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Farm Rescue expands to Kansas; Hinrichsen leads state effort

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

You can take a man off the farm, even put him in the pilot's seat of a Boeing 747. But as he gazes at the farms and ranches 40,000 feet below, his heart will return to the land that helped shape him into who he became. In the deep recesses of his mind will be the memory of his father worrying about what would happen to their North Dakota family farm if a debilitating accident or illness were to befall him.

So when, during a long flight over the Pacific Ocean, a fellow pilot asked Bill Goss what he was going to do when he retired, the answer came quickly. "I'm going to be this Good Samaritan that buys a tractor and goes around helping farm families plant their crops when they have a major illness or injury." The pilot laughed... until he realized Goss was serious, then issued this challenge: "Well, why wait until you retire?"

Challenge Accepted

In 2005, Goss rose to that challenge, starting Farm Rescue, a non-profit that connects farm families in crisis with volunteers eager to help see them through. It was a humble beginning – a card table at a farm show to be exact, but the vision that began with Goss quickly caught on as donors, sponsors and volunteers took up the mission.

"Farm Rescue gives families a chance to continue their livelihood by providing the necessary equipment and manpower (free of charge) to get the job done," they write on their website.

Kansas Joins the Farm Rescue Family

Initially Farm Rescue served the Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana and Nebraska. Thanks to a sponsorship from Anheuser-Busch, they were able to expand into Kansas. John Deere is their leading sponsor, working through PrairieLand Partners here in Kansas. The Landoll Corporation in Marysville is another high-level sponsor.

Leading the effort in the Sunflower State is a face familiar to many in the ag community, Lynne Hinrichsen, a Pottawatomie County rancher who, prior to coming to Farm Rescue, had been the state director for USDA Rural Development, and before that worked at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. In all of her former positions, including owning a staffing company along with her husband Ron, Hinrichsen saw a common thread of bringing hope to people. "At the staffing service, we said we were givers of hope because we helped people



Pottawatomie County rancher and former state director of USDA Rural Development Lynne Hinrichsen serves as development officer for Farm Rescue, a job that includes finding the families that need assistance, organizing the volunteers and soliciting donations for the non-profit organization.

Courtesy photos



A Farm Rescue combine harvests a field of wheat in Lindsborg for a farmer undergoing chemotherapy treatments. They will be returning soon to help with fall harvest.



This farm in Lindsborg and another in Rexford were assisted by Farm Rescue this year, as both farmers were fighting cancer.

find new jobs and get back into the workforce," she said. "At KDA I was really able to focus on ag businesses, other expanding or attracting them to the state. And when I was offered the position at Rural Development, the statement that hit me the most was when the secretary of ag (Jackie McClaskey) said, 'Just think, you'll be able to touch every component of rural Kansas.' And she was right; we did

housing infrastructure, business development, all things in rural areas that needed help keeping them sustainable and growing."

"Now in this position, we're continuing the theme of hope," she went on. "That you're not all alone out there."

Hinrichsen says they are often referred to as the Angels in Blue, because of their dark navy blue shirts emblazoned with the Farm Rescue emblem. "We

swoop in and take care of them, then swoop out," she said. "To have that kind of purpose and know that you're doing good, I just can't think of a better position to have right now."

Hinrichsen's job as Development Officer for Farm Rescue is made up of three main components. The first is to identify the families in need of assistance. "As we all know, farmers and ranchers are very independent and one



Farm Rescue staff members also include, from left: Dan Erdmann, Program Manager; Genita Limke, Volunteer Coordinator and Neil Simons, Field Operations Manager.

of the last groups of people to ask for help," she said. "But in turn, they are very grateful when it's brought to them." She said they have a valuable partnership with AgrAbility, a national program dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers with disabilities. "They've got boots on the ground and find out about crises that might be arising in a family's life," she explained. "It's been a great partnership because they can help us find these families and we can partner with them on some of the needs that might leave them with physical challenges. We can get things like a lift for their truck or other assistive equipment."

She also relies heavily on word of mouth. "We want to let people know we're here. We know there's a greater need than what we're seeing here, and I can't be everywhere. So if people can help spread the word, maybe fill out an application for a family, we can be there."

Secondly, she is tasked with finding sponsors and donors to keep the non-profit going forward. "It's such a noble need for big companies to be part of," she stated. "And small companies understand what it means to give back too, as well as individuals that might have some kind of affiliation with farming and ranching that might want to give back to an organization like this." She emphasized that no gift is too big or too small to keep the organization moving.

Lastly, she helps organize the volunteers that will show up on each project to help the family in need. "You kind of start with one, and then it blossoms out as they bring other people they know," she said. They currently have over 1000 volunteers in their data base, about 300 of which are active throughout the year, not just in the states they are serving. She said there is a gentleman in Florida who earmarks two weeks of his vacation each year and will fly, at his own expense, to wherever he

is needed. "Most are retired farmers and ranchers who still want to be involved and this is a great way for them to do it," she explained, adding they also have a good number of retired workers from John Deere and other equipment companies. "They know how to run the equipment, and how to fix it, she said. "So that's a great thing to have." She pointed out that not everyone has to know how to run equipment to be a volunteer. "If someone just has a heart for service, we will find them something to do on a project, whether it's running for parts or picking up lunch."

Local Farm Rescue Projects

Farm Rescue was wrapping up two projects just as Hinrichsen came on board, wheat harvesting in Lindsborg and Rexford, where in both instances, the fathers in the families were undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

"The family in Rexford was just starting their journey with cancer treatments," she recalled. "I was able to go out there as we were wrapping it up and saw him and his wife sitting on the tailgate of the pickup and heard him say, 'These guys took care of this field just like it was their own.' He felt like he could focus on his treatment and getting better." Farm Rescue will go back to both operations to help with fall harvest.

Applications for Farm Rescue

To fill out an application for themselves or a neighbor in need, people can visit www.farmrescue.org. You can contact Hinrichsen at 515-601-2891 or lynne@farmrescue.org.

Each application undergoes a vetting process and they assist operations of all sizes, up to 1000 acres per crop. According to Hinrichsen the group is on track to help over 100 families this year throughout all their covered states, which was their goal. "In October we will help our 800th family since the program began," she reflected.

Not just riding for the brand – local ranches honor the fallen

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Thirteen riderless horses with folded American flags draped over their saddles – one for each of the U.S. service members killed in the attack on the Kabul, Afghanistan airport on August 26 – made a solemn procession in downtown White City on Sunday, September 19. In all forty-four horses and one mule lined up on the east side of town, led by Mandy Wainwright carrying the American flag. The Kansas flag and five military branch flags preceded the thirteen pony riderless horses. Midway they stopped and faced south as Taps was played.

Crystal Carson was the organizer of the tribute to

the fallen, and had no trouble finding ranches to ride.

"My first call was to Jan Oleen of Dwight," she said. "I could hear the emotion in Jan's voice as he explained a conversation he had with family about just that, as his own son is currently an active serviceman," Carson added. "The JAK brand would ride." Call after call to more than thirteen ranches in the Flint Hills followed the same pattern. "Many of the ranches have very close ties with loved ones who have served and are currently serving this great nation," she continued. "It's a busy time of year, we all know, all of us gearing up for weaning spring calves, picking

corn, planting wheat and pulling cows. There's always something pulling at the end of our rope. It just felt so right to do."

Also remembered and reflected upon was the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, as well as the 20-year war on terror that followed.

Along with the ranches that were represented, there were at-large ranch hands, the Morris County 4-H Horse Club and other local riders. A good crowd of patrons, active military and veterans turned out to show their respect, as well.

Carson appreciates the efforts of many to organize fundraising activities following the parade,

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Flags draped over the saddles of 13 riderless horses honored the service members killed at the Kabul airport in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

Photo by Crystal Carson



A Farmer's Pet

By Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County farmer

Every so often I have the opportunity to visit a classroom full of elementary students and read a book to them. More often than not, I've accomplished my guest reading visits using virtual platforms that so many are now accustomed to using. Thanks to technology, and a decent internet connection, I've been able to read to classrooms hours away from our farm.

While the books I read vary depending on the grade level of students, the subject matter and the conversations we have following ultimately always focus on agriculture.

It's a time I truly look forward to as it allows this former teacher to briefly get back into a classroom and get kids excited about reading while also sharing our farm with them.

After reading, the students and I spend time talking about the story and they can ask me questions about my farm. While I never really know the direction the students' questions may go, I do know a lot of elementary-aged children are very curious about how many dogs and cows I have on my farm. I also know that during every single one of my vis-

its, without fail, I will have a child inquire about my favorite crop.

While I generally answer that question diplomatically — just as a parent would if asked who their favorite child is — the reality is that while I value and appreciate all of the plants we grow on our farm, I do give one of our crops a bit more attention than the others.

Our popcorn crop receives a lot of my time and focus throughout the year. It's the smallest crop we grow based on the total number of acres, but it's definitely the one I spend a lot of my thoughts on.

Maybe it's because we've only grown popcorn for a handful of years, making it the "baby" of the farm. Maybe it's because it requires a bit more attention and TLC compared to the other crops.

Maybe it's the fact that we market it directly to consumers, which is different compared to our other commodities.

Like a doting parent, the popcorn is also the most photographed on our farm — second only to my own two children. My cell phone is full of images I've captured of this crop's milestones throughout the growing season.

From observing the small seeds getting planted into the soil, celebrating when tiny plants emerge from the earth, and cheering them on as they develop and grow larger and larger by the day. It's all documented.

Whether it's the threat of weather in our area, making sure the plants are getting plenty of water during the hot days of summer, or obsessing over the moisture content of the kernels leading up to harvest, I definitely fret over the popcorn a bit more, as well.

I always experience a sense of relief when we get the combine into the field and finally begin picking the corn. I'm calmed once we safely tuck the grain away into its bin for storage until it's time to send it off to be cleaned, sorted and bagged. And I can also breathe easier knowing when the grain has safely arrived at its destinations.

So, while I can honestly say that I appreciate all of the plants that we grow on our farm equally as they provide my family with the life we have, I find myself quite fond of our little popcorn crop. It might be the smallest, but it definitely receives the mightiest amount of my attention annually.

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

An open letter to my grandson's teachers:

Dear unsuspecting adults charged with imparting knowledge and education upon my grandson,

I feel it is my duty to inform you that the young man entering your classroom this week is not the same boy you've been seeing since the beginning of the school year. Oh, he may look the same, will probably even crack the same silly kind of jokes you've been hearing these past few weeks since school began. But trust me, a change has occurred that will affect your ability to successfully complete your mission of filling his brain with important knowledge like calculating perimeters or perfecting prepositions.

First, a little background. Recently, said young man has developed a fascination with old machinery. He's always loved heavy equipment and could watch it work for hours, all the while his imagination advancing him a decade or so to where he is the one running it. But the

old machinery obsession is fairly new. His mother fed into it a couple of weeks ago when she took him to "The Big Dig," officially titled the Historical Construction Equipment Association International Convention and Old Equipment Exposition hosted by Prairie Plowing Days near Concordia. The newborn fascination was further nurtured when Big Boy, the antique steam locomotive, chugged through Manhattan and his dad took him out of school to witness the historic occasion. So really, in all fairness, both parents contributed equally to our present situation.

I'm not sure which one of them made the discovery that tipped him plum over the edge into what will herein be referred as Old Machinery Mania Disorder. But one of them found on Facebook and made the mistake of showing him (clearly a rookie error) a 1939 Handi Man tractor. One glance, and the boy knew his life would not be complete without it. That was on Saturday. He told me about it that

evening over the phone, but at that point, didn't seem to hold out much hope that his persuasion skills would prevail. However...

The next day they drove into my yard for Sunday dinner pulling a stock trailer. Before he even burst into the house, I knew where they were headed once we'd finished eating.

They stopped by on their way home to show us his new tractor, which will now be a project for him and his dad to work on together. It runs well — just needs a little tinkering — the details of which he tried to explain to me using all kinds of mechanic-y terms that made my eyes glaze over a little. His joy was immeasurable, which naturally brought a little tear to both his mother's and my eyes.

Then this afternoon my son called me. "Did you talk to Emmitt today?" he asked.

"No, why?"
"Well, you won't believe this, but we found a plow to fit his new tractor down in Junction City," he said. His voice dripped with the resigned acceptance of having fallen down an expensive, possibly never-ending rabbit hole. I just laughed, having found myself down several of those over the years, usually courtesy of the young man on the other end of the phone or one of his siblings.

But also in his voice was the eager anticipation of a project to work on with his son and pride in the boy's willingness to work hard and learn.

So teachers, as you're standing in front of the class, surveying your young charges, let me just tell you that while he may give the appearance of hearing every word you're saying, trust me, he's not. Every thought he thinks, every word he speaks, and every dream he dreams, at least for now, is about that tractor. You might just throw the word "tractor" into a sentence now and then, even if it doesn't pertain to your lesson at all, just to get his attention.

No need to thank me, just happy to help when I can.

Sincerely, Emmitt's Grandma

MCOOL legislation proposed in Senate

Senators Thune (R-SD), Rounds (R-SD), Tester (D-NJ) and Booker (D-NJ) filed S 2716, the American Beef Labeling Act. The bill would require the reinstatement of beef and

beef products into existing Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (MCOOL) law following a six-month development and six-month implementation period.

The development and implementation periods are designated for the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture to determine a means of reinstating

MCOOL for beef that complies with all applicable rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Congress repealed the U.S. MCOOL law in 2015 after four separate WTO rul-

ings that the law violated international trade obligations, and the WTO authorized Canada and Mexico to impose retaliatory tariffs of almost \$1 billion against U.S. products.



Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh was one of my favorite, if not my favorite professor in college and I learned a great deal from him that I still use on a daily basis. It's funny that I was reminded of one of his favorite sayings recently because his memorial service was last week, also. He often said, "God protects little babies and fools." Often, he was referring to something a politician did, but this time it applied to me.

It is that time of the year when I seem to spend a great deal my day either fixing fence or putting cows in. If I am not doing that I am worrying about if the cows are out. That was the case when Jennifer was helping man a booth at the State Fair and that meant I was on my own completely since both kids were in school up north.

No sooner had Jennifer left on Friday than I got a call from a neighbor that the cows next to him were out in the worst possible spot. A feeling of dread came over me and I loaded the dog up in the side-by-side and sped over to where the cows had escaped to. It was going to be a tough drive in because we had to go through the timber and a milo field.

Isaac has spent a lot of time training his dog and now we were going to see if I could operate her. I pulled up to the neighbor, who was not having much luck getting the cows to move and deployed the dog. She took off like a shot, biting and barking at the cows and the next thing we knew there was a cloud of dust and the back end of a bunch of cows. Long story short, she drove them back in by herself in about five minutes. The fence was fixed, and life was good.

Fast forward to Sunday and the dog and I were checking the wayward bunch and much to my relief they were in. Let me add to the setting and say that I had signed us up for greeting and snacks at church this Sunday only to find out Jennifer was going to be out of town. I am a big boy, I can get myself around and bake some cookies, I had it all handled.

So back to the story. There I was admiring my cows being where they were supposed to be when I got the phone call. Another set of cows were out, and

they were the ones behind my "good" fence. I immediately sped over to the scene of the crime and found them spread over a large area. No fear, I would deploy the cow dog.

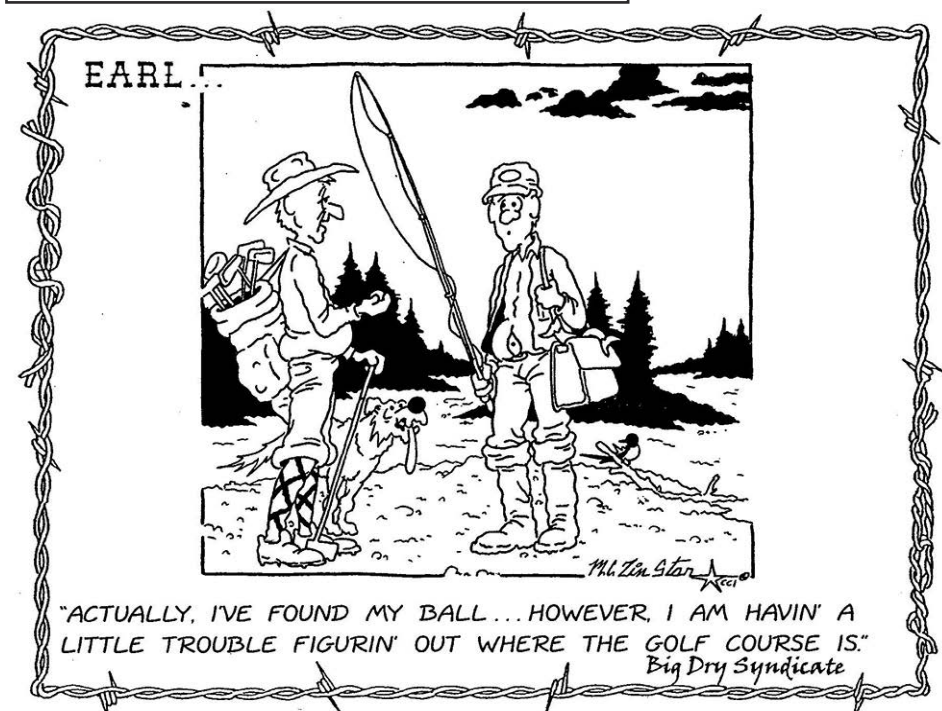
As well as she had worked Friday, Sunday was not a good day. She went barking and biting into the middle of the cows and immediately scattered them. Looking back, I am relatively sure it was the error of the handler but at the time I did not see it that way and all I could think of was I needed to be at church before 10:00.

Fortunately for me this group was mainly older cows and I had not yet fed ewes, so I had a couple of buckets of grain. I called to them, and all heads picked up and to my surprise and relief started to follow me. In a few minutes, and with the help of a good Samaritan, I led the cows back to the gate that had mysteriously opened itself. That is another story, but a padlock seems to have fixed the problem.

In any case by the time, I had gotten them in and made sure there were no other holes in the fence, it was 9:30 and I was not going to church without a shower. I frantically called our church secretary only to find out she was sick and not going to church. She assured me someone would pick up the slack and greet and that left the fellowship after church.

I ran through the shower, gathered up my cookies and drink. Actually, I got the cookies and had to make a frantic U-turn for the drinks. I skidded into church ten minutes after it had started, parked as close as I could, gathered up the drinks and cookies and rushed in.

When I got in, I found that another couple from church was celebrating their 50th anniversary and had brought a cake and punch for that. I slipped in just in time for the prayer of Thanksgiving (appropriately) and the sermon. That is when the words of Dr. Flinchbaugh popped up in my head. He was spotted in his assessment of God's grace, at least in this instance. In case you were wondering which category I fell in, I am certainly too old to be a baby.



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Not just riding for the brand – local ranches honor the fallen



Kansas attorney general, KDWP submit comments opposing LPC listing

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) Secretary Brad Loveless each submitted comments urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the lesser prairie chicken (LPC) as a threatened species in the northern district population segment, which includes Kansas, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In their individual comments, which were submitted as part of a 60-day comment period regarding the proposed listing, both Schmidt and Loveless made clear the voluntary efforts that have taken place within Kansas to manage and protect the LPC population have proven more than sufficient.

“Since the mid-1990s when the species was first petitioned, the occupied range of the lesser prairie chicken has increased dramatically. In fact, the occupied range in Kansas alone has nearly tripled since that time,” Schmidt wrote. In his comments, Loveless explained that current information available to KDWP does not indicate LPC is “likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.” He also said that imposing protections that go above and beyond those of the current Kansas law would interfere with state efforts and create distrust with landowners “who are critical to the success of the species.”

NCBA, KLA and other state affiliates also submitted comments opposing the listing. KLA policy supports voluntary, incentive-based efforts as a means to preserve and enhance the LPC population in Kansas, rather than a threatened or endangered listing under ESA.

• **Cont. from page 1** including retired staff sergeant Ronald Ryker with Warriors Guiding Warriors, whose military donation booth raised \$730.54 for three military charities; The Rural Vista FFA. Terra Coons, JAK Oleen and C Rail Ranch for helping with the fundraiser kids activities; the Dub C Bar and Grill for lunch fundraising; Mike Carson, John Carson and Cindy Worrell for donat-

ing 70 burgers and fries; Lacey Shearer and Brook Allen for helping making the 13 ranch dress shirts, as well as the participating ranches, Carson Rail Ranch, JAK Oleen Ranch, BO Bar Orr Ranch, JB Barber, Rocking JP Patry Cattle Co. (two), Lange Ranch, Cactus S Lowry, Bar Flying W Wainwright, Rafter J Johnson Cattle Co., D-Bar Arena Haffener, Rafter T Tiffany Cattle Co. and Half Circle A Anderson Ranch.

“It makes a hand pull up on his mount and take a step back at what our country looks like right now,” Carson said. “It’s a cause, besides the brand, worth riding for.”

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CHINESE CASSEROLE

- 2 pounds hamburger
- 1 cup diced onions
- 1 cup diced celery
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups water
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups rice
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 package frozen Chinese vegetables
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 cup Chinese noodles

Brown hamburger; add celery and onion. Cook until tender then drain. Add remaining ingredients except noodles. Mix well and pour into a large greased casserole. Top with noodles. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes.

Susan Schrick, Hiawatha:
CINNAMON
BACON ROLLS

- Canned cinnamon rolls
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- Bacon

Cook bacon until crispy. Unroll the cinnamon rolls and add a slice of bacon; re-roll and sprinkle with brown sugar and crumbled bacon. Place in a 350-degree oven for 15 minutes (or however long your canned rolls call for).

LaDonna Grindol, Ber-
ryton:

EASY
BANANA BREAD

- 1 yellow cake mix, dry
- 2 eggs
- 4 or 5 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup pecans

Grease and flour 2 medium-size loaf pans. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Put in pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Kimberly Edwards,
Stillwater, Oklahoma:

WHITE GRAVY

- 2 cups milk
- Salt & pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons flour

In a skillet, combine butter and flour; whisk to mix. Add milk and whisk until blended. Bring to a boil. Stir continuously. Add salt and pepper.

Millie Conger, Tecum-
seh:

FRUIT & PECAN
BROWNIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup dried mixed fruit
- 1 cup chopped pecans, divided
- 1 cup semi sweet chips, divided

Set oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 8-inch baking pan. Mix sugar and butter in a large bowl. Beat with mixer 3 minutes. Add eggs, beating well. Beat in melted chocolate and vanilla. Stir in flour, dried fruit, 1/2 cup pecans and 1/2 cup chocolate chips. Spread batter into pan and sprinkle with remaining nuts and chips. Bake 25-30 minutes or just until center feels firm. Cool completely.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
CAMEL APPLE
DUMP CAKE

- (2) 20-ounce cans apple pie filling
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 1/2 cups caramels, cut in half
- 1 cup butter, cut in 1/4-inch pats
- 1 yellow cake mix, dry

Set oven to 350 degrees. Mix pie filling, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pour into 9-by-13-inch pan. Smooth out. Arrange caramels over top. Evenly sprinkle dry cake mix on top. Place pats of

butter evenly over cake mix. Bake 45 minutes or until top is slightly browned and edges bubbly.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
CHOCOLATE CHIP
BUNDT CAKE

- 1 box Devils Food cake mix
- 1 small box instant chocolate pudding
- 5 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup oil
- 1 cup sour cream or buttermilk
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup brewed coffee

Mix all dry ingredients. Add other ingredients except chocolate chips. Blend well then add chocolate chips. Bake in a greased bundt pan at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool.

Icing:

- 1 stick butter
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1/2 box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Combine icing ingredients and pour warm over cake.

Rose Edwards, Stillwa-
ter, Oklahoma:

PINEAPPLE BARS

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cups quick oats
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1-pound 4-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 1 egg yolk

Combine brown sugar, oats, flour, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press into a greased 11-by-7-by-1 1/2-inch baking dish. Combine pineapple, cornstarch, sugar, cream and egg yolk. Cook until mixture is thick. Pour over crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until done. Cool and cut into squares.



Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Carlyon
The BEST Time Of The Year

Summer is officially over and pending the fact that Kansas decides to stay on course and cooperate weather-wise, I for one, am thrilled! Kansas tends to be moody when it comes to weather, but there is no time of year that I love more than Fall. I have my perfect weather, not too hot, but also not too cold. Most days perfectly comfortable in my beloved Ugg boots, jeans and a hoodie or my olive-green jacket.

Fall for us also means calves, which currently we are sitting at four total, including one set of twins! The perfect weather means walks can be taken at any point of the day and you no longer must worry about sweating to death or freezing to death like you do once winter comes, which not only do I appreciate, but my favorite four-legged walking buddy, Lucy, loves this as well.

Fall means October, which means Halloween, which happens to be one of my favorite holidays. I have never been one that enjoyed dressing up, but I absolutely love seeing little ones go from door to door, just hoping that they might get their favorite candies. After Halloween comes Thanksgiving, another longtime favorite holiday, again making Fall the best time of the year.

The weather changing also brings about the changing of the leaves, which I have been obsessed with for as long as I can remember. I truly find magic in watching the leaves starting to change and watching them fall. I love the new beginnings that they bring and the beauty that they offer.

My all-time favorite thing about this time of year, though, would have to be the smells! I love the smells of Fall. You get your spices, apple, pumpkin and so many others, but knowing how much I love the smells this time of year, I tend to bake even more. I spend

countless hours searching for recipes to try and love nothing more than the delightful aromas that fill my house as I tackle each new recipe and fall more in love with The BEST Time of The Year.

Apple Crumb Muffins

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup yogurt (plain or vanilla)
- 1/4 cup melted unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups chopped apples

Topping:

- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon, sugar and salt. Set aside. In a separate bowl, beat eggs, yogurt, melted butter and vanilla. Stir wet into dry. Fold in apples. Be sure to not over-mix.

For the topping put everything into a food processor (or use a fork) and give it a couple pulses until you reach a crumb texture.

Line muffin tins with liners. Fill about 2/3 of the way full. Sprinkle some of the crumbs on top; feel free to press them in a bit to ensure they do not slide off. Place in oven and bake for 18-20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool and enjoy.

Michele grew up in Junction City and graduated from Kansas State University. She worked in the restaurant management field for six years before deciding to switch careers and now works as an office manager for a company that manufactures oilfield products. Her passion for blogging and food can be followed on Instagram: [boobsbrainsandbaking](https://www.instagram.com/boobsbrainsandbaking).

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By Joanie Nikkel

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Fall Harvest Recipe Contest

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: "This is so good."

APPLE PIE

BARS

2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter
2 egg yolks
4 cups sliced apples
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 egg whites
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Water

Mix 2 cups flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter. Stir in egg yolks. Put half of mixture in a jelly roll pan, reserve rest. Mix apples with 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup flour, nutmeg and cinnamon. Pour on top of crust. Crumble on remaining crust. Beat 2 egg whites and brush on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. When cool drizzle with glaze made by combining 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and enough water to make a thin consistency.

Claire Martin, Salina: "Serve to hungry harvesters!"

LINDSAY'S

PORK CARNITAS

4- to 6-pound pork roast, cubed
1 large onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon coriander
1 tablespoon oregano
4 chipotles in adobo sauce (optional)
8 cups (2 quarts) chicken stock
1 tablespoon salt
For serving:
Lime
Flour tortillas
Cilantro
Sour cream
Monterey Jack cheese

Place the pork roast, onion, garlic, coriander, oregano, chipotles, chicken stock and salt in a large pot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer uncovered for 3 to 5 hours or until all liquid is cooked away. Stir occasionally to break up meat. Serve in warmed flour tortillas with cilantro, sour cream, shredded Monterey Jack cheese and a squeeze of lime juice.

Ella Krohn, Wheaton: "I enjoy cooking and I help my mom make these sandwiches every year. They are very delicious and easy to make. The guys in the field love them, too. You can also make a lot in the summer and freeze them. They are very easy to take to the fields."

MINI BEEF ROLLS

1 pound ground beef
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

2 to 4 tablespoons onion soup mix
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
24 miniature dinner rolls
1 jar (12 ounces) pickle slices

In a skillet cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add cheese, soup mix and mayonnaise. Cook and stir over low heat until the cheese is melted. Spread 2 tablespoonfuls meat mixture over roll bottoms. Top each with pickle slice. Replace roll tops. Wrap each in heavy duty foil and place on baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through.

Beth Scripser, Abilene:

CRUSTLESS

PIZZA

1 pound of Italian sausage, browned
8-ounce package of shredded mozzarella cheese
1 can pizza sauce
1 package MINI pepperoni
1-2 teaspoons of pizza seasoning
You can add olives, or whatever you like on your pizza.

Brown the sausage and just start layering starting with sauce, meat, cheese, pepperoni; sprinkle with seasoning. Layer it again, but end up with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until cheese is browned and melted. You could make these in individual tin pans to take to the field.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

GOULASH

1 pound hamburger
1 cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons celery salt
1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 cups uncooked macaroni
2 1/2 cups tomato juice
2 cups water
2 beef bullion cubes
Dash pepper

Brown meat, onion, garlic and salt in a skillet. Add bouillon cubes

to the 2 cups water to dissolve; stir. Add to skillet and stir. Add tomato juice, Worcestershire sauce, celery salt and pepper. Stir and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add dry macaroni, cover and simmer on medium 20 minutes or until macaroni is done.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:

ZUCCHINI SPICE

BUNDT CAKE

1 spice or carrot cake mix
1 cup water
3 eggs
2 tablespoons oil
1 medium zucchini, shredded
1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
2/3 teaspoon vanilla
Set oven to 325 degrees. Spray a bundt pan. Combine dry cake mix, water, eggs and oil; beat 2 minutes until blended. Stir in zucchini, walnuts and vanilla until blended. Pour batter into pan. Bake 40 minutes or until tests done with toothpick. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Invert onto wire rack and cool completely. Make a powdered sugar glaze and drizzle over cake.

The remaining recipes are being share by Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

FRUIT

SALAD

1 large can pineapple chunks, drained
1 large can mandarin oranges, drained
1 can peach pie filling
1 cup fresh or frozen strawberries or blueberries
1 sliced banana
Mix all together except banana. Before serving add 1 sliced banana

CHILI DOG

CASSEROLE

2 cans chili or 4 cups homemade chili
9 or 10 hot dogs
9 or 10 flour tortillas
2 cups shredded cheese
Set oven to 425 degrees. Place 2 cups chili or 1 can in bottom of a sprayed 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Wrap hot dogs

in tortillas. Place seam side down over chili. Spread 1 can or 2 cups homemade chili on top. Sprinkle with cheese. Place foil on top and bake 30 minutes.

PEACH CAKE

24-ounce can sliced peaches
1 yellow cake mix
1 stick butter, cut into 16 pieces
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Set oven to 350 degrees. Put peaches in bottom of 9-by-13-inch pan. Top with brown sugar. Top with cake mix then butter pieces then nuts. Bake for 40 minutes.

APPLE

SQUARES

1 cup sugar
2/3 cup butter
2 eggs
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup diced & pared apples
3/4 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
Powdered sugar
Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, beating well. Gradually add dry ingredients to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in apples, oats and walnuts. Spread into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool then sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Thanks to all those that shared their recipes.

The drawing was conducted and the winner's name is announced on Page 4.



Home
and
Away

The Heart Of The Matter

By Lou Ann Thomas

It's finally time. Several months ago I shared with you that I needed a heart valve replaced and that I had been in a waiting limbo for the surgery since January.

Well, the surgery has been scheduled and may actually be in progress while you're reading this. I'm a mix of emotions, both positive and negative. We only have one heart and that makes the margin of error slight. But I'm confident I have an excellent medical team. Part of this long wait has been them making sure they had the right valve and procedure for me determined, so I trust them.

I realize my heart is just an organ, but for me my heart represents so much more. I feel my heart as my moral and emotional center. It signals me when I am living in alignment with my higher goals or if I've wandered off track. There have been many times that I've worn my heart on my sleeve, or given it to another who didn't treat it well, and yet it continues to lead me back to center.

My heart feels love, connection, warmth and compassion. But it can also feel pain, disappointment and as though it might break from loss or sadness. Maybe my kidneys feel all this too, but are too shy to show it. Even so, I don't take

my heart's service or feelings lightly! It is, after all, what allows all the other organs to continue doing their work. My heart has beat life into me every minute of every day without me having to even think about it. So, I plan to never take it for granted again and hope I can continue dancing to its unique beat for many more years.

For now, I'm trying to stay calm and in a place of trust. I've lived long enough to know that how we respond to things has a greater impact on our life and well being than the things that happen to us. We always have a choice about how we respond. We can choose doom and gloom, worry and woe. Or we can focus on what offers us comfort and hope, and that lift us. I'm choosing to focus on how good I'm going to feel with my new valve. I know this upgrade will open doors to many fun adventures ahead. And I'm ready to walk through those doors. It's time!

However, I am disappointed to miss hanging out with the Grass & Grain team at the Farm Show this week. I was hoping to meet some of you there and I hear they might be giving out Call Hall ice cream in their booth. So, if you go by, stop in for a treat and, if you think about it, ask for a little extra for me.

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Economics, family and faith drive Bannister operation

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By Lucas Shivers

Ted and Kathy Bannister operate Bannister Farms near Hays in Alexander, on the western edge of Rush County.

"Farming and family make each other richer," Ted joked.

Bannister said his operation is fairly conventional for the area where the predominant crop rotation is wheat to sorghum to fallow.

"I run variations on that rotation, throwing in corn, stacking a crop or using a fallow replacement like barley, oats or a cover crop," he said.

In addition to crops, the family also has a cow herd, retaining about half the calves into the next year.

"Rush County, Kansas: it's in the middle of every-



Roger and Kathy Bannister gaze out at their Rush County farm in Alexander, near Hays.

thing... and close to nothing," he said.

Honoring Heritage

The Bannister family has served the farm since 1906.

"I am the fourth generation with William,

Charlie and Bill coming before me," Ted said. "I think it's important to say their names. It is their ghosts that get me out of bed in the morning and do the work that needs to be done."

The farm has grown in spaced surges from 80 acres to more than 4,500. They subtracted chickens, pigs and plows; while adding wind turbines, GPS units and GMO crops.

After finishing high school, Ted studied economics at Fort Hays State University, following his parents and brothers. He went on to graduate school at American University in Washington D.C.

"I grew up on this farm with three brothers, all

of whom went on to become attorneys," he said. "I returned at age 30 after having been an economist and teacher in D.C. and Denver."

Bannister said his best fall harvest memories are probably those years when he was just starting out.

"I had so much energy," he said. "I was bringing much bigger equipment onto the farm than my dad ever had. It was exciting. I had also walked away from office jobs recently, and spending my days outside, as I determined, made me feel lucky to be a farmer."

Coming back to the Kansas farm allowed Ted and Kathy to raise their family in the heartland.

Faith in Family

Ted said the best gift to this county is his wife Kathy, an ordained United Methodist pastor.

"She served the four churches here for several years before 'retir-

ing' to raise our adopted daughters and become a cattle rancher and harvest-hand," he stated.

The Bannisters adopted Tigist and Mulu from Ethiopia nine years ago.

"We adopted Mulu and Tigist when they were six and nine years old. Ending up in America wasn't the jackpot, getting a family was the jackpot - the whole family: sister, cousins, grandparents. They embraced it all."

When the girls arrived, they had about a dozen words of English.

"The Ethiopian word for father is 'abbot', which they combined with 'dad' and called me 'Bob' for the first six months. It was January when they arrived, and they had never experienced snow or even cold. They walked out of the house the first morning and felt the cold air and started swinging their

of whom went on to be-



The Bannister family includes, from left: Tigist, Ted, Hannah, Kathy and Mulu.

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hands like they were swatting bees."

At school, the girls played all the sports, band, choir, and forensics. They are now studying nursing and computers in college. Their eldest daughter, Hannah, graduated from the University of Kansas.

"Our daughters, Hannah, Tigist and Mulu, have

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Economics, family and faith drive Bannister operation

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all gone away for college and careers," he said. "We hope to have them (and grandkids!?) closer again in the future."

Harvest Hope

The 2021 wheat crop was easily the best they'd ever had on this farm, Ted says.

"We had a very cool

May, then it rained consistently in June, making it also the muddiest harvest I ever saw," he said. "We received 'on average' 22 inches of rain; but it's always five inches above or below that."

However, the June rains were the last decent rain to hit the farm.

"It's rained plenty with-

in 15 miles from here, which makes watching things suffer here all the tougher," he said. "The early rain has set us up with good stands and sub-soil moisture, which may be enough for us to salvage average corn and sorghum crops of 70-80 bushels."

He said he likes a harvest very low on drama.

"Most harvests are a three-person show, with my wife running a combine with me and my employee, Joel, driving a truck. I have a lot more equipment than people, with spare grain carts and semis and an extra combine, all which are strategically deployed based on labor, changing crops or

locations," he said.

"We haul everything to the local elevator, so marketing is not exotic, although we do contract a heavy proportion of grain sales up to two years in advance."

Advice

After farming more than 20 years, it's difficult to not worry about things

that can go wrong.

"Things going wrong leaves a guy with remarkable stories, and the pride of overcoming adversity," he said. "One of our mottos for this farm is 'It could have been worse!'"

The Bannisters have hobbies in real estate, culinary arts, woodworking and carpentry.

Follow the rules for making good drought silage

By Beth Doran, Iowa State University

The latest Drought Monitor indicates continuing drought in much of the western and northern regions, and it is creeping into the Midwest. Corn fields are beginning to dry down, but appearance can be misleading when making corn silage, according to Beth Doran, beef specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. She reminds producers that the rules for good corn silage still apply.

Harvest at the optimum moisture. This would be 65%-70% moisture for a bunker silo or 60%-70% for a bag. Silage that is too wet will become putrid and seep excessively. If too dry, the silage does not pack well and will mold.

Increase the cutting height. Corn plants are traditionally cut six inches above the soil surface, but this is not a traditional year. To reduce nitrate levels in the chopped

material, cutting height should be 12 in.-18 in. Yield is reduced, but so are the nitrate levels.

Adjust the length of cut for the chopper. Corn silage harvested with a conventional chopper (without a corn processor) should have a -in. theoretical length of cut. If a kernel processor is used, the optimum length is ¾ in.

Kernel processing increases starch digestibility. The value of kernel processing increases when the moisture content is below 67%. Another plus for kernel processing is the reduction in cob sorting when the silage is fed.

Consider an inoculant. Inoculants can reduce the pH of the silage and inhibit yeast and mold growth. This helps increase the storage life of the silage.

Packing is critical. Dry-matter loss during storage increases as the density of the silage decreases. The recommended minimum density of wet corn silage is 14 pounds per cubic foot.

Cover silage in bunkers, trenches and piles. Do this as soon as possible after filling, and anchor the plastic with dirt, tires or other heavy items to protect it from wind damage.

Allow time for silage fermentation. Normal silage takes a minimum of three weeks, but drought-stressed corn silage may take longer. Although fermentation can reduce nitrate levels by 40%, test the silage before feeding to determine the nitrate level.

Be careful with green-chopped corn. Adapt cattle to green chop slowly, have them full before green-chopped corn is introduced into the diet, and deliver only what they can eat in several hours. Cut the corn plant above the 12 in.-15 in. height and feed immediately. Do not hold it over for the next feeding, as nitrate levels will increase.

Nov. 30 filing deadline set for commodity commission elections

Soybean producers in eastern Kansas seeking to influence how the check-off returns value to their operations are invited to campaign for a seat on the Kansas Soybean Commission.

Districts VII, VIII and IX – making up the eastern third of the state – are

included in the 2022 election cycle. Interested individuals in these districts have until Nov. 30, 2021 to meet the filing deadline. Candidates must gather 20 signatures from peers with no more than five signatures from any one county to qualify. Signatures may be submitted online, on

paper or both.

Per Kansas Department of Agriculture guidelines, candidates must have been actively engaged in growing corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers or wheat within the preceding five years to be eligible and may only represent the district of their

primary residence.

Further details about the filing process are available from KDA at [https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/kda-services/kansas-com-](https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/kda-services/kansas-com)

modity-commissions.

Questions about Commissioner duties or expectations of service may be directed to the Kansas Soybean office by calling

785-271-1040 or 877-577-6923, or by emailing administrator Kaleb Little at little@kansassoybeans.org.

Forage stand recovery after armyworms

By David G. Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension agent, crops & soils/horticulture

Larval feeding in forage stands from fall armyworm has been rampant as this growing season heads towards the finish. Perennial forage crops like brome and alfalfa tend to respond fairly well to feeding in most cases, but scouting is still strongly recommended.

From a feeding standpoint, we don't always know with certainty what the culprit might be. Fall armyworms don't typically overwinter in Kansas, so the hope is they will wrap up feeding after this generation and try to find a more suitable feeding location. True armyworms

can overwinter in Kansas, so will likely continue to cycle through another generation or two, requiring a hard frost or freeze to end their feeding year.

From a damage recovery standpoint, there are lots of variables that come in to play. Late harvested stands seemed to be the most attractive to initial feeding damage and as they regrow may still be quite attractive to moths looking to lay eggs for the next generation of feeding. Stands that are under drought stress, are nutrient deficient, or have been declining over time may recover even more slowly than stands in better growing conditions. Since root growth tends to stop for at least a couple of weeks

after complete defoliation, stands take time to recover – some more than others. Continue scouting to see first if the stand is going to recover and second to make sure another infestation doesn't remove new growth before it has a chance to.

If there were an 'easy' answer as to what to do now and what to expect going forward – believe me, I'd share it here. Unfortunately, there are a lot of variables at play and stands are going to respond differently based on level of infestation and previous management. Continue monitoring this fall to make sure feeding pressure doesn't cause additional damage.

KDWP Law Enforcement Division awarded anti-poaching grant

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) recently announced that its Law Enforcement Division has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from International Wildlife Crimes-

toppers (IWC) toward the purchase and outfitting of an educational anti-poaching trailer.

The "Wall-of-Shame" trailer will be used to highlight past criminal wildlife

cases KDWP has investigated and provide educational opportunities to examine actual contraband seized from investigations.

"Poaching is a regrettable reality of wildlife conservation, especially for our Law Enforcement officers, so it makes it all the more imperative that our game wardens are equipped with the tools and resources they need to effect positive change," said KDWP secretary Brad Loveless. "I'm confident the Law Enforcement Division will be excellent stewards of this grant money, just as all of our staff are, and that they'll do a fine job of utilizing this trailer to its fullest extent."

Through its member-

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Harvest is in full swing and the corn is flowing onto the truck on this Clay County farm.

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The Night Before Harvest

By Marypat Sass

'Twas the night before harvest, when all through the house; the farmer was stirring, disrupting his spouse.

His stockings on his feet, a very lucky pair; in hopes that the combine would not need repair. The equipment was nestled all snug in the shed; for soon they would attach the combine to their heads.

Morning will come and as harvest begins; grain will flow from the combine to the grain cart, then the truck, to the bins.

The farmer lays awake in strong anticipation; wondering how each field will perform, a great fixation.

For each harvest determines performance for the year; he's worried post-harvest he won't be in the clear.

His legacy is on the line, a bit mind-boggling; it's his way of life, his passion, his livelihood, his true calling.

His kids are still young, but someday he hopes; to pass the farm on and show them the ropes.

He knows God is in control, his worries are a bother; at the end of the day it's up to the Father. So the farmer turns over, wrestling with the sheets; while his wife lays awake, praying he'd just go to sleep.

She knows it's her time, to be strong for them both; for harvest can be stressful, it's really no joke. But somehow every year, they all make it through; and become stronger together with their faith in clear view.

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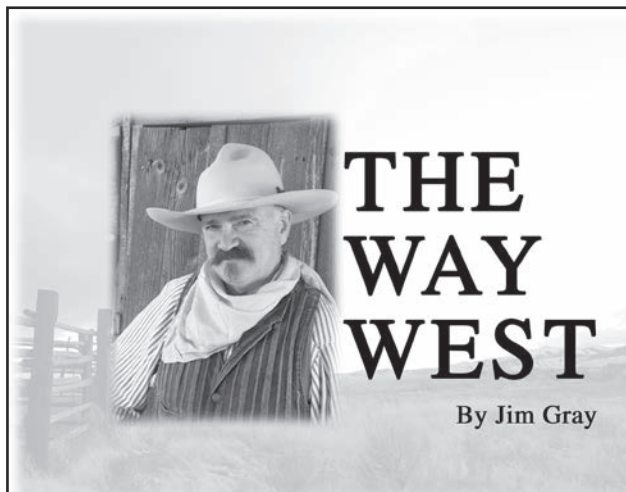
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Robert Bent could hardly believe his eyes as he rode in the lead of a train of wagons headed west in 1866. He was on the Santa Fe Trail just east of the Little Arkansas crossing. Ahead, distant dust from a lone rider could be seen. The rider was a woman all alone in the wilds of the great open plains!

She reined her horse in with an instant appeal for food. Seeing that she was in a delicate condition, Bent immediately complied. Once her appetite was satisfied the beautiful young woman told him

she was from Texas, which Bent found to be incredulous. The rest of her story was nothing short of astonishing!

Her name was Sarah Jane (Renfro) Luster. She was a twenty-six-year-old widow. Her husband, James Luster, had been killed in the late Civil War. On September 14, 1866, she was keeping company with Mrs. Charles Babb and her three children while Mr. Babb and their oldest son were away trading cattle at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Babb ranch was twelve miles west of Deca-

tur, Texas on the extreme frontier. The pleasant afternoon of visiting was suddenly interrupted by the sound of approaching horses. Mrs. Babb looked out to see Comanches riding menacingly toward the cabin.

Within minutes Mrs. Babb lay dying on the bed with her infant at her side. Sarah and two of the children were placed on horses behind their captors and taken away toward Indian Territory (Oklahoma). They reached the Red River on September 19th. Once they crossed the river into Indian Territory the raiders seemed relieved to be out of Texas. Traveling seventy miles on September 21st they reached the Canadian River, near present-day Elk City, Oklahoma. (Approximately 120 miles west of Oklahoma City). Here they set up camp for an extended stay. Sarah had been watching the horses as they swiftly traveled over the prairie. One particular stallion caught her eye, always carrying his rider with stamina above all the other horses.

On the seventh night on

the Canadian River Sarah slipped away to the horses. After bridling her chosen mount, she jumped to his back and quietly rode away toward the North Star. At a safe distance she urged the stallion into a gallop, racing over the prairie under a moonlit sky. Dawn found her at the crest of a prominent hill. For the first time since fleeing the camp she halted long enough to cast a glance over the wide prairie. To her relief no evidence of pursuit could be seen.

Through the day she kept her course to the north, using the sun as a guide. By the time evening shadows were falling her horse became so jaded that it was difficult to coax him into a trot. Wolves followed her into the next night, but had given up by morning. Finally, she was able to dismount. While her horse grazed, she fell asleep. But when she awoke, she was surrounded once again! Kiowas took her to their camp and fed her as their captive.

She was with the Kiowas about a month before she was able to slip

away. Picking her horse, she was again flying over the prairie. Three days' ride took her to a large river, swollen to the edge of its banks and rushing like a torrent. Stopping was not an option and so, dashing into the foaming river her horse carried her over the surprisingly shallow channel of the sandy Arkansas River. She found the well-beaten path of the Santa Fe Trail later that day. Robert Bent's wagon train was just approaching from the east.

The wagon master had quietly listened without interruption to Sarah Luster's astonishing tale. She had endured four hundred miles, two captivities, wolves, starvation, and fatigue in a dash for freedom that could only be described as legendary.

Sarah was determined to reach civilization and could not stay with the west-bound wagon train. Bent pointed east and told her she could find the first house at Running Turkey Creek, a fifteen-mile ride. She thanked him, and led her horse away. As Bent continued in the opposite direction, "He still fol-

lowed the exit of the remarkable apparition with his eyes, until she was several hundred yards distant." Pausing for a moment, Sarah threw one foot over the horse's back and "cast a graceful kiss toward him with her hand," before she disappeared over a crest on the horizon.

Sarah was later escorted to Council Grove and while there met Thomas Vannoy, a veteran of the Ninth Kansas Cavalry. The couple made their home at Spring Grove, a mining settlement at Galena, Kansas. She passed away March 22, 1904, two weeks after her husband's death. The notice of her death said nothing of her capture and famous escape to freedom, thirty-eight years before when the name of Sarah Jane Luster could be heard around Santa Fe Trail campfires on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier*, Ellsworth, KS. Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st RD, Geneseo, KS Phone 785-531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

NCBA slams PCRMR attack on cattle's impact on environment

NCBA, working as a contractor to the Beef Checkoff, recently developed an informational campaign to transparently share the beef industry's

science-based sustainability story and connect consumers with facts about how their beef is raised. Part of this campaign included ads in the *Wall*

Street Journal, *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. The campaign reached millions of consumers.

In response, the Physicians Committee for

Responsible Medicine (PCRM) recently petitioned USDA and the Federal Trade Commission suggesting the ads downplayed cattle's role in the environment. PCRM has no expertise in sustainability, and one of their primary goals is to advocate plant-based diets while aligning with PETA and other anti-meat groups.

But the facts and science are on beef's side.

As the ads cited, beef cattle account for only 2% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., according to EPA. And according to USDA and the UN FAO, the U.S. has produced the most sustainable beef in the world for decades and has reduced emissions per pound of beef by 40% since the 1960s. All of this information is scientifically vetted and publicly available.

According to PCRM's

website, Mindy Kursban, a lawyer, serves as chairwoman of the PCRM's Board of Directors. Her biography states, "She wants to live in a world where chocolate chip cookies are considered health food, refrigerators double as personal chefs, and chickens can be chickens, not food. Vegetarian since 1992, her switch to veganism in 1999 was coupled with becoming the in-house attorney for the Physicians Committee. Her first assignment was to sue the U.S. Department of Agriculture for establishing a committee tasked with updating the Dietary Guidelines for Americans..." The organization's homepage also states that less than 10% of its members are physicians (17,000 out of 175,000 members).

KDWP Law Enforcement Division awarded anti-poaching grant

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ship in IWC, KDWP was eligible for the grant which is funded by Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund. Guided by the visionary leadership of Bass Pro founder Johnny Morris, the Outdoor Fund empowers the 200 million annual customers of Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's to support conservation efforts by "rounding up" their purchases.

KDWP Law Enforcement staff anticipate having the trailer road-ready by the first quarter of 2022.

For more information KDWP's Law Enforcement Division, or to request the "Wall-of-Shame" trailer for a future event, contact Major David Simonetti at (620) 672-0705 or david.simonetti@ks.gov.



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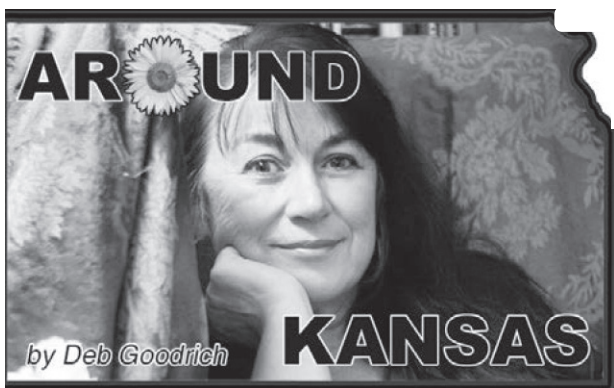
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On the platform mere feet away from me sat Robert Duvall, Barry Corbin, Bruce Boxleitner, and Patrick Wayne. Rex Linn moderated the panel discussion of legendary stars. In the audience were Rex's girlfriend Reba McEntire along with Darby Hinton, Joel McCrea, R. W. Hampton, Red Steagall, and the list goes on and on and on.

We were gathered in the lobby of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum before the maquette of James Earle Fraser's *End of the Trail*, the iconic image of an Indian on horseback, both horse and rider with bowed heads. It is a profoundly moving, monumental sculpture.

Film-making partner and two-time Wrangler Award Winner Ken Spurgeon and I made the trek from Kansas to Oklahoma City for award weekend and to meet with friends involved in the making of our docu-drama, *The Contested Plains*.

Among the honorees were dear friends Louis Kraft and Michael Grauer, for their books *Sand Creek* and the *Tragic End of a Lifeway* and *Making a Hand: The Art of H. D. Bugbee*. Also, we were thrilled

to see Andy Hedges get a Wrangler for his album, *Shadow of a Cowboy*.

It was an inspiring weekend.

Rex Linn asked the panel what it means to be inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Patrick Wayne led off with a sincere acknowledgement of how important this institution is in America now, how important it is to preserve the stories and ideals of the American West. Bruce and Barry echoed those sentiments. Bruce recalled how humbling it was for him and Sam Elliott to share the stage with the legendary Joel McCrea many years ago. Robert Duvall likened the Wrangler to the Oscar of the Western. They shared what these honors meant to them personally and what it means in the greater context. Barry spoke of what it means to be American, how we became Americans, how we are all Americans – and that we need to “cut each other some slack.”

The West is uniquely American. Other countries have frontiers, frontier stories, but none other can boast such a blending of cultures and geography to produce an identity as unique as that

of the American West. They stressed how important the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum is as a last bastion against the culture of the West. Patrick made the most hopeful comment, for me at least, when he said, “the pendulum will swing, folks!”

I thought of how I and so many of my friends are at the forefront of that battle to save the culture of the West, on a smaller but equally important scale. The Fort Wallace Museum, the White Deer Land Museum (Pampa, Texas), the Butterfield Trail Museum (Russell Springs), Fort Harker Museum (Kanapolis), the Cottonwood Ranch (Studley), the Drovers Hall of Fame (Ellsworth). I am leaving folks out because there are so many. It was so encouraging and so uplifting to be with like-minded, dedicated, fearless individuals.

Keep up the good work, pardner!

Deb Goodrich is the co-host (with Michelle Martin) of *Around Kansas TV Show* and the *Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum*. She chairs the *Santa Fe Trail 200* and is contributing editor of *Ad Astra Magazine*. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

Wheat protein down slightly from 2020

Preliminary data for the 2021 Kansas winter wheat crop show an average test weight of 60.7 pounds per bushel. This compares to 61.0 pounds per bushel for the 2020 crop and an average of 60.8 pounds per bushel for the 2011 through 2020 crops. A total of 13,330 car lot samples was tested from 46 counties across Kansas. Of the total samples tested, more than half came from the Central and South Central Districts. Samples for the 2021 crop were taken from June 11, 2021 to August 14, 2021. Samples for the 2020 crop were taken from June 5, 2020 to August 16, 2020.

Protein content averages 11.3%, down 0.3% from 2020, and below the ten-year average of 12.1%. The Northwest District has the highest protein content at 11.8%, followed by the West Central and North Central Districts at 11.6%. Protein content is expressed on a 12% moisture basis. Statewide, moisture content averages 11.6%, above 11.4% last year and the ten-year average of 11.3%. Samples of wheat grading No. 1, at 71%, are down from 82% last year. Samples grading No. 2 are 27%, up from 17% in 2020. Samples grading No. 3 or below are 2%.

Wheat samples average 0.4% damaged kernels, unchanged from 2020, and

near the ten-year average of 0.3%. Samples tested have 0.1% foreign material on average, unchanged from last year, and equal to the ten-year average. Shrunken and broken kernels average 1.0%, down 0.1% from 2020 and 0.2% below the 10-year average. Total defects average 1.5%, unchanged from 2020, but down 0.1% from the 10-year average. Average dockage for all samples is 0.6%, up 0.1% from last year.

There were 1,300 samples voluntarily submitted for inspection in the 2021 crop year. The test weight for these samples averages 60.3 pounds per bushel, protein averages 11.4% and moisture content averages 11.4%. Of the total

submitted samples, 54% grade No.1, 32% grade No. 2 and 14% grade No. 3 or below.

Test weight, protein content, grade and defect samples are representative of wheat moving in commercial rail cars and truck lots (truckloads converted to car lot equivalents). Summarized data include old crop and new crop wheat moving from first point of sale, and inspected by Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service summarizes all data for the Kansas Wheat Quality report. The Kansas Wheat Commission funds collection and publication services.

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Excuses for Keeping Culls

I try not to make this column too educational but sometimes there is a need that can't be ignored. When ranchers and cowmen work their cow herd,

they are often under pressure to cull cows that they have developed a peculiar fondness for. Their excuses for keepin' the ol' darlin' can be pretty feeble.

I present to you a list of excuses which can be used as a handy reference while yer standin' there at the chute.
 "I always keep the roan cows. They're good luck."
 "She's a good marker."
 "She'll be good as new once the hair grows."
 "She can see just as well with one eye. Saw that horn off."
 "We can turn her out on the J.P. That'll wear of those long toes."
 "My sister had a C-sec-

tion and we didn't ship her."
 "It just takes a little time for a knocked down hip to heal."
 "I read Playtex has a new cross yer heart veterinary bra for swing bags."
 "So she's a little thin ... it's just the Jersey comin' out in her."
 "I admit her head's not too feminine, Ma, but that never kept you from settlin'."
 "Since when do you have to have all yer teeth

to be a good mother?"
 "She weaned the biggest calf on the place in '14."
 "My horoscope told me ten was my lucky number and she turned ten last spring."
 "I know she's slunk her last two calves but this year might be different."
 "She's always had a snotty nose and watery eyes. I think it's hay fever."
 "You can't cull one just because she can't walk as fast as the others."

"Her mother was a good cow."
 "If she had brucellosis, I'd know it."
 "You gotta admit she knows the range."
 "She's not weak, just gentle."
 "So what, even I have arthritis."
 "But she was Wava Dean's first 4H project."
 "I say as long as three out of four work, she's worth keepin'."

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AgrAbility helps people with disabilities find success in agriculture

The National AgrAbility Project (NAP), modeled after Purdue Extension's Breaking New Ground Resource Center and hosted at Purdue University, is celebrating 30 years of

making agriculture accessible for people with disabilities. Through educational programs that advance individual capabilities and the adaptation of new

technologies, networking opportunities and direct individual consultations, NAP and 20 State/Regional AgrAbility Projects (SRAPs) address a wide variety of disabilities, functional limitations and health conditions in agriculture workers. Traditionally known for helping those with physical disabilities gain access to assistive technologies, AgrAbility continues to evolve to meet the needs of underserved populations, including but not limited to veterans and caregivers.
 "Without Voc-Rehab (Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services) and AgrAbility, I wouldn't be able to do it," said Mark Hosier, an AgrAbility client. "I thought if I couldn't walk and do it by myself,

it wasn't going to happen. They've given me my life back."
 During October, AgrAbility projects from 20 states will participate in the AgrAbility Virtual State Fair on Facebook and Twitter. Each day, an SRAP organizer will highlight how it supports and serves within the state's agriculture employment landscape. Educational programs and assistive information will also be shared each weekend for veterans in agriculture, assistive technology, caregivers, youth and underserved populations, including Black, Latino and Native American direct support.
 "We are excited for this year's AgrAbility Virtual State Fair to share nation-

wide agriculture resources and success stories with those with a disability already working or interested in agriculture. The AgrAbility program has changed and continues to change as we add new educational resources and support for the challenges farmers face today," said Paul Jones, project manager of NAP.
 "Improving and enhancing the quality of life for our farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers to help them continue to enjoy agricultural work is incredibly important to NIFA," said NIFA director Carrie Castille. "We are proud to support the tremendous work of the AgrAbility program and its 30-year legacy of fulfilling this important mis-

sion."
 Connect with AgrAbility on social media to learn the latest about assistive technologies, resources, safety tips, information, and more.
 Facebook: @AgrAbility Virtual State Fair
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 First authorized in the 1990 Farm Bill (with funding appropriations beginning in 1991), AgrAbility is a grant-funded program through the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA). Each project must involve a collaboration between a land-grant university and at least one non-profit disability services organization.

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2 blk	Salina 460@184.00	1 blk	Salina 60@120.00	6 blk	Lindsborg 1561@84.00	1 bwf	Solomon 2100@98.00
10 mix	Lehigh 505@178.00	1 blk	McPherson 60@120.00	6 blk	Lost Springs 1547@83.50	1 blk	Clifton 1940@97.00
17 mix	Lehigh 544@177.50	12 mix	Lincolnville 275@57.50	1 roan	Abilene 1730@83.00	1 Char	Minneapolis 2045@96.00
5 blk	Brookville 528@175.00			6 mix	Lindsborg 1462@81.50		
4 blk	Salina 549@174.00			1 blk	Sterling 1445@79.50		
11 red	Augusta 506@173.00			1 blk	Solomon 1470@77.00		
16 red	Augusta 552@169.50			5 mix	Abilene 1372@76.00		
4 blk	Halstead 529@168.00			2 mix	Salina 1383@76.00		
9 char	Lehigh 616@168.00			1 bwf	Salina 1520@75.00		
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16 blk	Chapman 880@156.50						
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33 mix	Randolph 831@155.25						
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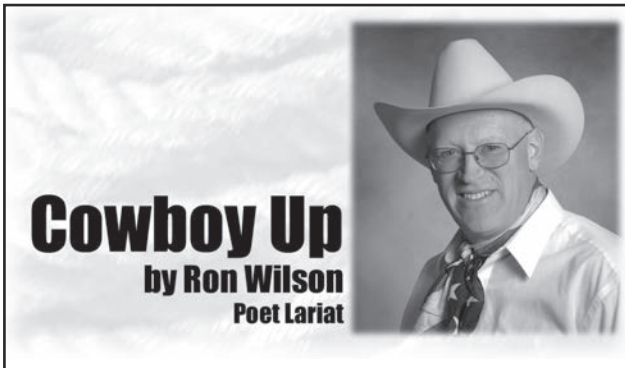
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Jerry Bohn

By Ron Wilson,
Poet Lariat

It is great to have a Kansan at the helm.

Kansan Jerry Bohn is president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He spoke at the summer KLA-K-State Field Day at Gunbarrel Ranch near Eskridge. Attendees

heard several educational presentations, including the benefits of summer or fall burning on control of sericea lespedeza.

Jerry Bohn pointed out that he was right at home in the Flint Hills, having grown up in Wabaunsee County. He went to K-State for an animal science de-

gree and served on the livestock judging team. After a stint with Cattlefax, he joined Pratt Feeders and became manager there for 34 years before retiring. He was elected NCBA President in February 2021.

At the field day, Jerry addressed many of the key issues facing the beef industry in Washington DC. Chief among these are marketing issues such as the need for improved price discovery, greater market transparency, and expanded processing capacity.

For example, Jerry pointed out that Kansas bunk feeding capacity has grown by 400,000 head in recent years while packing plant capacity has remained the same. This means more cattle than before have to move through the same size funnel.

That's like a 200-pound rancher trying to put on the same pair of Wranglers which he wore when he weighed 100 pounds. It's a tight squeeze. What's more, the supply chain issues were exacerbated by the complications of COVID-19 in 2020 when packing plants closed or slowed due to worker illness. NCBA has secured introduction of legislation to support more small, regional, and independent meat processing plants.

Sustainability is one of the current priorities in Washington. NCBA is taking a proactive stance by adopting several goals. These include demonstrating climate neutrality of cattle production by 2040, creating opportunities that would increase producer profitability and economic sustainability by 2025, expanding trust in cattle producers through expanded educational programs in animal care and handling, and improving the industry's workforce safety and well-being.

Tax policies are important, with the ownership of more than 40 percent of farmland expected to transition in the next two decades. NCBA is working hard on tax policy, specifically to protect stepped-up basis and advocate for repeal of the estate tax.

NCBA is monitoring EPA's plan to roll back the Navigable Waters Protection Rule and seeking to avoid the reimposition of burdensome Obama-era

Keep on Truckin'
By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

"Good evening, may I help you?" said the motel night-shift clerk. "I need lodging," he replied, "but I don't think this will work. Y'see, I'm hauling cattle from my south Georgia pard. We're takin' 'em to Kansas, to place in our feed yard. But they tell me there's some new kind of trucking regulation Which limits hours I can drive in hauling transportation. They say I've reached my limit, that I have to take a rest." "Well," the night clerk said, "I can see that would be best." "Maybe for commercial freight," the cowboy driver said, "But steers can't stand there waitin' while I take the time for bed. The bureaucrats seem to think this regulation should be stuck, But it shouldn't apply when steers are standin' on a truck." "Yes, I see the problem," said the clerk in recognition, "But what can I do to fix this tough condition?" "Well, you have room vacancies, it certainly appears." With a wink, he said: "Would you have space for rooming 30 steers?" "There's no way," replied the clerk. "Of course, they can't come in this joint. You better keep on driving, 'cause you've clearly made your point. You've made the case for an exemption, and I certainly see why. When it's steers being shipped, then that rule should not apply. Since you're shipping live cattle, there's a need to expedite. You might say this gives new meaning to "rumen" for the night." Happy Trails! www.ronscowboypoetry.com © Copyright 2021

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Waters of the U.S. regulations. On livestock hauling, NCBA is seeking a livestock exemption from proposed trucking regulations which place a limit on how many hours a trucker can drive without taking a 10 hour rest. The rest requirement might make sense for commercial freight, but if cattle are standing on a truck they can't exactly check into Motel 6 while the driver takes a nap! (See the following poem.) Jerry Bohn pointed to the many successful beef research and marketing initiatives that have been funded by the beef check-off. He also addressed various other issues such as CFAP, 30x30, and more. It's great to have a common-sense Kansan at the helm of the NCBA.

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USB joins CFI Coalition for Responsible Gene Editing in Agriculture

The United Soybean Board (USB) has joined the leadership of the Coalition for Responsible Gene Editing in Agriculture, a group of leaders in food, agriculture and science collaborating around the vision of global acceptance and support for gene editing. The coalition is facilitated by the Center for Food Integrity (CFI).

USB is an organization whose 78 volunteer farmer-directors work on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers to invest checkoff funds in programs and partnerships that drive soybean innovation and increase markets for U.S. soy.

"It's an exciting time for soybean farmers, with advancements in gene editing to improve crops and help solve pressing challenges in farming and food production. That includes helping farmers keep pace with the growing demand for healthier, more abundant and affordable food, while using less water, land and other resources," said Mace Thornton, USB vice president of communications and marketing, and CFI board member. "We look forward to working collaboratively with the broader food system and technology developers to earn trust in gene editing as a solution for issues we face in food production and environmental stewardship."

Andy Scott, a soybean farmer and breeder in Hidalgo County, Texas, and USB director, will serve on the Coalition Framework Oversight Committee, responsible for administration and verification processes related to the

Coalition's Responsible Use Framework.

Emily Dustman, USB director of science education, will serve on the Coalition Operations Committee, which leads stakeholder engagement, communication and Coalition administration.

"The success of gene editing hinges on public support. USB is an important contributor, representing the integral role of farmers as coalition members engage in public dialogue about the shared benefits and responsible use of gene editing," said Charlie Arnot, chief executive officer of CFI. "For more than a decade, we've partnered with USB on many initiatives. USB's active role in the coalition is a natural next step as we work to earn trust in a technology that is vital to agriculture."

Other members of the coalition include American Seed Trade Association, BASF, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, Corteva Agriscience, Costco, Genus, National Pork Board, Tropic Biosciences and Pivot Bio. Advisors to the coalition represent the Center for Science in the Public Interest, FMI - The Food Industry Association, The Nature Conservancy and United States Department of Agriculture.

The mission of the coalition, which was established in 2016, is to cultivate support for gene editing in agriculture through the development and adoption of trust-worthy guidelines for the responsible use of gene editing, effective stakeholder outreach and engagement,

and broad-based involvement and collaboration of those engaged in gene editing.

After a nearly two-year development process and robust stakeholder feedback process, the coalition has developed a Responsible Use Framework, a set of commitments and recommended best practices that demonstrate an organization's commitment to using gene editing responsibly. The framework includes independent third-party verification of conformance with the framework. The framework is now being shared with interested stakeholders to solicit support and continue the process for implementation.

In addition, the coalition has created a soy-specific communication guide, *Gene Editing and Soy: Engage in the Conversation*, to encourage an informed dialogue on gene editing in food and agriculture. It includes five specific approaches to trust-earning engagement.

To develop the guide, the coalition collaborated with universities, associations and others who have conducted research on consumer understanding and attitudes about gene editing. Common threads from this research, along with previous learnings about biotechnology acceptance, provide the foundation for the communication recommendations.

Materials and information about the coalition are available at <https://geneediting.foodintegrity.org/>. To learn more about USB visit unitedsoybean.org.

Things to consider when planning a food plot

By Adaven Scronce, diversified agriculture and natural resource agent, Wildcat Extension District

Fall is here and so is hunting season. Dove season opened at the beginning of the month and rifle season for deer is quickly approaching. If you are an avid hunter and/or manage land for deer, you may be considering planting a winter food plot. Before you plant a food plot there are a few things to consider first. When determining what the best option for your property, ask the following questions:

•What management goals are you hoping a food plot will accomplish?

•Will the forage be available during the stress periods for deer and benefit them nutritionally?

•Will the forage benefits justify the required costs and effort?

•What areas on the property are good locations for food plots?

•Do you have the necessary equipment to establish and manage food plots?

After you have answered these questions and determined your goals for the food plot, the next step is to decide the location, as well as its size. The habitat available (water, food, and cover) on the land will help in

determining the type and amount of acreage that should be planted. Recommended sizes for food plots vary from one-half to five acres, depending on the forages being used and the type of wildlife the food plot is being planted for. Usually larger, three to five-acre food plots are the most beneficial for deer as smaller plots are often grazed down by deer.

Once you have determined the size of plot, next is the decision of what type of forages to plant. Choose forages that are palatable to deer, will provide nutrition during stress periods (such as

rut), and are suited to the location of the food plot. The type of forage that is suited the best to the food plot will depend on soil fertility, sunlight availability, soil drainage, density of the deer herd, and surrounding land-use practices. For example, if the food plot will be in a location that receives little rainfall, you might consider a more drought-tolerant plant like cowpeas. Or if your goal is to have a food plot that is more available during the hunting season rather than the summer, milo or corn could be considered. Sunflower is another possibility if you also want to

attract doves along with deer to the plot. Another consideration when deciding the size of food plot and what to plant is the type of equipment you have available to use to plant and maintain the food plot.

It is also important to have the soil tested to determine if any fertilizer or liming is required for the forages you plan on growing. To collect a soil sample, gather soil from four to six random locations in

the food plot, roughly four inches deep, and then mix the samples together and allow the soil to dry. The soil sample can then be taken to your local Extension office in Crawford, Labette, Montgomery, or Wilson counties to be sent off to be tested.

For more information, please contact Adaven Scronce, diversified agriculture and natural resource agent, adaven@ksu.edu or (620) 331-2690.

K-State horticulture expert shares tips for harvesting and roasting sunflower seeds at home

By Emily Halstead, K-State Research and Extension news writer

From farmers to little league players, sunflower seeds are a favorite summertime snack of many.

"Sunflowers are usually ready to be harvested beginning in mid-September and into October," said Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham.

"Seed heads can begin to ripen on the plant but need to be protected from birds," Upham said, adding that knowing when and how to harvest sunflowers is important when planning to roast and eat the seeds.

Upham recommended covering the sunflower heads with a paper sack or cheesecloth once the petals start turning brown to help keep the birds out and prevent loss of ripened seeds.

A few tips for when to harvest include:

Shriveled florets in the brown center of the flower disk

Heads turned down
Back side of the head is a lemon-yellow color

"The ultimate check, of course, is to pull a few seeds to see if they have turned black with white stripes, the typical color," Upham said.

If not covering the heads, the proper harvest point would be when a few seeds have turned black and white. "The flavor will not be as good as when seeds are allowed to ripen on the plants, but fewer seeds will be lost," Upham said.

Once the sunflowers are ready to harvest, some people cut just the head off and place it in a paper sack, while others opt to leave about a foot of stem

and hang them upside down to dry. "Seeds can be easily removed from a dry head by rubbing it gently," Upham said.

After harvesting the seeds, it's time to roast them. Upham's tips in-

clude:

Cover unshelled seeds with two quarts water to one-quarter to two cups salt. Bring to a boil and simmer for two hours or soak in salt solution overnight.



Anna Thielen from Ellsworth County and her dog Oscar were finalists in Showmanship and the Grand Champion in Novice Obedience at the Kansas State fair on September 4th.

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Take seeds out of the oven and add one teaspoon of melted butter, margarine or cooking oil per one cup of seeds.

Stir to coat all the seeds, place on absorbent towel and salt to taste.

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

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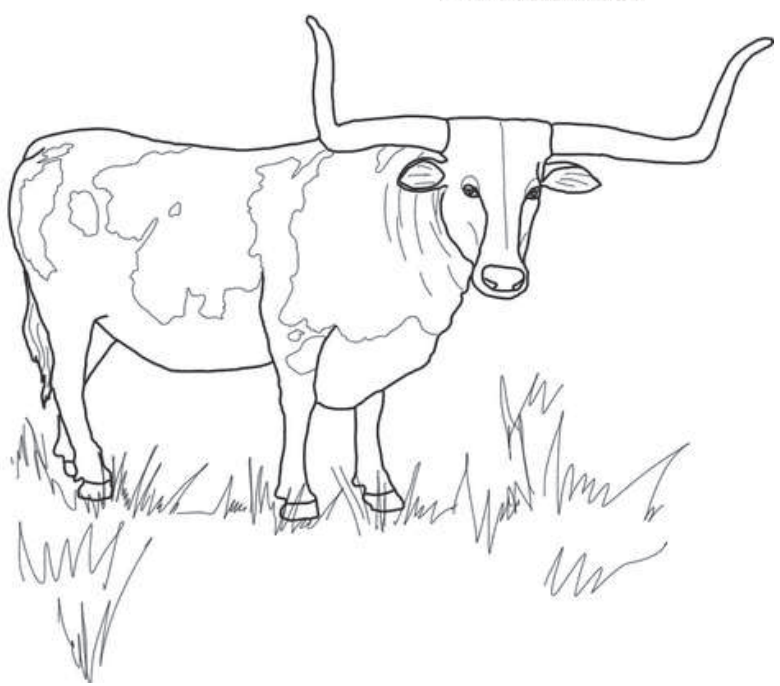
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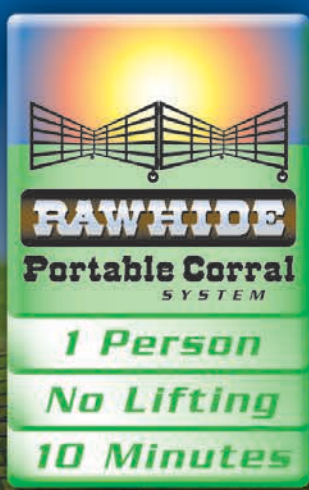
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