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KANSAS CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

June 2017

KCA & Rawhide Portable Corral Host Cattlemen's Event and Tour

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association partnered with Rawhide Portable Corral to host a regional meeting on May 18, 2017. Attendees braved inclement weather and torrential rain in order to attend the meeting, dinner, and plant tour of the Rawhide Portable Corral production facilities.

Mary McDonald of Rawhide Portable Corral gave attendees a tour of the manufacturing facility. The Rawhide Processor by John McDonald is a portable corral designed to make work easier. Farm, ranch, and livestock production businesses more efficient. Their proprietary hydraulic system allows for single-person setup and use, providing cattle producers the opportunity to work and process livestock right in the pasture, without any lifting required.

Following the plant tour Mrs. McDonald demonstrated the functionality of some finished Portable Corrals awaiting pick-up from customers. Each corral is configured and constructed based on their client's needs. They are available in three size options with a variety of features like man pass-gates, heavy duty, solid rubber wheels, and loading chutes with head gates. Power to the hydraulics is provided by a self-contained power unit, with battery, charged by a 15-amp solar panel.

When John McDonald, creator, started designing and building the Rawhide Original in 2002, he knew that it had to be durable and had to be as functional as possible. Knowing that uneven terrain is par for the course when out in the field, he designed a paneling pinning system that allows for setup over uneven terrain while folding back together without unpinning.

Attendees were invited to a free beef supper at the Shockey and Landes Building in downtown Abilene after the tour and demonstration. Following the meal, Craig Kerbs with SmartLic gave a presentation regarding livestock competition and the effects on herd nutrition. Mr. Kerbs and other animal nutrition experts study cattle feeding behavior, and he spoke of how they have learned tell-tale signs of how cattle compete with one another for proper access to minerals at the bunk.



Kerbs shared slides which demonstrate signs that cattle do not have proper access to essential minerals. Some concerns demonstrated included over-crowding of mineral feeders, insufficient number of mineral feeders and salt blocks, and the signs to look for that indicate it is time to make a change or seek expert advice.



Jim Knuth of LiphaTech presented KCA with a donation of \$735. The donation is in support of Kansas Independent Cattle Producers. LiphaTech is a worldwide manufacturer and marketer of pest control products.

The evening concluded early with the distribution of several door prizes including a VetGun donated by Valley Vet Supply. Other proud sponsors included: Don's Tire and Supply, Tri-County Telephone, Nex-Tech Wireless, Dorothy's Pet Shop, Paws-

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China Slated to Receive U.S. Beef Shipments Mid-July

U.S. and China are in talks to restart U.S. beef exports to the People's Republic beginning as soon as July. The Chinese market is immense with a population of 1 billion more citizens than that of the U.S. It is a tremendous opportunity for cattle producers in the U.S., but it does come with its own set of challenges. Positively, the access to the market comes at a time when Brazilian beef is shadowed by scandal and Australian producers are facing drought.

Growth promoting drugs will likely be scrutinized by Chinese officials, and traceability of animal movements are set to be a challenge from the current processes of the supply chain. China has recognized a proposal



which requires producers to document the location where cattle grown for beef exported to China are born and slaughtered.

Under another proposed rule, U.S. beef exported to China must pass tests showing it is free from detectable residue of a class of growth-enhancing drugs known as beta-agonists, according to the USDA.

"KCA will continue to track the developments for the potential U.S. exports of beef to China. The opening of the market is a fantastic for opportunity U.S. beef markets, but we must work to ensure that the beef is of U.S. origin. The proposed rules are right in the line with what we've known for years, there is demand for USA Beef, and a label is absolutely necessary," stated Tyler Dupy, KCA Executive Director.

It is unclear at this time the effect that the imports will have for independent cattle producers in the U.S. Recent shifts in the cattle markets based on environmental forces indicate a rising import demand as supplies are restricted versus a dramatic shift upward in cattle prices.

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HONORABLE MENTION: Elk Falls UMC Youth Raise Funds/Lift Hearts

In mid-March, a small but mighty group of youth from the Elk Falls United Methodist Church vowed to each bring a weekly donation during lent to collect it in the church's special "piggy bank", which is shaped like a replica of the church. The beneficiary for the funds was an easy decision for the youngsters to make. With each of them involved some way in agriculture and cattle, they wanted to help farm and ranch families that were victims of the recent devastating wildfires.

As of Sunday, April 23, the six boys had accumulated \$150 of their own money in the little church bank. The Bogdahn boys had even opened a lemonade stand in Moline one afternoon, in order to earn additional funds.

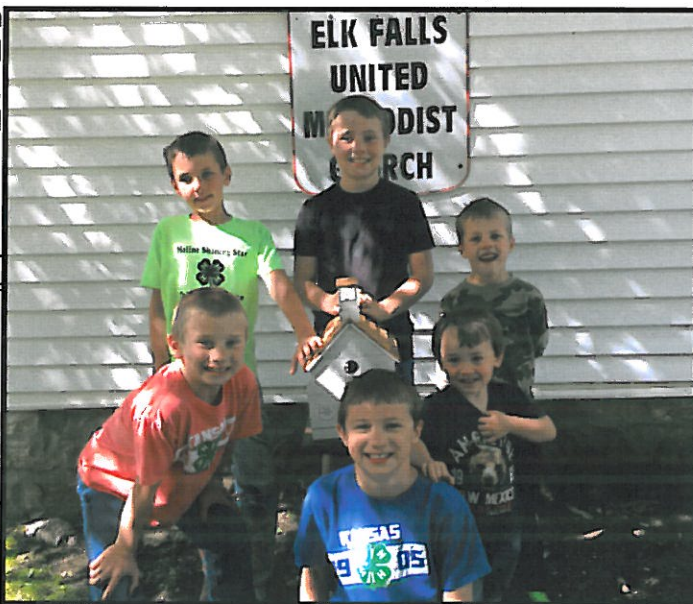
The kids have decided they want to use their funds to help the 4 Leaf Clover 4-H Club from Meade, KS. The Meade County club volunteered shortly after the fire to take in and care for orphaned baby calf victims. Having raised bucket calves themselves, the Elk Falls UMC kids know their mon-

ey won't go too far in buying bags of milk replacer, so they are issuing a challenge to other youth groups, 4-H clubs, and civic organizations in SE Kansas to match their \$150.

The youth are planning a day trip later in May to jour-

ney to Western Kansas to deliver their donations in person and help feed a few bottle baby calves while they are there.

"I am excited to support this great cause," stated TJ Mills, a youth from the Elk Falls Church that is also a member of the Moline Shining Star 4-H Club. "I have a good friend named Ryan that is on the livestock judging team at Hutchinson and has helped me in many ways with my 4-H beef project. When I found out that it was Ryan's 4-H Club that was taking care of the baby calves, I knew this would be a perfect way to give back to something that was important to Ryan and his 4-H family!"



People (or kids) reaching out and helping people; paying it back or paying it forward anytime we are in a position to do so, that's what it's all about! The Elk Falls UMC is very proud of the young members that are working so hard to make a difference. If you or your organization is willing to meet their challenge and contribute another \$150 towards baby calf feed and supplies for the 4 Leaf Clover 4-H Club

in Meade, please contact Pastor Dena Allison at 620-222-7474.

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors accepted the challenge by the group, matching the funds to go to the 4 Leaf Clover 4-H Club.

Jodie's Dish

Ingredients

- 1/2 C Ketchup
- 1/2 C Quick Oats
- 1/4 C Chopped Green Pepper
- 1 Egg Beaten
- 1 t Dried Parsley Flakes
- 1 t Worcestershire
- 1/2 t Garlic Powder
- 1/2 t Dried Basil
- 1/4 t Pepper
- 2 LB Ground Beef
- Additional Ketchup Optional

Meat Loaf on the Grill

Nothing says summertime like firing up the grill! I love this recipe, because it is easy as lemonade and you don't have to heat up the oven on those hot summer days!

In a large bowl, combine the first nine ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into two loaves. Place a sheet of heavy-duty foil in center of grill. Place meat loaves on foil (do not seal foil).

Prepare grill for indirect heat; grill meat, covered, over indirect medium heat for 50 minutes or until meat is no longer pink and a meat thermometer reads 160°. Brush tops with additional ketchup if desired. Let stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Yield: 2 loaves (4 servings each).

Message from the President.....Alan Stewart

You can compare the weather with the cattle markets. In SE Kansas, we were dry all winter long, then came the record rainfall in April. The wettest April in history, then throw the snow in that western Kansas got the last of April which did a lot of damage to the wheat crop and livestock.

We've watched the livestock futures go higher than anyone expected and now they're going down. Everyone has opinions where they're going, but no one really knows. I wish there was a magic wand to tell us when to market our cattle. There are, however, ways to protect ourselves by forward contracts or hedge with the futures.

We had our May board conference call Tuesday, May 9, 2017. It was discussed what to do with donations for the wildfire relief which amounted to \$11,000. We broke it down in four various categories. One of the board members, Shawn Mills, told about the church youth group from the Elk Falls United Methodist Church who vowed to each bring a weekly donation

during lent to collect it in the special "piggy bank". The beneficiary for the funds was an easy decision for the youngsters to make. With each of them involved some way in agriculture and cattle, they wanted to help farm and ranch families that were victims of the recent devastating wildfires. These kids have accumulated \$150 of their own money in their bank and have gone on to issue a challenge to other youth groups, clubs, and organizations in SE Kansas to match their \$150. Having kids willing to work and save to be able to help those in need makes those kids special in my book. Parents, you've every right to be proud of the young person you are raising. Therefore, this group was one the KCA gave \$150 to.



Alan Stewart



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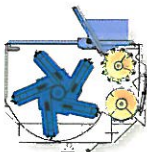
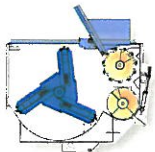


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Apr 24	141,190	96,432	84,295
May 01	148,794	105,542	109,413
May 08	158,051	116,067	87,396
May 15	89,933	163,376	105,964

Kansas

Period	Current	Prior Year	3yr Avg
Apr 17	21,260	20,595	13,029
Apr 24	28,341	15,565	13,431
May 01	27,437	18,832	15,447
May 08	37,441	24,179	15,668
May 15	19,612	21,435	13,670

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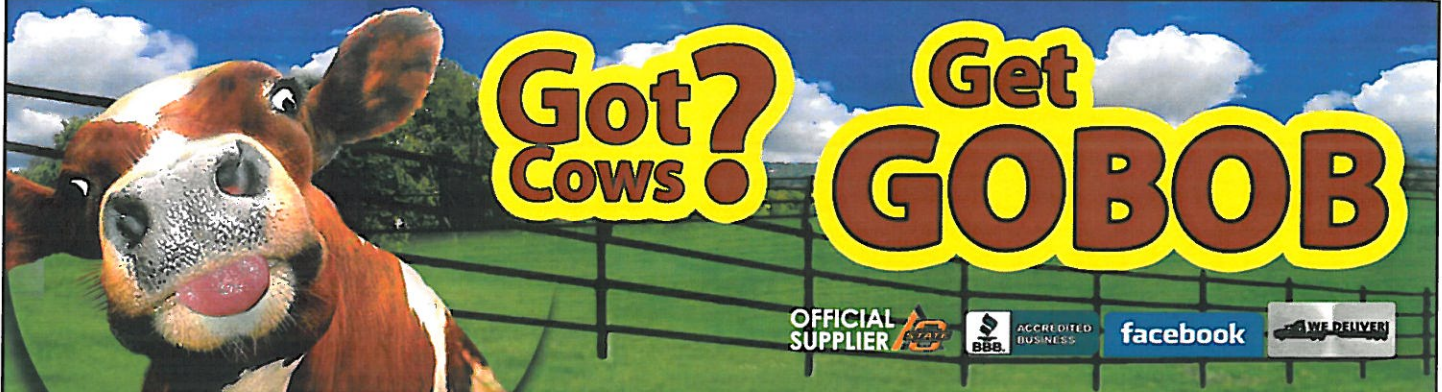
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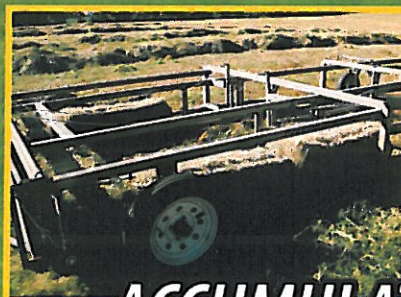
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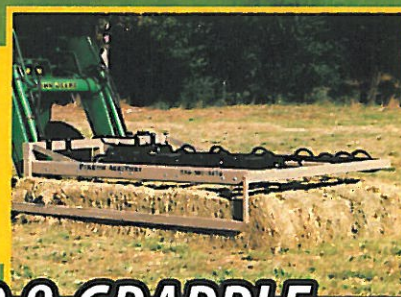
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KCA to Host Regional Meeting in McPherson, Kansas July 6

Kansas Cattlemen's Association will host an Animal Health and Cattle Marketing Seminar and free USA Beef supper in McPherson, Kansas on the evening of July 6, 2017. The meeting will include a presentation by Mark Kinoff of Ceres Hedge as well as other animal health presentations. KCA will discuss organization news. The meeting will be located at the McPherson Opera House and will begin at 6:00pm.

In order to arrange the proper amount of food, those planning to attend are asked to contact the KCA offices by June 30 to RSVP. You may call the office at 785-238-1483 or email cowsrus@kansascattlemen.com The event is free and open to the public.

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Hey America! Beef Up! No. 11
New Silk Road Goes Worldwide; Time to
Link to the U.S.;
Re-Connect to the American System of
Economics
By Robert L. Baker

On May 14 and 15, 2017, twenty-nine foreign leaders and more than 1,500 delegates from over 130 nations attended *the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation* in Beijing, China. China's President, Xi Jinping, called the Belt and Road Initiative "the project of the century" in his keynote presentation at the opening ceremony. He also promised that China will create a new model of cooperation and mutual benefits in advancing the initiative.

As world leaders return to their home countries from the historic Beijing Forum, they are pronouncing far and wide that a new paradigm for world affairs has been established, both economically and culturally. In a very real sense the title of the EIR Special Report from 2014 – *The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge* – has become a reality.

In Europe: Italy, Greece, and other nations are working with China for new transit routes, from the Greek port of Piraeus, to the Adriatic, with high-speed inland links, to upgrade the entire Mediterranean Basin economy.

In Asia: Japan is now discussing joining the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; AIB. Philippine President Duterte is initiating joint development in the China Sea.

In Ibero-America, the head of the United Nations agency, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Alicia Barcen, praised the Belt and Road as "a renewal of the profound commitment to the values that are fundamental for our global economic and social well being.

In Africa, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn said the Belt and Road "opens the door for developing and emerging economies to contribute to global economic growth."

And in the U.S. the Trump Administration representative to the Beijing Forum, Matthew Pottinger, set up an "American Belt and Road Working Group," to bring American companies into the Silk Road process.

However, anyone dependent for news on the U.S. press, or reports from the U.S. Congress, would know none of this. But, we all know about the new special prosecutor to investigate President Trump. So, we have a war on our hands.

On January 1, 2017, a train left the Chinese city of Jiwu, crossing Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Germany, Belgium and France, after traveling 7500 miles in 18 days, entering Britain through the Channel Tunnel. London will be the 15th city now linked to a new freight network offered by the state-run China Railway Corporation. This is cheaper than air transport and quicker than by sea. It strengthens trade ties throughout Asia, Russia and Europe.

Now, I want to, historically, reconnect to the spirit of what our great nation has called, The American System of Economics. It is what our new nation used to break out of the old British Empire colonial system. Alexander Hamilton, our first treasury secretary wrote and explained this system in detail in his Report on Manufactures, to the first congress of the United States. Later, in 1851, Henry C. Carey, who was Abraham Lincoln's economics advisor, wrote a very famous book titled *The Harmony of Interests, Agricultural, and Manufacturing & Commercial*. President Lincoln converted the U.S. back to the American System to win the Civil War. I am going to cite a few quotes from



Carey's book, though they may be a little disconnected. I think they explain, in a very personal way, the dynamics of what today's U.S. farmers, industry and labor are struggling with. The farm crisis, today, is part of a much bigger U.S. and European economic breakdown.

Pg. 187 "The Object of the colonial system was that of compelling the farmers and planters of the world to make their exchanges in a distant market, and thus to increase the time with which such risk must be borne, adding to all those which result from distance. ... His [the farmer's] pursuit is rendered one of mere gambling, without the advantage of holding his own cards, although bound to pay the losses." ...

Pg. 203 "The object of the monopoly system is to subject the produce of the world to a standard of the most variable kind, and to render agriculture, manufactures, and trade, mere gambling. The object of protection [The American System] is to withdraw the produce of the world from that standard, enabling every community to measure the products of its labour by its own standard, giving labour for labour."

Pg. 208 "The tendency of the colonial system is to increase the number of wagons and wagoners, ships and sailors, merchants and traders, the men who necessarily spend much time in hotels and taverns, living by exchanging the products of others. The tendency of protection is to increase the number of producers – of the class that lives at home, surrounded by wives, children, and friends. The one builds up the city at the expense of the country; the other causes both to grow together.

Pg. 228 "Two systems are before the world; the one looks to increasing the proportion of person and of capital engaged in trade and transportation, and therefore to diminishing the proportion engaged in producing commodities with which to trade, with necessarily diminished return to the labour of all; while the other looks to increasing the proportion engaged in the work of production, and diminishing that engaged in trade and transportation, with increased return to all, giving to the laborer good wages, and to the owner of capital good profits. One looks to increasing the quantity of raw materials to be exported, and diminishing the inducements to the importance of men, thus impoverishing both farmer and planter by throwing on them the burden of freight; while the other looks to increasing the importance of men and diminishing the export of raw materials, thereby enriching both planter and farmer by relieving them from the payment of freight. ... One looks to pauperism, ignorance, depopulation, and barbarism; the other to increasing wealth, comfort, intelligence, combination of action, and civilization. One looks towards universal war; the other towards universal peace. One is the English system; the other we may be proud to call the American System, for it is the only one ever devised the tendency of which was that of ELEVATING while EQUALIZING the condition of man throughout the world... Such is the true MISSION of the people of these United States..."

Pg. 229 "To establish such an empire – to prove that among the people of the world, whether agriculturists, manufacturers, or merchants, there is perfect harmony of interests, and that the happiness of individuals, as well as the grandeur of nations, is to be promoted by perfect obedience to the greatest of all commands, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you," – is the object and will be the result of that mission. Whether that results shall be speedily attained, or whether it shall be postponed to a distant period, will depend greatly upon the men who are charged with the performance of the duties of government. If their movements be governed by that enlightened self-interest which induces man to see his happiness in the promotion of that of his fellow-man, it will come soon. If, on the contrary, they be governed by that ignorant selfishness which leads to the belief that individuals, party, or national interests, are to be promoted by measures tending to the deterioration of the condition of other, it will be late."

I highly recommend reading Carey's *The Harmony of Interests*, it can be found on Google books. Read the last chapter first, about the American System of Economics.

Our founding fathers were dedicated to taking the American System to the world to counter the British Empire approach of colonization; the books written by the Carey family circulated all over the world in every language. So impressed were leaders of other nations that Russia was one of the first countries to recognize our new nation. John Paul Jones, the father of our navy, helped set up the Russian navy after the revolution. Russia sent war ships to the New York harbor to defend the Union during the Civil War. When Lincoln shifted back to the American System to win the war, he launched great projects like the Trans Continental Railroad. Lincoln sent diplomats to Japan and converted them to the American System. Frederick List, a German and a collaborator of Alexander Hamilton, went to Germany and united the German fiefdoms into a German nation around the American System of Economics. In the 1920's, the greatest hero of the son of Christian missionaries, who grew up in Hawaii, graduated from American universities and became the first president of China, Dr. Sun Yetsen, was Abraham Lincoln. After being elected president, Dr. Sun launched the American System into China by proposing a big railroad system modeled after Lincoln's Trans-Continental Railroad. Franklin Roosevelt did his college thesis on *The American System of Economics* and his great grandfather was Hamilton's, business partner. He built the TVA, Rural Electric hydro-dams. John F. Kennedy used the American System to launch the space program and planned to build the biggest water project in history, the North American Water and Power Alliance, NAWAPA, to bring water down from Alaska into the dry western plains states and Canadian provinces.

Lyndon LaRouche, today's leading American System economist, has worked for several decades to re-establish the American System and convince President Reagan to build the Strategic Defense Initiative, SDI, which started the collapse of the Soviet System. After the Berlin Wall came down, Lyndon and Helga LaRouche then called for building a massive rail system from Western Europe into Eastern Europe towards Asia called the Eurasian Land-Bridge. That was later picked up by the Chinese after they reoriented their economy towards an American System approach, not officially by name; today, China has launched the New Silk Road, also called the One Belt, One Road, the biggest infrastructure project in world history.

I have condensed a lot into a few sentences, hopefully, to help convey what is driving the economic, strategic and

political crisis. There is a war going on between the old forces of colonialism/monopolies vs. The American System. President Trump has called for a return to the American System of Alexander Hamilton by name, busting up the big banks and restoring Glass-Steagall bank separation act. China and Russia and many other nations have already configured their credit system to support the construction necessary.

The Images associated with the May 14-15 "*Belt and Road Forum*" in Beijing which come to mind first, are the spectacular new transportation and power infrastructure projects—trains, ports, nuclear plants—coming into being at points across 60 participating nations, which are now conferring on how to further the "Silk Road" process, originally announced in September 2013 by President Xi.

To appreciate the value of the potential, it is necessary to be clear on the destructive axioms of agriculture policy that have been in play over the last 40 years—institutionalized in the WTO (World Trade Organization, 1995) NAFTA (North American Free Trade Organization, 1994) and other trade deals, which account for today's farm vulnerabilities, while millions still go hungry and farmers are still being squeezed out of business. In short, now is the time—long overdue—to bury the WTO-era, and the evil thinking behind it.

On April 29, President Trump signed an Executive Order, "Addressing Trade Agreement Violations and Abuses," which mandated a review of all U.S. trade relation, meaning the WTO, NAFTA, and other such deals. A report is due in 180 days, which is to identify where remedial action is called for.

The WTO axioms which served as a basis for agricultural policy during recent decades, have resulted in the increasing consolidation of control and profiteering by the supra-national corporations and financial interests which had originated the free trade era. From seed and fertilizer, to livestock slaughtering, food processing, grain handling and milling, and final grocery distribution an increasingly smaller set of huge operations has come to dominate food production and trade. The British Empire provenance reflects the international echelon of corporate and foreign policy control, and the City of London and Wall Street outright. This is true, not only of British Commonwealth-based entities, but also includes cartel members headquartered elsewhere, e.g. Cargill, in Minnesota, and DANONE in France. Wall Street money funds have come to own key links in the food chain outright, from mega firms, to food processing, to final distribution.

Secondly, the WTO deregulation years have brought into being the wild casino of commodity speculation. Today, the turnover of units of trade at the Chicago Merc, for example, far exceeds the volume of physical product nominally associated with it.

This insanity was pushed during the entire GATT/WTO drive for deregulation of "financial services," but it especially gained ground after the 1999 repeal of its Glass-Steagall Act (the 1933 legislation which separated and insured traditional commercial banking, from speculative financial activity). Then came the 2000 U.S. "Commodities Futures Modernization Act," which ushered in anything-goes commodities speculation.

Now is the time we must act on principle, and the good will prevail.

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OUT OF THE ASHES ROSE FRIENDSHIP, KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY (ONE COWBOY'S HEART FELT GRATITUDE)

I've certainly seen wildfires in this part of the country before, but none of this magnitude, at least in my lifetime. As the flames raced through the countryside under unrelenting winds, it was clear that it would devastate our heartland, the home, genesis and soul of the food and nourishment we all depend on.

It takes a rare breed to ranch, or cultivate the land in this part of the country. The battle can be relentless. Livestock frozen to the ground, hundreds of thousands of acres withering in unforgiving drought and the soil at the heart of it all blowing away in the slightest hint of a storm. I'm old enough to remember riding in the dark from Meade County, across the Cimarron, to Beaver County to work the herd until sun down and start the ride back home, in the dark, catch a couple of hours of sleep, and do it all over again. Although I no longer depend on my horse to get from one county to the next, I still start my days long before the sun comes up and spend many nights in my truck or tractor catching naps while keeping an eye to the herd. It's a 24 hour a day, seven day a week job, providing care and custody for the food we rely on, but generations of my family and other families, take great pride in the calling.

As the recent fire ripped across Clark County I drove my grader through the ranch trying to clear a path for the cattle. Fire was at my back, the smoke was so thick I couldn't see, my doors were closed, my shirt was wrapped around my face and I was laboring to breathe. It seemed it took forever to get to the road. It was as bad as anything I've ever seen, but as the smoke began to clear, I could see tractor trailers loaded with hay, one after the other, bringing help to all that needed it. Farmers, ranchers and many others from all over the mid-west were arriving to assist in any way they could, donating

their feed, time, equipment, experience and skills. The men, women and families that came to our aid were innumerable.

The thought that so many placed our needs above their own, without hesitation, warms my heart. These are the people my Grandfather and Father spoke about. Those that have the courage to work these lands, the compassion to always help their neighbors, to forge a way of life built on honesty and integrity, an honorable people.

These days when we're too immersed in ridicule, disdain and contempt for one another, spend more time belaboring what's wrong, than praising what's right, exacerbate fears and persecute with judgment, it's important to clear the smoke and darkness for a change and shine a warmth of light on the goodness of mankind.



I would like to extend my heart-felt thanks to all of the people that came to

our aid with their resources, their thoughts and their prayers. It's impossible to put into words the depth of the gratitude felt by my family, our friends and all of our neighbors. We will never forget your acts of Friendship, Kindness and Generosity.

Let us all extend thanks to our ranchers and farmers for taking care of our most precious resource. We're easy to spot. We're the men and women with the deep lines in our face, cut by the sun, wind and weather, the heavily calloused hands and the big hearts.

Sincerely,
Allen L. Barby, the Barby Family & Seventy-Six Ranch
Laverne, Oklahoma

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McPherson, Kansas
- July 20 **KCA Regional Meeting**
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