

## Roberts talks prices, marketing at Women Managing the Farm Conference

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Matt Roberts spoke at the 20th annual Women Managing the Farm Conference held February 15 and 16 in Manhattan. Roberts is the senior grain and oilseed analyst for Terrain, having spent the prior fifteen years as an assistant and associate professor and Extension grain marketing specialist in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at the Ohio State University.

He began his presentation with slides depicting the current state of the world. Using the definition of extreme poverty based on the \$1.90 per day in 2015 terms, 85-95% of the world's population lived in extreme poverty in 1820. In 1980, it was 44% of the world's population, 33% and by 2015, only 9% of the world's population lived in extreme poverty. "In my lifetime we've gone from about 2.1 billion people living in extreme poverty in the world to 750 million people. Meanwhile, the number of people who live above that threshold has gone from 1.8 billion to 6 billion," he said. "The reason I like to start with this when talking to general audiences is if you read, if you're on social media, reading the paper, listening to TV, in the headlines, the way they talk about the world, you would think we are living at the very end of civilization, the barbarians are knocking at the gates of Rome as we speak. If you look at the objective data, if you look at the numbers, the world that we live in, you'll see that the truth is actually the opposite. I'll admit Covid made it a little complicated, but by 2019, we were living not in a bad time, but objectively we were living in the most peaceful, prosperous time that humanity has known since like Genesis 3."

Roberts said that the impact and meaning of this is very important for agriculture. "It's



Matt Roberts spoke at the 20th annual Women Managing the Farm Conference February 15 and 16 in Manhattan, talking the women through situations both at home and around the world that drive the markets.

Photo by Donna Sullivan

more important because it's a fundamental truth of humanity that wealthier people eat better," he said. "Many of us in production agriculture have heard for years that when people get richer they eat more, but MORE is not the interesting thing. BETTER is the interesting thing. Wealthy people eat better." He explained that in the past forty years there has been the most radical transformation of wealth the world has ever known. "The world has gotten wealthier fast, more people have gotten wealthier faster and they've all improved their diets," he said. Chinese meat consumption has tripled since 1990, and with that growth in demand has come the need to raise more animals, which translates into greater demand in the vegetable protein realm. "Because ultimately, animal agriculture is taking vegetable protein like soybean meal, cotton meal, peanut, rapeseed, sunflower... and turning it into animal protein," he said. Roberts said that in 2015, China imported about 3 billion bushels of soybeans, which takes 65 million acres to produce. Going back to 2001, they only needed

about 15 million acres. While much has been said about the role of ethanol and the food versus fuel debate, Roberts said that by 2015 ethanol used about 5 billion bushels, which if netting out DDGs, requires about 3.4 billion bushels per year net corn going into ethanol, which takes about 22 million acres to produce. "Go back to 2001 and they needed about 2 million acres to produce," Roberts stated. "So in that fifteen-year period, the growth of the ethanol industry, when it exploded, needed about 20 million more acres. So, for all the affect that ethanol had, China had two and a half times more impact than the domestic ethanol industry."

The increase in demand drove prices up, and Roberts pointed out, "There's an old saying in ag, 'High prices cure high prices.'" The expanded demand created a supply response. "We have a lot more being produced, both here and in other countries, South America particularly. In our country we converted a lot of acres from pasture and wheat into corn and beans. We had all this demand, we grew with all this demand, what comes

next?"

Looking at the current situation and where we might be going, Roberts queried when it comes to corn, after having had this giant run in demand, where is that next run coming from? "Our yields continue to go up," he said. "Nationally we continue to grow about an extra 1.75 to two bushels a year per acre. We need more demand for that, and when we think about the rest of 2024 and 2025, what's going to eat all that extra corn?" Few people are building their cow/calf herds and the animal numbers in the hog industry are shrinking. "Birds are trying to go, but birds aren't going to move that needle by themselves," he said. "The ethanol industry isn't building new plants." As for exports, the strong dollar and competition from what looks to be a good crop in Argentina are disadvantages for the United States. "So, as I look at corn, old crop I don't think gets above \$4.75 for the rest of this year. Maybe this summer if we have some really bad weather it could go above that, but I think that's top," Roberts said. "When I think about next year I think prices have another 25

to 50 cents to fall for this year's harvest, for the 2024-25 marketing year. We don't have the demand growth right now to meet the supply."

Roberts does see a potentially brighter picture for soybeans, as there is still global growth in demand. Also, a residential property bubble has caused a slowdown in economic growth in China, which he believes will cause the government to step in to stimulate the economy and bail out certain sectors.

"The other reason I'm friendlier towards soybeans is that we do have a demand story," he said. "And that demand story is renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel. He is concerned however about the pace EPA will use in mandating the Renewable Fuel Standard. While his models show that it could push the price of soybeans to \$20-23, he doesn't believe that's good for the long-term financial well-being of producers. "Why? Because if we have \$20 soybeans, yes, you're going to make a lot of money for a year or two," he explained. "So are the guys in Brazil. And that is going to create a lot of money they can use to bribe a lot of petty officials and suddenly you're going to see a lot more acres come into production in Brazil. We want to stay Goldilocks, not too hot and not too cold."

On the grain marketing side, Roberts stressed the importance of the cost of production, as well as storage costs. "There's a huge number of bushels that are stored unpriced in bins across the country," he said. "In corn that costs probably seven to nine cents per bushel per month. If you own grain storage, you own a grain elevator and you should treat it like a grain elevator."

Roberts believes there is risk in holding old crop while expecting a weather event to drive prices up. "The biggest thing with old crop is that prices can

go lower," he pointed out. "I think there is downside risk. After 2023 it's going to take a lot of dryness for prices to really move up because the market just saw a big 'cry wolf' experience where they heard how dry it was and how awful it was and prices ran, then it turned out we had record yields. So I don't think those opportunities are there the way they have been." He doesn't see opportunities for a big increase in basis that are sometimes seen in late summer, because in the western corn belt there are a solid number of bushels. "A lot of growers I've bet have had record yields this year. So basis is not going to explode."

For new crop marketing, Roberts said the big question is, are you profitable now? "One of the key things I want everybody to take away from this, no matter where you are, is your marketing plan needs to start with your balance sheet. It is your balance sheet that ultimately determines how much risk you can afford. If you are a young or beginning farmer, you have a weak balance sheet, low working capital, you can't afford to really swing for the fences. You have to take profits when they're there and that means starting with your cost of production." He emphasized the importance of producers re-assessing the quality of their books and making adjustments where necessary. "Most farmers don't know their per acre cost of production to within \$10 per acre," he said. "There's an old saying in business, if you don't measure it you can't manage it. By knowing your cost of production accurately, that allows you to market better because you know when you're profitable."

Roberts said that time and volatility are important components. "You have lots of time, and time is your friend," he said. "Volatility means prices

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## Six elite undergraduates awarded Henry C. Gardiner scholarships

Henry C. Gardiner scholarships have been awarded to elite undergraduates since 2012. This year, 33 applicants competed for six scholarships. The applicants represent diverse interests throughout animal science and industry, production agriculture and the beef industry.

The applicants are academically elite undergraduates enrolled at K-State planning to continue careers in agriculture. In addition to written applications, applicants compete in an intense, in-person interview with a panel of K-State faculty and industry leaders. Academic excellence, work ethic, community service, written and verbal communication skills and future goals are considered.

The 2024-2025 Henry C. Gardiner Scholars are Lauren Thompson, Woodville, Wisconsin; Grace Fike, Westmoreland; Preston Dunn, Saint John; August

Hulse, Culver; Katrina Turner, Derby; and Kiley Andersen, Sebastopol, California.

When asked to comment on the Henry C. Gardiner scholarship

process, Mark Gardiner said, "The entire agriculture spectrum has evolved from 'Mom and Pop' operations passed down from one generation to the next

to complex systems that require fiscal and financial aptitude, and communication skills combined with the capacity to make science based, informed decisions to be sustainable. It is extremely gratifying to interact with every scholarship applicant each year and quickly recognize the power and presence these students possess to make a generational impact on our industry. Henry Gardiner's passion for learning is well-documented. He would be elated at the curiosity, academic achievements, and enthusiasm exhibited by today's scholarship recipients."

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ers, friends and family continuing the legacy of Henry Gardiner. To date,

54 undergraduate students have received \$250,500 in scholarships.



The 2024-2025 Henry C. Gardiner Scholars were awarded to, from left: Katrina Turner, Derby; Lauren Thompson, Woodville, Wisconsin; Preston Dunn, Saint John; August Hulse, Culver; Grace Fike, Westmoreland and Kiley Andersen, Sebastopol, California. The students are pictured with Mark Gardiner, right.



## Proposing Policy

By Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

In the next couple of weeks each of Kansas Farm Bureau's ten districts will be holding their issue surfacing meetings. I am a little late with this for a couple of them, and I apologize to the 2nd and 4th districts. Good timing has never been my thing. This is the beginning of our policy development process and something I would hope each member is involved in.

The fact that Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) policy is completely developed from members bringing their issues forward is what gives our organization its influence. Legislators know each of our policy items were important enough to an individual to speak up and a majority of all our members felt it was worth addressing through policy.

If you are not familiar with our issue surfacing meeting, it is an opportunity for mem-

bers to bring issues and concerns to KFB's Resolutions Committee for further discussion and study. Often the committee members, district board member and KFB staff will have speakers to provide timely education.

The best part about this process is it often sparks a discussion by other members at the meeting which can further awareness of an issue. It also is a time when we can see if the issue is one of greater concern or more localized in nature.

I would encourage you to find out when and where your district's issue surfacing meeting is. They are all scheduled for the next

month. If you are in a district that has already met, or you will not be able to attend your district's meeting you can submit an issue at [www.kfb.org/advocacy](http://www.kfb.org/advocacy).

Issues raised will be considered by the resolutions committee at its spring meeting. That topic will be discussed and, depending on committee action, preliminary policy may be developed throughout the spring and summer.

Other issues may be referred to the board of directors or sent to staff for further study. The results of the committee's work will be the subject of our Listening Post meetings in every district this fall. Based on the results of those

discussions the final policy recommendations will be made.

Then in December at Kansas Farm Bureau's annual meeting the delegates will discuss and vote on the final policy recommendations that will go into our policy book for our time working with legislators in Topeka and Washington D.C.

This is a long and sometimes tedious process, but it does result in policy that is relevant and well thought-out. Each and every policy begins with members across Kansas bringing an issue forward and having it supported by their peers. This system powers KFB's advoca-

cy in Topeka, which has led to many, many beneficial laws like our use-value property tax, protecting property rights and even the creation of KFB Health Plans.

I hope you will find out when your issue surfacing meeting is in your district and take the time to attend. I know everyone is busy, but I promise this will be time well spent.

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## Local 'Women in Agriculture' conference to offer knowledge, networking

By Carol Engle, Frontier Extension District Communications and Marketing Manager

Local women involved in any facet of agriculture are encouraged to attend a one-day Women in Agriculture conference to be held Wednesday, Mar. 20, at Ottawa Memorial Auditorium, 301 S. Hickory Street in Ottawa.

The event will open at 9 a.m. and feature a keynote address on advocating for agriculture by Brandi Buzzard Frobose.

"Advocacy may seem like a bottom of the ladder priority, but agriculture enthusiasts should take note that if we are not at the table to have conversations about how and why we raise food, we will certainly be on the table when it comes to policies

and actions that affect our livelihood," said Frobose. "If we don't fill the information gap about food and farming with our voices, someone else will do it for us — and it's not guaranteed we'll like their message. Advocacy is not always about social media — we can all use our God-given skills to stand up for our industry and preserve it for the next generation and beyond."

Sessions throughout the day will include those focused on land lease basics and rental rates, mental health and agricultural stress, the FSA/NRCS program, crop insurance/livestock risk protection insurance, and grain marketing covering both global and local views. Lunch will be provided, and there

is no cost for it or registration.

The idea of holding a workshop focused on women in agriculture was discussed at the Frontier Extension District Program Development Committee (PDC) meeting this past summer.

"Women have always filled dynamic and important roles on the farm, and Women in Agriculture is a way to celebrate those roles," said Kelsey Porter, a member of the PDC. "This event is important because it provides a unique opportunity for people to learn new concepts, exchange ideas, and share the perspective of being a woman in ag. With this event being locally held, the topics and speakers are tailored to the people of the

area with the chance to network with friends, neighbors, local leaders and other producers."

"We hope this local conference will provide good information with reduced costs and travel for our clientele," said Ryan Schaub, Frontier District crop production and farm management agent. "Small groups tend to converse more," added Rod Schaub, Frontier District livestock agent. "We want participants to share thoughts and ask questions so that everyone gets the most out of this program."

Both agents expressed the desire that conference attendees gain knowledge from the event. While the meeting is named Women in Ag, it was created to help everyone, the agents said. The sponsors want attendees to take this information home and put it to use in their

day-to-day activities on the farm.

Organizers hope those attending will benefit from the variety of topics being offered. "Agricultural workers and producers are known to face high levels of stress," said Rebecca

McFarland, Frontier Extension director and family and community wellness agent. "Women in agriculture face unique stressors. They may be involved in every aspect of the farming operation, support the farm with an off-farm job for insurance and stability and manage the household." According to the USDA, female producers account for 36% of the country's 3.4 million producers, McFarland said.

"People should come to make connections and learn about many important agricultural topics that affect and impact each and every

one of us," said Erin Livingston, Franklin County Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador.

To register, contact the Frontier Extension District Garnett office at 785-448-6826 or use the link <https://url.avanan.click/v2/https://rb.gy/5eoq95>

## Winning the Game Commodity Marketing Workshop to be held March 5

"Winning the Game" commodity marketing workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. co-sponsored by Pottawatomie County and River Valley District K-State Research and Extension. This workshop will be held at Green Community Center, 810 Dixon Ave, Green. Lunch will be provided.

Presenters are Dan O'Brien, K-State Research and Extension, and Mark Nelson, Kansas Farm Bureau. This workshop will include a simulated marketing activity. Register for the workshop by 2/28/24 at [www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu](http://www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu), email [sblocker@ksu.edu](mailto:sblocker@ksu.edu), or contact the Pottawatomie County Extension Office at 785-457-3319. Please call if you would like to attend after 2/28 to confirm the event and meal.



I know the giant rodent in Pennsylvania told us that we are going to have an early spring. I also know that over the last few weeks it sure seems like that could be the case, but I am still guarded in that opinion myself. In fact, if I had to put money on it, I would say that Mother Nature is just luring us into a trap.

Do not get me wrong, I have enjoyed the string of warm, dry days as much as anyone else. After what we went through in December and January anything warm feels good and being able to do chores without mud boots is a bonus, but I am still waiting for the other shoe to drop.

My guess is that about the time we have all gotten used to the warm weather, the grass has greened up and the trees (especially the fruit trees) are all starting to bud out, wham, we will get another shot of arctic weather. I also know that this one will hurt even worse because we will not be used to it.

Today it is almost seventy degrees outside, the birds are singing, the calves are sunning themselves and my lambs are jumping and playing in the warmth. That is all great, but I am waiting for the other shoe to drop; this is not normal. Then I remind myself what is normal when it comes to weather in the Midwest? The average is only the middle between the two extremes, and it is a place we almost never see. The average temperature this time of the year might be forty-six but in reality, the daily temperature is usually either ninety-two or zero. We never see forty-six.

We are fickle because I know I should be enjoying this weather instead of worrying about what is coming next. Just live everyday and not worry about the next, there is nothing I can do about it. Well, I am not built that way and I am worried about what next week is going to be like.

I am a creature of habit, and I do not like change, especially in the weather. I do like change in the weather when it is

good. It is nice to be out in leather boots and a sweatshirt when I am checking cows. I like not having to worry about whether the water is frozen or if the tractor will start.

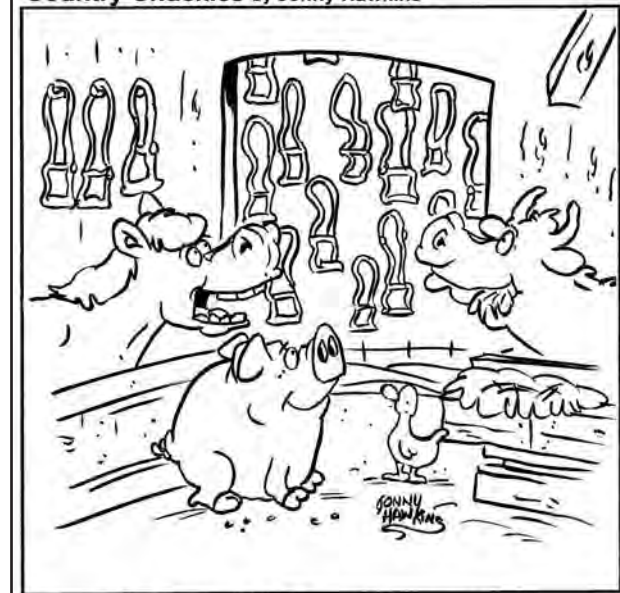
I know I am getting soft but the older I get the more the cold hurts too. I used to spend hours out in it without giving it a second thought and now I look outside and just think about how bad it will hurt to step out in it. I know I am whining, and no one is going to feel sorry for me. So, I need to suck it up and go out now and enjoy the mild weather and get as much done as I can while it is nice because we all know it is going to change. I just want it to change now if it is going to get cold and get it over with before we get to the point of no return. Is that too much to ask for?

I guess every day it is this nice is another day closer to spring and I should be grateful instead of wondering when it will change. We, farmers and ranchers, are never simply happy in the moment. It is funny that the groundhog is right this year. He had to be right occasionally, like maybe once out of every five years or so. That puts him on par with the meteorologists with their high-powered computers and models. It does seem like old Phil is righter than the Old Farmers Almanac people too.

It looks like nice, dry, warm weather is predicted for at least the next week so I will try to put anything else out of my mind and just go enjoy it. It really will happen, right? When the weather people on the news and the groundhog all agree nothing bad can happen.

I am not going to put away my bibs and heavy coat yet and I hope the mud boots will make a comeback sometime. We do need moisture. For now, I will enjoy my time in the sun with warm, dry feet because I know the change is coming. It might be April or May, but it is coming. Until then we will salute the giant rodent and celebrate his correct prediction.

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"We cannot change the impact of weather on each year's crop, but we

can arm wheat producers with the knowledge they need to maximize profitability through utilizing the genetic potential of new varieties and best management practices," said Aaron Harries, vice president of research and operations for Kansas Wheat. "We're excited to share with Kansas wheat producers what we've learned through the Kansas Wheat Commission's research investments — from the importance of variety se-

lection to the practices and tools farmers can use to improve quality."

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Registration fee is \$110; members of the

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These programs are scheduled for March 7, 2024, in Dodge City, and March 8, 2024, in Wichita.

March 7, 2024

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March 8, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m. Registration Wichita, DoubleTree at the Airport, 2098 Airport Road

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. View the full agenda and register for the event at <https://kswheat.com/wichita>.

Members of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers receive one free registration to these full-day seminars. The nonmember registration fee is \$110. To take advantage of this benefit, join or renew your membership today at <https://kswheat.com/join>.

## USDA announces investments in Market Development Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is awarding more than \$203 million to nearly 70 agricultural organizations to help expand export markets for U.S. food and agricultural products via the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) program.

"For each \$1 invested in export market development, U.S. agricultural exports have increased by more than \$24," said FAS administrator Daniel B. Whitley. "These programs provide a significant boost to the U.S. agricultural industry which, in turn, helps strengthen the economy not just in rural communities, but across the entire United States."

Through MAP, FAS will provide \$174.3 million for fiscal year 2024 to 68 nonprofit organizations and cooperatives. These organizations use the funds for consumer promo-

tion, including brand promotion for small companies and cooperatives. The funding is used extensively by organizations promoting fruits, vegetables, nuts, processed products and bulk and intermediate commodities.

Under the FMD program, FAS will allocate \$27 million for fiscal year 2024 to 20 trade

organizations that represent U.S. agricultural producers. The program focuses on generic promotion of U.S. commodities, rather than consumer-oriented promotion of branded products. Preference is given to organizations that represent an entire industry or are nationwide in membership and scope.

## Roberts speaks at Women Managing the Farm Conference in Manhattan

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I move, the more time sits there, the more they can move and you're going to have opportunity." He also explained that a grain merchandiser he was speaking to told him that one-third of his standing orders at any given time get filled at night. "So, if you're just sitting waiting for the prices to hit, you're going to miss the best

prices," he said. "I personally think one of the worst things to ever happen to grain marketing performance is the combination of cell phones and autosteer. Because it gives the illusion that you can be in your equipment and keep track of markets. Nope. Somebody's job is to keep track of the markets. Let them do it."

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Jackie Doud, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Prize

Winner Jackie Doud, Topeka:  
**CORN CASSEROLE**

- 1 can Cheddar cheese soup
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- Dash red pepper
- 16 ounces frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
- 4-ounce can green chiles
- 1 1/2 cups French fried onions

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients using just 2/3 cup dried onions in casserole. Bake 25 minutes until hot and bubbly. Stir. Sprinkle remaining onions over top and bake 5 more minutes.

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Kellee George, Shawnee:  
**VEGETABLE DIP**

- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/4 cup buttermilk
  - 2 1/2 teaspoons Italian salad dressing mix
- Mix all ingredients and cover. Chill at least 1 hour. Serve with vegetables.

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Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:  
**FRUIT DIP**

- 8 ounces cream cheese
  - 7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
  - 5 teaspoons maraschino cherry juice
- Beat cheese. Stir in marshmallow creme. Stir in cherry juice. Cov-

er and chill. Serve with fruit.

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh:  
**BAKED ASPARAGUS DIP**

- 1 pound diced & cooked fresh asparagus
  - 1 cup Parmesan cheese
  - 1 cup mayonnaise
- Mix all together and place in casserole. Bake 20 minutes at 375 degrees. Serve with pita chips.

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Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:  
**CHEDDAR BROCCOLI BAKE**

- 1 can Cheddar cheese soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 cups cooked broccoli cuts
- 1 can French fried onions

Stir all together except onions. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Sprinkle onions over top. Bake about 6 minutes longer.

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## Shining Light On The Good

By Lou Ann Thomas  
As I write this it is less than a week from the tragic February 14 shootings during the celebration of the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl win. I'm still reeling from not only the violence, but that it was allegedly the result of weapons of mass destruction being used to settle "a dispute" - in a crowd of nearly a million happy, celebrating people.

The contrast of such a joyful and celebratory moment, that in a blink, was permanently altered into a terrifying and life-ending event would be unbelievable if we hadn't seen this kind of tragedy happen so often. I would now usually plead for responsible gun legislation, but since my entreaties sadly fall on deaf ears, I am focusing on how many good people reacted to the tragedy with care and compassion. They met the worst of humanity by showing us the best of it.

There were so many acts of light, of bravery and great courage during the shooting at

Union Station. Hundreds of law enforcement personnel immediately ran toward the danger; EMTs raced to the scene to help the wounded long before anyone knew if the shooting was over or just beginning. Upon first word of the shootings, surgeons and trauma teams at the hospitals where the wounded would be headed immediately canceled all scheduled surgeries, prepared their teams and ERs and stood ready to receive the ambulances that were headed their way.

This shooting, as heartbreaking as it was, could have been much worse without those law enforcement and medical teams, and all who helped the wounded. Who knows how many more might have been shot if not for the men who knocked down a suspect, dislodging his weapon and holding him in place until police took him into custody.

And the goodness of people didn't stop there. Chiefs players and Coach Andy Reid stopped on their way

to safety to comfort kids who had become separated from their people. Others protected and attended to the wounded and those hurt in the stampede of humanity trying to find safety. I doubt they asked what political views, orientation, religious beliefs or nationality those they helped held close. They didn't care. They were simply helping a fellow human being in need.

There were other heart-based responses, like Tim and Brenda Lancaster who were at the rally and close enough to hear the shots and become swept up in the chaos. Thankfully the Lancasters escaped and couldn't wait to get to the safe shelter of their home to begin processing everything they had witnessed. However, they decided to make a stop before home. Knowing that blood supplies were already low, they swung by the Community Blood Bank to make a much-needed blood donation. Their act inspired many others, including me, to do the same.

During our darkest times we often automatically respond with great love and compassion for each other. I wish we would behave that way even in good times. But maybe the darkness is needed to be able to see the stars more clearly.

If that's the case, may we all shine on.

Check out Lou Ann's blog at: <https://louannthomas.blog>

## Safety Of Canned Food That Freeze In Winter

Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety

Cold weather has created challenges for all of us this year. Power outages can lead to many problems. If you have canned foods, either home canned or commercially canned, in a storage location that froze, what can you do?

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in home canned foods due to expansion of the food and liquid inside the container. If all are intact, they can be saved. Thaw gradually and store at room temperature.

For commercially canned foods, if seams are broken, that can lead to contamination and be unsafe to eat. Discard these cans.

For home canned foods, discard broken glass containers. If the lid became unsealed,

and the jar thawed to room temperature, discard these too.

If a glass jar became unsealed but is still frozen, this can be safely used immediately or transferred to a new container and stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

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By  
Kelsey  
Pagel

## Fruit Trees

Happy very belated day of love. I hope you had a great day and were showered with love. I spent mine alone hauling grain. But the true miracle is, I actually was showered, or at least sprinkled, with love by my husband, just a few days later.

You see, we have been talking about planting fruit trees, and by we, I mean me, for the decade we've been married. I finally got serious about it and decided which variety to get. Then trying to decide where to buy. I like supporting local nurseries, but when they are two to ten times as expensive, and comparing literally apples to apples, it's hard for me to spend the money. So it may have been a mistake, but I bought them from box stores. They both have a guarantee if they don't grow, but I'm keeping all my fingers and toes crossed that they do.

Matt really did it right. Well, I hope right anyways. I don't know, I've never planted fruit trees before. We used the post-hole digger to break up all the soil underneath where the tree is going so hopefully the roots can penetrate the soil well. Then we mixed cow manure and chicken manure in what we're hoping is a very careful ratio between being the perfect amount and not being too much. After that, we planted and watered thoroughly.

Basically, there was a whole lot of hoping and a little bit of knowledge and keeping our fingers crossed. We're thinking the peach trees were a couple years along and the apple trees bare root. So in three to four years, we'll hopefully have peaches and in five we'll have apples. Hopefully. We planted two peach trees and two apple trees. Or what they put tags on and said were apple trees. At this point they are literally sticks so I'm hoping that's what we got. We have a neighbor that is so good at growing everything (hey Alice!) that said she has a hard time with peaches, but our other neighbor that's up on a hill has a better time. They sit in the bottom of a hill so they think they get a frost later than the rest of us up on hills. We're on the top of a hill so I'm hoping we will. Because I love peaches and would love some fresh ones.

I don't know why it has taken me so long to re-

alize that Matt is probably never (never say never) going to wake up one day and say, "Let's do all the projects that you want to do." If I want these things done, I'm going to have to push to make it happen. I finally quit talking about doing the trees and showed up with trees and said, help me plant them... and he did. I quit talking about cleaning the basement and started boxing things up. I quit talking about painting the basement and bought paint. I quit talking about transforming our back hallway into a usable space, and made it happen.

The thing about our marriage, and that I constantly remind myself of, Matt is good man. He has honorable intentions, he loves me. He often loves me in ways that I don't feel, but he does in fact love me. He, like so many of us, are overworked, underappreciated and stressed to the max. He doesn't view things the same way that I view them. To him, apples and peaches are pretty cheap (relative to buying trees, planting them and then doing all the things to keep them alive so they will potentially bear fruit that we then have to pick and preserve) to buy from town, why do we need trees? To him, the basement is rarely used and he probably can't even tell you what the paint color is. To him, our back hallway was fine the way it was.

But these things matter to me. We've all heard the saying - if it's important to your partner, it should be important to you because your partner is important. But that's a double-edged sword because Matt loves working on things: he can tell you a lot about anything from engines to how to plant and harvest a bunch of crops to how to install a sink. I'm never going to find any of these things important until I need something. I don't need him to think the same things are important as me, I just need him to help me with them. The true beauty of marriage is having different passions and priorities, but coming together to help each other.

Marriage isn't about keeping score. It's not about being even. You all know, marriage is really, really hard and I write about ours more than I probably should. But I want you to know that though I spend a lot of time bitter and angry at Matt and I think I'm not important to him and I think my only worth to him as a wife is what he can use me to do on the farm, that's not the case. He is the man that I stood in front of our family and friends in my grandma's hayfield and vowed to spend the rest of my life with. We try and fail, but we live our vows every day. (We were supposed to write our own vows, but I'm thinking his came from a movie, I've just never been able to pinpoint the right one).

My vows to him:

I promise that we will fight. I promise I'm not going to be perfect on the farm, in the house and in our marriage. However, I also promise that I will say I'm sorry for the mistakes I make, ask forgiveness for the wrongs I do and tell you I love you every day. I promise to try to be the best wife that I can be for you because I will always love you even when I don't like you.

His vows to me:

I, Matt, choose you Kelsey, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not know yet. I will respect you as a partner and an equal. I promise to laugh with you when times are good and endure when they are bad. I will always adore, honor and encourage you. You are my best friend and I will love you always. Together, forever.

And with that grace, patience and love my friends. We're all doing the best we can in that moment.

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

*You may email Kelsey your comments at kelseypagel13@gmail.com*

## Spring Into Health: Cooking Class Is Back In Pittsburg

**Katherine Pinto, EFNEP and SNAP-Ed Agent, Wildcat Extension District**

Spring into better health this March! Join us for our next Create Better Health Class cooking class that kicks off on March 7 at the Pittsburg Salvation Army from 3-4 p.m.

Create Better Health provides nutrition education to individuals and families eligible for SNAP benefits; these classes are FREE. This is done through a series of classes taught by Wildcat District SNAP-

Ed Nutrition Educators and Assistants.

Create Better Health classes aim to increase each participant's knowledge of nutrition, cooking, food safety, budgeting, and physical activity, as well as help Kansans find access to safe and nutritious food.

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Are you ready to Create Better Health for

yourself? Do you want to learn how to save money on groceries? Are you eager to learn how to make meals with budget-friendly and healthy items that you have on hand?

Participants will get to create and try delicious recipes made from items that are easily available, fresh, and available with SNAP benefits!

For more information, please contact Kylee Perry, SNAP-Ed nutrition assistant to register, at kyleep@ksu.edu, 620-308-2123.

## Recent Recall Causes Concern With Lead In Applesauce Pouches

**Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety**

Pouches of applesauce can be an easy treat for children. But a recent recall of certain brands of applesauce, because of lead contamination, has led to 69 complaints/reports in children under 6 years of age.

Lead is toxic to humans and can affect people of any age or health status. Protecting children from exposure to lead is particularly important because they are more susceptible to lead toxicity.

Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms. Parents and caretakers should consult a healthcare provider if you suspect a child may have been exposed to lead.

Short term exposure to lead could result in the following symptoms: headache, abdominal pain/colic, vomiting, anemia. Longer term exposure could result

in the following additional symptoms: irritability, lethargy, fatigue, muscle aches or muscle prickling/burning, constipation, difficulty concentrating/muscular weakness, tremor, weight loss.

These products have been available, and may still be available nationally through multiple retailers, including Amazon, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar/Dollar Tree combination stores, and other online retailers.

The Food and Drug Administration recommends the following:

\*Consumers should not eat, sell or serve recalled WanaBana, Schnucks, or Weis-brand apple cinnamon pouches and should discard them.

\* These products have a long shelf life. Consumers should check their homes and discard these products.

\* To properly discard the product, consumers and retailers should carefully open the pouch and empty the

contents in the trash can before discarding the packaging to prevent others from salvaging recalled product from the trash. Clean up any spills after discarding the product then wash your hands.

\* Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms of lead exposure. If there's suspicion that a child may have been exposed to lead, parents should talk to their child's healthcare provider about getting a blood test.

\* Contact your healthcare provider if you think you may have symptoms of lead toxicity after eating recalled fruit pouches.

\* If you or your child have symptoms or exposure to this product, you can also file a complaint or adverse event report at <https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/investigation-elevated-lead-chromium-levels-cinnamon-apple-sauce-pouches-november-2023>

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## Farm Transition Planning workshops to be held in March

**By David Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension agent, crops and soils**

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State has a publication outlining 12 steps of a successful farm transition plan. University of Missouri agricultural business specialist Wesley Tucker wrote an article outlining five phases of management transition during a family farm succession. Many other universities, lenders, etc. have articles, newsletters, videos, podcasts, etc., etc., on the topic as well – yet it's still needed? Why?

Maybe it's because it's hard. A farm transition plan is difficult to think about, let alone start discussion around. They're hard to put into writing and even harder to implement or keep current. Yet, they're necessary if you want your farm business to continue to be successful.

An Oklahoma State transition publication has a graphic showing the small business generational transition

success rate. Success drastically declines through time with just a 30 percent success rate from the first to the second generation and a 12 percent success rate from the second to the third generation. Agricultural enterprise transitions aren't exactly the same as small businesses, but with statistics (Purdue) suggesting only 55 percent of farms have a written succession plan. It's not difficult to see how successful transitions could be a challenge.

Does your farming operation have a transition plan in place? If not, an upcoming conference from the KSU Department of Ag Economics Office of Farm and Ranch Transitions and K-State Research and Extension is designed to help farm transition plans in all stages of development: from established needing review to not started at all. Dr. Shannon Ferrell, ag law specialist at Oklahoma State University and long-time farm transition advocate, will be

the keynote speaker at three events held March 6th (Garden City), 7th (Great Bend), and 8th (Manhattan). The program will include speakers from USDA's Farm Service Agency plus sessions with accountants and attorneys familiar with farm transition planning.

Registration (\$60/person) and vendor visits for the Manhattan event start at 8:00 a.m. on Friday March 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn (410 S. 3rd St.). The program will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register online at <https://agmanager.info/events/farm-and-ranch-transition-conferences>.

If you need just a little bit more information to get your transition plan started – or keep it going – check out this event. Dr. Ferrell has a great base of knowledge to point you in the right direction. Local attorneys and accountants will help you dig deeper into next steps or other things to think about as you move forward. We hope you'll plan to attend.

## What is permaculture? K-State horticulture expert outlines land management strategy

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

Implementing land management practices can help increase production yields and decrease manual labor by working with nature's systems. Permaculture, or permanent agriculture, is one strategy that combines ecology, food production and landscape design.

"One permaculture principle is to turn waste into resources," said Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini. "Composting

is one common example of this by turning food scraps and animal waste into soil for growing."

Water collection systems such as rain barrels are another example.

Another permaculture strategy is to restore the environment, which Domenghini says "involves observing what is and isn't working well within a landscape."

Areas of erosion or flooding due to human interference are areas that could be restored by making small changes over time. Domenghini said even an effort such as returning a lawn to native landscape can be restorative.

Increasing yields is a third permaculture focus. "This primarily refers to the harvest from the landscape, which can be increased as a result of improving the soil, growing more edible plants, succession planting and using season extenders," Domenghini said.

Some growers may suggest that increasing the

yield also includes other benefits reaped, such as increasing the presence wildlife.

Domenghini said one of the goals of permaculture is to minimize manual labor, which is one of the natural outcomes of working with the environment.

"Selecting the proper locations for specific plants prevents the grower from battling the environment and allows the plants to flourish," she said.

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

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Domenghini at [cdom@ksu.edu](mailto:cdom@ksu.edu), or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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## The Fightin' Bob (Part 2)

The USS Evans, as a Fletcher class destroyer, wasn't a very big ship. 376 feet long and less than 40 feet abeam, she could make 35 knots (40 mph) top speed and sported seven 20mm anti-aircraft guns, five twin 40mm AA guns, two torpedo tubes, six depth charge throwers, and five 5-inch guns. Among the number two 5-inch gun crew was 17 year old Gunner's Mate, Seaman 1st Class Stanley Stanhope from Reece, Kansas.

Another Kansas boy from Lebo, Jack Allegre, son of the local pharmacist, was also on board the Evans. Jack had been aboard since the shakedown cruise from Mobile, Alabama to Bermuda in December of 1943, and worked "Fire Control" directing fire from the ship's weaponry. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Allegre personally, but I have a copy of a video documentary about the ship, in which he is featured along with Stanley and a couple other crewmates as they tell their stories. I thought it interesting that two Kansas boys who grew up in adjacent counties would end up serving aboard the same small crew

of 272 members, thousands of miles away in the Pacific Ocean. The film was produced by Stuart Beals at Johnson County Community College, whose own father, Kenneth Beals, was a Torpedoman aboard the Evans. I also have a copy of a book, The Fighting Bob by Michael Staten, whose father was James Staten, who came aboard the same time as Stanley. These two resources are invaluable to me and helped verify many of the facts for this story. I actually did have the privilege to meet Michael at Stanley's home.

A few months later the ship was pulling out of Pearl Harbor and heading to its assigned port in Ulithi, a small atoll in the Caroline Islands of the Western Pacific.

As mentioned, a destroyer isn't a very big ship and when Task Force 38, consisting of 13 carriers, eight battleships, 15 cruisers and 50 destroyers, got caught in Typhoon Cobra in December of 1944, the fleet lost three of the small ships, while sustaining heavy damage to many others, including the loss of 146 aircraft,

and 790 men, with another 80 badly hurt. Many battles inflicted less damage.

Stanley's recount of the storm described it as "The only time I was really scared." He was posted on the bridge for watch duty and as their tiny ship would go down into the trough "You couldn't see anything but ocean under you, beside you, above you, all around! As you came up to the top of the swell, there was the whole fleet. You'd go down again and come back up and the whole fleet was gone! But on the top of the next swell there they were again!" If the ships were able to keep their engines running and had enough ballast they could drive into the waves and have a better chance. Some ran out of fuel. "There were times the whole front end of the ship would be underwater! The screws (propellers) would come out of the water as the ship rode over the waves and make a 'zinging' noise. You didn't want to hear that sound!" he said.

The ship rolled terribly at one point and Stan had to grab the bridge railing and let his binoculars fall to the neck strap. "Those binoculars swung out in front of me so that I curled my head back to catch the strap on the back of my neck to keep it from sliding over my head! I thought they would fall into the ocean. It took so long for the ship to straighten up I thought we were going belly-up!"

That may have been when seawater entered the ship's smokestacks, threatening to kill the power plant, which would leave them helpless in the face of the merciless storm.

The turret on Evans' number one gun was bashed in from the heavy waves and dozens of other ships sustained heavy damage, either externally from the storm, or such as the carriers, from fires below decks due to aircraft being thrown and smashed up, or fuel leakage.

One sailor aboard the carrier Monterey, a Lieutenant Ford, serving as the General Quarters Officer of the Deck, was ordered below to assess a raging fire and report to command, which he did. The fire crew extinguished the fire, saving the ship, but losing 18 planes either swept overboard or burned, and 16 seriously damaged. The carrier's steering controls were knocked out until in-house repairs could be made, during which time the ship was dead in the water. That Lieutenant, Gerald Ford, was to become the President of the United States three decades later.

Back in port at Ulithi, repairs were made, and the ship and crew were soon under way again. Mid-February the Evans would see Mt. Suribachi. (To be continued)

Kirk Sours is a ranch manager and columnist in northeast Kansas. Email him at: sours.kirk@yahoo.com

## USDA to purchase pork for food assistance programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in late December announced it will make a supplemental purchase of pork for various federal food assistance programs under Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1935. Section 32 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make commodity purchases, entitlement purchases, and disaster assistance — using funds appropriated annually from U.S. customs receipts — as a way to encourage the continued domestic consumption of products by diverting them from the normal channels of trade and commerce. USDA annually buys pork and other commodities for federal food programs, including school breakfast and lunch programs.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will soon issue solicitations for pork products — expected to be pork loin roasts, hams, and pork patties — through its Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) system.

The U.S. pork industry faces a challenging market environment, with losses averaging \$30 a pig in 2023 and at times exceeding \$40 to \$60 per head. USDA AMS's Section 32 purchase can provide much-needed support to the hog and wholesale pork markets and secure affordable, nutritious pork products for USDA recipient programs.

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(Real Estate will sell at 1:00 PM)

AUCTION LOCATION: 3149 Road S5, ADMIRE, KS 66830

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Take a look at this unique property in North Lyon Co that offers you cropland, creek, wildlife and a house all in one package! Located at the end of a dead-end road, the log cabin style sided home creates a feeling of a hunting lodge getaway. There are 46.76 total acres with 30.2 cropland acres plus Hill Creek which is lined with heavy timber and abundant wildlife, including whitetails and turkeys! The 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch style home was built in 1998, has 1,232 sq ft plus a full unfinished basement, and offers CH/CA, rural water, a large brick fireplace, and beautiful views overlooking the property. There is also a 30x40 shop and a 30x50 outbuilding. Located less than 5 miles from the turnpike, you have quick access to Topeka, Emporia or Kansas City. The following personal property will also sell: John Deere 2630 Loader Tractor, 2016 42" Bad Boy ZTR Mower, Trailers, Guns, Coins, Tools, Antiques, and Household.  
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### REAL ESTATE AUCTION

78.56 acres, M/L, of SW Jackson County  
Farmland, Timber & Wildlife Habitat

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 \* 1:30 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: The Emmett City Hall,  
531 Laswell Street, EMMETT, KANSAS

PROPERTY LOCATION: At the NW corner of 174th & C6 Roads, Delia, KS 66418. From Delia, go 8 miles North on "E" Rd. to 174th Rd., then 1 mile West OR from Emmett, 4 miles North on Hwy. 63 to St. Clere Rd., then 4.1 miles East to C6 Rd., then 1/2 mile South.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) AND the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), less the North 150 ft. of the East 210 ft. of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), all in Section 8, Township 8 South, Range 13 East, Jackson County, KS.

This property consists of 78.56 acres, M/L, of which 47.07 acres are crop acres, 3.15 acres are brome grass waterways with the balance of 28.34 acres being hardwood timber, Little Cross Creek and a high bluff with bigger cedar trees. There are approximately 15 acres of Little Cross Creek bottomland with the balance of tilled acres being upland, of which 16.77 acres have tile terraces. This property has good access with C6 Rd. along the East side and 174th Rd. along the South. There is also a 30ft. x50 ft. metal and wood enclosed machine shed.

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80± ACRES MARSHALL CO, KS PRIME CROPLAND

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: S13, T02, R06, ACRES 79.6, E2 SE4 LESS R/W (Per Marshall County Appraiser's Office).  
FSA Details: 78.94 Farmland Acres - 78.94 DCP Acres  
• 73.3 Base Acres (36.65 Corn & 36.65 Beans)  
Property Location: From Marysville (Hwy. 36 & Hwy. 77 intersection) travel west 1.5 miles 7th Rd. Turn north on 7th Rd. & travel 2 miles north to Indian Rd. Property is located on the NW of the 7th Rd. & Indian Rd. intersection.

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Jerry Moran, Colorado state conservationist Clint Evans and others

- Advances in science and data applications for real-time action and longer-term planning: panel session led by Elizabeth Ossowski, scientific program manager, NIDIS

• Mobilizing collaboration along the value chain: panel session led by Callahan Grund, executive director of CattleTrace

- Workforce and leadership development, multi-sector training and education: panel session led by James Rattling

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# 2024 Kansas Winter Grazing Conference features Canadian rancher

Steve Kenyon, Alberta, Canada rancher who manages Greener Pastures Ranching Ltd. will be the featured speaker at two locations: Red Rock Ranch, 4340 270th Rd, Soldier, on March 8th and the Knights of Columbus Hall, 212 Iowa Street, Olpe, on March 9. Workshops will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Refreshments and lunch will be served; registration is requested for adequate meal planning.

Steve operates a custom grazing business in Alberta where they regeneratively manage approximately 2500 acres of lease land and run over 1100 head of cattle each year. The mission statement of the greener pastures is "Economic and Environmental Sustainability for Generations." Steve believes it is important to provide an enjoyable, profitable and sustainable business for future generations. It is a priority to maintain healthy soils and to build biodiversity to ensure that our agricultural businesses remain profitable and sustainable. Steve has travelled around the world consulting, teaching and putting on workshops. He has written for over two decades for Canadian Cattleman and Stockman Grass Farmer.

Topics, for the day include:

- 1) Understanding carbon sequestration
- 2) Fixing the water cycle and
- 3) Matching your natural resources to the needs of your livestock.

There are three processes needed to sequester carbon and store it in the soil:

\*Photosynthesis - pulls carbon out of the air

\*Exudation - the plants push glucose out through the roots into the soil and

\*Soil biological conversion - we need an active living soil, full of biology to convert and store the carbon in a stable form.

We need living roots in the soil for a longer season with more ground cover. A full canopy of plant cover will capture more sunlight, and sequester more carbon. Livestock helps with the management of a perennial polyculture of grasses and legumes. The plants, along with the "underground employees" help sequester carbon. Photosynthesis takes the carbon out of the air and pushes it into the soil with exudation. That base material with increased organic material creates topsoil.

Water is our most important nutrient. There is a huge difference be-

tween the actual rainfall that we measure, and the amount of rain that soaks into the ground for plant use. Farmers and ranchers can increase the amount of available water by managing runoff, evaporation and infiltration. We can help fix the water cycle by increasing the water holding capacity on the ranch. We need to leave more residue and build soil through root growth, make sure the ground is covered, by

using live or dead plant material to protect against runoff, erosion and evaporation, and leave plenty of organic material to hold onto the water. Ranchers do have the ability to improve their water cycle.

Ranchers should strive to build a polyculture using a variety of plants to feed their animals and improve the ecosystem. Ruminants play a crucial role in the ecosystem and pasture regeneration. It is also very im-

portant to match the nutritional needs and life cycle of the animals up to be in sync with the highest nutritional quality of the available forage and the best season to give birth.

Make plans to join the discussion! Sponsors for the workshop are Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Kansas WRAPS, Glacial Hills Resource Conservation and Development, Delaware River

Watershed, John Redmond WRAPS, Toronto Fall River WRAPS, Tuttle Creek WRAPS and Greenwood Conservation District. This event is funded in part by Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and Kansas NRCS.

Please register using this site online by March 5, 2024. <https://kaws.networkforgood.com/events/67743-2024-winter-grazing-conference>

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## Woodrow earns Junior Bronze and Silver awards

Austin Woodrow, Emporia, has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Woodrow is the 17-year-old son of Jessica Woodrow and is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association, where he has served as director and second vice president.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Woodrow participated in the mentoring program in 2021. He also participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) and Raising the Bar conferences in 2021.

Woodrow has submitted DNA samples for Genomic Profile Testing through Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and has consigned cattle in a dispersal sale.

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

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# Introductory Workshop: Soil Health Sustainability for Cropland, Cover Crops, Grazing and Specialty Crops to be held March 11-12

A two-day introductory seminar on soil health sustainability for cropland, cover crops, grazing and specialty crops will be held Monday-Tuesday, March 11 - 12, 2024 at The SAVE Farm - 9680 N. 52nd Street, Riley, KS 66531. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop is from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$30 per day to cover meeting expenses for individuals actively engaged in farming

or ranching. Lunch will be provided by Riley County Conservation District. The Riley County Conservation District will host an informal farmer-to-farmer discussion during the meal, focused on soil health and effective conservation practices.

Limited scholarships for free registration are available for beginning farmers, ranchers, specialty crop growers and veterans.

Registration is needed to provide a meal count. Please RSVP to Mary Howell.

To register or for questions: E-mail: mary@kglc.org or call: Mary at 785-562-8726 or e-mail colin.kingston@savefarm.org or call: Colin at 785-775-1212

Please register and provide name(s), address, phone number and email.

Please note level of experience... beginning farmer, rancher, specialty crop grower, veteran or actively engaged in farming, ranching, an educator or an agency person.

This introductory level workshop will be led by Candy Thomas, NRCS Soil Health specialist for Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma. Candy has over 20 years of experience training producers and employees on

soil health and adoption of soil health management practices. Her job is to promote the adoption of soil health and to train a workforce that is capable of transmitting that same message to landowners across the United States. Many farmers and ranchers have benefited from her training and have created lasting relationships with her that continue on in the way of consulting and support for many years after training is complete. Thomas has developed the following agenda topics for an information-packed workshop starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. with time for discussion:

Module 1: Soil Health Basics 1. Historical context of soil health 2. Soil Health Demonstrations 3. Define soil health and soil functions and

it impact on resource management.

Module 2: Linking Soil Biology to Soil Health 1. Soil functions performed by soil organisms 2. Defining biodiversity 3. Categorizing soil organisms using three broad ecological groups. For each group, describe: 4. Soil health principles and relation to soil biology.

Module 3: Regenerating Soil Health and Planning for a Soil Health Management System 1. Key soil health indicators 2. Regenerative systems for soil health

Module 4: Changing Your Management Paradigm 1. Changing your nutrients 2. Carbon to nitrogen ratios 3. Rethinking pests 4. Environmental benefits

Module 5: Adding in Cover Crops 1. Types of cover 2. Where it fits in your rotation 3. Adding

forage 4. Termination

Module 6: Grazing Management 1. Adding Animals 2. Meeting their needs 3. Benefits to the soil, livestock and system

Module 7: Economic Impacts 1. Environmental Economic Impacts 2. Improvements to the bottom line via case studies of local producers (producer panel)

Module 8: Putting the System Together 1. How to get a start 2. Wrap-up.

Educational workshop sponsors are: Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, Kansas NRCS, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Common Ground Producers and Growers and Kansas Farmers Union, SAVE Farm, Farmer Veteran Coalition Kansas Chapter, Riley County Conservation District.

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## Ag Partners to launch apprenticeship program through KFB's RKAP

Ag Partners is launching an apprenticeship program for two positions through Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) award-winning Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program (RKAP).

"Addressing the persistent labor challenges in rural America is of top importance to us, and we believe RKAP will serve as a component of the solution," says Lacey Dalinghaus, senior vice president of human resources at Ag Partners. "Kansas Farm Bureau provides us with a structured

framework, support and a strong agricultural advocacy platform to integrate and enhance our apprenticeship initiative. We are confident this on-the-job training program will empower us to develop essential skills, deliver technical instruction and effectively meet our future employment needs."

The program is designed to provide training and technical instruction to employees hired into specific operations positions. Apprentices will be recruited, interviewed, hired and employed by Ag Partners. The company's open apprenticeships for a custom applicator and CDL driver can be found at <https://www.agpartnerscoop.com/careers/>

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KFB will serve as the intermediary sponsor working with Ag Partners and the Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship to assist in the administration of these apprenticeship opportunities. These apprenticeships will provide Ag Partners with additional value proposition for attracting new employees and apprentices in these roles. Apprentices will receive mentorship, training and compensation while developing skills in a high-demand agricultural career path.

RKAP is the first-ever registered apprenticeship program focused on agriculture and rural Kansas. With its broad charter,

RKAP has the capability to bring this innovative education and employment opportunity to communities across the state.

"Ag Partners is an excellent partner because like KFB, they serve farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses," says Bryce Woodall, KFB business development manager. "KFB is excited to develop a program where Ag Partners and its employees can grow alongside each other to support agriculture and rural Kansas."

If you are interested in partnering with Kansas Farm Bureau in an apprenticeship program, contact Bryce Woodall at [woodallb@kfb.org](mailto:woodallb@kfb.org) or visit [www.kfb.org/RKAP](http://www.kfb.org/RKAP).

**AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 — 9:00 AM  
Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KS  
**TELEPHONE COLLECTIBLES**  
Wooden telephone booth w/SWB decorator 3 slot payphone; wall & desk telephones; AT&T/SWB collectibles; Telephone toys; Bell system collectibles; telephone sign; SWB items; many telephone collectibles.  
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roto wheel; Hallmark Christmas ornaments; Black Americana pieces; Barbie holiday dolls; large collection Autumn Leaf china: Frankoma donkey & elephant; Antique curved glass china cabinet; oak collectors curio cabinet; telephone gossip bench.  
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**SELLER:**  
FRANK MCKAY ESTATE  
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TR 1: E/2 of Sec 28-4-24 - 65.07 ac cropland & 254.93+ ac grass  
TR 2: E/2 of Sec 33-4-24 - 162.04 ac cropland & 157.96+ ac grass & creekbottom  
TR 3: SW/4 of Sec 34-4-24 - 76.42 ac cropland & 83.58+ ac grass  
TR 4: NW/4 of Sec 3-5-24 - 50.91 ac cropland & 109.09+ ac grass  
TR 5: NE/4 & E/2NW/4 of Sec 4-5-24 - 113.67 ac cropland & 126.33+ ac grass & creekbottom  
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Auction will be held in Kenwood Hall at the Saline Co. Expo Center, 900 Greeley, SALINA, KANSAS  
**Furniture, Advertising, Primitives, Moonstone (made 1 yr) w/hand painted shade; Jewelry & Watches, Books, Cameras, Knives, Sewing, Assortment of other collectibles.**  
**Glass, china, pottery crocks, Lamps: rare 1937 B86 diamond quilt green Jade**  
**\*\*Check our website for a more complete list\*\***  
NOTE: This auction was postponed on Jan. 13. This is a very large private quality collection. Check our website for pictures at [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com)  
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**AUCTION**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 — 9:30 AM (Rescheduled from Sat., Jan. 20)  
Auction will be held in the commercial building located at the Fairgrounds in BELLEVILLE, KS  
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Railroad inc: International Time Recording Co of New York clock; lanterns; 2 classification lamps & 2 switch stand lamps; railroad locks & keys; oak Poole Bros. slant front roll up cabinet; Keystone railroad tool grinder.  
**PRIMITIVES:** cream separators; corn sheller collection many unusual; wooden horse drawn cotton planter; unusual wooden 1 bottom plow; wooden 2 shovel plow; wooden single shovel plow; wooden number 100A garden tiller; cast iron & tin seats w/ names; wire tools; cast iron tool box tops; cast iron planter lids; corn & potato planters; buggy step collection; fence tool collection; wrenches; horse bit collection; barb wire collection; rope maker; car tag collection; Phillips 66 barrels; hog oiler; steam whistle; tools; meat grinders; assortment other primitives.  
NOTE: This Auction was Postponed from Jan 20. For a more Complete Sale Bill & Pictures check our website [www.thummelauction.com](http://www.thummelauction.com). Frank started collecting in the 1950s, there are several unusual items.  
**FRANK J. HARTLEY ESTATE**  
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**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 — 2:00 PM  
Auction Will Be Held In The National Guard Armory, 217 S. High, MANKATO, KANSAS  
**E 1/2 & E 1/2 NW 1/4 23-2-8, Jewell Co., Kansas**  
The farm is located 5 miles North of Mankato on 160 Road then 1 1/2 miles East on V Road, 1759 V Road. The farm is approximately 5 miles from Lovewell Lake area.  
394.73 acres Farmland, 50.47 acres crop land. 285.34 acres grass & creek w/trees. 44.20 acres CRP that has been turned back to grass. The bases are wheat 63.47 acres with 33 bu yield, oats are 4.90 acres with 45 bu yield, grain sorghum 29.10 acres with 55 bu yield, for a total base acres of 97.47. The farmstead has a nice single story 2,080 square ft. home built in 1997 with 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage. There are several outbuildings. The seller will make no inspections or repairs on the farmstead. All inspections made by the purchaser must be made before March 20, 2024. The farmstead is being sold in the condition it is. This farm would make a good hunting lodge.  
**Taxes:** Seller will pay 2023 and all prior years. Purchaser will pay all of 2024 taxes.  
**Possession:** Possession will be on closing on or before May 15, 2024.  
**Terms:** 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be paid upon closing on or before May 15, 2024.  
Down payment will be escrowed with Darrell Miller Attorney. Title insurance will be used, the cost will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser. Escrow fees will be split 50/50 between seller & purchaser.  
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# Grass & Grain Area Auctions and Sales

Due to the uncertainty of events, if you plan to attend any of the following auctions and have any doubts, please contact the auction company to confirm that the auction will be conducted and inquire about safety procedures if you are concerned. And please check their websites.

Hundreds of auctions, online and in-person. [www.kansasauctions.net/gg/](http://www.kansasauctions.net/gg/) Online Hay Auction (opens Feb. 23, closes Feb. 27, 1 PM CST) — Selling extra wheat straw & sudan hay, all tested, loading available. Selling for Zachery Salter, Alden, KS. For bidding and more information go to [www.Steffes-Group.com](http://www.Steffes-Group.com). Auctioneers: Steffes Auctioneers.

February 24-March 2 — Hofmann Simmental Farms (at the Farm in Clay Center) Buy Your Way Bull Sale (Private Treaty, Limited Auction) selling 55 Simmental & SimAngus bulls, spring & fall, black & non-diluted. Online bidding through Feb. 29, live closeout March 2.

February 27 (Tuesday) — Absolute Land auction including 880 ac. m/l Grass & Cropland in Russell County consisting of T1: 44.29 ac. cropland & 37.91 ac. grass; T2: 313.36 ac. m/l grass; T3: 126.23 ac. cropland & 183.27 ac. m/l grass; T4: 96.31 ac. m/l cropland & 61.95 ac. m/l grass. All mineral rights & royalty prod to buyers, great creek bottoms, rolling hills, good water, good access & more. Held live at Russell for Streckler Farms, LLC. Online & phone bidding available: [www.farmandranchreality.com](http://www.farmandranchreality.com). Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald Hazlett, broker/auctioneer. Held in cooperation with Pratt Real Estate.

February 29 — Wichita County Real Estate Auction consisting of 153.45 acres of cropland, containing 1 irrigation well, mineral rights to buyer held at Scott City for Daryl & Vernita Dirks. Auctioneers: Lawrence & Assoc. Realty, broker; Russell Berning, auctioneer/agent.

February 29 — Land Auction selling 5 Tracts in Lyon and Coffey Counties: T1: 63.39 ac. m/l Lyon Co. cropland; T2: 156.69 ac. m/l Lyon Co. mix tract w/cropland, pasture, recreation w/wildlife, timber; T3: 75.55 ac. m/l Lyon Co. cropland & hay; T4: 77.90 ac. m/l Coffey Co. cropland; T5: 38.22 ac. m/l Coffey Co. cropland. Held live at Olpe and selling for Marjorie L. Barrett/Wilbur G. Barrett Rev. Trusts. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 1 — K-State Legacy Sale, 47th Annual. Selling 40 bulls: 20 Angus, 10 Simmental and 10 Hereford. 35 females: 15 fall-bred cows and 20 commercial heifers held at Manhattan.

March 2 — Jacobs Lawn Care Liquidation auction including Trucks & trailers, tractor, equipment & forklifts, Gator & lawn mowers, lawn & garden, tools & shop supplies held at Wichita for Jacobs Lawn Service. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

March 2 — Telephone Collectibles inc. wooden telephone booth w/SWB decorator 3 slot payphone, many telephone collectibles, guns, ammo, lamps, collectibles held at Salina for James & Barbara Flory. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 2 — Farm auction including 20+ IH Tractors, IH parts tractors/equipment, IH parts & memorabilia, hit & miss engines, truck, trailers, tools, collectibles, salvage & more held at Tecumseh for Wayne Anderson. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 2 — Shop Tools & Tools, utility trailer, Beer Signs, metal adv. signs & more Collectibles held at Marysville for Todd Landoll Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Sandstrom.

March 2 — Antique & modern furniture, glassware, crockery, primitives, pottery, tools & antique tools, mowers, utility trailers, farm items, truck & more held at Topeka for Estate of Sheryl Cairns. Auctioneer: Wayne Hunter Auction

March 2 — Live Onsite Consignment Auction, expecting 800 pieces inc.: Tractors (JD, Case IH, McCormick, International, NH, Ford, Kubota, MF, Challenger, Allis, Agco & more), tractor loaders, combines, platforms, corn heads, head trailers, planters, drills, augers,

conveyors, grain vacs, seed tenders, grain cart, gravity wagons, sprayers, manure spreaders, applicators, hay equip. (balers, hay mowers, rakes/tedders), misc. equip., brush cutters, finish mowers, disks, vertical tillage, field cultivators, row crop, tillage equip., forage harvesters, feeding equip., construction (skid steers, excavators, dozers, wheel loaders), forklifts, telehandlers, lifts, ATVs, mowers, vehicles, trailers, over 150 attachments & more held live at Gallatin, Missouri with online bidding at EquipmentFacts.com. Selling for many individuals, retirement, estates, sell-outs. Auctioneers: B&S Equipment Sales.

March 2 — Personal property auction including Shop Equipment & Misc. (JD 5420 w/loader & bucket, pallet forks, truck bed toolbox, misc. horse tack, fence charger, ladders, rough cut oak, bunk feeders, MF F65 tractor, scrap iron, loading chute frame, mowers, goose-neck trailer & more), household (hand tools, antique Coleman cooler, furniture, kitchenwares & more) held at Westmoreland for Dreeanna Hood Trust. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

March 2 — T&S Strnad Charolais. Offering 50 Powerful Yearling Bulls, 10 Long Yearling and Two-Year Olds 20 Elite Commercial Pairs. Held at the ranch, Formoso.

March 2 — Loving Farms Predictable Genetics. Proven Performance Bull & Female Sale. Selling 85+ Bulls and Females. Feed efficiency tested. Genomic enhanced EPDs. Progeny of the herd's more than 100 Pacer and Performance dams and sires held at Pawnee Rock.

March 2 — Laffin Ranch Annual Angus Production sale. Selling 100 Herd bulls, 50 fancy females, 6 big time junior show heifer prospects halter broke and ready to go! Fall pairs, bred heifers, bred cows, donor prospects and embryos held at Olsburg.

March 3 (rescheduled from Jan. 13) — Antique furniture, advertising items inc. trays, tins, thermometers, oilers, tokens, lots of primitives, Schwin 12" Lil Tiger banana seat child's bike, nice set of toys, sterling silver & flatware, glassware, china, pottery, crocks, lamps, jewelry & watches, books, cameras, knives, sewing & so much more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 3 — Gold Bullion Group - Offering 80 Simmental & SimAngus bulls and 40+ commercial and breeds held at Schaake Farms Sale Facility, Westmoreland.

March 4 — Don Johnson 28th Annual Bull Sale offering 75 yearling and aged advantage bulls. Featured sires include: Stellar, Surpass, Growth Fund, Man in Black, Exclusive, Entice, 316, True North, Resilient, Pacific. Sale held at Farmers & Ranchers, Salina.

March 4 — Lyons Ranch 36th Annual Superior Genetics sale, featuring: 120 Angus bulls, 40 fall bred commercial Lyons Ranch heifers held at Manhattan.

March 5 — Farm Equipment auction including: Tractors (2022 Case IH 400, 2009 JD 8530, 1985 JD 4450), harvesting equip. (2020 Case IH 8250 combine & more), trailers, trucks (2003 Kenworth T-800 semi, 1993 Int. tandem & others), farm equipment, spray equip., other farm items, pickups (2022 Ford F-250, 2020 Ford F-250 & others), shop equip. & much more held on the north side of Leoti for C&W Farms. Online bidding available at [equipmentfacts.com](http://equipmentfacts.com). Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

March 5 — Absolute Land Auction selling 1,240 acres m/l Norton County Cropland, Grass & Creek-bottom including Country Home/Hunting Cabin. Selling in 6 Tracts: T1: 65.07 ac. cropland & 254.93 ac. m/l grass; T2: 162.04 ac. cropland & 157.96 ac. m/l grass & creekbottom; T3: 76.42 ac. cropland & 83.58 ac. m/l grass; T4: 50.91 ac. cropland & 109.09 ac. m/l grass; T5: 113.67 ac. cropland & 126.33 ac. m/l grass & creekbottom; T6: 38.22 ac. m/l grass, creekbottom & country home. Selling Live at Norton for Frank McKay Estate, Michele Ritchie, exec. Online & phone bidding available: [www.farmandranchreality.com](http://www.farmandranchreality.com). Auctioneers:

Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., Donald L. Hazlett, broker/auctioneer.

March 5 — Live Butler County Land Auction selling 230 Acres of Productive Farm Ground, hunting & fishing held at El Dorado with online bidding available: [www.Sundgren.com](http://www.Sundgren.com). Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc., Land Brokers

March 5 — S&S Polled Herefords 51st Annual Genetic Tradition Production Sale. Selling 74 lots, 40 two-year-old bulls and 34 bred two-year-old heifers. Held at Guide Rock, Nebraska.

Online Equipment Auction (bidding Opens March 6 & Closes March 13) — Selling Farm & Livestock Equipment, Construction Equipment. For bidding, listing & photos go to [www.FloryAndAssociates.com](http://www.FloryAndAssociates.com). Auctioneers: Flory & Associates, Jason Flory.

March 6 — Klein Ranch, Heart of the Herd. Offering includes black and red genomic enhanced yearling bulls, as well as commercial open heifers... straight from the heart of the herd held at Atwood, Rawlins County fairgrounds.

March 7 — Jensen Bros. Hereford Bull Sale selling 80 Homozygous Polled, Polled & Horned Hereford bulls, 12, 18 & 24 mo. old, 150 blk & bwf spring open replacement heifers, OCV Baldie Cow Makers Heterosis Advantage GE-EPDs for predictability held at the ranch in Courtland with online bidding at DVAuction.com

March 8 — Land Auction consisting of 252 ac. m/l of Cloud County land selling in 3 tracts including cropland, recreational land, building site, pasture or hay meadow & more held live at Concordia for Peggy L. Doyen Trust. Online & phone bidding available: [www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com). Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

March 9 — Coin Auction including 426 lots inc. lots of silver-4 CC Morgans, 14 lots of gold, books, mint sets, notes & more held at Emporia. Auctioneers: Swift-n-Sure Auctions & Real Estate.

March 9 — Consignment Auction including tractors, skid steer & mini excavator, cars, trucks, trailers, skid steer attachments, equipment, hay & brome, livestock equipment, lawn & garden & more held at Effingham with live & online bidding available ([equipmentfacts.com](http://equipmentfacts.com)). Auctioneers: Hoffman Auction Service, Jeff Hoffman.

March 9 — Farm Equipment & Trailers (2008 32' PJ gooseneck flatbed trailer, JD 850 utility tractor low hours, V-bottom boat w/motor & trailers, McCormick Farmall B20 gas engine, Farmall tractor parts, T-posts and fencing, port. creep feeders, cattle panels, gates, cont. fence, & more), lawn & garden inc. JD riding lawn mower, shop equipment & misc., household, license plate collection & more held at Inman for Jim & Sophia Stephens Estate. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

March 9 — A Woodworker's paradise, huge tool collection, 2015 Doolittle enclosed trailer, 2 vintage Pepsi machines, lots of Oak lumber (also cedar & poplar), new tools, saws, tool boxes & chests & much more held at Hutchinson for Darrell Ediger Estate. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions, Loren Meyer.

March 10 (rescheduled from Jan. 20) — Antiques & collectibles including a rare horse-drawn cotton planter, cream separator collection, cast iron & tin seats, buggy step collection, Railroad lanterns, wrench collection, kitchen primitives & many more primitives held at Belleville for Frank J. Hartley Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 10 — Boyer Limousin 33rd Annual Production Sale. We have invested heavily to beef up our bull battery with breed leading sires. When mated to our strong cow base, the results should be outstanding. Give us a call for semen or progeny out of these elite herd bulls. Liberty Nebraska.

March 11 — May-Way Farms Annual Production Sale. Offering 60 head of 18 mo old & yearling bulls, Outstanding open yearling & fall bred registered females held at Baldwin City.

March 12 — Land Auction consisting of 238.5 acres m/l in Lincoln County

with 109.91 ac. m/l cropland, 112.14 ac. m/l native grass pasture, 16.45 ac. m/l waterways and grass held live at Salina for H.J. Berkley Trust. Auctioneers: Coldwell Banker APW Realtors, Chris Rost, broker; Mark Baxa, auctioneer.

March 12 — Commercial Property & Restaurant Equipment auction sold in various options including 6600 sq. ft. building space, 3500 sq. ft. building space w/BBR apartment, kitchen equipment & restaurant fixtures held at Maple Hill. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 12 — Bar Arrow Cattle Company 34th Annual Production Sale. Offering 90 yearling Gelbvieh and Balancer bulls, 20 elite Gelbvieh and Balancer heifers held at Phillipsburg.

March 12 — Schreiber Angus Annual Spring Production Sale. Selling two-year-old black Angus bulls, yearling bulls, 18 mo old bulls, replacement heifers, commercial black Angus and F1 heifer pairs. Held at the ranch near Beaver.

March 13 (Wednesday, 12 Noon) — Cline Cattle Company 2024 Spring Production Sale selling 23 - 18 mo. olds (14 Angus, 9 SimAngus) Bulls. Also featuring a select group of fancy, home-raised fall bred heifers. Held at Manhattan Commission Co., Manhattan.

March 13 — Stucky Ranch Angus Production Sale. Selling 150 Age Advantage Registered Angus bulls. Held at the ranch in Kingman.

March 14 — BJ Angus Genetics 22nd Spring Production sale. Selling approximately 200 head, including 100 Registered Bulls, 75 registered Females and 25 fall bred commercial heifers. Held at the ranch, Manhattan.

March 15 — Chisholm Trail Angus Association. Angus Bull Sale at Winfield Livestock Auction, Winfield.

March 15 — Mushrush Ranches Annual Mushrush Red Angus Production Sale selling 115 Age Advantaged Red Angus & SimAngus Bulls, 80 Yearling Red Angus & SimAngus Bulls, 60 Fall bred & Open Commercial Red Angus heifers & cows, 12 - "U-Pick'em" Elite Registered Open Heifers. Held at Elmdale.

March 15 — Sunflower Genetics 28th Annual Production Sale selling 100 bulls 18 month and yearlings and an additional 50 yearling heifers at Dover.

March 16 — Cattleman's Choice Sale. 60 Angus & SimAngus Bulls, 50, 18mo old bulls, 10, two year old bulls. Plus 40 fancy black & F1 baldy heifers bred to Top T Seven Ranch calving ease bulls for fall 2024 calving, consigned by Ron Holle. And 10 spring-calving heifers bred to calve March & April from T Seven Ranch. Held at T Seven Ranch Sale Facility, Greenleaf.

March 16 — Molitor Angus Ranch 45th Annual Production Sale, selling 100 bulls and 40 females. At the ranch, Kingman.

March 16 — Spring Hill Herefords - On Target Bull sale. Selling 37 Hereford bulls, 29 Angus bulls, 20 Hereford first-calf pairs, 12 Hereford and 12 Angus yearling heifers. Held at Blue Rapids.

March 17 — Midwest Back in Black Bull & Female Sale. Selling 47 long yearling & yearling black Hereford bulls. Also selling 23 Elite black Hereford females & select semen embryos. Held at Crescent Hills sale facility, Paola.

March 17 — April Valley Farms 27th Annual Performance-tested Angus Bull and Female sale. Selling fall & spring yearling bulls. Held at the Farm, near Leavenworth.

March 18 (Monday) — Land auction consisting of approximately 2,600 acres of Osborne County Grassland held at the Front Porch event center in Alton (1 PM) for Bonnie Thompson Trust #1. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty, Jim Wolters.

March 19 — Land Auction consisting of 73.3 acres of Butler County Native Flint Hills Pasture, blacktop frontage, pond, wet weather draws held at El Dorado. Online bidding ([www.Sundgren.com](http://www.Sundgren.com)). Auctioneers: Sundgren Realty, Inc.-Land Brokers.

March 19 — Schrader Ranch 22nd Annual Bull Sale selling 80 Charolais & SimAngus Bulls on Test held at the ranch, Wells. Online bidding available at DVAuction.

March 20 (Wednesday) — Real Estate auction consisting of 394.73 acres farmland: 50.47 ac. cropland, 285.34 ac. grass & creek w/trees, 44.20 ac. CRP turned back to grass & a farmstead held at Mankato for David

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C. Brainard Revocable Living Trust & Trustees of the Irene F. Brainard Revocable Living Trust. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

March 20 — Woodbury Farms 13th Annual Bull & Female Sale. Selling Angus & Hereford yearling & 2 year old bulls, registered and commercial yearling open replacement heifers and commercial pairs. Held at Overbrook.

March 22 — Barrett Cattle & Mill Brae Ranch Sale. 100, 18-Month-Old Bulls & 30 Spring Yearling Bulls Sell. Held at Mill Brae Ranch, Maple Hill.

March 23 — Real Estate Auction consisting of 78.56 acres m/l of SW Jackson County Farmland, Timber & Wildlife Habitat held at Emmett for Carl & Linda Walder. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC., John Cline.

March 23 — Estate Auction #3 selling advertising signs, petroleum advertising, reloading supplies, animal mounts, collectibles & more held at Lawrence for Mrs. Karon "John" Stevens. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 23 — Ediger Enterprises Flooring Liquidation auction inc.: BP 5700 take-up machine, 2019 Chevy Express van, 2006 Chevy van 3500, forklifts - Triple Stage & Yale, Cargo Master trailer, hand tools, stretchers, all kinds of flooring tools & more held at Hutchinson. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions, Loren Meyer.

March 23 — Sandhill Farms Spring Production Sale. Selling 150 Bulls, 30 Proven Cows, 100 Open Commercial Hereford & Baldy Heifers. Haviland.

March 23 — New Haven Angus Annual Production sale. Offering 60+ lots. Genomic and performance tested seedstock. Held at the farm, Leavenworth.

March 26 — Pastureland Auction consisting of 158 acres m/l of Morris County pasture land with perfect perimeter fencing, 2 large ponds & more held live at White City for Pepper Farms, LLC. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding opening March 12. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Toby Bruna, land agent.

March 26 — Ferguson Angus 34th Annual Sale. Sires for 2024 sale: Ball of Fire, Ferguson Trailblazer, Surpass, Rawhide, Breakthrough, Exponential, Papa Theford, Yukon, Dominance & Iron Horse. At the ranch near Agra.

March 27 — Schilling Cattle 8th Annual Production Sale. Offering 60 bulls and 25 heifers. Angus, Limousin, and LimFlex. Held at Brewster.

March 28 — Land Auction consisting of 146 acres m/l of Clay County land with above average fence, very good water, offering both crop & livestock income held live at Clay Center for Hauserman Family Trust. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding opening March 14. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Toby Bruna, land agent.

March 28 — Land Auction consisting of 945 acres m/l in Marion County. Top producing cattle ranch with excellent water & grass, creeks, several ponds, 2 live springs, hardwood timber, welded pipe cattle facilities, 3 solar tanks, headquarters, 4BR house, outbuildings & more held live at Florence with online bidding option: [www.SunGroupRealEstate.com](http://www.SunGroupRealEstate.com). Auctioneers: Sun Group Real Estate.

March 30 — Live Auction including 46.76 acres m/l of Cropland, creek, wildlife & log cabin style home, outbuildings in North Lyon County. Also selling JD 2630 loader tractor, 2016 42" Bad Boy ZTR mower, trail-

ers, guns, coins, tools, antiques & household held at Admire for Robert Mundy & Tony Mundy. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

March 30 — Land auction consisting of 157.3 acres m/l of Nemaha County land: T1: cropland, pasture area, 2 ponds; T2: great building site, outbuildings held live at Seneca for Francis B. Schraad Trust. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding beginning March 16. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, listing broker.

April 2 — Land auction consisting of 80 acres m/l of Brown County investor quality cropland, 95% in crop production, easy access held live at Horton for Craig H. Larson Trust. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding beginning March 19. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, listing broker.

April 4 — Land auction consisting of 78 acres m/l of Washington County farmland with 92% in crop production held live at Washington for Shirley Hamilton. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding beginning March 21. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, listing broker.

April 4 — Land auction consisting of 80 acres m/l of Marshall County Prime cropland, 93% in crop production held live at Marysville for Loyola A. Schell Heirs. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding beginning March 21. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, listing broker.

April 4 — Land auction consisting of 80 acres m/l of Marshall County Prime cropland, 93% in crop production held live at Marysville for Loyola A. Schell Heirs. Online & phone bidding available ([www.MidwestLandandHome.com](http://www.MidwestLandandHome.com)) with online bidding beginning March 21. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, listing broker.

April 6 — Spring Machinery Consignment Auction including Tractors, loaders & accessories, combine, trailers, trucks & trailers, vehicles & accessories, dozer, hay & hay equip., livestock equip., machinery & more held at Holton (online bidding through EquipmentFacts.com). Auctioneers: Harris Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 6 — Machinery Consignment Auction including Tractors, trucks, farm, livestock, shop, construction equipment & more held live at Cuba with online bidding through [equipmentfacts.com](http://equipmentfacts.com).

April 6 — Estate Auction: 2009 Buick Lucerne (1 owner, bought new), furniture, tools, collectibles, misc. held at Lawrence for Harris Estate/Trust Co. Trustee. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 6 — Circle S Ranch, 17th annual "Going To Grass" production sale. 200+ Gelbvieh and Gelford lots sell! Held at Circle S Legacy Barn, Canton.

April 13 — Firearms & Collectible auction selling 50+ firearms, collectibles, etc. held at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

April 13 — Fink Beef Genetics Angus & Charolais Bull & Female Sale held at Randolph.

April 20 — Farm Machinery, tools & household held SW of Frankfort for Dennis & Frances Ahlvers. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

April 27 — Estate Auction #2: Tractor, equipment, handmade large yard art, collectibles, tools, household & more held at Lawrence for Robert "Bob" Lemon Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

## \*LAND AUCTION\*

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 — 7:00 PM

238.5 ACRES +/- in Lincoln County, KS

Auction held at Webster Conference Center, 2601 N. Ohio Street, SALINA, KANSAS

SW/4 & W/2SE/4 of Section 24-13-6, Lincoln County, KS. Location: Northeast Corner of 300th Road and Colt Drive

109.91 acres +/- cropland, 112.14 acres +/- native grass pasture, 16.45 acres +/- waterways and grass.

2023 Taxes: \$1,969.38 on 238.5 taxable acres. 111.33 base acres in ARC County. Wheat base/acre 51.97/44; Soybeans base/acre 25.73/31; Grain Sorghum base/acre 33.34/74

Possession: At closing.

Water and Mineral Interests: All Water and Mineral Interests owned by the Seller will pass with the land to the Buyer.

SELLER: H.J. BERKLEY TRUST

Auction Conducted by: Coldwell Banker APW REALTORS®

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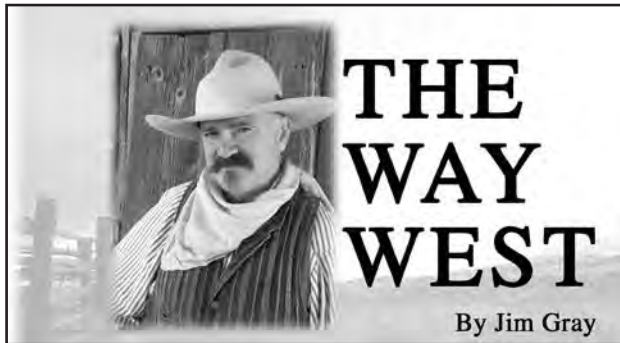
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# THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

## A Very Fast Place

Ellsworth, Kansas, in 1867 was as desperate a place as any on the plains. "A man for breakfast" was the morning's oath and by dinner the oath was often satisfied. Things were rapidly getting out of hand when wagonmaster John Hancock and Frank Johnson killed each other in a suicide duel at Clara Grant's crowded brothel/dancehall on September 11, 1867. Three bystanders were seriously wounded. In another barroom, and not in the street as one newspaper reported, a man by the name of Chaves drew his pistol and shot one man in the arm, but the wounded man's pistol found its mark, leaving Chaves dead on the floor.

Frank Johnson and his brother Charley operated a saloon east

of town that was considered too rough for most of the crowd that frequented Ellsworth's dives. Known as the Halfway House, the Johnsons attracted the worst kind of men to their isolated den of iniquity.

Now that Frank was dead, Charley joined with George Craig to deliver a reign of terror to Ellsworth. Craig was a young wannabe desperado, newly arrived from Leavenworth. With Charley Johnson at the head the scoundrels were at least partly responsible for, "frequently shooting and breaking into houses, resisting officers and defying the law." Colonel James Albert Hadley related in the February 7, 1903 edition of the *Topeka Kansas State Journal* that a friend of wagonmaster Han-

cock swore revenge on Charley Johnson for the death of his friend even though the men had killed each other. Instead of going to Johnson's Halfway House saloon Allen waited for Johnson to return to Ellsworth.

The town had two main streets, each one paralleling the railroad tracks running east and west through town. Johnson naturally came into town on the street north of the tracks. It didn't take long for Allen to spot him. Allen started across the tracks from the southwest. As Allen headed straight for his target Johnson readily recognized that "his time had come."

With his hand resting on his holstered pistol Johnson waited in silence. "A hundred men watched from a distance. Neither spoke till they were close together. Each face was white and set." Words were quietly spoken between them as Allen closed the distance, but only heard by the two combatants.

Instantly both pistols were out and flashed smoke and fire, but neither man fell. Shots echoed across the plaza until both pistols were empty. It looked

as though Johnson was going to draw a knife from his boot, but before he could draw the knife he collapsed. Allen turned up the street, walked about thirty paces, and suddenly sat down in the doorway of one of the saloons. He asked bystanders if Johnson was dead, and was informed that he was dying. Allen was helped to a hotel room, and a doctor was summoned. "All were astonished to learn he had two wounds, one so near the heart that the shock alone was dangerous." He died before morning.

Johnson, on the other hand, survived his wounds and returned to the Halfway House. Among the citizens of Ellsworth there was strong and decided talk of forming a "vigilance committee."

A correspondent for the *Atchison Freedom's Champion* declared, "A very fast place is Ellsworth. Every day produces half a dozen fights, and every night produces half a dozen fights, and every night somebody is wounded or killed. It has evidently reached the zenith, and its population of blacklegs, gamblers, horse thieves, and others of that ilk, are push-

ing out to Big Creek..." A letter to the *Leavenworth Times* proclaimed, "There is no greater burlesque upon civilization existing in this free and enlightened State, than is the town of Ellsworth... No fouler birds ever congregated around the putrid carcass of a departed ox, than those which frequent and tenant the brimstone-scented dens of the modern Sodom."

The *Topeka Record* reported, "Col. Veale was out at Ellsworth last week. He reports that, at least, one man a day is murdered in that delectable town and that there is more gambling, drunkenness and vice in that place than he, with all of his experience, could possibly have imagined to be possible. If there is not virtue enough in Ellsworth county to drive out the rascals, other portions of the state will assist."

Ellsworth officers were in a tight spot. Johnson and Craig had to be stopped. The lawmen caught them unawares, took them from their beds in the Halfway House, and arrested them. Johnson recklessly swore that he would kill the arresting officers. Vigilantes acted quickly, taking

the prisoners from the officers in the middle of the night. The desperate men were escorted by the vigilantes to a large cottonwood, "its trunk hoary with age." Ropes were thrown over a convenient limb and with the loop knotted about their necks Johnson and Craig were hoisted into eternity.

The final episode was related in the *Lawrence, Kansas Daily Kansas Tribune*. "Passengers from the west report quite a panic among the thieves, rowdies, gamblers and other flash characters of Ellsworth. A notice was found on the bodies of the two men hung there last week, stating that such would be the fate of all rogues, and in consequence a heavy emigration is taking place. The vigilance committee avow it as their intention to keep up operations until the moral atmosphere is purified." Alas, flash characters would find a way to return to a fast life and, in many cases a fateful death, on The Way West.

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# Farmers & Ranchers AUCTIONS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

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

**TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE - 4,548**

**BULLS: \$137.00-\$149.00 COWS: \$115.00-\$127.00**

### STEERS

300-400	\$365.00 - \$376.00
400-500	\$355.00 - \$367.00
500-600	\$325.00 - \$334.00
600-700	\$303.00 - \$315.00
700-800	\$265.00 - \$274.00
800-900	\$239.00 - \$250.25
900-1,000	\$227.00 - \$239.85

### HEIFERS

300-400	\$333.00 - \$345.00
400-500	\$339.00 - \$350.00
500-600	\$290.00 - \$302.50
600-700	\$247.00 - \$258.00
700-800	\$235.00 - \$244.00
800-900	\$213.00 - \$225.00
900-1,000	NO TEST

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

### STEERS

9	Mix	Tescott	394@376.00
4	Mix	Tescott	375@375.00
2	Mix	Brookville	373@375.00
3	Blk	Elmdale	403@367.00
5	Blk	Florence	415@365.00
2	Red	Claffin	410@355.00
7	Blk	Buhler	436@347.00
2	Blk	Marquette	393@345.00
3	Blk	Colwich	432@345.00
2	Blk	Tescott	440@336.00
13	Mix	Elmdale	472@335.00
3	Blk	Geneseo	458@335.00
5	Blk	Lincoln	542@334.00
13	Blk	Buhler	575@331.00
4	Blk	Wilson	553@331.00
12	Mix	Brookville	478@330.00
6	Blk	Sylvan Grove	552@329.00
5	Mix	Roxbury	513@327.50
2	Blk	Westmoreland	520@325.00
4	Blk	Junction City	581@325.00
3	Blk	Clay Center	493@325.00
3	Blk	Geneseo	548@324.00
19	Mix	Brookville	561@323.00
2	Blk	Colwich	508@323.00
24	Red	Hanston	523@322.00
11	Blk	Florence	573@322.00
2	Blk	Lost Springs	558@319.00
3	Mix	McPherson	532@315.00
87	Red	Hanston	606@315.00
6	Blk	Durham	588@315.00
10	Mix	Lorraine	542@310.00
6	Mix	Claffin	560@310.00
8	Blk	Marquette	606@308.00
6	Mix	Lorraine	614@304.00
5	Blk	Wilson	625@303.00
6	Blk	Clay Center	569@300.00
3	Mix	Marion	615@296.00
7	Mix	McPherson	604@295.00
15	Blk	Lincoln	666@293.00
6	Blk	Holyrood	638@290.00
18	Mix	Junction City	671@285.50
121	Red	Hanston	668@282.00
29	Blk	Solomon	678@277.00
9	Blk	Buhler	703@274.00
8	Blk	Marquette	701@267.00
9	Mix	Durham	690@266.00
7	Blk	Sylvan Grove	704@265.00
7	Blk	Chase	728@261.00
3	Mix	Marquette	722@260.00
28	Blk	Solomon	734@256.50
35	Blk	Marquette	773@254.25
11	Blk	Lincoln	761@252.00
16	Blk	Marquette	809@250.25
8	Blk	Norwich	781@249.00
58	Mix	Beloit	845@248.75
30	Blk	Claffin	801@248.25

7	Blk	Claffin	819@247.00
59	Blk	Claffin	876@246.75
7	Mix	Holyrood	793@246.50
12	Mix	Ada	817@245.25
9	Blk	Gypsum	821@244.75
16	Blk	Chase	806@244.00
3	Blk	Marion	788@243.00
26	Mix	Marion	814@242.00
55	Blk	Beloit	954@239.85
9	Blk	Gypsum	914@236.25
60	Mix	Hope	854@236.00
57	Mix	Hope	887@235.00
23	Blk	Chase	536@233.50
21	Mix	White City	874@233.00
61	Mix	Benton	861@233.00
16	Mix	Ellinwood	910@232.00
15	Mix	Marion	904@229.00

### HEIFERS

6	Blk	Buhler	417@350.00
2	Blk	Marquette	360@345.00
3	Blk	Florence	398@330.00
2	Blk	Clay Center	310@330.00
3	Blk	Solomon	315@325.00
18	Mix	Brookville	445@314.00
7	Mix	Clay Center	406@312.00
3	Blk	Chase	493@307.50
3	Blk	Walton	542@302.50
16	Blk	Buhler	515@302.00
3	Blk	Geneseo	472@300.00
8	Mix	Lorraine	484@297.50
2	Red	Delavan	535@296.00
4	Blk	Junction City	508@294.00
2	Mix	Elmdale	553@292.00
34	Mix	Hanston	530@292.00
6	Mix	Tescott	395@290.00
12	Mix	Sylvan Grove	544@289.00
11	Blk	Durham	531@289.00
23	Blk	Junction City	590@285.50
29	Mix	Roxbury	544@280.00
12	Red	Claffin	568@280.00
14	Blk	Barnard	565@279.00
11	Char	Brookville	570@263.00
40	Red	Hanston	590@259.50
12	Blk	Buhler	632@258.00
10	Blk	Chase	654@256.00
27	Blk	Barnard	640@255.00
8	Blk	Lost Springs	603@255.00
7	Char	Brookville	652@253.50
7	Mix	Marquette	656@253.00
6	Mix	Sylvan Grove	639@253.00
11	Mix	Clifton	652@250.00
19	Mix	Newton	649@249.00
4	Mix	Delavan	643@248.00
9	Blk	Lincoln	656@247.50
2	Blk	Lindsborg	658@247.00
4	Red	Pretty Prairie	641@247.00
8	Mix	Claffin	678@244.00
12	Char	Marion	710@244.00
9	Blk	Walton	719@241.50
17	Blk	Chase	713@240.00
4	Mix	Marion	669@239.00
9	Red	Pretty Prairie	721@238.00
4	Blk	Newton	763@233.00
10	Char	Brookville	758@233.00
7	Blk	Great Bend	755@232.00
13	Blk	Ada	782@231.50
10	Mix	Ellinwood	805@225.00
60	Blk	Abilene	792@224.00
4	Mix	Marion	803@213.00

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024**

### BULLS

1	Blk	Salina	2090@149.00
1	Char	Hope	1875@148.00
1	Char	Hope	1825@141.00
1	Blk	Sterling	1980@140.00
1	Blk	Clay Center	2245@137.00
1	Blk	Assaria	1775@135.00

# Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS

**SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211**

**MONDAY — CATTLE • HOG SALE 2nd & 4th MONDAY**  
Hogs sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. Cattle at 12:00 Noon. Selling calves and yearlings first, followed by Packer cows and bulls.

**THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY**

Selling starts at 10:00 a.m. Consign your cattle as early as possible so we can get them highly advertised.

**AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD**

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## SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE MAY 18, 2024

**Get your Horses CONsigned TODAY! Deadline is March 1st!**

1	Blk	Concordia	1780@135.00
1	Blk	Tampa	1680@128.00
1	Blk	Salina	2190@127.50
<b>COWS</b>			
1	Blk	Clay Center	1495@127.00
1	Bwf	Clay Center	1570@126.00
1	Red	Durham	1475@124.50
1	Blk	Salina	1500@124.00
1	Blk	Ellsworth	1860@124.00
1	Bwf	Clay Center	1605@123.00
1	Blk	Abilene	1755@123.00
1	Blk	Lindsborg	1345@123.00
1	Char	Wells	1535@123.00
1	Bwf	Tescott	1510@121.00
2	Mix	Inman	1460@119.00
2	Mix	Salina	1228@118.50
4	Blk	Windom	1460@118.00
1	Blk	Bennington	1415@117.50
2	Mix	Durham	1423@117.00
1	Blk	Clay Center	1210@116.50
5	Blk	Missouri	1230@116.00
5	Blk	Missouri	1299@116.00
4	Blk	Salina	1348@115.50
1	Char	Lincoln	1140@115.00
2	Blk	Clay Center	1430@115.00
1	Blk	Cedar Point	1440@115.00
4	Blk	Linn	1484@114.50
8	Blk	Linn	1483@114.00
<b>SPECIAL COW SALE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 PAIRS</b>			
4	(3 In 1)	Bwf Leonardville	Young@3,700.00
8	(3 In 1)	Blk Leonardville	Young@3,650.00
14	Red	Leonardville	Young@3,350.00
2	Red	Randall	Young@3,300.00
3	Red	Randall	Young@3,300.00
9	Blk	Leonardville	Young@3,200.00
8	Blk	Cedar Point	Broken@2,825.00
9	Red	Cedar Point	Broken@2,700.00
10	Mix	Cedar Point	Broken@2,500.00
<b>BREDS</b>			
87	Blk	Clay Center5Yr.	Old@3,350.00
40	Blk	Salina	Young@3,325.00
4	Blk	Clay Center5Yr.	Old@3,300.00
7	Blk	Salina	Young@3,275.00
18	Blk	Salina	Young@3,175.00
21	Red	Tescott	Young@3,000.00
28	Blk	Beatrice, NE	Young@3,000.00
28	Blk	Missouri	Young@3,000.00
48	Blk	Clay Center6Yr.	Old@2,900.00
7	Blk	Brookville	Young@2,900.00
21	Blk	Clay Center	Solid@2,875.00
18	Blk	Clay Center	Solid@2,800.00
4	Blk	Marion	Young@2,750.00
17	Blk	Clay Center	Solid@2,700.00
10	Blk	Gypsum	Young@2,700.00
27	Blk	Brookville	Young@2,700.00
4	Red	Beatrice, NE	Young@2,700.00
5	Red	Hope	Solid@2,650.00
10	Blk	Wichita	Young@2,600.00
11	Blk	Missouri	Young@2,550.00
4	Mix	Beatrice, NE	Solid@2,250.00
23	Mix	Tampa	Broken@2,185.00
48	Blk	Clay Center	Broken@2,150.00
26	Blk	Sterling	Solid@2,050.00

## Early Consignments for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

100 steers & heifers, 800-850, homeraised, long weaned; 94 mostly black steers, 700-900, homeraised, weaned 60 days, 2 round vaccinations; 25 black heifers, 650#s, homeraised, weaned 160 days, vaccinated; 64 steers, 550-650, homeraised, long weaned, 2 round vaccinations; 30 black steers & heifers, 500-700, homeraised, long weaned; 30 steers & heifers, 500-650, homeraised, weaned 90 days, vaccinated, open; 62 steers, 850-900; 55 black/charX heifers, 500#s, homeraised, long weaned, vaccinated, Bar S or Green Garden sired; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.**

## SPECIAL COW SALE: TUESDAY, MARCH 19 Get Your Cattle Consigned

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