

Ag Press/Grass & Grain comes full circle entering 70th year of publication

Seventy years ago, the average price of beef cattle was \$15.60 per hundredweight. Wheat was \$2.13 a bushel, bread was 18¢ a loaf and the cost of a postage stamp was 3¢. Also seventy years ago, the first issue of a newspaper dedicated to farming and ranching landed in the mailboxes of rural boxholders in Riley County and the six surrounding counties. What began as a newsletter for the Manhattan sale barn grew into a trusted publication for agriculture producers around the state, with subscribers in surrounding states and all across the U.S., as well. Now entering its 70th year of publication, it will all come full-circle when in mid-April the *Grass & Grain* office will relocate to the space formerly occupied by Lee's Western Wear at Manhattan Commission Company.

"I'm really excited about this move," said editor and publisher Donna Sullivan. "It will put us in close proximity of so many of our readers every single week. It's also easily accessible to anyone who wants to stop in as they go by on Hwy. 24. Since the paper started there and now we are relocating our office there, it's like we are going back to our roots."

The building at 1531 Yuma in Manhattan that has housed *Grass*

& *Grain* since 1971 was sold to Derek Richards, who has plans to convert it into a premier music and event venue.

"Once the print shop was closed and the printing of *Grass & Grain* moved first to Kansas City and then to St. Joseph, the amount of space we needed was greatly reduced," Sullivan said. "While so much of the history of *Grass & Grain* is tied to this building, I believe our new location puts us in a really good position heading into the future."

Sullivan is just the fourth owner of *Grass & Grain*, having bought it in July, 2023 from Tom and Kathy Carlin. Originally owned by Albert Horling, the paper was purchased in 1958 by Dean Coughenour, who later brought Carlin in as a partner. Coughenour retired from daily operations of the paper in 1986 and later sold his remaining portion of the business to Carlin. Coughenour passed away in 2012.

Two current employees of *Grass & Grain* have each been with the paper for more than forty years, Renee Whitney and Kevin Macy. Whitney is the Women's Page editor and works closely with the many auctioneers who advertise in the paper. Macy is the office manager and proof-reader. Sandra Sinn, who now works as a part-time re-

ceptionist, was an artist with *Grass & Grain* and Ag Press from 1990-2019 and returned in 2023. Kezia Shibley has brought her artistic talent to the paper for the past eight and a half years and sales manager Briana McKay is well into her second year with the paper. Sullivan joined the staff as editor in 2010.

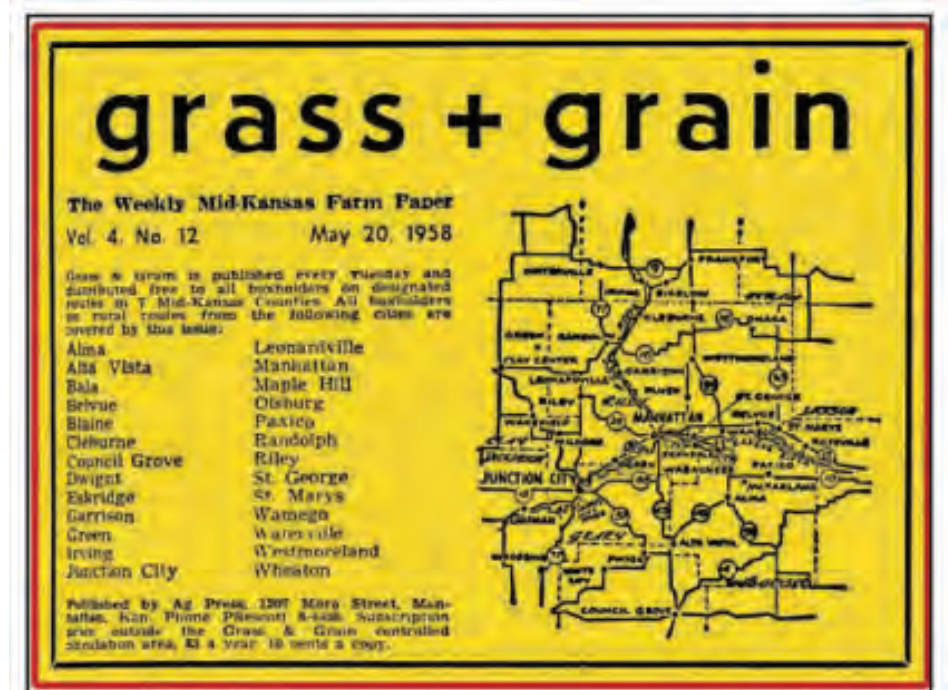
"I tell them all the time they are a small staff, but they are mighty," Sullivan said. "Each of them pours their hearts into their role every single week and are truly what makes this paper as strong as it is."

In 2021 the paper took on a new venture, the annual *Grass & Grain* Farm and Ranch Show, held each November at the National Guard Armory in Manhattan. The show has seen continued growth each year, and Sullivan expects it to keep improving into the future. "I am so grateful to all the exhibitors who took a chance on a brand-new farm show," Sullivan said. "Most of the original ones keep coming back and we continue to add new ones. I'm excited to watch it keep getting better and better as time goes on."

In the coming weeks, *Grass & Grain* will run a special half-page 70th Anniversary feature that includes past items published in the paper. Once settled in



Printing *Grass & Grain*, circa 1971. Operating the press were former Ag Press employees Larry Robinson and Mark Burkman.



Shown is the original *Grass & Grain* masthead as the paper began to grow and expand its reach.



The current *Grass & Grain* staff, shown in a Christmas photo, is made up of, from left: Briana McKay, Renee Whitney, Sandra Sinn, Kevin Macy, Kezia Shibley and Donna Sullivan.

Oil prices and inflation among key influences on fertilizer cost

By Jacob Klaudd, K-State Research and Extension news service
Kansas State University farm management Extension specialist Gregg Ibendahl says the price of oil, inflation rates and demand for fertilizer impact the price of one of the most expensive inputs in farming: fertilizer.

"When we look at the variable expenses, fertilizer is the most important one," Ibendahl said. "Farmers have got a lot of money tied up in growing a crop, especially with something like corn, or grain sorghum or wheat, where you're putting a lot of nitrogen on your product. Those crops use a lot of fertilizer, and whenever those prices go up, we

see a corresponding hit to the farmer's bottom line."

Ibendahl said oil prices play a crucial role in setting fertilizer costs.

"Oil is a big driver, so whenever we see oil prices go up, we're going to see a corresponding hit on the fertilizer side. As long as the oil prices stay in the \$70 range, I think you'll look at fertilizer prices as being steady," he said.

Like a lot of other input costs, inflation proves to be another factor affecting how much farmers pay for fertilizer.

"As long as we have inflation down to the 3-4% range, you're looking at fertilizer in the

\$800 (per ton) range as pretty realistic," Ibendahl said.

Ultimately, the availability of fertilizer can play the biggest role in determining its price. In years when producers plant more crops with high nitrogen requirements, fertilizer prices rise, Ibendahl said.

"When we see the prices for grains favoring more corn production, we're going to see a bigger hit to the farmer's bottom line because they're going to have to apply nitrogen."

Buying fertilizer during certain times of the year can create tax advantages and cost savings for producers.

"If you go back and look at what happened

a year ago, a lot of farmers tend to want to buy fertilizer in the fall because they can count that as an expense in the current year, and it can help lower things for tax purposes," he said. "A year ago, it was the case that fertilizer prices went down all winter so those farmers who bought fertilizer later in the year actually came out ahead of those folks who bought fertilizer earlier in the year."

Ibendahl forecasts a different trend in fertilizer prices during 2024 and urges producers not to follow last year's buying pattern.

"I don't think that's going to be the case this

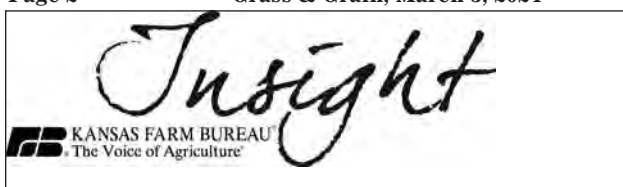
TSCRA urges donations amid devastating Texas and Oklahoma wildfires

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is urging donors to give to the TSCRA Disaster Relief Fund amid widespread wildfires impacting the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma. Donations will go on to aid victims of the ongoing natural disasters.

"A fire is one of the most tragic events that can impact ranches, and a natural disaster such as the widespread wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma can result in financial hardships and deep impacts to our ranching communities," said TSCRA president Arthur Uhl. "Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is here to help through means of financial assistance and we're encouraging those who can to donate to the TSCRA Disaster Relief Fund."

The TSCRA Disaster Relief Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides support for cattle raisers in Texas and Oklahoma who are victims of a natural disaster. All contributions to the TSCRA Disaster Relief Fund are tax-deductible.

For more information, including how to donate and how to apply for funding, visit tscra.org/disaster-relief-fund/ or contact TSCRA at 800-242-7820. Additional resources for victims impacted by these wildfires are also available tscra.org/disaster-relief-fund/.



Winter Meeting Season

By Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County
farmer and rancher

The winter months for many Kansas farmers and ranchers allows a bit of a slower pace before the spring work really begins. While there are many producers in the thick of their calving or lambing seasons as well as feeding their livestock, for my family it means a season of completing projects in the shop, conducting

maintenance on equipment that will be used in coming months and working in the office.

While there's still plenty of work to be done during these months, there's no doubt that as long as the weather cooperates, we can be a bit more flexible with our schedules. Because of this potential flexibility allowed during the winter months, for many involved in agriculture

it also means meeting season.

Compared to other times during the year, the winter months present many opportunities for producers to come together at a variety of in-person meetings and workshops. Though meetings also happen throughout the year – mostly by Zoom or webinars – the winter months are generally when the big get-togethers within agriculture take place.

Commodity-specific learning opportunities and conferences, annual meetings for state and national organizations, insurance or seed focused luncheons, re-

search and Extension workshops, as well as national trade shows and conventions are just a few of the many opportunities available for professional development, policymaking and networking for producers during the winter months.

Some of the largest conventions and trade shows pique the interest of many because the locations are generally in warmer and sunnier areas of the country.

In fact, many farm families plan their vacations around these industry-focused events. For many, aside from the business that needs to be conducted, these

events offer attendees options to participate in guided tours or experiences beyond the meetings and learning sessions. Add in the opportunity for the kids to enjoy some outdoor pool time or walking the floor of a trade show, and attending a winter event can easily become a highly anticipated family trip.

While it'd make more sense for us to take our family vacations when the kids are out of school in the summer months, that's just not a reality for us and many others involved in production agriculture.

If we take a family vacation during the

summer months, it's generally a last-minute, fly-by-the-seat-of-our-pants kind of trip only following a good rain. However, in the winter months, the odds of planning in advance and preparing for a multi-day trip off the farm are much, much better – thanks in large part to agriculture's winter meeting season.

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2023 and 2024 ARC and PLC outlook predicts minimal payments

By Luke Byers, crop
production agent, River
Valley Extension
District

The deadline to enroll your land in either the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) or Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC-CO) is approaching. All new enrollments, renewals, or election changes to ARC-CO/PLC are due March 15th, 2024, for the 2024 crop year. K-State Research and Extension recently released reference price and payment estimates for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 crop years. Several of the estimates highlighted here may be useful in helping you make ARC-CO and PLC election decisions.

ARC-CO/PLC payments are distributed after the close of a crop's marketing year, not after the crop year. This means that crops harvested in the fall

of 2023 are given until September 30th, 2024 to be marketed before the Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes payments against that crop.

ARC-CO/PLC payments are delayed a year because FSA uses the crop's marketing year's price data to calculate the Marketing Year Average (MYA) price. The 2023-24 marketing year for corn, soybeans, and milo runs from September 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2024. Winter wheat follows a different schedule; its 2023-24 marketing year runs from June 1st, 2023 to May 31st, 2024. For the wheat crop planted last fall, the marketing year is June 1st, 2024 to May 31st, 2025. It is important to remember that the March 15th deadline for ARC-CO/PLC elections is for the 2024 crop. Payments will not be made until 2025,

based on MYA prices from September 1st, 2024 to August 31st, 2025 (or June 1st, 2024 to May 31st, 2025 for wheat).

K-State Research and Extension's (KSRE) outlook on ARC-CO/PLC payments for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 crop years does not predict high payouts for participants in either program, if any. It is almost certain that PLC will not issue any payments for the 2023 crop in 2024. KSRE predicts final MYA prices to be as follows:

- Wheat: \$7.11/bu.
- Corn: \$4.73/bu.
- Milo: \$4.91/bu.
- Soybeans: \$12.62/bu.

Although these final MYA price predictions are anywhere from \$0.72/bu. - \$2.12/bu. below KSRE projections from last year, they are still well above existing PLC reference prices, which are as fol-

lows:

- Wheat: \$5.50/bu.
- Corn: \$4.01/bu.
- Milo: \$4.06/bu.
- Soybeans: \$9.26/bu.

This year is unique because the effective reference prices for corn, milo, and soybeans are above statutory reference prices (\$3.70, \$3.95, and \$8.40, respectively) because recent years of high prices are now being factored into five-year Olympic Average (OA) prices, which determines effective reference prices. These increases are still well below MYA price projections, though.

Final MYA prices for each commodity would need to drop below reference prices for PLC payments to be triggered.

KSRE also predicts that ARC-CO will likely not issue any payments to farmers in the River Valley District either. To review, ARC-CO payments are calculated by

a comparison of county Actual Revenue and county Benchmark Revenue. Actual Revenue is calculated as MYA price times MYA Yield. 5-Year OA Price and OA Yield, which drop the highest and lowest values of each variable, are used to calculate Benchmark Revenue, against which Actual Revenue is measured. However, ARC-CO rules stipulate that the level of per acre revenue that an enrollee is guaranteed cannot be above 86% of the Benchmark Revenue (i.e., Guaranteed Revenue); also, the Maximum Allowable Amount that ARC-CO can pay producers is 10% of the Benchmark Revenue value.

The amount that ARC-CO actually pays out is the smaller of two options: (1) the difference between Guaranteed Revenue and Actual Revenue [86% * Benchmark Revenue - (MYA Price * MYA Yield)], OR (2)

the Maximum Allowable Amount [10% * Benchmark Revenue]. But prices have been so much higher than reference prices lately that yields would have to dramatically decline before any payments are issued. Nevertheless, ARC-CO payments were made for Cloud County's soybean base acres in October 2023 despite high MYA prices because MYA yields in 2022 were 27 bushels below benchmark yields. Based on the USDA Risk Management Agency's (RMA) current projections of 2023 yields, however, ARC-CO payments are much less likely to occur this fall.

The 2024 crop year is already under way for wheat and will begin soon for corn, soybeans, and milo, but the finalized MYA prices for each commodity will not be posted until well into 2025. Unless commodity prices dramatically plummet between now and the end of the 2024-25 marketing year, PLC is unlikely to issue any payments for the 2023 crop year.

Also remember that a new Farm Bill is scheduled to be negotiated and proposed this year, as the 1-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill is set to expire on September 30th, 2024. A new Farm Bill will provide new guidance on future elections of PLC and ARC-CO in 2025 and beyond. If you have any questions about the PLC or ARC-CO programs, please contact Luke Byers, River Valley District Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, at (785) 632-5335, or by email at lsbyers@ksu.edu.



By Tatum Brunkow

As some of you may have noticed I did not get a column written for my dad in January while he and my mom attended the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah and I played Glenn Brunkow for a week. Story short, things did not go according to plan. It felt as if while my parents were gone everything went wrong. Now before I get into the complaining part, I do want to thank all of those who did help me that week (friends and family are incredibly important).

It was bitter cold when they left which made me nervous with lambing. I was going out way more than usual to try and bring in lambing ewes or newly born lambs before the cold crept into their bones. I was getting up at 5 a.m. and going out at 9:30 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. every day along with other multiple checks. I know that most of you are thinking "I do that all the time, not sure why she is complaining," and I'm not complaining, it was just not my typical schedule and gave me more anxiety than usual. There were several instances where when I did these early mornings and late-night checks I was slipping on ice or struggling to get the new mom to follow me and her lambs to the barn or even struggling to keep the lambs warm.

Along with the issues of lambing season, we had the fall cows not respecting the electric fence, a new bottle lamb, an injured lamb, and a feral cat attacking the chickens (if you know me at all, you know I did not handle the chicken situation well). Needless to say, I was feeling very overwhelmed with taking care of the livestock and juggling my professional roles of graduate school and a new part-time internship. In the past when I did chores during the AFBF Annual Convention everything seemed to go well with very minimal issues, but not this year.

I am wrapping up my time at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln working on my master's degree in agricultural economics with a strong focus on agricultural policy and farm programs. While

doing research and writing my thesis I am continuously reminded that the farm bill is written for the bad times. The farm bill is not written for when times are good, because the focus and one of the main goals of the bill is to help producers in times when things are not going well, whether that be the markets, weather, or any other ad hoc situations. Producers know that with the good years, there will be bad years and times when you question why you chose this line of work. I do not want to make this weekly column about politics and the reason why we have not had a farm bill written or even really worked on, because that is a whole different discussion, but it has made me step back and take a look at the bigger picture in life.

Most of you know based on a few of my previous columns that I am interested in working in the agricultural policy realm. While I do not have intentions to come back to the farm right now or probably ever to farm full-time, I am interested in supporting and playing a role in my family operation as long as I live, and I want to dedicate my life to advocating for the hardworking farmers and ranchers in this country. Producers face ups and downs all the time but continuously work hard to produce fuel, fiber, and food, and should have the support and a voice in policymaking, which is what I want to dedicate my career to.

While my issues playing Glenn Brunkow for a week might seem minor to some, I'm pretty sure it took years off my life. The point I am trying to make is that producers have good times much like the years that I looked over the operation for my parents and never had any issues, but there are times when nothing seems to be going right. I commend each one of you readers who spend your life growing crops and raising livestock, and while I know things may go haywire, just know that what you do is so incredibly important. Now as my parents are gone again for another Farm Bureau event, I will try my best for a few days to hold things down.



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year. I don't think waiting and buying fertilizer this spring will allow much saving because fertilizer has been rising a good portion of the winter," Ibendahl said.

"I think fertilizer tends to be steady

during the year. I don't see a lot of downside potential in the fertilizer market based on the fertilizer price and inflation price. I don't see fertilizer prices going lower; I think the risk of things going higher is a bigger risk to pro-

ducers."

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RECREATIONAL: Slide-in PU camper; small pull-type camper; camper jacks; paddle boat.

TRAILERS: 20' S&L gooseneck stock trailer (1999); 1987 48' van trailer w/(2) 2500 gal. tanks plumbed; small utility trailer; 4x8' 2-wheel trailer; 150 bu. gravity bed gooseneck trailer; 500 gal. SS water tank on trailer; 20' PJ gooseneck tandem trailer; 6 bale hay trailer; 250 bu. gravity wagon.

TOOLS: Hot water parts washer; chop saw; miter saw; tig welder; 180 amp welder; Ridgid pipe threader; drill dress; coolant flush machine; air tools; cordless tools; hand tools; hydraulic drive air compressor.

LAWN & GARDEN EQUIP.: Dixon Ram ZTR 27 hp 50" deck 0-tum mower.

HOUSEHOLD: Furniture.

MISC.: CC machine (computer router) w/5x3' table; tan Army military tent, 36x18'; corral pipe; 2 chain saws; post hole digger; skid steer steel tracks; hamster cages; pallet of lathe; calf puller; 3 pt. hitch for M Farmall; large stainless steel sink; interior & closed doors; 12" grain bin fan; Blackstone griddle, propane;

Weber propane grill; small commercial propane grill; 11-24 low profile truck tires & wheels; bumper shock hitch; pickup stock racks; fish bait refrigerator; JD 15 K 120-240 V generator w/trailer; sump pump; air blowers; air compressors; gas fireplace insert; security lights; (4) LT245-75R16 tires; 1500 gal. horizontal tank w/plumbing chemical inductor; 2 vertical 1500 gal. water tanks w/plumbing; circular saw blade sharpener; cordless Ryobi tools; chimney cleaning rods & brushes; angle grinder; drywall hanger w/ extensions; shallow well pump & tank; router & table; ventless propane heater; roasting pans; hedge posts; snow blower; 25 hp Onan gas engine; small kids bikes; 32 JD planter disc openers; NordicTrack treadmill track; fans; Stihl chain saw; 1-man post hole digger, 2" & 6" bits; 6' dog pen; pull type lawn fertilizer spreader; Trek road bicycle; electric log splitters; Schumacher battery jump pack; sewing equipment fabric cutter & dies; (4) 18" tires; Antique leather sewing machine; Coke machine shell; 24" auger bit.

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Oscar Anderson, Council Grove, flashed a smile as he waited for an elevator employee to set the scales on a load of wheat he brought into a G&G area elevator last week. Anderson claimed his crop was making about 50 bushels per acre and was testing about 65 pounds a bushel.

Our Daily Bread

By G&G Area Cooks

Ireta Schwant, Blaine, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest & Prize Winner Ireta Schwant, Blaine:

PICKLED EGGS

- 12 hard-boiled eggs
- 1 quart apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Remove egg shells. Boil vinegar and add seasonings. Pour into glass jar. Drop in eggs. Cover and let stand at least 10 days before serving.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

- ### BROCCOLI POTATO TOPPER
- 1 can Cheddar cheese soup
 - 4 hot baked potatoes, split
 - 1 cup cooked broccoli florets

Bake the potatoes. Warm the soup and mix in the broccoli florets. Spoon over the baked potatoes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the following:

- ### ONION BURGERS
- 1 pound ground beef
 - 1 can onion soup
 - 4 slices Swiss cheese

Shape beef into 4 patties. Fry the patties. Remove from skillet. Pour off fat. Stir soup into the skillet and heat to boil. Reduce to low. Return burgers to skillet and cook until heated through. Place slice Swiss cheese on top to melt. Place in a bun.

Kellee George, Shawnee:

- ### CORN & BLACK-EYED PEA SALAD

- 16-ounce package frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
- 15 ounces black-eyed peas, rinsed & drained
- 1 large green pepper, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 16-ounce jar chunky salsa

Combine all ingredients together. Cover and refrigerate for at least 6 hours.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:

- ### CROCK-POT MAC & CHEESE
- 16 ounces uncooked elbow macaroni
 - 3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 - 2 1/2 cups milk
 - 12-ounce can evaporated milk

Place all ingredients in crock-pot and set on low. Cook about 3 hours. Stir together.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

- ### PICANTE

SKILLET CHICKEN

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 1/2 pounds skinless boneless chicken breast halves
- 16-ounce jar picante sauce
- 6 cups hot rice

Heat oil in skillet. Add the chicken and cook for 10 minutes or until well-browned on each side. Add picante sauce and heat to boil. Reduce to medium heat, cover and cook until chicken is cooked through. Serve on rice.

OATMEAL MUFFINS



A recipe the whole team will LOVE. Our Saturdays in the Spring are spent at the gym or dance competitions. To keep young athletes fueled, I love to make a batch of these muffins!

- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

Place oats and milk in a bowl and let set for 15 minutes. In a separate bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. To oatmeal add egg, brown sugar and oil and mix until combined. Add in the dry ingredients and stir until just combined. Fill a greased muffin tin 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 14 minutes.

For more healthy tips and recipes, go to: FOOD.UNLE.DU

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K-State Food Scientist Urges Families To Share The Baking Fun

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

MANHATTAN – While outdoor activities for the family can be limited in the winter months, baking is not one of those. February was Bake for Family Fun Month, promoted by the Home Baking Association.

“Each week, they developed baking activities, recipes and opportunities to get the family together to bake. This can be a multi-generational activity with tasty treats to share,” said Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

The Home Baking Association has resources, recipes and activities to help families start in the kitchen. Week one focused on the basics of baking and provided tips for those starting in the kitchen and featured videos and lessons for teaching kids to bake.

“Baking is a great way to teach basic food safety practices that can apply to all food preparation,” Blakeslee said. “Parents can be teachers to show the importance of hand washing, cleaning equipment, appliances and baking surfaces often, checking for doneness of foods with a food thermometer and more.”

Week two celebrated Valentine's Day and featured resources to bake for your loved ones. Week three was designed to build family baking traditions and learn about baking history.

Week four encouraged positive connection by baking for others, featuring unique recipes and guides for allergies and other special food needs when baking. “Give baked goods to other family members, neighbors or teachers as a tasty way to keep in touch with family and neighbors or thank a teacher,” Blakeslee said.

When preparing food, one common food safety issue is sampling raw dough or batter. There have been several foodborne illness outbreaks traced to consuming raw dough or batter, Blakeslee warned.

She reminds bakers that all flour is raw, just like eggs, so it is important to cook or bake dough or batter first before eating.

“Always wash your hands, utensils and surfaces after mixing and handling raw batter and dough,” she adds.

Blakeslee suggests adding fun to the kitchen by wearing a fun apron or matching aprons; having a cookie decorating competition; testing kids' math skills by reading a recipe and determine what tool should be used to measure ingredients; or having a theme or special event to bake tasty treats.

More information, recipes and resources can be found on the Home Baking

Association website.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for Food Science, publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on food safety. More information is also available from local Extension offices in Kansas.

Links used in this story: Home Baking Association, <https://www.homebaking.org/bake-for-family-fun/>

Rapid Response Center, <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu>

You Asked It! newsletter, <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/newsletter>

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— by G&G Area Cooks

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- 1 cup soft butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup warm water

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. Sift together the flour, baking soda, salt and cocoa; add alternately with buttermilk to the creamed mixture. Stir in vanilla and warm water. Pour batter into a lightly greased and floured 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350-degrees) about 45 minutes, or until the cake tests done. Cool cake on rack. Frost with Chocolate Fudge Frosting or your favorite chocolate frosting.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE FROSTING

- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine chocolate, sugar, corn syrup, salt and milk in a medium saucepan. Cook over low heat; stir until the sugar dissolves and the chocolate melts. Bring to the boiling point over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low and simmer, without stirring, to the soft ball state (234 degrees). If you test for doneness by dropping mixture into cold water, remove saucepan from heat to avoid overcooking. Remove from heat; add butter without stirring and cool until lukewarm. Add vanilla and beat with spoon or electric mixer at medium speed until frosting gets creamy.

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Are You Thinking About Tomatoes Yet? Expert Gets You Ready For Planting

K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN – It's still nearly three months before Kansas gardeners begin to put tomato plants into the ground. Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini says that's an opportunity for gardeners to set themselves up for a bountiful season.

"Most of the varieties available to home gardeners are indeterminate," Domenghini said.

Indeterminate plants are traditional tomatoes that never stop growing. They are capable of producing fruit throughout the season unless disease stops production or frost kills the plant.

Domenghini said gardeners will benefit from choosing tomato varieties with strong disease resistance characteristics.

"Gardeners with limited space will likely prefer indeterminate or determinate types to stretch out the harvest season," Domenghini said. "If there is space, you may want to grow a combination of all three, with the determinates used to produce a large harvest for canning or tomato juice, and the remainder for fresh eating."

In Kansas, tomatoes are generally planted in early- to mid-May, or

when daytime temperatures are above 70 degrees Fahrenheit and the state has passed the frost-free date. In some areas, such as the northwest part of the state, conditions might not be right for planting tomatoes until the middle of May or a bit later, according to Domenghini.

Even though indeterminate varieties produce fruit throughout the season, "our hot Kansas summers often cause a dry spell in production," Domenghini said.

Tomatoes are less likely to set fruit when night temperatures remain above 75 F and day temperatures are above 95 F. Hot, dry winds make the situation worse, Domenghini said.

Tomato trials

Each year, Kansas Master Gardeners plant and rate a number of tomato varieties. Domenghini noted that a subsequent trial is conducted by a colleague with the University of Missouri extension service.

Results of trials conducted by Kansas' Master Gardeners vary by county. Interested persons are encouraged to contact their local extension office for more information on varieties that perform well in their area.

Domenghini said the

University of Missouri trials also give valuable information on varieties that perform well in this region. The data from Missouri's extension service showed that the top 10 varieties (based on pounds of fruit harvested per plant) are:

- * Amish Paste.
- * Beefmaster.
- * Beefsteak.
- * Big Beef.
- * Celebrity.
- * Chef's Choice.
- * Early Girl.
- * Florida 91.
- * Jet Star.
- * Summer Pick.

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, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

Links used in this story: <https://hmr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/newsletters/index.html>

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Prairie Gal Cookin'

Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

Teacups And Daffodils

By Ashleigh Krispense

Just yesterday, it was borderline too hot to work outside in a sweatshirt. By later evening, it was as though someone had flipped a switch and winter had roared back onto the scene. Lilac bushes around here were tricked into sending out little signs of life and we'll have to wait and see what happens if they try to bloom later this spring.

While some of us are beginning to get the itch to go work outside in the dirt, we have a little more winter to endure yet. Yesterday afternoon, the perfect way to help bring forth inspiration for our new flower beds came about in the form of a ladies tea party. It was complete with a beautifully decorated table, peach punch tea, homemade herb bread and a poke cake, loaded with generous amounts of homemade whipped topping and garnished with real flowers.

After we visited and ate, there was a special presentation on various flowers and shrubs that could be enjoyed in my future flower beds. From salvia, Russian sage, catmint, bee balm, lamium, Jacob's ladder, plumbago, and hardy hibiscus, to shrubs such as bluebeard and sweetshrub — my list of potential plants grew longer and longer.

At the end of our time, party favors in

the form of daffodils just beginning to pop up in small clay pots were passed around to each of the ladies. My suggestion? When given the chance to dress up and join with the special girls in your life for an afternoon tea — Do it!

If you find yourself sitting next to the window right now, just anxiously awaiting the first chance to go plant some seeds or arrange a flower pot, consider researching some new plant varieties to add into the mix this year! I myself love a variety of bright purple flowers with some pink or yellow mixed in and plenty of lush, green foliage (check out the plumbago, or, one of my sister-in-law's new favorites is a soft orange and pink Agastache).

There are lots of other ways to add something new to your gardens. From roughly-made wood fences or trellises with climbing roses or honeysuckle throughout to wheelbarrows spilling over with tiny varieties of sedum or a bucket of petunias — there are so many great ideas you can find out there to inspire you in your own garden.

If you prefer a more rustic, country look, I like to find iron wagon wheels and metal stars to put around my house. An old cistern even sits



in our front yard, doing nothing but offering a little interest and a possible conversation piece. Not far away, a concrete birdbath from my great-grandma is nestled in between two bushes, where next to it a small, fawn statue used to sit.

In the past, I enlisted help from a couple of my siblings and we built rock flower beds around two of the trees in the front yard. While they will offer another area to weed (what flower bed doesn't, unless you find a good way to block the wee, green beasties from coming up), it can be an inexpensive way to create borders or beds using native rock that you gather from a nearby pasture. I've even seen someone outline their entire vegetable garden in rock!

This next year should be interesting to see how new projects and plans turn out. I'll plan to update you if things go well! If you ever want to reach out and send me pictures of your own projects, feel free to email me at contact@prairiegalcookin.com.

Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website, Prairie Gal Cookin' (www.prairiegalcookin.com), where she's shared step-by-step recipes and stories from around the farm in Kansas.

Makers Fair To Be Held In Parsons On March 16

K-State Research and Extension announces the Maker's Fair and Open House for Saturday, March 16 at the K-State Research and Extension Southeast Center in Parsons from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This free event features unique vendor booths, a small petting zoo, activities for kids, a 4-H Project Showcase and demonstrations ranging from cooking and plants to animal care.

"The Maker's Fair brings together people of all ages for hands-on learning and creative thinking. Our vendors this year will all be area craftsmen who will showcase how their products are made," said James Coover, K-State Research and Extension agent.

Partner organizations such as Kansas Wildlife and Parks and local conservation districts will also showcase their programs at the event. Aunt Julie's Donuts and Genelle's Kettle Corn will be on-site to provide concessions. This event is in partnership with the City of Parsons and happens before the annual St. Patrick's Day parade downtown at 1 p.m.

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the event.

"We are looking for vendors and displays that share our value for education and want to help teach and explain how the product is created," said Frances Graves, K-State Research and Extension Director for the Wildcat District. "Items do not need to be made on site, but examples of production steps are required."

The vendor application can be found by visiting: [http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/makersfairandopen-](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/makersfairandopenhouse/vendorform.pdf)

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The K-State Research and Extension Southeast Center is located at 25092 Ness Road in Parsons.

For more information on the event, visit the event Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMakersFairandOpenHouse>, visit our website at <https://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu/makersfairandopenhouse>, or contact Julie Smith by phone at 620-784-5337 or by email at juliesmith@ksu.edu.

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State wheat experts to outline best practices for growing wheat in Kansas

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news
Wheat growers in Kansas, take notice: The doctor is in.
K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Wheat are host-

ing a pair of meetings in Dodge City (March 7) and Wichita (March 8) to share what those organizations term “a prescription for producing high-yielding and high-quality wheat in a sustainable man-

ner.”
The meetings – called Kansas Wheat Rx – combine suggested management practices for the economical and sustainable production of high-quality winter wheat in Kansas. The

information is based on research conducted at Kansas State University and funded – at least in part – by Kansas Wheat, a cooperative agreement between the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

The Dodge City meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Depot Theater, 201 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd. The Wichita meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel at the Airport, 2098 Airport Road.

Registration is available free to members of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. The registration fee for non-members is \$110, which includes membership to KAWG.

The lineup of wheat experts includes K-State faculty members Romulo Lollato, Carlos Bonini Pires, Kelsey Andersen Onfore, Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, Dan O'Brien and Gregg Ibendahl, as well Carlos Bonini Pires and Logan Simon.

Among numerous topics, they will discuss:

- Cover crops and soil health.
 - The benefit of wheat to cropping systems.
 - Soil fertility.
 - Important wheat diseases and fungicides.
 - The economics of wheat production.
- The full agenda is available online.
“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 the genetic potential of new varieties and best management practices,” said Aaron Harries, vice president of research and operations for Kansas Wheat.”

Kansas Wheat has funded much of the research conducted at K-State, “from the importance of variety selection to the practices and tools farmers can use to improve quality,” according to Harries.

Much of the university’s wheat research is available in numerous publications available online. More information is also available at local Extension offices in Kansas.

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I am trying to focus on fun and interesting things -- judging History Day documentary entries at Friends University last week with Martha Ferrell (Ken Spurgeon invited us), and the upcoming symposium at the Fort Wallace Museum (March 16 - be there!) and the classes I am teaching for Osher at KU. But my Facebook feed and messages keep lighting up with reports of the wildfires in the Panhandle.

The same highway that passes a mile from my house, U.S. 83, leads through Oklahoma and Texas. Pictures from Canadian, Texas, are devastating. The iconic dinosaur overlooking the highway from its perch atop the bluffs was always a fun, joyful image on the horizon. Today, it is obscured by

smoke. One of my dear friends has a ranch nearby and the winds shifted and destroyed it - cattle, horses, buildings - you get the picture. It was a huge operation and they had thought it was safe, that the fire was passing them by, until like a beast, the fire turned. There are so many left devastated and

there will be so much need in the coming days and weeks. Our hearts go out to our neighbors no matter where they are - here in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska -- the dry conditions and high winds are a challenge for everyone.

Take care of each other.

So, let us end on a high note with Stupid Words from Andy Obermueller:

ASSUME/PRESUME
To assume is "to guess, to take a flier without any evidence."

Presume is more than just a gut feeling, it indicates the presence of some evidence.

When Stanley famously greeted Livingstone on Nov. 11, 1871,

he had more than a passing fancy of whom he'd just found. Livingstone was, after all, a celebrated Victorian figure, a polymath, a self-made gentleman explorer and the most famous missionary in African history. The New York Herald sent Stanley to Africa in 1869 to find Livingstone, who'd been missing for six years. Livingstone was the only other white man within at least a hundred miles. He died a few years later. His African friends, in keeping with their custom, buried his heart under a tree and sent his body back to England, where it was interred in Westminster Abbey. We may assume

he had a good trip.

For more Stupid Words, visit andyobermueller.substack.com/p/stupid-words.

Speaking of that intrepid reporter, Stanley, he had some interesting tales of his time in Kansas. Perhaps a bear hug from the Kiowa chief, Satanta, at the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty, would even rank right up there with finding Livingstone. I presume it would.

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The Fightin' Bob (Pt. 3)

Mog-Mog was a small atoll in Ulithi which was known by most of the sailors in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Basically, it was just a beach with palm trees where you could get your feet in the sand, play volleyball or baseball, get your mail, and drink your ration of

two cans of warm beer. Mog-Mog was known for the warmest beer in the Pacific. But the crews appreciated the chance for some R&R even if on a desert island!

Stan admitted there was a lot of boring time aboard ship. A destroyer cannot carry a large supply of fuel,

so these small fighting vessels depended on larger ships to transfer fuel from in order to maintain a ready status. Occasionally, when moored to a cruiser or battleship taking on fuel and fresh water, they may even be able to get a few gallons of ice cream to split among the crew. "There was definitely an advantage to being on a destroyer," Stanhope said. "The uniform code was all but thrown overboard. Enlisted guys were hardly ever in uniform when we were out. Most of us wore dungarees (blue jeans) and t-shirts. Some even cut those legs off for shorts. Several of the men let their beards grow."

During one of these moorings with a cruiser, which incidentally enforced the uniform code with much rigor, Stan decided he would go aboard the bigger ship to have a look around and maybe find some ice cream. Walking up the gang plank, he saluted the receiv-

ing officer on deck and said, "Permission to come aboard, sir?"

That officer slowly looked him over head to toe. No head cover, a dirty t-shirt, cutoff dungarees, and sneakers. "Son, are you in my Navy? I wouldn't let you aboard my ship looking like that to swab my deck!"

"Sir, thank you, sir!" replied Stanley, as he was still holding his salute, released it, spun an about face and marched back down the plank back to his own ship. "We were a hell of a good crew, but we didn't look too spiffy," he laughed.

Iwo Jima is a volcanic island about halfway between Guam and Japan. The American brass determined that its three air fields would be a strategic asset and allow our bombers to more easily attack the Japanese mainland. Mt. Suribachi was famously marked in the American psyche when an AP correspondent snapped the iconic

photo that was featured in *Life* magazine, after five days of fighting. The battle would rage on for weeks after that initial flag-raising, as the dug-in Japanese defenders refused to give up.

The Navy gunships would provide support for the Marines, landing on the black sand beaches under heavy resistance. Four battleships had been pounding the island constantly for days by the time Stan's ship, the USS Evans, arrived with the task force that brought the 40,000-strong Marine landing force, and was one of those ships that pulled into position and fired almost 2000 rounds of five-inch ordnance on board in support of one of the toughest battles the USMC has ever engaged. The Evans' gun crews provided pinpoint accuracy as they dropped "artillery" fire just two hundred yards in front of our Marines during a counter-offensive mounted by the island's defenders. The ship's captain had the communications officer pipe the radio chatter from the Marine on shore who was calling the shots. Code name "Popcorn," the crew

of the Evans were inspired by that radio-man, and in spite of being at battle stations for 18 hours, the ship's morale was high.

After they pulled off the firing line, magazines emptied, the Evans crew somberly watched the landing crafts loaded with young, ghostly looking Marines as they passed the support ships on their way into the fiery hell that awaited them. Over the next five weeks, Iwo cost the lives of 7,000 U.S. Marines and wounded 18,000 more.

As Stanley described the scene looking into the faces of those men in the Higgins boats, he desperately choked down emotions that I only saw surface twice in the nearly 30 years I knew him. When he did it on camera, he scrambled to get away from it.

The other time I saw those tears come, he didn't try to hide it. It was just a couple months before he passed on. The scene he described was from the fight of his life.

Okinawa. (To be continued).

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Kelly shares common ground; middle of the road message

By Lucas Shivers

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly shared on creating common ground at the Landon Lecture at the K-State Student Union on February 16. Kelly took questions and selfie pictures with students before a crowd of several hundred students and guests.

"The middle of the road can be the path most traveled," Kelly said. "Let's ensure that cooler heads prevail and that compromise is always a possibility."

The lecture series is attributed to Alfred M. Landon, who served as governor of Kansas from 1933-1937 and delivered the first lecture.

"Today, Kelly's lecture will focus on ways we can create a culture that contributes to bettering our people, places and planet. It truly could not be a more perfect time to have the governor join us and share her insights," said Richard and Sally Linton, president and first spouse of KSU.

As the four-term state senator and current 48th governor of Kansas, Kelly has dedicated her career to advocating for children and families.

"I am humbled today to join the ranks of the esteemed public servants who have participated in this series over the years," Kelly said. "I'm honored to be their first sitting Kansas governor to present a lecture since Landon himself did so in 1966."

In her second and final term as governor, Kelly continues her efforts to make Kansas the premier place in the country to raise a family. Her focus includes expanding accessible healthcare, supporting food access and ensuring prosperity reaches every corner of the state.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Alf's daughter, Nancy Landon Kassebaum, who dedicated her career to serving the people of Kansas and who has been a wonderful model for me and for so many others," Kelly said. "She became the first woman to represent Kansas when she was elected in 1978 and the first woman ever to be elected whose husband had not previously served in government."

Staying Open to Compromise
Sharing how to dig our way back to a healthier society, Kelly first ran for office 20 years ago.

"Our politics today are tearing apart our friendships, our families, our communities and our nation," Kelly said. "Yet people with different beliefs can still come together to find shared values."

Kelly commented that she ran on issues for Kansas like dealing



Governor Laura Kelly spoke on the topic of finding common ground at the Landon Lecture at Kansas State University on February 16. She is pictured above with KSU president Richard Linton.

with balancing the budget, education, tax cuts and fixing the foster care system.

"Now you see campaigns for state representatives and city council being focused on the same issues you see on the national stage, issues that have little or nothing to do with the constituents they'll actually be serving."

All Politics is Local
The nationalizing of local politics has real and serious consequences.

"Voters don't hear healthy, spirited debates about the issues," she said. "Candidates aren't taking positions on these local issues. Voters are unable to hold those officials accountable and their campaigns become void. Rather than policy and substance, the only thing that voters can choose on is party

and ideology."

She shared examples and options to expand Medicaid in Kansas that could lower health care costs and save rural health care facilities.

"It's an example of how polarization is crushing our ability to get things done," she said.

As a result, many elected officials refused to even discuss, much less find solutions, to many of the key issues that really matter locally.

"The inability or unwillingness to discuss consensus to find common ground prevents progress on just about everything, like Medicaid expansion, but also our jobs, education, childcare and mental health."

Working together, Kelly shared pathways to fully funded education for five years, elim-

inated the state sales tax on food and balanced the budget year after year.

Polar Opposites
Kelly encouraged everyone to find common ground in the center.

"In today's world, it's easier than ever for Americans to live in their own bubble," she said. "That bubble of agreement people may have created for themselves can be comfortable. But it's not healthy."

First, Kelly said people have to admit a problem and recognize that we may live in a bubble. Then, seek ways to engage with

people who live outside of the bubble.

"We need more discourse in our schools, communities and certainly in government. Make it a point to understand where others are coming from and how their life experiences influence their world views."

Finally, she encouraged everyone to bring civility back.

Volunteer together at church activities, visit a Senior Center or do whatever we can to get back to a place where people can disagree about politics but still engage in community service and civic life together."

Middle of the Road
Kelly focused on a middle of the road message.

"I want to lift up candidates from both sides

of the political aisle who are willing to put common-sense solutions above anything else," she said.

She encouraged the audience to be open to new perspectives.

"Stay open to people who grew up differently than you did to keep changing your mind," Kelly said. "It makes you thoughtful and reasonable."

The responsibility to improve political discourse rests with everyone.

"It starts with how you interact and continue your life every day," she concluded. "New issues are arising that will confront your generation like issues about technology, America's place in the world and what democracy will look like right here at home."

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Elevated wheat streak mosaic virus risk for 2024 crop

By Luke Byers, Crop Production agent, River Valley Extension District

For the past several years, there has not been much positive to say about Kansas winter wheat production, especially in the central corridor of the state. Kansas' midsection has endured three consecutive years of overwinter drought, accompanied by poor subsoil moisture at establishment and adverse conditions at heading and grain filling. However, one bright spot to the parched circumstances of our state's

flagship crop has been minimal disease pressure.

Compared to the past few years, 2024's winter wheat crop has shown strong potential to be a turn for the better, and recent snows and rains have aided that. However, the conditions observed throughout the state in wheat's growing season thus far bode ominous indications of potential disease stress due to wheat streak mosaic.

The wheat streak mosaic virus is vectored by the wheat curl mite, and several factors are present in wheat this

year that may contribute to accelerated curl mite reproduction. North-central Kansas experienced an autumn three to four degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the climatological average, and warmer temperatures persisted until the turn of the calendar year. The winter thus far in the region has also brought 1.5-2 inches of (liquid equivalent) precipitation above average, providing suitable time and conditions for curl mite populations to distribute the virus into wheat fields across the state.

Furthermore, fields in three counties (Russell, Ellis, Barton), have already had confirmed cases of wheat streak mosaic this year. The last time Kansas recorded as many cases of wheat streak mosaic this early in the year was in 2017, which was a particularly bad year for the virus. By season's end in 2017, 361 cases of wheat streak mosaic were detected in 52 counties, resulting

in a statewide yield loss of 5.6%. By comparison, there were only 38 detections in 13 counties in 2023, nearly tenfold fewer than in 2017.

Of course, an analog year of data does not necessarily confirm that wheat streak mo-

Kansas Grain Sorghum selects fifth Collegiate Policy Fellow

Caroline Wingert, a junior studying agricultural economics with a pre-veterinary specialty at Kansas State University, has been selected as Kansas Grain Sorghum's 2024 Collegiate Food and Ag Policy Fellow. "We are thrilled to have Caroline join our team this year. During her time on staff, she will be working among a grassroots network of producers as well as industry stakeholders and policymakers to apply classroom learning with real-world experiences," said Adam York, Kansas Grain Sorghum CEO. "We know Caroline will continue to raise the bar for this exciting program." The



Kansas Grain Sorghum Collegiate Fellowship program, in partnership with the Flinchbaugh Food and Ag Policy Fellowship program at Kansas State University, provides students with a unique opportunity to learn more about agricultural policy and market development through efforts on behalf of Kansas Grain Sorghum and the National Sorghum Producers (NSP). "Caroline has a strong background in agriculture and is going to make a wonderful addition to the already great teamworking on behalf of farmers in Kansas," said Greg Ruehle, executive director of National Sorghum Producers. "We look forward to work-

ing with Caroline and continuing our partnership to build the next generation of sorghum leaders alongside Kansas Sorghum." Originally from Ottawa, Wingert grew up raising and exhibiting purebred Hereford and Angus cattle through her local 4-H and FFA programs. As a third-generation K-State student with a passion for agriculture, Wingert knew she wanted to turn her lifelong passion into a career. Upon her arrival on campus, Wingert has been involved in student organizations and leadership positions, including serving as president of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, and is active on the executive board of the College of Agriculture's student council. "I am looking forward to expanding my knowledge of the agriculture industry through the Flinchbaugh Food and Ag Policy Fellowship program, as well as having the opportunity to work more closely with the sorghum industry in Kansas," said Wingert.

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OPTION 2: This is Option 1 INCLUDING the furnishings and equipment for the restaurant. (See list below)

OPTION 3: (3350 sq ft building space-215 Main St.) With new ownership and creativity this property could be a great location for a small business. While managing your business take advantage of the spacious upstairs apartment (3 bedroom & 1 1/2 bath) for yourself or allow it to provide extra cash flow as a rental.

OPTION 4: Option 1 + Option 3 (Equipment NOT included in this option) 9900+ sq ft of commercial space in this offering allows you to develop your own business model that could consist of several income streams.

OPTION 5: Entire building package (all three structures & contents).

OPTION 6: Package of kitchen equipment and restaurant fixtures. (See list of items below is all that is included in this option and it will be offered as ONE PACKAGE - no individual pieces. **PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE.**)

EQUIPMENT
Pitco 2-basket fryers (2); Garland grill; Magikitchen grills (2); E-chef food station-6'; True food prep station 5'; Castle four burner stove; Vulcan ovens (2); True stand up freezers (2); Stainless food carts w/trays (3); Stainless tables (10' 8" & 4'); Stainless (L-shape, 6'x6') washing station; POS register/serving computer system; Advantco beverage bar fridge (2); Hamilton Beech sodezdr; Curtis coffee maker; Gold Peak tea dispenser; Coca-Cola soda dispenser; sev. carts for glasses w/trays & glasses; stainless 5' -3 bay wash bay; warming light; Globe meat slicer; Globe mixer; Metro warming oven; Glove scales; Stainless bar ice coolers w/stands; Square serving tables (13); 6' rectangular serving tables (3); bar tables (5); bar chairs (~25); normal chairs (~100); 6' booths 4'; 4' booths (3); high chairs (5); 4' sm. serving buffet; Serving stands (6); sev. silverware trays; 40-55" TVS (6); bar mats; glasses; serving trays; silverware; misc. shelving; check out folders; misc. stainless tables & trays; other misc. items.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: Property sells AS-IS, WHERE IS. 10% non-refundable down payment is required on the day of sale by check. Buyer must be able to close on or before April 12, 2024. Buyer needs a bank letter of loan approval or funds verification. Cost of Owner's Title Policy to be split equally between Buyer and Seller. Buyers are responsible for understanding all zoning, building & other regulations associated with the property prior to the day of auction. All announcements day of sale take precedence over written materials. Crossroads Real Estate & Auction LLC is representing the Seller.

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SW/4 & W/2SE/4 of Section 24-13-6, Lincoln County, KS.
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2023 Taxes: \$1,969.38 on 238.5 taxable acres.
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LIVE AUCTION

46.76 +/- Acres of Cropland, Creek, Wildlife & House in North Lyon County

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 - 10:00 AM
(Real Estate will sell at 1:00 PM)

AUCTION LOCATION: 3149 Road S5, ADMIRE, KS 66830

SELLER: ROBERT MUNDY & TONY MUNDY
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LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 — 10:00 AM
FNB Community Room — WASHINGTON, KANSAS

78± ACRES WASHINGTON COUNTY, KS LAND

Legal Description: E2 NE4 S12, T04S, R03E, 6th P.M., ACRES 78.7, (Acres represent taxable acres per the Washington County Kansas Appraisers Office)

• 78.72 FSA Farmland acres. 92% in crop production.
Property Location: From Washington: From the Hwy 36 & 15 intersection go south on Hwy 15 travel approx. 7 mi. to Hwy 15 & Hwy 148/9 intersection. Turn east on 9 Hwy & travel 1 mi. to Rainbow Rd. & turn North & travel 1/2 mi. to SE corner of the property.

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LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 — 5:00 PM
Helvering Center — MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

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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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. Auctioneers: Berning Auction, Inc.

March 5 — Absolute Land Auction selling 1,240 acres m/l Norton County Cropland, Grass & Creekbottom 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. 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. 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. 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. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home.

March 8-10 — Living Estate sale for the collections of Cora Jean DuChene held at Manhattan. Queen Estate, LLC.

March 9 — Clearance Event sales for the collections of Carolyn & James "Bud" Valerius held at Manhattan. Queen Estate, LLC.

March 9 — 38th Annual Concordia Optimist Consignment Auction including farm equipment, cars & trucks, recreational items, trailers, tools, lawn & garden, household & miscellaneous held at Concordia. All proceeds go to area youth programs. Auctioneers: Thummel Auction.

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). 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/3BR 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 Advantage 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 — 35+ Guns (off-site until sale day), sporting goods, fishing rods/tackle, Mahindra 2615 tractor w/loader, IH hydro 84 tractor, several pieces machinery, mowers, 3-wheeler, ATV, trucks, flatbed trailer, boat, tools, lawn & garden, furniture, household, antique coins & more held live at Belton, Missouri with online bidding available on larger items (bid.genkc.com) for Darrel Moran Estate. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions & Generations Real Estate & Auctions.

March 16 — Household auction including 2009 Chevy Impala, Husqvarna riding mower, furniture, glassware, doll collection & household held at New Cambria. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

March 16 — 1973 JD 4030 tractor w/loader, 1971 Chevy C-50 truck, JD riding mower, Country Clipper Wrangler riding mower, 3-wheeler, shop equipment, household & guns & more held at McPherson for Mike & Margaret Krehbiel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

March 16 — Great Coin Auction including Key Date Coins: mint & proof sets, 1/2 cents, large cents, wheat & IH cents, Dollars & Peace dollars, Gaudens gold pieces & much more held at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty, Jim Wolters.

March 16 — Tractors (Case Int. 7120, Case IH MX-110 Maxxum w/dr, Farmall 706, Farmall 826 w/dr, 1942 Farmall H), Trucks, JD 9400 Combine, 2015 Polar Ranger XP UTV, Farm Machinery, livestock equipment, hay & more held at Baldwin City for Orville & Judy Johanning. Online bidding available through www.equipmentfacts.com. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auction.

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 — 4310 John Deere tractor, Machinery, Mowers, 2007 Kawasaki Gas Mule side by side, trailers Golf cart, guns, outdoor equipment, grill, household, appliances & more held near Salina for Delbert & Sheirline Prophet. Auctioneers: Baxa Auctions, LLC.

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). 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.com.

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 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 — Antique furniture, collectible toys, Collectibles including pictures, ironwood Indian carving, glassware, pottery, marbles, Jayhawk memorabilia & more, Neon Signs & Advertising, several porcelain & tin signs held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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 24 — 3,500 Car & Truck Tags from teens to 1900, Interstate single axle enclosed trailer held at Salina for Dennis G. Elliott. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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) 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) with online bidding opening

March 14. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Toby Bruna, land agent.

March 28 — Absolute Multi-Parcel Live & Online Land Auction selling 104 acres m/l of Riley County land (property borders Pillsbury Crossing) offered in 3 Tracts. Held live at Manhattan with online bidding: www.gavelroads.com. Auctioneers: Gene Francis & Associates, Real Estate brokers & auctioneers.

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. Auctioneers: Sun Group Real Estate.

March 28 — Fort Hays State University 7th Annual Bull Sale. Selling 60 powerful Red Angus, Black Red Carriers and Hereford bulls. 20 powerful long yearlings and 40 elite yearling bulls. Held at the FHSU Foundation Building, Hays.

March 28 — Schu-Lar Herefords LLC Performance Unlimited Bull Sale. Offering 37 Bulls, including 29 18-month-old bulls and 8 yearlings. All bulls have been DNA tested. Held at Overbrook Livestock Commission, Overbrook.

March 30 — Land Auction consisting of 274 acres m/l offered in 8 Tracts in Pottawatomie County. Pasture, potential homesteads, home/buildings, tillable & hunting held at Westmoreland for Dreanna Hood Family Trust. Online bidding available: www.horizonfarmranch.com. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

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, trailers, 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) 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) 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) with online bidding beginning March 21. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring, listing broker.

April 4 — Land auction consisting of approximately 146 acres with pasture, tillable acreage, trees & creek through property, hunters paradise (land located near Tescott) held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service, Lonnie Wilson.

April 5 — Zerr Red Angus Annual Production Sale. Selling yearling Bulls and Females. Held at Oakley Livestock Commission, Oakley.

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 — New Strawn Consignment Auction by S&S Sales, LLC, including Farm & Construction Equip., tools, vehicles, tractors, trucks, trailers, ATVs, skid loader attachments, cattle equip. & more held at New Strawn.

April 6 — Machinery Consignment Auction including Tractors, trucks, farm, livestock, shop, construction equipment & more held live at Cuba with online bidding through 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 9 — Land Auction consisting of 225 acres m/l offered in 3 Tracts in McPherson County. Quality tillable, potential building site, home/building held at Inman for Jame & Sophia Stephens. Online bidding available: www.horizonfarmranch.com. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

April 12 — Land auction consisting of 157 acres m/l of Pottawatomie County land with incredible Whitetail hunting, year round water, perfect spot for your dream home held live at Westmoreland for Laura Carol Cummings. Online & phone bidding available (www.MidwestLandandHome.com) with online bidding beginning March 29. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Spencer Crowther, land agent.

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.

May 27 (Memorial Day) — New Strawn Consignment Auction by S&S Sales, LLC, including Farm & Construction Equip., tools, vehicles, tractors, trucks, trailers, ATVs, skid loader attachments, cattle equip. & more held at New Strawn.

September 2 (Labor Day) — New Strawn Consignment Auction by S&S Sales, LLC, including Farm & Construction Equip., tools, vehicles, tractors, trucks, trailers, ATVs, skid loader attachments, cattle equip. & more held at New Strawn.

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 ½ & E ½ NW ¼ 23-2-8, Jewell Co., Kansas
 The farm is located 5 miles North of Mankato on 160 Road then 1 ½ 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 cropland, 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 ½ 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.

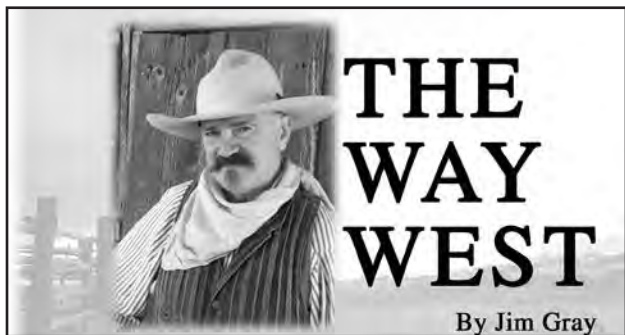
Terms: 10% of purchase price as down payment day of auction, the balance will be paid upon closing on or before May 15, 2024.

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.

Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC is acting as seller agent. All statements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.

**DAVID C. BRAINARD REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
& TRUSTEES OF THE IRENE F. BRAINARD REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**

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



THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Race For the Border

Railroad fever spread like a wild prairie fire across the Kansas plains in the early part of 1870. The Kansas Pacific Railway had just crossed the entire state from the Missouri River to the western border and was about to reach Denver, Colorado. The Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe, building toward southwest Kansas, had temporarily halted a few miles north of Osage City. A new supply of iron rails was all they needed to reach Emporia while the summer was yet young.

The month of March witnessed a surge of activity toward the southern border. The Union Pacific Southern Branch merged with the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad

(MK&T), affectionately known as the KATY. The line was rapidly building southeast past Emporia. Following the Neosho River Valley the KATY was about to reach Humboldt. The KATY was not alone in feverishly building a southern route through Indian Territory to Texas.

Ninety miles to the east, building south from Lawrence, the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Galveston (LL&G) also looked to the Cherokee Nation hoping to lay tracks across Cherokee land in order to reach Texas. Texas and the lucrative cattle trade was the ultimate goal, but the LL&G had reached Richmond, fifteen miles south of Ottawa, Kansas.

At the same time, the Border Tier Road was laying tracks from Kansas City through the eastern tier of Kansas counties bordering Missouri. Tracks had already reached Fort Scott in December of 1869. Both the LL&G and the Border Tier were owned and operated by railroad magnate, James Joy, often called the Joy roads.

All three competing railroads had negotiated rights with the Cherokee Nation many years before in the 1860s. However, only one railroad would be allowed to enter Indian Territory. Thus the race was on. The first railroad to reach the Kansas-Indian Territory border would be given exclusive rights to build through Indian Territory.

Joy and his Border Tier had run afoul of the settlers of southeastern Kansas in 1869. Joy had gained control of lands that had been settled by prospective homesteaders years before.

Settlement had begun in 1857, with a surge of Civil War veterans shortly after the war. They claimed the

lands in good faith believing that they would be able to buy the land at \$1.25 per acre when the land offices were established. Little did the settlers know that Joy had purchased, for \$1 the former Osage-Cherokee land known as the Cherokee Neutral Lands from the federal government.

Joy bought the land for \$1 per acre and set up an office to collect his price of \$2 to \$5 per acre. Furious settlers formed a protective association they christened the Land League.

In short order the camp of a grading crew was burned, destroying everything in sight. Along the line construction crews were threatened with more of the same. At Baxter Springs the railroad men anxiously called for law and order.

The federal government responded by sending four companies of the 6th Infantry and a company of 7th Cavalry to protect the railroad workers. The presence of the troops only angered settlers all the more, considering that earlier they had asked for military protection from the

railroads. Instead, U.S. soldiers "danced like puppets" to the tune of James Joy and his mighty railroad. The Council Grove Republican noted that the "troops of the Republic" were doing the bidding of "King Joy." Joy's swindle was seen as an attempt to use troops to remove settlers from the land and put the railroad company in possession... the actual presence of troops has never scared us for one moment."

In another column, correspondent W.R.L. observed that, "Men who had seen the Flag of our Union on hundreds of battle fields where it was the symbol of National unity, and human freedom," were not about to allow that honorable flag to be "prostituted" on the Neutral land.

In spite of the obstacles the Border Tier laid track through to Baxter Springs. They were within reach of their prized destination, the Cherokee Nation border.

Meanwhile, KATY general manager, Colonel Robert Smith Stevens was more than ten miles from the border

when the Border Tier, believing that they had reached the border south of Baxter Springs, held a grand celebration. The KATY's "Irish Brigade, laid track in record time, recording up to two miles per day. Colonel Stevens was right there, urging them on when they built through Chetopa without resting. Joy's other road, the LL&G, had fallen behind turning to other Kansas destinations rather than the border.

James Joy learned too late that the "border" south of Baxter Springs was two and half miles short of the official Kansas border on the 37th parallel. The KATY reached the border, two miles below Chetopa, before Joy's Border Tier could act. Colonel Stevens had defeated the great James Joy to win the right to build the KATY through Indian Territory in the epic 1870 railroad race for the border on The Way West.

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

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 - 4,097. HOGS - 81.

BULLS: \$137.00-\$147.50		52 Mix	Tampa	824@\$246.50
COWS: \$121.00-\$133.00		63 Mix	Council Grove	798@\$245.75
STEERS		50 Mix	Beloit	816@\$244.50
300-400	\$355.00 - \$367.00	38 Mix	Ellinwood	847@\$241.00
400-500	\$340.00 - \$352.00	9 Blk	Abilene	843@\$238.00
500-600	\$330.00 - \$340.00	114 Mix	Lincoln	897@\$237.50
600-700	\$298.00 - \$309.00	66 Blk	Abilene	894@\$235.00
700-800	\$275.00 - \$284.00	58 Mix	Princeton	866@\$235.00
800-900	\$236.00 - \$247.50	60 Mix	Enterprise	886@\$232.75
900-1,000	\$220.00 - \$230.00	61 Mix	Council Grove	916@\$230.00
HEIFERS		66 Mix	Abilene	909@\$229.75
300-400	\$323.00 - \$335.00	60 Mix	Minneapolis	899@\$229.25
400-500	\$305.00 - \$317.00	HEIFERS		
500-600	\$300.00 - \$311.00	7 Mix	Sylvan Grove	366@\$335.00
600-700	\$251.00 - \$262.00	2 Blk	Marquette	318@\$330.00
700-800	\$232.00 - \$242.00	5 Blk	Broken Bow, NE	285@\$322.00
800-900	\$213.00 - \$223.50	2 Blk	McPherson	333@\$320.00
900-1,000	\$200.00 - \$209.00	10 Blk	Lorraine	410@\$317.00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

STEERS		31 Blk	Lorraine	501@\$311.00
4 Mix	Sylvan Grove	9 Mix	Sylvan Grove	399@\$305.00
2 Blk	Bennington	9 Blk	Salina	503@\$301.00
6 Mix	Sylvan Grove	3 Blk	Great Bend	505@\$297.00
3 Blk	Salina	8 Blk	Salina	475@\$295.00
4 Blk	Great Bend	4 Blk	Gypsum	504@\$294.00
2 Blk	McPherson	5 Blk	Solomon	534@\$292.00
2 Blk	Ramona	2 Blk	Marquette	525@\$292.00
2 Blk	Great Bend	3 Mix	Gypsum	508@\$289.00
2 Blk	Marquette	4 Mix	Minneapolis	523@\$287.50
3 Mix	Gypsum	24 Mix	Salina	535@\$287.00
6 Blk	Broken Bow, NE	4 Blk	Salina	555@\$284.00
3 Blk	Bennington	5 Blk	Newton	509@\$283.00
9 Mix	Oak Hill	16 Mix	Blaine	567@\$276.00
5 Blk	Blaine	4 Blk	Galva	580@\$273.00
4 Blk	Marquette	9 Blk	Great Bend	619@\$262.00
4 Mix	Pretty Prairie	40 Mix	Salina	611@\$260.00
5 Blk	Newton	3 Blk	Pretty Prairie	632@\$260.00
4 Blk	Broken Bow, NE	4 Blk	Salina	623@\$258.00
5 Blk	Salina	14 Blk	Marquette	665@\$257.00
16 Blk	Galva	9 Mix	McPherson	652@\$256.00
4 Char	Canton	10 Blk	Woodbine	646@\$255.00
12 Mix	Hillsboro	20 Blk	Great Bend	670@\$254.00
5 Mix	McPherson	14 Blk	Council Grove	636@\$252.00
35 Mix	Hillsboro	18 Blk	Ellsworth	675@\$250.00
3 Blk	Salina	26 Mix	Solomon	652@\$249.00
8 Blk	Abilene	22 Mix	Solomon	682@\$247.00
6 Blk	Oak Hill	8 Blk	Woodbine	706@\$242.00
8 Mix	Hillsboro	34 Blk	McPherson	692@\$242.00
3 Blk	Great Bend	10 Blk	Longford	710@\$240.00
5 Blk	Gypsum	16 Blk	Abilene	706@\$239.50
8 Blk	Galva	15 Mix	Minneapolis	724@\$238.00
32 Blk	Salina	10 Blk	Miltonvale	717@\$233.00
4 Bwf	Ellsworth	6 Blk	Gypsum	711@\$233.00
4 Mix	Pretty Prairie	65 Mix	Assaria	801@\$223.50
12 Blk	Luray	42 Mix	Minneapolis	845@\$220.50
4 Blk	Newton	59 Blk	Whitewater	860@\$218.50
32 Mix	Hillsboro	62 Mix	Carlton	827@\$216.00
6 Blk	Salina	82 Mix	Assaria	947@\$209.00
4 Mix	Gypsum	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024		
4 Char	Canton	HOGS		
19 Mix	Great Bend	11 Fats	Moundridge	285@\$53.00
6 Blk	Newton	16 Fats	Lincolnville	290@\$49.00
23 Blk	Galva	8 Fats	Hope	289@\$47.00
4 Blk	Oak Hill	7 Fats	Abilene	272@\$46.00
29 Mix	Salina	4 Sows	Minneapolis	626@\$40.00
43 Blk	Galva	6 Sows	Pawnee Rock	630@\$35.00
37 Blk	Abilene	CALVES		
10 Blk	Abilene	1 Blk	Lehigh	200@\$800.00
23 Blk	Longford	1 Blk	Lincoln	85@\$550.00
19 Blk	Abilene	1 Char	Barnard	75@\$500.00
44 Blk	Luray	1 Blk	Glasco	100@\$500.00
3 Blk	Salina	1 Blk	Glasco	95@\$475.00
14 Blk	Ellsworth	1 Blk	Lincoln	70@\$400.00
4 Blk	Buhler	1 Blk	Minneapolis	130@\$400.00
37 Mix	Luray	BULLS		
78 Blk	Ellinwood	1 Blk	Minneapolis	1845@\$147.50
11 Blk	Longford			

*** UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES ***

COW SALES:

Tuesday, March 19 * Tuesday, April 16 * Tuesday, May 7

IN STOCK TODAY:

Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders • Heavy Duty Feed Bunks

For Information or estimates, contact:

Mike Samples, Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-826-7884
 Kyle Elwood, Asst. Sale Mgr., Cell Phone 785-493-2901

Jim Crowther 785-254-7385 Roxbury, KS	Lisa Long 620-553-2351 Ellsworth, KS	Cody Schafer 620-381-1050 Durham, KS	Kenny Briscoe 785-658-7386 Lincoln, KS	Kevin Henke H: 785-729-3473, C: 785-565-3525 Agenda, KS	Austin Rathbun 785-531-0042 Ellsworth, KS
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Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS

SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211

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

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

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD

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SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE

MAY 18, 2024

Get your Horses CONsigned TODAY!

LAST CHANCE to get in the Catalog!

1 Blk	Lincoln	2090@\$142.00	1 Blk	Assaria	1635@\$126.50
1 Red	Durham	1755@\$136.50	1 Blk	Glasco	1425@\$126.00
1 Bwf	Galva	1735@\$135.00	6 Mix	Junction City	1147@\$126.00
1 Blk	Moundridge	1855@\$134.00	1 Rwf	Minneapolis	1935@\$126.00
1 Char	Delphos	1625@\$131.00	1 Blk	Canton	1570@\$126.00
1 Blk	Falun	2100@\$130.00	1 Bwf	Minneapolis	1475@\$125.00
1 Wf	Minneapolis	1745@\$129.00	1 Blk	Barnard	1135@\$125.00
1 Blk	Delphos	1720@\$127.00	1 Blk	Salina	1440@\$125.00
COWS					
1 Red	Salina	1980@\$133.00	2 Blk	Gypsum	1400@\$125.00
1 Blk	Glasco	1555@\$131.50	1 Blk	Concordia	1130@\$124.50
1 Blk	Salina	1620@\$129.50	1 Hol	Hutchinson	1625@\$124.50
1 Blk	Glasco	1520@\$129.00	2 Blk	Minneapolis	1450@\$122.50
3 Blk	Longford	1620@\$129.00	1 Rwf	Lindsborg	1370@\$122.50
1 Red	Inman	1720@\$128.00	2 Hol	Carlton	1615@\$122.50
1 Blk	Salina	1420@\$128.00	1 Hol	Hutchinson	1280@\$122.50
5 Blk	Riley	1577@\$127.50	1 Blk	Salina	1465@\$122.00
1 Blk	Concordia	1170@\$127.00	1 Blk	Randolph	1540@\$122.00
			1 Red	Durham	1675@\$122.00

Early Consignments for THURSDAY, MARCH 7

30 mix steers & heifers, 700-800; 150 steers & heifers, 650-800, homeraised, long weaned, 2 round vaccinations, pregged open; 100 steers, 650-850; 50 heifers, 600-800; 180 black steers & heifers, 450-700, homeraised, long weaned, vaccinated, running out, Don Johnson sired; 6 heifers, 500-600, homeraised, weaned 100 days; 15 bwf/rwf heifers, 700-750, long weaned, 2 round vaccinations, open; 110 heifers, 650-750, homeraised, long weaned, 2 round vaccinations, no implants; 28 steers & heifers, 750-800, homeraised, long weaned, hay fed; 42 black steers & heifers, 500-900, homeraised, long weaned, green; 300 black/bwf steers & heifers, 500-750, homeraised, long weaned, 2 round vaccinations, running out; 40 black steers, 900-950, homeraised, long weaned; 26 black heifers, 900-950, homeraised, long weaned, open; PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.

SPECIAL COW SALE: TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Get Your Cattle Consigned

BULLS: 4 yearling black Angus bulls, semen tested, registered; (8) 17-month-old registered red Angus; 4 polled Char 18 months old, virgin, semen & trich checked; plus more by sale time.

HEIFER PAIRS: 40/40 red Angus pairs, all AI sired calves by "9 Mile Enterprise" red Angus Gennex, calves worked 40 days old; 7/7 black/bwf heifers, Angus calves, calves worked, homeraised; plus more by sale time.

REPLACEMENT HEIFERS: 100 black heifers, 800#, 2 round vaccinations, open, very fancy; 30 black heifers, Sim/Angus, vaccinated, Cow Camp sired; 45 black heifers, 800#, pelvic measure, pelvic exam, OCHV'd; 6 black heifers, 750#, 2 round vaccination, open; 40 blk/SimAngus heifers, OCHV'd pelvic exam, homeraised, preg-guard, 850#, mostly River Creek & Triangle J sired; 12 black/SimAngus heifers, 850#, pelvic checked, OCHV'd; plus more by sale time.

BRED COWS/COW PAIRS: 77 cows, 76 calves, cows - 4-7 years old, bulls in Dec. 8, Jamison Horn Herefords; 10/10 black pairs, Dec. calves, all worked, cows, poured; 7/7 older pairs; 15/15 black cows, black/charX calves, 5-6 years old, all worked; 80 black cows, 5-8 years, homeraised, GENTLE, Gardiner genetics, will have some calves by sale time; 140 red/blk Angus, 3-5 years old, fall bred, bred black; 3 red Angus cows, 5-6 years, heavy bred, (dispersal); 20/20 black older cows, Angus calves, calves worked; plus more by sale time.

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