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Dear Sirs,

Frontier Extension District (Osage, Franklin, and Anderson Counties) and Coffey County Extension have teamed up to host a “Beef Production and the Working Cowdog” October 8, 2019. This educational event will include both classroom discussion and on-farm dog/cattle handling demonstrations. WIBW 580 Radio has agreed to partner with us on this program. With their help advertising, we expect a great crowd.

Our morning keynote speaker will be Debbie Lyons Blythe, White City, Kansas. Debbie serves as the current chairperson of the “Outreach Committee” for the “U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef” organization. The mission of the group is to advance, support and communicate continuous improvement in the sustainability of U.S. beef production by educating and engaging the beef value-chain through a collaborative multi-stakeholder effort. Members of the Roundtable come from all aspects of the beef value chain including producers, allied industry, processors, retailers and civic organizations. Debbie will talk about the issues producers are facing in beef production and the importance of working together with industry to supply a safe and wholesome product.

In addition, we have Laura Stimatze, Mackville, Kansas, who will spend the afternoon with us speaking on and demonstrating the use of cattle dogs in low stress cattle handling. Laura will discuss puppy selection, give tips on training and will show what can be expected from dogs with various levels of training.

The day will start with classroom activities at 10:00 a.m. in the Williamsburg Community Building and will conclude with dog/cattle handling demonstrations at the Silkville Ranch, owned by Joe Bichelmeyer and family, just two miles southwest of Williamsburg. We will likely be at the Community Building until early afternoon then travel to the farm for continued educational opportunities and demonstrations.

We want to invite your firm to join us for this event. We ask for your cooperation and financial support to make this the best workshop around. Your assistance is needed to help us cover expenses such as speaker fees and travel, meals, refreshments, advertising, restroom rental, etc. Your sponsorship fee of \$150 will allow you to have a display table inside the Community Building, at the farm or at both locations (assuming that weather permits.) An area for table top displays will be available at the community building and a location at the farm will be set aside for larger displays like chutes, alleys, panels and other livestock equipment.

To sponsor the meeting, please register your company and pay online at: <http://www.frontierdistrict.k-state.edu> or send the enclosed form and check to Frontier District Extension, PO Box 400, 128 West 15th Street, Lyndon,

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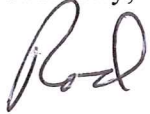
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Kansas 66451. We would like to have your sponsorship confirmed by August 12, so we can continue our plans and promotion for the meeting. If you have any ideas to make this event more successful, or if you have further questions, please give us a call. You can contact Rod Schaub at 785.828.4438 or rschaub@ksu.edu or Darl Henson at 620.364.5313 or by email at dhenson@ksu.edu.

Please respond by August 12, 2019, and we will keep you posted of progress as plans develop.

Sincerely,



Rod Schaub
Frontier Extension District,
Livestock Agent

Sincerely,



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