

PUBLIC NOTICE

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: Field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pigweed. Bull Thistle is a County Option Noxious Weed declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Rush County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Rush County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

- 1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious

weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,

- 2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Rush County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th St., Topeka, KS 66612.

Notice to Landowners: During the course of the year Rush County Noxious Weed Department will have access to private property as necessary for the purpose of inspection of noxious weeds as required by Kansas Department of Agriculture. This notice will serve as notification.

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Sheep and Goat Conference by Devin Smith

On Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. the Western Kansas Sheep and Goat Conference was held at the Hodgeman County Fair Grounds. This event was organized by Mr. DeWayne Craghead of the Hodgeman County Extension Office and sponsored by Simon Sheep, Superior Farms, Bullseye GX and by Extension Councils in Hodgeman, Gray, Ford, and Pawnee Counties. The event was well received with around 25 to 30 producers there to learn and network. There was a wonderful lamb meat chili provided as well as other snacks and door prizes. The conference had several professional presenters and provided up to date information mostly about sheep and sheep markets.

The first speaker was Mr. Wyatt Crane from Superior Farms. Superior Farms buys fat lambs mostly from contracts to butcher. He discussed the slaughter lamb market trends for 2025. Mr. Crane told us how the cold storage was down nine percent in 2025. He also explained the seasonal highs and lows of the market. For example right now is a seasonal high because of Ramadan (an Islamic Holiday) and Easter is just around the corner. He says that summer is normally the low of the year but in 2025 the market did not drop. Mr. Crane believes that some of the higher demand is because of the tariffs that President Trump placed on the sheep coming out of Australia which have had a positive effect for American producers.

The second speaker was Mr. Tyler Witt with Shearwell who spoke to us over Zoom. He told us about a new software called MyFarm.works. The software is used to help producers track their sheep health, lambing rate, location, and cost. What was interesting was that this program can be used for a feeder lamb operation and a ewe/lamb operation. There are also alarms that you can set and select how high the priority. If you run a feedlot your hired man will see the alarm and know to treat the sheep or whatever you put in the system. The system will work with electric ear tags that you can scan through your hand held tag reader or with normal tags. Shearwell also sells ear tags and taggers. There are two types of taggers he talked about the normal one that holds one tag at a time and the forty round turbo tagger.

The next speaker was Dustin Petrik who works for Bullseye Gx. He was also a Zoom participant and he told us about testing sheep for diseases. His company uses blood samples that the producer collects to tell if the sheep is sick. They also provided blood sample test kits for free to the producers who attended this event. He told us how to send in blood samples to see if your ewes are bred so you know which ones to cull when the time comes to get rid of old ewes from your flock.

After a short lunch break, Mrs. Alicia Boor, an Ag Agent for the Cottonwood District spoke to us about signs of personal stress and how to relax or calm down. Some of the ways she said suggested to help with stress were exercise like a brisk walk for five minutes, lifting weights, going hiking, and biking. She also told us about less active ways to reduce stress such as reading and talking to friends. She also provided a contact list of people and agencies to help if a coworker or friend is showing signs of extreme stress.

The next speaker was Mr. DeWayne Craghead and he spoke about budgets. He said that a good budget would help a producer know if they're making profit on a per ewe basis and also which ones need to be sold. He spoke on how a lambing percentage makes a difference on your income. It showed the cost to keep a ewe was the same if they had one or two lambs making lambing more profitable when lambing percentage was high. Mr. Craghead gave us two websites to find easy budget plans, the K-State Budget and University of Maryland Extension Budget.

The next topic was similar to budgeting as it was about how to make extra money with old ewes. Mrs. Jenny Carr talked about ways to make money by skinning the ewe and grinding the meat into dog treats. She went into great detail about the process of turning the sheep hide into

a nice rug or dog blanket. According to her, an average cull ewe is worth \$250 but the skin alone can be worth \$275. Mrs. Carr also explained the rules and regulations about making dog treats. She told us how she does hers and everything we would need to do in order to make, package and sell dog treats. Currently, I believe she can sell dog treats for around ten dollars a pound, which is pretty good money.

After that, we went outside with Dr. Becky to learn about oral worming with a hands-on demonstration. First Dr. Becky gave us some helpful pointers about how to and when to use sheep dewormers. She explained that not all sheep dewormers work the same. She also stated that if you deworm all the sheep in your herd you will likely have more resistant worms than if you treat just the heavily infested sheep. Dr. Becky set up for us all to perform an oral drench on a real sheep. The sheep where generously provided by Mr. Ron Gibbons. She also demonstrated how to hold the sheep so as to have more control over its head. I was able to successfully drench a few sheep.

Then we had the producer panel which consisted of Mrs. Jenny Carr, Mr. Ron Gibbons, and Mr. Bryan Theil. First, each went into a brief description about their own operations and some of the things they have learned along the way. They told us how they moved from wool sheep to hair sheep, because the bottom fell out of the wool market. Without the profit from selling the wool it no longer made financial sense for them to have wool sheep. They explained how accelerated lambing works, and how it works even better with hair sheep. In accelerated lambing they would lamb three times in two years or five times in three years. I personally still think raising wool sheep is better than hair sheep and hope to find a way to make a good profit doing it. The question was asked if any panel members had ever done a feeder lamb operation which would be when you buy small lambs at the sale barn and add weight to them and sell them again later. All of the members of the panel had a ewe/lamb operation and had not tried a feeder lamb program. There were some other questions about what time of year they lambed, what breeds raised the best lambs or had multiples at birth, and how well the different breeds performed. Overall, it was a very informative panel. They had several years of experience and did a very good job of answering questions and sharing knowledge.

The last speaker was Dr. Kelsey Bentley, the KSU Small Animal Specialist. She told us all about different worm breeds and how they effected sheep differently. Dr. Kelsey explained how to tell if the sheep has worms or not by checking the eyes to see what color the eyelids are. We learned that red is healthy and white means lots of worms, pink means some worms but not more than the sheep can handle with their own immune system. She also went in depth on the symptoms of infected sheep and on how and when to use different dewormers. According to her there are four categories for dewormers. Dr. Kelsey also warned against illegal treatments for sheep that are legal for other animals like horses. She also walked us through the process of collecting a feces sample, creating a good slide for the microscope with the sample, labeling the sample, and counting the worm eggs in sheep feces. All of this was to help determine if you have a worm problem in your sheep. Dr. Kelsey strongly suggested that before treating a sheep with a dewormer, you need several signs that the sheep is having a problem not just that you find eggs in their feces.

I greatly enjoyed the Western Kansas Sheep and Goat Conference. There was a lot of good information and it was nice to get to ask more experienced producers questions and learn how they do things. I especially enjoyed the hands-on deworming and using the microscope. I would like to give a big thank you to Mr. DeWayne Craghead for setting up the event and to all to sponsors that helped make it possible. I am looking forward to attending again next year.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RUSH COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF VACATION OF A SEGMENT OF RUSH COUNTY ROAD AVENUE Q, THAT PART DISSECTING SECTION TWENTY-FOUR (24), TOWNSHIP EIGHTEEN (18) SOUTH, RANGE TWENTY (20), WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. RUSH COUNTY, KANSAS, AND SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), TOWNSHIP EIGHTEEN (18) SOUTH, RANGE TWENTY (20), WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. RUSH COUNTY, KANSAS

NOTICE OF HEARING TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD (Pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102a)

To Whom It May Concern and specifically to the owners of real property located adjacent to the proposed vacation of a segment of a county road, hereinafter described.

You are hereby notified that the Board of Commissioners will convene a hearing for purposes of determining if the following described segment of a county road should be vacated pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102(b) due to the following: not of public utility by reason of neglect, nonuse, or inconvenience; or from other cause or causes such road has become practically impassable and the necessity for such road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair such road or put the same in condition for public travel, to wit:

A One (1) mile segment of Rush County Avenue Q that dissects Section Twenty-Four (24), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Twenty (20), West of the 6th P.M. Rush County, Kansas, and Section Twenty-Five (25), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Twenty (20), West of the 6th P.M. Rush County, Kansas

Hearing on said vacation will held on the 23rd day of March, 2026 at 9:15 a.m., in the Commissioners Room of the Rush County Courthouse, 715 Elm, LaCrosse, Kansas, at which time and place the Commissioners will consider vacating said road.

Jacy A. Keener, Rush County Clerk

Barbed Wire Beacon

This Book of The Law

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

The Bible is a book that has continued to stand the test of time. Other books have come and gone, but God's Word proves it is the Book above all others. Many men have spent their lives studying the Bible because of their love of God, while others have spent theirs trying to destroy it, only for the Bible to continue long after their death. One such example was a man named Voltaire who said, "A hundred years from my death the Bible will be a museum piece." He died in 1778, and the Bible lives on with millions more printed every year. The wisdom within God's Word is still relevant today, and is needed more now than ever before with the fact that billions of people are in the world today, and most have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel message. We should spend part of every day reading from the Bible. Fathers should take the responsibility God has given them seriously by making sure their children are brought up loving and fearing God, because we all will answer to Him one day. Ephesians 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The text verse tells us not to let the scriptures depart out of our mouth, this does not mean

not to speak the Word of God, but it means our speech should always contain the Holy Scriptures, we should talk about them daily. Colossians 4:5-6 "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." People are known by the company they keep, the way they dress, and by the words they speak, we need to be careful that we are showing forth Christ in those areas of our lives, because people need to see Christ in and through us. Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." 1 Corinthians 15:33-34 "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." Paul backs up how important the scriptures are for us in 1 Thessalonians 2:13, because it works in the lives of those who have believed, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." Take time today to meditate on God's Word, don't use the world's method of clearing your mind and thinking about nothing as this is an opening up to the Devil, we have a command from God to think on the Bible day and night.

Pastor Daniel Lineberry, Independent Baptist, Fundamental, KJV 319 W. 10th St., La Crosse ~ 785-222-0017 ~ dankrys05@hotmail.com

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table listing churches in Albert, Bison, La Crosse, and Timken areas with contact information and service times.

Rush County Ministerial Alliance - Richard Luft, President Mission Statement - "To live like Christ, To love like Christ, To give like Christ, To go like Christ, So others may know Him in our community and world."

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