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Recently retired from McDonald's where he worked on their sustainability efforts, Bob Langert was a speaker at Kansas State University's Cattlemen's Day. He discussed the restaurant's decision to source sustainable beef and what he believes the whole movement means for cattlemen. Photo by Donna Sullivan

Former McDonald's executive says sustainability movement could be positive for beef industry

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

The recent announcement by McDonald's that they would soon be purchasing only sustainable beef has the potential to put them at odds with conventional beef producers. But when Bob Langert, who worked for 25 years on the corporation's sustainability efforts, addressed the 102nd Kansas State University Cattlemen's Day, he emphasized his hope that producers in the room would see it more as an opportunity for them than a hurdle to overcome.

"At the end of the day, sustainability is part of growing our business and part of growing your business," he said. "Many people in food and agriculture look at sustainability a little bit like trying to stay out of trouble and as being created by the activists. In reality, I think companies like McDonald's are seeing this as an opportunity."

Langert pointed out there are three distinct aspects of sustainability: social, environmental and economic. "We cannot shortchange economic sustainability," he stated. "But I need to talk about environmental and social aspects as well. For those that think this is perhaps a trend or fad, I just wouldn't bet the bank on that."

Contrary to popular belief, Langert said the sustainability movement is being driven by consumers rather than activists. "It's being driven by the people who are viewing their food, where it comes from, what's in it and how it's processed. It's the biggest trend over the past seven years that we've ever seen and you're going to see more of it in the future."

While it is a consumer-led movement, Langert believes it's the activists who are currently defining sustainability and driving the agenda. "I don't like that, and we don't like it at McDonald's," he said. "What is it for them to define what sustainable beef means for all of us? We can't let the activists' agenda define who we are, so that's why I really think all of us in the whole food industry, the ag industry, from farm to fork, need to be tied together, working together." He believes the key to that is to turn from playing defense and go on offense. "I do believe that's the tipping point we're at today," he continued. "We're transitioning from defense, reacting to all these things and letting other people define who we are. Their perspective is too narrow, too short-sighted, too emotional and it's not based on science.

They should not be the winners in this dialogue. So a new way to look at this is that it is about good things. It is about opportunity, it is about growing our businesses."

Langert said that the McDonald's decision to purchase sustainable beef was not a defensive measure at all or a reaction to the agenda of activists. With the chain serving 70 million customers a day worldwide, he said it is about making beef more relevant to their consumers. He admitted that the chain is struggling a little bit. "We've lost some of the magic," he conceded. "We've lost some of the momentum in our business. Part of our turn-around agenda is all about our food and making it more relevant. How we source our food, where it comes from and what's in it, is part of how we're redefining ourselves today and tomorrow."

While Langert contends the company has always striven for corporate responsibility and doing what's right for their communities and society, they are making changes that will hopefully make them more appealing to customers while increasing visits to their restaurants. Like offering side salads as a substitute for fries, or oranges in their Happy Meals, he views offering sustainable beef as a way to be more relevant to moms and their children. "We didn't create sustainable beef out of a whim," he said. "We said to ourselves, 'Beef is who we are, it's our brand. We want to sell more beef.' Right now the average American does not believe we serve 100% beef, even

though we do." He says the company does not have the quality image they need to have and that their intent is to go after that image now to turn around their business.

McDonald's made the announcement about sustainable beef approximately 14 months ago and are still about a year away from making their first actual purchases of verifiable sustainable beef. They also announced last week that they would be sourcing antibiotic-free chicken.

"Our sustainability agenda at McDonald's is being driven by the consumer," he reiterated. "That's a very important thing to remember. That's who's defining this agenda, that's who we're trying to please."

McDonald's was one of the catalysts behind a group called the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, which also includes 60-80 members from throughout the supply chain, from ranchers and producers to retailers like Walmart, JBS, Cargill and the World Wildlife Fund. "The fact is, this is a collaborative effort. We don't raise animals, nor do we know anything about it," he pointed out. "We think we're good at running restaurants and pleasing consumers. So we believe the multi-stakeholder groups are the best way to define what sustainability means." Formed two years ago, the group is tasked with defining sustainability in a way that will be accepted all the way from producer to consumer. It is to be led by science, defined by continuous improvement and be offense and not defense for the crit-

Grass & Grain to celebrate 60th anniversary at Mid America Farm and Ranch Expo in Salina

To celebrate 60 years of publication, *Grass & Grain* will serve cupcakes at the Mid America Farm and Ranch Expo in Salina March 24-26. Be sure to stop by the booth in the lobby, say hello and get a cupcake while they last.



Maurice Miller, left, presents Herb Mattson, past chairman, with a retirement plaque at the KWA annual meeting in February.

Mattson retires as chairman of Kansas Wheat Alliance

By Jordan Hildebrand

At the Kansas Wheat Alliance annual meeting on February 18, 2015, Herb Mattson presided over his final meeting as chairman. Mattson, a second generation farmer from Colby, served as chairman of the Kansas Wheat Alliance board of directors from 2008 until last month.

He has used his expertise as a Kansas wheat farmer and owner of Mattson Seed Farms to give back to Kansas agriculture. He was one of the original founding members of the Kansas Wheat Alliance (KWA), an organization that brings Kansas State University-bred wheat varieties to the market and invests the profits in additional wheat research.

While his term as chairman has ended, his dedication to the organization remains strong.

"I take pride in the Kansas Wheat Alliance," said Mattson. "It's doing what we intended it to do, and that research does a lot of good things."

Even in the successes of KWA's varieties, Mattson makes it clear that he isn't the only one whose dedication has paid off.

"All of the board members have been outstanding people," said Mattson. "And Allan Fritz and Guorong Zhang do a heck of a job with their breeding. KWA is also so blessed to have Daryl Strouts, who does a super

job for the organization." Fritz and Zhang are the wheat breeders at Kansas State University, and Strouts is the president of the Kansas Wheat Alliance.

Mattson's dedication for the Kansas Wheat Alliance came from his passion for farming.

Farming is a tough business. It's one that's filled with hard work, long days, tough breaks, exhaustion, exasperation and on-the-fly problem solving. But as Mattson points out, it's also a profession that is filled with passion and the desire to make things better, no matter the circumstance, because no farmer can make it without those traits.

When he speaks, you can tell that his enthusiasm for his farm runs deep.

"My passion is for farming," said Mattson. "You can't just like farming in order to succeed. And sometimes you're faced with a hardship that can end in your farm either going backward or moving forward. You have to choose to move forward."

Mattson took over his parents' farm in the late 1960s. Over the last four and a half decades, he has built a life with his family on his farm. Herb and his wife, Brenda, are the parents of six children: five boys and one girl. Although his children have varying interests and scattered locations, their involvement on the farm is growing.

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To green or not to green?

By John Schlageck,
Kansas Farm Bureau

Caring for the environment used to be tough duty. However, during the last couple of decades, it's become a marketing opportunity.

Manufacturers are churning out more and more environmentally friendly products and retailers are finding in many cases they can be sold at a premium. But beware – not everything sold in the green garden is all roses. Over the long haul, selling “green” may be a lot more difficult than selling soap flakes.

Phosphate-free detergent, lead-free gas, aerosol sprays minus the chlorofluorocarbons and other green garden goodies have been available in some form or another since the early '80s. Today, they are nearly as common, or in some cases, more so than farm-fresh eggs, free-range chickens, hogs and cattle, fresh vegetables – you name it.

During this nearly 30-year growing period, consumers embraced the notion of buying green with a zeal that was almost patriotic. As they become more environmentally tuned in day

by day, week by week, month by month and year by year, greenies bought beyond what was even required by law in a religious frenzy.

Some companies have launched their own label green brands. Many of these companies have grown their green products by the hundreds.

Many of these items are simply repackaged old ideas, you know, what's old becomes new when introduced to a new generation of consumers especially those who choose to paint themselves green.

One such item is baking soda, which has been marketed as a more environmentally friendly way to scour pots and pans.

Can you believe it?

My mother and her mother before her used and understood that baking soda was the only real way to keep their kitchens clean or green nearly a century ago.

Another green product

that has rocketed off the supermarket shelves are biodegradable garbage bags made from corn extract.

One item that's become green is dishwasher detergent and it's worthless. The only way to clean your dishes, knives and forks and pots and pans with today's detergent is to run your machine half-full or a couple times. I know this is the truth, because I've had to do so.

I've even visited with appliance dealers that have told me today's dishwasher detergents no longer have phosphates (banned as unsafe for our environment) which cleaned our tableware and did it right. Today's dishwasher detergents are not formulated to remove hard water minerals during the main wash cycle.

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As I sat listening to Bob

Langert at K-State's Cattlemen's Day a couple of weeks ago, a couple of things struck me. I appreciated his comments about how the wrong people are currently defining sustainability and driving that movement. I agree that producers, who actually know what they're talking about, need to be part of that conversation and make their voices heard.

He said, "...We realize now that we (McDonald's) are a leader and a leader needs to lead with bolder statements that help to move markets and trans-

form."

He discussed how technology will be a big part of feeding the nine billion people projected to inhabit the planet in just a few decades. When asked how they will handle the subject of GMOs and whatever technology the future may hold, he responded, "That is a key question of our times. I don't understand why there are so many critics of technology being used for food that can enhance people's lives. Technology is really super-sexy with other products, but when it comes to food, it's wrong." He pointed out that on a scale with popular opinion on one side and science on the other, popular opinion is really outweighing science. Case in point – one of their suppliers developed a genetically modified potato, which McDonald's said they would not purchase. "Why are we taking a pass on it?" he asked. "If you were to take a look at the science of that GMO potato, that potato is better for the world. So you would think that we should do it. On the other hand, we have consumer research that if we did it, the consumers would not be happy and we'd be selling less French fries. It's a dilemma. And whose role is it to clarify this? It's not like they're taking the DNA from a butterfly and putting it into the potato. They were simply taking



It happens this time every year; I just can't seem to help myself. About this time we experience a warm-up that feels like spring has finally sprung and it is one of the best times of the year. You know what I mean, that first time the temperatures reach 70 degrees after a long stretch of really cold weather. The first real stretch of weather when the morning temperatures are warm enough you don't have to worry about ice on the water tanks or frozen hoses.

This is the week when you start hearing the turkey's gobble, the birds sing and the grass starts to get that green tinge. We all get spring fever and think that maybe, just maybe winter's grip has loosened. Any of us who have lived in Kansas for any length of time know that this is a mean trick the weather plays on us each year. I am sure that we will have another stretch of cold, freezing weather with most likely some snow. That is why the thoughts I had this week are so bad.

Yes, I admit it; I nearly washed my chore clothes this week. I mean the weather was warm enough that I could hang them out on the clothesline and they would smell incredibly fresh. More importantly, the weather was warm enough I could go about my chores and work without freezing to death while waiting on them to dry. The thought of clean chore clothes that are not crusty and did not curl paint was almost too much to bear.

The consequences would have been dire. We are just a little over half-done calving and I still have four more ewes to lamb. Things have gone reasonably well and this is certainly no time to tempt fate; because it is a well-known fact that if you wash your chore clothes during calving or lambing season, bad things happen. I don't care how bad your chore clothes smell or how many layers of organic matter they have on them, resist the temptation.

Calamities will befall you immediately, probably while your coveralls are still on the line drying. A cow

will have trouble calving or a calf will fall in the creek. You will put your shiny clean, fresh-smelling coveralls and chore coat on and, boom, it will happen. In no time at all, the grossest, nastiest, most foul situation of the calving and/or lambing season will happen with no warning and then where will you be?

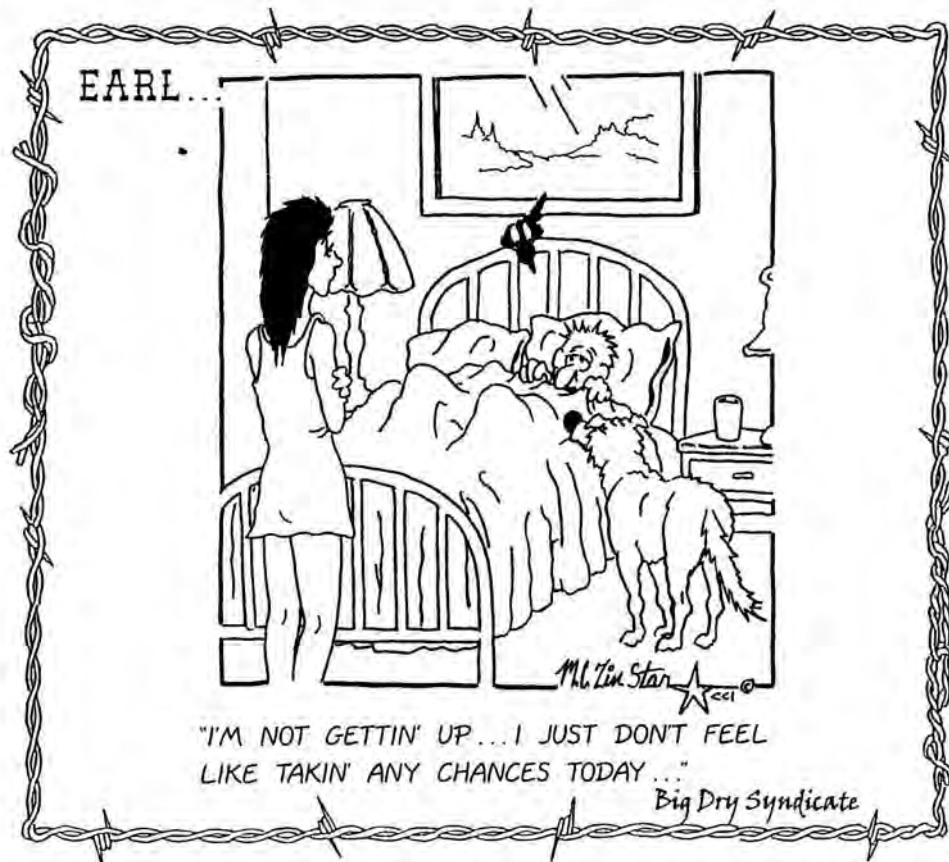
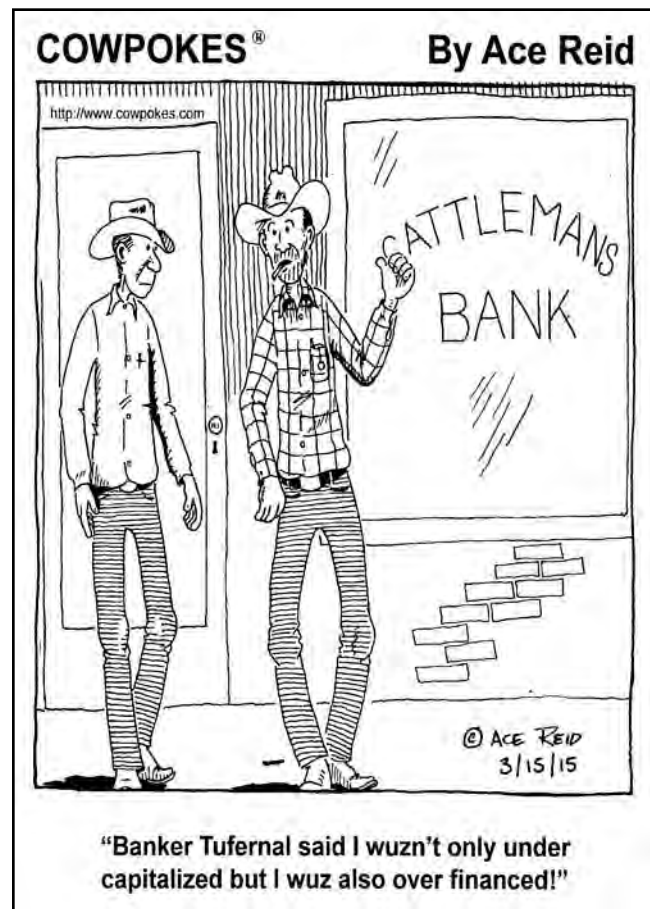
You will have a new layer or layers of blood, afterbirth, manure, dirt and slime all over those fresh clean coveralls. It will run down the cracks and fill the pockets of your recently laundered chore coat. It will go from the freshest, spring breeze smell to the depths of the cow lot. I truly believe it is better to keep the grunge and grime that you know rather than risk new, extreme levels of gunk. After all, you probably have grown used to the smell.

This will get harder and harder to resist as the weather continues to get better and better. We will all fall to the siren call of clean chore clothes and make that horrible mistake. Sure there will be that fleeting moment of sheer joy when you put your clean chore clothes on. You will inhale deeply and smell nothing, but we all know the worst is coming.

Think about it, when was the last time you washed your chore clothes and they stayed clean? That is what I thought; I bet they needed washing in just a week or maybe just a couple of days. Think of all the time, detergent and water wasted so needlessly. It is better not to risk it, save the clothespin for your nose and save a couple more for friends, family and neighbors you encounter.

I had better finish this up and go back outside before the siren call of the washing machine is more than I can stand. Before I start to thinking of my bibs hanging on the clothesline, softly rustling in the breeze and the warm sun slowly drying them out.

I just can't take it anymore. Where is the Tide? Oh well, I guess the ensuing calamities and misadventures will give me something to write about.



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Our Daily Bread

***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

This Week's Grass & Grain Contest Winner Is Linda Kepka, Dorrance

Winner Linda Kepka, Dorrance:
MACARONI PIZZA

1 1/2 cups macaroni
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
8 ounces Cheddar cheese
1 pound hamburger
8 ounces tomato sauce
1/2 teaspoon oregano
1/4 teaspoon onion powder

Cook macaroni. Drain and mix with beaten eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour into buttered 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees. Brown hamburger and season with oregano and onion powder; then add tomato sauce. Remove macaroni mixture from oven and sprinkle with 4 ounces Cheddar cheese. Top with hamburger mixture then sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for an additional 5 minutes.

Janis Mickelson, Lyndon:
"So simple to make and guaranteed to cure those winter blahs."

APRICOT PINEAPPLE JAM
2 cups dried apricots, diced
20-ounce can crushed pineapple, undrained
1/2 lemon, sliced & quartered
4 cups white sugar

Simmer apricots in 2 1/2 cups water until tender. Mash apricots. Add pineapple, lemon, sugar. Simmer stirring frequently until thick and clear, around 45 minutes. Ladle into hot sterile jars and seal. Makes approximately 4 pints.

Beth Scriptor, Abilene:
"Here is something for St. Patrick's Day!"

REUBEN CASSEROLE
5 cups uncooked egg noodles
2 cans sauerkraut, drained
2 cans cream of chicken soup
2-3 tablespoons dried onion flakes

3/4 cup milk
3 tablespoons prepared mustard

3/4 pound sliced deli corned beef chopped
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
2 slices light rye bread
2 tablespoons melted butter

Cook noodles according to package. Combine sauerkraut, soup, milk, dried onion and mustard in a large bowl and mix well. Add to the cooked noodles. Put in greased 9-by-13-inch pan and sprinkle with the corned beef. Process the bread in a food processor to make coarse crumbs. Toss the bread with the melted butter, sprinkle over the top of the casserole. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

NOTE: All this can be changed to your own taste. Maybe more onion, or more meat.

Connie Enzbrenner, Alma:

"With Spring and Easter getting closer, this is a tasty, colorful salad."

MIXED VEGETABLE SALAD

1 large package frozen mixed vegetables
1/3 cup vinegar + water to make 1/2 cup
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup chopped onion
Green pepper to taste
15-ounce can kidney beans, drained

1 small jar pimento (optional)
Cook frozen mixed vegetables as directed on package. Let stand. Cook vinegar-water, sugar and flour. Cook until thick. Drain mixed vegetables. Add celery, onions, pepper, beans and pimento. Pour vinegar-sugar-flour mixture over vegetables, stir and cover. Keep in refrigerator for 2 hours or overnight.

Virginia Sweden, Paxico:
"I serve a slice of this with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream on top."

UTTERLY DEADLY SOUTHERN PECAN PIE

1/2 (14.1-ounce) package refrigerated pie crusts
1 tablespoon powdered sugar
4 large eggs
1 1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted & cooled to room temperature
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons milk

1 1/2 teaspoons bourbon or vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups pecan halves

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Fit pie crust into a 10-inch cast iron skillet; sprinkle pie crust with powdered sugar. Whisk eggs in a large bowl until foamy; whisk in brown sugar and next 6 ingredients. Pour mixture into pie crust and top with pecan halves. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes; reduce oven

temperature to 300 degrees and bake 30 more minutes. Turn oven off and let pie stand in oven with door closed for 3 hours. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Barbara Barthol, Olathe:
"I usually make 2 at a time — one to eat and one to gift! Easy and moist."

AUNT DALPHEN'S BUNDT CAKE

1 stick oleo
Chopped pecans
1 yellow cake mix
1 box instant vanilla pudding
3/4 cup oil
3/4 cup water
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Heavily butter bundt pan with oleo. Sprinkle chopped pecans over sides and bottom. Mix cake mix, pudding mix, oil and water together well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Whip on high 6 minutes; add vanilla. Mix 1/4 cup sugar, cinnamon and chopped pecans in a bowl. Put about 1/3 of cake mixture in pan, sprinkle 1/3 of the sugar mixture on it and continue adding layers until gone; ending with cake mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Cool pan on a rack for 8 minutes then remove from pan onto a plate.

NOTE: This is good warm as coffee cake or room temperature with ice cream or whipped cream; it is good no matter!

Nancy Horne, Alta Vista:
"Here is a recipe I tried and you do not even know the chips are on the bottom."

MEXICAN CASSEROLE

2 pounds ground beef (I use 1 pound)
1 onion chopped
1 can red beans (I use chili beans)
1 large can tomato sauce.
2 cups shredded cheese
1 large package corn chips, crushed (I use Tostitos chips & did not crush them)
Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Brown the ground beef and onions. Add the tomato sauce and beans; mix well. Put a layer of chips on bottom of pan. Add the meat mixture and spread out the meat. Add the cheese and spread it out, all but 2/3 of it. Put a layer of chips on top. And the rest of the cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Lisa Winberry, Topeka:
"Good for Easter."

ROASTED ASPARAGUS
4 pounds asparagus, tough ends removed
6 cloves garlic, minced
4 tablespoons olive oil
4 teaspoons lemon zest
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Garnish: shaved Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine all ingredients except Parmesan. Bake until asparagus is tender, about 15 minutes. Garnish with Parmesan. Serves about 12.

Mary Hedberg, Clifton:
FASTEST CAKE IN THE WEST

2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 can apple pie filling
2 eggs, beaten
3/4 cup oil
1/2 cup pecans

Mix all ingredients. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan (do not grease pan). Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
CHICKEN SUPREME

2 cup cooked cut up chicken
2 cups dry macaroni (do not cook as it goes in dry)
2 cans cream mushroom soup
13-ounce can chicken broth
5-ounce can water chestnuts
1 small onion, diced
1/2 green or yellow pepper, chopped
2 cups shredded cheese
1 can evaporated milk

Combine all. Soak in refrigerator overnight, covered. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Claire Martin, Salina: "A savory and delicious snack or appetizer."

SAUSAGE ROLLS

1 1/4 pounds bulk sausage
1 onion, finely chopped
2 teaspoons fresh chives
1/2 teaspoon basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon paprika (divided)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 package frozen puff pastry, thawed

In a bowl combine sausage, onion, chives, basil, garlic, 3/4 teaspoon paprika and salt and pepper. Unfold pastry onto a lightly floured surface. Roll each sheet into an 11-by-10 1/2-inch rectangle. Cut with scissors, widthwise into 3 1/2-inch strips. Spread 1/2 cup sausage mixture down center of each strip. Fold pastry over and press edges together to seal. Cut each roll into 6 pieces. Place seam side down on a shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 3 dozen.

Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Nebraska:

EASY APPLE CRISP
12 apples, peeled, sliced or diced (prefer Jonathan or Granny Smith)
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup margarine or butter
2 cups flour
Dash of lemon juice

Put apples in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over apples. Mix the brown sugar, butter and flour as you would for a pie crust. Spread over apples. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 1 hour. Enjoy.

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary here at Grass & Grain, we are going to share some flashbacks to issues from the early years. In 1966 Mrs. Walter Schaaf won the recipe contest sharing her favorite Cruller recipe!

OUR DAILY BREAD

— by G&G Area Cooks

Cruller Recipe Sent By Mrs. Walter Schaaf, Palmer, Wins

Mrs. Walter Schaaf of Palmer is the prize winner this week. Mrs. Schaaf writes, "I enjoy the 'Our Daily Bread' recipes in the Grass & Grain. I would like to share a recipe with others."

CLOTHESPIN CRULLERS MADE FROM SWEET DOUGH

Mix together:
2 cups lukewarm milk
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons salt
2 packages yeast
Let stand until yeast is dissolved. Stir in:
2 eggs
1/2 cup soft shortening
7 or 7 1/2 cups sifted flour

Keep dough as soft as possible. After second rising, roll out dough 1/2 inch thick and cut into strips. Wrap strips around a greased round wooden clothespin. Let rise and when baked, twist clothespin and pull out, fill cavity with your favorite jam or fruit filling.

FILLINGS

Cook until soft, 30 prunes or 25 dried apricot halves. Drain, mash with fork, add 4 tablespoons sugar. Spread confectioner's sugar icing on rolls while still warm.

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Kansas Food Advocates Join at Statehouse to Discuss Farms & Health

Topeka — March 4, 2015 — Farmers and healthy food advocates from across the state joined forces recently in the Capitol to talk to lawmakers about how Kansas farmers could help be the solution to the obesity epidemic and other health issues in the state by growing more fruits and vegetables.

“Kansas has the unique ability to produce a variety of fruits, vegetables, lean meats, whole grains and low-fat dairy items so we should, in theory, have access to the freshest, healthiest foods available, but unfortunately we don’t,” said Missty Lechner, American Heart Association Advocacy Project Director. “In fact, over 90% of the food Kansans buy comes from out of the state.”

Farmers are seeing these alarming trends and think they can help. They plan to work with people in their communities and across the state to not only grow healthy food, but also increase demand for and access to healthy food. Lawmakers can help by passing resolutions establishing local and state Food and Farm Councils that support these new farm and community partnerships. These councils bring together the peo-



ple who grow food, the people who sell food, and the people who eat food to discuss and provide recommendations to lawmakers for improving our local food system.

Additionally, other innovative partnerships are being built to help Kansas communities. The American Heart Association is working with the Kansas Rural Center on their “Community Food Solutions” initiative to help bridge this gap between farmers and community health. “If we want to see real improvements in health and also keep more money locally, we have to think about things differently. We have to make healthy Kansas-grown food an easy choice for all Kansans,” said Natalie Fullerton, Project Director for the Kansas Rural Center.

“We researched and gathered feedback from

Kansans for a year, and from that, we have prepared a number of recommendations that anyone interested in food and farm issues could help advocate for. These recommendations can get us closer to our goal of incorporating Kansas farms into the food supply chain thereby potentially improving Kansas’s economy, community, environment, and health,” said Fullerton. If you would like

more information on how you can get involved in “Community Food Solutions,” visit www.kansasruralcenter.org/cfs and sign up to become a local food advocate.

“Community Food Solutions” is a three-year statewide partnership aimed at identifying and advocating for public policy solutions that make healthful foods the routine, easy choice for all Kansans. This initiative is a partnership between the Kansas Rural Center, the American Heart Association, KC Healthy Kids, Kansas Action for Children, Healthy Kansas Hospitals Initiative and grassroots advocates from all over Kansas, and is funded

by the Kansas Health Foundation. For more information, visit www.kansasruralcenter.org/cfs.

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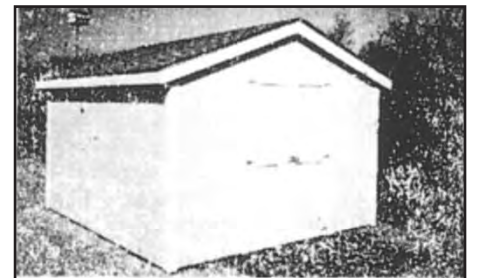
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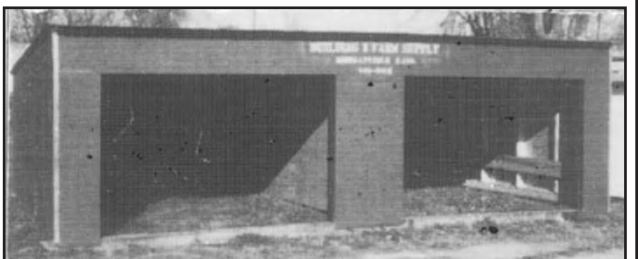
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Former McDonald's executive says sustainability movement could be positive for beef industry

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ics. "It's going to make all our work very relevant to consumers," Langert explained, because consumers care about the impact on the planet and people as well as animal welfare. And this idea of progress, a lot of that means economic progress, for you and for all of us."

All of this raised the question for producers in the room: what exactly will be required to meet their definition of sustainable beef. The answer? "To be determined," Langert said. "That's what we're working on this year - some set of metrics that you measure. The idea is that it will be validated by a third

party. The intent is not to add bureaucracy and cost."

Langert emphasized the value McDonald's places on their suppliers and the long-term relationships they have built with them. "We recognize the work that everybody in food and ag does," he said. "The way it gets defined through the popular press probably bothers you as much as it bothers me. We have the wrong people defining what sustainability is. We believe that the more we can show the work of the

farmers and ranchers, the people all along this chain, the better. I have seen so many different facilities that raise animals and crops for our supply chain. In general, the area we're looking at here is not trying to fix a problem. We're trying to accentuate something that is a strong agricultural system and perhaps put measurement to it."

A U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef was recently announced, which includes many of the same

names as the Global Roundtable, but also includes National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Kansas State University. Langert encourages producers to be involved with this group. "Let's not make this a negative situation," he urged. "Sustainability is an opportunity and less of a risk. We could help grow the attractiveness of beef to the public so we can sell more hamburgers at our place and others as well."

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experts will take the stage to address Kansas' role in feeding a hungry planet. Agriculture is Kansas' largest sector, contributing a total of \$53 million to the economy. Ranking number one in the country in wheat and grain sorghum production, Kansas agriculturalists work diligently to feed the world. Eric Atkinson, radio specialist and agriculture director for the K-State Radio Network, will serve as moderator for the panel. The event is open to the public and they encourage all seeking to know more about where their food comes from and how it travels from the farm to the fork to attend. Please direct questions about the event to Beth Gaines, Kansas Department of Agriculture at: Beth.Gaines@kda.ks.gov.

This event is part of Kansas Ag Month celebrations, including the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive, happening around the state to help our neighbors in need as well as highlight the agriculture industry in Kansas.

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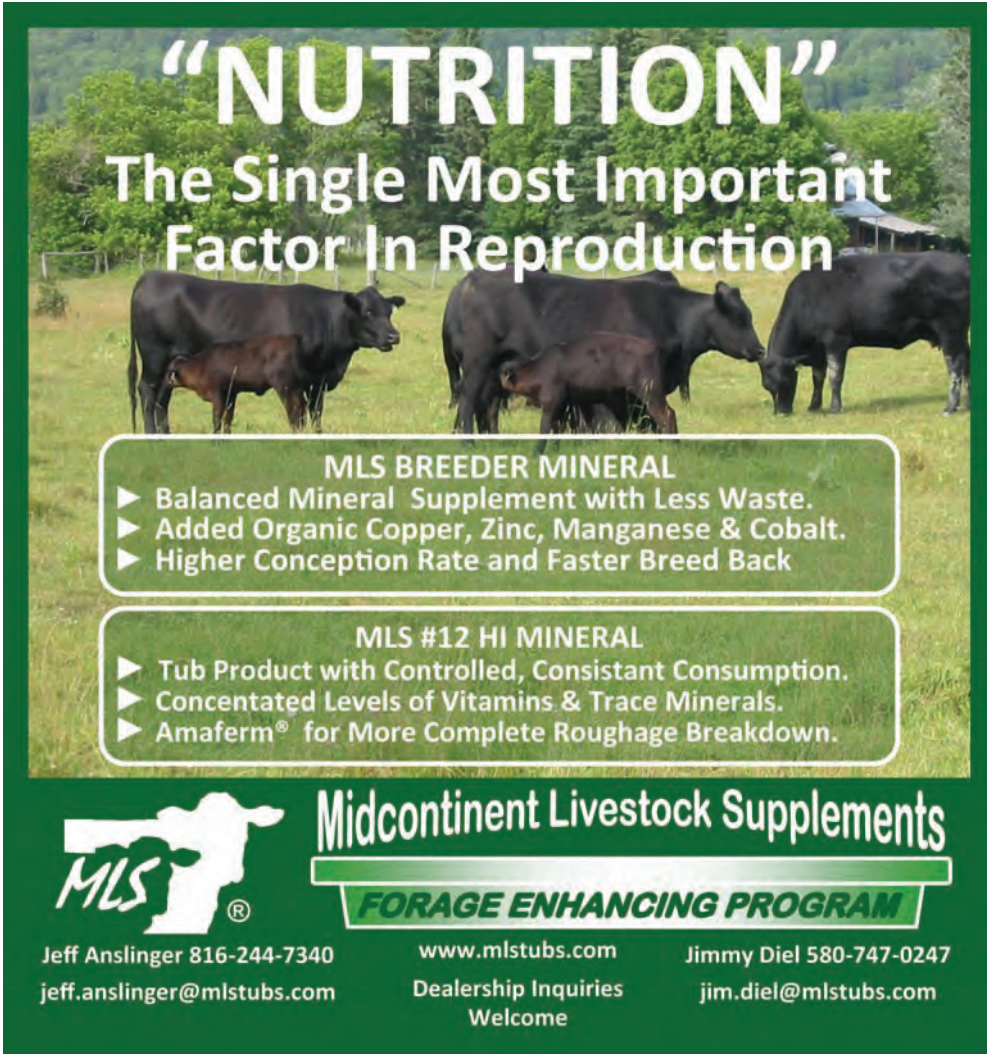
wrapped themselves in green are finding doing so has not seemed to raise their credibility with consumers. Some in the public who walk among us are skeptical of any large organization that board the green bandwagon, particularly

those that have little direct contact with the environment.

Although consumers, myself included, may want to accept social responsibility, few want to forego quality in the products they buy.

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Website bridges gap between consumer perceptions and reality

By Julia Debes
 Frankenfood. Toxic wheat. Genetically modified. Gluten. Farmers and scientists recognize these topics as frustrating myths and misperceptions, but not all consumers may have enough knowledge to do the same.

That is the conclusion of a new report by the Pew Research Center, who inter-

viewed both scientists from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the general public with the same set of questions to see how views differed between the two groups on a wide range of scientific topics, including genetically modified foods.

The results show a big gap between perceptions. The majority of scientists

(88 percent) responded that it was safe to eat genetically modified foods, while the majority of the general public (57 percent) said genetically modified foods were unsafe to consume. The 51 percentage point divide was the largest opinion difference in the survey. Furthermore, 57 percent of Americans said they believed scientists do not have a clear understanding about the health effects of genetically modified crops.

In order to build a bridge

between scientific knowledge and consumer education, members of the Council for Biotechnology Information – including BASF, Bayer CropScience, Dow AgroSciences, DuPont, Monsanto Company and Syngenta – collaborated together to build a new website designed specifically to answer any and every question on genetic modification – GMO Answers.

Kate Hall is the manager for partnerships and programs for the Food and

Agriculture Section of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO). She explained at the January Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference that the website was designed to focus on the conversations and concerns consumers have on safety, affordability and nutritional value.

“Food is personal,” she said, detailing GMO Answers is an open forum. “This a public question and answer where anyone can come and ask any question they have on food and agriculture.”

GMO Answers draws on more than 100 volunteer experts to answer submitted questions, including “conventional and organic farmers, agribusiness experts, scientists, academics, medical doctors and nutritionists.”

Even though there is no genetically modified wheat currently in the commercial grain supply, that does not mean consumers have not submitted questions about it. Questions have addressed the result of breeding semi-dwarf wheat on gluten content (none) and the effect of using glyphosate on wheat at harvest (which less than 5 percent of American famers

do). Industry experts Dr. Brett Carver, Oklahoma State University wheat breeder, Dr. Kevin Folta, professor and chair of the University of Florida horticultural services department, and Dr. Andrew Kniss, associate professor of weed ecology and management at the University of Wyoming, provided detailed responses.

Wheat researchers at Kansas State University are conducting valuable research into genetic modification that provides increased resistance to destructive wheat viruses, additional heat tolerance and even could someday create a celiac safe wheat. Consumer acceptance will be needed, however, to bring those benefits to the farm and to the dinner table. The Pew research illustrated that communication efforts like GMO Answers are much needed to make that happen.

“Join the conversation and ask your questions about GMOs and biotechnology,” the GMO Answers website stated. “Be skeptical. Be open. We want to hear from you.”

Check out GMO Answers at gmoanswers.com or on their Twitter, Facebook or Pinterest pages.

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to home. Farmers and ranchers are the best stewards of the land as they use fewer resources to produce more food, fiber and energy than ever before. Kansas is one of the national leaders in agriculture, ranking first in wheat and sorghum production and third in beef production—farmers and ranchers are feeding the world.

In recognition of the state's largest industry, March is recognized as Kansas Agriculture Month.

To celebrate a long and evolving history of farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses as well as support neighbors in need, activities at the local and state levels have been planned.

Kansas Agriculture Month kicked off with the launch of the Neighbor to Neighbor statewide food drive the first week of March. In 2014, 77,000 meals were collected for Kansans in need. This year, the goal is to raise 85,000 meals though food

collections and monetary donations. Collected food items stay in the area from which they were donated. Contribute to the food drive at any Dillon's Food Store location statewide or we encourage you to contact Pottawatomie County's Food Bank Service: Har-

vesters - The Community Food Network, Jannett Weins, at 877-653-9517 or fooddrive@harvesters.org to get involved.

Kansas Agriculture Day is Wednesday, March 18 and will be celebrated with several events throughout the state. We urge all citi-

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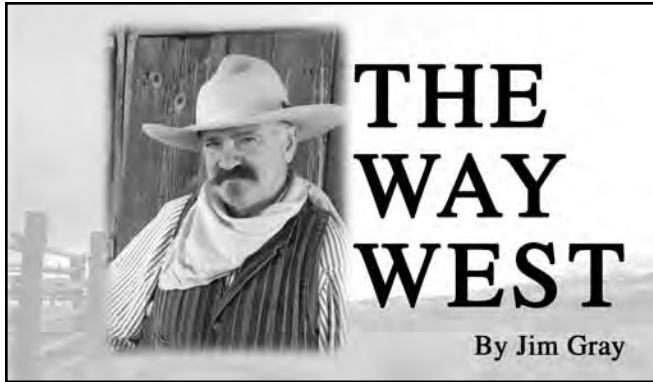
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Have you ever seen a UFO? Would you admit to it if you did? Most folks think the U.F.O. craze started in 1947 with several sightings of "flying saucers." Then there was that little incident near Roswell, New Mexico. The government said a weather balloon had crashed, but ranchers on the scene of the crash described something that did

not seem to be from this world. The crash site was "cleaned" and everything spirited off to a remote hanger called Area 51 at Edwards Air Force Base. Thousands of sightings have been recorded since then. Some folks say that aliens have been visiting us from the beginning of human history. Whether that is so or not, unexplained sightings

of cigar shaped "airships" captured the country's attention in the late 1890s.

The evening of November 17, 1896, was rainy and miserable. George Scott, assistant to the California Secretary of State, suddenly saw a bright light in the sky breaking through the murky darkness of the night. From an observation deck on the dome of the capitol building Scott and some friends could see not one light but three. Silhouetted against the cloudy background the craft's oblong body could barely be distinguished. According to newspapers of the time, hundreds of people witnessed the "wandering apparition." Over the next week the airship was seen all along the west coast by thousands of people, including the mayor of San Francisco. Wild speculation followed the sightings. A mysterious inventor was

supposedly testing the contraption, but the identity of the inventor remained unknown. A San Francisco man revealed that the airship was invented for military use, capable of carrying one thousand pounds of dynamite. Two airships were supposedly being made ready to bomb Havana, referring to growing tensions over Spanish control of Cuba, which led to the Spanish-American War.

No sooner were the stories of the remarkable airship invention printed than the skies went dark. For two months there were no mysterious lights in the sky. Half-way across the country the airship came out of hiding the evening of February 2, 1897, at Hastings, Nebraska. In the next few days reports began to come in from across the state of Nebraska. Friday evening, February 12th, Dr. Lash and Frank Redfield were startled to see an "immense ship" in the sky over Ellinwood. The men reported that the ship, "lighted by electricity," was in sight for ten minutes. The story was carried by newspapers across the state. Most editors were inclined to dismiss the sighting as a hoax. The *Nickerson Argosy*

declared the report of the airship over Ellinwood to be "the worst and least excusable of all fakes." The editor continued, "They (the witnesses) had been in town and filled up on beer. No wonder they saw the heavenly visitor." The *Eureka Messenger* added "This suggests that if the legislature has time it ought to pass a law compelling Kansas joint keepers to sell a better grade of whiskey."

Even so, reports of airship sightings at other Kansas communities showed up in the pages of numerous Kansas newspapers. In his March 2, 1897 edition, the editor of the *Wichita Daily Eagle* noted, "You are not strictly up to date unless you get out on the prairie by yourself and see that airship." The news of airship sightings in Kansas made it all the way back to the original source with a report in the March 28th *Sacramento Daily Record-Union*. Under the byline "A Mysterious Aerial Visitor Hovering Over the Sunflower State," the paper announced that a "blood red light, different from anything before seen in the heavens," was visible for over three-quarters of an

hour over the state capital of Topeka. Even Kansas Governor John W. Leedy watched the "Strange light" with two hundred others on the steps of the Kansas Capitol. A staunch political warrior for railroad reform, Leedy quipped, "This is a very strange light. I don't know what that thing is, but I hope it may yet solve the railroad problem." And suggesting the phenomena might supplant railroad domination he added, "If it is an airship, maybe it will."

The airship moved on with a sighting in Atchison. At Hutchinson the editor of the *Gazette* joked that an Atchison man was hit on the head by a half-peeled potato "probably dropped by the cook on the airship." The ship moved on to Omaha and Chicago and disappeared over Lake Michigan, having given rise to one of the strangest stories ever told on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and is Executive Director of the National Drivers Hall of Fame. Contact Kansas Cowboy, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058

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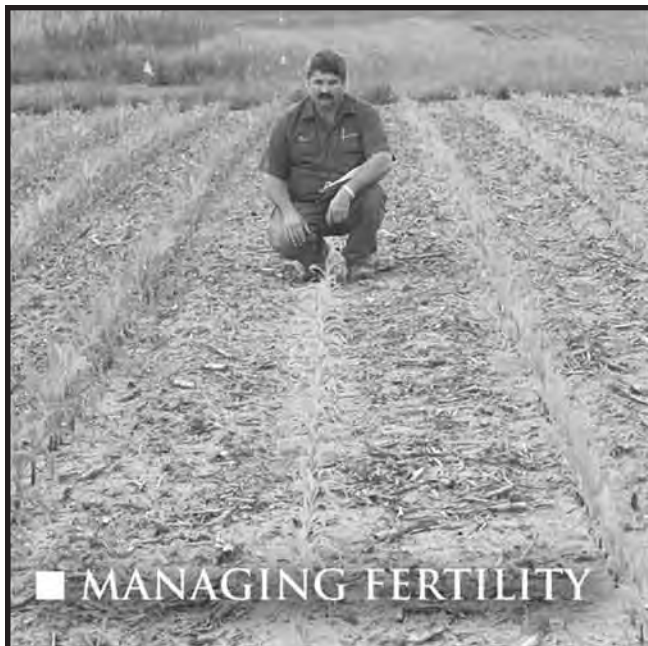
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March 18 — Atchison County land held at Muscotah for Carl O. Jr. & Patricia Dell Trust. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel, Inc. Realty & Auction.
March 18 — 160 acres Republic County land (cropland, timbered pasture, waterways, 2 ponds) held at Belleville for Heirs of George Pierce. Auctioneers: Roger Novak Real Estate.
March 18 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
March 18 — Bull & female sale at Overbrook for Mayway Farms & Woodbury Farms.
March 19 — 2 downtown commercial business buildings, antiques, collectibles, tools, shop equipment, supplies, materials, repair held at

Hillsboro for Jost Plumbing. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
March 19 — Feed mill real estate auction held at Girard for Liberty Bank. Auctioneers: Humble Real Estate.
March 19 — Production sale at Mankato for Benoit Angus Ranch.
March 20 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, livestock equipment & farm related items at El Dorado for Jim Corbin Estate, Carolyn Corbin. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.
March 20 — 4348 acres Flint Hills Finest Grasslands (Chase & Lyon County, offered in 3 tracts) held at Cottonwood Falls for property of the late J. Manuel Hughes. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.
March 20 — Production sale at Maple Hill for Sunflower Genetics.
March 21 — Tools, furniture, oak cabinet doors, household, gas & electric stoves, miscellaneous & much more at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Don Day & Steve Patterson.
March 21 — Tractors, trucks,

mowers, farm machinery, shop items, antique car, furniture, household at Moundridge for Donald J. & Maris Schroeder. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auction.
March 21 — Guns & collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
March 21 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Emporia. Auctioneers: Flint Hills Auction, Gail Hancock.
March 21 — Large machinery consignment auction, tractors, truck, trailer items & more at Herington. Auctioneers: Bob's Auction Service.
March 21 — IH tractors, equipment, livestock equipment, tractor parts at Rantoul for Eddie Schulz. Auctioneers: Hamilton Auctions.
March 21 — Farm equipment, 8300 JD tractor, ase 2188 combine, GP folding drill, shop equip., fence-line bunks & farm collectibles at Abilene for Walter & Sally Holt. Auctioneers: Reynolds Auction Service.
March 21 — Furniture, ap-

pliances, glassware, collectibles, arrowheads, guns, scooter, tools & misc. at Junction City for Earl & Virginia Brown Trust. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
March 21 — Collectibles, van, proof sets, silver certificates, gas & petroleum collectibles, collectibles & toys, shop & yard, household, glassware & more at Newton for JR & Coke Smith. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.
March 21 — Farm machinery consignment auction at Herington. Auctioneers: Bob Kickhaefer.
March 21 — 1981 JD 750 diesel 4WD tractor, 1972 GMC pickup, tools, hardware, equipment at Topeka for Edgar & Irene Tibbs. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
March 21 — Collectible glassware, furniture, artwork, dolls & small collectibles at McPherson for Jewell Priddy Estate. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auction Service.
March 21 — Tractors, vehicles, trailers, scooter, motorcycle & boat, antiques, lawn mowers, Go Carts, machinery & misc. at Copeland. Auctioneers: Larry Johnston Auction.
March 21 — Tractors, stock trailer, trucks, camper, implement trailer, farm equipment of all kinds,

combine, antiques, lumber, lawn & garden at LaCygne for Gary & Sharon Ala. Auctioneers: Shary Read Auction Service.
March 21 — Farm machinery & misc. West of Jamestown for Wayne Ruud. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
March 21 — 108.14 acres Marshall County land held at Marysville for Kristi & Skyler Harper & Kim Hardman. Auctioneers: Midwest Land & Home, Jeff Dankenbring.
March 21 — Consignment auction at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.
March 21 & 22 — Vintage cars, guns, ammo, gun safes, cap guns, oak furniture, antiques & shooting collectibles, coins & more at Douglass for N.E. McCorkle Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auction Service, Inc.
March 21 — Bull sale at Blue Rapids for Springhill Herefords.
March 22 — Furniture, glass & collectibles at Salina for Yvonda & Bill Gray Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
March 22 — Guns, advertising signs & collectibles at Osage City for Mr. & Mrs. Mike Williams. Auctioneers: Wischropp Auctions.
March 22 — Tractors, vehicles, construction equipment, trailers, tools, lawn & garden equip., boats & RVs at Spring Hill. Auctioneers: So. Jo. Co. Auction & Swap Meet, LLC.
March 22 & 23 — (March 22: shop tools, lathe equipment, woodworking tools, gun safes, furniture, household, Antiques); (March 23: rock & rock equipment, boat, house-




hold) at Manhattan for Richard "Dick" Lundquist Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
March 23 — Guns at Concordia. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
March 23 — 1,280 acres +/- Ness County Land held at Ness City for Gene & Wilma Hopkins. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
March 23 — Oleen Brothers production sale: Horned Herefords, Black Angus & AQHA Horses held at Dwight.
March 24 — Bull sale at Eureka for Genetrust-Suhn Cattle Co.
March 24 — Production sale at Mankato for Black Velvet Cattle.
March 25 — 1,980 acres m/l of Ellis & Trego County land held at Hays for the D. Mahlon & Addie B. Kingsley Family revocable trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
March 25 — Commercial kitchen equipment, dining room furnishings, misc. restaurant items at Manhattan for Purple Swirl. Auctioneers: Totally Auctions, Jeff Ruckert.
March 25 — Tractors, combines, trucks, trailers, farm equipment of all kinds, lawn & garden & more online at (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.
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Vegetarian's Guide to Cowboys

Many myths have been promulgated that have fostered a misunderstanding of cowboys by herbivores. It is incumbent on me to shed some light on this subject for my vegetarian readers.

MYTH #1) Cowboys are mean to cows

This myth may be reinforced by the cowboy's habit of roping cows for sport, branding their young and primping them like poodles at livestock shows. But in their defense, these practices are done without malice. Just sort of the usual predator/prey relationship. Like parents with children enrolled in organized sports.

MYTH #2) Cowboys are

right wing political fanatics

Cowboys are suspicious of politicians and, like most Americans, don't vote either. They hold to a muddled Code of the West that forbids associating with known feminists but allows kissing your horse. Very confusing.

MYTH #3) Cows hate cowboys

Cows have an IQ somewhere between a cedar post and a sandhill crane. It is unlikely that they lay awake nights plotting revenge. However, fate has made the cow and cowboy dependent on each other. The same unnatural relationship that exists between politicians and newspaper reporters or lawyers and criminals.

MYTH #4) Cowboys are a vanishing breed

As long as 97% of the population eats meat, there will be cows and as long as there's cows, there will be cowboys. However, they are hard to see from the freeway.

MYTH #5) Cowboys eat beef everyday

Or buffalo wings, pigs feet or cheek meat off an old ewe. They'll even eat hay if you put enough whiskey on it. Actually they'll eat most anything the cook serves up, though I've never seen'em eat a snail darter or a spotted owl!

MYTH #6) Cowboys are not like the romantic image portrayed in Marlboro commercials and John Wayne movies

Of course they are! 'Specially if you catch 'em between gettin' bucked off before breakfast and losin' their lunch on the way home from the dance!

Sedgwick County Extension plans 68th annual Beef BBQ

Sedgwick County Extension will hold their 68th annual Beef BBQ on March 23rd from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center located at 7001 W. 21st St North (corner of 21st & Ridge Rd north).

Dinner will be catered by Ray's Countryside Catering (meal starts at 6:30). They hope to have Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office there to talk about "Water Issues in Kansas, 50 Year Water Vision Plan." Tom Leffler of Leffler Commodities, LLC will give the "Market Report." There will also be door prizes. To register online go to their website at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu or call Zach Simon 316-660-0153 or Jackie Fees 316-660-0143. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 5-12.

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National beef organizations agree on enhancements to National Beef Checkoff Program

Last Friday, seven national organizations, members of the Beef Checkoff Enhancement Working Group (BCEWG), signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding agreed-upon enhancements to the national

Beef Checkoff Program. These organizations are the American Farm Bureau Federation, the American National CattleWomen, Inc., the Livestock Marketing Association, the Meat Import Council of America, the National Cattlemen's Beef As-

sociation, the National Livestock Producers Association and the National Milk Producers Federation.

The Beef Checkoff Program is a producer and importer-funded marketing and research program designed to increase global demand for beef. This is accomplished through investments in education, research, and promotion.

The Beef Checkoff Program is funded through a \$1 per head assessment each time cattle are sold. Due to inflation, the \$1 per head checkoff which was implemented in 1986 has deflated to \$.47.

Highlights of the revised MOU to enhance the national Beef Checkoff Program include:

- These organizations will support legislation to

increase the current Beef Checkoff Program of \$1 per head to \$2 per head.

- Within a year of the legislation being signed into law, a referendum will be conducted among beef producers and beef importers to increase the assessment. If a majority of the Beef Checkoff Program payers indicate they would like to increase the checkoff, the assessment rate would increase.

- Assessments will continue to be collected as they are now and State Beef Councils will have the authority to retain 50 percent of the assessment.

- A refund of the additional assessment amount, but not the current \$1 per head, will be available to beef producers paying into the checkoff.

• Every five years, the Secretary of Agriculture will publicize a 30-day comment period of time during which beef checkoff payers may request a referendum vote on the continuation of the Beef Checkoff Program and/or a change to the assessment rate. If 10 percent or more beef checkoff payers request such a referendum, a timely referendum will be held. The wishes of beef checkoff payers indicated by a majority vote in the referendum will be implemented. The current ability for the Secretary to conduct a referendum only on the continuation of the beef checkoff if 10 percent or more of beef checkoff payers sign a petition will

remain in place.

- The new Joint Nominating Committee, which will recommend candidates to serve on the Beef Promotion Operating Committee, will include members from the Cattlemen's Beef Board, the Federation of State Beef Councils, and other national organizations representing beef checkoff payers.

- The Cattlemen's Beef Board will annually provide all interested eligible contractors information and training on the contracting process.

The group will continue its work to develop a road map for simultaneously recommending and advocating for the outcomes highlighted in the revised MOU.

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2015 Flint Hills Beef Fest accepting cattle contest entries

Entries are being accepted for the 2015 Flint Hills Beef Fest Cattle Contests. This is the 29th year for the Flint Hills Beef Fest, which is headquartered in Emporia.

What is the Flint Hills Beef Fest? The Flint Hills Beef Fest is a celebration of the Kansas Flint Hills grass cattle industry to promote the kind and quality of cattle that graze the Kansas grasslands. Five contests of stocker cattle are conducted in pens of three head with separate divisions for steers and heifers. The contests are:

- Grass Futurity – Measures weight gain on grass
- Live Stocker Show – Quality judging on muscle, confirmation & overall performance on grass
- Feedlot – Weight gain in the feedlot
- Carcass – Carcass quality on grade & yield
- Overall Gain – Spring weigh-in to harvest

For this year's contest, the cattle will be received on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Emporia Live-

stock Sales. The cattle will be turned out to grass on the following Monday and will graze until approximately August 20th. The cattle will graze at the Highland Ranch near Olpe, again this year.

The winners of the Grass Futurity and Live Stocker Show will be announced during the evening awards banquet on Saturday, August 22nd. Those cattle entering the Feedlot and Carcass contests will be shipped to the feedlot where they will be fed for 140 days. For this year's cattle contests, nearly \$18,000 in cash awards will be handed out!

Entries are being accepted on a first come, first served basis and only 40 pens of steers and 40 pens of heifers will be accepted for this year's contests. To ensure your spot, be sure to return a completed entry form by April 17, 2015.

For more information or to request an entry form, call (620) 528-3444 or by e-mail at flinthillsbeefest@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.beefest.com

Specialty Crop Block Grant applications period now open

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2015 Specialty Crop Block Grant program. Funds are awarded to the agency by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. The funds are in turn granted to projects and organizations that promote specialty crops in Kansas.

The purpose of the specialty crop program is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture." The advancement of these crops aligns with KDA's mission of providing an environment that promotes economic and agricultural growth in all aspects of the Kansas agricultural industry.

In 2014 Kansas received \$314,370.38 for the grant program. Kansas is expected to receive approximately the same amount for 2015.

Applications will be evaluated by a team of external reviewers. The team will rate proposals on their ability to successfully promote specialty crops in Kansas and make a positive impact on the Kansas economy, and submit those recommendations to the Secretary

of Agriculture, who will make the final awards.

Applications are due to KDA no later than May 15, 2015. For more information,

and to download the 2015 application please visit www.agriculture.ks.gov/specialtycropblockgrant.

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD: 1952 Singer electric sewing machine in cabinet; Singer 185J green electric sewing machine in case; sweepers; lots of kitchenwares, dishes; vintage Tupperware; set Revere copper bottom pans; small kitchen appliances; Lodge cast iron pans; kitchen gizmos & gadgets; table & floor lamps; luggage; books;

home decoratives; linens; step stools; TVs; VCR; DVD player; Homart window fan; table & box fans; small heaters; Craig 8 tract stereo system; X-box & games; Playstation & games; 2 exercise bikes - DP AirGometer; picnic basket; TV trays; Wonder Horse; pack & play.

COLLECTIBLES: LARGE COLLECTION OF FIESTA DISHES, original & '50s colors; old kitchenwares; graniteware; wire clothes basket on legs; mid-century modern ashtrays on stands; galvanized water cooler; old windows & cabinet doors; galvanized metal basket; old local advertising; tooled leather purse; kero lamps; Craftsman style iron mailbox; cast iron pans; other smalls.

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QUESTIONS? Stephanie Avery, Sales Manager, 785-632-7304

State Fire Marshal offer tips and best practices to prevent wildfires in Kansas

With the nice weather Kansas has experienced over the past few days, fire departments across the state are already experiencing an increase in grass burning incidents – some of which have already gotten out of control. Many of these fires are threatening property and structures and have resulted in injury to the firefighters responding to the fires.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) provides tips and resources for helping farmers and ranchers to have safe and successful prescribed burns of their fields and pastures.

"By following these proven steps for safely burning fields or brush, Kansans will not be as likely to produce fires that burn out of control and put lives and property at risk," says Doug Jorgensen, state fire marshal.

The OSFM and Kansas Interagency Wildfire Council offer the following tips and best practices to help ensure a burn doesn't become a wildfire:

- Know all state and local fire restrictions. Check with county officials who are charged with decid-

ing whether burning is permissible based on local conditions.

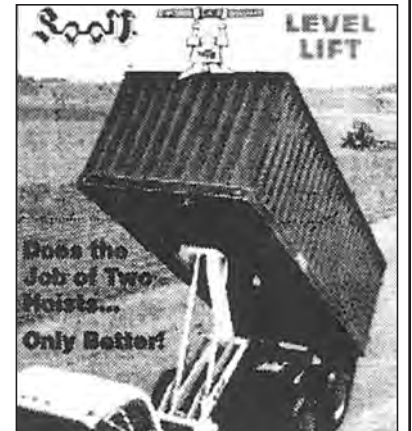
- Notify neighbors as a courtesy prior to burning.
- Postpone the burn if unsure of the fuel and weather conditions.
- Have adequate resources and equipment available to prevent escaped fires.
- Consider smoke management to avoid unsafe roads and air quality condi-

tions.
• Do not burn to the ends of the field. Setting boundaries, "back-burning" and keeping the fire off of fence rows will prevent out-of-control burns.

Kansas experienced a significant increase in acres burned between 2013 and 2014. Total acres burned rose from 22,482 in 2013 to 184,716 in 2014 – more than eight times as many field burns in just one year.

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GRASS & GRAIN **Guest Editorial**

By Adrian J. Polansky,
Kansas Farm Service
Agency State Executive
Director

For more than 40 years we have celebrated National Ag Day as a time to pause and honor the American farmer. Today, our farmers are the most productive and efficient in the world with each one helping feed more than 144 people. We thank you, as well as everyone who plays a role in producing the food, fiber and fuel our country and the world depends upon.

This year National Ag Week is March 15-21 and is

highlighted by National Ag Day on Wednesday, March 18.

And there is another very important date in March we want to remind farmers about this year. March 31 is the last day to make several important choices on federal safety net programs that could make a big difference for their farms through 2018.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is urging farmers and landowners across the nation to finalize their decisions by March 31 on updating crop yield histories and reallocating base

acres for new safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). Updated yields and base acre reallocations could help improve a farmer's potential to recover payments when a weather disaster or unexpected changes in the marketplace negatively affects their income.

March 31 is also the last day to decide which program - ARC or PLC - is the right one for their operation. Each program provides unique protections. The

best choice will depend on factors specific to their individual farm.

FSA, in cooperation with a number of universities, has provided online Web-based tools, found at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc to help make this important decision. The online tools have helped more than half a million farmers so far.

If you have not yet considered your PLC or ARC options, take the time today to explore the web tools and then contact your FSA county office if you have questions. Celebrate Ag Day and Ag Week with the peace of mind knowing your farm will be protected as you make plans to enter the fields this spring.

If you don't make a decision by the March 31 deadline, then you will be assigned Price Loss Coverage, the default program, and lose payments for losses incurred in 2014. However, if

you complete your ARC or PLC election by the deadline, you will be protected against 2014 price or revenue losses.

Don't let this opportunity slip by. Finalize your yield or base acre decisions, complete those conversations

between landowners and producers, and conduct your final reviews to determine how ARC or PLC can help you. Avoid that end-of-the-month rush, and make an appointment today. Your Kansas FSA county staff is standing by ready to help



Bar S Icy Heart 4471 won reserve grand champion steer at the 2015 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, owns the May 2014 son of Bar S Range Boss 1118. Jeff Gooden, Iberia, Mo., evaluated the 97 entries.

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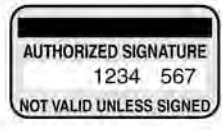
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Unmanned Aerial Systems round table discussion held at KDA

By Donna Sullivan, Editor The use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in agriculture was the subject of a the first of five round tables that will culminate at the Kansas UAS summit October 15 in Wichita. Topics of the remaining round table discussions will be: Emergency Management/ Law Enforcement, Research and Survey, Small Business Interests, and an All-Segments meeting which will include an update on UAS policies and regulations. Numerous industry stakeholders were present at the March 11th event, held at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The four areas covered were the specific applications of UAS in production agricul-

ture, existing barriers that prevent its use, what the proposed FAA regulations and policies will allow or prohibit and how the state of Kansas can assist in eliminating those barriers. "We think this technology is essential in terms of wheat research and development," said Aaron Harries of Kansas Wheat. "We want to preserve the rights of farmers to use this technology without burdensome regulations." Aaron Popelka, vice president of legal and government affairs for Kansas Livestock Association, said KLA's interest in the discussion is twofold. While they would like to promote the opportunities for UAS in a livestock setting, there is concern about placing ap-

propriate limits on the technology to keep those intending to harm the livestock industry from accomplishing that goal. "The (FAA) rule seems to mainly address the physical aspects of them, how high they can fly, who can fly them, etc." Popelka said. "It doesn't say anything about the data collected while it's in the air. Who owns it? At what point does a UAS flight over private property amount to trespassing?" The comment period on the FAA's proposed rule will close April 24, and it's expected to be the most commented-on rule in the history of the FAA. It will take 12 to 18 months to go through the comments before the final rule is published.

Schedule the breeding soundness exams soon

By Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University Emeritus Extension Animal Scientist

Although the spring calving season may still be ongoing, the next breeding season is only a few weeks away. Now is the time to schedule the old and new bulls for their pre-breeding soundness examination. For the breeding soundness evaluation to be successful, bulls should be evaluated 30 to 60 days before the start of breeding. It is important to allow sufficient time to replace questionable bulls. Bulls could also be evaluated at the end of breeding to determine if their fertility decreased. A breeding soundness exam is administered by a veterinarian and includes a physical examination (feet, legs, eyes, teeth, flesh cover, scrotal size and shape), an internal and external examination of the reproductive tract, and semen evaluation for sperm cell motility and nor-

malty. The physical examination studies overall appearance. Flesh cover is one factor to evaluate. Body condition can be affected by length of the breeding season, grazing and supplemental feeding conditions, number of cows the bull is expected to service and distance required to travel during breeding. Ideally, bulls should have enough fat cover at the start of breeding so their ribs appear smooth across their sides. A body condition score 6 (where 1 = emaciated and 9 = very obese) is the target body condition prior to the breeding season. Sound feet and legs are very important because if they are unsound, this can result in the inability to travel and mount for mating. The general health of the bull is critical since sick, aged and injured bulls are less likely to mate and usually have lower semen quality. The external examination of the

reproductive tract includes evaluation of the testes, spermatic cords and epididymis. Scrotal circumference is an important measure since it is directly related to the total mass of sperm producing tissue, sperm cell normality and the onset of puberty in the bull. Bulls with large circumference will produce more sperm with higher normality and also reach sexual maturity sooner. Examination of the external underline before and during semen collection will detect any inflammation, foreskin adhesions, warts, abscesses and penile deviations. The internal exami-

nation is conducted to detect any abnormalities in the internal reproductive organs. Also, be certain to ask your veterinarian about the need to test the bulls for the reproductive disease, trichomoniasis. Learn more about this disease by downloading and reading OSU Fact Sheet VTMD-9134 "Bovine Trichomoniasis."

The semen evaluation is done by examining a sample of the semen under a microscope. The veterinarian will estimate the percentage of sperm cells that are moving in a forward direction. This estimate is called "motility." In addition, the sperm cells will be

individually examined for proper shape or "morphology." Less than 30 percent of the cells should be found to have an abnormal shape. Any bull meeting all minimum standards for the physical exam, scrotal size and semen quality will be classed as a "satisfactory" potential breeder. Many bulls that fail any minimum standard will be given a rating of "classification deferred." This rating indicates that the bull will need another test to confirm status. Mature bulls (that were listed as classification deferred) should be retested after four to six weeks. Mature bulls will be classified

as unsatisfactory potential breeders if they fail subsequent tests. Young bulls that are just reaching puberty may be rated as "classification deferred," and then later meet all of the minimum standards. Therefore caution should be exercised when making culling decisions based on just one breeding soundness exam. Many producers work hard to manage their cows for high fertility. They may assume that the bulls will do their expected duties. However, it's important to pay close attention to bulls to establish successful breeding.



These ladies were selected to serve as Angus royalty at the 2015 Kansas Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 24 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Bryanna Hite, Valley Center, 2015 Kansas Angus Ambassador; Megan Green, Leavenworth, 2014 Miss Kansas Angus; and Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, 2015 Miss Kansas Angus.

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USDA provides one-time extension of deadline to update base acres or yield history for ARC/PLC programs

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27, 2015 until March 31, 2015. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we're working to ensure that they've got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, 2015, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31, 2015, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

"These are complex decisions, which is why we launched a strong education and outreach campaign back in September. Now we're providing a one-time extension of an additional month so that every producer is fully prepared to enroll in this program," said Vilsack.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities in-

clude barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and bil-

ions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 10:00 AM
927 Mission Ave. — MANHATTAN, KANSAS



REAL ESTATE INFORMATION: Ranch style home, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1,920 sq/ft including unfinished basement. Detached garage, metal

storage building. Property backs up to Tuttle Creek Blvd. and is close to Eisenhower middle school.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY: Car: 2006 Buick Lesabre, 110K; Concrete birdbath, Powermate 5000 generator, yard tools, shovels, rakes, garden hose, brooms, step ladder, 4 floor jacks, McCall pattern cabinet, air bubbles, assorted hand tools, socket sets, wrenches, hammers, pliers, bench grinder, Craftsman tools, aluminum extension ladder, Electric extended tree trimmer, school desk, wooden military trunk, miscellaneous garden and lawn ornaments, air hose, husky shop vac, husky air compressor, ledgers, power pack, gas cans, water flowering pots, John Deere corn sheller, metal lawn chairs, push mower, fertilizer spreader, concrete birdbath, picnic table, Maytag washer and dryer, deep freezer, antique bristle vacuum cleaner, metal shelving, Costco kitchen table and chairs, rollaway bed, luggage, fans, bowl and picture, antique ashtray stand, wingback chair, handicap shower and tub equipment, miscellaneous bedding and towels. **Guns** Springfield model 87 a 22 long rifle, Stephens 30-30 bolt action rifle model 32 5b, Remington 12 gauge semi automatic with choke, antique radios, 2 bedroom sets, twin bed, miscellaneous Christmas items including trees ornaments and fixtures; new Coleman camping stove, lantern, over shoes and boots, books, meat grinder, insulators, canning jars, silverware set, Crocks, camera antique, new waffle maker, Magic Chef fry daddy, George Foreman grill, crock-pot, Johnson fishing reel, fishing pole, shop vac, sewing machine, water jugs, collector bottles medicine, figurines, keypunch machine with blanks, Occupied Japan figurines, crystal, McCoy, Germany China, Lane cedar chest, flat screen TV, Dirt Devil vacuum, mink coat, cowboy boots, quilt rack, purses, electric blankets, fancy work, pillows and stuffed animals.

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Homeground & Other Geographies by Tom Parker

Solvitur ambulando

And then, just like that, winter broke. The days warmed and the sun brightened under cloudless skies, and I emerged from my confinement into a world made hospitable once more. I felt

like a bear shambling from its lair, blinking away a winter's worth of sleep and ravenous for sustenance, though the sustenance I craved had less to do with food than with the simple

serenity of movement. My feet wanted to walk, and I wanted to let them.

Besides the overwhelming delight in being able to go outside without suffering teeth-rattling chills—an outcome of nerve damage caused by a bout of shingles five months ago that traversed my left side and into my neck and shoulders and down my arms to my elbows and back, and now seemed to be relenting slightly while also making moves into my left leg—there were other exigencies pulling me outdoors. One was an offer to be the official photographer for a symphonic performance at Alcove Spring, an historic park on the Oregon Trail south of Marysville, plus a collection of weddings and events that would require much more stamina than I currently possessed. Getting into shape wasn't a luxury but a necessity.

Alas, my body was as flexible as a toothpick. Bend, and it would break. When my wife suggested we sign up for Walk Kansas, an eight-week, team-oriented fitness program, I readily agreed, with reservations. I'm a poor team member. I tend to ramble and wander off and stop to inspect butterflies and birds and in-

sects and rock formations and anything else that catches my attention, thereby raising the ire of those who think that walking is meant to be an uninterrupted, linear progression. To me, walking is synonymous with discovery regardless of whether I'm following a creek to its confluence or strolling around the block, and discoveries are anything but linear.

I wasted no time. A week before the official start I set out from the Alcove Spring parking lot to the perennial spring and on through the meadow where I joined the two-track that leads to the high ground overlooking the valley. I managed to make it to a low rocky ridge near the crest before stopping to let my pulse take a breather, about three-quarters of a mile. I had only ascended about 150 feet in elevation so there was no reason for me to be so winded, nor for my heart to thud so hard that it felt as if it might erupt from my chest like the worm-like creature in the movie *Alien*. At my feet was a flat stone inscribed with the letters "JF" and an arrow pointing vaguely north. There's considerable speculation among local historians that they were carved by none other than

John Fremont, who was known to pass through this area on numerous occasions. Wanting to take a photo of the inscription with the sun setting in the west, I laboriously managed to drop to my aching knees and then onto my belly for a wide-angle shot.

Getting down was one thing, getting up another. No matter what position I managed to scissor or contort myself into, either a knee was in the wrong place, my arms were too short for leverage or my body simply wouldn't flex, not to mention that my left leg suddenly didn't want to cooperate. I finally managed to flop upright and lurch to a sitting position, and from there stagger to my feet though the details are sketchy. What frightened me was the inchoate vocalization that emanated from my mouth upon straightening, a groan/moan/grunt/gasp that sounded altogether inhuman, like an animal in distress. After letting the dizziness pass I spat an oath and cursed to the evening air that I was too young to feel this old.

I knew I had a long road before me caused not just by nerve damage but from a sedentary career and an allergic reaction to exercise

and dieting in most forms, and that getting there would be an act of discovery in itself. I was also reminded of a quote attributed to St. Augustine: *Solvitur ambulando*, whose translation means "It is solved by walking." Sure, I'd have to familiarize myself with such disquieting concepts as portion control and caloric intake, but the bulk of my rehabilitation would be in the form of motion. Sometimes it would be linear and sometimes it would wander, and destinations would be merely secondary notions chosen not for any significance but for the route itself, and that constrained only by the contours of the land.

By the time I reached the parking lot I was winded and hurting all over. I had also chosen my next route and the route after that. Walking as a solution sounded crazy, but I was desperate enough to try it. I'd walk the length and breadth of Kansas if I had to, I'd walk until the fat and the stiffness melted from my bones and I moved like a well-oiled machine. I'd walk Kansas like a drowning man reaches for a plank. As I climbed wearily into the truck, I was already reaching, already walking, already discovering.

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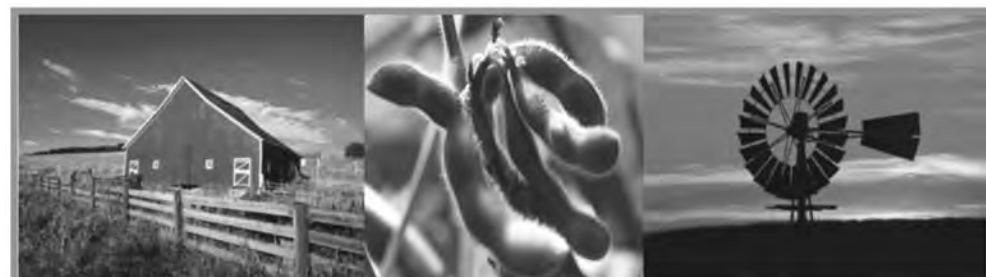
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(AP) — Kansas needs to rebalance its income, sales and property taxes in the wake of revenue shortfalls created by massive income tax cuts, the president of the Kansas Farm Bureau said recently.

Rich Felts, who took over as president of the state's largest farm organi-

zation in December, said he worries that property taxes may take the brunt of hikes in the waning days of the legislative session as lawmakers struggle to close the budget hole. While a proposal that would have dramatically increased property taxes on Kansas agricultural land appears dead for now, farm leaders are warily eyeing whether property tax hikes will resurface as an amendment to a bill.

The GOP-dominated Legislature must close a projected budget deficit of nearly \$600 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The shortfall arose after

lawmakers aggressively cut income taxes in 2012 and 2013 at Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's urging to stimulate the economy. One policy exempted 53,000 farmers from income taxes, along with the owners of 281,000 other businesses.

Brownback has proposed backing off future income tax cuts that have been promised and raising tobacco and alcohol taxes. Legislators are considering those ideas and a wide variety of other options.

For years, Kansas had "a three-legged stool" of income, sales and property taxes that worked until the

income tax cuts, Felts said.

Felts stressed that his statements reflect only his personal opinion because his organization did not take a position on the income tax cuts when members met last December. Its members didn't realize at the time the extent of the looming shortfall, he said.

The official Kansas Farm Bureau policy opposes any increase in property taxes, and the group in general is not in favor of raising taxes. Felts said he could see the organization saying at some point that the state needs to rebalance the tax structure.

"It is an issue we need to address," he said.

Felts farms 3,000 acres of wheat, corn and soybeans and raises 4,000 hogs in Montgomery County in southeast Kansas. As a limited liability corporation, or LLC, he pays no state income taxes on his farming operations, nor does he pay sales taxes for the fertilizer, chemicals and seed he buys to put in a crop.

But he said anybody who thinks farmers do not pay their fair share of state taxes should see his annual property tax bill of \$27,000.

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Cowboy Up

by Ron Wilson
Poet Lariat

Friday the 13th

This is the true story of Friday, February 13, 2015.

It was time to sell steers at the local sale barn, which has a cattle auction every Friday. We planned for the second week of February. There was only one problem, one of the guys said: It was Friday the 13th.

"Oh, baloney," I replied. "I'm not superstitious. Don't pay attention to that silly stuff." I turned my attention to more practical matters, such as getting the trailer ready for hauling.

My newer Titan trailer happened to be loaded with supplies, but we had an older trailer of my dad's that we use for hauling horses.

This trailer is quite old, but with my wife's encouragement we found an ad in *Grass & Grain* for a guy who could rebuild it. He did a terrific job, and that trailer has really come in handy. It is one of a number of wise decisions made by my wife.

We hitched up the old trailer, got it set by the loading panels, sorted cattle, and loaded steers. It was a heavy load of cattle but they all fit on the old trailer. According to the clock, we were in plenty of time to get to the sale. I was feeling good about things.

I pulled the trailer up to the house to grab my driver's license. As I came back

out the door, I heard a loud "Phwwwwww" sound coming from the direction of the trailer. Of course, it was a flat tire. One of those old tires on the trailer couldn't stand the heavy load. If this was baseball, it would have been strike one. Time to change the tire.

Well, changing a tire on a car is one thing, but a flat tire on a trailer with thousands of pounds of beef on it is another. We tried the auto jack. Didn't budge. Strike two. Tried the hydraulic jack. Barely moved. Strike three. The clock is ticking and getting closer to sale time. Cowboy smarts kicked in. "Let's just raise up the trailer with the front-end loader," one of the guys said.

I brought the small New Holland tractor over. It could barely lift the trailer, not nearly enough to change the tire. Needed the bigger tractor. I went to get the International 986. Turned the ignition switch: Nothing. Some idiot (probably spelled M-E) had left the switch on and run down the

batteries. I've lost count of the strikes. Time is passing. Tick, tick, tick...

My dad had a saying: Sometimes you don't have time to hurry. Rather than looking for a shortcut, I knew we should do what we should have done all along, which was to unload the cattle before changing the tire. Years ago, my wife got a bargain on some portable panels, and those panels have proven invaluable (Yet another good wifely decision).

We brought the panels, built a temporary pen in back of the trailer, and unloaded the cattle. Once they were out, it was a simple matter to change the tire. Back on the trailer and off to the sale barn.

We made it in time for the sale. I explained to the nice lady in the commission company office why we were late.

"Oh my," she said. "A flat tire on a loaded trailer. It was a good thing that it happened while you were home and not on the highway."

"Yeah," I replied. "I guess it was my lucky day."

Lady Luck

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Lady Luck is a tease.
She can tear you apart.
When you're trying to please,
She'll come break your heart.
You'll have things goin' right,
And you're rockin' along,
But just when it's bright,
Then something goes wrong.
And just when you think
You've come through with a burst,
Then hope starts to sink
As things go bad to worse.
Now, I'm not superstitious.
No horoscope for me.
All that stuff is fictitious.
I don't buy astrology.
But the way things go over,
With rough times output,
I need a four-leaf clover
Or a good rabbit's foot.
And if my challenge still lingers
And I'm continually stuck,
I'll keep crossin' my fingers
While I chase Lady Luck.
Happy Trails!

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FARM AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 — 10:00 AM
20900 Edgerton Rd. — EDGERTON, KS

Auctioneer's Note: The Quantances were organic farmers, the equipment has set for a while.

TRACTORS, COMBINE, TRAILERS, EQUIPMENT & GRAIN BINS
Farmall 656, dsl, 3pt, NF, runs; Versatile 118, V-6 Cummins, rebuilt eng; Farmall M WF & many parts; IH tractor w/gts; JD 6620 combine, hydro Turbo II, runs good; several JD heads; Blair 6'x16' BP stock trlr; several types older trlrs; Peerless 500 grinder/mixer; Land Pride RB55-120 rear blade; 3pt Howard M130 tiller; vibra shanks; JD ripper; Landoll 220 chisel; Kewanee 1025 disc, cab control; 3pt Lely 9' disc mower; JD7000 WR planter; 3pt Great Plains solid stand 14 grain drill w/small seed attachs; plows; cultivators, wagons; 5 grain bins incl Co-op w/heater & air flow fan, 18'h x 18'w, 2-1250bu; many augers assorted tanks.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

St. George, Kansas

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 — 10:00 AM
ON SITE

LOCATION: 105 S. Lincoln Ave. — ST. GEORGE, KS
★ SELLING IN 3 TRACTS ★




TRACT 1 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: St. George RP TR 1 & Block 1, Acres 0.7, LTS 1-13 Less TR BEG NE CO. This tract contains a storage unit building currently rented for storage space. City utilities are available to the property. This property has the potential for many opportunities for commercial or industrial applications.

TRACT 2 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: St George RP TR 1 & BLK 1, Block 1, Lot 14-26, Acres 1.1, Section 09, Township 10 Range 09. This tract lies just west of tract 1, wide-open space continuing westward to the creek. This tract does lay in the flood plain and has had some fill put on the property. The tract is zoned commercial or industrial.

Tract 3 is the combination of Tract 1 and Tract 2.

This property is platted for a travel trailer park. City utilities and a main sewer line is installed through the property. This location has many possibilities as a travel trailer park, storage units, and construction company location. However, the property does lay in the flood plain. Some fill dirt has been put on the property.

Contact Ron Hinrichsen, Auctioneer/Owner: 785-770-0222

TERMS: Property sells AS IS, WHERE IS. 10% non-refundable down payment is required day of sale by check. Buyer must be able to close on or before May 11, 2015. Cost of Title Insurance and Closing Costs to be split equally between Buyer and Seller. All announcements day of sale take precedence over written materials. Crossroads Real Estate & Auction LLC is representing the sellers.

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80 ACRES LYON COUNTY CROPLAND

AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 — 7:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Flint Hills Room, Best Western Hospitality House, 3021 W. US Hwy. 50, EMPORIA, KS 66801

SELLER: SHANNON M. LOSTUTTER



PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1400 Road K, Emporia, KS
PROPERTY LOCATION: From Emporia, KS go south on Hwy. 99, 1/2 mile to Road 150 and then west 1/2 mile on 150 to the corner of Road 150 and Road K. The property is on the southwest corner of the intersection.

DESCRIPTION: Always wanted cropland with no timber or waste ground? Take a look at this property! Great access off of Rd. 150 or Rd. K, this parcel can be almost entirely farmed. The only obstacles to farm around are two high line structures on the property. This is a nice rectangle field with half mile rows. The soil is Osage Silty Clay. This parcel is in the flood plain of the Cottonwood River and is currently planted to wheat. Property will be sold with an ag lease for 2015.

TERMS: Earnest money of \$20,000.00 due evening of the auction made payable to Lyon Co. Title. Closing will be on or before May 9, 2015 at which time buyer will receive Kansas Warranty Deed. Title insurance expense for the owner's policy and any closing fees of the title company will be shared 50/50 between the seller and the buyer. Taxes for 2015 will be the responsibility of the buyer as well as buyer will receive the rental income of \$4,000.00. Property will be sold with an ag lease for 2015. Property is sold as is, in present condition with no warranties or guarantees. All financing arrangements must be made prior to the auction. All statements made evening of the auction take precedence over statements and advertising. All information has been gathered from Lyon Co. sources and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 10:00 AM
Main Street — VIRGINIA, NEBRASKA

Sponsored by American Legion & Sons of American Legion #367. Lunch by American Legion Auxiliary.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS
1975 Chevy with 16' steel box, runs good, good tires; 1987 16' 5th wheel cattle trailer; 8'x16' flatbed trailer, built on truck frame; 5'x9' utility trailer; 8'x16' bumper hitch tandem axle flatbed trailer w/ramps; goose-neck swather trailer, 402-688-4466; 11'x6' 2-wheel steel trailer w/ramps; 2-wheel pickup box trailer; (2) 125BU wagons, always stored inside.

TRACTORS & COMBINE
Minneapolis Moline "Z" tractor; Case 1070 tractor, 107HP; Allis 190 tractor w/Westendorf loader, 402-230-0214; JD 4400 combine, diesel w/15'header.

FARM EQUIPMENT
NH 3 applicator; 273 White 26' disc, 402-688-4466; JD 960 28' field cultivator; 9' Dempster springtooth 3 pt; 18' IH vibrashank field cultivator; JD 38 7' sickle mower; BMB 6' shredder, 3 pt.; JD 16' springtooth; JD rotary hoe; 24' harrow on a cart.

PLANTER & DRILLS
JD 7000 6 row 30"; JD 8000 Series grain drill w/grass seeder, 10'7"; Van Brunt drill w/seeder.

AUTOS
1994 Ford F250 4x4 pickup.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT
3T Apache creep/self feeder w/cages, excellent condition; mineral feeders; 2 stock tanks; hog waterers; Richie cattle waterer, near new; 1 round baler feeder; (2) 16' cattle gates;

TERMS: Cash or check. No property removed until settled for. All bids off at buyer's risk. Not responsible for accidents or thefts.

CONSIGNERS MAY DELIVER ITEMS: March 25, 1-5 PM; March 26, 9 AM-5 PM; March 27, 9 AM-5 PM; Sale Day: 7-9 AM. For more information contact Ervin Huls, 402-239-0263. Items to be removed from property by April 4, 2015. Loader will be available on sale day and March 29th from 9AM-5PM.
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