

# Governor declares Ag Week

In recognition of the state's largest industry, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback declared March 12-19 Kansas Agriculture Week.

"From the food we feed our families, to the clothes that keep us warm and the renewable energy that helps power our state, Kansans are affected by agriculture 365 days a year," said Governor Brownback. "While agriculture remains the largest economic driver in Kansas, most of us are not closely connected to the farms and ranches that produce the food, fiber and energy. Celebrating Kansas Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to reconnect with and learn more about today's agricultural sector and to thank the farmers and ranchers who serve our state."

One event highlighted during Kansas Agriculture Week is the Neighbor to Neighbor statewide food drive, which began Feb. 18 and will conclude on Kansas Agriculture Day, March 19. The food drive, which is jointly hosted by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Dillon's Food Stores, Harvesters - The Community Food Network, the Kansas Food Bank, the Second Harvest Community Food Bank and the Kansas agricultural community, will provide food to Kansas families in need. The groups hope to raise 50,000 meals by March 19. Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman said Kansans can make a donation to the Neighbor to Neighbor food drive at Dillon's Food Stores statewide. Visit [agriculture.ks.gov/neighbor2neighbor](http://agriculture.ks.gov/neighbor2neighbor) for

more information.

Each day of Kansas Agriculture Week will focus on a different agricultural theme, including nutrition, food safety, animal care, education and technology, environmental stewardship, serving the world and economic growth. Secretary Rodman encouraged Kansans to follow the department on Facebook and Twitter to engage in an online conversation about these important issues.

"Social media is not a fad; social media networks are important communication tools to reach consumers around the world. For far too long, farmers and ranchers have let others tell their story for them. That is changing and today you will find tweets and Facebook posts from farmers and ranchers talking about what they do to raise safe, healthy food for your family and mine," Secretary Rodman said. "If you are interested in agriculture and want to learn more about this important sector in Kansas, join the conversation. Ask questions and learn directly from the men and women who make their living in agriculture."

In an effort to educate Kansans about agriculture, a "Dialogue on Kansas Agriculture" will take place on Kansas Agriculture Day, Tuesday, March 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the Old Supreme Court Chambers (346-S) in the Kansas State Capitol. The dialogue will bring together thought-leaders in the agricultural sector to discuss the hot topics of the day.

Panelists for the dialogue include the following:

Jay Garetson, Kansas farmer and member of the State Board of Agriculture, Sublette, Kansas

Doug Hofbauer, President and CEO of Frontier Farm Credit

Brandi Buzzard, young agricultural leader and author of Buzzard's Beat, an agricultural advocacy blog

Mike Apley, DVM, PhD, DACVCP, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Bob Peterson, Executive Director of the Kansas Agricultural Business Council

Diana Floyd, RD, LD, Kansas State Department of Education Child Nutrition Consultant

The dialogue is open to the public and media are welcome to attend. Greg Akagi, agricultural broadcaster for WIBW radio, will moderate the panel, which will be streamed live on the Kansas Department of Agriculture website at [agriculture.ks.gov](http://agriculture.ks.gov).

"Kansas is an agricultural state, but in order to meet the diverse and growing demands from consumers in Kansas, across the United States and around the globe, farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses will have to adapt their practices and adopt new technologies to produce more using fewer resources," Secretary Rodman said. "We hope all Kansans will join in the Kansas Agriculture Week events to learn about agriculture, to recognize the constant commitment to continuous improvements made by Kansas farmers and ranchers and to serve their neighbors through the Neighbor to Neighbor food drive."

# Family circus fun...



The Ticolini Circus came to town on Monday and performed before a large crowd at the 4-H Building. A clown got big applause from the kids with comedy and magic tricks. (Pictured) An acrobat twirled a wooden box, a barrel and a metal table to the crowd's amusement. All in all, it was a good night of family fun and entertainment.

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# National child and adult food program week

National Child & Adult Care Food Program Week is March 17-23.

The primary goal of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is to serve nutritious meals to children attending child care homes and centers. Secondary goals are:

1. The establishment of positive eating habits at the earliest stages of development.
2. Reduction of future health care and education costs due to lack of proper early development.
3. Training and support of local child care personnel. Research also indicates that the CACFP is one important factor in providing quality child care.

During National CACFP Week, Sunshine Connections, Inc., a Kansas based nonprofit sponsor of the CACFP joins with North West and North Central Area family child care providers in acknowledging the many ways our community

benefits from the CACFP.

Children that are cared for by providers participating in the CACFP benefit by being fed nutritious USDA regulated meals that ensure their proper development. These children gain from early nutrition education that helps them establish positive eating habits that will enrich the quality of their diet throughout their life.

Parents of children in child care are assured that their child(ren) receive high quality meals. With proper nutrition, the child is less likely to experience illness and fatigue and will develop at a normal physical and intellectual pace. Good nutrition is the recipe for an all-

around happier child.

Providers receive nutrition education and support services from their CACFP sponsor that helps them serve nutritious meals and create a positive eating environment for children. The quality of child care provided in our community is improved due to educational and financial resources available to caregivers through the CACFP.

In 2010, the program provided approximately 1.9 billion meals and snacks to over 3.2 million children daily in child care centers, family care homes, and after-school programs; over 115,000 elderly persons in Adult Day Care; over 52,000 child care centers; 137,000 fam-

ily child care providers working with 865 sponsors use CACFP to provide children with high quality nutrition and learning experiences.

In Kansas, 3,890 providers are enrolled in the CACFP, with approximately 40,000 children enrolled in their care. Please join us in honoring all CACFP providers for their invaluable work done on behalf of Kansas children.

## NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

On February 17, Charles Raymond Stiles, son of Asa and Dianne (Becker) Stiles was baptized at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. His godparents and Nathan Becker and Whitney DuBois. He has an older brother, Henry. His grandparents are Paul and Linda Becker, Lenora.

The Knights of Columbus held a trap shoot on Sunday, Feb. 17 at the old ball park south of New Almelo. It was a more pleasant day than the last shoot held in November. They gave turkeys, ham and bacon as prizes.

The Knights of Columbus held a fish fry on March 1. It was well attended by the area community. Donations were so generous that a sizable sum was sent to be used for sonogram equipment at Pro-Life Clinics.

The family of Alfred Otter came home on March 2 to help him celebrate his 80th birthday, which was March 6. Family home were Paul and Sharon Otter and girls, Great Bend; Misty and Tyler Paul and boys, Bell Aire; Tina and Will Ritter and family, Olathe; Tom Otter, DeSoto; Mark and Sheila Otter and family, Ulysses; Ashley Otter and Travis Redeker, Kearney, Neb.; Jolene and Jim Moss and family, Smith Center; Karl Otter, Great Bend; Charles Otter and family, Salina.

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# 320 ACRES NORTON COUNTY CROPLAND LAND AUCTION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 @ 10:30 AM, CDT**

**AUCTION LOCATION:**  
ST. FRANCIS PARISH HALL, NORTON, KS

**SELLERS: ANDREW & CHARLIE KLOTZ**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:**  
TRACT 1: NW/4 of Section 16-2-24  
TRACT 2: NE/4 of Section 23-2-24

**LAND LOCATION:** From the intersections of Hwys 36 and 283 in Norton, Kansas, go 6 miles West to Road W6, 4 miles North and 1 1/2 miles West to the NE corner of Tract 1, and 3 miles North & 1/2 mile East to the NW corner of Tract 2. SIGNS WILL BE POSTED!

**MANNER OF SALE:** This real estate will be offered in 2 individual tracts only. There will be no combination of tracts. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the auction company.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale, with the balance to be paid on or before April 18, 2013, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Sellers. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment, with the final payment to be made in certified funds. All funds will be held by the auction company in their trust account or by an identified title/escrow company. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction. All bids are subject to Sellers' confirmation. Announcements made day of sale will take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements.

**MINERAL RIGHTS:** Sellers will retain one-half (1/2) of the mineral rights for a term of twenty (20) years with said reservation to be non-participating in lease monies, delay rentals and bonuses, but fully participating in royalties.

**CROPS:** Crops are subject to the tenant's rights under the "Farm Lease Agreement" through Dec. 31, 2014. Buyer(s) will receive 100% of all lease payments for 2013 and 2014. See chart below for annual lease payments.

**FSA INFORMATION:** All FSA payments are subject to the tenant's rights under the "Farm Lease Agreement" through Dec. 31, 2014. See chart below for cropland acres, base acres & DCP yields.

**CRP INFORMATION:** There is a CRP contract on Tract 2 in effect on 17.7 acres at \$36.61 per acre with an option to cancel for \$162.

**CLOSING:** Date of closing will be on or before April 18, 2013.

**POSSESSION:** Possession will be the date of closing, subject to the terms and conditions of the "Farm Lease Agreement" through December 31, 2014.

**REAL ESTATE TAXES:** Sellers will pay taxes for all of 2012 and prior years. Taxes for 2013 will be the responsibility of the Buyer(s). See chart below for 2012 tax amounts.

TR #	TOTAL ACRES	CROP LAND	GRASS AND ROADS	APPROXIMATE LEASE PAYMENTS	WHEAT BASE/YLD	OATS BASE/YLD	GR SOYG BASE/YLD	SOYBEANS BASE/YLD	2012 TAXES
1	160.0	156.05		\$7,008.30	65.7/44	5.1/48	54.4/57	1.8/48	\$743.96
2	160.0	151.00	9.0+	\$5,998.50	70.7/44	4.2/48	38.5/57	1.0/48	\$642.86
	320.0	307.1	9.0+						

\*Cropland & base acres are currently combined. The acreage split in the chart is an estimate only. FSA will split the cropland & base acres after the auction.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:** The successful bidder will be required to enter into a real estate purchase contract immediately following the auction. Copies of the contract will be available from the auction company prior to the sale.

**ACREAGES:** Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources based on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change, including but not limited to the number of cropland acres, grass acres, base acreages and yields. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres or county appraiser acres. Acreages are not covered by title insurance.

**EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** Sellers will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be paid one-half by the Buyer(s) and one-half by the Sellers. Title evidence will be provided on sale day.

**INSPECTIONS:** Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections and due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property. Neither Sellers nor Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., its agents or representatives, are making any warranties about the property, either expressed or implied.

**EASEMENTS:** This sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to oil and gas leases of record, if any.

**AGENCY:** Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., its agents and representatives, are the Exclusive Agent of the Sellers.

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Andrew & Charlie Klotz have inherited these two outstanding cropland quarters from their late father, Paul Klotz, who was the son of longtime Norton County residents Martin & Laurena Klotz. Andrew & Charlie will offer these two quarters for sale at PUBLIC AUCTION on Tuesday, March 19th in Norton at the Parish Hall. The land has a tenant lease thru 2014 with Steve Washburn of rural Norton. Contact the auction company for further details regarding the lease, lease payments are set out in the chart above.

**THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE GOOD, PRODUCTIVE CROPLAND. SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!!!**

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