; add enough water to cover eggs by 1 inch. Heat to boiling. Immediately remove from heat; cover and let stand 15 minutes.
 2. Drain water from eggs; rinse eggs with cold water. Place eggs in bowl of ice water; let stand 10 minutes.
 3. Peel eggs; cut in half lengthwise. Carefully remove yolks; place in small bowl. Mash yolks with fork until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients except paprika until well blended.
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Franchising: Road Runner



Tammie Hoeme Layout Editor

This week some of the girls from the office and I attended a class at KSU about Social Media Marketing. We met around 5 AM on Tuesday and headed to Manhattan. So, what does that mean? The class was about how to get platforms like Facebook, and Instagram to work for you and your business. Most of the other attendees represented some type of organization or a private business. One thing I learned, was to roll with changes, or get rolled over.

It's interesting, media is changing so quickly. How does a small newspaper keep up? One way I think, is to offer something that other papers don't. The *Rural Messenger* offers many columnists that share a story or a humorous point of view. Some share personal stories, and life lessons from their past.

We also offer classifieds, that come from sellers who are from the most part from central Kansas. Not everyone likes to point and click and read on a screen. We offer a paper that comes out weekly so that you can sit and read the paper when you get the opportunity, rather than rush, rush, rush.

On to the kids, this is a big birthday time for our family right now. March 1 is shared by

three people, along with 3 February birthdays and three other birthdays in March. Two of them are adults, the rest are nieces and nephews.

Allie told me that they could not have made it one more morning without me. Weston seemed pretty happy to have me home. Weston got to dress up and have Dr. Suess week at school. His favorite day was dress like a farmer. He told me that he didn't want to dress like an ordinary farmer, he wanted to dress like my dad. I didn't try and tell him that my dad dresses pretty ordinary most days. I think Weston didn't want to dress in overalls. So, he dressed in a tractor shirt, some of his work jeans, boots, pliers on his belt and a ball cap.

Addie has been enjoying the new Cricut that I got for my birthday. It is a die cutting machine. Now we can cut paper, fabric, and wood. We can even do some embossing with a special tool. She has made several thank you cards and other projects. I have invested a small fortune in paper to cut out. However, this is one electronic I am happy to let her play with. We made some birthday cards for the cousins.

I finally got a picture of one of our road runners. I have seen three at our house, but I don't think they all say here at once.

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Nostalgia and Thoughts: The Watch Dog Bull



By Sandra Pugh

I still enjoy watching the cows across the street. Although this winter I haven't seen the girls or last years calves. The calves must be really growing and by the time we get to see them this spring they will be almost fully grown. But I still get a glimpse, of the bull (the leader of the family) twice a day.

The whole family has been relegated to the back pasture for the winter where it is easier for the caretaker to feed them. I hope I get to see them when they are released back into the large front pasture when it greens up again this spring.

Last year there was a lot of running and kicking and frolicking when they were released into the front pasture and it was fun to watch them. They didn't stop running and jumping until they reached the front fence and couldn't go any farther. They reminded me of kids let out for recess because they were so excited.

There is just a corner of the back pasture that is near the house and driveway that I can see. I get to see the watch

bull in the morning when the kids walk down to the school bus and as the caretaker leaves for work. He stands guard and watches them as they go down the drive.

He will hang around for awhile after they leave before going back to join his ladies for the day. Some times he will lie down, other times he stands in the corner and watches the house, driveway and their favorite pasture for a while.

At first I thought he was just pining for the freedom of the front pasture. Then I realized; as soon as the kids left on the bus and his caretaker left for work, he would quit watching. One morning the first month of school, when the cow family was staying in the front pasture he walked along beside the little girl as she headed down to meet the bus. He was inside the electric fence and she was outside it on the driveway.

He looked like a puppy following her along the drive. She stopped and looked at him and maybe said something to him several times in that walk to catch the bus. He would stop and listen and then continue to follow her all the way to the fence near the road. He stayed in the corner by the street until the bus arrived.

When she got on the bus he went back into the pasture to feed. Now he does the same thing but can't follow her

down the drive he has to watch from the corner of the back pasture. But the resemblance to a puppy (albeit a ton of puppy give or take a few hundred pounds) who could stomp a trespasser into the ground, is very evident. I would not want any animal that size coming at me for any reason let alone an angry bull.

I have confidence that if the situation arose and he thought the home, the caretaker's family or his ladies were in danger he could get out of that pasture and get to the trespasser. For most people he would not have to actually run over us or get near us, just the sight of him coming toward us would give us a heart attack.

He is gone from the corner all day and is no doubt roaming the pasture behind the trees but is ever vigilant as a good watch bull should be. He is watchful for danger to his caretaker and the kids and his ladies and calves in the pasture.

I looked out one afternoon about 3:00 and there he was in the corner of the back pasture looking down the drive. He looked just like our cocker spaniels when it was time for my husband to come home. They would be at the screen door or in the yard watching for him.

The watch bull comes out to the corner at 3:00, sometimes by 2:30 every day, to wait and watch for the school buses that will drop off his caretaker's kids. He will stay in the corner until all his family is home. When they are all home his job of being the watch bull is finished for the day and the dogs can take care of his human charges.

It is finally safe for him to go back into the field. He will be out of sight all evening. He now has time to spend with his ladies and his calves in the back pasture. I am sure he is tired from his job of protecting the home front all day and is ready to lie down and get some rest.

How do dogs or the watch bull tell time?? All my childhood dogs knew when I would be getting home from

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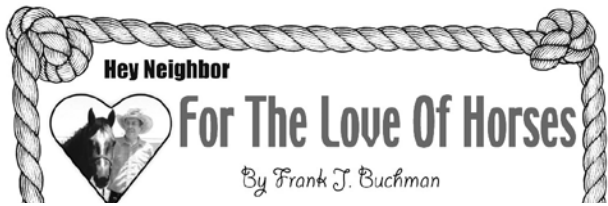
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Rider's Exercise Programs Up Horsemanship Abilities

"Horseback riding is relaxation, but it is work, too."

"You ride on an athlete and as a horseback rider, you are also an athlete," emphasized Kenda Pipkin, prominent judge for the American Quarter Horses Association.

"As riders, we need to think more like athletes. The rider and the horse are an athletic team, and both have to be in the best shape possible." Pipkin insisted

"Many times, poor

riding habits start with muscular weakness," Pipkin said.

"You compensate in some area of your body for that weakness, and then it becomes habit.

"Riding more increases strength, but we're so busy," Pipkin acknowledged. "Many riders have full-time jobs, and they can't spend enough time in the saddle to get in shape and stay fit."

Michael Meyers, health research scientist, is a sports physiologist who has

worked extensively with horseback riders and rodeo athletes on and off the horse.

Regular gym fitness is not possible for most, so Meyers has suggested a few common exercises that can be done at home or even when on the horse.

While it might stir up repressed memories of grade school gym class, the most efficient upper body exercise is none other than the push-up.

"Doing push-ups is the No. 1 exercise for equestrians," Meyers said. "But the ultimate position for a horseman is different than a regular push-up.

"Think about what you're doing on the horse and then put yourself in position,"



Rider fitness is as important as horse fitness for maximum performance of the team, according to Michael Meyers, health research scientist and sports physiologist.

Meyers explained.

"For a push-up, imagine you are sitting on your horse, elbows at your side, fists holding imaginary reins in front of you," he continued. "Then tip yourself forward into push-up position."

Doing push-ups from this position, pushing off your fists rather than a flat hand, elbows low and



Renowned horse show judge Kenda Pipkin says the best way to become a stronger rider is, of course, to ride more. Yet, that's often not possible, making a rider's fitness program important.

by your side, mimics the force of transfer from the bit through the hand, arm and shoulder.

"Also, get down like you're going to do a push-up, put your elbows down, straighten your back and hold it," Meyers detailed. "That strengthens the transverse abdominals, the girdle of the abdominals."

Just as every horse has one side stronger than the other, so does every rider.

"You want equal strength on left and right," Meyers contended. "You should be just as strong on each side. But we know we're not."

"The lunge," Meyers said, is the No. 2 exercise for horseback riders.

"You have a push leg and a lift leg," Meyers related. "When you take off, you're always going to lift the same leg first and push off the other."

Lunges, done properly, will make the body use each leg equally as a push leg and lift leg and help you achieve what Meyers called bilateral symmetry, equal strength in both legs.

"A true lunge is touch and go," said Meyers, cautioning against moving lunges, a popular variation of the exercise.

"In a moving lunge, you're constantly moving forward with each lunge as if you were going down a track," Meyers said.

But most people don't have equal stride lengths, causing one leg to work harder than the other and perpetuating the inequality of strength between left and right.

"You should lunge, and then push back," Meyers explained.

"If you keep going forward, you don't get the reverse movement. You want to be able to touch and go with no hands. Again, this is about core strength. If you need something to hold onto, you're not controlling your body."

To make sure your lunge is sport-specific, Meyers urged horsemen to double-track, taking a wider stance than what feels natural.

"You're not walking a tight rope," Meyers said. "With most people, one foot goes in front of the other. You're taught to walk like this, but there's a horse between the legs when riding."

The lunge also works as a quad and hamstring stretch.

"You're doing two things at once," Meyers said. "Think quality, not quantity. You're an equestrian. You need to get on the horse."

"Everything starts at the core," Meyers said. "Then we build out, down and up."

"Strengthening your core will make it easier to practice other strength exercises, like the push-up and lunge.

"Ultimately, the strength you gain from a few minutes devoted to your own muscular strength will allow you to communicate more effectively with your horse.

"If you take care of your fitness level and you take care of your horse's performance level, then all of a sudden, you're working together a lot better," Meyers concluded.

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MONDAY - HOGS & CATTLE THURSDAY - CATTLE

Total for the Week- Cattle: 4686 Hogs: 61

Steers	Heifers
300-400	300-400
400-500 \$183.00 - \$198.00	400-500 \$161.00 - \$173.00
500-600 \$182.00 - \$197.00	500-600 \$163.00 - \$177.00
600-700 \$168.00 - \$182.50	600-700 \$141.00 - \$156.50
700-800 \$145.00 - \$159.00	700-800 \$130.00 - \$144.00
800-900 \$126.00 - \$140.00	800-900 \$120.00 - \$133.50
900-1000 \$124.00 - \$136.85	900-1000

Early Consignments for Thursday March 8th

40 black steers, home raised, 2nd round vacc, 800. 130 black and Charolais steers and heifers, weaned in Feb, 2nd round vacc, 400-500. 80 black steers, home raised, long time weaned, fall vacc, 800. 46 black steers and heifers, 350-500. 62 mostly black steers, weaned, vacc, home raised, 800-850. 36 steers and heifers, home raised, long time weaned, 500-750. 100 black and Charolais steers, long time weaned, fall vacc, home raised, 600-800. 300 blk/bw/s&h 500-650 home raised weaned vacc.

Early Consignments for Tuesday March 20th Special Cow Sale Heifer pairs

5/5 Balancer heifer pairs, Red Angus calves on side. 85/85 black heifer pairs, January and February calves, Angus calves, been worked. 4/4 Red Angus, Dec/Jan calves, vacc, worked. 10/10 black heifer pairs, Angus calves.

Replacement Heifers

30 black heifers, OCHV'd, pelvic exam, 750#+. 20 black heifers, OCHV'd, pelvic exam, 800. 100 black heifers, OCHV'd, pelvic exam. 200 Red Angus, OCHV'd, pelvic exam. 20 Black, OCHV'd, pelvic exam.

Bulls

20 Red Angus bulls, 18 months. 20 Angus bulls, 18-24 months, semen and trich tested. 2 yearling, Red Angus/Charolais cross bulls, semen checked.

Cows

15 young black cows, heavy bred. 25+25

pairs, 5-7 years old. 45 fall bred to black bulls, 4-5 years old.

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Wheatland Farms- Larry Shippy 785-479-1725

Vaughan Family Ranch Annual Bull Sale

April 7, 2018 @ 1:00PM

Other Upcoming Special Sales:

Feb 24th: Winney Angus Bull Sale- 1pm

March 5th: Don Johnson Angus Bull Sale- 6:30pm

March 10th: Focus on Real Beef Bull Sale

March 13th: Wheatland Farms Angus Bull and Fall Cow/Calf Pair Sale- 12 Noon

March 24th: New Frontier Bucking Bull Sale- 11am

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Black or Red?



**Riding Hard
By Lee Pitts**

I learned a long time ago that most people can be divided into one of two camps. My wife taught me that lesson the first time we went grocery shopping together 45 years ago. When we came to the condiment aisle she had a preconceived notion that our mayonnaise needs would best be filled by Best Foods. But I was a Miracle Whip guy. Right there in the store she informed me that Miracle Whip was for poor, homeless, bums while I told her that Best Foods was for rich, overeducated

snobs. My taste buds have not been tickled by Miracle Whip since that day.

As with checkers, it's the same with commercial cattlemen, most can be divided into either Black or Red.

The bigger band of black brothers and sisters are more apt to own a tractor and do some farming, while the others bet it all on red and only raise cattle. Blacks are more apt to golf, while the Reds usually have a roping arena on their place. The Black contingent are more likely to have radio ear tags in their cattle, use a calf table and either freeze brand or apply no brand at all. Reds still do it the old-fashioned way with real branding irons and a hot fire. A Red's branding smells like oak or mesquite with a hint of

cow manure; a black's branding smells of disinfectant. If there's a red hided animal in a Black's pasture you know it's the result of a recessive gene, but if there's a black hided bull in with Red's cows you know it belongs to the neighbors.

Commercial cattlemen who prefer black hided cattle are more apt to retain ownership, while Red's calves are sold on the video or are at the local auction market. A breeder of blacks can tell you the birth, weaning and yearling weight EPD's of every one of his bulls, whereas a red breeder can tell you the price of eight weights in Kansas. Blacks own all their land while Reds lease theirs, usually from the feds. The Reds know that BLM stands for the Bureau of Land Management but to a Black a BLM is a bowel movement. So you see, there's not much difference after all.

Black's squeeze chute is either blue or green while Reds

naturally prefer red. Black's is a \$15,000 hydraulic squeeze but Red wouldn't spend \$15,000 for a pickup, let alone a squeeze chute. Speaking of which, Black's work vehicle is a Yukon or Chevy Tahoe while red usually drives a Ford F150. Black uses an ATV to check the cows but Red rides a Quarter Horse. Black owns a tractor that usually "runs like a Deere" whereas Red knows all that deer are good for is hunting. He swears there will never be a tractor on his place. Black prefers his saddle fully tooled while Red rides a roughout.

Black supplements his cows with tubs, cubes or rations that were concocted by a consulting nutritionist. It usually involves distiller's grains. Red feeds his cows rained-on hay and believes beer is for people, not beeves.

Black is a Cinch jean, boxer wearing, Catholic or Episcopalian who uses the latest I phone. He or she bets on March Madness

basketball and prefers filet mignon. Red wears briefs under his Wranglers, still uses a generic flip phone, is a BIG Dallas Cowboy fan and prefers a tasty ribeye. When Mrs. Red dresses up she wears Justin boots while Mrs. Black wears shoes bought at Nordstroms. Black is a staunch Republican conservative who still puts up a real Christmas tree, while Red hasn't voted for a Republican presidential candidate since Ronald Reagan. At Christmas he puts up a fake tree because he's too cheap to buy a real one. Red is not a member of any organized church, she's a Methodist.

The Reds believe in "Red. Right. Now." Whereas "Black Means Business!" Black breeders cheat by mixing in some Simmental blood when nobody's looking while Red cheats by blending in some Hereford blood. The only thing Blacks and Reds have in common is a hatred of White cattle.

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opinions expressed here do not reflect the beliefs of the editor, publisher, owner or anyone else even remotely related to this publication because some are Blacks and some are Reds.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central
 Tonnage: 10,364/4,724 Last week: 10,362/4,774 Last year: 9,841/4,030

Hay market activity moderate; Demand remains good for both grinding alfalfa and grass hay. Supplies remain limited for alfalfa while grass hay inquiries have remained consistent. Alfalfa prices are steady to slightly higher. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, rains clipped the southeast and parts of south-central Kansas with .25 inch to 1.5 inches of precipitation in the form of rain, sleet and ice. A small area in northwest Kansas received .25-.50 inch of precipitation. According to NASS, subsoil moisture supplies rated 26 pct very short, 45 pct short, 28 pct adequate, and 1 pct surplus. Moderate drought expanded into northeast Kansas due to seasonal precipitation deficits and abnormally warm temperatures in the last month. The abnormally dry (D0) category is at 99 pct, moderate drought (D1) is at 71 pct, severe drought (D2) is at 36 pct and extreme drought (D3) remains at 9 pct. If you have hay for sale, and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay steady, grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered steady to 5.00 higher; movement moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 240.00-250.00. Dairy, .85-.95/point RFV, Supreme 155.00-175.00, Premium 155.00-165.00, Good 135.00-155.00. Stock or Dry Cow alfalfa, 115.00-125.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 130.00-150.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 155.00-165.00 with an instance at 170.00. Grass hay: Bluestem large squares 80.00-90.00. The week of 2/18-2/24, *10,364T of grinding alfalfa and *2,119T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Cornstalks: large rounds 55.00-65.00, ground and delivered 70.00-75.00.

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Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered and horse/goat

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Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: small squares, 5.00-6.00/bale. Horse or goat, 175.00-200.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme .80-.95/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 110.00-120.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 105.00-110.00. Cornstalks, large rounds 80.00-85.00.

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Supreme	<27	<34	>185	>62	>55.9	>22
Premium	27-29	34-36	170-185	60.5-62	54.5-55.9	20-22
Good	29-32	36-40	150-170	58-60	52.5-54.5	18-20
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Utility	>35	>44	<130	<56	<50.5	<16

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3/13/2018	Hope	"Over 100 Head of Cattle"	Wheatland Farms	http://angus.to/wheatland0318
3/13/2018	Wellington	156+/- ACRES, SE SUMNER COUNTY KS	Theurer Auction & Realty	http://www.theurer.net
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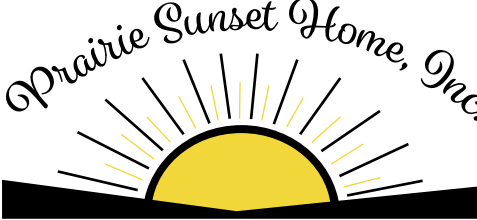
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A Cowboy's Faith
By Frank J. Buchman
Season's change on horizon

"Spring is in the air." Nearly two weeks before official start, the robins are searching for worms. Already green sprigs show through yesteryear's dry grass. Always contending fall was the best time because one could catch up on undone chores, attitude seems to have altered. Hadn't thought about season's changes until Grandma Davis' funeral decades ago, when the pastor commented spring was her favorite time. She anticipated the new flowers, birds chirping and planting a garden. Yes, spring does bring anticipation of more calves, colts, and lush pastures. Seemingly everybody has the feeling as stores have potted plants for sale. Business was so brisk at one location, demand fast exceeded availability. Almost no sooner had filled carts been wheeled in, they were empty with Green Thumbs eager to plant. No thought given that this is still winter, and there could be many freezes in days ahead. Contention obviously is "Oh, we'll just plant some more." That's good news meaning more business for the flower and vegetable starters. Can't help but remember one of the biggest snow storms in

recent times was March 8, 1998. It was snowing when cow chores started 10 miles from headquarters. Done and headed back, intensity expanded as wind blew huge drifts until finally the truck would go no further. Stranded in the blizzard before cell phones were ever heard about, fortunately there was a farm home in sight. Treacherous walking through the blistering downfall and near hip drifts, knock on the door brought a welcome inside. Calls were made to wondering family unable to provide any assistance as conditions worsened. The farmer and his wife provided warm congenial supper and bed for the night. Morning brought

bright sun almost a pretty sight despite the truck up the road barely visible in the drifts. Crews were soon at work, but it was many hours before roads became passable. Cold, snow-covered cows were anxious to finally see the feed truck arrive later than usual. That brings reflections of even earlier winters when snow drifts accumulated higher than the truck cab. Only way to get cows fed was wait until county graders cleared the route. Spring has always come one way or the other. Reminded of Psalm 147:18: "He gives the command and it all melts; He breathes on winter, suddenly it's spring."

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(Continued from page 1) hang on without measurable precipitation depends on how cool temperatures stay.

If nights continue cool and daytime temps only reach the 60s for a couple hours each day, the wheat still knows it's winter, Boor says. However, if the nighttime temperatures begin to warm up into the mid-40s or low 50s, the wheat will wake up and begin growing.

The longer the wheat goes without moisture, the more stressed it becomes. Every day with continued dryness affects the yield.

"Most years this land out here would be a carpet of green," Boor says. "Instead, it's brown wherever you look."

Turning and looking at the

landscape in every direction, the Lincoln County farmer talks about the great start this wheat began with last fall. September rains provided the crop with abundant moisture to sprout.

The crop looked promising, but soon after it came up the moisture stopped. No measurable precipitation occurred all winter including a couple of skiffs of snow with little moisture.

Historically in this region of the state, little moisture falls during February and March. Weather prognosticators say moisture may set in about the time the wheat begins heading.

"I'd say if the crop doesn't receive moisture before then, it won't do much good," Boor says. "The only green you see

out here is the yucca plants. They're doing well because all their competition has been wiped out."

While conditions remain "tinder-box" dry throughout much of Kansas, the Lincoln County farmer believes the potential remains to harvest a crop. However, he also knows that every day without moisture the wheat weakens, and yield potential lessens.

"I've had this crop break my heart more than once," Boor says. "If we could just receive a little moisture to nurse it along."

Like wheat farmers who've planted the crop for generations, Boor remains determined to take the hand he's been dealt and make the best of it.

The most difficult aspect of

this continuing dry weather is the impact on inhabitants in and around Sylvan Grove where Boor lives – friends, family and neighbors. These inhabitants and the community depend on farming and ranching for their livelihood.

"When agriculture is hurting, our community hurts as well," he says. "We all depend on crops and livestock for our survival. We need moisture and we need it now."

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

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On the barricade

By Tony Woodlief

I'm not accustomed to being called a Nazi, at least not before 7 a.m. on a Monday. I was standing in front of the Supreme Court when it happened, holding a sign. My interlocutor was an administrator from the City University of New York. He held a different sign, along with the conviction that people who disagree are profoundly evil.

Later that morning, a CUNY student suggested that I was perhaps not evil, just stupid. "Intellectually unsophisticated," was how he described me to his fellows. A professor standing nearby chimed in that I need to read Howard Zinn.

I come from a long line of Nazi fighters, I wanted to shout. I have a PhD. I've read thinkers on your side far weightier than Howard Zinn, and a bevy of contrary thinkers who would knock you on your ass.

I wanted them to know, in other words, that I'm really smart, and supremely righteous, and also that I've seen Good Will Hunting.

I've been thinking about how I used to put labels on people the way these people were labeling me. Some got an Evil sticker, and others got Stupid, and a good many got both. Because I'm a good person, you see. And I've read some stuff. We're not just talking politics by the way—I was an omnivorous snob. Theology, marriage, childrearing, philosophy—I had firm and righteous opinions on all these subjects.

What happens over time is that life beats you up. And you either curl up into a ball of bitterness and self-delusion, or you come to recognize the limits of your wisdom and virtue. The limits of yourself.

So life will provide the education (if you're willing to listen), but you sure can accelerate the process by reading books that open your mind and

heart. That used to be what we told ourselves schools were for—to prepare our children to be good citizens, good neighbors. People, in other words, who can share space with other humans and get along without killing one another.

What I'm suggesting is that a good way to assess the quality of your education is the extent to which it imparts not necessarily a change of opinion, but compassion for people with other opinions.

Lately it seems like

universities, and news programs, and politicians, and our social media feeds, and a thousand other more subtle influence-peddlers specialize in the opposite. They tell us good people can only believe one way, and that people who believe otherwise are bad, broken, and dangerous.

And where do you go, from there? When

your enemy is a "libtard" or a Nazi? Well, to the barricades is where, because there's no negotiating with irrational evil. We're seeing only the beginnings of it in this country, but history paints a clear enough picture of where it ends. We keep hacking away at the roots of civil order, yet we'll be stunned when the tree falls on our heads. Perhaps more of us are irrational than we realize, and maybe a little

evil, too.

Now look, of course I have tons of solutions when it comes to reforming schools and universities and politics and churches and, most importantly, every

one of you. But if I've learned anything, it's that none of this matters if I am not daily about the business of reforming me. So, while I was tempted to (Continued on page 15)



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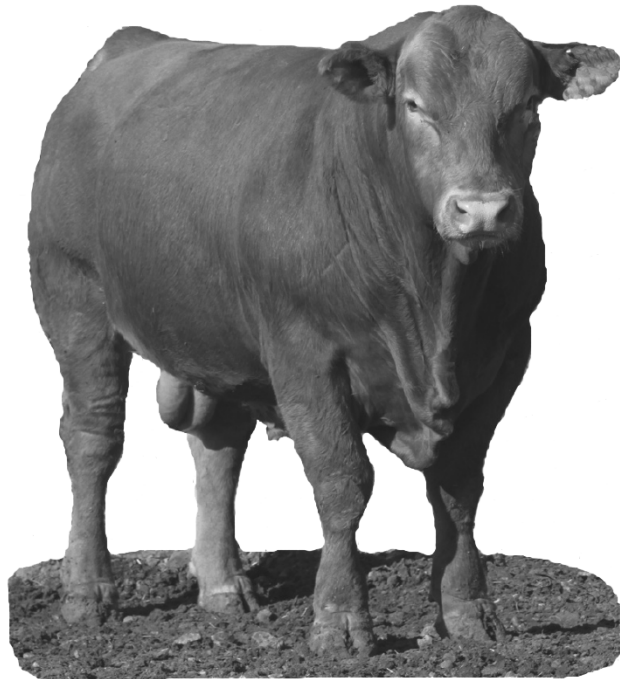
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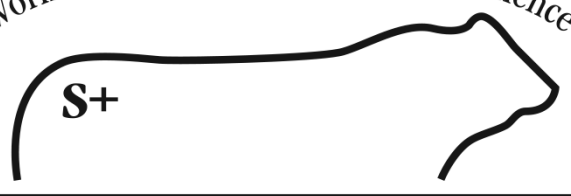
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(Continued from page 14) write off these people as Marxist enemies of the liberal order, I kept in mind that no matter what they believe, they're also humans with families and bills to pay and fear of the future and questions inside about what the purpose of all this is, what the purpose of them is.

None of this reflection led me to put down my sign and join my opponents' chants, but it helped me keep some charity in the face of name-calling. To speak kindly with a lady who, God bless her, wanted to have an earnest conversation about how I could possibly believe what I believe. To tell a gentleman how hilarious his ad lib responses to my side's speechifying were. To get a selfie with a guy wearing a funny hat.

And I want to believe—though I know it may very well be just self-serving sentimentality—that my little kindnesses, once I'd gotten past some of my irritation and self-importance, made them leave feeling a little better about someone like me, too. Am I more likely to vote their way, or they mine? Of course not. But maybe our grandchildren will be less likely to pick up bricks and smash one another's skulls in. And in this world that we're making for ourselves, that's no small thing, is it?

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2. To be clear, I'm not pretending what some of them believe doesn't lead, if unobstructed, to mass graves. Some are indeed self-professed Marxists who despise the liberal order, and who if given power might very well swing me and my children from lampposts as an object lesson in the importance of compliance with the aims of the Revolution. But that doesn't mean they have less humanity than me. Nor that I, under different circumstances, am too inherently virtuous to embrace similarly evil dogmas.

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"We know that Americans for several years — actually some decades, probably — have not saved as much as Americans in the past," said Elizabeth Kiss, a family resource management specialist for K-State Research and Extension. "So this is really an opportunity to focus on saving, focus on reducing debt, focus on money management

and think about our goals, and how we use money to achieve our goals."

While each day of the week focuses on a specific idea or theme, they add up to a list of strategies to help individuals and families grow their nest egg, rather than scramble their finances.

Start With A Plan — The old adage is true: Those who fail to plan, plan to fail. Saving money requires some thought and a plan of action. "Looking at your goals, think about how much money you need, how much you can realistically put aside on a regular basis, and that's the plan part," Kiss says. "Without a plan we're just kind of maneuvering without full information, without direction."

Automate The Process — Most wage earners are paid by direct deposit. It might be possible to have your paycheck deposited into two or more different accounts, designating one of those accounts for savings. "If you don't see that money in your (Continued on page 17)

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(Continued from page 16) checking account, it was never really there, you don't miss it. And hopefully you'll think twice before taking it out of savings," Kiss said.

These things take practice, so don't be surprised if it takes two or more attempts at finding just the right amount to be set aside – an amount that will still leave you enough for regular expenses.

Expect the Unexpected – Things happen. The car needs a repair, the dishwasher breaks down, your kid knocks a glass of water onto your phone. Saving for those 'rainy day' eventualities takes some of the sting out of those surprises when (not 'if') they happen. Kiss advises that health expenses should probably have their own separate column or account, away from the Rainy Day Fund. "Health expenses are a little bit different,

so money for deductibles and co-pays should probably keep that money separate from the Rainy Day Fund," she said.

Saving Shouldn't Be Boring – We all need to unwind, whether it's a night at the movies or a weekend at the beach. A good savings plan should have some fun, some discretionary money built into it. "If you're meeting your basic needs and all of your financial responsibilities, and putting some aside for the future, there's no reason not to have some fun money too," Kiss said.

Saving to Stop Working – Things like Social Security and pension plans can only cover so much. If you plan to stop working in your later years, you'll need to plan today for tomorrow. Some employers match contributions to a retirement plan, Kiss says, and that could be the biggest wrench in your toolkit. "If you need to put in a certain amount to get the maximum match from your employer, that's the 'free money' -- that's the no brainer. Do everything you can to put in what you need to, to get the maximum amount of matching funds."

Save The Extras – Not all of life's surprises are unpleasant: things like raises at work, tax refunds, gifts and inheritances. Those things don't necessarily have to be an excuse to splurge. The recent tax reforms signed into law that will take effect next year are a good opportunity for savings. "If you see an increase in your actual take home pay, think about putting at least some of that aside for whatever your financial goals are," Kiss said. "Also, consider knocking down any debt you may have, whether its student loans, mortgages, or credit cards."

Funds For the Whole Family! – Good habits start at home, and they start young. America Saves Week is an opportunity to teach younger members of the family about the importance of saving money and planning

ahead. Some might balk at the idea of showing children where all of dad's money goes, but Kiss says it's a golden opportunity. "Talking to your children about your savings goals helps them to understand that you can't always have everything right away. It's the concepts of deferral, planning and making tradeoffs," she said. "If the family wants to go on a vacation, ask the kids for ideas to help save money for that. Kids have great ideas and they just might surprise you."

Kansas has its own home on the web to help you start saving, including a place to submit your goal in writing.

"If you're realistic, and start with a small goal, that success can build up," Kiss said. "One of the organizing principles of America Saves Week is that when you write it down and then share it with someone, you're more likely to continue to work toward your goal and to have better success at achieving it."

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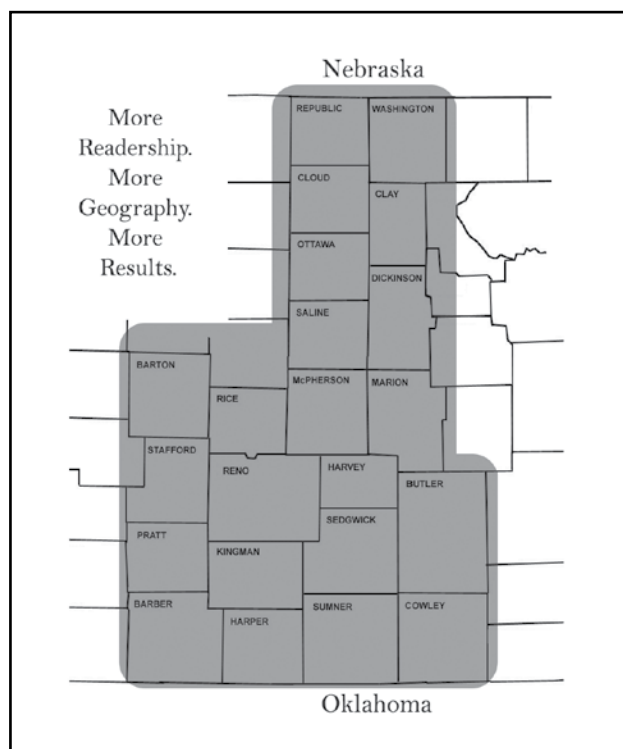
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“I just think that once in a while it’s good to open your mind to maybe something you don’t hear every day when you’re at the feedlot working with cattle,” Foote said. “It’s important to listen to people in other parts of the industry. I enjoy learning about the beef trade (and) I enjoyed hearing some of the potential impacts that imports and exports have on our business.”

Husband and wife Ryan and Tricia Vessar came from Holton, Kansas to interact with others in the cattle industry and learn about what’s coming in the future. They were particularly interested in the concept of block chain technology – a network of computers that jointly manages the database that manages Bitcoin transactions – and how that concept may be applied to the cattle industry.

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Added Tricia: “That way, we get a little more connected to a broader spectrum of consumer, to know the coming technologies and what our customer really needs and wants, and problems they’re trying to solve so that we can better help and support them in solving problems.”

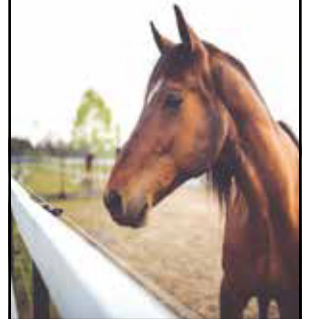
Cattlemen’s Day organizers said this year’s trade show was the largest in the 105-year history of the event. A large number of equipment demonstrations were available this year.

In addition to the general session with Doud and Tonsor, K-State

faculty gave several breakout sessions in the afternoon, all contributing to new information for cattlemen in the region.

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Laugh Tracks in the Dust

A few weeks ago I mentioned my maternal grandmother was quite a character. She loved to play cards and board games with us grandkids; she loved to fish, she played the meanest rag-time piano I've ever heard, and she couldn't read one note of sheet music, but knew by heart about every song she's ever heard.

Grandma Ann also traveled with a troop of USO entertainers to military bases in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska to entertain troops.

Grandma Ann also

had another special talent. She wrote songs and penned poems for fun and to while away the many years that she lived alone in the Missouri Ozarks, near the little town of Aldrich, on Stockton Lake. Her most prolific years were in the 1950s through the 1970s. She wrote serious romantic songs and funny, upbeat songs, but due to her inability to read musical notes, she always had to hire or coax a friend to put her new songs into printed music sheets.

At one time, I knew the words and could sing a lot of Grandma's songs. But time wears on old memories and I can remember fewer and fewer of her song lyrics and melodies.

Except for one song. The lyrics and music of one song remain

imprinted on my mind. That is a humorous song entitled, "Oh, For the Life in the Ozarks." The words popped up in my mind a few days ago and they won't leave. So, I'm going to pass along the words to "Oh, For the Life in the Ozarks" in this column and dedicate them to all my old friends still in the Ozarks to whom her dated words might still ring true. Here are the words. You'll have to think up your own melody:

Down in those Ozark Mountains,

They make old Mountain Dew.

And, if you drink too much of it.

It'll get the best of you.

The hillbillies there take life in stride.

Maybe they're smart at that.

While we're working our fingers to the bone,

They sit around and get fat.

They cut enough wood for winter,

And buy beans, tobacc'er and such.

They hunt and fish whenever they wish

And their clothes don't amount to much.

(Chorus) Oh, for the life the Ozarks,

That's where I want to be.

I'll spend my life in the Ozarks

'Cause it's like Heaven to me.

The kids start smoking at the age of two.

They even have their own tobacc'er to chew.

And, their folks don't care, 'cause this is true.

They did the same

danged thing or two.

The men drive old trucks and skin big bucks,

And gig fish at night with a torch.

They spit and whittle and watch the world go by

From a rocker on their front porch.

(Repeat chorus)

I read about a research project conducted by a west coast university that studied 1,700 old men like me over 75 years old. They measured only five factors to see if they had any impact on the men living at least to 90 years old. The five factors were: alcohol consumption, coffee consumption, weight, exercise, and hobbies.

Normally, I don't agree with lifestyle research, but I concur wholeheartedly with this study's conclusion.

The researchers found out that the men most likely to live into their 90s drank a bit of alcohol every day, drank at least two cups of coffee every day, did very little vigorous exercise, enjoyed at least one or two hobbies, and were pleasantly plump, not skinny. I fit the 90-profile perfectly.

So, happy days are here again. I'm on my merry way to 90 — until I'm not.

Here's a story that speaks sorta well for getting older. An elderly rancher walks into a cattlemen's convention social dance at a swanky hotel. He is well into his 80s,

very well-dressed with expensive Stetson, fancy bolo tie, polished boots, well-groomed white beard, sharp crease in his Levis, and smelling slightly of an expensive after shave. He presents a very nice image. He spies a classy looking cowgirl in her mid-seventies sitting alone at a table. So, the sharp old gentleman walks over and sits alongside her. He orders a drink and takes a sip. Then, he slowly turns to the lady and says: "So, tell me ... do I come here often?"

Remember this: Life is so much funnier when you have a risqué mind.

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Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Casey Cagle, Prairie Earth Tours

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

The young man was feeling homesick. He was browsing through a used bookstore in Georgia when he came across a book about his home area in the Flint Hills of Kansas. The book gave him a lift. Years later, he would create his own tour company to share the beauty of the Flint Hills with others.

Casey Cagle is the founder and owner of Prairie Earth Tours in Emporia. He grew up on a farm near the rural community of Oswego, population 1,829 people. Now, that’s rural.

Casey went to Emporia State and got involved in the community, helping with the restoration work on the Granada Theatre. He did similar work at the Midland Theatre in Kansas City.

But what Casey really wanted to do was travel. In 2009, he set out to travel across the country in his camper. After lots of sight-seeing, he became a tour guide in California. “That’s the one type of business where this kind of experience looks good on a resume,” Casey said with a smile.

He led lots of tours, in settings ranging from wilderness camping to luxury lodging across the U.S. and Canada. One day, while browsing through a used bookstore in Georgia, he came across the book *PrairieEarth* by William Least-Heat Moon. This lengthy tome is about Chase County in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills. Such a reminder of home lifted Casey’s spirits. He was already a fan of another of Least-Heat Moon’s books, *Blue Highways*, which celebrates travel around the back roads of America.

Casey then went to Australia where he guided tours in the out-back. In the back of his mind, he was thinking about his home state.

“Emporia was becoming a community that supports entre-

preneurs,” Casey said. “I decided to take the leap and move back to Kansas.” His goal was to create his own tour business in the Flint Hills.

He enrolled in a Start Your Own Business class at Flint Hills Technical College. “I met with the Small Business Development Center which was extremely beneficial,” Casey said. By being in the class, he qualified for Emporia State University’s Entrepreneurship Challenge. Some 40 business ideas were part of that challenge,

where entrepreneurs pitched their ideas to outside evaluators.

Casey won first place. He later won third in the statewide competition at K-State. These awards encouraged him and provided some capital to advance his business idea. He also received a zero-interest loan from Emporia Main Street.

In 2016, he launched his new business. Fittingly, he named it Prairie Earth Tours. His goal is to provide a closer and deeper look at the Flint Hills rather than a mass

market model. “I’m not just doing a tour, I try to provide an experience,” Casey said. “The small group model enables me to do that, while protecting the integrity of the places we visit.”

Instead of a mega-tour coach, he uses a 15-passenger shuttle bus. “This lets us have access to little cafes and get permission to visit private property and see the hidden gems of Kansas,” Casey said. “We have something really special here. What Kansas has to offer is authenticity.”

Tours include wildflower tours or photography clinics in the spring, sunset horseback rides in summer, or a craft brewer’s tour in the winter. Every Tuesday, he hosts lunch tours to special locations. “My regulars know where to find the best pie, the best salad bar, and the best chicken fried steak anywhere,” he said.

He can provide custom private tours or simply provide transportation. “One time I took a bunch of girls wedding dress shopping in Wichita and El Dorado,” Casey said.

“I want to help people explore and enjoy Kansas while benefitting the local economy.”

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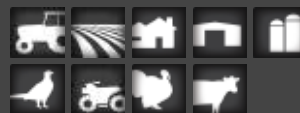
Perhaps that book *PrairieEarth* inspired this homesick young man to celebrate Kansas with his own kind of tours. We commend Casey Cagle of Prairie Earth Tours for making a difference by providing his guests a deeper look at the Flint Hills. I’m glad this young man found his way back home.



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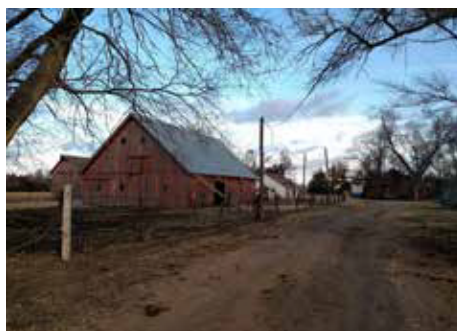
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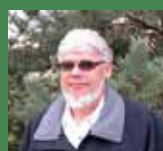


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Kansas State University researchers using gene-editing technology to improve wheat helping global food security

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State University researchers say their work to improve genes in wheat varieties using a gene-editing technology is another positive step toward global food security.

“Food security and the food supply is one of the main issues in the world’s future,” said Eduard Akhunov, professor of wheat genetics and pathology. “With the increasing population size and a decline in the amount of land available for growing crops, we really need to intensify agriculture in a sustainable way.”

Akhunov and his colleagues are working with gene editing, a technology developed five years ago which can be used to modify with high precision any gene in a living organism. Their work with wheat is featured in the inaugural issue of the CRISPR Journal, which was released in mid-February.

CRISPR-Cas9 technology, introduced in 2012, is a simple yet powerful tool for editing genomes, the complete set of genetic material present in a cell. Akhunov said it allows researchers to easily change DNA sequences, creating new variants of a gene with improved properties, or fix known defects in a gene.

“You can consider CRISPR-Cas9 to be like molecular scissors that can make changes very precisely in a particular place of the genome,” Akhunov said. “Using this tool, you can selectively modify any part of a genome to improve genes controlling major agronomic traits.”

This same process is done in traditional wheat breeding, he added, but it often takes as many as 7-10 years to effect the improvements that CRISPR technology can enact in a much shorter time.

“Traditional breeding involves screening existing germplasm (genetic material) collections for genetic variation that is useful, and then introducing it into wheat varieties to improve a trait,” Akhunov said. “This process can be time-consuming and may fail if the specific genetic variation is not present in the screened germplasm.”

“CRISPR-Cas9 technology can use the knowledge we have already collected about the gene’s biology to introduce changes into the functionally important regions of a gene. These new variants of a gene can bring new traits, broadening the useful genetic variation that currently exists in the germplasm collections.”

Akhunov noted that

K-State researchers work with a suite of 25 genes controlling traits that have the potential to affect yield. Using CRISPR-Cas9 technology, they have the ability to improve each of these genes before testing them in the greenhouse, and eventually evaluating them in field conditions.

“Once we identify genes that beneficially affect yield-related traits in wheat, we will work with wheat breeders to transfer these gene-editing advances to top varieties grown here in Kansas, and other U.S. breeding programs,” he said. To achieve this, the K-State scientists will cross a wheat line containing a CRISPR-Cas9 enzyme with wheat cultivars that do not contain the enzyme.

“In the progeny (or offspring) of this cross, we select only those plants that do not have the CRISPR-Cas9 enzyme, but carry the change in the genome

that we wanted to induce,” Akhunov said.

Thus, he added, nothing new is added to the resulting wheat variety, only an improvement in the performance of the wheat’s genes.

“The same outcome can happen due to natural mutations (in wheat varieties) over time, but we are accelerating this process, using CRISPR-Cas9, that can induce mutations in one specific place in the genome,” Akhunov said. “Hypothetically, if you would wait several million years, or screen thousands and thousands of wheat lines collected across the globe, you will likely recover mutations in the same location in the genome that will have the same effect on gene function. But by using the CRISPR-Cas9 technology, you can achieve it in a single wheat line within a year.”

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“We systematically go gene by gene, modifying them using the CRISPR-Cas9 system and then we test to find out which changes in the wheat genome result in increased yield,” Akhunov said.

K-State’s work on the CRISPR-Cas9 technology is led by Akhunov and funded by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative

competitive grant from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The project is a part of the International Wheat Yield Partnership (iwyp.org) program aimed at increasing the genetic yield potential of wheat using innovative approaches.

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- * 1989 Ford TW25 Diesel Tractor, cab, air, heat, 18.4x38 rubber, duals, front weights, 2 owners, 2315 hours, shedded, Serial #922857
- * 1968 Case 930 Diesel Tractor, WF, 3 pt., cab, dual hyd., good, 18.4x34 tires, serial #834x34 tires, serial #8346617
- * 1968 Case 930 Diesel Tractor, open station, WF, 3 pt., dual hyd., good, 18.4x34 rubber, serial #8350171
- * New Holland #335 Grinder/Mixer, shedded, extra good condition
- * New Holland #680 tandem axle Manure Spreader, 540 PTO, good condition, serial #706373
- * New Holland #782 Silage Chopper, row adjustable head, electric over Hyd. controls, shedded
- * New Holland 5 ft. Pickup Head, sells separate
- * New Holland #315 Small Square Baler, twine tie, super sweep head, shedded
- * 3 StanHoist Silage Wagons, 8x12 ft. boxes, hoist, 2 John Deere gears, 1 StanHoist
- * Kory #185 350 bu. Gravity Wagon on HD gear
- * Kelly Ryan 4x10 Feed Wagon, 540 PTO
- * Krause model 31583 16 ft. Double Offset Disc, hyd., fold, good blades
- * IHC #470 16 ft. Tandem Disc, dual wheels
- * New Holland #56 Side Delivery Hay Rake
- * Krause #271 14 ft. Chisel Plow with points
- * IHC 4 Bottom Pull Type Plow
- * MM 3 Bottom Pull Type Plow, steel wheels
- * 2 Case 8-16 Grain Drills w/seeder
- * John Deere 10-14 Hoe Drill, large press wheels
- * Western Land Roller Alfalfa Packer, pull type
- * 3 Go-digs w/trip savers, 2-JD, 1-IHC
- * Krause 3-5 V-blade
- * 6 Bale Hay Trailer
- * Davis Bradley 6x10 Wagon w/hoist
- * Bale Elevator
- * Speed King 6"x30" Auger, B&S motor
- * MM Corn Picker, collectible
- * 4 Section Drag Harrow
- * Few pieces machinery for salvage
- * Grinder/mixer
- * Blue Tractosquare Baler
- * Manure Spreader

Jim Soucek



- * Coop E# Gas Tractor, restored, shedded
- * MM "Z" Tractor, complete, stored inside
- * Farmall F-20 Tractor, stored inside
- * Tractors for parts, most not complete including Coop, IHC W-9, Case Vac, Farmall F-14, IHC "M", IHC "H" w/farmhand
- * 18.4x38 Tractor axle mount duals
- * 1965 IHC 1 ton Truck with flatbed
- * 1980's Chevrolet 1/2 ton 4x4 Pickup
- * 1964 Chevrolet Bicayne Car, title
- * 1962 Ford Falcon Ranchero Car
- * 1948 Ford 2 door Car, restorable
- * Studebaker Pickup, mostly complete
- * Kaiser Car, mostly complete for restoration
- * IHC #490 21 ft. tandem disc
- * Massey Ferguson #12 square baler, twine, shredded
- * New Holland model 1010 Bale Wagon, single wheel, pull type, serial #6331
- * Blue Jet 16 disc unit Fertilizer Applicator, 3 pt., 15" spacing NH3, has cold flow, nice
- * John Deere Model #6-16 Semi Mount Plow, nice
- * Krause Model 20 ft. Folding Chisel Plow
- * Krause Model #271 14 ft. Chisel Plow
- * Noble 35 ft. Rod Weeder
- * 4 Section Tine Tooth Harrow on cart
- * Allis Chalmers 3 Bottom Plow, 3 pt.
- * Several pieces of machinery for parts, scrap or acreage use not mentioned
- * 13 ft. Truck Box Trailer w/hoist
- * Truck Frame and axle w/water tank
- * Flatbed Trailer w/dual wheels
- * 2 - 110V Grain Screeners
- * 3 pt. Hyd. Wire Winder
- * T&L Irrigation Fertilizer Injection Unit
- * Several set saddle tanks

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- * 2015 Haybuster model 2655 "Shortcut" Bale Processor, 1000 PTO with Grain Processor, used on less than 10 bales, new, serial #2612041855
- Ashland 9 yard Pull Type Dirt Scraper, model 1-110, heaped cap. of 11 yards, ejection blade, very nice
- 2 - S1 24 ft. Hay Feeders, 4 wheel, 16" tires, extra good condition
- 2 Rayne Payne model R246 Grain Carts, app 300 bu., 540 PTO, good 16.9x28 tires
- New Holland model #256 Pull Type Sickle Mower, 9 ft. bar, 540 PTO
- Perkins 100 hp. Diesel Irrigation Engine on Frame, clutch, radiator, good unit, replaced with natural gas
- Perkins 80 hp Diesel Irrigation Engine on frame, clutch, radiator, good unit, replaced with natural gas
- T&L Pivot Hydraulic Drive Unit
- GT 10" loadout auger, 40 ft., 3 phase, 220 electric motor
- GT 8" Loadout Auger, 30 ft. PTO drive
- Shafer Hyd. Drive Post Hole Digger, skid loader mounts, 12" auger
- Set of 42" duals, hubs, spacers off Case IH 8930 Tractor
- 12 Turned Tires
- Dirt scraper
- 2 Green Wagons
- Bale Processor

Guest Consignors

- Brent #674 Grain Cart, 1000 PTO
- Sukup 6-36 No-Till Cultivator
- Triggs 400 Bu. Center Dump Gooseneck Gravity Wagon, 10000x20
- Blumhardt 600 gal. Pull Type Sprayer, complete with controls
- UFT 400 bu. Grain Cart, 1000 PTO
- Vermeer 605H Big Round Baler, 540 PTO, belts 1 year-old
- 6x10 Silage Wagon on good gear, 15" tires
- 20 Continuous Fence Panels, 20 ft., clips and splices, new
- 20 5x12 ft. Corral Fence Panels, new
- WW Calf Cradle
- 1970 Champion 2 Horse Trailer
- 1975 WW 2 Horse Trailer
- 400 Colorado Blue Spruce Trees up to 4 ft. tall

Webster County Surplus Items

- 1995 Ford F8000 Dump Truck, 10 yard box, mileage 141,200, VIN #FDYU82E0S-VA66810
- 1974 Load King model CS359, 39 ft. Industrial Lowboy Trailer, serial #CS4009
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- 2000 Ford F250 Pickup 4x4

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Alfred North Whitehead

I like to propose solutions when I point out problems. But there are many things that get so complicated that just knowing something needs to be done is not the same as a solution. I am the first to concede that I am not the sharpest tack in the drawer. Some think that I assume to be intelligent and they would be wrong. But I think and study and there are

firefighter, museum employee, and other things I have done in my years. But I have an interest and passion for each of the jobs I have done.

Now the subject that I am going to go on about is going to upset some people, especially those who do not read the entire piece. And my opinions I do believe are just a reflection of the reality of today.

I am going to talk about Public Television. I like PBS and a lot of programming that they do. I am fortunate in that we get both KPTS in Wichita and Smoky Hills PBS on DISH network, (advantages in living in an area that no one knows how to claim it). I am also a bit tired of the obvious left leaning news and attitudes taken there. In Kansas (like it or not) there is a definite conservative audience. I count myself in that group and I also count many liberal people as my friend. For the most

been shrinking and there are moves to defund the network.

Years ago I was partners with two friends who developed a program that we presented to KPTS. The manager and producers at the station at that time all said that our presentation was the best project that had been brought to them. But the station could only fund eight projects and we were 30th on the list. Two producers tried to do our project independently but were not funded well enough.

In the last 20 years the entire structure of television networks and stations has been altered drastically. Just on Dish alone there are around 500 networks offering programming. It is a fact, that was obvious 30 years ago, that the rapidly changing world of television networks and entertainment packages required a whole new approach to how the business model was going to have to change.

My criticisms of the PBS and Public Radio system are from a perspective of limited contact of the networks. A little bit of knowledge does not constitute an expert opinion. But as a viewer, and someone who has had limited contact with the system, I raise questions, opinions, and hope that those who do have the talent and

foresight can pick up on the thought and be able to do something constructive with it.

Going back to 2011 a program celebrating Kansas 150th birthday called KANSAS-HOME ON THE RANGE was an idea that I came up with and tried to develop for a year and had no success. The idea went through several incarnations. It was not until I was able to hand off the concept to a group of extremely talented and experienced people in the Western Music Association – Kansas Chapter. This group developed and created a great program to celebrate Kansas. It was so good that the publisher of the Wichita Eagle enthusiastically pushed for the program to be repeated in Wichita and it became the official celebration for Kansas. The point is it was only an idea that when handed off to people with talent, knowledge, and enthusiasm became a great event.

Do I have the answer for rebuilding a sustainable business model for public television? No. But if enough people with good intentions come together and work on the problem we will have public broadcasting for many years to come.

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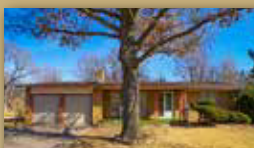
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Coronado Heights: A crown immutable

We took a recent drive to Coronado Heights, a signature landmark embraced by history and myth. It is just north of Lindsborg, the highest mound nearby, a signature along the shallow spine of the Smoky Hills that rise over the low sweep of our Valley. Coronado Heights is special among the sandstone outcrops, vivid and dramatic, sharp-edged, its speck of a fortress dark against the sky.

This view has held for more than eight decades, since the last of the mortar dried among the stones in 1936, when the signature "castle" and picnic facilities were constructed atop the Heights under President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration. This peak and its vista are among history's crucial footings in Kansas and the great plains, named for stories of the Spanish explorer and his exploits in these parts. It is a treasure of history; and, located only a few paces north of the McPherson County line in Saline County, it has become a step-child of geography and boundary.

Everyone, it seems, wants to love Coronado Heights, but for decades, no one could decide who should care for the place.

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Eight years ago, in early March, 2010, Coronado Heights was selected by public vote as one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas Geography in a project sponsored by the Kansas Sampler Foundation. (At the same time, the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge near Canton was also selected as a Wonder... the only place in Kansas where both buffalo and elk can be viewed in their natural habitat by the public.)

Coronado Heights, which can be seen for miles, was recognized as a notable stop for both locals and tourists, and as fundamental to the history of the central United States, the Smoky Valley and the founding of Lindsborg.

For a time since, the much-adored Coronado



John Marshall

Heights was pummeled by an assortment of adversaries, including vandals, thieves, storms and nature's corrosion. The picnic facilities, rest rooms, tables and picnic areas were long-favored targets of miscreants and morons. Winds and rain storms had

time and again washed away the steep, curving ascent of the road to the Heights' summit in spite of occasional and valiant repairs.

Thieves made off with "souvenirs" from the site. The ceaseless cadence of seasons' extremes and of time itself had left pockets of decay where comfort and convenience were

once announced. The beauty of this place, a perch to behold the Valley's majesty in all directions, was fading.

The Smoky Valley Historical Association and its president, the late Chris Abercrombie, were determined that Coronado Heights not become another shabby remnant of former glory.

The Association's campaign, begun in 2014, has secured enough of its six-figure goal in cash and grants to begin repairing this historic landmark. A grant from the Kansas HeritageTrust Fund was to finance a number of repairs to the Heights' castle, its floor and rest rooms, (Continued on page 31)





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Directions: From Ellsworth - go northeast on Hwy 156 to Ave H - it is located at the SE Corner of Ave H & 17th Rd.

Tract 3: 154+- acres. NE/4 10-15-8W less Hwy 156 R-O-W. Cropland with the exception of a 17+- acre tract of established mowed grassland with some tree growth. There is a 1.5 acre tract of CRP with contract to expire 9/30/2018.
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(Continued from page 30) and top floor observation deck.

The main building is solid again, the great blocks of stone secure, its timber ceiling and wide support beams bolted, secure in a new concrete floor. The entry is almost pristine.

Other repairs remain on the list, but even

through the winds of late February a cold squint told us the place is more tidy, welcoming, convenient. The view, of course, remains glorious.

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“When looking at Coronado Heights from afar, it is easy to see why peoples over the centuries considered

Coronado Heights both monument and gathering place,” wrote Ruth Ann Peterson in a 2009 essay that nominated the Heights for the 8 Wonders award. “Surrounded by a gently rolling plains, Coronado Heights juts 300 feet above the surrounding Smoky Valley floor... visitors can see for many miles around – a dramatic panoramic sweep through central Kansas. Surely native Americans loved and treasured the hill, along with westward trudging European immigrants.

“Perhaps that was one reason that the representatives of the

First Swedish Agricultural Company selected the base of Coronado Heights to locate their initial company house in 1868,” Mrs. Peterson continued. “That same year, a group of Swedish immigrants led by the Rev. Olof Olsson took up residence at the site, and they would found Lindsborg the next year in 1869.”

The town site of Lindsborg moved a couple of miles southeast to the Smoky Hill River and the railroads that had been built. But Coronado Heights remained a favored location for picnics, family gatherings and

plain relaxation. By 1920 the Lindsborg Historical Society had purchased the hill as a park, a road was hand-dug to the top, a small lodge went up, its appeal broadened, and yet nature and vandals continued to nick away.

After the Castle and new picnic facilities were built and ownership was transferred to Saline County, the place became a true Kansas landmark, featured on postcards, promoted in magazine and newspaper articles, and by word-of-mouth. It became, even, a place for dances, band concerts,

and legendary college student gatherings; it continues its appeal to amateur birders, painters, photographers, mountain bikers, geologists, botanists and meteorologists – indeed, it’s perfect for watching great storms roll across the prairie.

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Coronado Heights, now owned by the Smoky Valley Historical Association, has survived the assaults of vandal sand nature, strengthened through the perseverance of admirers.

In 1988 a large stone entry sculpture by the late John Whitfield was dedicated by the Association. Volunteers have led efforts to keep the site tidy and, more than once, to repair the battered road to the top, a route that for now is untroubled.

Free labor and unconditional love continue to counter the power of nature and stand up to the villainy of criminals; add to this the commitment to continued care and renovation. Coronado Heights maintains its immutable presence, a crown above the Smoky Valley.

Editorial from the past, a bite of darkest irony

Forty years ago *The Hutchinson News* carried an editorial about a proposal in Topeka to grant permission for judges to carry guns. They could carry them while they were judging, either openly or tucked under their robes, according to a bill offered by a state representative from southeast Kansas.

At the time this was a radical idea even for Republicans, contrary to the way most citizens saw Kansas as a community, a time when people seemed more concerned with getting along than having their way. The tendency was to dismiss this as the usual legislative lunacy that afflicted some politicians after too much exposure to the Flambeau, a bar in a popular Topeka hotel. The representative insisted that he was acting at the request of a constituent, a Coffeyville (Continued on page 33)

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Remember when it used to Snow???



Exploring Kansas Outdoors
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We are a fickle people; we bellyache when it rains too much, we moan when it rains too little, we wail when it snows too much and we gritch when it doesn't snow at all. Is anyone else besides me old enough to remember when it used to snow here in the winter?

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I grew up in central Ohio, where snowstorms and the occasional blizzard were just part of winter. Our house set back nearly 200 yards off a gravel road. The field on one side of the drive and the pasture on the other side each had a couple high spots in them, but the driveway had been cut through those high spots, leaving it straight and flat, but also leaving the ground on either side of it higher than the drive at those two places. The driveway ran north and south, so a pure north wind during a snowstorm cleaned out the driveway. But any wind from the west or northwest piled snow in those two places by the foot. Many a winter we had to leave the car or truck for a few days at the end of the drive next to the road where we had scooped out a parking place, or we had to drive through the pasture and climb the fence to get to the house.

Over the years I've had a love-hate relationship with snow. I used to like snow

until I began working in the maintenance department at the local nursing/retirement home. There, the battle cry concerning snow removal was "If it's covered, we will move it." We maintenance guys had snow shovels in hand and snow blowers idling before the first flakes ever hit the ground. My supervisor and I never saw eye-to-eye when it came to snow removal; I understand he had to take his stand because of liability issues, but I always argued if people couldn't manage to drive through a few inches of snow, they should stay home in the first place.

Anyway, one of the things I looked forward to when I retired two years ago was sitting in my recliner in front of my big picture window drinking a cup of hot chocolate while it snowed and blew like crazy outside, all the while knowing my buddies at the retirement home were bustin' their humps pushing snow shovels. You see how that worked out!

Snow in measured amounts can be great for outdoorsmen. Our ground is often so hard in the fall when setting coyote traps that tracks are barely visible unless the ground is

sandy. Tracks play the major role in telling me where to set traps. The terrain can be textbook perfect for coyote travel, but if there are no tracks it's probably not worth my effort to set a trap there. Snow solves that problem. A couple inches of fresh snow are absolutely perfect for showing hunters and trappers tracks and other critter signs we can't see in the dry soil. Coyotes like to travel frozen creeks and streams, and I remember following a set of coyote tracks down the middle of a frozen drainage ditch a couple years ago. I could see every step the coyote took, everywhere it stopped to nose around where it entered and exited the ice. I would never have seen any of that without a little snow. Ditto for deer hunters; a nice tracking snow will show things we can't otherwise see, like where deer might be routinely jumping fences or bedding down & entering or exiting thickets or swamps.

Snow is wonderful moisture, as it seems to contain elements from the atmosphere

beneficial to everything green. Snow is also a wonderful insulator, often insulating and protecting the new wheat when temperatures remain sub-zero for a spell. From my youth, I remember some of the biggest snows of the season coming in March, and an April snowfall is certainly not out of the question here. On years like this when warm weather seems very premature, wildlife nurseries can be full earlier than usual also, and late season snow and ice can be very harmful to nesting or already hatched upland birds. For moisture, spring snows are just as beneficial as actual winter snows, but are usually very wet and hard to move. I guess what I'm thinking as I write this is maybe, just maybe we'll get some snow yet, and hopefully when that hard April freeze hits, there will be snow on the wheat to protect it. Either way, continue to Explore Kansas Outdoors!

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(Continued from page 31) associate district judge. In that long-ago editorial, we supposed that life had been rather dull in Coffeyville since the Dalton Boys joined the ranks of the late departed; “a good courtroom shoot-out might be just the ticket to make the natives forget they lived in Coffeyville.”

This proposal probably had merit beyond the narrow confines of the courtroom, we said with a wink, because judges weren't the only people entitled to feel threatened. In fact, who didn't?

Certainly, teachers should carry guns – or switchblades or billy clubs or whatever suits their combative fancy. A good wing shot in the arm would certainly lead to better discipline in the classroom.

Considering this editorial now, we see the evolution of our culture from the sympathetic to the savage, from a place that saw such a bill as so ludicrous that we made fun with it, to a place that has lost its bearing, its sympathies, its sense of what is humane.

Preachers, we said at that time, should toughen their nambypamby talk about loving one another at least to the extent of packing a .38 in the event that some born-again Beelzebubstarts climbing the pulpit. The town mayor was an obvious target and should be able to shoot back when the peasants rebel against his dictates. Every doctor should have a gat handy in surgery, to ward off malpractice nuts.

“Editors, not often noted for belligerency,” we said then, “should make the pistol as standard a piece of newsroom equipment as the typewriter. Is there an editor who hasn't feared the vengeful lust of an irate subscriber whose daughter's name was left off the honor roll?”

Guns, we said then, should not only be permitted, but required. “It's the only way we can feel safe.”

The representative's bill got nowhere. He was later elected to the state Senate and served there with distinction, much too busy to revive his gun bill. At that time of life without fear and political intransigence, such legislation seemed so radical that it could be chuckled into a dust bin.

Thus is an old editorial revived, once a bit of fun but now subdued with the darkest irony of time and events, a story of how we have changed, of how far we have plunged.

KDWPT Receives National Award for Land Stewardship

PRATT – The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) was recently recognized by the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) for the department's management of public lands. Recognition came in the form of a national land stewardship award, which was accepted by Keith Sexson, KDWPT Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Boating, during the 42nd annual NWTf Convention and Sport

Show.

“From their staff to their habitat and wildlife conservation projects, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is leading the way in collaborative endeavors,” said Becky Humphries, NWTf CEO. “We are proud to partner with such a dedicated agency to put boots on the ground to ‘Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt.’”

NWTf determined this year's award winners based on how

their work strengthens the organization's new “Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt.” initiative. KDWPT was selected for the Land Stewardship award because of the department's efforts to provide quality habitat and hunting experiences, despite the challenges of being a state that is almost entirely privately-owned.

“The work that our Public Lands staff and Wildlife staff are doing to make opportunities possible for our hunt-

ers in this state is just really impressive,” said Sexson. “And we're happy to partner with organizations like NWTf because we know we can't do it alone.”

To learn more about the work of NWTf in Kansas, visit www.nwtf.org/about/state/kansas.

For details on public land hunting opportunities in Kansas, visit ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Where-to-Hunt.

FMCSA Clarifies Ag Exemptions for Horse and Livestock Haulers

March 2, 2018 – Horse and livestock haulers got some good news last week when the FMCSA published updates to their agricultural exemptions. These updates clarified the hours of service and CDL requirements for those who transport live animals – whether as a hobby or for profit. These revisions came just a few weeks before the ELD exemption for agricultural haulers is set to expire.

The big news, is that you won't be required to follow federal hours of service regulations or hold a CDL if you're transporting horses or animals to shows, events or for another personal reason. In other words, if the

transportation is not part of a business, the FMCSA considers you exempt. The same goes for the private transport of boats, cars and similar items:

“In these cases, when the transportation in question is not business related (neither for compensation, nor where the driver is engaged in an underlying business related to the move), none of the regulatory requirements apply, even if prize or scholarship money is offered.”

While this has technically always been the case, questions have arisen lately that had many in the industry unsure what their legal requirements were – and whether they sud-

denly should start logging their hours. This confusion extended to enforcement officials, some of whom began issuing warnings and fines to private haulers for hours of service and CDL violations, often to the surprise of drivers who had been able to operate independently of federal regulations in the past.

It's important to remember, however, that just because the federal DOT doesn't require you to hold a CDL, doesn't mean your state will allow you to operate without one. It's always a good idea to check with your state's licensing agency to ensure you're operating compliantly.

Updates for Commer-

cial Drivers

Many of the updates made last week were for the non-commercial transport of horses and livestock. However, there was a waiver given to commercial drivers, as well. In response to industry concerns over animal welfare, the 30-minute break requirement will be waived when live animals or bees are on the vehicle.

If you'd like to read more about the FMCSA's agricultural exemptions, you'll find them here: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/agricultural-exemptions-and-exemptions-federal-motor-carrier-safety>

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In March, while basketball teams are fighting for the chance to be crowned champions, patients battling cancer and other illnesses are fighting for their lives. The American Red Cross is asking blood donors to help patients rebound by making a lifesaving donation this spring.

Middle school basketball player Olivia Stoy received blood and platelet transfusions during treatment for T lymphoblastic lymphoma. With the help of blood and platelet donations, the 14-year-old has returned to the basketball court and, more importantly, beat cancer.

"We are so thankful that the blood products were available to Olivia for the almost two years of her treatment. They have made it possible for Olivia to regain her strength and get back to doing the activities she loves," said

Megan Stoy, Olivia's mother.

Donors of all blood types are needed to help ensure that the Red Cross can collect more than 13,000 blood and platelet donations needed every day for patients like Olivia.

Giving blood takes less time than it takes to watch a single basketball game. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Deadly Epidemic Sweeps Across Local Areas

By Morgan Ayres

The Haven grocery store is dead. After 58 years in the hands of four families, the mainstay of the community came to a halting stop last Saturday. Shelves were discounted and cleared. Dark doors led local passerbys to reflect on the store that once was a symbol of

the tight knit town. Doug Nech and his wife purchased The Haven Foodliner in hopes to keep a convenient grocery store available to the community. Three years ago, the city of Haven voted allowing Dollar General to roll into town with lower prices and an attractive new vibe.

“Dollar General is the cancer of small town America,” Nech said. After the Dollar General moved into town, Nech mentioned how he had lost around a hundred customers. This loss was enough to take down the local store.

Many have the stereotype that corporate stores such as Dollar

General do not give back to the community as local businesses do. According to Dollar General’s website, awards and grants are provided each year to schools and libraries within a 20-mile radius of the store to support literacy programs.

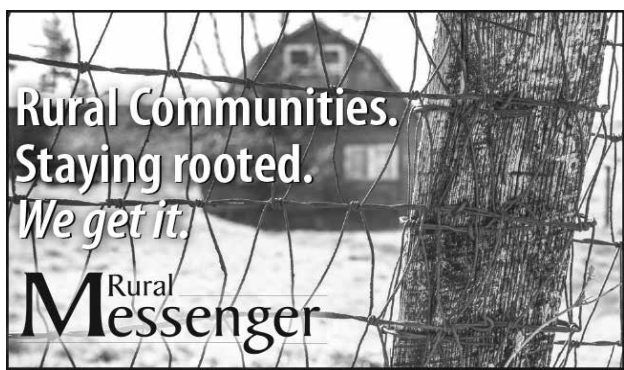
“It comes down to customer loyalty,” said Marci Penner, Director

of the Kansas Sampler Foundation. Penner explained that “It is so complex” when you have a small population it stands difficult for some people to shop local. While many locals have inner city jobs, it typically is more convenient to swing by a Walmart or other corporate store on the way home.

This epidemic is spreading quickly through American small towns as stores are dying quickly. “It can truly bring a small town together when they are losing a local store,” said Penner. Ultimately, a cure for this problem lies in the hands of the communities’ shopping habits.

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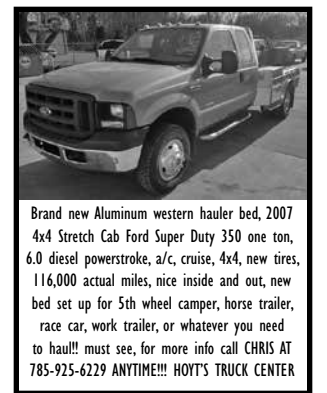
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Terms: \$15,000.00 down on sale day balance in 30 days.

Tract #3 Legal Description: The North half of the South East Quarter of Section 35-22-9 in Reno County, KS. Selling 80 acres more or less.

Tract located on North Andre Road. From West 4th Avenue and Sterling Road go North 3 Miles to 43rd Street then West 1-Mile to Andre Road. Then South 1/2 mile—on the West side.

FSA reports 79.48 acres cropland.

FSA Reports a 61.08 acre wheat base with a 47 bushel yield, a 6.69 Acre corn base with a 120 Bushel yield, a 1.03 acre grain sorghum base with a 63 bushel yield.

Currently the corn is signed up in the ARC-Co program and the wheat and grain is signed up in the PLC program.

This tract is all in milo stubble, open ground. Possession to be given, following the sale.

This tract is fairly level to slightly rolling and is a good productive tract of land. Access is good, and only 1/2 mile from blacktop road.

Taxes: \$1188.73 to be prorated at closing.

Tract #4 Legal Description: The Northeast Quarter of Section 26-22-9 in Reno County, KS. Selling 160 acres more or less.

Tract located at the corner of North Andre Rd., and West 56th Avenue. From West

43rd Avenue and Andre Rd. go North 1-mile on the Westside.

FSA Reports a 157.91 acre cropland.

FSA reports tract 4&5 are combined and have combined bases and yields. If there are two different buyers FSA will divide the bases.

The combined bases are as follows: 223.2 acre wheat base with a 47-bushel yield, a 3.8 acre milo base with a

63 bushel yield, a 24.5 acre corn base with a 120 bushel yield.

Currently there is approximately 125 acers planted to wheat. Buyer shall receive 1/3 of the growing crop and get possession after the 2018 wheat harvest. The balance of approximately 35 acre is an milo stubble, open ground, buyer will receive possession following the auction.

This tract is slightly rolling, drains well and is a very good productive tract of land with good access.

Taxes \$2348.67 to be prorated at closing.

Terms: \$30,000.00 down on sale day and balance due in 30 days.

Tract #5 Legal Description: The Northwest Quarter of Section 26-22-9; except a 26 acre tract in the Southwest corner with improvements, selling 134 acres more or less.

This tract is located at the corner of west 56th street and Lerado road, or 1-mile west of tract #4.

The bases and yield are combined with tract #4.

FSA Reports 132.62 Acres of cropland.

FSA reports the corn is signed up under the ARC-Co Program and the wheat and milo are signed up under the PLC program.

Currently most of this is planted to wheat. Buyer shall receive 1/3 of the growing wheat crop and get possession after the 2048 wheat harvest. The balance of 12 acres, more or less is in milo stubble. Buyer shall receive possession of the milo ground following the sale.

FSA Reports 144.2 acres of cropland and 13.16 acres of pasture.

FSA reports 110.8 acre wheat base with a 47-bushel yield, a 12.1 acre corn base with a 120-bushel yield, a 1.9 acre grain sorghum base with a 63-bushel yield.

FSA reports the corn is signed up under the PLC program.

Currently there is approximately 90 acres planted to wheat. Buyer shall receive 1/3 of the growing wheat crop and possession after the 2018 wheat harvest.

The balance of approximately 57 acres is in milo stubble, open ground. Buyer shall receive possession of the milo ground and the pasture following the sale.

This tract is slightly rolling and is a good productive quarter.

Taxes: \$1790.40 to be prorated at closing.
Terms: \$30,000.00 down on sale day and the balance one in 30 days.

Tract 6: Legal Description the South west Quarter of Section 23-22-9 in Reno County, KS selling 160 acres more or less. This Tract is located at the corner of West 56th Avenue and Lerado Rd it is across the road north of tract #5.

FSA reports 144.2 acres of cropland and 13.16 acres of pasture.

FSA reports 110.8 acre wheat base with a 47-bushel yield, a 12.1 acre corn base with a 120-bushel yield, a 1.9 acre grain sorghum base with a 63-bushel yield.

FSA reports the corn is signed up under the PLC program.

Currently there is approximately 90 acres planted to wheat. Buyer shall receive 1/3 of the growing wheat crop and possession after the 2018 wheat harvest.

The balance of approximately 57 acres is in milo stubble, open ground. Buyer shall receive possession of the milo ground and the pasture following the sale.

This tract is slightly rolling and is a good productive quarter.

Taxes: \$1790.40 to be prorated at closing.
Terms: \$30,000.00 down on sale day and the balance one in 30 days.

Tract 7: Legal Description: The Southwest Quarter of section 13-22-9 in Reno County, KS selling 160 acres more or less. This Tract is located at the corner of 69th Street and Andre Rd. From Tract #6 go 1 mile east and 1 mile North on the East side. FSA Reports the 156.43 acres of cropland FSA Reports 120.19 acre wheat base with 47-bushel yield, a 13.18 corn base with a 120-bushel yield, and a 2.03 milo base with a 63-bushel yield.

FSA Reports the wheat and sorghum is signed up under the PLC program and the corn is signed up in the ARC-Co program.

This tract is rolling appears to drain well. Approximately 96 acres is planted to alfalfa with a good stand, and the balance of approximately 64 acres is in milo stubble.

Buyer shall receive possession of both alfalfa and milo stubble following the sale.

Taxes: \$2244.47 to be prorated at closing
Terms: \$30,000 down on sale day and the balance due in 30 days.

Tract #8 Legal Description: All of Section 21-22-10 in Reno County, KS. Selling 635 Acres according to Reno County Court house records.

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Monarch Butterfly Conservation

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from Mexico to as far north as Canada, only to return in the fall, 3-4 generations later, to its overwintering ground in Mexico. The Monarch Butterfly is important to Kansas farmers and ranchers because Kansas lies squarely in its migration path.

So, if the Monarch is ultimately listed as a threatened or endangered species, it could impact how farmers and ranchers are able to run their operations across the entire state. Kansas Farm Bureau is participating in several efforts to help conserve the Monarch

Butterfly, and small, simple changes to routine jobs around the farm can offer a win-win solution, ensuring that there is ample and quality habitat for migrating Monarchs as they travel through our state. Plots as small as 10' by 10' can provide a valuable

habitat. There are programs available to farmers and ranchers at K-State Extension, NRCS and FSA to help ease the financial burden and provide technical assistance to improve habitat for the Monarch and other pollinators. To learn more about

what you can do to help the Monarch population thrive during its migration through Kansas, check out the resources we've made available here. <https://www.kfb.org/KFB-Legal-Foundation/Legal-Resources/Environment#specific-species>

Farm/ranch parents can use new checklist to keep kids safe

By Nat'l Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety

Parents want to protect their children and keep them safe, but for parents involved with agriculture this can present challenges. Each farm and ranch is unique, and so is each child.

Addressing hazards to children in the agricultural environment requires an individual approach. The new Child/Youth Agricultural Safety Checklist, developed by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, gives parents a tool to perform customized

safety checks. "Protecting our children on farms needs to be a priority. A youth dies in an agricultural incident about every three days in the United States," said Marsha Salzwedel, M.S., youth agricultural safety specialist at the National Children's Center, part of the National Farm Medi-

cine Center at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute. "Taking 10 minutes to read this checklist will give parents safety strategies to help ensure that their children reap the many benefits of farm life while staying safe." The single-sheet Child/Youth Agricultural Safety Checklist

is divided into three sections: Non-Working Children, All Children and Youth, and Working Youth. "There are lots of actions parents can take that don't cost anything, for instance assigning tasks that are appropriate for their age and ability, or not taking young children into the

farm worksite when parents are working" Salzwedel said. The checklist was released Feb. 22 at the North American Agricultural Safety Summit in Scottsdale, Ariz. For additional child ag safety resources, go to www.cultivatesafety.org.

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Before you get garden seeds in the ground, there are still some things to consider, according to K-State Research and Extension horticulturist Dennis Patton.

Patton, who works out of the Johnson County office in Olathe, says there are three or four things gardeners can do right now that could make a difference later in the year.

1) Move things around — Most of us have heard of the effectiveness of rotating crops, or planting

different things in different areas every year. Even George Washington practiced crop rotation at Mount Vernon. Crop rotation in the home garden isn't always feasible on that scale, especially with today's smaller gardens.

"But it's always a good idea to try to move those crops about so you're not always putting tomatoes in the same spot year after year, or peppers, or potatoes, because those crops do pull out different nutrients from the soil," Patton said.

"You can also potentially increase insects and diseases going back to the same spot."

2) Too much of a good thing — Stories are still told about the Zucchini Bandit, the mysterious stranger who sneaks into unlocked parked cars in the summer and leaves bags of zucchini squash.

You won't have to be the next Zucchini Bandit, Patton said, if you follow one simple rule: "Plant what your family's going to eat and going to enjoy. If they're not crazy about

okra, don't plant okra, no matter how well it grows."

Think about how much of a fresh vegetable your family will likely eat, and add a few more plants if you intend to can or freeze some for later.

3) Get the dirt on what's happening — While the soil is still dormant, it's a great chance to take a soil sample, and deliver it to your local extension office. Your sample will be sent to the labs at K-State, and you'll get a report detailing what your soil has, and more

importantly, what it needs.

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Cattlemen Applaud Introduction of Strong Bipartisan Bill in U.S. Senate to Prevent Farms, Ranches From Being Regulated Like Toxic Superfund Sites

WASHINGTON (Feb. 13, 2018) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) today applauded the introduction of bipartisan legislation in the U.S. Senate that would prevent farms, ranches, and other agricultural operations from having to report livestock manure data under CERCLA, the law that governs toxic Superfund sites. The bipartisan bill was introduced today with the support of ten Republican co-sponsors and nine Democratic cospon-

sors. “There’s not a lot of truly bipartisan legislation in Washington these days, but one thing that pretty much everybody can agree on is that a responsibly-run cattle ranch isn’t a toxic Superfund site,” said fifth-generation California rancher and NCBA President Kevin Kester. “On behalf of cattle producers across America, I want to sincerely thank the Senators from both parties who worked together to introduce this bipartisan bill. I also want to encourage

other Senators to join the effort and pass this bill as quickly as possible.”

Initial bipartisan cosponsors of Fair Agricultural Reporting Method Act (or, FARM Act) are U.S. Sens. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Tom Carper (D-Del.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Hei-

di Heitkamp (D-N.D.), Mark Warner (D-Va.), Chris Coons (D-Del.), Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Bob Casey (D-Penn.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.).

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) was enacted to provide for cleanup of the worst industrial chemical toxic waste dumps and spills, such as oil spills and chemical tank explosions. CER-

CLA was never intended to govern agricultural operations, for whom emissions from livestock are a part of everyday life.

To make this clear, in 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a rule to clarify that farms were exempt from CERCLA reporting and small farms, in particular, were exempt from EPCRA reporting, given that low-level livestock emissions are not the kind of “releases” that Congress intended to manage with these

laws.

Upon being sued in 2009 by environmental advocacy groups, the Obama Administration’s EPA defended the exemption in court on the grounds that CERCLA and EPCRA do not explicitly exempt farms because Congress never believed that agriculture would be covered under these statutes, so a specific statutory exemption was not viewed to be necessary.

Unfortunately, in April 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court vacated the EPA’s 2008 exemption, putting nearly 200,000 farms and ranches under the regulatory reporting authorities enshrined in CERCLA and EPCRA. The new reporting requirements could have gone into effect on Jan. 22, but the Court delayed implementation of the requirements until May 1, 2018, which gives Congress time to act.

NCBA in January kicked off a media campaign on the issue with an online video featuring the group’s Chief Environmental Counsel, Scott Yager. In the video, Yager donned a yellow hazmat suit and explained the issue at an actual toxic Superfund site near Fredericksburg, Virginia. He then shows the contrast between the contaminated Superfund site and a cattle farm in nearby Louisa County, Virginia, that would likely have to comply with the new reporting requirements.

“This is most certainly not a toxic Superfund site,” Yager explained from the Virginia cow pasture. “Unfortunately, a recent court decision may force cattle producers and other agricultural operations to report a bunch of information about their cow poop to the federal government under the Superfund laws that were only meant to deal with toxic waste. That is unless Congress acts soon.”

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CattleFax Predicts Large Supply and Strong Demand in 2018

PHOENIX, ARIZ. CattleFax celebrated its 50th anniversary during the popular CattleFax Outlook Session at the 2018 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show. CattleFax Senior Analyst Kevin Good highlighted the industry's profitability during 2017 and said the trend looks to continue into 2018.

CattleFax analysts told the audience U.S. beef cow inventory increased 2.8 million head in four years, and an additional 200,000-400,000 head are expected to be added to the herd over the next few years. Good said there are growing supplies of protein coming to market during the year ahead, including large supplies of competing proteins, which will weigh on all beef prices.

"We have a bigger supply of all proteins ahead in 2018. For the past year we were very fortunate to have solid export volume," said Good. "We are forecasting trade to increase year-over-year in 2018, but still, the rate of production is out-pacing the rate of exports."

Although beef production is expected to increase to 27.5 billion pounds during 2018, Good said current consumer demand is expected to remain good and potentially increase as retail prices moderate. He said CattleFax is predicting beef to remain a strong competitor against

other proteins. "Demand is robust on all fronts. Domestically, retail demand is increasing and beef is being featured more in the consumer markets," said Good. "The retail and foodservice industries are doing very well and the solid economy in the United States is one of the main drivers as unemployment rates continue to decline and per capita income rises."

Good said even though beef demand is high, leverage will continue to be a challenge for the feedlot and packing segments as shackle space becomes increasingly

constrained by rising slaughter rates. With the growth in production, Good said he anticipates lower, but still profitable price levels for the cow-calf segment, while feeders and backgrounders will see their margins narrow.

Input costs are expected to remain manageable, with grain prices expected to remain steady. According to CattleFax, yields will drive corn prices in 2018-19 marketing year with no significant changes anticipated in acreage or demand. Futures corn prices are projected to range from \$3.25 to \$3.95

per bushel as supplies remain adequate. With more livestock to feed in 2018 and the smallest acreage on record in 2017, CattleFax predicts hay prices will increase \$10-\$15 per ton with additional weather-related price risks.

Drought conditions have been spreading across the United States since last winter with the Southwest being impacted the most. Art Douglas, professor emeritus, Creighton University, predicts a possible transition from La Niña conditions to a weaker El Niño by summer. U.S. weather patterns over

the next three months will be dictated by La Niña. However, equatorial warming could shift drought patterns across North America by late spring and summer.

During the session, CattleFax analysts predicted fed cattle prices lower than prior year levels, averaging \$115 per hundredweight (cwt.). Good said fed cattle prices are likely to face resistance near the \$130 level, with downside risk in the upper \$90 range. He predicted bargaining position will continue to favor cattle processors and retailers, with profit margins at or

above 2017 levels. CattleFax projected 750-pound steers will average \$1 lower than 2017 levels at \$145/cwt., with a range from the upper \$120s to \$160/cwt. Meanwhile, U.S. average 550-pound steer calves will see a trading range from \$170/cwt. at the spring high to an average price in the upper \$130s, during the fall marketing season. For the full year, calf prices are expected to average \$158/cwt.

To see more from the CattleFax Outlook Session or to become a member, visit www.cattlefax.com.



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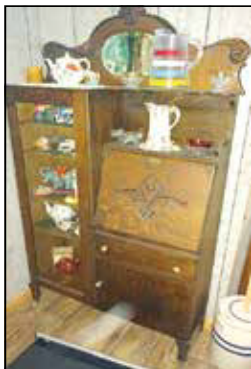


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3-wood Pepsi pop bottle crates, assorted old pop bottles, cream cans, Carrom game board, Croquet sets, several ice cream freezers, miniature toy wood cook stove, 4 qt. butter churn, dolls, Steamer trunks, tiered corner shelves, several mantle clocks (Seth Thomas, Gilbert and more) milk and medicine bottles, old German bible, water pitcher and basin, pickle jar,
Enterprise #10 meat grinder, Enterprise #2 cherry stoner, 2 gal. Western Stoneware crock, 3 gal. Crown crock churn with lid and stomper, 5 gal. Buckeye crock, several other crocks and crock jugs, granite coffee pot, sad irons, shoe cobblers sets, cast pitcher pump, small cast iron sewing machine, several chrome dining tables, Standard Long Filler Bunch Machine #20-cast iron cigar roller,
Pictures-several oval glass pictures, large elk picture from tavern in Bushton, boy fishing, mirrors, wall hangings, dresser scarves, cream cans, barn loft hay fork



Large assortment of glassware-green depression, pink depression, Hull, Fiesta, Nippon, Meito China (10 place setting), Cobalt blue, Winfield China, glass bell collection, glass elephant collection, Bavaria, Royal Kent bone China, medicine bottles, ink wells, crock bowls, Carnival glass, several hen on the nest, large assortment of Avon, lamp stand with marble top
Sythe, Blatz Milwaukee wood beer box with lid, tricycle, shoe cobblers last set with hammer, oil storage tank with pump, wrenches, single trees, wood cook stove burner lids, Maytag gas motor, round cardboard storage canisters -Oxlyite-Bloat Guard, wood foot locker, clothes wringers, wire milk crates, 5 gal. Ford oil can, 3 blades off windmill head, kerosene lamps and lanterns,
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Doud Approved As Chief Ag Negotiator

Gregg Doud, President Donald Trump's nominee for chief agricultural negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, was approved by the U.S. Senate yesterday. Doud was announced as Trump's nominee in June 2017, however, his nomination was placed on hold for several months as part of a political maneuver.

"I'm pleased the U.S. Senate has advanced Gregg's nomination," said U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts. "Our hard-working farmers, ranchers, educators and folks in rural America have waited too long to be represented at the trade negotiat-

ing table." Doud's approval comes in the midst of the seventh round of North American Free Trade Agreement negotiations, which began February 26 in Mexico City. Up to this point, the U.S. has had no lead advocate for agricultural interests participating in the process.

A native Kansan, Doud has extensive knowledge of the agricultural industry and understands the importance of exports to U.S. farmers and ranchers. He has served as president of the Commodity Markets Council since 2013.

Roberts: Senate Confirms Kansan C.J. Mahoney to Be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee, today said the Senate unanimously approved C.J. Mahoney, originally from Russell, Kan., to be the Deputy United States Trade Representative.

"In meeting with Mr. Mahoney, what impressed me the most was his understanding of how trade decisions affect businesses and individuals across our state of Kansas," said Roberts. "C.J. understands how

important it is for the U.S. to be a reliable supplier to our current trading partners, but also, to expand markets to sell our products. This is especially important now, due to the rough patch the farm economy is currently facing."

Sen. Roberts introduced Mahoney at the Finance Committee hearing on his nomination. To watch the introduction, go here. Roberts is also Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

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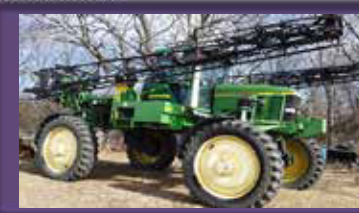
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Farmer Suicide Rate is Concerning, but Resources for Solutions Are Available

By Jordan Hildebrand

American farmers may have a higher rate of suicide than veterans. While comparing these numbers from two separately conducted studies from two different entities isn't conclusive, the trends that have emerged are alarming. According to the CDC, individuals in the farming, fishing and forestry occupational group are statistically more likely to commit suicide than any other. The farmers' rate of suicide is 84.5 suicide deaths out of 100,000. The most vulnerable veteran demographic (18-29 year old males) has a rate of 85.64 suicide deaths per 100,000, while veterans as a whole have a rate of 35.3 per 100,000.

This is a problem. It's widespread. We can't be silent about it.

It's a rough time economically in agriculture. There's no doubt about it, everyone is feeling it. Within the past three years, farm income levels have hit their lowest point since 1985. From 2014 to 2015, farm income dropped 95% and farm debt levels have increased by 25%. The price of wheat has also dropped an alarming 55% since 2013. Unfortunately for farmers, this means they're still spending money on inputs, and not having much revenue in return.

If you're a farmer and this hits close to home, you are NOT alone and there ARE resources out there for you.

Finances are at the forefront of every farmers' mind. When you're feeling the strain of what seems to be a mounting debt load that's impossible to escape, talk to the experts at the Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services (KAMS.) They provide confidential financial counseling and legal assistance, as well as mediation services and farm and ranch succession planning. Agricultural credit mediations and USDA adverse decision mediation are two popular services that the organization provides that few farmers currently know about. These mediation sessions allow farmers and lenders to work together through these tough economic times and possibly find a compromise that's agreeable for both parties. The

K-State Research and Extension team has provided intensive one-on-one financial consultations to more than 1,000 farm families facing many of the same issues as you.

In addition, KAMS supports the Farm Analyst Program. Farm analysts, or trained extension agents, will travel directly to a producer's home to provide private and confidential business advice. These farm analysts will use a financial planning and analysis software program designed to help producers understand their financial situation and make informed decisions. The analy-

sists are trained to offer objective and thoughtful ideas specifically tailored to your farm to help you start seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

Farmers are passionate people.

In order to make it in this industry you have to be. To help an emerging seedling feel its first rays of sunshine. To pull a calf in the middle of the night and watch it take its first steps. Farmers cultivate light and life in the world, but many are personally overwhelmed by the dark and uncertain economic future. This, combined with limited access to mental health

resources in rural areas and sky high health insurance costs, is a recipe for disaster for many farmers.

Dr. Mike Rosmann is a psychologist and a leading expert in agricultural behavioral health. The plight of the farmer is near and dear to his heart, simply because he is one. Dr. Rosmann points to his Agrarian Imperative theory, the strong urge that farmers feel to produce and supply the essentials for human life.

It's a basic human instinct, but when factors interrupt a farmer's natural instincts (like economic pressure), and

they can't fulfill this instinctual purpose, they fall into despair. The same drive that fuels your motivation and success is the same that intensifies perceived shortcomings and the emotions that come along with them.

Rosmann wrote that the agrarian imperative theory "is a plausible explanation of the motivations of farmers to be agricultural producers and to sometimes end their lives."

No widow or child left behind feels the relief of insurance dollars in their pocket. Instead, they feel the weight of their loss and confusion over the sudden separ-

ture. Never forget that you are more valuable than the sum of your debts.

If anything we've talked about hits home for you, please visit the resources found throughout the article, as well as below. If you hear others talking about their despair or joking about "how insurance money is the only way out," send them back to this article. An innocent joke may just be a self-deprecating cry for help. None of us can single-handedly increase the prices in the grain or cattle markets, but all of us have the ability to save a life with (Continued on page 45)

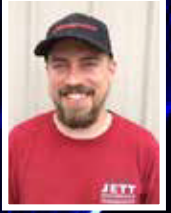
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(Continued from page 44) a listening ear and a well-placed suggestion. Financial Resources Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services - We can help! Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services provides agriculturists the resources they need to solve legal and financial issues. If you have any questions about how we can provide assistance, please give us a call. Calls are free and confidential.

Toll-free hotline: 800-321-3276 kams@ksu.edu KSU Farm Analyst Program - The Farm Analyst Program has a long history of responding to farm families encountering a variety of challenges. The program's intensive one-

on-one consultation, using farmers trained as K-State Research and Extension analysts, has provided assistance to more than 1,000 Kansas farm families. Analysts are active farmers and ranchers with extensive training in business analysis. Their farming experience provides a strong element of empathy to the families they assist. The role of a farm analyst is centered on the use of a computer software Program called FinPack™.

Mental Health Resources Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas - This organization has a list of local community mental health centers near you. Please reach

out to these nearby professionals if you are experiencing depression or self-harming thoughts.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - If you are experiencing a crisis, please call, text or chat with someone from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While they may not know much about the rural and farm life, they are there to listen to you. Call 1-800-273-8255 | Chat online with someone here

How to Find an Agricultural Behavioral Health Counselor - Article by Dr. Mike Rosmann - The first and most important decision for overwhelmed farmers and their families is to seek counseling.

It's a difficult decision because it involves acknowledging that they need external advice rather than relying solely on themselves.

Suicide by Farmers Continues to be an Unresolved Problem - Article of Dr. Mike Rosmann - Why look at farmer suicide again? This column has often focused on suicide by farmers, as have many radio and television broadcasts, print media articles, and online news sources. The best answer to "Why" is: The problem isn't going away. There is more to the problem that we (the agricultural producers, their families, health-care-providers, researchers, and everyone else) don't understand,

than what we do understand.

Farm Town Strong (Opioid Crisis Help) - The opioid crisis has struck farm and ranch families much harder than the rest of rural America. Farm towns will overcome this epidemic through strong farmer-to-farmer support and the resilience of our communities. The nation's two largest farm organizations have teamed up to bring attention to the opioid epidemic in farm country and provide information and resources to help those struggling with opioid abuse.

Disability Resources Kansas AgrAbility - The Kansas AgrAbility Project assists people with disabilities who

work in agriculture.

The vision of AgrAbility is to enable a high quality lifestyle for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities. While the term "disability" often brings to mind conditions such as spinal cord injuries and amputations, AgrAbility addresses these and many other conditions, such as arthritis, chronic back pain, and behavioral health issues.

Through education and assistance, AgrAbility helps eliminate (or at least minimize) obstacles that inhibit success in production agriculture or agriculture-related occupations. National AgrAbility resources can be found here.

Resources to Help Others

Graphic from the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

There Are Indicators of Farmer Suicide All Should Be Aware Of - Article by Dr. Mike Rosmann - There are observable signs of severe financial and emotional distress among farmers--if we pay attention, chiefly these:

Verbalizations by farmers about hopelessness, such as "I feel like giving up because nothing I try works."

Persistent loss of interest, laughter and pleasure in anything for days on end, and grim statements like, "Nothing is fun anymore."

Threats, such as "I'll get even, if it's the last thing I do."

Avoiding social and public events such as church, their children's activities, and meetings.

Individual and Family Actions to Deal with Possible Farmer Suicide - Article by Dr. Mike Rosmann - Sometimes farm family members and others able to intervene must undertake actions to prevent another person's self-destruction despite resistance from this person. Spouses, coworkers, and friends of a distressed farmer should ask the farmer about sleeplessness over recent nights, his/her worries, and especially those that entail perceptions about how others might view the farmer. ---

How Government and Industry Can Help Prevent Farmer Suicide - Article by Dr. Mike Rosmann - Suicide by farmers isn't going to go away without effective interventions.

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3. Widows' and widowers' payments can continue if remarriage occurs after age 60. Remarriage ends survivor's benefits when it occurs before age 60, but benefits can continue for marriages after age 60.

4. If a spouse draws reduced retirement benefits before starting spouse's benefits (his

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spouses benefits are different. If your spouse is younger, you cannot receive benefits unless he or she is receiving benefits (except for divorced spouses). If you took your reduced retirement first while waiting for your spouse to reach retirement age, when you add spouse's benefits later, your own retirement portion remains reduced which causes the total retirement and spouses benefit together to total less than 50 percent of the worker's amount. You can find out more at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/quickcalc/

spouse.html.

5. If your spouse's retirement benefit is higher than your retirement benefit, and he or she chooses to take reduced benefits and dies first, you will never receive more in benefits than the spouse received. If the deceased worker started receiving retirement benefits before their full retirement age, the maximum survivors benefit is limited to what the worker would receive if they were still alive. See www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/survivors/survivorchartred.html for a chart.

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For vegetable gardening success, K-State varieties consistently shine



MANHATTAN, Kan. — K-State Research and Extension has updated its recommendations of vegetable varieties that have consistently proven themselves to be hearty, resistant to drought and disease, while producing good amounts of fruit.

These last few weeks of winter are a time of planning and preparation for home gardeners. Gardening catalogs arrive in mailboxes, while email accounts are filled with special offers from online retailers.

“I have so much admiration for the copywriters that write those three- or four-sentence descriptions found in gardening catalogs,” said Dennis Patton, horticultural agent for K-State Research and Extension’s Johnson County office. “Everything’s wonderful, juicy, flavorful, ‘performs better than the next.’”

“You never pick up a garden catalog and read ‘this variety of tomato is a dog, it won’t produce.’”

That’s not to throw shade on seed catalogs — they couldn’t stay in business very long if they consistently sold poor products. It’s not that a new variety of tomato is a risk because it may not produce; the bigger question is, “where will it grow best?”

“Kansas has ever-changing weather patterns and conditions,” Patton said. “We may start the day as hot or cold or wet or dry, and all that

can change within a matter of 24 or 48 hours.”

Vegetable and plant varieties recommended by K-State Research and Extension have been tested in many of the research farms scattered across Kansas. “These are varieties that we know, through repeated plantings, consistently perform well year in and year out. That’s a solid first step on the road to success.”

In addition to visiting your nearest extension office for a list of these vegetable varieties, there are some electronic options. The official list of Recommended Vegetable Varieties has been maintained for many years, and was updated in October 2017. The Horticulture Information Center maintains a list of recommended plants that covers not only vegetables, but fruits, ornamentals, trees and more. Finally, if you want an in-depth look at a particular vegetable, start with this list of available vegetable publications.

Patton added that there’s no reason to completely ignore those seed catalogs.

“Make the K-State varieties the backbone of your garden, and maybe save space for one or two new things that interest you. There are so many unique, unusual fruits and vegetables out there — go ahead and put something new in, add a little bit of variety,” he said.

A Holy week message

By Joe Kahnke

Were you there? We have all heard or sung this song. If one thinks about the message, one can become emotional which is good. It can tend to open a door to another dimension which opens one’s mind and spirit to really let the Lord come and speak to your heart. Many are afraid and try to stop this feeling, but Jesus says: “Be not afraid for I am with you.”

I received this message on February 12, 1994

“Do not let me be the stranger that won your salvation. Many times, you want to see only

the resurrected Savior. If you want to be fulfilled in your walk with me, consider all that I have done for you.

Do not stand at a distance from me in my suffering as many stand far from me, and try to understand what I have done. They will never understand me or my love for them unless they come to me in my suffering.

Approach the cross of your crucified Savior. Do not be afraid. Many stay back out of fear. Come to me. Touch my feet while I am on the cross. Look into my eyes. See my beaten and broken body. I will let no harm come to you. No

one will touch you.

As I spoke to the thief, I will assure you. Become part of my suffering, and you will share in my glory. You may be a stranger to the world. No one may listen to you, but I always hear you. The world listens to famous people. Many speak foolishly, with little or no knowledge of me.

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