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KCA & GoBob Pipe & Steel Announce Scholarship Program Recipients in Agricultural Communications. Her accolades include Miss

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) and GoBob Pipe & Steel Scholarship Program recently awarded scholarship offers for 2018. Applicants were required to submit a completed application form detailing their secondary education plans, focus of future study, a formal resume as well as an essay of 250-500 words covering one of three topics. Those topics ranged from the value of beef or protein in a well-balanced diet, the value of independent cattle producers in their community and how the lack of effective market competition has affected independent cattle marketing.

KCA received forty applications from highly qualified scholars. We were pleased to see that students today are doing some really amazing things, achieving exceptional academic success, and building promising futures for themselves and their generation. After careful consideration and review, the KCA Board of Directors offered six scholarship awards. All non-awardees were also offered a complimentary membership to KCA for a year.

Chelsey Bieberle, Bushton, daughter of Jerry and Audria



Bieberle has been awarded a \$400 scholarship. Chelsey intends to continue pursuing a degree in Feed Science and Management at Kansas State University this fall. She attributes her work ethic and responsibility to her parents and their mentorship as she began working around the farm as a youngster. She

dedicates time and community service as a member of Sigma Alpha, Feed Science Club and the Pre-Vet Club at K-State, Hands On K-State and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Chelsey currently works in the K-State Vet Diagnostic Lab assisting lab workers as well as working for her family at Bieberle Farms.

Jaylinn Pfeifer, Ellis, daughter of Sheldon and April Pfeifer has been awarded a \$400 scholarship. Jaylinn plans to attend Fort Hays State University in the fall to pursue a degree



Teen Rodeo Kansas 2018, Ambassador for Ellis County 4-H, 4-H Equine Instructor, NW District FFA Officer. Jaylinn continues to work as a show hand and groomer for Harvest Moon Show Cattle of Ellis.

Melanie Robbins, Yates Center, daughter of Lee and Janet



Robbins has been awarded a \$400 scholarship. Melanie plans to attend Allen County Community College in the fall to pursue a degree in Cattle Management/Production, majoring in Animal Science. She has credited her community relationships with independent ranchers of Woodson

County with her aspiration to return to Woodson County as a cattle producer in the future. She served three years as the Class of 2018 Student Council Representative while also dedicating her time to Art for the Heart, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Woodson County 4-H Council and the National Art Honor Society. Melanie continues to work as a ranch hand for JL Angus Ranch of Yates Center.



Samuel Davis, Madison, son of Greg and Carla Davis has been awarded a \$300 scholarship. Sam will continue pursuing his degree in Animal Science and Industry (Production Management Option) at Kansas State University this fall. He enjoys

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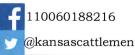
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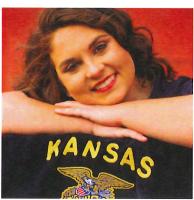
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competing as a member of the K-State Meat Judging Team, serving as a student board member of the Kansas Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors as well as a club member and advocate for the K-State Collegiate Farm Bureau. Sam currently works as a Livestock Manager for the K-State Sheep and Goat Unit and as Feed Delivery/Warehouse Maintenance staff for RanchLand Feed of Madison.

Jade Edwards, Hamilton, daughter of DJ and Arlene Edwards has been awarded



a \$300 scholarship. Jade plans to attend Oklahoma State University this fall to pursue a double major in Agriculture Education and Animal Science. She hopes to have a chance to return to her home county as an Ag Teacher, so she may foster and prepare future generations of agriculturalists in Greenwood County. Jade also hopes to take over the family ranch, Edwards Cattle Company, when the time arises. She has dedicated time and community service as an FFA President and Reporter, 4-H Vice-President, Secretary and Reporter as well

as a member of National Honor Society. Jade continues to work as a ranch hand on both her family's ranch as well as Beeman Backgrounding, Madison.

Alena Pfrang, Goff, daughter of David and Ginny Pfrang, has been awarded a \$300



scholarship. Alena plans to attend Kansas State University this fall to pursue a double major in Applied Mathematics and English Literature. Her accolades include Wetmore National Honor Society Vice-President, Student Council Treasurer, Class Treasurer, Kansas Association for Youth Treasurer and Scholars Bowl, Journalism and Yearbook Staffer, member of Students Against Destructive Decisions: Cardinal Kiddos Program and volunteering for Goff Lions Club activities. Alena's interests include theatre, mathematics, writing and

hopes of studying abroad. She continues to work for Sonic Drive-In and as a farm and ranch hand on the family farm.

KCA would like to thank all of the applicants for taking part in the scholarship program. Also, thank you to Bob Studebaker and GoBob Pipe and Steel for their gen-

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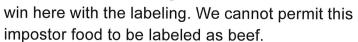
It seems like not enough hours in the day! I would Movement on the "Fake like to mention my family is headed out for "summer vacation" to the Maine-Anjou Jr. Nationals in Grand Island, NE. A week full of learning activities & contests for the youth. Taking 2 heifers and 2 steers to show.

The rains have been very spotty, but we are fortunate to have gotten some and grass doing very well! The weather across the state has been unforgiving in some areas and relentless in others. Our thoughts and prayers are with our flooded neighbors in the west.

Cattle market seems to be building some strength. A lot of slaughter cows coming to town which will help us down the road. We hopefully will get a farm bill passed in the near future, and see some fairness built into future trade deals with the foreign markets.

Meat" front is being seen in Washington D.C. Big players are pushing millions of dollars of investment into the alternative protein

markets. We need a big



With 4th of July coming up grill some USA Beef and enjoy with family and friends to celebrate our independence!

> Until Next Time, Shawn Mills



Animal Health Commissioner Provides Updates During KCA Regional Meeting

Independent cattle producers gathered together at PrairieLand Partners-John Deere in McPherson, Kansas for a Kansas Cattlemen's Association regional industry meeting on June 5th, 2018. KCA industry policy topics were reviewed, Dr. Justin Smith presented an update on the Animal Health Department's activities, and Craig Kerbs provided valuable information on animal nutrition.

Tyler Dupy, KCA Executive Director, briefly reviewed policy topics KCA is currently focused on, including: Meat (Protein) Alternatives, the 2018 Farm Bill, Country of Origin Labeling, Beef Check-off Redirection and Reform, and the Food

Safety Modernization Act.

"Although the Kansas Legislature is now out of session, there is plenty going on at the federal and regulatory levels that require our attention. Producer involvement and awareness with these issues is critical to maintain the effectiveness of our

responses. We certainly appreciate the producers taking the time to come out to the regional meeting in McPherson," Dupy stated.

Dr. Justin Smith, Kansas Animal Health Commissioner, discussed the Kansas Animal Health Organization, and the various areas of the department that provide critical services to producers. These areas include the Brands Program and the Livestock and Brand Investigation Unit, Secure Food Supply Plans, and the Animal Facilities Protection Program. Smith also reviewed statistics of Animal Disease Control as well as Animal Disease Traceability.

Dr. Smith represented that Kansas is in decent shape relative to other states where disease is concerned. Even still, there are areas of the state affected by Anaplasmosis, Cow-Calf Johne's Disease, Rabies, Bovine Tuberculosis, and Trichomoniasis. Smith discussed how proper preventative measures and a disease response plan helps to keep operations safe and productive.

Craig Kerbs with SmartLic Supplements reviewed Veterinary Feed Directives and Animal Husbandry. Kerbs presented four ways to improve cattle operation bottom lines. The steps involved decreasing animal competition, increasing forage utilization, improving reproduction efficiency, and increasing gains on pasture.

Mike Spohn with Copeland Insurance Agency provided an overview of the State Auto Farm Dividend Program. The meeting included a USA Beef dinner prepared by Meat Rubbers BBQ and Catering.



Proud sponsors of the event included: Allan & Deanna Sents, A5 Western, LLC., Central Prairie Co-Op, Central Livestock, Countryside Feed, LLC., Farmers Alliance Mutual Ins. Co., First Bank Kansas, PrairieLand Partners-John Deere, SmartLic-New Generation Supplements, State Auto Farm & Ranch Insurance, SweetPro Feeds, Te-Pe Oil & Gas, WaterTight Roofing, and Zeitlow Distributing Company. Numerous door prizes were donated by Key Feeds, Tractor Supply Co., and Orscheln Farm & Home.



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Wealthy High-Tech "Astronaut" Farmers



Create Wealthy Rural Communities
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Wall Street Did Not Make America Great.
The American System of Economics did.
By Robert L. Baker

Twenty-One Hey America! Beef Up! Articles

The previous 21 monthly issues of "Hey America, Beef-Up!" articles have focused on why our nation must return to the Four American System Economic Principles as discussed by world renowned American System economist Lyndon LaRouche. These principles were discussed historically, to show how the United States rapidly developed early on. How the founding fathers of our nation, Hamilton, Washington, Ben Franklin and others, designed these principles and then, to keep our nation on these American System policies, political battles have been non-stop up to the present fight we see every day in Washington D.C, our nation's capital and the disgusting, low level, megamedia, that covers it.

As the Apollo 13 Astronauts said, "We have a problem, Houston," then heroically solved their life or death problem. Crammed into a little space capsule, they fixed it. Now, we the people must do the same, for our nation. It can only come from the people.

In upcoming articles, the spider-web of rotten financial forces will be exposed to show why U.S. agriculture, manufacturing, business and finance are being monopolized and consolidated faster and faster, while family farming becomes more difficult.

The good news, the solution has started. A massive international economic shift is now happening, especially in Asia, around China's New Silk Road economic development. A show-down between the historic American System polices of production, family farms and human sovereignty vs the old financial empire policy of mega-global-monopolies and low-wage poverty.

Most important, we will discuss why the American population is not pulling together at a very high and profound level. What is it that we are up against? We



should all ask the question, "If you were brainwashed, would you know it." Because it is not human to allow the family farm, the rural communities, cities, schools and health care systems to continue on a slow sort of "controlled disintegration" and not see masses of citizens coming together to stop it. Something is psychologically wrong. As you continue reading, ask yourself, "What is the solution?"

High-Tech Astronaut Farmers Should Mean High Wages and More Family Farmers Not Worker Poverty and Monopolies

The U.S. farm and food sector has been caught in a bad paradox well into the 21st Century. Some of the world's highest technological practices are now found at locations throughout the U.S. food chain--and in Canada and Mexico, from farm fields and barns, to the dinner plate; but at the same time, the overall physical and social organization of agriculture and the food supply has been degraded over decades of the "free" (rigged) trade era, to the point that rural areas are suffering depopulation and poverty. Instead of having prosperous farm counties, with many, many family-scale farms and food processing, and modern transportation, the agriculture sector, over the 1970-2018 half century has trended to mega-farms and livestock operations, controlled in various ways (concentration, commodity speculation, etc.) directly or indirectly, by a small cohort of giant corporations and related banks. Large areas of monoculture--from soybean fields, to apples have come to typify U.S. production. This is not by accident, but by design.

Of the 2.1 million farms in the U.S. (both small and large,) 10 percent produce 77 percent of the value of U.S. farm commodity output (as of 2016.) For example, 40 mega-hog farm operations produce two-thirds of all the pork in the U.S. Half of the raw milk produced in the U.S.

comes from 1,200 mega-milk cow operations. Likewise, food processing is extremely concentrated. Walmart just opened its first directly owned and operated mega-milk processing facility in Indiana. Four cattle slaughtering companies, account for over 80 percent of beef processed.

At the same time, some basic commodity sectors were shifted abroad (frozen and fresh vegetables and fruit,) shutting down whole regions of U.S. farming, while the U.S. became increasingly import-dependent for many

foods in the daily diet. Once active local farm communities are now ghost towns, with decaying farmsteads, drug epidemics and high suicide rates. Where there are jobs in the mega-livestock and food processing operations, the pay is low, and conditions harsh, despite some of the world's highest technology in use. Displaced foreign labor--legal or not, is the rule.

This downgrade in physical production has been imposed by financial deregulation of all kinds, in particular, the ending of the concept of "parity" pricing for farmers, which had given security to the public food supply; the furtherance of commodity speculation, and unregulated trade; the ending of anti-trust enforcement, and similar practices. This kind of

de-regulation was the inherent nature of the North American Free Trade Act, beginning in 1995, which served to benefit Wall Street, but harm the entire continent. There is no way to make NAFTA "better," while the Wall Street principle governs.

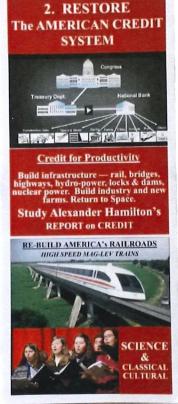
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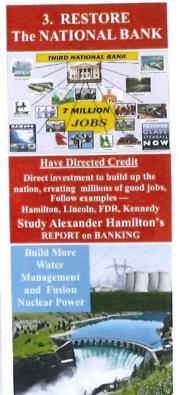
Thus, U.S. agriculture capacity has remained significant in terms of output potential, but degraded in its patterns of production in terms of social and ecological costs. This can all be put right with agriculture policy changes to benefit the population of the U.S., and at the same time, that of Mexico and Canada, and internationally. There is a "win-win" way ahead for agriculture. Three areas of policy are involved.

First, continue the advanced scientific and high-technology based practices, that can be called the "astronaut farmer" approach. The name refers in particular, to the use of satellite guidance and data-analysis systems, but more generally to all the R&D applications affecting agriculture production, from seed genetics, to drones, to aeroponics. The way is wide open for international collaboration on this, especially in the new agriculture zones developing in Africa.

Secondly, unwind the detrimental NAFTA and other "free" (rigged) trade practices, which served no nation's farmers nor population, only the Wall Street/City of London financial networks of speculators and mega-corporations. Concretely, this can mean such new patterns of activity on the continent, such as fostering resumed corn production in Mexico, while transforming the corn and soy monoculture areas of the U.S., into more diversified crop and animal operations, new industrial centers and towns, with special support for young farmers and the most advanced education. While U.S.







soybeans are useful for China's livestock production, China is steadily increasing its own output of animal rations, and the U.S. can start working on diversifying the current soybean base area, as well as contribute to international food chain needs elsewhere, in win-win trade deals.

Thirdly, support farmers and rural areas in the course of this, by re-establishing the principle of parity pricing. This means that the price farmers receive for their output, must cover, or bear relation to, their costs of production, with some decent profit, in order to provide stability and future food output potential. As of 2018, this was again under discussion in Washington, D.C. in terms of reactivating the 1930s parity pricing mechanism called the CCC--Commodity Credit Corporation. These measures will enable farmers to support a family, and set up the conditions for dramatically increasing the number of smaller, but very high-technology farming enterprises. Not only restoring the social fabric of rural life, these measures will result in farmers making even more creative innovations in agro-science itself.

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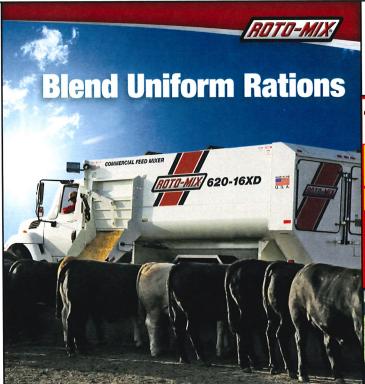




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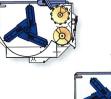


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KCA Begins Plans on 20th Annual KCA Convention and Trade Show, Nov 9 & 10

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) has begun planning for the 20th Annual KCA Convention and Trade Show. The event will take place in Newton, Kansas on November 9th and 10th at the Meridian Center. Numerous presentations and policy meetings are being planned, as well as the annual benefit auction and banquet.

Friday, November 9th will begin with policy committee meetings, providing time for the KCA membership to review KCA resolutions, draft proposed modifications, and to collaborate with fellow members on the creation of new policy. Presentations will begin in the early afternoon and will include a presentation regarding branding and cattle theft investigations as well as a presentation on livestock genetics. Closing out Friday will be the annual membership business meeting followed by the KCA BBQ with social time and entertainment.

Saturday, November 10th will be packed full of some incredible presentations designed to help producers be profitable in their operations. We will learn key steps to returning moisture to the soil and other conservation techniques, updates on the cattle markets, cattle handling techniques, and much more. Saturday will close with the annual KCA benefit auction and banquet.

The KCA Trade Show will take place during the convention beginning at 12:00 pm on Friday. The trade show will consist of products and services relating to cattle production and other ag services. If you or your business is interested in exhibiting during the trade show, please contact the KCA office at 785-238-1483.

Registration cards will be mailed out to all members beginning in August. The KCA Convention and Trade Show is free and open to the public. Attendees must be active and in good-standing members in order to attend committee meetings and to engage during the Annual Business Meeting. For additional information, please visit the convention page on the KCA website www.kansascattlemen.com.



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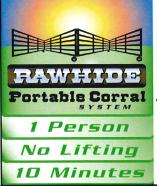


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