



Mural Movement draws visitors, bolsters hometown pride in Clay Center

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

There's a movement afoot in Clay Center – a Mural Movement, to be exact. The brainchild of Clay Center Rotary president Brett Hubka has far exceeded what he or any of the other members of the organization could have possibly imagined.

"One of our members suggested we do a small mural and see if people would get behind it," Hubka said. They started the project last July, but found fundraising to be a challenge due to restrictions brought on by COVID-19. Also, they hesitated to solicit donations when so many people were out of work due to the pandemic. They were part of the Clay Center Community Match Day, which allowed people to make tax-deductible donations and raised \$15,000. They also received a \$5,000 matching Rotary District Grant, as well as a \$7,500 arts grant from the state of Kansas, which is earmarked for a mural on the Wardcraft Home Store building that will be completed in September.

The project snowballed as enthusiasm grew in the community and the group will begin their 11th mural soon.

The most extensive project yet is set to begin May 17 and will be painted on the Key Feeds feed mill. Hubka says that while most of the murals have cost in the five to six thousand dollar range, this one will cost about ten times that amount. Key Feeds is helping to fund it, as are Jim and Carol Brown. The Mural Movement organization has also donated \$20,000 and is continuing to solicit donations. The mural will take a month to paint, so they have until June 17 to raise the rest of the money. Once completed it will include what Hubka believes should be the largest painted Herford in the midwest, as well as a big red barn and windmill.

Hubka said that when

the mural project first started, it was a challenge to find buildings to put the murals on. "Early on it was like pulling teeth to get business owners on-board," he said. "Now they are approaching us."

The designs for the murals are a group effort between the committee, the artists and the building owners, all going back and forth until the final design is something everyone is happy with. Included in the fundraising are monies earmarked for upkeep of the murals. "Murals don't last forever," Hubka conceded. "But the way these guys are prepping and painting them, they'll last a good twenty years at least." He added that they put a clear coat over each one that includes UV protectant and they are strategic in where they place them, to protect them from the sun.

Located on highways 15 and 24, Clay Center is giving motorists a reason to veer off their route and explore the town. There is an interactive map on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/A-Mural-Movement-of-Clay-Center-108662967620628/, that directs visitors to each of the murals, and a tri-fold map is in the process of being developed by Clay Center High School art teacher Tracy Lebo that will be available in dispensers near some of the murals. Hubka said that while driving to his job as president of GN Bank in Clay Center, it's not unusual to see cars with out-of-state license plates pulled over looking at the murals. "With the two highways there, we have something going for us," Hubka said. "We just needed a reason for people to stop."

Social media has been a boost to the mural project, with visitors posting about them on Facebook and Instagram. They also receive many messages on their Facebook page from people who have stopped to admire the unusual



Farm to Fork is the theme of the two murals on the Ray's Apple Market building west of Clay Center on Hwy. 24. "We really owe the Floersch family and Ray's Apple Market for that one," Rotary president and Mural Movement organizer Brett Hubka said.

works of art.

The artists themselves have found Clay Center to be the epitome of small town hospitality, with people bringing Tasty Pastry rolls or lunch from the 1524 Brewhouse, or simply keeping them company as they work. "The artists call Clay Center 'The Middle of Somewhere,'" Hubka said. "They say they've never been treated so well in their lives as Clay Center has treated them. Artists in big cities are a dime a dozen, but in Clay Center



Artists Whitney Kerr III, of Kansas City; Mike Trujillo, Los Angeles; Ryan Estel, Denver, and Jeremy Bena, Kansas City, work on a mural depicting emergency workers entitled, *Heroes Live Here*.

Mural Movement photos

ter they are treated like celebrities. They've been treated really well and it warms my heart."

As for the future of the project, Hubka said, "It will come to an end when we either run out of money or run out of real

estate. The project is still pretty young. Never in my wildest dreams did I think we would have this many done by now. It most definitely exceeded my expectations and our committee's expectations."

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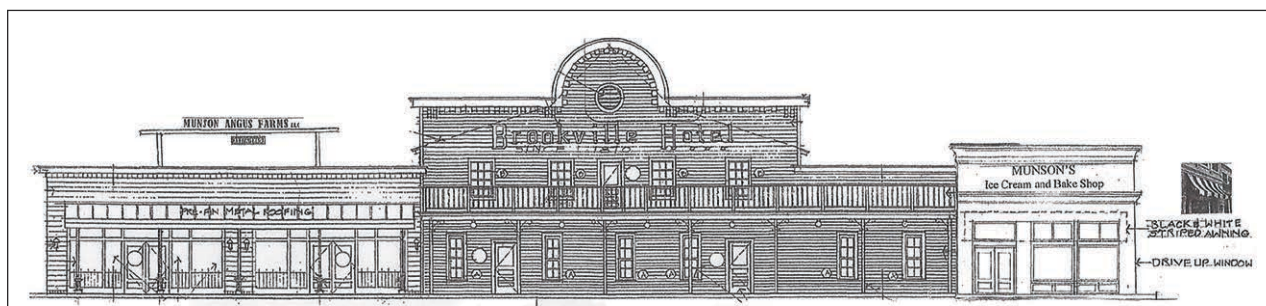
Representative Michael L. Dodson, Senator Tom Hawk, Representative Suzi Carlson, and Representative John Wheeler visited Clay Center to see the veteran's mural. Located on the Edwards Jones building, owner Dave Bloom, a Vietnam veteran, requested the mural include the words Freedom Isn't Free.

Munson's Prime, LLC steakhouse and The Brookville Hotel II, Inc. family-style chicken house to reopen as Legacy Kansas, LLC

Combining two destination and legacy restaurants into one location is the goal of Chuck and Deanna Munson of Munson Angus Farms and Munson's Prime steakhouse.

The Munson family is purchasing the Brookville Hotel in Abilene and will reopen the restaurant as Legacy Kansas on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Initially, the restaurant will feature the Brookville Hotel's world-famous family-style fried chicken dinners, while adding in hand-breaded chicken fried steak from Munson Angus Farms. Within the next year, customers will also be able to enjoy Munson Angus Farms'



An artist's rendering depicts the remodeling of the former Brookville Hotel restaurant in Abilene to Legacy Kansas, LLC as it has been purchased by Munson's Prime LLC and is set to re-open in June.

award-winning steaks, gourmet burgers, and homemade ice cream featuring a replica of Munson's Prime Steakhouse's iconic ice cream maker.

"It is important for us to reopen for the summer travel season," said

Deanna Munson, Legacy Kansas. "We will continue to work over the coming months to expand our menu featuring our locally raised Angus beef."

Legacy Kansas customers will also see familiar faces when they dine.

Former Brookville Hotel owners Mark and Connie Martin are returning to support the reopening and new concept.

"Munson Angus Farms started in 1869 and the Brookville Hotel opened in 1870," Munson said. "It

is important for both the Munson and Martin families to continue their legacies."

Legacy Kansas plans to hire thirty employees and offer meeting space for large groups, noon meet-

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The Logistics Logjam

By Greg Doering,
Kansas Farm Bureau

I recently received an email from a local car dealer offering to buy my truck. Normally I just delete these types of pitches, but in this instance curiosity got the best of me. I opened the email and quickly discovered my gently used vehicle was worth more than I expected — a lot more.

The offer was almost exactly what I'd paid for the truck about three years ago, and it was just a few thousand less than a comparable new vehicle. It's just one of the latest examples of the pandemic's weird effects on nearly everything, starting with toilet paper and now cascading through every sector of the economy.

A shortage of computer chips, lower factory output last year, surging demand and a host of other things have boosted the value of my truck. A similar story is playing out with lumber and the housing market.

This logistics logjam includes agriculture, but the disruption today is going mostly unseen by consumers. Hiccups in the supply chains have created all

sorts of shortages across the ag industry for things like fertilizer, herbicide and even the plastic wrap used for hay bales.

Not all of these are directly related to COVID-19, but it served as the first domino in the chain reaction that's led to higher prices for just about everything needed to make anything. Other factors include the deep freeze across the middle of the country in February that curtailed all sorts of industrial capacity and the beginning of a post-pandemic demand surge that comes with a return to more normal lifestyles.

While these are just some of the proximate causes of current shortages and price increases, the root cause is the decades-long effort to squeeze every extra penny out of the process between a product's origin and its consumption.

Greatly oversimplified, this system fine-tunes every part of the production process while using forecasting to figure out just how much product it needs to make, ship and place on a shelf as close to the time it's purchased as

possible. It's often called "just in time delivery," for this reason.

When it works, which is the vast majority of the time, it lowers prices for everything by reducing the need to hold inventory. When there's a once-in-a-century pandemic on top of other more regular interruptions, prices go up for everything.

Overall, we've benefited greatly from this efficiency. It's one of the reasons Americans enjoy an abundance of affordable options for our food, electronics and other goods. The downside to having only the appearance of abundance and not an actual abundance.

In time, the market will correct. High prices will cure high prices, either through reducing demand or enticing new competitors to increase supply. Of course, it's a little easier to be optimistic if you're not looking for a used truck, trying to buy (or build) a house or securing farm inputs. Right now, I've still got my truck. I'm holding out a little bit longer on the off chance I can make an even trade for a brand-new one.

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Kansas Water Authority Regional Advisory Committee holding membership drive

For more than 30 years, citizen advisors have been a vital voice for water resource issues in Kansas. The Kansas Water Office is currently accepting applications from those who would like to participate as a member of one of the 14 Regional Advisory Com-

mittees (RACs) which are established by the Kansas Water Authority (KWA).

These committees play a key role in advising the KWA on implementation of each region's water supply priorities as part of the state water planning process in Kansas. In con-

junction with this process, RAC members provide input and advice to the KWA on identified regional and statewide water resource-related goals and action plans developed in support of state water plan implementation.

In addition, members



On Thursday, when I normally would have been finishing laying out the front section of the paper, I was instead on a media call with Ag Secretary Vilsack, White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory. The subject? The America the Beautiful plan developed in response to President Biden's Executive Order that set a goal of conserving 30% of the nation's land and water by the year 2030 in an attempt to mitigate climate change.

Newspaper deadlines are unforgiving things and did not allow me to read the lengthy report the group had put together prior to this issue coming out. That will be a project for next week. But based on that phone call, the press release they issued and comments from others, I did put together a story that you will find in the second section.

Much emphasis was placed on the voluntary nature of their proposals, and it was stated many times that private property rights will be respected. I covered Secretary Vilsack several times during the Obama administration, and always found him to be a sincere person who truly had the best interest of agriculture at heart. I want to believe his motives are genuine and that he will continue to champion agriculture. It will be very important moving forward that all stakeholders stay engaged and be very aware of everything going on. It would be foolish to ever place blind faith in any administration, regardless of its party.

One thing that caused concern for me was a comment by CEQ chair Mallory that it won't just be marine waters that will be included in the initiative. Great effort was made to push back the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule (WOTUS), and it concerns me that as the Biden administration has rolled back many of President Trump's policies, a return of WOTUS in connection with the America the Beautiful plan could spell trouble for landowners. Again, we will have to be diligent and aware.

I expect to do a great deal of writing on this subject in the weeks and months to come. As always, my goal will be to provide you with accurate, unbiased information.

Stay informed and stay engaged, my friends. There's a lot riding on all of this.



Sometimes things work out for the best despite my best efforts to really mess them up. This week was a prime example of that. In the words of the late, great Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, "The Good Lord takes care of little babies and idiots." I am definitely not a little baby, so I am the latter. To set the stage we will go back to last Friday and this past weekend.

Saturday was designated as the day we would work our spring cows and get them out on grass. I am fortunate that they all stay close to home and if everything goes right, we can work them and put them out on grass in one day. I am also to the point that I only have my crew on the weekend and this year some of them were on a limited amount of time. Because it was going to be a time crunch, Jennifer decided to take the day off on Friday and we would catch one bunch, have them at the working pens and be ready to start immediately. That all sounded like a good plan; after all, what could go wrong?

Friday went very well. We sorted cull ewes and hauled them to the sale in the morning and then started our focus on catching the first bunch of cows. We decided to start with the cows at my Dad's first because we had the portable corrals set up and they typically are the hardest to catch. To shorten up the story, the cows followed us right into the corrals and the calves had to be convinced but after a little extra we got all of them caught, or so it seemed.

We thought we were good. The cows had all come in fast for the alfalfa. Most of the calves did not, but they would not leave their mommas who were caught in one side of the corrals. After gentle coaxing we got the calves caught and realized that outside of five calves in with the cows, the cows and calves were basically sorted and ready to haul. We thought we were expert ranchers and smarter than the cows. We were wrong.

We hauled the last load and then I realized I had not seen our newest calf. It had been born just three days before and I am not sure how I missed it other than to say I was in too big of a hurry. A quick search of the pen confirmed that the calf was not there. By this time, it was

starting to get dark, and a quick search of the pasture had to be called off. We went back early the next morning and just as we were about to give up the calf was spotted hiding in some brush.

At this point we debated on if we should go back and get mom or try to ambush the baby and haul it back. In the back of my mind, I knew we should get mom, but catching the calf would be so much faster. Jennifer and I set up a plan to ambush the calf, grab it and throw it in the UTV. Great plan except we forgot to factor in my reflexes. I got about five feet from the calf when it jumped up and took off. I lunged at the calf but missed badly. We tried once more to catch it, even though we knew that was a bad idea and watched helplessly as the calf ran off over the hill.

At that point we decided to get mom. We hauled her back, the wind was blowing gale force so momma calling to baby probably was not going to work. I tried to drive her to where I had seen the calf last, but I could not keep her from going to where it had been. Finally, I gave up in frustration and went back to work the remaining cows, hoping she would reunite with her calf.

We did not finish working cows until close to dark that night. Early the next morning we checked on the cow hoping she had a calf by her side. She did not; things did not look good. Jennifer and I spent the next two days looking in every nook and cranny in the pasture. We checked the neighboring pastures and fields with no luck, the calf was gone, and it was our fault. Morale on the home team was low.

Tuesday, I decided I would catch the cow and haul her to the sale. I felt terrible, it was solely our fault that she had lost her calf, but good management says you cannot keep a cow without a calf. Feeling low, I drove out to the pasture. I saw a sight I never thought I would see; the cow was standing there nursing her baby looking at me with disdain. Frankly, I did not blame her. Despite my blunders, she had prevailed and found her calf. I guess it is true, the only thing dumber than a cow is the cowboy that owns her.

help identify and provide input on other emerging water resource related issues and concerns. They serve as important local links to the public in their regions through interactions with various groups and individuals as well as

communicate information on concerns and issues to citizens in their respective regions. The KWA, through the committee selection process, works to establish RACs which represent diverse groups of water users and interests within

regions are represented.

Kansans can have a definite lasting impact on the future of water resources through RAC membership. Interested persons can apply at www.kwo.ks.gov. The application deadline is June 15, 2021.

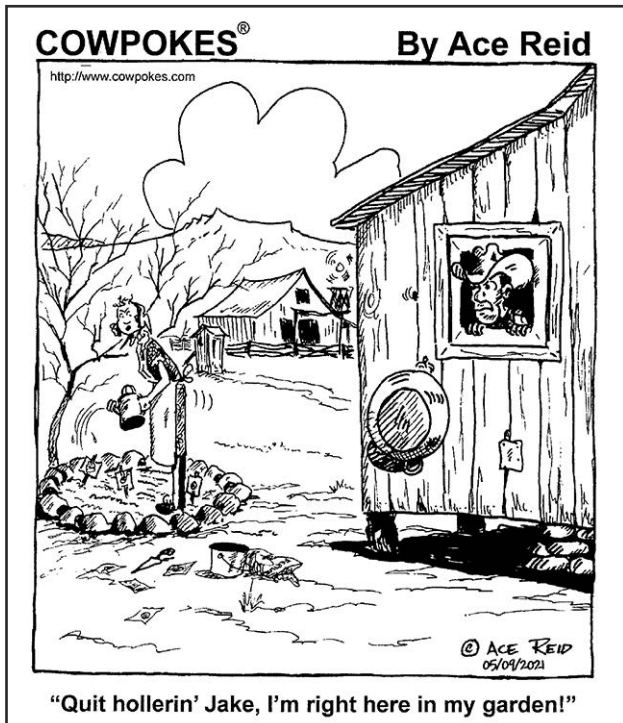
Beef. It's What's For Dinner. launches sustainability campaign

Beef. It's What's for Dinner. launched a new beef campaign inviting

consumers to learn more about how cattle farmers and ranchers around the

country are employing sustainable practices to care for the land and produce high-quality beef.

The campaign will be shared in a variety of ways, including new advertising that will run on social media, YouTube and connected TV with a new video series highlighting how beef farmers and ranchers around the country are implementing land-conserving, award-winning environmental efforts. According to market research, only 24% of consumers say they are knowledgeable about how cattle are raised for food. This sustainability campaign aims to address that by introducing consumers to farmers and ranchers across the country and showcasing the many efforts under way to help sustain and improve the land for generations to come.



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Abilene Machine to auction 125 classic 'Muscle Tractors' June 4

Just before wheat harvest begins, the Kansas countryside comes alive with the sound of power, as farmers gear up to gather the fruits of their labor. It will be a little noisier on June 4, when Mecum Auctions' agriculture branch, Gone Farmin' comes to host a no-reserve auction of 125 antique tractors from the Abilene Machine Collection.

After more than 40 years in the tractor parts business, Abilene Machine founder and president Randy Roelofsen has accumulated quite an assemblage of what are known as "Muscle Tractors," but it all started with an M5

Moline.

"An M5 was the first tractor that we salvaged," Randy said, speaking about himself and his business partner Loren Engel. The duo started Abilene Machine in 1980. "Loren and I had collected a lot of two-cylinder John Deere tractors. When Loren retired, he took all those with him, and I decided I was going to start collecting New Generation tractors. So we started collecting 10 and 20 series, and then we started collecting what was unusual or low production numbers. I started watching for them a long time ago, before they were collectable."



Having grown up on a farm in South Dakota in the 1950s and 1960s, Randy has a special connection to the tractors in his collection.

"It's hard to let any of them go. There is some really nice stuff there," he

said. "It's hard for me to say which one is my favorite. I've got a lot of favorites!"

Similar to the muscle car craze of the 1960s and 1970s - and during that same era - tractor manufacturers realized the



direction of farming was changing. Farmers were working larger and larger plots of ground in order to maximize their profitability. Since the timeframe Mother Nature allowed them to cultivate, plant, and harvest were the same as they always had been, farmers needed equipment capable of covering

more ground than ever before at a faster pace. They needed more power.

Manufacturers responded by adding larger engines to their existing platform architectures, giving their customers a competitive edge through increased pulling capability and speed.

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ings, and special events. Catering options will also be available including the new "Grill and Go" catering option that will deliver a grill on-site and staff will grill burgers for special events. The restaurant's popular curbside pickup will also continue, and horse-drawn carriage or trolley rides are also in the works.

Named Best Small Town to Visit by Smithsonian magazine and #1 True Western Town of the Year by True West magazine, Munson acknowledges Abilene's tourism industry as a draw.

"We want to partner with the tourist attractions and nearby hotels to provide a unique experience for guests visiting the area," Munson said.

While much of the Brookville Hotel's interior will remain the same, the restaurant will add a ranch gate to the entrance and upgrades to the building's façade.

According to Munson, the restaurant wants to celebrate agriculture and serve as a hub for ag groups from across the state. She says partnerships will also continue with Kansas State University's College of Ag-

riculture and Research and Extension, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Livestock Association, and other ag groups to promote and feature Kansas farms and ranches in videos in the restaurant.

The "End of the Chisholm Trail" bar located inside the restaurant

will also feature a video wall (a giant panorama) from international artist Hugh Livingston's Livingston Sound project with farm and ranch footage captured in Geary, Riley, and Dickinson counties.

"We are excited for Munson's Prime steakhouse and the Brookville Hotel family style chicken house to return and we appreciate the support from

all of our customers," Munson said. "Together, we will continue the legacy."

Legacy Kansas will be open Wednesday through Friday from 5-8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. For more information about Legacy Kansas, visit @BrookvilleChicken on Facebook.

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Loretta Theimer Zimbelman, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest

Winner Loretta Theimer Zimbelman, Topeka: "Mom made this for my second grade birthday party at school in 1957."

OLD-FASHIONED CRUMB CAKE

- 2/3 cup shortening or butter
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix baking powder with flour and sugar. Add this mixture to shortening. Mix to make crumbs. Set aside 1 cup to be used for top. Add eggs, milk, salt and vanilla to remaining crumbs. Pour mixture into a 9-inch or 10-inch square pan. Spread crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. No frosting necessary.

Jean Houston, Denison, Iowa:

LEMON BARS

- 1 lemon cake mix
- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 1 egg

Mix together the cake mix, margarine and egg by hand and put into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Top with the following mixture:

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 pound powdered sugar

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. Can make a couple days ahead; these bars seem to get better when you do!

Darlene Thomas, Delphos: RHUBARB ICEBOX DESSERT

- 1 3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs, divided
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 4 cups diced fresh or frozen rhubarb
- 3-ounce package raspberry or strawberry gelatin
- 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 cups cold whole milk
- 3.4-ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl combine 1 1/2 cups cracker crumbs and butter. Press

mixture into a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Bake until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. In a large saucepan combine sugar, cornstarch and rhubarb. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened and rhubarb is tender, 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in gelatin until dissolved; cover and refrigerate until partially set, about 1 hour. Spoon rhubarb mixture over crust. Combine whipped topping and marshmallows; spread over rhubarb mixture. In a large bowl whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand until soft set, about 2 minutes. Carefully spread over marshmallow topping (the dish will be full). Sprinkle with remaining cracker crumbs. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving. I like to make a day ahead of planned serving dessert. Makes 15 servings.

Margaret Wetter, Norton: PINA COLADA FLUFF

- 1 box vanilla instant pudding
- 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, not drained
- 8-ounce container Cool Whip
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Combine pudding mix and pineapple and stir to mix. Fold in Cool Whip, marshmallows and nuts. Chill and serve.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: RHUBARB SQUARES

- 1 cup flour
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup butter
- Filling:
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 3 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb

In a bowl combine the flour and powdered sugar; cut in butter until forms coarse crumbs. Press into greased 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. For filling, combine 1 cup sugar, flour, 2 eggs and vanilla in a bowl. Stir in the rhubarb and pour over warm crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until center is done. Cool. Serve warm. Store in refrigerator.

Pam McCall, Mapleton, Iowa: MOM'S FRENCH DIP

- 4-pound roast
 - 1 can Campbell's Beef Consome (not beef broth)
 - 1 can Campbell's French Onion soup
 - Provolone cheese
 - Hoagie Buns
- Pour the beef consume and French onion soup on top of roast. Cover and bake at 325-350 degrees until tender. Shred apart with two forks. Put meat and provolone cheese on hoagie buns. Microwave a bit to melt cheese. Use juice to dip hoagies into. Enjoy!

Millie Conger, Tecumseh: BBQ SAUCE

- 1 cup vinegar
 - 4 cup ketchup
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1 sliced lemon, juiced
 - 1 teaspoon A1 Sauce
 - 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon liquid smoke
- Mix all together. Brush over meat. Also good mixed in hamburgers before cooking.

Jackie Doud, Topeka: CHOW MEIN CASSEROLE

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup uncooked Minute Rice
- 1 can cream mushroom soup
- Small can water chestnuts
- 1 can chow mein vegetables, drained

- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- Chow mein noodles
- Brown meat and pour off fat. Stir in vegetables, rice, soup, water, soy sauce and chestnuts. Heat to boiling then put in casserole dish. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Serve with chow mein noodles.

Susan Schrick, Hiawatha: HOT BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

- 1 pound skinless boneless chicken breast
 - 1/2 cup hot sauce, such as Frank's
 - 1/2 of a 1-ounce package powdered Ranch dressing mix
 - 1/2 cup plain non-fat Greek yogurt
- Toss chicken, hot sauce and Ranch dressing mix in slow cooker for 4-6 hours on low. Shred chicken with fork and stir in yogurt; cook an additional 30 minutes. Serve with chips or celery.

Kellee George, Shawnee: CUCUMBER GINGER SALAD

- 1 piece of 1-inch ginger, peeled
- 3 cucumbers, sliced thin
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Toss cucumber, vinegar, sugar, soy sauce, oils, salt, pepper and ginger in a bowl until combined. Let set for one hour. Stir once in a while. Serve with slotted spoon.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: WHOLE WHEAT BANANA BREAD

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup applesauce
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Set oven 325 degrees. Grease a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Beat brown sugar and oil until blended. Add eggs, applesauce and vanilla; mix until blended. Stir in bananas. Add dry ingredients. Fold in walnuts. Pour into pan. Bake about 60-65 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in pan 15 minutes then turn onto rack to cool.



Baking With Sugarbuns That Family

By Michele Carlyon

Last night was Mika's first T-ball game, and to say she was excited might be an understatement; to be fair, though, she was also worried Chloe was going to get to play on the playground and she was going to miss out on that fun. She was excited to be on the same team as the little boy she has already decided she is going to marry someday and to also have some of her other little friends from school and playgroups on the team as well; but let's be honest she, was probably most excited for the post-game snack.

When I arrived, I spotted my brother in his bright orange Carhartt shirt across the field, doing what he does best, chatting. I made my way over and was greeted with a huge hug from Mika. Eventually I found Chloe playing on the playground with her Uncle Jonathan, per usual she wanted nothing to do with me until she found the snacks in my hoodie pocket.

Eventually we all made our way closer to the field to watch what was sure to be a riveting game of T-ball (they are all 5 and under). My sister-in-law tasked me with taking pictures, and as I did, I found myself reminiscing on the childhood that my brothers and I had. Mika, a four-year-old, who only gets one at bat, had nine people there to support her, nine people that did not care how good or bad she was, nine people who were there just to support her, nine people that love her so very much that they would come to watch anything she was doing.

My brothers and I were not natural-born athletes, but all of us tried different things. As a little guy Andy did everything and I can confidently tell you, he was not the best, but he was having fun and did not care. In high school he did swimming and cross country. Mike probably was the most blessed with athletic talent, but he was also blessed with awful knees which ruined his love of baseball. He also dabbled in basketball and football

from time to time. Me, on the other hand, I was awful at basketball, did not want to play tennis and broke my wrist playing volleyball. But through it all, there was never a time that we could not look out into the crowd or audience and see someone there supporting us, someone cheering on our efforts or lack thereof.

We have always been "that family," the family that shows up for each other, no matter what. Sporting events, award ceremonies, births of babies, weddings, proms, anything, and everything, we show up. When I look back at memories of our childhood, I cannot think of one event where we were not "that family," in the crowd, the family that you wonder if they left anyone at home or if they all had to come, we all had to come. I look back at pictures of growing up and I am constantly reminded of such as I see us always surround by the people who loved us most, our family. For us, family shows up for each other, always has, always will, no matter what.

So, when I looked around and saw those nine people there to support Mika, it made me smile, made my soul happy, made me excited that we were being "that family," for her. I have no doubt that we will all continue to show up for her and Chloe, and I know that someday when they are sitting there watching their kids or their nieces and nephews, they too will be surrounded by "that family," and they will be proud to be part of such an amazing strong connection.

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: [boobs-brainsandbaking](https://www.instagram.com/boobs-brainsandbaking).

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A Good Night's Sleep

By Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark District, Family Life
A good night's sleep provides more health benefits than ever imagined.

What happens when you sleep? During sleep, your body is busy repairing and restoring itself. If you routinely do not get adequate sleep, then stress hormones and other inflammatory factors get involved.

Your body will begin to react as if it were under chronic stress, releasing cortisol, a stress hormone. One of the unwanted side effects of the actions from cortisol is the tendency for weight gain, which can translate into obesity over time. Studies have also shown that lack of adequate sleep can also result in overeating.

The importance of sleep to our overall well-being cannot be overstated. The CDC recommends seven or more hours of sleep for adults over 18, and even more hours of sleep for adults over 18, and even more for younger people.

Sleep hygiene includes behaviors that help promote good sleep. This article from the American Sleep Association might be helpful, <https://www.sleepassociation.org/about-sleep/sleep-hygiene-tips/>.

When you are under much stress, the result is often poor dietary choices, and you may have "carb cravings," which makes healthy eating more challenging.

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Research Study: Consumers Still Favor Beef As Protein Source

MANHATTAN – Consumers who prefer beef over plant-based protein alternatives said they are willing to pay nearly two dollars more per meal for a burger when dining at a restaurant, according to a study from Kansas State University.

But, the same study notes, those who have turned to plant-based protein alternatives are equally passionate about their choice, saying they would be willing to pay \$1.48 more per meal.

Those are among the key findings released by K-State agricultural economists Glynn Tonsor and Ted Schroeder in the study, Impact of New Plant-Based Protein Alternatives on U.S. Beef Demand. The study was co-authored by Jayson Lusk, a Distinguished Professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University.

"Beef has what we call a good image and we document it as a good image throughout the report," Tonsor said. "We've looked at a litany of questions, such as how does beef compare to plant-based proteins on a lot of dimensions, such as taste, safety, price, nutritional content, protein, iron and even on whether it's good for farmers, the planet and consumers."

The nationwide study involved more than 3,000

consumers that represented the population of the country. Nearly 70 percent of respondents identified themselves as regular meat consumers (those who regularly consume meat or food from animals), while the remainder identified with such alternative diets as vegan, vegetarian, flexitarian or other.

Tonsor said regular meat consumers reported being willing to pay \$1.87 more per meal for a beef burger in a restaurant. They also would pay up to .29 more per pound for store-brand, 80% lean ground beef at the grocery store.

Those who prefer alternative diets would pay \$1.48 more per meal in a restaurant, and up to \$2.32 per pound more in the grocery store.

"There's a big preference among regular meat consumers today for the beef burger, and there's a strong preference among the alternative diet folks for those newly offered items," Tonsor said.

But the number of consumers choosing beef over plant-based alternatives is clearly in favor of the beef industry. The report notes that beef is consumed three times more often than plant-based proteins in the U.S.

Among the factors influencing consumer's choices are they consider

the taste, safety and price of beef to be more appealing. "Those are key differentiation points we see in this study and have seen in several studies," Tonsor said. "Taste and safety, in particular, are key drivers of U.S. beef demand."

"The protein market is immensely competitive, both from existing and new products being introduced," he added. "At the same time, global protein demand is strong and growing. The U.S. beef industry produces a high quality, tasty, safe, nutritious, healthy, and affordable product in an increasingly sustainable way. Capitalizing on what the industry does well while continuously striving to do it better is the best advice we can provide to compete in the evolving global protein market."

The full report, as well as an executive summary, is available online from the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics' website, agmanager.info.

Links used in this story: Impact of New Plant-Based Protein Alternatives on U.S. Beef Demand, <https://agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/meat-demand-research-studies/impact-new-plant-based-protein-0>

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Talking Trash

By Lou Ann Thomas
I'm talking trash.

A lot of trash.

That's a lasting memory from a recent drive to Lexington, Kentucky. Trash is everywhere! It covers much of the area along the highways, in public spaces, in green areas and around businesses. Trash is everywhere! This beautiful blue and green sphere has become a dump.

And a human being left behind every piece of it. What are we thinking? How can we be so disrespectful of our planet, our home? We generate tons of trash and then toss it out. Whether that's out of our houses or out of our open car windows, we believe we are "throwing it away." But where is this "away"?

Even when properly disposed of in one of the handy receptacles provided for such things all our trash still has to go somewhere. That is most likely one of our landfills, but even there most of the litter remains. A report by "Land of Waste: American Landfills and Waste Production" indicates that Americans generate 254 million tons of trash per year. And picking all of that litter up costs the United States more than \$11 billion annually.

This report also states that 22 billion plastic bottles are thrown out every year. It takes one of those plastic bottles 450 years to decompose. Aluminum can take up to 200 years to decompose and a glass

those cups, wrappers, slips and shards of things that we toss without a second thought are piling up and scattering about.

The ambiguity that surrounds our modern sanitation system means we can live fairly comfortably in denial about the trash we generate because don't have to live in close proximity with it. It's quickly dispatched to a landfill. That's the good news. But not having to live with it is also the bad news. Maybe if we did have to live with all our trash around us, we'd start using reusable water bottles and shopping bags, carrying a travel mug with us, using cloth napkins instead of paper, and making sure we not only picked up our own trash, but a piece or two of someone else's.

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After Flooding, Think Food Safety

OLATHE – Whether it's a basement in one's home or a whole neighborhood under water, floods can be devastating in so many ways. They damage property and can leave lasting effects on communities. With cleaning up and reorganizing among the first priorities, consumers may not think about the consequences floodwater can have on foods.

Floodwater often contains sewage or animal waste, which means harmful organisms could contaminate foods affected by floods. Organisms in floodwater might include foodborne pathogens such as E. coli and Salmonella, which could cause foodborne illness, said Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist for the University of Missouri Extension and Kansas State Research and Extension.

"Flood waters could also contain petroleum products such as gasoline and oil, which can cause nausea, vomiting, and other short- and long-term effects if consumed in large quantities," Nwadike said.

A publication from K-State and the University of Missouri, titled "Food Safety After a Flood," provides helpful tips to aide in the cleanup process. Nwadike authored the publication and said her best advice is: "When in doubt, throw it out."

The only food that can be kept after exposure to floodwater is commercial-

ly prepared foods in metal cans and retort pouches, assuming they are not damaged, she said. Retort pouches may be used to package items such as shelf stable juices.

"All other foods exposed to flood water should be thrown away," Nwadike said.

This includes foods in the refrigerator and freezer, as well as all foods in boxes, paper, foil or cloth. Also dispose of spices, seasonings and extracts. Consumers should throw away any home canned foods exposed to flood water, as it is difficult to properly disinfect the seals.

Other flooded foods stored in open containers, packages or canisters should be tossed out, as should foods with caps

and pull-tabs, such as condiments and soft drinks.

The fact sheet includes information on how to properly sanitize undamaged cans, retort packages, cooking utensils, pots and pans, and kitchen countertops that have been exposed to flood water.

For these and other tips regarding food safety after a flood, visit the K-State Research and Extension Food Safety and Disasters website or contact your local Extension office.

Links used in this article: Food Safety After a Flood <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3199.pdf>

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Beef producers make impactful contributions to societal and economic fabric of Kansas

As the weather warms, people fire up their grills, grab their tongs and reach for mouth-watering steaks and real beef burgers to create memories with families and friends. In doing so, they are supporting a beef community that positively contributes to the environmental, economic, and nutritional well-being of Kansas. Recognizing the substantial importance of the beef community, Governor Laura Kelly has signed an official proclamation declaring May as Beef Month.



Gov. Laura Kelly signs a proclamation declaring May National Beef Month.

According to Kevin Thielen, executive director of the Kansas Beef Council, the value of beef to the economy and social fabric of the state is remarkable. "Kansas ranks third in the country with more than 6.5 million cattle on ranches and in feedyards" says Thielen. "That's more than twice the state's human population." Furthermore, Kansas ranked second in fed cattle marketed, with roughly 4.97 million in 2019. In total, beef cattle and calves represented 51.5% of the 2019 Kansas agricultural cash receipts, bolstering and enhancing the spending power in local economies across the state.

Not only does the marketed value of beef have a substantial impact on the economy, but the Kansas beef community also has a significant impact on employment. According to the American Meat Institute, Kansas compa-

nies that produce, process, distribute and sell meat and poultry products employ as many as 31,440 people, while generating an additional 17,292 jobs in supplier and associated industries. These include jobs in companies supplying goods and services to manufacturers, distributors and retailers, as well as those depending upon sales to workers in the meat industry.

The beef produced by Kansas beef farmers and ranchers, feeders and processors contributes substantially to human health at every life stage. Research from gold-standard randomized, controlled trials, like a recent checkoff-funded study out of Pennsylvania State University demonstrates lean beef can be the protein of choice in many diets and people who eat about 5.5 ounces of lean fresh beef daily, as part of a healthy diet, not only don't have any adverse health out-

comes, but actually have lower cardiovascular disease risk and maintain a healthy weight.

Kansas has about 45.8 million acres of farm ground. Not all of this land can be used to grow crops, however. Grazing cattle is an ideal technique for efficiently utilizing grasses and plants growing on over 15.3 million acres of Kansas pasture and rangeland. These acres would be wasted if not for ruminants like cattle who can turn these resources into essential protein and nutrients for humans. Additionally, grazing cattle helps maintain grasslands and reduce the fuel load which can spark destructive wildfires.

"Kansas ranchers and feeders are committed to produce a wholesome and nutritious product responsibly and sustainably," Thielen says. "However, beef production refined over many generations is only part of the story. Pro-

ducers also keep consumer needs and wants top of mind."

"While all aspects of beef raising and processing are important, producing beef that is delicious, safe, wholesome and nutritious is 'job one' for our industry," Thielen says. "After all, producers of beef are also consumers of the beef they produce. They are proud of their role in supplying this product that so many people enjoy."

Red Angus announces plans for 2022 National Red Angus Show

The Red Angus Association of America board of directors voted to hold the 2022 National Red Angus Open and Pen Shows at the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City.

This decision comes at the recommendation of the RAAA Show & Sale Committee after soliciting significant feedback from Red Angus exhibitors and breeders. A regional junior show will also be hosted in Oklahoma City. Similarly, a regional junior, pen and open show will be hosted at the National Western Stock Show moving forward.

Exhibitors and interested members should visit RedAngus.org for more information regarding show schedule, fees and other details as they become available in the coming months.

Abilene Machine to auction 125 classic 'Muscle Tractors' June 4

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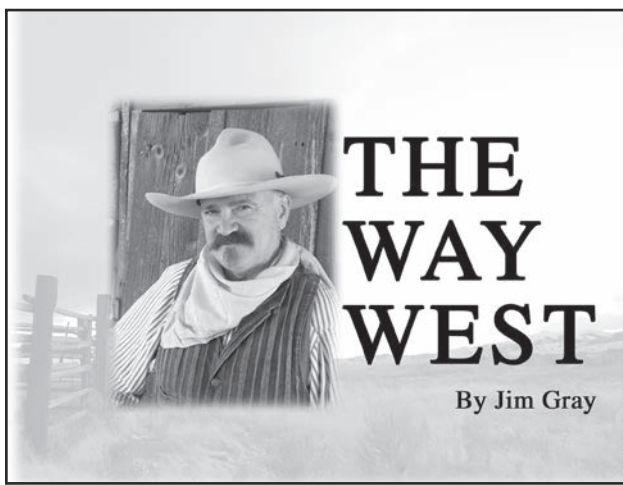
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Confounding Justice

On a fine Friday morning, May 6, 1892, John Timm stepped behind W. R. Warren and shot him in the back as Warren was preparing to enter the Sumner County Courthouse at Wellington, Kansas. Apparently Warren realized at the last minute that someone was behind him and began to turn just as a gunshot resonated and he was struck by a "ball."

Warren pulled his own weapon and compelled John Timm "to turn his weapon down." Two bystanders, W. S. Nelson and R. L. Davidson "tore the revolvers away from the men," to prevent more shooting. Timm was handed over to the sheriff while Warren was taken to the office of Drs. Freeman and Elliott.

The trouble between the two men had begun sixteen months earlier on December 22, 1890, when Warren suddenly closed his bank at Mulvane, Kansas. Timm lost two thousand dollars of hard-earned savings with no chance of recovering the money. After months of litigation over the bank failure the prosecution, on January 11, 1892, failed to convince the jury of Warren's criminal intent when he closed the bank.

The news that Warren would not be held responsible for the loss of depositors' funds was more than John Timm could take. Timm's two-thousand-dollar deposit a few months before the doors were

closed was "practically all his worldly wealth." According to newspaper reports, Timm "became almost crazed over his loss." During the past summer of 1891 Timm tried to shoot the banker, was arrested, and served a term in the county jail. He was released in January and was believed to have left for Oklahoma. However, Timm had apparently learned that Warren was expected in Wellington and planned the encounter that led to the shooting.

Warren left Wellington by train Saturday morning at 1 a.m. He arrived at his brother Captain S. B. Warren's home in Emporia, with the ball still in his body. Another investigation by Dr. Jacobs examined the shallow wound but also could not find the ball. While leaving a ghastly wound, Dr. Jacobs believed that the ball had merely grazed Warren's back.

Timm was brought to trial at Wellington on September 20, 1892. Major Ferguson was appointed to defend Timm and argued that Timm had come from an insane family. His mother had suffered an unsound mind for several years. Ferguson suggested that Timm's actions before and at the time of the shooting were the result of an unbalanced mind. Medical experts testified that Timm was regarded as insane. With that information the jury found for acquittal. Even so, the judge

ordered Timm held until it could be determined if he was a danger to the public.

Timm was still in jail in April of 1893 when he was judged insane and taken to an asylum in Osawatimie for treatment. Timm was released and in 1894 he returned to Mulvane. He soon proved that he was indeed a dangerous man. On the night of September 14, 1894, he shot Samuel Butts through a screen door. Butts had been the man that convinced Timm to deposit his savings in W. R. Warren's bank for safekeeping. Timm was tried and sent to the penitentiary at Lansing where he would not be a threat to the public. But he was pardoned for good behavior by Governor William Stanley on July 13, 1900.

Timm immediately went to the home of Captain Warren, W. B. Warren's brother, to get money. Timm was apparently unaware that Captain Warren had passed away eight years before. Undeterred, Timm threatened the Captain's widow. She called the police. Timm was arrested and again found in-

sane. After two years in a Topeka asylum, against the advice of the head of the asylum, Dr. T. C. Biddle, Timm was judged sane and released on July 17, 1902. Once he was released Timm gained the assistance of a Kansas City lawyer for a lawsuit against Captain Warren's estate and others, seeking damages of twenty-five thousand dollars. The case was thrown out of court on February 10, 1903.

Timm kept his name out of the papers until 1914 when his brother Henry was found lying on the kitchen floor with half his head blown off from a shotgun blast. Timm was captured and sentenced to the insane ward at Lansing State Prison without any chance of parole. That didn't stop him from trying.

His attorney filed for his release several times on the grounds that he was "well and cured." He even tried to gain a portion of his brother's estate, though he had been convicted of his murder.

Governors and parole

boards finally got the message and refused all requests for clemency. On January 2, 1930, the newspapers reported that "death" had finally released John Timm from the penitentiary. And so ended one of the most bizarre cases of confounding and lengthy paths to

justice to be found 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 [kans.com](mailto:kansascowboy@kans.com).

Digital food platform bans beef, receives blowback

Recently, *Epicurious*, a popular recipe-hosting website with millions of followers, announced they will no longer publish new beef recipes, citing the environmental impact of beef. Though the announcement received widespread media attention, *Epicurious* received significant criticism from chefs, food influencers and readers who enjoy beef, and many even threatened to boycott the website.

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Soybean seeding rates examined

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

The only expense items in the KSU Soybean Cost Return Budget for north-east Kansas that are greater than seed cost are herbicides and land rent. With that in mind, it's obviously an input worth some time to evaluate as you head in to soybean planting season.

A recent Kansas State University study looked at a dataset of soybean yields from the Kansas Soybean Yield Contest by yield category (some of the better yields in the state in many cases...). Low yield environments were classified as those below 60 bushels per acre. Medium yield environments ranged from 60-64 bushels/A, and high yield environments were above 64 bpa. The study looked at yield by seeding rate results to determine an 'optimal' level.

Not surprisingly, soybean yield by seeding rate results were all over the board, with the ability to attain high yields at almost any population. Growing

season weather combined with a multitude of in-season hurdles typically results in a great deal of variability.

What was interesting from the study was the confirmation that low-yield environments often respond better to higher populations than it might seem they would. For example, yield results showed plant densities could be reduced by 24 percent when moving from the low yield environments to either of the medium or high yield environments. In other words, if seed cost is of concern, and you have the knowledge of a farm to allow for more site-specific management - knowing where you can consistently achieve a medium or high yielding environment as outlined in this study - it might be worth a look at soybean seeding rate to further fine-tune that input cost.

Want to take a closer look at this study? Request a copy of *Soybean Seeding Rates and Optimal Plant Densities* from any District Office or by e-mailing me at dhallaue@ksu.edu.



The Santa Fe Trail 200 is in full swing! The world is opening up and events are scheduled, boom, boom, boom!! Visit the santafetrail.org for a schedule of events. I was in Towanda at the studio of Jim and Martha Farrell recording podcasts a couple of weeks ago so I will keep you up to date on when they start. They will air on TruckerRadioUSA.com which has fantastic programming any time of day. You will become a regular listener, I promise.

Right now we are looking forward to the Symphony in

Comark Equity Alliance strengthens infrastructure with Great Plains Commodities terminal partnership

Comark Equity Alliance (CEA), the region's most innovative grain marketing, logistics and risk management company, continues to improve its infrastructure with the acquisition of the Great Plains Commodities (GPC) shuttle loading facility. The acquisition is in partnership with Producers Cooperative Oil Mill (PCOM) and Farmers Union Coop Gin Humphreys, both in Altus, Okla.

The facility operates on BNSF rail, has approximately 1.3 million bushels of upright storage and additional bunker storage. Located in Headrick,

Okla., just east of Altus on State Hwy. 62, GPC offers CEA and its member-owners additional shipping opportunities to domestic, gulf and Latin American markets.

"The integration of GPC into the CEA network will provide our system with additional shipping channels to global destinations, adding more value to the commodities, and ultimately benefiting our farmer-owners," said CEA president Alan Woodard. "GPC's location on the BNSF rail makes it easily accessible to several CEA locations via state-based short-line rail. The facility

is a great complement to our Chisholm Trail Terminal shuttle loading facility in Medford, Okla., which is located on the Union Pacific rail."

"CEA is equally pleased to be partnering with PCOM and the Farmers Union Coop Gin Humphreys. PCOM offers new opportunities and a versatility that is essential in today's marketplace. The Farmers Union Co-op Gin Humphreys and CEA country facilities will be great origination sources to support the GPC facility," Woodard added.

Comark Equity Alliance, LLC is one of the largest federally licensed grain companies in the United States. The company was formed in August 2017 following the merger

of Equity Marketing Alliance and CoMark Grain Marketing LLC.

CEA is comprised of farmer-owned cooperatives with 183 locations that stretch from southern Nebraska, throughout Kansas and Oklahoma, and into the Texas panhandle. These locations include four grain terminals, two shuttle loaders, and a 165MM bushel storage capacity.

With offices in Enid, Okla. and Cheney, the company is singularly focused on making its member-owners' experience one that is unmatched in the industry by providing unparalleled grain merchandising, logistics, accounting, and risk management services. To learn more, visit ceagrain.com.

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The latest research, variety, and production information on winter canola will be featured at a K-State Research and Extension field day on May 13 in Kingman County.

The day is an opportunity to see winter canola variety trials and a producer's field, said Mike Stamm, K-State canola breeder. New varieties will be on display and attendees will learn about K-State's hybrid parent line development program. With harvest season approaching, harvest management options are also on the agenda. Producers will have opportunities to get their questions answered about making winter canola a viable rotation option in Kansas.

"We've had another interesting production year, most notably the bitter cold in February. The crop survived those conditions in great shape, so we want to discuss improvements in winter survival," Stamm said. "Favorable spring weather has the canola crop poised for a good harvest."

The field day will be held in Kingman County south of Norwich at 11 a.m. From the KS-2 and SE 160th Avenue intersection, drive 1.5 miles south. The plots are on the east side of the road.

Pre-made sandwiches will be provided. Please RSVP by May 12 to Kallie Turner at kalliet@ksu.edu or by calling the Kingman County Extension office at 620-532-5131.

For more information, contact Mike Stamm at 785-532-3871 or mjstamm@ksu.edu. Information about K-State's canola program is available online.

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Corn farmers launch campaign to share sustainability story, open minds in Washington, D.C.

Recently key public policy influencers in our nation's capital met the corn farmers of America's Heartland in their homes, at the airport, and even while listening to their favorite podcasts as the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) launched a campaign highlighting their incredible sustainability story. By reaching "Inside the Beltway," this campaign, made possible by a collaboration with state associations and highlighting the authentic stories of corn farmers, is designed to open doors and build trust by highlighting the role farmers play in combating today's most pressing environmental issues.

"Even in 2021, corn farming remains, at its heart, a family operation rooted in the earth," said John Linder, NCGA president and a farmer from Ohio. "In many cases, such as mine, this vocation goes back multiple generations. America's family farmers take great pride in the past, but we are working to build a future with healthy soil, clean air and clean water. Whether you live in D.C. or Edison, work in Congress or a tractor cab, we care about the future of our families and want the best for them. Working together, corn farmers can break down the barriers that stand between us and our goals for tomorrow."

This campaign, created by National Corn Growers Association and its state affiliates in collaboration, supports ongoing work in Washington to build relationships based on our many common shared values with authentic stories and backed up by facts.

"We have a great story - but it has to be told. Through this campaign, we put real faces on today's family farmers to showcase the environmental advances being made in the industry and share the excitement around innovation in ag," said Linder.

U.S. pork sees momentum in Central America

Despite COVID-related challenges, U.S. pork exports to Central America set a new record in 2020 and are off to a terrific start this year, the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) reports.

Through February, exports to the region increased 46% from a year ago to nearly 22,000 metric tons, valued at more than \$53 million (up 38%). February exports were record-large to Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica, while exports to Honduras were the fourth highest on record.

Lucia Ruano, USMEF representative in Central

America and the Dominican Republic, explained that COVID restrictions in the foodservice and hospitality sectors caused significant changes in pork sales channels and consumption patterns, including the establishment of many meat boutiques where shoppers could purchase U.S. pork cuts for in-home preparation.

"All of the countries have very restricted curfews and all of the hotels and restaurants are shut down. So, people had to start new ways of promoting and selling products," Ruano said.

USMEF's consumer outreach efforts, which included educational webinars and a three-month, region-wide radio cam-

aign, focused specifically on loin cuts, showcasing the loin as a versatile center-of-the-plate item.

Ruano said the radio campaign was very successful, with many consumers reaching out to find out more information as well as where to purchase the pork.

Tariff relief from the U.S.-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) is now more widespread in the region, making U.S. pork more affordable in countries such as Costa Rica, she added.

In Honduras, the region's leading destination for U.S. pork, domestic pork production also suffered setbacks from recent hurricanes. Repopulating the hog herd will take some time, Ruano added.

No calls for beef reduction in Biden climate change plan

President Biden has no plans to limit meat consumption as part of his broader climate plan, according to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"There is no effort designed to limit people's intake of beef coming out of President Biden's White House and USDA," Vilsack said at the recent North American Agricultural Journalists annual meeting.

Ethan Lane, NCBA vice president of government affairs, echoed Vilsack's statement, "We are aware of claims that President Biden's 30x30 plan would call for a drastic restriction of beef consumption. Rightfully so, many of the cattle producers we represent have expressed concern. At this time, President Biden has not called for any reduction of beef production or consumption related to 30x30 or the climate plan the White House released last week."

NCBA continues to proactively communicate the positive sustainability story of modern beef production through op-eds, media interviews and social media.

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K-State crops team completes successful spring season

Seniors Luke Ryan and Blake Kirchhoff posted a 1-2 finish to lead the Kansas State University crops team to a first-place finish at the national invitational crops contest recently.

The squad jumped back into in-person competition this spring after a pause caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Ryan, who is from Solomon, and Kirchhoff, from Hardy, Nebraska, grabbed the top two individual spots, but were followed closely by teammates Evan Bott (junior from Palmer) in fourth and Trevor Mullen (junior from Salina) in twelfth.

The alternate team members included Alex



Members of the 2021 K-State crops judging team include, from left: Alex Kaufmann, Jaden Strohl, Blake Kirchhoff, Evan Bott, Austin Hobbs and Trevor Mullen.

Kaufmann (junior from Concordia, who placed eighth overall) Jayden

Strohl (junior from Cunningham) and Austin Hobbs (junior from Buffa-

lo). All are agronomy majors at K-State.

The national invitational was hosted by Hutchinson Community College.

K-State beat Iowa State (second) and the University of Nebraska (third). Nine four-year schools, four two-year schools, and four high school teams also competed.

Crops teams compete in four categories, including laboratory practical, agronomic exam, math practical and plant and seed identification. As a team, K-State placed first in lab and exam and second in math and identification. Individually, Ryan was first in all four components, while Kirchhoff tied for first in math and was second in lab and identification. Bott was third in laboratory practical.

This was the second spring competition for K-State's team. At the re-

gional contest in March, K-State placed second to Iowa State. Ryan and Kirchhoff also swept the top two individual spots at regionals.

Last fall, K-State's crops team won a virtual crops contest held online during the national meeting of the Students of Agronomy Soils and Environmental Sciences. Ryan and Kirchhoff swept the top two spots and Madison Tunnell (senior from Overland Park) placed fifth. Tunnell graduated in December and did not compete with the team this spring.

The team is coached by K-State professor of agronomy Kevin Donnelly and graduate student Sarah Zenger.

Cattle market struggles continue

By Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University

Fed cattle markets rallied early in April but have stalled again and pulled back below \$120/cwt. the last week of April. Ample supplies of fed cattle continue to hang over the market as feedlots struggle to get more current. Meanwhile boxed beef has pushed upward with Choice values at \$296.50/cwt. the last Friday in April. Select boxed beef was \$283.05/cwt. at the end of the month.

Beef packers have very large margins and appear to be trying to push kills in the face of limited capacity. Saturday steer and heifer kills for the last two weeks of actual slaughter data were both above 55,000 head, very large Saturday numbers. Saturday steer and heifer slaughter thus far in 2021 is up 58 percent over 2020 and up more than 92 percent over 2019 levels. The most recent data shows steer carcass weights at 898 pounds, up from 889 pounds this same week one year ago and 857 pounds in 2019. Heifer carcass weights were 837 pounds in the most recent data compared to 823 pounds last year and 799 pounds in the same week in 2019.

Feed grain prices continue to push sharply higher. The nearby May

corn futures ended April at \$7.40/bushel with the July contract at \$6.73/bushel and the December contract price at \$5.64/bushel. Feeder cattle are being squeezed between a stagnant fed market and rising feed prices. The pressure is weighing on feeder cattle markets with both cash feeder cattle prices and feeder futures moving lower in April. Oklahoma combined auction prices for 450-500 lb., Medium/Large No. 1 steers dropped from \$185.66/cwt. in early April to \$168.88/cwt. last week. Feeder cattle prices also dropped with 750-800 pound steer prices at \$133.65/cwt. last week, down from \$142.98/cwt. three weeks ago.

The drought situation becomes more critical each day with increasing drought eating into the growing season and diminishing pasture and hay production potential in drought areas. The Drought Severity and Coverage Index (DSCI) currently is at 180 for the U.S. and has never been this high in April or May in any year. National average prices for alfalfa and other hay are up year over year. March prices for alfalfa were \$181/ton compared to \$172/ton last year. Other hay prices in March were \$142/ton versus \$134/ton one year ago. There are indications

that beef cow liquidation is accelerating. March monthly beef cow slaughter was up 10.2 percent year over year. Recently weekly beef cow slaughter data in April is increasing but is difficult to interpret compared to pandemic disrupted levels one year ago.

Overall cattle market conditions are still expected to improve year over year in the second half of the year. However, current challenges are somewhat more severe and taking longer to clear than earlier expected. Market conditions are very dynamic now and the next few weeks may determine the tone of markets for the remainder of the year.

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Elmdale, 1 blk	800@80.00	Tampa, 3 blk	808@120.00
Hope, 1 bwf	775@78.00	BRED COWS	
White City, 1 bwf	1440@71.50	Lincolntonville, 3, 6 yr & up 2nd & 3rd stage	1633@1063.00
Junction City, 1 bwf	1500@70.00	Florence, 5	1138@980.00
Burdick, 1 red	1040@70.00	Lehigh, 2 blk	1045@960.00
Lehigh, 1 blk	1345@69.50	Lehigh, 2 blk	1028@850.00
Junction City, 1 blk	1450@69.00	Council Grove, 1 char	1320@820.00
Burdick, 1 red	1235@68.00	Council Grove, 6, 7 yr & up 2nd & 3rd stage	1270@790.00
Lincolntonville, 1 char	1510@66.50	HEIFERS	
Lincolntonville, 2 rd/blk	1455@65.80	Elmdale, 7 blk	521@138.00
Elmdale, 1 blk	1410@65.50	Tampa, 4 blk	668@120.00
Elmdale, 1 blk	1665@65.00	Marion, 18 blk	814@117.75
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NBB asks USDA to support biodiesel in pilot programs, climate smart agriculture

The National Biodiesel Board recently filed comments in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's requests for public input on the Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad and a Rural Energy Pilot Program. NBB recommends that USDA leverage existing programs and create new pilot programs to support harvesting annual oil seed cover crops, update the lifecycle analysis of biodiesel, and expand biodiesel education.

"NBB appreciates the recognition that biofuels are part of the solution to address the climate crisis, and with the right incentives and market demand biodiesel is ready now to achieve the goals laid out in the Executive Order," writes Kurt Kovarik, NBB's vice president of federal affairs, in the comments.

"Biodiesel reduces carbon on average by 74%, and it cuts particulate matter and other criteria pollutants in both transportation and home heating," Kovarik added. "Biodiesel and renewable diesel are

the most widely available advanced biofuels today; they've helped the nation reduce carbon for the past decade or more. And we appreciate USDA's continued recognition that they deserve a seat at the table as the nation addresses climate change over the coming decades."

NBB's recommendations on Tackling the Climate Crisis include:

Under NCRS, allow harvesting of oilseed cover crops that produce low-carbon-intensity feedstocks.

Conduct an up-to-date analysis of lifecycle emissions for soybean-oil-based biodiesel.

Recognize biodiesel's ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants such as particulate matter as the agency incorporates environmental justice considerations.

Seek permanent funding for the Biodiesel Education Program, the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program, and the Advanced Biofuels Payment Program.

NBB's recommendations on the Rural Energy Pilot Program include:

Expand this pilot program beyond distributed power to include biodiesel, renewable diesel, and Bioheat® fuel.

Provide grants to fully fund feasibility studies and business planning based on project merits and anticipated outcomes for both distributed power and biofuel related projects.

Offer grants to fund education to create sustainable pilot outcomes.

Modify or broaden the rural eligibility definition.

The U.S. biodiesel and renewable diesel industry supports 65,000 U.S. jobs and more than \$17 billion in economic activity each

year. Every 100 million gallons of production supports 3,200 jobs and \$780 million in economic opportunity. Biodiesel production supports approximately 13 percent of the value of each U.S. bushel of soybeans.

Made from an increasingly diverse mix of resources such as recycled cooking oil, soybean oil and animal fats, biodiesel and renewable diesel are better, cleaner fuels that are available now for use in existing diesel engines without modification. NBB is the U.S. trade association representing the entire biodiesel and renewable diesel value chain, including producers, feedstock suppliers, and fuel distributors.

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Flint Hills Classic Spring Livestock Show held in Eureka

The 2021 Flint Hills Classic Spring Livestock Show was held on Sunday, April 25th at the Greenwood County Fairgrounds in Eureka. Four species - beef, goats, sheep and swine - were shown by 4-H and FFA students from all over Kansas and other states. There were a total

of 543 animals shown in showmanship, market and breeding classes.

Grand and Reserve Overall Champions of Showmanship, Breeding and Market classes won custom-made belt buckles and Showtimes banners. First and second place class winners won cash

prizes.

Sheep Show Results - 78 Market Lambs, 31 Commercial Ewes

Judge - Cooper Bounds
 Grand Commercial Ewe - Raine Garten, Abilene; Reserve Commercial Ewe - Brynn Boggs, Buhler; Grand Market Lamb Overall - Hunter Miller, El Dorado; Reserve Market Lamb Overall - Brynn Boggs, Buhler; Senior Grand Showman - Emery Yoho, Yates Center; Senior Reserve Show-

man - Carter Nash, Parsons; Intermediate Grand Showman - Brynn Boggs, Buhler; Intermediate Reserve Showman - Carter Watson, Baldwin City; Junior Grand Showman - Marlee Massey, Carl Junction; Junior Reserve Showman - Quinlyn Yoho, Yates Center. Grand Greenwood County Only - Lyle Perrier, Eureka.

Results and photos of the other species will be published in future issues.



Raine Garten of Abilene showed the Grand Champion Commercial Ewe at the 2021 Flint Hills Classic Spring Livestock Show in Eureka.



Brynn Boggs of Buhler, Kansas led the Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe.



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Brynn Boggs, Buhler, showed the Reserve Champion Market Lamb at the Flint Hills Classic Spring Livestock Show.



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ANTIQUE TRACTORS: 1938 JD D tractor, runs, on rubber; #267; JD 3 bottom plow; JD 8' one way; Killefer Mfg. Co. plow, #184; Moline plow; Grand Detour 4 bottom disk plow; Fresno; Russel road drag; Adams Lean Chevy truck Cab & Chassis, runs.

ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT: David Bradley manure spreader (restored); IHC 3 bottom plow, 2 pt.; JD 10' one way plow; JD walking plow (nice); Wood- en single walking plow; Walk behind cultivator (nice); Newell Sanders Plow Co. disc plow; JD planter, #400; JD Sulky plow, #267; JD 3 bottom plow; JD 8' one way; Killefer Mfg. Co. plow, #184; Moline plow; Grand Detour 4 bottom disk plow; Fresno; Russel road drag; Adams Lean wheel grader, #10, Ser. #9735; 8' speed mover.

PARTS & OTHER ITEMS: 6' & 8' propane tank end caps, new 1/2" thick; Assorted large rake & drill wheels; Assorted front tractor weights, D & 4020; JD block & several heads; Steel wheel lugs; JD D fenders, 1940 & up; **Other Items!**

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<p>We sold 1379 cattle May 4. Steer and heifer calves were \$5.00-10.00 lower. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to \$3.00 lower. Cows and bulls were steady to \$3.00 lower.</p>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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