



4-H'er builds custom coop for non-visual chicken enthusiast

By Lillian Hulse

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living." Embracing the 4-H pledge, high school freshman Benjamin Karleskint of the Basehor Rustlers 4-H Club, in Leavenworth County is doing just as he promises for a member of his community. When attending a poultry project meeting last year, Diane Larson, Karleskint's 4-H poultry leader, proposed a leadership project idea. At just 15 years old, Karleskint has created and executed plans to construct a visually impaired-accessible chicken coop for a citizen who is blind, living in the Leavenworth area.

The task came out of happenstance when C. L. Lugo, a man who is non-visual, met Larson at a physical therapy appointment. In conversation Larson told Lugo about her chickens, "She said, 'Yeah, we've got a few chickens.' She meant a few, like 125 chickens, 30 geese, 17 turkeys, pullets, incubators, and a chicken house that is bigger than my living room," Lugo said. He later visited Larson's farm and poultry facilities which sparked his interest in raising his own fowl.

Lugo lost his sight at the age of 28, when he woke up unable to



Benjamin Karleskint is shown with C.J. Lugo, who he built a specialized chicken coop for as part of a 4-H Leadership project. Also shown are his brothers who pitched in, as well.

see 22 years ago (View YouTube video "Seeing Without Sight" by Brandon Odom to learn more about Lugo's story). Throughout his life, he has moved from Brooklyn, New York to Sacramento, California, and then finally to Leavenworth in 2018, and is embracing the rural lifestyle he is now living. With the change in scenery, Lugo finds himself adapting to Kansas agriculture by container gardening and welcoming the opportunity to own a brood of chickens.

As Lugo's curiosity about poultry grew, he met Benjamin Karleskint, his parents, Loren and Stephanie, and his younger siblings. "I went out there

and they're like, 'Oh, of course you can do it, please. If I can do it, you can do it, anybody can do it.'" Nevertheless, this project is an unusual undertaking for Lugo, "You have to realize this is unheard of. Who does this?" he said.

Karleskint explains how he received the idea for his unique project at a poultry meeting, "She (Larson) asked if anybody wanted to volunteer, and I rose my hand." With the help of his dad Loren's woodworking skills, Benjamin was confident he could accomplish this task. Creating a coop specialized for Lugo included nester access from the outside of the chicken house,

smooth, splinter-free wood, and steps the correct height for easiest access. Ultimately, every aspect of Lugo's coop is personalized to fit his wants and needs.

By receiving donations from the Basehor area, Karleskint was certain that this project would be affordable. "My mom requested that I post it on the Basehor Community Facebook page, and I have received over 400 dollars' worth of money donations." Also acquiring contributions of wooden pallets from a local church and cinder blocks from a Basehor resident, the foundation was laid to create Lugo's coop.

The henhouse consists of a cinder-block

base, wooden pallet floor, sides, and roof with shingles, and a five-foot tall, chain-link fence surrounding the coop, all while remaining portable. Karleskint describes the irreplaceable workforce he had during this task. "I have done most of the organization, my mom has helped with that too. My dad is an expert on what materials to use, so he figures all that out. And then my siblings just help me out with little jobs. There's also a church near Cy's (Lugo's) house that has sent volunteers, and I don't know if we would've been able to do the job without them."

Now that the coop is complete, Lugo plans to visit it daily. Stationed on Larson's farm eight miles from his house, the coop will eventually be transported onto Lugo's own property when he moves. Within the next month, he will stock the house with six chickens, a few already laying and the rest about to start. "I definitely want my own," he said. He wants to eventually hatch his own chicks. Lugo expresses his excitement towards this new adventure, "For me to learn every aspect, I would have never had that opportunity had I not met Diane and Benjamin."

Reminiscing on a job well done, Karleskint not only learned physical skills during the construction process,

he also was able to spend time with the lighthearted and optimistic Lugo. "He's really enjoyable to be around. Just the project in itself I got to meet plenty of new people, and I got to spend time with my dad while making the project."

Although this is the most extensive leadership project that Karleskint has ever completed, it is not his first community service. Cleaning up the Basehor Community Garden last summer had been a recent undertaking before the coop. Besides the poultry project, Karleskint is involved in goat, canine, entomology, baking, horticulture, and more through Leavenworth County 4-H. Keeping himself engaged and busy, Karleskint competes in track and field, cross country, completes yard maintenance for neighbors in his area, and holds a job at Price Chopper.

Benjamin Karleskint was able to take a project that came out of complete coincidence and put his hands to larger service. When speaking about the organization, C. L. Lugo emphasizes, "4-H is bringing everyone together."

By uniting through 4-H, members all over the nation have the ability to improve their own club, community, country, and world.

Taiwanese students visit Kansas in a bilateral agricultural youth exchange

Six National Chung Hsing University students traveled to Manhattan from March 30 through April 6, 2024, to represent their university as part of a bilateral student exchange program to learn about Kansas' agricultural industry and how Kansas agriculture exports benefit both Kansas and Taiwan.

"While we have been sending Kansas students to Taiwan for many years, this was our first time to host Taiwanese students in Kansas. It was an honor to host the delegation and showcase many different facets of Kansas agriculture," said Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, international trade director at KDA. "None of the students had ever visited the U.S. before, and we are grateful for the many gracious hosts we had throughout the week that opened the doors to their businesses and homes and made the students feel welcome in Kansas. The relationships built through this program

are truly invaluable."

The six National Chung Hsing University students who participated were studying majors ranging from international business to animal sciences to food science and biotechnology.

While in Kansas, the delegates visited Kansas State University's animal research units and agronomy farm, Kansas Wheat, Manhattan Commission Company, and A&H Farms, Manhattan; the American Royal and Signal Theory, Kansas City, Missouri; Vermillion Valley Equine Center, Belvue; Lazy Heart D Ranch, Westmoreland; Dean and Diane Becker farm, Seneca; Landoll Corporation, Marysville; Hildebrand Dairy, Junction City; PrairieLand Partners, Wamego; NextGen Cattle Company, Paxico; and the State Capitol and Combat Air Museum in Topeka.

"I enjoyed every moment I spent in the beautiful state of Kansas. I was able to have



The Taiwan Youth Exchange delegates built their horsemanship skills and enjoyed their time on horseback at Vermillion Valley Equine Center in Belvue.

a glimpse of the entire agriculture chain from farm to table. It was wonderful to see that people from different backgrounds and with various talents support agriculture in so many ways," said Grace Huang, one of the visiting students. "Our visit to Kansas Wheat was remarkable. I was impressed by how much farmers invest in research and improving their production."

The Taiwanese students were hosted by six Kansas State University students who traveled to Taiwan last fall as part of the bilateral exchange program.

"This program has been extremely beneficial to both the K-State students as well as the Taiwanese students. Not only has it allowed for cultural exchange, but also exploration of agriculture. The tours allowed us to think critically of the traditional agricultural customs of each country,"

said Katie Cummings, a K-State sophomore in agriculture education who was part of the trip to Taiwan in fall 2023. "I am truly grateful for this program and hope it continues so more students can reap the benefits."

The trip is coordinated by KDA and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver, Colorado. The trip was sponsored by the

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, K-State College of Agriculture, and KDA.

Opportunities such as the Taiwan Youth Exchange Program provide knowledge and networking to the delegates. In 2023, Kansas exported \$193 million in agricultural products to Taiwan and Taiwan was Kansas' sixth-largest agricultural trading partner. International

relationships with countries such as Taiwan help open opportunities for more exports in the future.

Each fall, KDA coordinates the Taiwan Youth Exchange Program application process which is open to K-State students. For more information, please contact Dana Ladner at KDA: 785-564-6660 or Dana.Ladner@ks.gov.



The Taiwan Youth Exchange program got instructions and hands-on shaping dough from the experts in the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center at Kansas Wheat in Manhattan.

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Plastic and the Planet

By Greg Doering,
Kansas Farm Bureau

I couldn't help but think of the Folger's coffee cans around my grandparent's house when I saw "Planet vs. Plastics," the slogan for Earth Day this year. There was always a can in the kitchen near the percolator ready to brew a fresh pot. Once emptied, the cans were repurposed in the basement, garage and barn for a whole host of other purposes, ranging from simple storage to cleaning paint brushes. On the Fourth of July, my cousins and I would scrounge up a can that hadn't found a use yet and proceed to use firecrackers to launch it like a missile.

Most of those cans still serve a purpose, holding an assortment of washers in the garage or fence clips in the barn, but long ago Folger's ditched the cans for plastic containers. The stated goal at the time was to provide fresher ground coffee,

but I also imagine there was some cost savings as well. Either way, the utility of an empty container didn't change much. But I doubt we'd have much success using fireworks with the modern version.

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 to remind people about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability to create a healthier planet and brighter future for mankind. In 2024 this apparently means taking aim at plastics, with a "commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health." To be fair, it further elaborates the goal is to merely achieve a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040.

I'm all for conservation and sustainability, and I can support efforts to reduce plastic pollution, but doing away with or significantly reducing plastics in all forms is likely to

create worse outcomes for humans and the planet. A ban is like using a machete instead of a scalpel.

The prevalence of plastics in our lives is because they offer convenience, durability and affordability. Food waste would be significantly higher without the preserving power of plastic. Glass and steel containers often require more resources to produce, and both are heavier and require more energy to transport. Sterile plastic packaging saves lives in medical settings every day.

There's often a lack of nuance when people talk about plastic, and that includes so-called single-use varieties like bags from the grocery store, water bottles or margarine containers. Yet, like the Folger's container, those items often serve multiple purposes after their initial use. From lining wastebaskets to holding leftovers, plastic can remain productive for a long time.

Plastic is valuable because it can be molded to any shape and be impact resistant and waterproof. The non-toxic material doesn't

decay or corrode. Plastic's main attribute – durability – is also its biggest curse. It's a miracle of modern chemistry that has no natural mechanism to break down in the environment.

The solution isn't to end the use of plastic and all its invaluable contributions to humans and the planet on Earth Day, rather it's to better understand the responsibility that comes with having a fresh cup of coffee, a bottle of water on the go or picking up groceries at the store.

We should embrace the virtues of plastic and work to better manage its side effects. The problem is pollution, not plastic. It will take a little creativity, but I'm positive we can reap the rewards of plastic and make Earth a better place to live for us and all the other living creatures who call our planet home.

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

What an eventful few months it has been. Once the decision was made to move our office, the fun really began. And by "fun," I mean hard work, sweat, sore muscles, tons of sorting, trips to the dump (nearly 4000 pounds worth), many small trips to the new space, and finally, the big moving day. With the muscle of my brother, son and nephew along with the extra hands of my grandson, niece and her two little ones, we got the job accomplished. Spearheading the process was Kevin, our office manager, who started sorting and hauling months ago. We never could have done it without him. No matter what he's asked to do, Kevin can always be depended on to accomplish the task with excellence, and this was no different.

Now, as I write this, we're into our second week in the new office and everyone is pretty darned happy. We're in the former Lee's Western Wear store at Manhattan Commission Company and couldn't ask for a better location. On sale days we can hear the trailers rumble in and the cattle bawling. And of course, there's the Sale Barn Café that is certain to spell the ruination of my diet, with their bacon cheeseburgers and other delicious fare.

We'd like to invite you to an Open House on May 14 and 15, from 2-6 p.m. both days. We'll have refreshments and door prizes. If you can't make one of those days work, you are welcome to stop by any time. We'd love to see you.

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KDA issues movement order for lactating dairy cattle

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) Division of Animal Health has issued an order on the movement of lactating dairy cattle into and within the state in response

to the ongoing highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) occurrences affecting dairy cattle. The order went into effect at 12:00 p.m. April 22, 2024, and requires special permits

to move lactating dairy cows. The basics of the order are:

- All lactating dairy cattle moving into and within Kansas will require a certificate of veterinary inspection

(CVI) with a pre-movement permit.

- CVI shall contain a statement affirming the premises of origin has not had cows exhibit H5N1 consistent clinical signs within the

last 30 days.

- If the above statement cannot be affirmed, the permit request will be referred to a KDA veterinarian for a risk assessment.
- Based on the

results of the risk assessment, a pre-movement testing protocol may be necessary.

- Animals moving between locations but not changing ownership are required to follow the order.

- Cows being transported directly to harvest are exempt from permitting.

Currently there are 30 herds with confirmed cases in eight states. USDA suspects there is a level of cow-to-cow transfer occurring, but the exact mechanism of transfer is yet to be determined. Lactating dairy cows continue to be the group where the virus is most evident, both clinically and in diagnostic testing. Biosecurity measures still are extremely important in protecting cattle and containing the spread of the virus and should continue to be closely followed.



I don't know why, but the hardest thing about being a parent is admitting that your kid is right. Don't get me wrong, I am proud of my kids and the adults they have become. I am also proud that they have gone on to become knowledgeable in their given fields. Still, it is hard to admit that they are right, and you are wrong. I do realize that it is a problem, and I am trying to do better, but there are the times I don't have a choice.

A few days ago, I was contemplating weaning lambs because we were getting low on hay and if I weaned the lambs I could move ewes to rye pasture. I was filling the water tank when I noticed that most of the lambs were in the creep feeder happily eating and the ewes had finished their grain and were in search of what was next to eat.

I don't know what it is about sheep, but they are always ready for the next feed bucket. It doesn't matter how long ago it was that they were fed, they are always ready to eat again. This day was no different. As I stood at the gate with the water running and the lambs were in the creep feeder, the ewes came to the gate to see if I would feed them again.

Wondering what might happen, I opened the gate and sure enough the ewes poured out it and into the alley while the lambs remained blissfully unaware at the creep feeder. When everything was said and done I had all, but four or five lambs separated off and four ewes left in the pen with the other lambs. I must admit that I was darned proud of myself.

I soon got the remaining lambs separated and eventually the other ewes came out and in a matter of minutes, by myself, I had weaned the lambs. I am not going to lie; it was a highlight moment. I also had to sort off a load of cull ewes and take them to the sale. That was a bit harder but soon I had them off and loaded on the trailer, again all by myself. The hard part of the whole operation was putting scrapie tags in them. Normally I shut them in the front half of the trailer, but I did remember that if I shut the dividing door of the trailer, I cannot open it from the inside. Again, I chalked the fact that I remembered this and did

not have to call a neighbor to rescue me as a win. It was a good day, well, except for the moment the ewe took my knee out.

I limped out of the trailer and gathered myself up and started down the road to the sale barn. I really wanted to tell someone and that is why I was happy when Isaac called me. Don't get me wrong, I am always happy to hear from my son, but today all I wanted to do was brag about what I had accomplished.

He listened to me regale him with the story of my heroic achievement. I told him every detail. When I finished, he promptly asked me how old the youngest lambs were. I told him they were a little younger than I would like but how often do you get a chance like that.

That was when he burst my bubble. "Dad," Isaac said, "those lambs are too young." He then cited studies and publications that had studied weaning lambs young and the poor results that came from it. I am not going to sugar coat it; I probably did not take the information as well as I should have. I might have even grumbled back.

We finished up our conversation and I had the rest of the drive to think about what he had told me. When I got to the sale barn there was a fairly long line, so I looked up weaning lambs on the internet. You know what, he was right and the youngest of the lambs were too young. In my zeal for getting the ewes out to pasture I had nearly made a bad mistake, had it not been for Isaac's insight.

I called Isaac back and told him that he was right, and I appreciated his knowledge. All at the same time I was disappointed in myself and proud of my son, I knew better and so did he. I guess it is proof that we all can grow and do better no matter how old we are.

I went back home and turned all the ewes and lambs back in together and watched as they were reunited. A couple of days later Jennifer and I sorted all the lambs off that were truly old enough and weaning has gone smoothly. All because Isaac learned and I listened. Maybe there is hope for both of us yet.

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White grubs bombard brome fields

By Jacob Klaudt, K-State Research and Extension news service

White grubs, identifiable by their ivory white bodies and brown heads, feed on the root systems of brome fields causing plant loss, said K-State entomologist, Anthony Zukoff, noting that the pests are currently showing up in some eastern Kansas fields.

"They're developing in the soil and consuming roots," he said. "They're going to stop the plants from taking in moisture (and) nutrients and will just basically damage the plant if not kill it outright."

White grubs, which curl up into a distinct C-shape when disturbed, inflict variable harm, according to Zukoff.

"There are some fields that maybe 10% of the field is dead, but in extreme cases there's

75- 80% of the field killed by below-ground white grub activity."

Annuals and perennials comprise the two species of white grubs. The annuals have new flushes every year, but the perennials undergo a three-year life cycle over four calendar years. Zukoff said the perennials pose a bigger threat, but only during certain times.

"The very first year, if you have a big influx of beetles laying eggs in your field, you don't know about it because the damage is small," he said. "What we're seeing right now is probably the second year of a very large egg-laying event. At the end of this season, those larvae that are doing all the damage now will go back down into the soil profile and overwinter. Next year, they will rise again to continue eating the grown roots, but they won't do as much damage because they're basically finishing up their development."

Zukoff said producers can fight against white grubs by replant-

ing infected areas with brome later in the year.

"If you establish (brome) in the fall, once it gets to spring, the root system will be bigger and will be able to deal with that spring feeding damage," he said.

Additionally, Zukoff proposes producers use an insecticide called Sevin (carbaryl) to combat white grubs.

"They're going to want to make sure that they put it on with a large volume of water to get that insecticide down into the soil where the grubs will come in contact with it," he said.

However, insecticides only show efficacy on smaller white grubs, according to Zukoff.

"If you're digging and you're finding white grubs that are nickel-size or larger, any kind of insecticide application you could apply in this case won't really impact large grubs."

When white grub infestations in brome fields become extreme, Zukoff said replanting to a different crop remains another viable

solution.

"Make sure brome is dead for two to four weeks because what you're doing is basically starving out those larvae. When you do replant to soybean, for

example, make sure you use an insecticidal seed treatment."

Currently, white grubs are feeding in brome fields, yet Zukoff warns that they can disturb a wide variety of

plants.

"They're very generalist pests. They're found in brome fields. They're found in all kinds of row crops. They're in the wild eating root systems."

Ranchland Trust of Kansas awarded cultural preservation grant

As a recent recipient of a cultural preservation grant from Humanities Kansas, the Ranchland Trust of Kansas (RTK) is proud to announce it has been given an opportunity to document history. The grant will fund a collaboration with Mark Feiden on his project, Emil Redmon's Cow - Stories From the Farm and Ranch.

The collaboration will expand on Feiden's current project, with a focus on preserving the prairie. The Grassland Conservation Series will consist of a set of interviews conducted by Feiden that will highlight grassland conservation and stewardship. Those slated to be interviewed thus far include Glenn and Barbara Walker, Brookville; Matt and Tom Perrier, Dalebanks Angus, Eureka; Heather Fuesz and Irlene Huntington, Eureka; and Bill and Peggy Sproul, Sedan.

RTK is especially interested in reaching future generations and those who may not understand the value of prairie conservation, grasslands or the threats they face. The series will be accessible to the public through the ever-growing Emil Redmon's Cow archive located at www.mark-feiden.com. It also will be available through RTK media and communications platforms.

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Kellee George, Shawnee, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest
Winner Kellee George, Shawnee:
BANANA CAKE

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Cream sugar and shortening; beat well. Add eggs. Add sour cream and vanilla. Add bananas to egg and shortening mixture. Add dry ingredients; beat well. Bake in a 9-by-13-inch pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
BROCCOLI SOUFFLÉ

- 2 small packages frozen broccoli cuts, cooked & drained
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 tablespoons onion, chopped
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Buttered bread crumbs
 Combine all ingredients, except bread crumbs. Pour into greased casserole. Top with buttered bread crumbs and bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
CHEESE SOUP

- 6.2-ounce bag fast cooking long grain & wild rice mix
- 4 cups milk
- 1 can cream of potato soup
- 8 ounces Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 1/2 pound bacon, cooked & crumbled
- Oyster crackers

In a saucepan prepare the rice. Add milk, cream of potato soup and Velveeta cheese. Cook and stir until cheese is melted. Garnish with bacon when served. Serve with oyster crackers.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
SCALLOPED CORN

- 1 can cream-style corn
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons chopped peppers (green or colored)
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 pound grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon pimientos
- Salt & pepper

Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a buttered baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
RHUBARB CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups finely cut rhubarb
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening or butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour

Cream brown sugar and butter. Add egg and salt. Stir in buttermilk, soda, vanilla and flour. Add rhubarb. Pour into 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

Snacking Tips: Simple Sodium Savers

Katherine Pinto, EFNEP & SNAP-Ed Agent, Wildcat Extension District

Do you like a salty snack? If your answer is yes, you are not alone in your snacking favorites! Among the 67% who reported snacking in the evening, the most popular option was savory/salty snacks (40%). This was followed by sweeter choices including candy, chocolate, and other treats (38%) as well as cookies, cake, or ice cream (37%).

The USDA's Dietary Guidelines recommend no more than 2300 milligrams, about one teaspoon, per day. Sodium can sneak its way into your daily life in a variety of ways:

- Sodium is naturally occurring in some foods
- Sodium could be added in the cooking process through table salt and sauces
- Most processed foods contain a high amount of sodium to make them last longer on the grocery shelves

Here are 8 ways to help you stay within the USDA's recommendations for sodium intake:

1. Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.
2. When purchasing frozen or canned vegetables, choose the low-sodium options or no salt added.
3. Select processed foods that contain 140 milligrams or less per serving of sodium.
4. Skip the pre-season meat and opt for fresh or frozen poultry, beef, and seafood.
5. Try to cook more meals at home so that you are in charge of what goes into your food.
6. Instead of using salt as your primary seasoning, try using different herbs and spices.
7. Choose your condiments wisely; read the nutrition labels.
8. Taste your food before you salt it.

Sodium is something that can add up real fast if we do not pay close attention to it! Remember, it's okay to remain slightly salty, but we should aim to stay at 2300 milligrams or below.

For more information, please contact Katherine Pinto, EFNEP and SNAP-Ed agent, kd Pinto@ksu.edu or 620-232-1930.

Measuring Makes The Cake: Bake Your Cake And Eat It Too

Do you ever wonder why your cake fell or your cookies are dry? When baking food, it is important to measure ingredients using the standard methods. For example, scooping up flour instead of sifting or spooning it into the measuring cup could add too much flour and make the cookies dry. The following information will help you have a fool proof recipe so you can bake your cake and eat it too.

Measuring liquid ingredients (water, milk, vegetable oil, syrup)

* Use a 1-cup liquid measuring cup that is see-through and marked for smaller measurements.

* Pour the liquid into the cup and check at eye level to make sure the correct amount is measured.

* Use 2-cup and 4-cup liquid measuring cups for larger amounts.

Measuring small amounts of ingredients (salt, baking soda, spices, flavorings)

* Amounts less than 1/4 cup are usually measured using spoons.

* A standard spoon set of 1/4, 1/2, 1 teaspoon and 1 tablespoon is used for both dry and liquid ingredients.

* Pour the liquid just to the top of the spoon without letting it spill over.

Measuring dry ingredients (flour, sugar, corn meal, solid shortening, peanut butter)

* Use a set of four graduated measuring cups: 1/4, 1/3, 1/2, and 1 cup measures.

* Spoon the dry ingredient into a measuring cup that holds

the amount that you need when filled to the rim. Level off the dry ingredient with the flat side of a knife or spatula.

* Stir or fluff flour or powdered sugar before measuring.

* Never pack down or shake or tap the side of the measuring cup.

* Brown sugar: Pack the sugar into the cup with the back of the spoon, then level off. It should hold its shape when inverted from the cup.

Measuring Butter or Margarine Each 1/4-pound stick of butter or margarine measures 1/2 cup.

* The wrapping is usually marked off in Tablespoons for measuring smaller amounts.

* With a sharp knife,

cut off the number of Tablespoons needed, following the guidelines on the wrapper.

* For butter or margarine not wrapped this way, measure and level off as solid shortening.

These simple steps will make your baking and cooking more accurate and successful so you can bake your cake and eat it too.

If you have questions about measuring ingredients or need more information about Nutrition, Food Safety or Health contact Holly Miner at 620-331-2690, or haminer@ksu.edu.

Information in this press release came from Cooking Basics: Measuring Tools and How to Use Them, credit Lisa Martin, KSRE FCS EFNEP Agent, Shawnee County.

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Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural

Chuckie Hessong, Laughing Rooster Eats

By Ron Wilson,
director of the
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Development at
Kansas State University
"Food Power!"

That sounds like a political slogan, but it might be an appropriate way to describe what happens when delicious food brings people together. Today we'll meet a rural Kansas woman who is helping families and cooks prepare simple, delicious meals and enjoy the unifying power of food.

Chuckie Hessong is a food blogger and founder of Laughing Rooster Eats. Her father was an Army cook. Her mother taught her lots of things in the kitchen.

"Growing up, our kitchen was a magical place, filled with love and warmth where I marveled at my momma's ability to create culinary wonders with her instinctive touch," Hessong wrote. "Mom didn't care about having new kitchen stuff or a perfectly organized kitchen; she simply let her creativity flow."

This inspired Hessong to study vocational family and consumer sciences education at Pittsburg State. She then taught family and consumer sciences in junior high and high school. Hessong later earned a master's degree in community development from K-State.

When her kids were born, Hessong chose to stay home with them. The family was living in the country near Frontenac, north of Pittsburg. "We started raising meat chickens, pork, beef, and gardening. We even had a milk cow," Hessong said. "When the cow freshens, you have extra milk, so we started making cheese."

Hessong decided to sell her extra products at the Pittsburg farmer's market. She also knew she wanted a business name that was fun.

"I like the fun part of life," Hessong said. "I wanted something that was kind of jolly. A rooster is kind of a funny animal."

Thus, her business name: Laughing Rooster Farm.

As the business grew, she wanted to promote the farmer's market and the products that were available there. In 2010, she had an opportunity to go on the local television station,



KOAM, to promote the market through her food preparation skills.

"I would ask the other growers, 'What do you have a lot of right now?' Then I would create and share a recipe using those products that were in season," she said. This went so well that she became a regular on the station's morning show for several years.

In 2014, she joined the K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District as a family and consumer sciences agent and later became a regional extension specialist in SNAP education. Meanwhile, she continued to share her love of cooking.

Hessong created a website called Laughing Rooster Eats. The site, which is continually updated, contains countless recipes to share -- complete with color photos. The recipes are categorized as appetizers and snacks, breakfasts, casseroles, desserts, main dishes, salads, side dishes, and slow cookers (that refers to the equipment, not to dummies like me).

Hessong returned to KOAM television and now hosts a biweekly morning cooking show for the four-state area. One goal is to encourage people to cook successfully. "I want to simplify and streamline these recipes so

that people can see that they can create delicious meals themselves," Hessong said.

In September 2023, with help from her college student daughter, Hessong launched a blog with backstories to accompany her recipes. Her goal was to post 100 recipes by Christmas. She accomplished that. Now her blog has followers across the country and the world.

"Food is magical," Hessong said. "It brings people together." It can unite families, friends, and strangers.

One year Hessong traveled to Italy. "We visited a cheesemaking plant," she said. "The man did not speak a word of English and I certainly did not speak a word of Italian, but we totally communicated with each other over food."

It's wonderful to find this successful foodie in a rural community such as Frontenac, population 3,382 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, see www.laughingroostereats.com.

Food Power. Not only can food fuel our bodies, it has the power to bring people together at a kitchen table or in a community. We commend Chuckie Hessong of Laughing Rooster Eats for making a difference by sharing her love of cooking with others.

That can be powerful.

Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at <http://www.kansasprofile.com>. For more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, interested persons can visit <http://www.huckboydinstitute.org>.

Prairie Gal Cookin'

Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm



Gardening Has Arrived!

By Ashleigh Krispense

The itch to be working outside seems to be getting stronger for me. Actually, it's more just the thought of new projects, whether inside or out, that I'm feeling pulled towards. My life recently has consisted of one project after another, as we've been updating an older farmhouse. From painting walls and striping paint off wood to updating kitchen cabinets and building new shelves from home-cut boards — I love the feeling of completing a space and seeing it turn out even better than I had imagined it in my mind.

While the inside of the house is beginning to get wrapped up, my attention has been turning more towards the outside. There's a large flower bed just outside the kitchen window that had a mixture of roses and irises mixed in amongst the grass. After tearing out the grass and removing the irises (to later relocate into a border alongside the house), the bed has now been adorned with a variety of herbs, so far including sage, oregano, tarragon, rosemary, and mint (in a container).

In front of the house lies a large garden space. Choosing to go with a smaller garden this year, only part of it was worked up and now holds an assortment of corn, potatoes, onions, okra, beans, etc. While I'm excited to go fill in some of the remaining space in the garden

with the almost-full flat of peppers and tomatoes that leaped into my arms while wondering around various greenhouses, I'm also looking forward to planting a few "different" things this year.

Towards the north end of the garden, I'm planning to plant some pumpkin seeds that we saved, in an unused patch of ground. While I don't know what all we'll actually end up with, I'm excited to watch them grow and hoping they will produce enough to decorate with later this fall. Besides, who wouldn't have fun with a pumpkin patch in their yard?

On the south end of the garden, we're continuing to plan for fall as Indian corn has found its way into the soil. I'm looking forward to seeing the multi-colored red and blue ears popping up. Maybe we'll just lay them in a basket to decorate with eventually, or perhaps I'll feel extra ambitious and make a wreath with them. Either way, we have a long ways to go until then!

Not far from the corn, there's a small teepee I made out of some old hedge posts. While it's already become a little bit of a statement piece on its own, I'm hoping to plant pole beans around it and watch as they vine up and cover the posts. I love seeing those vegetable gardens on Pinterest or in magazines with their neatly weeded pathways, perfect rows, and

the little pyramids of greenery throughout... While I have dreams, if I can keep the bindweed at bay and remember to water often enough, we'll see what state things are in by the end of July!

If you're looking for something a little more exciting to try in the garden this year, even simple changes in normal plant varieties can be interesting. For example, if purple is your color, you can find everything from purple tomatoes and peppers to purple potatoes, beans, and more! If nothing else, get creative with how you plant your normal veggies. I recently built a little hitching post with some old hedge posts to add a little interest to an area alongside the house. Some already existing honeysuckle was nearby and with a little encouragement, it's beginning to wind its way onto the posts. It's nothing fancy, but it sure does look cute!

Whatever projects you decide to tackle this spring, enjoy your time playing in the dirt! Before we know it, we'll be bringing armloads of produce into the house and wondering just what to do with it all!

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.

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Wheat groups welcome new funding for food assistance

U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) are pleased that U.S. wheat farmers can help increase global food assistance under a new U.S. Department of Agriculture funding program announced recently.

USDA and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will invest \$1 billion in Commodity Credit Corporation funding to provide for the purchase, shipment and distribution of U.S. wheat and other commodities for USAID international food assistance programming.

"American wheat farmers are proud to step up to the plate to

provide critical food resources to address global needs," Oklahoma wheat farmer and USW chairman Michael Peters said. "This funding will provide wheat and other commodities to address food insecurity. These additional resources will help the U.S. wheat industry, and U.S. agriculture, continue to be a reliable source of food for the world."

USW and NAWG thank Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack for releasing the new funds that will directly benefit U.S. wheat farmers and people affected by hunger in several countries. Additionally, the organizations thank senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MD) and John Boozman

(R-AR) for a letter they sent to Vilsack this past fall formally requesting additional support for food assistance.

U.S. wheat farmers have been partners in U.S. food assistance programs for more than 70 years and take pride in sharing their harvest to address critical hunger needs. Through the USDA's Food for Progress and USAID Food for Peace programs, the American people have donated more than one million metric tons of wheat annually for the past three years.

"Additional funding for food assistance programs will help address the most urgent humanitarian needs in a generation. USW and NAWG look forward to

working with USDA and other partners to ensure additional food donations generate the significant benefits where they are needed," said NAWG president Keeff Felty. "As NAWG works with Congress to reauthorize the Farm Bill, we continue to advocate for strengthening the in-kind commodity donation program and additional investments in the existing trade promotion programs."

Members of the USW and NAWG Food Aid Working Group are proud of the wheat provided through these food aid programs and believe that commodity donation is an effective portion of the whole effort.

"Wheat makes up the

largest portion of emergency food assistance managed by USAID's Food for Peace office," said Amanda Hoey, CEO, Oregon Wheat Commission and Chair of the USW Food Aid

Working Group. "It is a natural demonstration of the generosity of U.S. farmers and their ability to produce an abundance of commodities that can be shared around the world."

Jackson McCurry earns Junior Silver Award

Jackson McCurry, Colwich, has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Silver award, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Kansas cattle on feed down 1%

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.40 million cattle on feed on April 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 1% from last year. Placements during March totaled 400,000 head, down 13% from 2023. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 390,000 head, down 19% from last year. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

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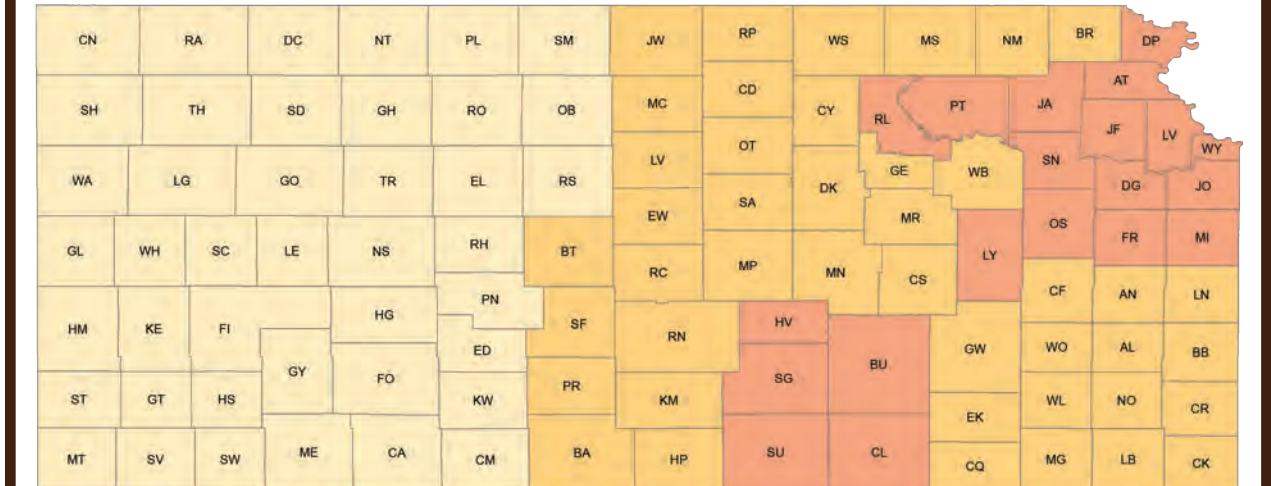
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But really, it's amazing what a mustache will do. I've been accused of being Sam

Elliot more than once. Over twenty years ago one of my horse wrecks facilitated landing me in the hospital for several days with busted ribs and a collapsed lung. Still wearing my work gear, chinks, tall tops, spurs, and all when they wheeled me into ER, I reckon I was a sight. But the fun began after I'd been

put up in a room after my first surgery, close enough to the nurses station I could hear their conversations. A new shift nurse's aide came in to check on me, stepped inside the door, and gasped, spun on her heel and went back out into the hallway and exclaimed, "Sam Elliot is in that room!" In spite of my pain, or maybe due to my morphine high, I chuckled to myself and thought, "This could be fun, if I don't have to speak!"

More recently, I had a young sales associate come up to me in a farm store and ask if I was Sam Elliot. I responded, "No. Sam wishes he were me, though."

Beef Checkoff supports Meat Demand Monitor

A great way to build demand for beef is to understand what the consumer is currently demanding from their protein products. This is why the Beef Checkoff continually supports and funds consumer demand research on both the national and state levels.

One of those research projects is the Meat Demand Monitor (MDM). The MDM is funded in part by the Beef and Pork Checkoffs. Glynn Tonsor, professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, is the lead researcher on the MDM since its inception in early 2020.

The MDM is a monthly report of current trends, consumption habits and preferences collected from a nationwide survey. The questions asked of participants focus on what meat(s) they consume, why they consume that meat and willingness to pay for certain products. There are also questions about participants' current feelings and perceptions of per-

sonal economic status and overall feelings toward the economy.

To better understand beef demand compared to overall protein demand, the MDM tracks chicken and alternative meat usage and market share. This helps contextualize current trends and feelings towards beef and pork products.

All the data from each month is published to AgManager, info alongside a summary of the results.

Current results have shown that many households are pessimistic about their finances. Entities - like the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) - have used this data to plan marketing efforts around these sentiments. For example, KBC has promoted budget beef recipes and also cooking instructions on how to make the most out of their beef cuts.

There has also been elevated demand at retail instead of food service (i.e. restaurants). "This is consistent with

other data sets in the last couple of months that have pointed to asking prices for meals at restaurants have gone up due to increased inflation, labor costs and other costs increasing," Tonsor said.

March 2024 results that were released on April 1 show that beef hamburger takes up 25% of the retail market share. Then ribeye steak and beef hamburger comprise almost 40% of the foodservice market share. KBC continues to monitor MDM data to ensure that all marketing efforts resonate with consumers while also providing high-quality information about beef and the beef industry.

Taste is the number one purchasing consideration in protein. KBC continually showcases beef's unique and robust flavor through different recipes, cooking methods and nutrition.

That got a snicker out of him!

I don't think I ever looked like Sam, even in my most gaunt youthful mustache days, but I have been probably more accurately likened to Wilfred Brimley, and even Teddy Roosevelt by several people.

I must have several doubles though, because if there's only one out there that fella sure gets around. And, frankly, the man has nearly gotten me into trouble more than once.

It started way back in the 1970s, PM (Pre-Mustache), when my uncle saw me coming out of Mr. K's in Aggieville one night with a woman on each arm. Except it wasn't me... Now, full disclosure, I don't deny that I frequented those establishments back in my "youthful indiscretion" days, but there was no convincing my uncle that I was lucky enough to gin up enough nerve to ask a lady to dance now and then, but never left any of those establishments with one, much less two, on my arms!

Then, many years later, my cousin was having lunch in a local establishment when she spied me across the dining room hav-

ing lunch and an intimate-looking conversation with a woman who was not my wife. My cousin, outspoken and forthright as she is, stood up and marched right over to give me a piece of her mind, until she came close enough to hear me speak... and realized that fella was not me, setting her on a path to the restroom forthwith!

Back in the 1990's my dad called me up and said, "Why didn't you tell us you were going to be on the cover of Kansas magazine?" My puzzled response was, "Well, I'm not, that I know of!"

"Yes, you are!" he said. I argued that if I was it was not by my knowledge, and I still thought he must be mistaken. They were coming down to visit the next week and would bring the magazine along to prove it was me.

Upon their arrival Dad pulled the magazine out of the box of stuff they'd brought and handed it to me. Much to my amazement I was, indeed, looking at a photograph of... myself! Only it wasn't me. The picture was of a cowboy about my age, mustache, glasses, and my style of hat pulled low across his

face so you could only see the bottom portion of the glasses. The only reason I could categorically deny it was a photo of myself was this cowboy had a nice pair of leather cuffs. I've never owned a pair.

More recently, just a few months ago I walked into the Rezac sale barn café in St. Marys and was greeted by a fellow that knew me. Only he didn't. I played along thinking perhaps this was one of these people that I really do know, only can't place them. The longer we talked it became obvious that he thought I was someone else. He even called his friend on the phone and told him about me while we visited. The stranger even gave me the name and phone number of the fella he mistook me for, but I'll be darned if I can find it.

Maybe he reads this and someone has called him by my name... So, brother, if you own a pair of cuffs, had your picture on the "Kansas" magazine, and ever got lucky in Aggieville, email me. We need to meet!

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

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I turn off I-70 at Limon onto Colorado 86 and head west toward Greenwood Village just south of Denver. The sky was overcast, but the sun shone on Pike's Peak as I drove past the rolling prairies. I kept thinking, Kansas really should have kept this land. It is very pretty. Then you get to the suburbs of Denver and you don't mind so much.

There are just so many people! Living in western Kansas, you get unaccustomed to dealing with traffic.

Let Colorado have all that traffic nonsense.

The Order of the Indian Wars is having their annual Layton Hooper Symposium. Scholars and buffs come together to make a weekend of spirited

debate (with spirits) and camaraderie. The passion for history prevails.

My friend, Carol Neumann, has flown in from Philadelphia. Folks will be arriving from New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and some old places as well.

History is good for the economy.

Today, Carol and I will do some exploring - Bent's Old Fort, Sand Creek, Boggsville, the site of Bent's New Fort - as much as we can squeeze into the day.

Nothing compares to being there.

As we explore, I will remind the Coloradans that this was once the Kansas Territory and we were kind enough to lop off this part and let them have it.

I think they should be nicer about sharing the Ar-Kansas River with us.

See you somewhere, Around Kansas! (Even if it's Colorado!)

And now for some Stupid Words from Andy Obermueller.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

One explanation posits the phrase relates to the length of pieces of fabric, or various garments, including saris, kilts, shrouds or bolts of cloth. Comments on Etymology reports fabric was routinely sold in standard lengths of nine yards (and other multiples of three yards) during the 1800s and early 1900s.

Another theory dates to World War II, when aircraft machine

gun belts were nine yards long. The Vickers machine gun, adopted by the British Army before World War I, had a standard belt that held 250 rounds and was twenty feet (or 6.7 yards). The Vickers gun fitted to aircraft during World War I could accommodate belts of 350 to 400 rounds, the average length of which was about nine yards. But the phrase predates World War I.

Or maybe it's the volume of a grave.

Some contend that "nine yards" refers to the cubic measure of the volume of a cement mixer.

It could be a nautical reference, in which a yard is horizontal spar on which a sail is hung. (Hence "yard-arm.")

All square-rigged sails, with three yards on each of three masts, could add up to the whole nine yards.

Yale University librarian Fred Shapiro called the whole nine yards "the most prominent etymological riddle of our time." The fact is no one definitively knows the phrase's origin. It means "the full amount available."

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

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

Canadian cabinet minister to visit UNL to discuss trade, geopolitics

François-Philippe Champagne, Canada's minister of innovation, science and industry, will deliver a May 3 address at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, speaking on "U.S.-Canada Trade and Geopol-

itics."

Champagne's presentation, which is free and open to the public, is 1 to 2 p.m. in the Willa Cather Dining Complex, Red Cloud B-C, 530 N. 17th St. It will be livestreamed at

<https://yeutter-institute.unl.edu>.

Event cosponsors are the Clayton Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

"Canada is Nebraska's largest export market," Champagne said. "With a talented workforce and a stable, competitive economy, Canada is also a top destination for American companies looking to invest abroad. Millions of jobs on both sides of the border depend on trade and investment between our two countries."

Champagne said he looks forward "to meeting with Nebraskans to discuss our mutual interest in North Ameri-

can competitiveness by shoring up our agricultural supply chains, investing in life sciences and seizing the opportunities of the new digital economy."

In his cabinet position, Champagne has been energetic in traveling internationally to promote business opportunities in Canada. A Quebec native, he has a law degree from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and has worked in the private sector in Italy, Switzerland and the United

Kingdom.

He has held various ministerial roles in the Canadian government, including foreign affairs, infrastructure and trade.

Canada is the top export market for the United States and Nebraska, and a leading trade partner for both. Nebraska's annual exports to Canada top \$1.8 billion and recently included \$247 million in agricultural machinery, \$222 million in natural gas and other gases, \$124 million in animal meats and \$50 million in insurance services.

Nebraska's top imports from Canada include \$172 million in animal feed, \$125 million in live animals, \$108 million in plastics and \$92 million in animal meats.

Omaha-based Werner Enterprises annually ships nearly 20,000 cross-border loads between the U.S. and Canada, according to the Consulate General of Canada in Minneapolis. More than 3,800 Nebraskans are employed by 63 Canadian-owned companies, the Consulate General reported.

The May 3 event is the latest in a series of trade-focused presentations sponsored or co-sponsored by the Yeutter Institute, named after Eustis, Nebraska native Clayton Yeutter (1930-2017). A University of Nebraska alumnus, Yeutter served as U.S. trade representative, U.S. secretary of agriculture and president and CEO of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

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This event offers the public an opportunity to meet Kansas wine and food producers: Oz Winery, Liquid Art Winery & Estate, Red Rock Hill Vineyards, Z&M Twisted Vineyard - Lawrence, Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery, Rowe Ridge Vineyard & Winery, Grace Hill Winery,

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Tickets are now on sale at shop.fromthelandofkansas.com/cheers-kansas-event. Tickets include a logo wine glass, wine samples and/or food samples, live music performances, and a wine tote. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Highland Community College viticulture and

enology academic program. Three ticket options are available:

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Mann, Scott, Panetta introduce legislation to strengthen crop insurance

U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (KS-01), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, along with representatives Austin Scott (GA-08), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit, and Jimmy Panetta (CA-19) of the Ways and Means Committee, recently introduced the Ensuring Access to Risk Management Act.

The legislation corrects a current flaw that cuts risk management delivery funding for crops and restores the annual inflation adjustment for risk management delivery funding.

The last general inflation adjustment for risk management delivery was in 2015. Both the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 agricultural appropriations legislation urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide permanent relief for specialty crop risk management delivery and

the restoration of the general annual inflation adjustment for all crops, but USDA indicated that legislation is required.

"The higher the risk, the higher the fall, and the stronger the safety net you need to survive," said Mann. "While the federal crop insurance program mitigates risk and helps strengthen that safety net, the program's administrative and operating costs have not been adjusted for inflation since the 2015 reinsurance year. Since then, inflation hit a forty-year high, and America's agricultural producers and crop insurance agents are feeling its weight. By establishing a minimum reimbursement rate for administrative and operating expenses and restoring the annual inflation adjustment, this legislation helps Congress further strengthen the agricultural safety net to give farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers the certainty they deserve."

"As the Chairman of the Subcommittee with

jurisdiction over Federal Crop Insurance, I'm pleased to introduce this legislation to ensure that the infrastructure delivering our farmers and ranchers their most important safety net is on solid ground," said Scott. "Agriculture in my state and district is very diverse, and this legislation is designed to ensure that whatever our producers grow, they're going to get the risk management help they need."

"The current design of our crop insurance system can hurt many specialty crop producers all across the country, including in California's 19th Congressional District," said Panetta. "Our bipartisan legislation would correct that flaw and provide improved risk management infrastructure when prices fluctuate. This common-sense step to improve this program will help strengthen our farms, the food that they produce, and the families that they support."

K-State wildlife expert: How to avoid negative encounters with snakes

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news

Here's a thought that will make a lot of people cringe: Snakes in your house.

This time of year, "Snakes are coming out of hibernation," said Drew Ricketts, a wildlife specialist with K-State Research and Extension, "and when they do that, they get pretty active because they're hungry and they need to eat."

"They are poking around and exploring and when that happens, they end up inside buildings or homes. That's when I get a lot of excited phone calls and emails from folks about seeing snakes in places where they don't want to see them."

The odds are that the snake is not venomous, Ricketts said. There are 42 known species of snakes in Kansas, and only seven of those are venomous. One of those - the northern cottonmouth - hasn't been spotted in close to 30 years.

"Their prey is typically going to be things like rats, mice and insects," Ricketts said. "We have species that eat other snakes, including venomous snakes."

Ricketts acknowledges that people have an innate fear of snakes. Still, he said that people should learn to identify snakes, "so that if

you see one, you know whether or not it's one you should be scared of."

"The best thing to do is to give all snakes a lot of space," Ricketts said. "One of the really surprising statistics that I've seen is that one-half of the people who are bitten by a venomous snake are actually handling that snake. So, it's a lot less common to have a negative encounter with the snake if you just turn around and walk the other way."

When snakes choose to go where they're not wanted - back to that thought of being in

your home - there are options, according to Ricketts.

"You know, snakes can get in through pretty small spaces, and that's one of the big challenges about avoiding snakes; even a fairly large snake can flatten their body out, so they could get through a space that is one-half inch tall by one to two inches wide," Ricketts said. "And oftentimes, once they get into the house, they start following structure, so they follow walls as they move through the house."

For those less frightened by snakes,

one way to remove the unwanted visitor is - after identifying it's not a venomous species - use a rod or similar tool to pin the head down, grab it behind the neck firmly, and release it outside.

Large glue traps are another alternative for those who are more snake-averse, Ricketts said.

"When buying these, you want to get the one's that say 'for snakes' on them," Ricketts said. "We can place them up against a wall in the house and when the snake moves up along that wall, the glue trap catches

them."

To protect pets from being caught in the glue trap, Ricketts suggests placing glue traps behind furniture, desks, washing machines or other areas where domestic pets are not likely to roam.

Outdoors, Ricketts said homeowners can discourage snakes in the yard by reducing the presence of cover, such as rocks and landscaping pavers, brush

piles, building material and tall vegetation.

"Keeping the yard mowed, not letting weeds accumulate, and cleaning the clutter that we may have out there can really help to keep snakes away," Ricketts said.

More information on managing wildlife is available online from K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

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USDA partners with FarmRaise to offer educational tools and resources to promote financial access and equity for agricultural producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has unveiled a new, online Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Decision Tool and farm loan resources available to agricultural producers and cooperators who help producers access USDA disaster assistance, farm loans and other federal farm programs. The new LIP tool and the farm loan informational video resources were developed in partnership with FarmRaise and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). These tools are now available at www.farmraise.com/usda-fsa.

Current FarmRaise Tools and Resources
FarmRaise, Inc. has created an online educational hub – called Farm Service Agency

101 – comprised of videos, and resources that enable cooperators and the agricultural producers they serve to learn about and access major FSA programs.

The newly launched LIP Decision Tool assists livestock producers who suffered loss from eligible adverse weather events and other causes of loss as well as cooperators who are helping disaster-impacted livestock producers navigate available federal disaster assistance programs. The optional decision tool gives producers guidance on what is needed to gather and submit required loss documentation, reducing the amount of time needed to complete applications and enabling FSA county

office staff to deliver much-needed assistance faster. Using this tool, however, is not an application for benefits or a determination of eligibility.

Through use of the LIP tool, livestock producers can provide supporting documentation, inventory numbers, and loss numbers to FSA county offices. Doing so, in advance of the initial county office visit, will help FSA staff serve customers more effectively and efficiently. Producers will also need to complete an application for LIP assistance and, upon request, may be asked to provide additional supporting documentation.

LIP offers payments to livestock producers for livestock deaths in

excess of normal mortality caused by qualifying adverse weather events. LIP also covers losses due to eligible diseases and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. This includes attacks by wolves and predatory birds.

In addition to the new LIP Decision Tool, the FarmRaise educational hub offers several, easily navigated farm loan programs how-to videos designed to introduce producers to FSA's many farm loan programs options and guide them through the application process.

More FSA program resources and tools will soon be added to the FarmRaise educational hub. Cooperators

and agricultural producers are encouraged to visit the FarmRaise educational hub often to access all available resources.

About the Partnership

USDA cooperators are organizations on the frontlines of access and often are the first point of contact connecting farmers to USDA programs. The partnership between FarmRaise, Inc. and FSA, through a cooperative agreement, aims to improve producer participation and customer experience in USDA programs through education and technical assistance to young, beginning, and small-scale to mid-sized producers, producers with disabilities, and veterans.

By developing a digital educational hub that delivers free, user-friendly, producer and cooperator-tested resources USDA and FarmRaise, Inc. will help FSA expedite program delivery to agricultural producers. The hub offers how-to videos and visual aids that educate producers about FSA programs and prepares them for submitting applications for program participation.

More Information
For more information about FSA farm and farm loan programs, visit fsa.usda.gov or contact your local USDA Service Center - farmers.gov/service-center-locator. To learn more about FarmRaise, visit Farmraise.com.

Selecting sires to create replacement females

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

When making a decision, many people believe it is important to gather as much information as possible to set the path for the future.

When selecting sires, beef producers have a lot

of data to reference, said the experts at Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

The experts focused on selecting bulls that could work as sires mated to first-calf heifers, and that the female calves from this mating could be retained in the herd as replacement heifers.

"When it comes to heifer matings, it is important to look at the potential sires' calving ease direct EPD (Expected Progeny Difference), but I also recommend using a selection index as part of the sire selection process," said Bob Weaber, K-State beef cattle geneticist and head of the Eastern Kansas Research Extension program.

He said the selection indexes are built from multiple data inputs, which gives producers more information than a single-trait data point, such as an EPD.

"Many producers are looking to manage mature cow size and lactation potential to control main-

tenance and production costs and that is where using selection indexes can help," Weaber said. "Using a selection index that is targeted towards replacement females and understanding the marketing endpoint is valuable because it balances out the pressure from growth and performance relative to cost."

K-State veterinarian Bob Larson agreed and added that the beef breed associations and artificial insemination bull studs make that data available to producers working through the sire selection process.

"Each breed association has slightly different indexes, but they are similar, and for building matings to create replacement heifers, it is important to select a bull that is high for the maternal index," Larson said.

When Weaber works through this process, he goes to searchable databases to put in his criteria and then sorts through the rankings provided to him.

"Start the search to find the index for the best-performing animals to meet the marketing endpoint and then sort that sub-group for the single trait that you are most concerned about," Weaber said. "So, in the case of planning matings to heifers that will be used to create replacement heifers, first sort on the maternal index and then calving ease direct. By doing that you are optimizing the most economically important traits."

To hear the full discussion, listen to Cattle Chat on your preferred streaming platform.

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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 * 11:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: Wamego Senior Center, 501 Ash Street, WAMEGO, KS 66547



TOYS (sell at 12:30 PM): Mickey and Minnie mouse toys; repro Mickey Mouse lunch box; Early Mickey Mouse figurine; Hallmark Mickey Mouse ornaments; Mickey Mouse/Donald Duck fire truck; Mickey Mouse radio; tin Mickey Mouse xylophone mechanical toy; Mickey Mouse mechanical crazy car; original Mickey Mouse pocket watches with watch fobs in original boxes; Marx Merry Makers Mouse Band with original box and complete band; Marx toys mechanical Fred Flintstone; mechanical Humphrey Mobile (original box); hot rod racer; Longines mini jewelry store bicycle motion display; Hopalong Cassidy child's wrist watch in original box; Miniature toys; 1912 fire engine mechanical toy; mechanical horse drawn carts-Vintage tin; mechanical tin Japanese cars (x3); Marke Lehmann German Mechanical Car Mar Toys Sparkling Tank in original box; vintage mechanical ladder fire truck; tin Davy Crockett Stagecoach mechanical toy; vintage tin tricycle mechanical toy; mechanical fisherman tin toy; Dog Patch #4 band by Pioneer toy makers; Antique tin mechanical tank; modern repro mechanical dog bank; German boat swings; Hallmark Kiddie car collection limited edition-NIB; Vintage wind up tin toys (cars, tanks, trick taxis, race cars, Ducks, Penguins, ice cream cart, turtle ETC.); MAR Toys Original Tank; Porky Pig race car; tin clown on donkey wind-up toy; tin German motorcycle toy; 10 pill boxes; Heritage collection train set; Ubilda English locomotive box (empty); Lionel model trains with original boxes (Diesel engine, observation car); J&P Locomotive toys (engine, passenger car, mail car, etc.); Hornby British Locomotives (Type 40 X2, Type 51, Rolling Stock, Cole Tenders. Etc.); Aurora racing set (HO Scale)-NIB; mini treasure chest with mini toys; mechanical pinball; Raggedy Ann doll; army vehicle plastic models; whirly gigs; B24 airplane model (NIB); radio control Stuart Little car; Hot Wheels; Pez dispensers; Cabbage Patch doll; Pee Wee Herman doll; Misc. dolls; & **MANY MORE TOYS.**

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ART: Brass ash bucket/tools; wooden boxes; antique Pontiac hood ornaments; nutcrackers; Records; Hungarian stem crystal etched wine glasses; vintage Bundy clarinet; Alco sewing machine; teapot figurines; Miniature Toby mugs collection; Royal Doulton Toby mugs collection; glass Bluebirds; Hallmark Christmas ornament collection; Old man mugs; salt and pepper shakers; brass serving dishes and platters; lead crystal baskets; miscellaneous jewelry; punch bowl set; Black powder .44 caliber Colt Dragon (Italy); 3- replica black powder pistols; black powder cap and ball muzzle loading pistol; black powder cap and ball muzzle loading boot pistol; black powder Allen & Thurber pepper box 6 shot cap and ball pistol; Flint Hills Festival of Wines posters; Cafe Nitro poster; 123 geese numbered print; Kansas sunset paintings; Kansas sky watercolor-Oscar Larmer; boy/girl renaissance paintings; Lisa Grossman paintings; Anne hunter print; miscellaneous painting supplies; airbrush pump; lithographs; **AND MORE.**



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Online Land Auction (bidding Opens April 29, 9 am CST & Closes May 1 at 3 pm CST) — Osner Sumner County, KS Land in 2 tracts (316 & 76 Acres). Auctioneers: Hayden Outdoors Real Estate.

Online Farm Equipment Auction (bidding closes May 1) — Late model John Deere tractors, combine, sprayer, tillage & harvest equipment. www.FloryAndAssociates.com. Auctioneers: Flory & Associates Realty & Auctions.

April 29 — Land Auction consisting of 214.34 acres m/l of Lyon County land, Neosho River bottom land and upland selling in 2 tracts: T1: 56.21 taxable ac. with approx. 36 ac. Neosho River cropland, balance is Neosho River, wildlife habitat & timber; T2: 158.13 taxable ac. upland farm with native grass, abandoned building site, rural water line along north side held at Emporia selling for Anderson. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.

April 30 — Tractors, mowers, log splitter, wood chipper, tiller, tools & more held at Salina for Leonard Riggs. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 30 — Real Estate Auction consisting of a 2 1/2-story 1917 home (located in the heart of Manhattan) with full basement, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, custom wood cabinetry, detached garage & more held at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

April 30 — Land auction consisting of 176 acres m/l of Morris County land: 100.67 ac. FSA cropland, approx. 76 fenced acres of pasture with pond, approx. 100 ac. of hay ground/pasture or recently expired CRP. Held live at White City for Daniel & Sharon Ketter. Online & phone bidding available (www.MidwestLandandHome.com) with online bidding beginning April 16. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Toby Bruna, Land Agent.

May 3 — Farm Machinery auction selling tractors, swather & combine, nice farm equipment, fuel tanks, iron & tubing, 4-wheelers, trucks, trailers, 12'x27' curved building, Lynn chute & alley & more items held near Natoma for Herbert "Herb" Hachmeister. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

May 2 (Thursday) — White Equipment Auction including Trucks (1964 Chevy 60 grain truck, 1965 Chevy 600 grain truck), John Deere 4650 tractor, Farm equipment inc. Case IH 1660 combine & other equipment held at Nickerson. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auctions.

May 4 — Case 300 dual range drive shuttle tractor w/Case loader, 2-wheel trailer w/drop deck, riding mower, Shopsmith, shop equipment, chainsaws, garden items, Tonka toys, wheelbarrow, Carnival glass & other glassware, puzzles, coins, household & crocks & more held at Newton for Deola (Carl) Wenger. All proceeds will be donated to Mercy Hospital. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.

May 4 — Ford Thunderbirds (selling live & online at 1 PM: 1955, 1957, 1955-1957 T-bird hardtop, 1956 T-bird hard top), huge inventory of 1955-57 T-Bird parts, die cast & model cars, Antiques & Collectibles, memorabilia, Tools, mowers & misc. held live at Olpe with online bidding on cars (www.GriffinRealEstateAuction.com) selling for The Mitch Reed Family. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

May 4 — Selling a large assortment of quality vintage & antique items including Lexington 2-pc. cherry highboy, vintage clocks & cameras, 9 Classic Coke prints, 100+/WWII, Civil War, aircraft, etc. books; glassware, rolling pins, sailboat models, lots of fancywork, dolls, lamps, toys, vintage & primitive hand tools & much, much more held at Osage City for Graham & Susana Parks. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.

May 4 — Guns including Rifles (Ruger, UMC, BSA Martini, Stevens, Winchester, Remington, Marlin), Shotguns (Yildiz, Winchester, Lefever, Savage), Pistols (Ruger, High Standard), Daisy BB guns, large assortment of ammo & reloading supplies, vintage Ford garden tractors, scaffolding, ladders, Graco pro airless sprayer & more held at Sabetha for Mike Frey. Auctioneers: LG Auction.

May 4 — Real Estate & personal property auction including very nice home on 4 acres, shop building; construction/shop tools & supplies, lawn & garden, household & collectibles held at Hutchinson for Kenny & Susan Huff. Auctioneers: Morris Yoder Auction.

May 4 — Real Estate & personal property including a 2BR, 2BA earth shelter home on approx. 5 acres, 2 car attached garage, metal building & more; storage container, enclosed trailer, Ford 1510 diesel tractor, Hustler zero turn mower, Huskee yard tractor, generator, woodworking equipment, saws, lathes, compressors, power tools & lots more Tools held at Abilene for Dennis Garver. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 4 — Storage barn, vehicles, backhoe, trailers, firearms, mowers, outdoor items, tools, plumbing supplies, shop items, household & much more held near Clay Center for Ron & Lisa Harris. Auction conducted by: 5A Auction Service, Greg & Cody Askren.

May 6 — Gardiner Angus Ranch Meating Demand Sale. Selling 370 head: 220 registered bulls and 150 bred commercial Angus females held at the ranch, near Ashland.

May 5 — Personal property auction including Vintage toys (Mickey & Minnie Mouse toys, Marx Merry Makers Mouse Band, mechanical & tin toys, Lionel model trains,

misc. dolls & more), Antiques, Collectibles & Art, jewelry, furniture, decor, garden & outdoor items & more held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 9 — Wildlife Trophy Mount Auction from a private collection selling outstanding quality & selection of World, Nationwide and Kansas mounts held live at Newton with Online Simulcast: www.KansasOnlineAuctions.com (bidding opens May 1, 2 PM). Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC, Emma Creeks Real Estate, LLC.

May 9 — Land auction consisting of 44.5 acres ml bordering John Redmond Reservoir in Coffey County. Great location, lots of wildlife, potential building site held at New Strawn for Chris & Diana L. Thomsen. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auctions.

May 11 — Live Auction selling Antique Tractors (1941 JD A, 1937 JD D, 1949 JD A, 1937 JD B), primitives, antiques, signs, tools & equipment, log splitter, toys, outdoor & more held at Benton for Bob Roblin. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction.

May 11 — Consignment Auction including Tractors, Skid Loaders, Excavators, Hay Equipment, other Equipment, Vehicles, Trailers, ATV, UTVs, Mowers, Campers, Skid Loader Attachments & more held at Leon. Online bidding available at www.EquipmentFacts.com. Auctioneers: Wedel Auction & Real Estate.

May 11 — Extravagant Vintage Auction inc.: Adv. bricks & cans, books, carpenter boxes, cast iron items, Chapman signs & collectibles, crocks, nice primitives, lanterns, lead glass window panes, Miller beer sign, oil lamps, porch pillars, tools & tool boxes, toys, vinyl records & so much more held at Chapman. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions, Loren Meyer.

May 11 — Pop, beverage & milk bottles of all kinds, glassware, fruit jars, frames, prints, paintings, tin & cast iron toys, lots of advertising items, Wareham Hotel (Manhattan, KS) crock & punch bowl, post cards, vintage furniture inc.: several barrister book cases, dressers, display cases, Hoosier cabinet & more, electric train set, books, musical instruments, Pabst Blue Ribbon sign, JD 210 garden tractor, generator, tools, Yamaha 650 Heritage Special motorcycle & so much more held at Wamego for the David Smies Estate (from Pop's Collectibles). Auctioneers: Morgan Riat Auctions with Foundation Realty.

May 11 — 40+ guns, reloading, 1000+ ammo rounds, 4-wheeler, mower, boat, tools, collectibles & more (also selling real estate) held at Centralia

for John Pearce. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

May 11 — Antiques, Primitives & miscellaneous held at Woodbine for Byron & Shiryl Pauley. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

May 13 — Real Estate & Contents including 2BR, 1BA, full basement home; & selling contents of home held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 15 — Antiques & Collectibles including dental cabinet from Dr. Grimes (Smith Center), Crocks, large red porcelain station lights (Vickers Smith Center), Aladdin lamps, gas & oil advertising, collection of Standard Oil items, bottles & lots more collectible items held on the west edge of Smith Center for Dave & Nancy Stortz. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 16 — Land auction consisting of 232 Acres m/l of Republic County land with 100% grass pasture, gently rolling hills have ample trees for shade, 3 ponds provide water, wildlife habitat & more held live at Belleville for Paul E. Walthers Family Trust. Online bidding available (bidding opens May 5: www.MidwestLandandHome.com). Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Mark Uhlik, listing broker/auctioneer.

May 16 — Motorcycles (1974 Honda CB500T, 1975 Harley Davidson SX125, 1972 Honda 250, 1980 Honda 500, 1997 Kawasaki KX60), mowers & Hyster G50 propane forklift, tools & collectibles held north of Salina for George & Denise Dresie. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 18 — Estate Gun auction including Guns, lots of ammo, knives, shooting accessories, gun safes, unique Simmons Hardware gun display case & other vintage items held at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

May 18 — Tractor (1998 JD 5410), 2001 Kawasaki Mule, 2010 Grasshopper 927 mower, equipment inc.: gooseneck trailer, speed movers & more, antiques, household, tools & guns held near Salina for Don & Dee Schneider. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 18 — Real estate & personal property auction selling a 1997 manufactured home on 6 acres m/l with 2BR, 2BA, metal roof, pole barn, like new fences & more; also selling shop equipment, household & more held at Morganville for Frank Purling Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

May 18 — Estate Auction including Kubota 4x4 Tractor, 2015 Chrysler 200 car, 3 pt. equipment, woodworking equipment/tools, collectibles, household & etc. held at Lawrence for Karon (John) Stevens & Virginia Romero Trust. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

May 19 — Pedal Tractor & Toy Auction including 70 Pedal Tractors & Vehicles (Hoover Production,

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John Deere, IHC, Oliver, Allis Chalmers, Case, MF), custom built pedal tractor equipment, Toys inc.: 1/8 tractors, trucks & construction equipment held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 20 (Monday) — Real Estate & personal property auction including building with 2 room office, restroom, central AC/Heat; Tractors & equipment, hog oilers, collectibles & tools held at Manhattan for the Late Vern Gannon. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 20 (Monday evening) — Real Estate selling 9 unit brick apartment complex (7-1BR & 2-2BR, 2 Ac. m/l, concrete parking held at live at Eskridge with online bidding (www.superiorlandgroupbid.com). Auctioneers: Superior Real Estate, Wischropp Auctions.

May 21 (Tuesday evening) — Real Estate auction selling 20 acres m/l held near Melvern with online bidding available (www.superiorlandgroupbid.com). Auctioneers: Superior Real Estate, Wischropp Auctions.

May 21 — Saline County Hunting Land Auction selling 160.86 acres m/l of pasture w/3 ponds in NW Saline County, lots of trees & more held at South Salina for Norma Jolene Norland. Auctioneers: United Country Real Estate-Crossroads Auction & Realty.

May 21 — Real Estate Auction consisting of a 4-bedroom, 3 bath home with over 2900 sq. ft. of spacing on a secluded lot that is just over an acre with easy access to Highway 24 held at Wamego. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 21 — Land Auction consisting of 722 acres m/l of Lincoln County land with some of the best level farmland in the county offered in 4 Tracts: T1: 212.9 taxable ac. m/l; T2: 212.3 taxable ac. m/l; T3: 214 taxable ac. m/l; T4: 82 taxable ac. m/l. Great hunting, creek bottom, tillable and pasture held at Lincoln with online bidding available (www.horizonfarmranch.com). Selling for Danial S. & Edna M. Healy Family LTD Partnership. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

May 25 & May 26 — Selling May 25: Guns, BB guns, ammo (both modern & collectible), Indian Collectibles; Selling May 26: Mills 25-cent Slot Machine, military uniforms, medals, holsters, books held at Salina both days for Keith Lassman. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

May 27 — Glass including Fenton, vases, baskets, Dryden, pressed, Depression, head vases, peanut jars, Roseville, perfume & more, Artwork, crocks, collectibles & collection

Page 11 of tools, items from Salina Coffee House & more held at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

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.

May 28 — Land Auction consisting of 160 acres m/l of Saline County land offered in 4 tracts: T1: 27 ac. m/l prime tillable farm; T2: 31 ac. m/l great farm & Saline River frontage highway; T3: 38 ac. m/l productive tillable; T4: 67 ac. m/l tillable, timber & Saline River, part zoned commercial held live at Salina with online bidding available (www.horizonfarmranch.com). Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

May 30 — Land Auction including two great tillable farms close to grain markets & excellent access: T1: 75 ac. m/l tillable, balance in waterways; T2: 74 ac. m/l tillable, balance waterways & brome hay meadow held at Hillsboro for Leona L. Ratzlaff Revocable Trust. Online bidding available: www.horizonfarmranch.com. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

June 8 — R&R Excavating Auction selling JD X730 mower, JD Backhoe loader, Grasshopper 729 & Duramax 61 power-fold mower deck & grass catcher, JD Gator, JD 647 tiller, JD quick hitch, pressure washer, pellet stove, tools & air tools, antique toys, shop items, JD parts, appliances, vintage items & so much more held at Lindsborg. Auctioneers: Lazy J Auctions.

June 22 (This auction was postponed from April 13) — Firearms & Collectible auction selling 65+ firearms including long guns, Winchester, Belgium Browning, Remington, Ithaca, Revolvers, Pistols, scopes, ammo & paper boxes, knives, collectibles, etc. held at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

August 10 — Large Farm Machinery Sale with many pieces of late model and low hour John Deere machinery; also a full line of other good farm equipment & related items held at Abilene for David W. Mills Charitable Trust, Advantage Trust Company, trustee. Auctioneers: Kretz Auction Service.

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.

MITCH REED LIVE AUCTION
(T-Birds, HUGE Inventory of 1955-57 T-Bird Parts, Collectibles, Memorabilia, Tools)
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 - 10:00 AM
 (Vehicles will sell at 1:00 PM)

AUCTION LOCATION: 730 S. Hwy. 99, OLPE, KANSAS 66868

SELLER: THE MITCH REED FAMILY
LARGE AUCTION: We Will Run 2-RINGS - Selling Live & Online at 1 pm: 1955 Ford Thunderbird V8 292 Ci, Car is a Roller; 1957 Ford Thunderbird, Car is a Roller; 1955-1957 T-Bird Hard Top; 1956 T-Bird Hard Top; 1962-1963 Kelsey Hays Wire Spoke Wheels w/2 Spoke Spinners; 1955-1957 T-Bird Hood; AMI Model C Jukebox; **CAR PARTS:** HUGE Inventory, most fit 1955-57 T-Birds; Power Brake Booster; Fender Skirts; Front & Rear Bumpers; Hood Grills; Lots of Chrome (Garnish Molding, Garnish Rails, Fender Skirt Molding, Side Grill Molding, Hard Top Molding, Inside Windshield, Upper Glass Stainless, Ext & Int Verticals); 63'-64' T-Bird Spinners & Caps; Hubcaps & Inserts; Hook IV Air Conditioner; 55'-56' NOS Body Assembly; Thunderbird Hood & Trim Ornaments; Door Handles; Windshields; Exhaust Manifolds; Visors; Transmissions; BF Goodrich White Wall Tires 14"; Radiators; Fuel Pumps; Emblems; Carburetors; Intake Manifolds; Quarter Panels; **DIE CAST & MODEL CARS:** Model Cars (1st, 2nd, 3rd Gen); Die Cast Cars; **ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Frigidaire Custom Imperial Range; 55' T-Bird Clock; T-Bird & Racing Trophies; T-Bird Memorabilia; Jewelry; **TOOLS:** Mac Rolling Tool Chest 16 Drawer; SNAP-ON (Pliers, Deep Sockets, Screw Drivers, Swivel Heads, 3/8" Sockets; Socket Ext, Wrenches); Blue Point Extractor Kit; Econoline Sand Blaster; Napa Mig Welder w/ Bottle; Snap-On Tool Box; Mac 20 Drawer Rolling Chest; Victor Cutting Torch w/bottles; Atlas Mandrel Press 1 1/2; Milwaukee Sawzall; HD Jack Stands; Fastener and Bolt Cabinets; Engine Stand; Benwil Industries 2-Post Car Lift 7,000 lb; lots more; **MOWERS & MISC:** Grasshopper 721D & 722D Zero Turn Mowers, dsl (Not running); 25-ton MTD Log Splitter; Nat'l BD&MPCO Air Compressor; John Deere Tractor Pull Manure Spreader; **Much More, this a partial listing.**
 See website for full listing, terms & photos GriffinRealEstateAuction.com

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LAND AUCTION

44.5+/- Acres bordering John Redmond Reservoir in Coffey County

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: The New Strawn Community Center, 319 Getz Street, NEW STRAWN, KS 66839

SELLER: CHRIS & DIANA L. THOMSEN

It's an honor to represent the Thomsen Family in the sale of this unique, one of a kind property. Location, location, location! This 44.5-acre tract borders John Redmond Reservoir on the north and east. Whether you are an outdoorsman looking for your next hunting property with deer, turkey and waterfowl on the pond, or are looking for a place to escape to on the weekends to explore, hunt and enjoy the lake, or are looking for a potential building site with lake views, or are an ag producer looking for an affordable sized tract to run your cattle on, this property checks all the boxes! Properties like this don't often come on the open market, don't miss this chance to purchase your own little piece of paradise!
BRIEF LEGAL: S/2 of fractional NW/4 south of John Redmond in S02-T21-R14E in Coffey Co. **DIRECTIONS:** From Burlington, KS go west on 12th Rd for 6.0 mi to Fauna Rd, go north for 2.5 mi to 14th Lane, go east for 1.0 mi to Garner Rd, go north for 1.0 mi to the property.
 See website for full details, terms & photos GriffinRealEstateAuction.com

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PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024, 10:00 AM

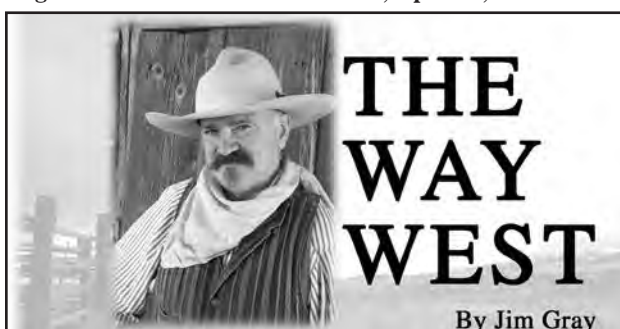
302 Oak St., CENTRALIA, KS (Hwy 9 & 2nd St. S to Oak)
GUNS & RELOADING: 40+ guns; many reloading dies; 1000+ ammo rounds; new & used gun barrels; gunsmithing tools & books; black powder supplies; Kodiak Magnum recurve, 55#, 52"; Bear takedown w/built in sights.

4-WHEELER, MOWER & BOAT: Polaris 350, liquid cooled, 4x4; 623 Grasshopper 52"; 15 1/2' bass boat Evinrude 140.
TOOLS: South Bend metal lathe, 4' bed; 36" South Bend metal lathe; many other power & hand tools.

COLLECTIBLES: WWII German helmet; other German items; WWI helmet; Native American items; many other collectibles.

JOHN PEARCE, OWNER
NOTE: John was a Gunsmith. Many Tools & Parts Not Listed. Guns, 4-Wheeler, Mower Start Selling at 1 PM.
 Real Estate Will Sell at 12:30 PM

Very Partial Listing. For complete List & pics go to: www.kansasauctions.net/edgecomb
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

Fearless to the End

Capt. Jack Harvey is not well known today, but in the late 1860s his every move was followed by general public. He and Wild Bill Hickok had cut their teeth on death and daring in Missouri and Arkansas during the Civil War. The two became government scouts during military campaigns against the plains tribes.

In his book *Wild Bill and His Era*, William E. Connelly wrote of a reunion of sorts at Hays City, Theodore (Theo) Bartles had ridden with Hickock during the war. Bartles was a renown scout in his own right. Some said that he was a better shot than Hickok. He knew Jack Harvey well and was in Hays City with Harvey's old saddle pal, Walt Sinclair.

The visitors were in-

vited to go on an excursion across the plains into the heart of Indian country in the valley of the Republican River. Of course they found themselves fleeing a large party of warriors. Drawing upon their days of Johnny Reb they turned and rode straight for the center of the charging warriors. Each man was a dead shot and every bullet brought down a warrior. Lesser men would have been run down and scalped.

Few men could identify with the clandestine encounters these men had lived through. Undoubtedly their shared life experiences contributed to the trusting, inseparable nature of the relationship between Capt. Jack and Wild Bill.

They were active during General Han-

cock's campaign in the spring of 1867. In mid-May 1867, the Junction City Union reported that Capt. Jack and Wild Bill were on the "Indian front."

Unfortunately, Capt. Jack was on that front when his closest companion during those harrowing war years, Walt Sinclair, died of consumption (tuberculosis) on May 15, 1867. Sinclair was another man who, in his time, was famous for his exploits. The *Wathena Reporter* noted that Sinclair had contracted the disease during the late war while in service of the government along with Captain Tough and Jack Harvey. A short life was not unexpected for bold and reckless men like Walt Sinclair and Capt. Jack Harvey.

Harvey was in Junction City in late June, probably in or out of Fort Riley. The editor of the *Union* wrote, "The Junction Union is indebted to Jack Harvey, the scout, for the particulars of another outrage, committed on Monday, the 17th inst., about noon, on Plum Creek eighteen miles west of Fort Harker." Capt. Jack happened

upon a survivor of an attack on a government wagon train as it approached Plum Creek (present-day Holyrood, Kansas).

A party of Indians suddenly appeared and cut off two men who were riding in advance of the train. One of them, a stone mason from Leavenworth, was known to Capt. Jack. He was killed instantly, scalped, and mutilated. The other man escaped on foot to the ranch at the crossing of Plum Creek, two hundred yards from where the attack had begun. The Indians watched the train from a distance but left it alone. The stage coach at the station was compelled to lay over until the Indians moved on.

Indians remained a constant threat to frontier Ellsworth. Hancock's failure to bring peace to the plains kept everyone on heightened alert. Capt. Jack and Wild Bill were constantly on the lookout, and the denizens of the fledgling frontier town eagerly looked to the hills for the scouts and news of the Indian war. When the scouts came in the citizens gathered around them "with anx-

ious faces and listening ears."

The government scouts were celebrities wherever they traveled. They could find their way into the papers by riding the train or visiting a favorite hotel. One editor wrote, "Wild Bill the celebrated scout, with Jack Harvey and some dozen of their companions were upon the train, having just come in from a scouting expedition under Gen Sherman... How long these Athletes will be able to stand such a mode of life; eating, drinking, sleeping (if they can be said to sleep) and playing cards with their pistols at half cock, remains to be seen."

At Ellsworth, Wild Bill proudly dangled a brand-new gold pocket watch before his friend. Capt. Jack was certain that he could shoot a pistol ball through the ring without harming anything. A bet was made. Wild Bill stood resolute, holding the end of the chain at arm's length. Capt. Jack fired and blew the watch to smithereens!

Bill declared that he owned Jack for the next month. "Jack showed his white teeth, twin-

kled his blue eyes, and said, "All right Bill."

The next day Wild Bill spotted Capt. Jack walking across Fort Harker's parade grounds. Bill ordered Jack to halt and hold his hat over his head. Drawing his pistol, Wild Bill shot a ball parting Capt. Jack's hair just above his forehead. Jack "never winced but put his hat on and walked away as though nothing had happened."

Unfortunately, the wild life was about to catch up with Capt. Jack Harvey. He followed Walt Sinclair to the grave, dying of consumption in Ellsworth on March 13, 1868. The Leavenworth Daily Conservative pronounced him, "Brave. Cool in the hour of danger, and one of the best shots on the western border. Jack was always ready for a bold ride or a fight with the enemy. He was as generous and true-hearted as he was brave..." and fearless to the end 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 - 4,322. HOGS - 144

BULLS: \$158.00-\$169.00 * COWS: \$130.00-\$141.00			
STEERS			
300-400	\$370.00 - \$385.00	13	Mix
400-500	\$360.00 - \$370.00	8	Blk
500-600	\$342.00 - \$355.00	2	Blk
600-700	\$295.00 - \$307.00	8	Blk
700-800	\$270.00 - \$281.00	11	Blk
800-900	\$245.00 - \$258.75	6	Mix
900-1,000	\$225.00 - \$237.50	3	Blk
HEIFERS			
300-400	\$333.00 - \$345.00	21	Mix
400-500	\$335.00 - \$345.00	6	Blk
500-600	\$305.00 - \$316.00	5	Blk
600-700	\$263.00 - \$274.00	2	Blk
700-800	\$230.00 - \$240.00	9	Blk
800-900	\$210.00 - \$221.50	4	Mix
900-1,000	No Test	11	Blk
		12	Blk
		3	Red

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

STEERS			
4	Blk	Lindsborg	346@385.00
7	Blk	Ellsworth	364@375.00
3	Bwf	Valley Center	332@375.00
12	Mix	Partridge	373@375.00
10	Red	Blaine	418@370.00
3	Blk	Partridge	323@370.00
2	Blk	Wakefield	405@370.00
8	Blk	Lindsborg	453@367.50
7	Blk	Penokee	423@365.00
2	Blk	Salina	335@365.00
3	Blk	Gypsum	375@365.00
3	Blk	Wakefield	475@362.00
5	Blk	Smolan	396@362.00
2	Blk	Tescott	438@360.00
3	Blk	Galva	413@360.00
5	Blk	Ellsworth	438@360.00
12	Blk	Partridge	460@360.00
8	Mix	Penokee	462@358.00
9	Blk	Ellsworth	483@358.00
9	Blk	Hunter	480@356.00
2	Blk	Canton	405@355.00
2	Blk	Clafin	433@355.00
14	Blk	Gypsum	511@355.00
3	Blk	Beloit	430@352.50
13	Blk	Lindsborg	527@351.00
11	Blk	Beloit	520@351.00
7	Blk	Blaine	436@350.00
9	Blk	Hillsboro	487@350.00
7	Blk	Ellsworth	509@349.00
7	Blk	Hillsboro	504@345.00
17	Mix	Penokee	534@343.00
5	Blk	McPherson	530@342.50
5	Blk	Lincoln	409@342.50
11	Mix	Osborne	517@342.00
11	Mix	Galva	500@342.00
2	Char	Durham	438@340.00
6	Blk	Lincoln	516@338.00
3	Blk	Colwich	520@332.50
13	Blk	Gypsum	573@324.00
21	Mix	Tipton	560@321.00
9	Blk	Blaine	534@320.00
6	Mix	Delphos	553@317.00
19	Mix	Osborne	602@307.00
12	Blk	Barnard	686@303.00
34	Mix	Osborne	684@298.00
9	Mix	Lost Springs	609@295.00
4	Blk	Salina	559@295.00
9	Blk	Delphos	723@281.00
17	Mix	Ellsworth	666@272.00
43	Mix	Tampa	763@275.00
8	Mix	Minneapolis	726@269.00
14	Red	Salina	733@269.00
63	Blk	Barnard	844@258.75
12	Blk	Hillsboro	807@258.50
30	Blk	Hope	817@257.00
65	Blk	Clifton	858@256.50
67	Mix	Tampa	827@250.75
48	Char	Tampa	860@246.00
66	Mix	Clifton	850@245.50
107	Mix	Hope	840@245.00
62	Mix	Abilene	866@240.25
55	Char	Tampa	928@237.50
65	Blk	Hope	897@237.50
60	Blk	Enterprise	913@236.50
27	Mix	Durham	883@233.50
60	Mix	Abilene	932@229.50
119	Blk	Clifton	960@227.25

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

HOGS			
11	Pigs	Haven	64@70/Hd
8	Pigs	Manchester	48@65/Hd
14	Fats	Lincolnville	318@61.00
9	Fats	Tescott	286@61.00
12	Fats	Moundridge	270@60.00
5	Fats	Tescott	269@60.00
10	Fats	Abilene	294@59.00
7	Pigs	Manchester	36@50/Hd
9	Sows	Clyde	639@35.00
1	Sows	Manhattan	550@35.00
2	Sows	Cottonwood Falls	560@33.00
	Sows	Lincolnville	583@33.00

CALVES			
1	Bwf	Gypsum	250@\$1,050.00
1	Blk	Hillsboro	265@\$1,025.00
1	Blk	Alma	240@\$1,000.00
1	Char	Gypsum	205@750.00
1	Blk	Gypsum	200@725.00
1	Blk	Clafin	160@625.00
1	Blk	Galva	115@550.00
1	Blk	Hope	95@500.00
1	Blk	Brookville	115@475.00
1	Blk	Hutchinson	70@425.00
1	Char	Gypsum	70@400.00

BULLS			
1	Blk	Ellsworth	2535@169.00
1	Char	Gypsum	1960@167.50
1	Blk	Minneapolis	2245@167.00
1	Red	Gypsum	1825@167.00
1	Red	Pretty Prairie	1960@163.00
1	Blk	Alma	2305@162.00
1	Blk	Clafin	1750@160.00
1	Red	Hillsboro	1735@160.00
1	Blk	Minneapolis	2045@159.00
1	Blk	Galva	2115@159.00
1	Blk	Lindsborg	1975@158.00
1	Blk	Hutchinson	2200@155.00
1	Char	Delphos	2170@154.00

COWS			
1	Blk	Falun	1325@141.00
1	Blk	Assaria	1335@139.00
1	Blk	Gypsum	1545@138.00
3	Blk	Solomon	1670@137.00

Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Salina, KANSAS

SALE BARN PHONE: 785-825-0211

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

THURSDAY — CATTLE ONLY

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

AUCTIONEERS: KYLE ELWOOD, BRANDON HAMEL & GARREN WALROD

For a complete list of cattle for all sales check out our website www.fandrive.com

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SPRING SPECTACULAR HORSE SALE: MAY 18, 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 17: Roping Preview, 10 AM

*** Ranch Horse Comp., 6 PM**

SATURDAY, MAY 18: Horse Sale, 10 AM

1	Blk	Peabody	1425@136.50	3	Blk	Little River	1478@134.00
6	Blk	Little River	1599@136.00	1	Bwf	Ellsworth	1730@134.00
1	Blk	Wilson	1380@136.00	1	Blk	Durham	1490@134.00
1	Blk	Delphos	1460@135.50	1	Blk	Salina	1475@133.50
2	Blk	Alma	1385@135.00	1	Blk	Salina	1620@133.50
6	Blk	Little River	1868@135.00	1	Red	Minneapolis	1505@133.00
1	Red	Minneapolis	1410@135.00	2	Blk	Miltonvale	1543@133.00
1	Blk	Abilene	1470@134.50	1	Blk	Delphos	1315@133.00
5	Blk	Little River	1667@134.50				

Early Consignments for THURSDAY, MAY 2

800 mostly black steers, 850-950, 100% Northern origin, all coming directly off wheat; 250 black steers & heifers, 450-600, weaned, 2 round vaccinations, AI sired by select sires; 20 black steers & heifers, 800#, long weaned, vaccinated; 30 steers, 875-900, SD origin; 13 steers, 450-600, homeraised, vaccinated; **PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME.**

SPECIAL CONSIGNMENT, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

Teague Cattle & Mays Family

800 black steers, 850-950, 100% Northern origin, wheat pasture steers
Videos available on Farmers & Ranchers Facebook page, go check it out!

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR SPECIAL COW SALE TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024 * 11:00 AM

BULLS: 16 Angus bulls, semen checked; 5 blk Angus, 2 year old bulls, semen & trich checked; 2 red Angus bulls; 7 char bulls; 3 registered Angus, yearling-2 years, virgin, semen & trich checked; **plus more by sale time.** **HEIFER PAIRS:** 80+80 blk hfr pairs; 10+10 red/Sim Angus, Feb/March calves, all worked; 25+25 blk pairs, Montana origin, Jan/Feb. calves, worked; 9+9 blk pairs, homeraised, calves worked; 10+10 bwf hfrs with charX calves; 190+190 blk/bwf/red pairs, AI sired calves, born March, all worked; 60 blk pairs, 20 years of AI breeding, calves born Feb 1, calves worked, bulls knife cut; 3+3 heifer pairs; 32+32 bwf pairs; 40+40 blk/bwf pairs, homeraised, calves sired by Connealy Angus, worked, ready for grass; 7+7 pairs, calves born Feb/March, AI May 1 to 75M139 Emblem bull; **plus more by sale time.** **BRED HEIFERS:** 40 purebred Angus, bred Angus, calving Nov. 1 for 45 days; 30 Angus heifers, bred Angus, fall bred; **plus more by sale time.** **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 40 mostly blk cows, 3-4 years, calving Aug.1 for 60 days, bred red Angus; 25 blk running age cows, bred blk; 8+8 young pairs, calves worked; 10+10 red/Sim Angus pairs, 3-6 years, Feb/March calves, all worked; 125+125 blk pairs, 5-older, Angus calves, worked, homeraised; 25+25 blk 4-older pairs, Don Johnson sired, worked; 40+40 blk pairs, cows 4-6 years, Angus calves, worked; 100+100 running age pairs; 15 blk running age fall bred cows; 10+10 blk pairs, running age, Feb/March calves, worked; 25+25 blk pairs, running age to older cows; 10+10 blk pairs, big calves; 10 char/blk cows, 5-7 years, bred Angus, calving Aug/Sept.; 25+25 blk pairs, older cows, Balancer calves, calves worked; 10 older fall bred cows; 5+5 blk pairs, 3-8 years, Angus calves, worked; 5 pairs, 5-6 years old; 120+120 blk/red cows, 4-8 years old, homeraised, Sim/Angus calves, all worked; 216 blk/bwf cows, 3-6 years, bred blk/Sim Angus, calving Sept. 15 for 60 days, cows all Montana origin; 40 blk fall bred, 4 years old, 1 Iron, bred McCurry Bros; 40 blk/bwf cows, 5-older, bred char bulls; 4 cows, 9-10 years, fall bred, calving mid August; 15+15 Angus pairs, running age, calves worked for grass; 12 red fall bred cows, 5-8 years, bred to Rippe red Balancer bulls; 7 breds & pairs, blk, young; 20+20 pairs, blk cows, 4-10 years, blk calves, worked; 30 blk bred cows, 5-8 years, bred blk; 150 blk cows, 5-8 years, bred Don Johnson Angus, fall bred, calving Sept. 1; 30+30 blk pairs, older; 9 bred cows; 20 blk bred cows; 40 blk cows, 3-4 years, Wyoming origin, bred Angus, calving Sept. 1; 40 young cows, bred blk/red Angus; 35 blk cows, 5 years, bred Sim/Angus, calving Sept. 1; 35 blk cows, 5 years old, bred Sim/Angus, calving Sept. 1; **plus more by sale time.**

UPCOMING SPECIAL SALES COW SALE: Tuesday, May 7

IN STOCK TODAY: Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders • Heavy Duty Feed Bunks

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