



Just a note to let you know what's going on

*Cord Wood For Sale-we still have cord wood available. Oak Cord Wood is \$140.00 if you pick it up. Kansas and Zebulon are splitting it as fast as Charlie can cut it. Cleaning up the trees toppled by our May tornado. Please call ahead. 785-331-7485 Or 785-842-3392 The boys will deliver and unload for a price.*

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# Out on Taylor Farms

***With Spring just around the corner we want you to know we are ON IT!***

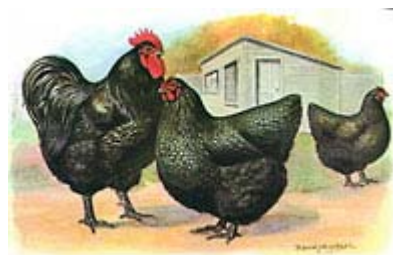
**Garden News-**The first round of spinach and beets have been planted! Didn't get the kale or Swiss chard in before the 3+ inches of rain on the 8<sup>th</sup>, dang it. We were busy preparing the chicken coop for arrivals.

Thanks to Dennis, Gerald, and Steve for their help with the coop!

The weather forecast for tonight is 5 degrees. The spinach is just peeking through the moist earth and will surely rebound quickly.

Remember, we have more than produce available year round. **Check out our upcoming events., pg 2.**

If you have a specialty item you would like Charlie to grow give us a call. 785-550-9332 for DT and 785-331-7485 for Chas.



**CHICKENS**-Chicks will be here March 30th. We have ordered 75 heavy breed Black Australourps. This breed originated in Australia developed from Black Orpingtons imported from England; and the emphasis of the breeding program was on egg production without sacrificing too much in size and meat quality. A flock of Black Australourps with their glossy black plumage which has a greenish-purple sheen and their larger than average bright red combs make an unusually handsome sight. They are big birds, cockerels weighing 6 to 8 lbs. at maturity and pullets 5 to 7 lbs.

25 of these will be for egg production and the other 50 for meat. 20 are already spoken for so get your name on the list now if you want a few free ranged chickens in your freezer.

**GRASS FED BEEF**-We have grass fed beef available at various times through out the year. Let us know when you have freezer space and are interested in a side or a quarter of beef. Price will vary with the market . Call Chas for more info. 331-7485



**Soap production**-The soap shop up and semi-organized!! Call for a tour. 12 batches of soap are curing and our web-page has some of the updates ready for viewing! Take a look! [www.rangelanherbs.com](http://www.rangelanherbs.com)

If you are interested in learning how to make soap I teach soap making 101 on the weekends. You need a group of 4-6 people and the cost is \$25.00 per person. You will learn the basics of soap making and get information on where to buy supplies. You will take several bars of soap (made by you) home from the class. Design your own scent!! Plan on at least a half a day. Call to schedule 785-550-9332



## Up Coming Event

### Chick Days!!

Easter Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>

12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Bring the kiddo's, the grand-kiddos, and all your buddies out to Taylor Farms to see our new arrivals. The grand kiddos will have a peppermint lemon-aid stand and some early spring greens for sale. The Soap Shop will be open for tours. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy it on the picnic table.

**Call for canning supplies.** I have had several people call me asking if I would keep a look out for canning supplies for them. So, here is the call for all things canning. That means; jars (pint and quart), water bathers, pressure canners, tongs, and jar funnels. While you do your spring-cleaning keep an eye for such items you are not using and think about passing them on to those who need, and will use them. If you are interested in acquiring said items let me know, and I will try and track canning supplies down for you too. Together we can make it happen!! Check with your mature family members to see what is down in the basement waiting to live again. Remember, that you are welcome to come learn the basics by helping us with our canning! Just let me know you are interested.

### Brome and Alfalfa Hay Available!!



House for Rent- The little house is still available. 2 (+) bedrooms, 2 baths, washer and drier in a laundry area in the full basement, shop area and studio space in the basement as well. Newly refinished hard wood floors. Brick patio to the east and screened in porch to the south. Great little house with fabulous view. \$750. a month. Pass this on to anyone you may think of looking for a quiet country home. 550-9332

Did you know buying chicken in the spring can be like trying to get an airline ticket on line!! Everyone with a yard must be raising chickens this year. That is scary!!!

## Sandhill cranes arriving across border

And I will on the Platte River to watch them fly in on the 21<sup>st</sup> and fly out in the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> as the light peaks the horizon (along with 6 of my closest friends). Wish you could be there!!!

Cranes are among the oldest living birds on the planet. Fossil records place cranes in Nebraska more than nine million years ago, long before there was a Platte River, which by comparison, is a youthful 10,000 years of age. Sandhill cranes have adapted well to the change in landscapes over time and most populations are healthy and continue to rise.



Are you a Friend of the Kaw? Or do you want to be? Check out the web site <http://www.kansasriver.org/>

## Yes, I want to help preserve our Kansas River!

By becoming a member of Friends of the Kaw you support the protection and preservation of the Kansas (Kaw) River.

Please feel free to forward this on to your friends, or print and share a copy. DT

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