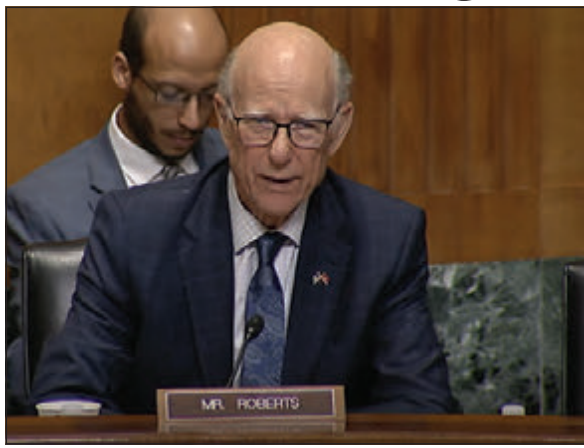




Roberts urges swift passage of USMCA during Finance Committee hearing

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) recently discussed the importance of passing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) during the Senate Finance Committee hearing titled, "The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement."

As chairmen of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Roberts has heard first-hand from producers, farmers, ranchers and growers who would benefit from the passage of this trade agreement. During the hearing, Roberts questioned the witnesses on how the impact USMCA will have on the agriculture industry and future trade agreements with other countries.



Sen. Pat Roberts questioned witnesses regarding the impact USMCA will have on the agriculture industry, as well as future trade agreements during a Senate Finance Committee's hearing.

Courtesy photo

"When I was in the House, I worked on the original NAFTA and over the years, been witness to the United States economy's impressive gains from having Canada and Mexico as two of our strongest trading partners," Roberts told the committee. "Many of these benefits are seen up and down the agriculture value chain. NAFTA secured greater market access for producers, and currently, over a quarter of our country's agricultural exports are destined for Canada and Mexico."

Roberts said that while it's clear the United States has benefitted from NAFTA over the past twenty years, everyone can agree it is necessary to modernize the trading relationship to solidify the future trilateral partnership.

"As many of our witnesses have shared in their testimony, with much uncertainty surrounding U.S. trade policy, the passage of USMCA is essential to expand critical market access and create new trade opportunities," he said. "At a time when the U.S. agriculture industry is facing incredible challenges, we must offer greater certainty and predictability for the farmers and ranchers across the country."

Farmers team with Kansas Water Office to present Water Technology Field Days

Technology keeps evolving to help crop producers make every drop of water count on the fields. To demonstrate the latest in crop irrigation technology, farmers in numerous counties are teaming with the Kansas Water Office to present Water Technology Field Days in several locations throughout August and September.

"I want to thank the growing number of forward-thinking producers who are our partners in the water technology farms," said Kansas Water Office acting director Earl Lewis. "The results from these farms continue to show that by using more technology, producers can continue to grow crops, get the yields they want to see, use less water, and still see an increase in their bottom line."

The field days are designed for producers to see how the newest research and technology is being applied in real-life settings in different areas of the state. Five more Water Technology Farm projects were implemented in 2019 with a total of 15 Water Technology Farm projects, on more than 40 fields throughout the state but concentrated overlying the High Plains

Aquifer.

The upcoming field day dates and locations include:

* Aug. 8 – Tribune – Homeland Farm – 5 p.m.

* Aug. 9 – Hesston – Jacob, Weber and R&E Goring Farms – 10:30 a.m.

* Aug. 20 – Scott City – Circle C and Long Farms – 10:30 a.m.

* Aug. 23 – Larned – WaterPACK & ILS Farm – 10:30 a.m.

* Sept. 4 – Goodland – NW KS Tech College Farms – 9:30 a.m. (multiple events)

* Sept. 5 – Garden City – The GCC-Roth Family, T&O and Harshberger Farms – 10:30 a.m.

* Sept. 5 – Liberal – Hatcher Land & Cattle Farm – 5 p.m.

* Sept. 10 – Troy – Loess Hills Water Quality Farm – 9 a.m.

For the third year Northwest Kansas Technical College is also participating by providing learning and workforce development training for its students. Northwest Kansas Technical College's Precision Agriculture department partners with local landowners on projects in the surrounding counties. In these projects, the students and landowners receive in-field training and hands on experience implementing water efficiency technologies. With supplier partnerships, students will be exposed to multiple types of soil moisture probes, pivot controls, irrigation scheduling systems and other water management tools.

KWO provides financial assistance to Kansas State University's efforts to give technical support for some of the technology farms. "K-State Research and Extension is committed to developing and promoting new irrigation technologies that will be environmentally and economically efficient while conserving and protecting limited water resources," said Ernie Min-

ton, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of K-State Research and Extension. "The K-State research and Extension services conducted at these Water Technology Farms significantly advances the knowledge of the most efficient water management technology and practices."

The Water Technology Farms wouldn't be possible without key public-private partnerships and support from the following:

Kansas Water Office, Kansas Corn Commission, K-State Research and Extension, 96 Agri Sales, AgLeader-SMS, Agrela Ecosystems, AgSense, AgVenture - Dorn Seeds, American Implement, American Irrigation, American Robotics, Amvac - Simpas, AquaSpy, Autonomous Pivot, Bactifield, BASF, Bayer Ag, Central Plains Equipment, Ceres Imaging, Channel Seed, The Climate Corporation, Climate/FieldView, Conestoga, Crop Quest, Crop Metrics, Dane G.Hansen Foundation, Davis, Dekalb, DigiFarm, Doniphan County Conservation District, Dragon-Line, Encira, Farm Reign, Farmers Edge, Fieldnet by Lindsay, Fontanelle, Franklin Farms, Frontier Ag, The Garden City Company, Golden Harvest Seeds, Golden Plains Equipment, Great Plains Precision Ag, Groundwater Management District No. 1, Groundwater Management District No. 2, Groundwater Management District No. 4, Growsmart by Lindsay, Heartland Soil Services, Hemisphere GNSS (Outback Guidance), Highland Community College, Inman Irrigation, Innovative Livestock Services, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Agriculture- Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture- Division of Conservation, Kansas Depart-

KFB holds Centennial Tour



Matt Perrier, left, discusses the operation at Dalebanks Angus Ranch, Eureka, during one of the stops on the Kansas Farm Bureau Centennial Tour held July 29-31. Other sites on the tour included Juniper Hill Farms, Lawrence; Bluestem Elementary School, Leon; Eberly Farms, Wichita; Cargill, Wichita; Water Tech Farm, Radium; Nu Life, Scott City; KSU Research and Extension, Colby; and Colby Community College.

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Agri-Pulse president to headline 2019 KSU Risk & Profit Conference August 22-23

Every day presents opportunities and challenges in agriculture. Kansas State University's Risk & Profit Conference is a place to hear updated information Aug. 22-23 on topics ranging from big decisions farmers and ranchers must make under the new Farm Bill to the latest on trade conflicts and their effect on agriculture; income tax updates; farmland values and much more.

The 2019 conference, Policy Perplexity: Farm Bill, Trade and Profitability starts with registration at 10:30 a.m. and lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22 at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan.

Sara Wyant, president of Agri-Pulse Communications will give the keynote address following the opening luncheon. Her newsletter and website, Agri-Pulse, features updates on farm policy, commodity and conservation programs, trade, food safety, rural development and environmental programs.

The afternoon offers breakout sessions on a variety of topics, followed by a social and prime rib dinner, plus "A Conversa-

tion with a Producer." This year's conversation is with Phil and Sharron Knox, fourth-generation farmers in the family business.

Friday's conference lineup includes a "Grain Market Situation and Outlook" and "Beef Cattle Market Outlook" plus more breakout sessions and lunch.

Nineteen breakout topics are planned, including:

"Weathering the Storm in Agriculture: Developing Skills to Cope with Farm Stress"

"Predicting Fertilizer Prices"

"KFMA Cow-Calf Management Data Collection Results"

"Comparing Willingness to Supply and Willingness to Pay for Cattle Traceability"

"The Effect of Wind Turbines, Groundwater Stocks and Irrigation on Land Values"

"Farm Finance Update"

Some of the sessions will be repeated. For a complete list of session topics, parking and hotel information, check online or contact Rich Llewellyn at rvl@k-state.edu or 785-532-1504.

Keeping the routine



When you take dairy cattle to the fair, provisions must be made for the twice-daily milking. Above, Nathan Featherstone hooks up a portable milking machine shortly after the dairy judging at the Riley County Fair last week.

The Featherstones show Jersey cattle. Right, Allen Featherstone empties the canister between cows. The milk will be taken back to the farm and fed to baby calves.

Photos by Donna Sullivan

Insight

KANSAS FARM BUREAU
The Voice of Agriculture

Mapping the Future

By Glenn Brunkow,
Pottawatomie County
farmer and rancher

Last week was Kansas Farm Bureau's Centennial Tour. This event celebrated Kansas agriculture across the state and highlight its diversity and ingenuity. There was lots of good food, celebration and, most importantly, great fellowship. Kansas Farm Bureau has a lot to celebrate, and it was a party from one end of this great state to the other.

While we should reflect on our accomplishments and what we have achieved over the last 100 years, this is also the time to look toward the next 100. What will this organization look like in 2119? Who will

our members be? What will agriculture look like, and how will we grow our food in the next century? All are questions we should ask but also all are questions I guarantee we do not have the answers to.

In the next couple of months, we will get a report from our Strategic Planning Committee, which was convened to take a stab at what KFB will look like in the future. Committee members represent a cross section of Kansas Farm Bureau and the diversity of agriculture it represents.

In true grassroots Farm Bureau style, each individual Farm Bureau member had the opportunity to provide input

about the future of our organization and what it should look like. Everything was scrutinized, and every path was explored. No rocks were left unturned. What are we doing right and what could be improved? The committee worked tirelessly, and many hours, much energy and thoughtful contemplation went into the final document.

I cannot wait to see this road map we will be given to start our journey into the next 100 years. More importantly, I am so proud to be part of an organization that has the foresight to plan while celebrating the past. That kind of forward thinking is what has made Farm Bureau the voice of agriculture and a place for everyone involved in the production of food and fiber.

I am sure the next 100 years will bring even more innovation to our industry. I am sure we cannot even begin

to imagine what changes will happen. I am also equally sure that Kansas Farm Bureau will be able to adapt, change and continue to be a resource for Kansas farmers and ranchers.

So, this week, lets renew old friendships, celebrate our accomplishments and enjoy the journey of the past 100 years. While we are doing that, we will be looking at the road into the future knowing Kansas Farm Bureau will continue to lead the way and continue to be the most inclusive, general farm organization in Kansas with a place for all producers. Here is to 100 years of accomplishments and to the next 100 years of growth and success.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

Last week, as I sat in my air-conditioned office working on the next issue of *Grass & Grain*, my mind... and heart... were across town at the Riley County Fairgrounds. The fair was in full swing and my two sons, their wives and children were entrenched in all the activities it entails. The brutal heat wave we'd experienced the prior week had broken, and while it was still hot, we all knew it could have been much worse.

As I worked, the logical part of my brain told me I should be happy to not be out in the heat, that I should be glad my days in the livestock barn were long past and that it was one item I could check right off my list of things to concern myself with.

But it's not that easy. When I look back on the years we spent in 4-H, the county fair was one of the major highlights of our year, ranking right up there with Christmas or family vacations. We were a first-generation 4-H family and had a lot to learn. Fortunately, we were surrounded by seasoned veterans who guided us along the way. My husband was an over-the-road truck driver at the time, so the majority of the tasks were accomplished by the kids and I. There were times that tensions ran high

and tempers were short, but somehow, we always made it through. Projects were completed, lessons learned and memories made. I truly believe 4-H played a large role in who each of my kids are today.

The grandkids will now pledge their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service and their health to better living... for their club, their community, their country and their world.

Now it's their parents' turn to worry about getting the show box packed, the projects entered, the paperwork all turned in and all the other things 4-H and the fair entails. Grandpa and I get to just sit in the stands, pride in our hearts and lumps in our throats; whisper words of encouragement into little ears, buy the snow cones, take the pictures...

With the fair now over, life is supposed to return to some semblance of normal for a few weeks before school starts. But there's no house as dirty as a house after fair week; there's no tired like post-fair tired, and it will be weeks before their vehicles lose the aroma of show pen sawdust.

I miss that smell... but I'm so thankful for everything it represents.



USDA to survey county small grains acreage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Kansas, for its County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS).

The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, as well as yield and production of small grain crops down to the county level. CAPS will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops in the United States.

"The data provided by producers will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Doug Bounds, Kansas State statistician. "I

hope every single producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers can lose out when there are no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections and more. NASS cannot publish these important county level estimates when an insufficient number of producers complete and return this survey. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency do not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers."

"As required by federal law, all responses are completely confidential," Bounds continued. "We safeguard the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. Individual responses are also exempt from the Freedom of Information Act."

Producers can respond by mail or on-line via NASS's secure reporting website. Producers that do not respond by mail or on-line will be contacted by NASS to help ensure their county is accurately represented. In 2018, NASS was unable to publish several large producing counties due to lack of a sufficient number of responses. Survey results will be published on the NASS Quick Stats database (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>) at 2:00 pm Central time on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019.



It's funny sometimes how the sermon on Sunday morning hits home - those times when the sermon is done, and you want to ask the people around you if they had heard the same thing because you are afraid it was just meant for you and no one else.

Last Sunday was that case for me. The sermon was about appreciating what you have been given and not wanting something more. That is one of my worst problems, it seems that material happiness is just always outside of my grasp, I can see it and I know what I want but I can never quite attain it. It appears I spend my whole life wanting more instead of appreciating all that I do have.

The pastor asked us how much money is enough, a million, ten million, a billion; just how much money is enough? We all feel like we are struggling each day to get by when many of us live a life that most of the other people in this world can only dream of. Even at a poverty level those of us in the United States have a better standard of living than most of the rest of the world. Yet with all of that it is never enough, and we want more.

My old pickup has a hole in the seat, a few dings on it and more and more miles all the time. I really don't have any problems with it, but I find myself gazing at the car lots as I go by and wondering what a new one would be like. Do I need a new pickup? No, this one is doing just fine. And would it make me any happier? Probably not and the payment would add stress. Yet I can't get the thought out of my mind.

I would guess it is a human condition to a certain extent, but I would also bet that we Americans have taken it to a whole new level. We feel entitled to luxuries most cannot even dream of. Don't have a cell phone, the government will help you get one. Internet and television are two things most can't dream of living without, including me; but do we really need them? I am not sure; I am just posing the question.

Am I saying that we either need to give up the lifestyles we live or feel bad that we have them? Absolutely not.

What I am saying is that we need to be more appreciative of what we do have and not spend as much time thinking about what we don't have. For the most part, we have the lifestyle we live because of where we were born. Yes, we all work very hard for what we have but there are places where all the hard work in the world won't get you ahead. We work for what we want and not to merely survive and that is the difference between us and most of our fellow world inhabitants.

Please also don't think I am trying to be condescending; it is a message I needed to hear as much or more than anyone else. I always feel like if I had just a little more money or upgraded something else my life would be easier or better. Most of the time this is simply not true. In short, I should spend more time being grateful for the blessings in my life instead of being distracted by the next shiny thing.

I am sure that I don't appreciate how lucky I am to be born where I am and in the time I live in. We have it so good. This is where the sermon really hit me. Maybe if I didn't spend so much time worrying about what I don't have and feeling like I never have enough, I would spend more time thinking about those around me and what they need.

If we realize that we have been blessed with enough and that our lives really are comfortable then we can reach out to those who do need our help. I bet if I was not as worried about what I don't have it would open my eyes to the world around me. At the very least it would ease a lot of the worry and stress that I put on myself unnecessarily if I wasn't worried about what thought I needed.

In any case, I got the message and if I wasn't so embarrassed about needing a message like that, I would have asked those around me for their thoughts. I guess the Good Lord knows me well and I know he had been sending me subtle messages for a while but often the direct one is the only way to get my attention. The message was heard and received and now to the hard part and that is living up to it because I am a little worried about what comes next.

Cattlemen's Beef Board launches redesigned website

The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB) has launched a newly redesigned and updated website at www.beefboard.org that will make it easier for cattle producers to quickly find information about the national Beef Checkoff program.

"One of our primary goals is to better communicate with producers so that they know exactly how their checkoff dollars are being spent," said Greg Hanes, CEO of the Cattlemen's Beef Board. "By updating our website, we're continuing our mission of clear communication that will help producers become more aware of how the checkoff is positively influencing beef demand."

The website now features revised navigation and a blog-like structure that makes it easier for visitors to quickly find content and information that's relevant to their unique needs and interests. Key information - including frequently asked questions (FAQs), the Beef Industry Long Range Plan and an explanation of how checkoff money is invested - is readily available on the website's home page.

In 2018, the CBB launched The Drive, a complimentary producer newsletter that contains the latest industry facts, statistics and stories highlighting the many ways checkoff dollars are driving demand for beef worldwide.

For more information, visit <https://www.beefboard.org/>.



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Crop insurance protects America's heartland

An op-ed from Farm Policy Facts

Historic rains this spring brought devastation to farming communities across the Midwest. As floodwaters rose, farmers had just hours to evacuate their families. Equipment was destroyed, grain was ruined and livestock was lost. The usual positivity and

optimism that defines rural America started to wane.

Farmers, however, know that they can rely on the farm safety net established by Congress to help them pick up the pieces.

Groundwork caught up with Ruth Gerdes, president of Auburn Agency Crop Insurance, in late June while

she was on Capitol Hill to testify before the House Agriculture Committee about what she calls the "the jewel in the crown of U.S. farm policy."

As a crop insurance agent, Gerdes saw the dire situation in the Midwest unfold firsthand. In fact, at the time of recording, many of the farmers she serves were still scrambling to reclaim and plant any portion of the fields they could.

"It's been quite a year. In 40 years of living and working in southeast Nebraska, I've never seen anything like it," she said. "Our farmers are struggling to try and figure out what comes next."

Her colleague Kent Fisher echoed these concerns, saying, "Typically an optimistic group, (farmers) seem to be getting beat down with the uncertainty of what's going to happen next year and if they'll even be able to farm."

Crop insurance is a valuable risk management tool that draws on the power of private industry to efficiently process claims and provide farmers with timely assistance.

Gerdes emphasized the importance of the crop insurance program in her congressional testimony, saying, "While U.S. farm policy offers a number of risk management tools to farmers, ranchers, and dairy producers to help them through low prices and extreme weather events, crop insurance stands out as the single most important tool that farmers have."

Advances in technology have made this program even more responsive to the needs of rural America. Precision agriculture and GPS mapping technology means that insurance claims can be paid even when fields are inaccessible, a tool that has proven to be critical when determining losses for farmers whose fields remain underwater.

"We always strive to be a little bit better every day in crop insurance," Gerdes says.

This results in a federal program that not only provides a very real and valuable service to America's heartland, but is a win for taxpayers as well. This is a rarity in federal policy and should be championed and protected by policy-

makers. Recovery from this very soggy spring will be a long process and farmers will have to make hard choices. But they are thankful that the safety net provided by the federal crop insurance program means they can continue to farm another

year. Listen to this episode of Groundwork on iTunes or at FarmPolicyFacts.org and subscribe for interviews from farmers and industry experts about the issues driving rural America today.

Kansas Soybean Commission schedules August 26 meeting

The Kansas Soybean Commission (KSC) will conduct its annual meeting Monday, Aug. 26, at the Kansas Soybean Building in Topeka. It is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

During that meeting, the commissioners will elect officers for the coming year and approve their request for proposals (RFP) for fiscal year 2021 research and education projects.

Other discussion topics will be current and future research projects, market-development activities, educational programs, and administrative items. To obtain a complete agenda or to suggest additional matters for deliberation, contact KSC administrator Kenlon Johannes at johannes@kansassoybeans.org or call the Kansas Soybean office at 877-KS-SOYBEAN (877-577-6923).

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GRASS & GRAIN Our Daily Bread

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

Nancy Sparks, Clay Center, Submits This Week's Winning Recipe

Winner Nancy Sparks, Clay Center: "I like this recipe because no need to seal the jar ... put veggies in large jar and store in refrigerator."

QUICK PICKLED VEGGIES
 2 cups apple cider vinegar
 2/3 cup sugar
 1/4 cup kosher salt
 3 garlic cloves
 1 teaspoon mustard seed
 1 teaspoon black peppercorns
 1/2 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper

8 cups assorted cut vegetables (possible vegetables: cauliflower, carrots, sliced parsnips, halved brussels sprouts, radishes, green beans, bell pepper rings)

Bring first 7 ingredients and 2 1/2 cups of water to boil in large pan (not aluminum) over medium heat. Boil 1 minute. Let stand 30 minutes. Cook vegetables one at a time in boiling water to cover 1 to 2 minutes until crisp-tender. Plunge into ice water to stop cooking and drain. Put vegetables in 2 1/2-quart container. Pour vinegar mixture over vegetables. Let stand 1 hour. Cover and chill 1 day. Store in refrigerator.

JoAnne Breault, Wamego: "This is an easy and favorite summer pie of mine. I sometimes substitute peach gelatin for the strawberry gelatin which is very good. Nice to make when these fruits are at summer's best!"

STRAWBERRY PIE
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 1 cup sugar
 12 ounces 7UP (can use water if you prefer)
 3-ounce box strawberry gelatin
 4 cups halved or sliced fresh strawberries

9-inch pie crust, pre-baked
 Cool Whip
 Line pie crust with strawberries. Combine cornstarch, sugar and 7UP (or water) in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil then simmer stirring constantly until thickened. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Pour gelatin mixture over strawberries. Chill until set. To serve top with Cool Whip, if desired. IF any leftovers refrigerate! Enjoy!

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma: GRILLED CORN WITH BACON BUTTER

4 slices bacon
 1 stick salted butter
 1 cup fresh parsley chopped
 Salt & pepper
 6 ears corn, shucked

Heat grill on medium high. Cook the bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels then crumble; reserve the bacon fat. Put the butter in a processor and pulse until smooth. Add the parsley, bacon and 2 tablespoons bacon fat and pulse until the butter is slightly chunky. Season with salt and pepper. Place each ear of corn on a sheet of foil and spread each with about 1 tablespoon of the bacon butter. Season with salt and pepper. Wrap tightly and grill turning halfway through until the corn is tender, about 6 minutes. Could take longer according to your grill. Unwrap and spread with the remaining bacon butter.

Bernadetta McCollum, Clay Center: "This is a quick and easy dessert with peaches now in season. Ice cream on top is good!"

PEACH CRISP
 1 cup flour
 1/3 cup sugar (granulated)
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 stick salted butter, cut into pieces

7 to 8 peaches, peeled & sliced (use firm, not soft peaches)
 Grated zest & juice of 1/2 lemon
 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl mix flour, both sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt using a fork. Add the

butter and mix it good into the flour mixture. Combine peaches, lemon juice and zest into a large bowl. Add the maple syrup and stir well. Pour the peach mixture into a 1 1/2-quart baking dish and cover evenly with crumb topping. Bake until crisp and brown on top, about 35 to 40 minutes.

Nancy Rhodes, Abilene: "Moist and good."

MAYONNAISE BISCUITS
 2 cups self-rising flour
 1 cup milk
 6 tablespoons mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Stir together flour, milk and mayonnaise in a large bowl until just combined. Let stand until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Drop by spoonfuls onto prepared baking sheet. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI MUFFINS
 1/2 cup butter
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 2 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 1/4 cups flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup shredded zucchini
 1/2 cup milk
 1 cup semi sweet chocolate morsels, divided

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 12-cup muffin cups with cooking spray. In a bowl beat butter, sugar and brown sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. In a bowl whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Add zucchini tossing to combine. With mixer on low add

flour to butter mixture alternately with milk. Stir in 3/4 cup chocolate morsels. Divide batter between the 12 muffin cups. Sprinkle with remaining morsels. Bake until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 18-20 minutes. Let cool in pan for 5 minutes. Remove and let cool completely.

Jackie Doud, Topeka: POTATO SALAD WITH MUSTARD & VINEGAR

2 large shallots, thinly sliced
 1/3 cup vinegar
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 3 1/2 pounds small Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
 2 tablespoons mustard
 2/3 cup olive oil
 Pepper, to taste

Combine the shallots in a large bowl with vinegar, sugar and salt. Set aside. Put the potatoes in a large pot and cover with water by an inch. Season with salt. Bring to a simmer and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain well and let sit in a colander about 10 minutes to cool slightly. Whisk the mustard into the shallot mixture. Season with pep-

per. Whisk the olive oil in a slow steady stream to make a slightly thick dressing. Add the warm potatoes and toss well. You can add more salt and pepper to taste if needed.

Lydia Miller, Westphalia:

ROCKY ROAD FREEZER PIE

1 1/2 cups half & half cream
 3.9-ounce package instant chocolate pudding mix
 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
 1/3 cup miniature marshmallows
 1/3 cup chopped pecans
 (1) 9-inch graham cracker crust

Chocolate sauce, optional
 Whisk the cream and pudding for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Stir in chocolate chips, marshmallows, pecans. Transfer to pie crust. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving. Makes 8 servings. 1 serving = 365 calories.

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OUR DAILY BREAD
 - by G&G Area Cooks

Abilene Resident, Mrs. Ray Engle, Is Winner 1969

Winner, Mrs. Ray Engle, R 3, Abilene: "This is a salad that's easy to make and everyone seems to like it. We are new subscribers to the Grass & Grain and really enjoy it very much."

APPLESAUCE SALAD
 1 package lemon gelatin
 1/2 cup red hots
 1 1/2 cups sweetened applesauce
 1 cup hot water
 1 3-ounce package cream cheese
 1/2 cup chopped celery
 1/2 cup salad dressing

Pour hot water over gelatin and red hots. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Add applesauce and pour half of mixture into mold. Allow to set. Blend cheese, chopped celery and salad dressing. Spread over the firm gelatin then add remaining gelatin mixture on top. Chill.

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By Barbara Ames, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Wildcat Extension District

Picnic and barbecue season offers lots of opportunities for outdoor fun with family and friends. However, these warm weather events also present opportunities for foodborne bacteria to thrive. To protect yourself, your family, and friends from foodborne illness during warm-weather months, safe food handling when eating outdoors is critical. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration offers these simple food safety guidelines for transporting your food to the picnic site, and preparing and serving it safely once you've arrived.

Pack & Transport Food Safely

Keep your food safe: from the refrigerator/freezer — all the way to the picnic table.

• **Keep cold food cold.** Place cold food in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs. Cold food should be stored at 40 degrees or below to prevent bacterial growth. Meat, poultry, and seafood may be packed while still frozen so that they stay colder longer.

• **Organize cooler contents.** Consider packing beverages in one cooler and perishable foods in another. That way, as picnickers open and reopen the beverage cooler to replenish their drinks, the perishable foods won't be exposed to warm outdoor air temperatures.

• **Keep coolers closed.** Once at the picnic site, limit the number of times the cooler is opened as much as you can. This helps to keep the contents cold longer.

• **Don't cross-contaminate.** Be sure to keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood securely wrapped. This keeps their juices from contaminating prepared/cooked foods or foods that will be eaten raw, such as fruits and vegetables.

• **Clean your produce.** Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water before packing them in the cooler — including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Rub firm-skinned fruits and vegetables under running tap water or scrub with a clean vegetable brush while rinsing with running tap water. Dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth towel or paper towel. Packaged fruits and vegetables that are labeled "ready-to-eat," "washed," or "triple washed" need not be

washed.

Follow Safe Grilling Tips

Grilling and picnicking often go hand-in-hand. Just as with cooking indoors, there are important guidelines that should be followed to ensure that your grilled food reaches the table safely.

• **Marinate safely.** Marinate foods in the refrigerator — never on the kitchen counter or outdoors. In addition, if you plan to use some of the marinade as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion separately before adding the raw meat, poultry, or seafood. Don't reuse marinade.

• **Cook immediately after "partial cooking."** Partial cooking before grilling is only safe when the partially cooked food can go on the hot grill immediately, for example at a home with a grill on the patio or deck.

• **Cook food thoroughly.** When it's time to cook the food, have your food thermometer ready. Always use it to be sure your food is cooked thoroughly. (See Safe Food Temperature Chart)

• **Keep "ready" food hot.** Grilled food can be kept hot until served by moving it to the side of the grill rack, just away from the coals. This keeps it hot but prevents overcooking.

• **Don't reuse platters or utensils.** Using the same platter or utensils that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood allows bacteria from the raw food's juices to spread to the cooked food. Instead, have a clean platter and utensils ready at grill-side to serve your food.

• **Check for foreign objects in food.** If you clean your grill using a bristle brush, check to make sure that no detached bristles have made their way into grilled food.

Find more information about these topics and others, by contacting the Wildcat Extension District offices at: Crawford County, 620-724-8233; Labette County, 620-784-5337; Montgomery County, 620-331-2690; Wilson County, 620-378-2167; Pittsburg Office, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP), 620-232-1930. Wildcat District Extension is on the Web at <http://www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu>. Or, like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wildcat.extension.district.

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I Hear Voices

By Lou Ann Thomas

I hear voices. Sometimes it is the voice of my mother telling me how to do something when I am not performing up to her high standards. Sometimes the voice is of a teacher pointing out an important footnote for my education. Sometimes the voice is of the school bullies who made me feel less than and broken every chance they could. But the voice I hear most consistently is the one with which I am most familiar.

It is my own voice. It is the voice that fills every opening between thoughts with commentary. Sometimes it is critical — "I can't believe you just said that - out loud! What were you thinking?" Sometimes it is sarcastic and caustic — "If anyone says anything about your outfit, tell them you're a clown on your way to a kid's birthday party." And sometimes The Voice just rambles on and on, usually while I am trying to sleep — "Hey! HEY! Wake up! You know if we got goats you wouldn't have to mow as much." This is when I dream of gagging The Voice.

However, The Voice can't be shut up and can be among the most judgmental and detrimental of all the voices we hear.

But it may also be our most powerful tool in creating a good and joy filled life. What we say to and about ourselves are the most important things we hear. Our inner voice can either tell the story of our life as a tragedy or as a triumph. If we allow it to constantly tell stories about ourselves that tear us down, find fault, point out all our foibles then our life story will always

be one of struggle and pain. But if we start telling a different story and use our voice to lift and encourage ourselves, to point out our successes and pluses then our life story is open to joy and deeper connection.

Isn't that what we do for our friends? We point out their positive traits and encourage them to be their best selves. Why aren't we doing that for ourselves? I talk to and about myself in ways that I would never express to a friend. I grow im-

patient with and blame myself in words I would never aim at someone else.

The voice of my parents, teachers, bullies or anyone else cannot be altered, but it is within my power to change the way I talk to myself and to begin to tell a different story. My inner voice is mine to transform into a more accepting, kind and loving expression.

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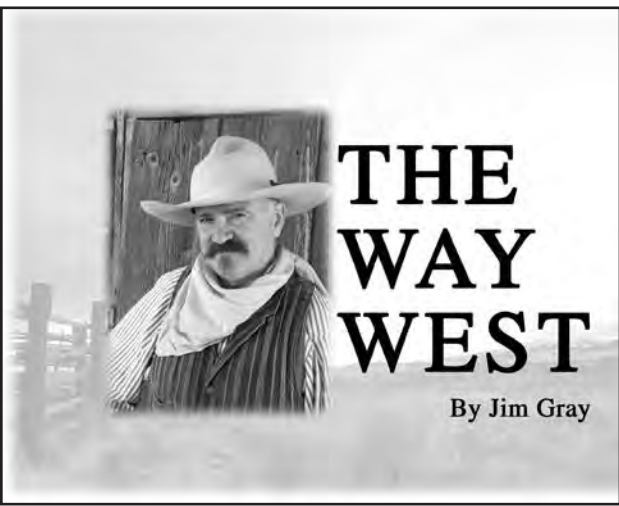
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The Cheyenne and Arapaho living on the high plains in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains seemed to tolerate the invasion, hoping the rov-

ing men would find the "yellow metal" they were seeking and go home. The Kiowa and Comanches were less welcoming. Increased travel across their northern range on the Santa Fe Trail had disrupted migration patterns of many of the free-ranging plains animals, especially the buffalo.

William Bent traded with all the plains tribes, but depended heavily on trade with the Cheyenne and Arapaho. In addition, Bent served the federal government as the Cheyenne-Arapaho Agent. He had "threaded the needle" many times to maintain a peaceful trading atmosphere. Bent recognized a troubling trend among Kiowa and Comanche

men in the fall of 1859.

When federal troops were present Kiowa and Comanche men seemed very peaceable. But when troops left to return to Fort Riley their passive manner "assumed a threatening attitude." The army responded in May of 1860, sending six companies of cavalry and four companies of dragoons into the field. They were to seek out and "punish" hostile Kiowas and Comanches.

In spite of their desire to punish the hostiles very few warriors were found. Two warriors were killed in a running fight (near Twin Buttes, Colorado). Sixteen women and children were taken captive. They were turned over to Agent William Bent before the dragoons returned to Fort Larned. Termination orders for the expedition reached the dragoons on August 11, 1860. The First Cavalry was on the trail of hostiles fleeing north into Nebraska. Oddly enough, the August 11, 1860, *Emporia News* carried several accounts of recent Indian atrocity.

An account reprinted from the *Council Grove Press* inaccurately reported that five bodies had been found on the Santa Fe Trail, Texas Rangers "300 strong, with 300 friendly Seminole Indians" were here to clean out the Kiowas and Comanches. The Kaws

(Kansas) from the Council Grove area were said to be "in league" with the warring Indians. There were no bodies. The "Texas Rangers" were probably a mistaken identification of the First Cavalry, as they had ranged as far south as Fort Arbuckle in Indian Territory. They were returning from the south when their scouts discovered an abandoned camp that resulted in the pursuit of the hostiles toward Nebraska. The scouts supporting U. S. troops were Council Grove's Kaw neighbors. Far from aiding the warriors, the Kaws rode to defeat their supposed allies.

The cavalry crossed the Solomon River close on the heels of their prey. There were occasional fights that led the troops over hill and valley across northern Kansas toward the Republican River. It had been four days since they had left the Solomon River. Near present-day Cambridge, Nebraska, on August 6, 1860, the troops crossed to the north side of the river to meet six hundred Kiowa and Comanche warriors. The advance squadrons attacked the line of warriors on both flanks as a third squadron charged directly through the

center. Colonel Edwin Sumner had advised the officers before leaving on the expedition to turn their flanks for "Indians can never stand that." He was right. The warriors broke and ran for the sandhills. The cavalrymen chased them for fifteen miles, killing twenty-nine warriors in the running fight. Following the fight, the First Cavalry reported to Fort Kearny where they were informed that the expedition had been terminated.

The *Emporia News* failed to carry a report of the cavalry's success, but it did tell a story of an apparent rescue of stolen horses from Kiowas associated with those encountered by the cavalry. From the *Topeka Record* another story told of a "Terrible Indian Fight" between the wild Cheyenne and Arapaho of the

plains and the Pottawattamie and Delaware hunters from the nearby reservations. The fight had taken place beyond Fort Riley on the Solomon River. Three hundred reservation Indians were rumored to have been killed and scalped. But those will have to be stories for another time.

For the most part the Kiowa and Comanche were doing the things they had done for generations. The perceived threat was more fearful imagination than fact 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.*



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Update to groundwater study announced

More than fifteen years ago data was collected by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) on the declining quality of groundwater in the Arkansas River region due to naturally occurring sources. The Kansas Water Office along with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Department of Agriculture will be working with KGS and Groundwater Management District No. 3 in a two-year study to collect current, updated data in the areas adjacent to the river and surface irrigation canals in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray, and Ford counties in response to a legislative resolution passed this past 2019 session, Senate Resolution No. 1729.

In an effort to help update data, a study area has been identified and the state of Kansas is providing the opportunity for domestic well owners in those areas who use their well(s) for drinking water purposes to have their water tested for free. Test results will be provided back to the well owner and used in the broader study to determine overall regional groundwater quality. Please note, water from public water supply systems is routinely tested and meets all safe drinking water standards, and therefore is not included in this study.

The state is working with the five listed county health departments and conservation districts have water sampling kits available to private well owners. This will be a phased approach starting with Hamilton County, followed by Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford. Those who use their well(s) for drinking water purposes are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to help update the water quality data in this study area. Participation in this study is voluntary.

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Soil Health Field Day to feature Dr. Kris Nichols

Kris Nichols, soil scientist and champion of regenerative agriculture, will be the featured presenter for a soil health field day on Tuesday, August 20th. Other speakers for the day include Kansas farmers, Ryan Speer, Michael Thompson, and Nick Vos. The field day will begin at Kauffman Seeds' facility at 9218 S. Halstead Street, Hutchinson, just west of Yoder. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with cover crop plot tours, temporary fence and water demonstrations, a rainfall simulator and other field presentations beginning at 8:15. Following the outdoor sessions, presentations will continue in the "Journey at Yoder" Activity Center, 3605 E. Longview Road, Haven. A complimentary lunch will be provided, and the event will conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sponsors for the day include Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc., the Reno County Conservation District, and

Kauffman Seeds. Dr. Nichols, previously the Chief Scientist for Rodale Institute and a research microbiologist for USDA, is the founder of an educational organization that promotes the regeneration of soils for healthier crops and people. Her current work is to identify biological farming methods that build rural resiliency through more efficient nutrient and water use, long-term economic viability, and the protection and regeneration of our soils. Ryan Speer of Jacob Farms near Sedgwick uses no-till, cover crops, and crop diversity to boost cash crop yields. Speer has developed partnerships with area livestock operations to reintroduce livestock into the cropping system. Jacob Farms is also the site of a multi-year water technology demonstration established by the Kansas Water Office. Michael Thompson of Almena has been committed

to improving soil health by using cover crops, high stock density rotational grazing, and zero-tillage on their farm in Norton County, Ks. and Furnas County, Neb. This engaging presenter is a creative thinker, who realized he needed to change his family's farm to make it viable for the next generation. Nick Vos grew up on a vegetable farm in South Africa but now farms and runs his seed business near Hugoton. The Vos family has created a successful operation in a fragile, arid region with the use of cover crops and the incorporation of Dorper sheep grazing crop fields. There is no cost for the event, but participants are asked to register by Friday, August 16 to guarantee a lunch and seating. Register online at www.cheneylakewatershed.org. You may also call or text Howard Miller at 620-727-6546.

NCGA testimony: EPA must account for RFS waivers

The National Corn Growers Association recently reiterated its call on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to keep the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) whole by accounting for waived ethanol gallons as the agency consid-

ers proposed biofuel targets for 2020. In testimony at an EPA hearing in Ypsilanti, Mich., NCGA Board Member and Ohio farmer John Linder pressed the agency to move forward with a stronger RFS

rule that supports America's farmers, their rural communities, and consumers. "The proposed rule we are discussing today allows retroactive refinery exemptions to continue to destroy demand for renewable fuels. In addition, the proposal ignores the D.C. Circuit Court's decision that EPA improperly waived 500 million gallons in 2016," Linder said. For 2020, EPA proposes to increase total renewable fuel blending by 120 million gallons and maintain an implied conventional ethanol requirement of 15 billion gallons. The proposal does not take into account EPA's ongoing practice of providing RFS waivers to big oil companies. These waivers have reduced RFS requirements by 2.61 billion ethanol-equivalent gallons, with 38 more exemptions pending. "These volumes are meaningless amid EPA's massive expansion of retroactive refinery waivers. Farmers have no confidence EPA will ensure these volumes are met - which the law requires - because EPA fails to account for projected waivers in this proposal," Linder said.

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While we are on the subject of squirrels...

Jake and I rode over to the neighbor's house the other evening, sat outside as the breezes cooled the land. We talked about crops and cows and machinery's breaking down. And then the topic turned to squirrels.

I don't see many squirrels in western Kansas, and with all the barn cats we have, certainly not any around the house. Apparently, another neighbor is trying to foster a squirrel population. The neighbors amuse themselves watching the little beasts rolling around ears of corn like monkeys, eating the germ of the kernel and spitting out the husk.

The neighbors are easily amused.

I have probably mentioned it before, but one of the things that fascinated me when I moved to Kansas was the color of the squirrels. We have done segments on Around Kansas about the famed black squirrels of Marysville, but the reddish-brown squirrels common in Topeka were just as foreign to me at first. The squirrels that my brother hunted in the hills and hollows behind the

Milk production up two percent in June

Milk production in Kansas during June 2019 totaled 313 million pounds, up 2 percent from June 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 162,000 head, 3,000 head more than June 2018. Milk production per cow averaged 1,935 pounds.

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house were gray. I assumed all squirrels were gray. Those reddish-brown squirrels were downright exotic to me. While others expressed their consternation at the mess they made of tree branches or in attics, I reveled in their merriment.

They provided me endless hours of pleasure, scurrying across the yard, circling around the trees, racing across the power lines. And I always marveled at their color...

Like my neighbors, I am easily amused.

For those interested, go to AroundKansas.com or our AGam YouTube channel to find the stories of Marysville's black squirrels, which really are pretty exotic!

Deb Goodrich is the host of Around Kansas TV Show and the Garvey Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum. She chairs the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail in 2021. Contact her at author.debgoodrich@gmail.com.

Brothers who sold deadly cantaloupe face Kansas hemp charges

(AP) – Two brothers from Colorado whose contaminated cantaloupe killed 33 people and hospitalized many more in 2011 are facing drug charges in Kansas related to an industrial hemp shipment.

Eric and Ryan Jensen grow industrial hemp – a non-intoxicating cannabis plant – at a farm run by Eric's son in Holly, Colorado, where industrial hemp is legal. They are accused of attempting to ship industrial hemp by FedEx through Kansas, where the crop is illegal, The Wichita Eagle reported.

The Jensens pleaded guilty in 2013 to causing a nationwide outbreak of listeria through infected cantaloupe grown at their farm. They were sentenced to home detention and ordered to pay thousands of dollars in restitution.

"We're still so far in debt from that deal that I don't know when we'll ever come out of it," Eric Jensen said of the cantaloupe case. "Both our reputation tarnished and everything else. We've been trying to dig out of it and was kind of hoping my son's deal with the hemp would kind of help us both to get out of it and we just keep getting deeper and deeper."

In January 2017, a FedEx truck picked up about 300 pounds of boxed-up hemp

from the Jensen farm in Holly, about ten miles from the Kansas border for shipment to California. The shipment went to a FedEx warehouse in Liberal, Kansas, to California. The Kansas Highway Patrol seized the shipment after employees reported that the shipment smelled like marijuana.

That seemed to be the end of it, but in January of this year, the Seward County Attorney's Office charged the brothers with four drug offenses, including three felonies, that accuse them of distributing marijuana or possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

Kade Goodwin, an assistant county attorney prosecuting the case, said he couldn't explain why two years passed before the charges were filed. Eric Jensen successfully fought an attempt to extradite

him to Kansas, and authorities have not tried to extradite Ryan Jensen.

Colorado requires industrial hemp to have less than 0.03% of THC, the chemical that produces a high in marijuana. Eric's attorney, Dodge City lawyer Van Hampton, is meeting roadblocks in his effort to have the THC concentration tested.

Hampton said Kansas authorities wouldn't let an independent lab in Denver test a sample. He said the Colorado Bureau of Investigation would conduct a test if Kansas requests it, but Kansas hasn't asked. And the judge in the case, Seward County District Court Judge Clint Peterson, is refusing to hear a motion to order testing, he said.


The Kansas Department of Agriculture, which has the only lab in the state able to

run the test, "hasn't been as cooperative as we'd like and we don't want to ship it off to a third party in another state," said Goodwin, who said he wants the package tested.

The state Agriculture Department does not test samples in criminal investigations, instead limiting its role to administration and regulation with the Kansas Industrial Hemp Research Program, said spokesman Jason Walker.

Without testing, the case is at a standstill.

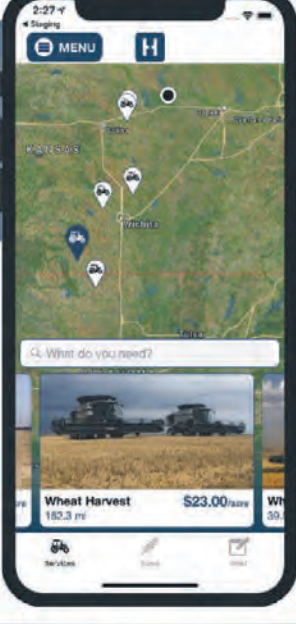
Goodwin at first suggested he would likely drop the case if a test showed the THC concentration at 0.3 percent or below. But he later clarified that "the prosecutor's office will look at it from all angles and make a determination, but we're not guaranteeing everything will be dismissed."



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ear with his finger. So, that narrows it down some. I came up with three suggestions for the good doctor. The anteater, the bird-dog and the cowboy. Even granting the anteater a modicum of intelligence, none of the three species suggested have been known for their good judgment. In addition, all are creatures of habit, work close to the ground and have a symbiotic relationship with another species which could be helpful in the collusion. There are some who might question the anteater's ears but you gotta admit he has smoker's lips! On a flyer I had called up Dr. David Kessler, Czar and Mahatma of the F.D.A. at the time, to find out what animals he might suggest that would satisfy their criteria. I had understood him to be a crusading anti-smoker and I thought this might be just what the doctor ordered. But anyone who has dealt with the F.D.A. knows they move with the speed of a glacier. Their motto, "No decision is a good decision." I'm still waiting for Dr. Kessler to return my call. I can only hope Phillip Morris is on hold, too.

KFB congratulates Joe Newland on appointment to Kansas House of Reps

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) congratulates Joe Newland, Wilson County farmer and KFB board member, on his appointment to the Kansas House of Representatives. Republican precinct committee members in southeast Kansas' 13th House District selected Newland on Saturday to replace Rep. Larry Hibbard, who announced his retirement earlier this month. Newland will begin serving in the Legislature when the House convenes in January, pending the approval of Gov. Laura Kelly. "The committee made an excellent selection in choosing Joe," KFB president Rich Felts says. "Joe has been dedicated in his service to Kansas Farm Bureau, and I know he'll continue that exemplary service for the people in the 13th District." Before joining the House, per KFB bylaws, Newland will resign from KFB's 3rd District, made up of Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson counties. Newland previously served KFB as a leader on the Wilson County Farm Bureau board of directors, served on state committees, in addition to working on school and bank boards. He and his wife, Dana, farm wheat, corn, soybean and hay, as well as manage a cow-calf herd near Neodesha. They have four children: Justin, Wade, Tyler and Jackie.

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110 mostly black cows 4 to 10 years bred to Shurtop Charolais or Mill Creek Angus & Mill Creek Hereford calve Sept 5th for short period all vacc all raised calf last year; 30 black cows 3 to 5 years heavy bred to black Wyoming origin; 40 cows; 90 black cows 4 yrs old bred to Angus some pairs; 65 black & BWF cows 5 years to broken bulls in Dec 15 to April 15 Molitor & Stucky Angus bulls; 37 black cows 5 to 9 years bred to Angus all 1 iron all raised a calf last year; 71 black & BWF cows 5 to 6 years old start Sept 15th bred to Nelson Sim/Ang or Judd Ranch Balancer complete dispersal of Fall cows all bought as 1st calf heifers; 15+15 black & red Angus pairs 2nd calf to solid mouth red & black calves worked, 185 Angus cows 4-8 yrs all raised calf every year bred angus start Sept 1 for 60 day dispersal), 40 blk cows 3-5 yrs heavy bred/bred Angus or Charolais, 6 blk fall bred heifers home raised bred to lbw blk bull, 8 bred cows 6 to older bred to blk bull, 110 blk/bwf cows 7-8 yrs heavy bred/bred to EBY Simm/Angus bulls, 14 blk cows 4-8 yrs fall bred to Conneally Angus bulls, 70 blk cows 4 to older bred Char or Simm/Angus start Sept 9th; 50 black fall bred cows 3 yrs old & coming with 2nd calf bred to Black Simm/Angus or Char/Angus bulls 60 day calving period; 51 60%Red Angus 40% Black Angus bred Red Angus most to calve in 40 days; 6+6 younger cows with July calves. PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME

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- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER METAL TOP
- 6'8" x 24' GOOSENECK STOCK TRAILER
- 42' ROUND BALE DUMP TRAILERS
- HEAVY DUTY FEED BUNKS (Silage & Grain)
- HEAVY DUTY 5000# GRAIN TOTE

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