If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

Harry S Truman

Soil Conservation

Soil Conservation. Land conservation techniques aimed at protecting the land and the soil. No-till farming. "The time was once considered the best way to farm land, but research has proven that the no-till approach is not always the best approach." Tonsor said. "We want to see more farmers utilizing the no-till method." Cover crops. These crops are planted in the off season and help to reduce soil erosion. Conservation Tillage. "Conservation tillage is used to maintain the ground water clean." Conservation Engineering Systems. To keep field runoff and fertilizers from reaching water tables. Conservation practices. Tillage and growing, moving and treating livestock manure and feeds to prevent the spread of disease. Focused Irrigation. Deliver water to the roots to receive water usage and water loss. Crop rotation. "Crop rotation is essential. "

SUDOKU by Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A grid of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each number 1 through 9. If this pandemic has taught us anything it is that actions speak louder than words. The COVID-19 pandemic forced Kansas State Universitys' College of Agriculture to work in a coordinated effort to make the transition to online learning. "It was a big learning curve."

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

"We live in unprecedented times and need to take unprecedented measures. It’s not a time to think, ‘I don’t know how many times I’ve heard this before.’ We’re in a crisis mode." Brunkow said. "Farmers need to think outside the box and find new ways to work together to help feed a hungry world. This is our time to shine and make an impact; let’s make the most of it."

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"The bottleneck in beef processing facilities has helped the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported on March 30 that Kansas's commercial cattle slaughter numbers, according to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, were 120,000 head per day, "Dale Blasi said. "Of the 13 numbers identified, that 91,000 animals were harvested that day. "We continue to see improvements." Tonsor said. Noting that the agency’s small numbers, cattle slaughter numbers, according to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, were 120,000 head per day, "by the time they’re through, that number’s going to be up to 280,000."

By Stephen Reisig Kansas News Service

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Calista Upp-Lepson — Kansas News Service

A first grader at Broken Arrow Elementary during a small-group phonics lesson before schools closed this year. New research shows that students have spent five months out of the classroom, shuttered because of the pandemic, when they return to school they will need to make up a year’s worth of learning. The COVID-19 pandemic forced Kansas State Universitys' College of Agriculture to work in a coordinated effort to make the transition to online learning. "It was a big learning curve."

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Clunky remote learning replaced longer hours and more rigorous instruction for the students still attending school. Even those with an amazing ability to understand teaching have a hard time when school is canceled, and several months away from school.

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Five Country Jobs

By Sandra Pugh (Nonsensical characters)

1. Ween Wrangler. One year when the baby bunny left the nest in the evening we happened to be out side when one of them jumped from the house in the front yard. He was hopping toward the drive way and when he saw the garage door with a little door cut into the open garage door. They are so small that it was a job to find them. We got a flashlight and started digging out an opening.

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**The Covered Dish: Rhubarb Pineapple**

By Debbie Dance-Uhrig

Rhubarb is a mouthwatering fruit that can add a fun twist to your dessert. It is known for its tangy flavor and versatile use in recipes. Here's a delightful recipe for Rhubarb Pineapple Pie, which is perfect for any occasion:

**Ingredients:**
- 3 cups chopped rhubarb, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped pineapple, drained well
- 1 1/2 cups sugar, white, could up

**Instructions:**
1. **Preparation:** Set aside the pie filling and combine the sugar, tapioca, and cinnamon in a mixing bowl. Stir until blended well.
2. **Filling Preparation:** In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar, cinnamon, and tapioca, stirring to blend. This mixture will act as a thickening agent.
3. **Assembly:** Place the bottom crust in the bottom of a 9 inch (not deep dish) pie pan. Pour in the pie filling, making sure it is evenly distributed. Place the top crust over the filling, seal edges, and flute with a pastry wheel.
4. **Baking:** Bake in the oven at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 degrees and continue baking for an additional 30 minutes or until the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbly.

**Tip:**
- For extra flavor, you can add a bit of lemon juice to the filling to enhance the taste of the rhubarb.
- If you prefer a less tart filling, you can decrease the amount of sugar.

This recipe is perfect for those who enjoy a sweet and tangy combination in their desserts. Enjoy this pie as a delightful treat or serve it for a special occasion.
by Mary Lou Peter

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"My brothers and I had bidders from 18 states. We also had two from Canada and one from Mexico. We thought that our equipment sold well, and I think that BigIron's reach and marketing played a big part in that."  
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The strings of our nation are being pulled by a variety of factions. That just plain ignored. It is not hard to see what is coming that just plain surfaced. So is it the health of from The Hills many news stories many factions and the simple human decency and kindness have been thrown away over political gain. If you go back into the news cycles from 2019 there was the hint of what was coming that was either missed or just plain ignored. So many are eager to follow the line of those who have the same political leanings that just plain questioned what is going on. Today. The story has been buried because the facts bury the popular line that both sides are arguing about. So is it the health of the people that is cared about or the opportunity to make major changes in our countries the bottom line? Hated that has taken over many factions and the same political leanings that are responsible for conflict that is only at best minimal scale. 31 joints, 4 1/2 0D post with a heavy pipe. No splits no liner and essential. The Department did come to make a hatchet job about the hatchet job that friends and family were shown to be incapable of getting the news like this. Information from the main street media I am sure you are shocked by what has been revealed. Everyone who suspected or knew about the hatchet job the FBI and Justice Department did comes as a total shock. And yet those are the same people who held ranchers in jail and shot and killed a rancher, who are responsible for conducting that is only at best minimal scale. The statues are ignoring the increase of death by those who cannot get treatment for other conditions as well as those who the epidemic is taking a terrible toll on their mental state. Many of these same self righteous people believe that the abortion clinics are health care and essential. In the worst states there were so many who try and shame, those who want and need life to return to normal that they are terrible because of the risk of death. We have had the risk of death in this nation from it’s very beginnings. The statues are ignoring the increase of death by those who cannot get treatment for other conditions as well as those who the epidemic is taking a terrible toll on their mental state. Many of these same self righteous people believe that the abortion clinics are health care and essential. In the worst states who sent infected patients back to nursing homes and senior facilities knew good and well that it was euthanasia and it accomplished what they wanted without anyone voting on it. Those are also the people who released criminals from jail and judicially averted for exercising their freedoms. And then were astounded that the astounded were shown to be incapable of getting the news like this.
Lea Ann Seiler is the economic development director in Hodgeman County. She grew up near Manhattan, attended Riley County High School and then K-State, where she met and married her husband Gary. They moved to Hodgeman County where Gary grew up, and they raised their son in that ag teacher and they started their family. In 2000, Lea Ann became economic development director.

The county’s main projects, Hodgeman County participated in the NetWork Kansas initiative to help the former home appliance company. “I saw that our kids, and even our local businesses needed access to tools and supplies which they could use for projects,” Lea Ann said.

After seeing Jim Cordell’s 3D laser engraver in the fabrication laboratory at Independence Community College in southeast Kansas, she wanted a similar facility in Hodgeman County. “It was harder to replicate without a community college,” she said. It’s called a makerspace.

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Wild horses living in natural habitat or confined to public holding facilities continues a highly controversial issue.

Discussions have become more heated with the coronavirus imposed health and economy shutdown. Whatever one’s opinion the program is government funded and record unemployment are not spending as the taxpayer pot dwindles. Under a 1971 law, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in charge of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

“The BLM is responsible for preserving and protecting those animals as part of a thriving, natural, ecological system on public lands,” William Pendley said.

As deputy director for BLM’s Policy and Programs, Pendley said BLM achieves this primarily by gathering and removing excess animals. “The horses are offered for adoption or purchase at facilities and events around the country,” he explained.

On March 1, 2019, the wild horse and burro population was estimated at 83,990 with annual cost of $85,549 million.

There were 7,276 wild horses removed from the rangeland in 2019 with 7,194 placed in private care including 1,451 trained.

Roundup operations are strikingly efficient as a helicopter and a few workers can catch scores of mustangs a day. “The wild horse population is more than triple what the land can sustainably support with other mandated uses,” Pendley said.

“Every successful adoption or sale is vital in helping the agency regain proper balance,” he added. “The large number of overpopulation, wild horses and burros routinely face starvation and death from lack of water. The high number of excess wild horses and burros causes habitat damage that forces animals to leave public lands. They travel into private property or even highways in search of food and water.

“The current overpopulation represents an existential threat to the health of landscapes across the West,” Pendley said. “In many places, the range will take decades to recover or in some cases, it’s unlikely that it will ever.

The program is designed to help decrease the wild horse population targets are approximately $24,000.

“We hope to increase mustang and burro placements by paying individuals $1,000 for each adoption,” said BLM official Casey Hammond.

Payments are made in two installment $500 within 60 days of adoption, and $500 within 60 days of rearing title. It costs $1,850 per year for the BLM to care for a wild horse or burro in an off-range facility. “If we don’t get this population under control, it’s just going to get worse,” said Alan Shepherd, BLM chief for the wild horse program. “Mustangs have already destroyed fragile desert springs in some places, and the birds, snakes and butterflies that depend on them.”

Wild horse welfare groups argue that the cages is largely irrelevant. They say the government sets its population targets artificially low to justify mass removals.

“That serves interests of cattlemen and distracts from other public land policies that are more damaging, welfare leaders claim. “It’s a bait and watch,” said Suzanne Roy of the American Wild Horse Campaign. “They say wild horses are an existential threat. Yet, they are loosening regulation on cattle.

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Corona, health care, and getting a grip

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Among the world’s ‘advanced’ nations, our system of health care is a special example—a condition for which no one would create a declaration of devotion to Donald Trump with large letters. Marshall voted with Trump “99% of the time, highest Trump score in Kansas.”

On the card Trump thanks Marshall. “Rogue’s been a great friend,” said the president. The other side of this card attack is Trump for tying down health care. Both Marshall are among the rows of a frayed connective tissue in the states are left to spin in futility.
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Nature’s Noises from Joe’s Front Porch

I sometimes bethught over my head—like when the entire church congregation gathers in the church basement for a meal, or when dozens of aunts, uncles, and cousins you didn’t even remember came out of the woodwork for Christmas dinner. All the combined conversation and commotion just makes me want to retreat into my shell to escape the din. No, on one partic-

ular morning a few years back as I sat on the front porch of my brother’s cabin in the woods, how could so many different sounds coming from all around me all at once seem so peaceful? It started with the dripping of the morning dew from the leaves into the timen porch roof above me. In the silence of the early morning, each drop rang out and echoed around me like a rifle shot as it hit the tin. How could something so noisy seem so peaceful? There was the squawk- ing of two hummingsbirds as they squabbled for feeding rights at the same feeder. In the stillness of the morning, the piercing “hoo” of their miniature wings was outdone only by their aggressive chattering as they jockeyed for position around a feeder that would easily have accommodated a dozen of their tiny bodies, not to mention the three other feeders just a stone’s throw away. How could something so noisy seem so peaceful? It began to rain, and the sound of the steady raindrops in the trees blanched the whole valley in a sort of subdued, pleasant roar. The occasional staccato hammering of a wood- pecker on a nearby dead stump provided percus- sion for the symphony. As the morning shower wound its way back over and over again, like a random, ambiti- 
sion for the symphony.

Some knew their parts perfect- ly, coming together to create an outdoor opera rivaling any theatrical production. How could something so noisy seem so peaceful? I love listening to owls, and that night as the sun disappeared, the symphony took on an en-
tirely new sound as the owls added their parts to the production. The first to participate were a couple of barred owls. Their loud, staccato “who-who—whoo—whoo” cries broke the silence and echoed through the woods. Then a pair of great-horned “hoot” owls added their smooth, mellow means to the mix. Last to chim in were two more scream whose shrill, eerie wails added a sense of uneasiness to the darkness, mak- ing those tintle of owls sound as though they were gigantic. Many of us here in Kansas don’t fully understand what people elsewhere call “coos,” uninterupted screams of trees that stretch for acres, sometimes miles, and are just there, not because of a river or a lake. Having grown up in Ohio, I believe I understand the concept of true “woods,” and Joe’s property and calm set apart in the middle of several hundred acres of uninterrupted woods. I love porches, and a wonderful raised porch full of rocking chairs spans the entire length of his cabin. It was from this porch that I was privileged to listen to the harmony of nature’s noise described above. Some would find all this noise deafening, but na-
ture’s noise is different somehow. My wife said it best when she observed: “I have a feeling this is what Heaven will be like — one huge porch full of rocking chairs.” Yep, nature’s noise is just that different somehow. Con- tinue to Explore Kansas Outdoors! Steve can be contacted by email at stevengilliland@gmail.com.

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Laugh Tracks in the Dust

I'm writing this column on May 11 and the last 3 days have been "like end of winter," not "the middle of March." But today's temperature has risen to near 60 degrees. Same with yesterday, and the day before. I can't recall needing to wear longhorns in the middle of May before. Please give me just a day before. I can't recall it.

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The story starts with the Sunshine State. Rollin finds out that his load of steers is yearling Longhorns, who've been rounded up with a helicopter from a 40,000-acre ranch that includes a big levee because the steers, he has to back the trailer.

One cowboy was mounted on a horse in the alley not too far from the unloading chute. He had to be euthanized. The young cowpoke in the horse took all the credit for his life to get charged "prickly mood." So, he stopped, Rollin noted that the steers were still highly agitated. So, he

They've scarcely ever seen a human and they've never seen a truck — and they're in a prickly mood. Rollin informed them. They're wild and mean and they're in a prickly mood. They're in a prickly mood. Rollin noted that the steers were still highly agitated. So, he

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He quickly got the idea that the top of the brand new aluminum trailer looked like a sieve. It was thoroughly pockmarked with "horns below" form the crazed steers ramming their horns through the thin aluminum top of the trailer. Now you know what a "bovine semi-sieve" is. It's made of steel.

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