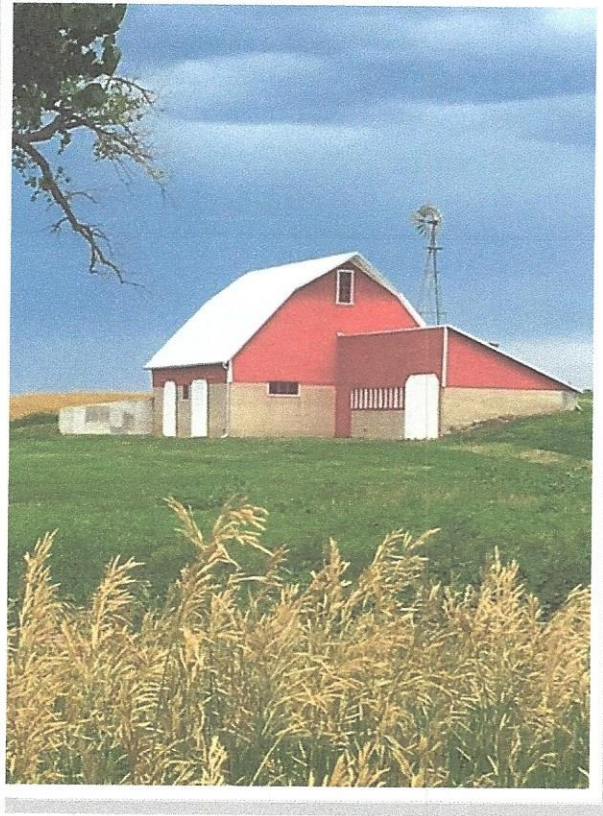




Kansas Barn Alliance, Inc.
P.O. Box 86, Concordia, KS 66901

The Rural Icon

News from the Kansas Barn Alliance



The Harry Keith Barn will be part of the BarnFest 2018 Barn Tour on Saturday, September 22. A recipient of a "Let's Get Started Grant".

BarnFest 2018

September 21 & 22, 2018

Early Bird Registration has been extended to September 10!

The Kansas Barn Alliance 2018 BarnFest will be held at the Damar Community Center, 106 Main, in Damar, Kansas. Friday will be filled with educational and networking sessions. Saturday will be the Annual Barn Tour to see seven historic barns and landmarks in the Graham, Rooks and Phillips Counties. See schedule on the next page for topics and activities.

Several historic locations in Damar will be utilized for this year's BarnFest. Our thanks to this year's event sponsors: Dane G. Hanson Foundation, Gella's Restaurant, McKenna Youth Center, Damar Community Historical Foundation, Schamber Historical Preservation, LLC.

Barn Fest 2018 Schedule

Registration has been extended to September 10 (postmarked). Check or PayPal available this year. To register see enclosed Form.

Schedule

Friday, September 21, 2018

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:45	Welcome
10:00	Tim Thompson - Methods of Recreating Historic Barn Features with a Saw Mill
11:00	Leon Ball - Relocating a Barn
Noon	Lunch - Damar Cafe Catering
1:00-2:00	Dollie Mathes & Teresa Huffman-Barn Quilts
2:00-3:00	Len & Linus Schamber - Painting Old Wood
3:00	Break
3:30	Dennis Rogers - Spirit of Place Presentation at McKenna Theater Palco, KS
5:30-6:00	Dinner (Damar Community Center) - Gella's Restaurant Catering
6:45	"Home on the Range" Movie (McKenna Center)

Saturday, September 22, 2018

8:30	Meet at the Damar French Quarter for rolls & coffee
9:00	Depart by bus or car pool for barn tour - Hilgers Barn, Nicodemus National Park and Davis Barns
12:00	Lunch at the Gottchalk Barn - Karen LaBarge
1:00	Resume tour- Eichman Barn
2:30	Break - Diana Nickelson, Harry Keith Barn
3:30	Cottonwood Ranch
4:30	BarnFest '18 ends

We reserve the right to alter the schedule to better fit the days activities.

Lodging:

(New)Days Inn - Ellis Kansas 785-726-2511(KBA rate before Sept. 6, \$77.35 + tax)
Pheasant Inn B&B, Green House, & Blue House - Hill City 785-421-2955
Bates Farm Guesthouse - Nicodemus 758-839-8200
Davis Hunting Lodge - Rural Hill City 785-421-5478
Log Cabins & RV parking - Webster Lake 785-425-6775
Kuhl Log Cabins - Stockton Kansas 785-425-8030 or 785-543-4475

Special thanks for their sponsorship:

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Other Barn Related Events in NE Kansas

If you are in northeast Kansas and can't make it to Barn Fest, perhaps you would be interested in two other Barn Tours in NE Kansas:

Valley Falls Barn Tour

Tour four amazing barns on the Valley Falls Barn Tour on Sept. 22nd. For more information contact

Lesla Broce at 785-945-6834. For more information see inside back page.

Jackson County Historical Society

Jackson County Historical Society's annual barn tour will go from the Glacial Hills to the Flint Hills in Jackson County. Dates: September 22 and 29 - same tour both dates. Ticket order deadline: September 14. For more information see inside back page.

Big Kansas Road Trip Report

The "Big Kansas Road Trip" was held on May 3-6 in Barber, Kiowa and Comanche counties. This event is a replacement for the former Kansas Sampler Festival. The Sampler Festival had tents with tour information, entertainment and Kansas crafts and products... and visitors learned what they could see when traveling Kansas.

The Big Kansas Road Trip is designed to get tourists to actually go out and explore three Kansas counties during the first weekend in May.

The Kansas Barn Alliance has had a booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival and found this a great way to educate visitors

about how to restore barns and how the Kansas Barn Alliance can help them with restoration/preservation information. For the Big Kansas Road Trip, the Kansas Barn Alliance set up a booth at the historic Fromme-Birney Round Barn south of Mullinville in western Kiowa County.



The barn is owned by the Kiowa County Historical Society and is maintained by the Round Barn Committee. It is always open - just open the door, turn on the lights, and see the exhibits on the history of the barn and agriculture of 1912 (the year the barn was built). Members of the round barn committee were present throughout the road trip and sponsored tours, and entertainment.

It worked out wonderful for the KBA to be at the Fromme-Birney Round Barn -

KBA supports the Kansas the efforts of the Kansas Sampler Foundation --- and the Kansas Sampler Foundation has recognized the Fromme-Birney Round Barn as one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas - Architecture.

KBA provides information on getting barns listed on the Kansas and National Register of Historic Places (which registration not only shows pride, but also can make the building eligible for the Heritage Trust Fund Grant and eligible for tax credits). The round barn is on the National Register of Historic Places and utilized a Heritage Trust Fund Grant to fund a major part of its restoration in 1995.

It was fun to actually show the barn as an example of what we promote and teach.

We had around 400 people visit the barn, and they got to see the example of a restored barn, feel the majesty of the architecture, smell aromas of a barn, hear the fabulous acoustics in the

haymow and learn the stories of a homesteaders and got to feel the passion from the descendants of the builders and their neighbors.

Here's some success stories/figures

230 actually signed the guest register at the Fromme-Birney Round Barn (and we know that we missed a lot of people) 85 attended the evening concerts on Saturday. The first hour were some locals (that recruited friends from Manhattan, Hutchinson, and Ohio to join them) in a jam session that included Norval Ralstin playing his bow and saw and a 91 year old former rancher on harmonica, two accordions, and two on mandolin. This was very similar to the music that would have been played in 1912 when the barn was built. The second part of the concert was the hour and a half concert Jeff Davidson from Eureka singing songs and telling stories on the settling of Kansas, the cattle trails and the people. He was done just in time for all to go outside and watch a beautiful Kansas sunset over a former farmstead to the west.

We had tours all 4 days at 5pm that were led by Tamina Fromme whose 2 great grandfathers built the barn. One was the farmer, the other was the carpenter. (of coarse a crew of others helped)

Barn Alliance members and members of the round barn committee led individuals and families on tours continuously through the barn.

KBA had a booth at the Fromme-Birney Round Barn and handed out flyers about Barn Fest, sold new memberships and barn books and DVDs of the Barn Raiser documentary.

The Kansas Barn Alliance also sponsored the showing of The Barn Raisers in the Twilight Theatre in Greensburg. Wow, wow, wow - was it impressive to see this movie in this beautiful new 400 seat theater. 52 were present for the movie and Sally Hatcher of KBA gave an introduction to the movie and told how KBA helped with the financing of this documentary on the great barn builders of the Midwest.

We promoted that people come to the barn to see sunrise and sunsets. On Saturday morning a guy came and shot the sunrise with his drone - beautiful shot of the sun coming up over the barn roof

Len Schamber, KBA member and works with Schamber Historic Preservation, led a tour of the barn and talked about maintaining a barn, and repairing/restoring a barn. By the time he was done, he had about 25 following him around and listening to every word.

Our visitors posted many wonderful pictures on Facebook. On the Facebook "Search" line - type in "Fromme Birney Round Barn" and you will see many fascinating photos that were posted.

The next Big Kansas Road Trip will be the first weekend of May, 2019 in far northwest Kansas and the KBA hopes to be able to assist with some barn exploration activities at this event.

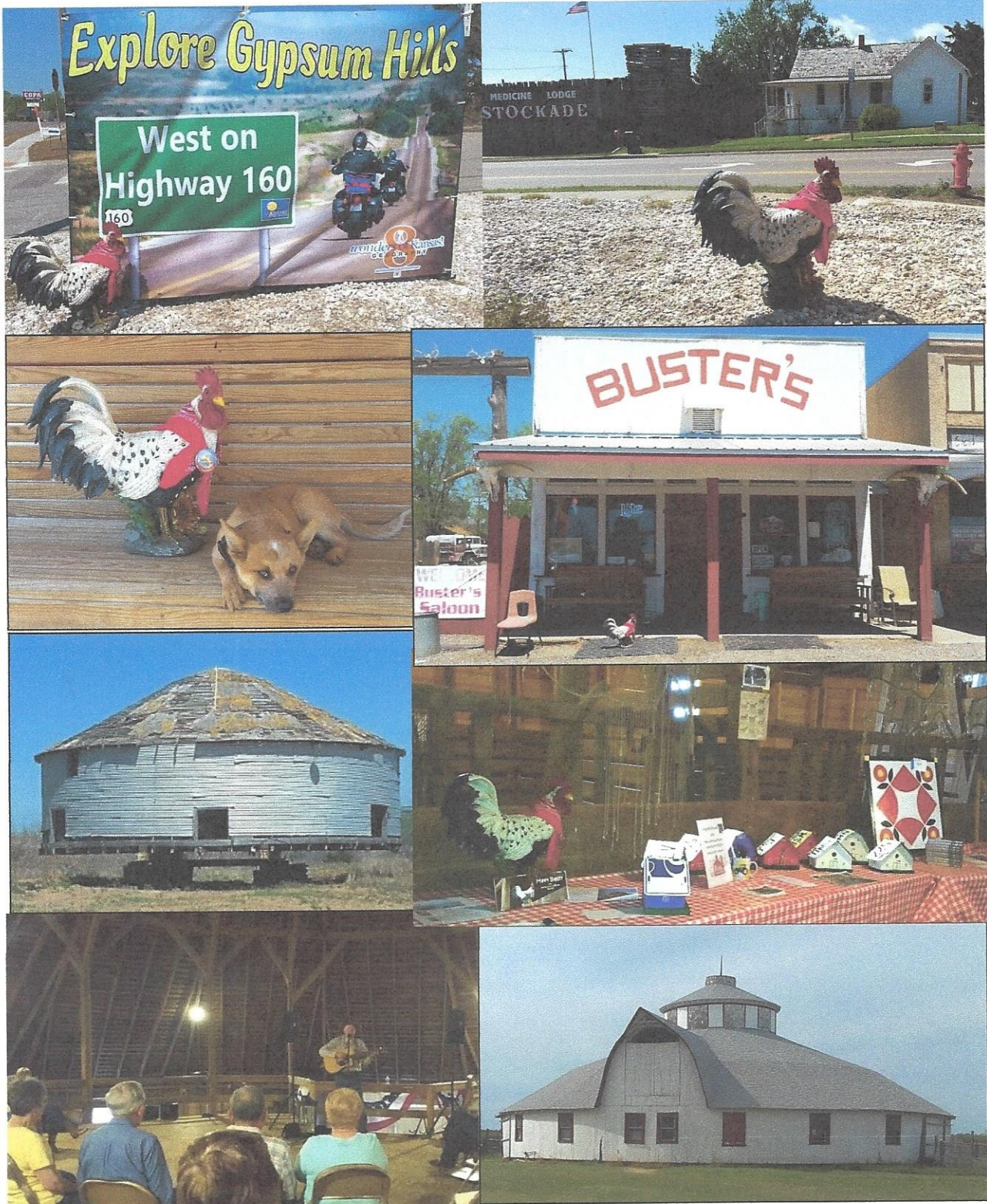
Written by Bob Neier, Secretary of Kansas Barn Alliance; and member of the Round Barn Committee of the Kiowa County Historical Society

Check out our Website: www.kanasbarnalliance.org



Barney's Adventures on the Big Kansas Road Trip

Barney started his journey in Medicine Lodge, narrowly escaping Carry Nation's hatchet at the Museum and Stockade. Heading west on the Gypsum Hills Byways he took a side trip to Sun City to meet a friend at Buster's. Oh look! A round barn being moved and left along the side of the road. He finally made it to the Fromme-Birney Round Barn in Mullinville where he helped at the display table for the Kansas Barn Alliance. He enjoyed the entertainment in the loft. He ended his trip at the Sternberger Barn which was part of the landmarks to visit on the Road Trip near Hardtner, in southern Barber County.



Barn For Sale – Prairie Barn – Gambrel Roofline

Family cow barn was built around 1910 for use in milking, with plenty of space in the loft for hay storage. Addition has a corn crib or other storage area with beautiful lumber lining the interior on all four walls. Room measurements are 14' x 14' x 11' high, with boards measuring 7" x 1". No insect damage. All barn wood is white pine.

The main portion of the barn measures 36 feet long by 20 feet wide by 14 feet to the bottom of the lowest roof line. An estimated height from the ground to the ridgeline is 25 feet. The lean-to addition measures 35 feet by 14 feet by 11' 8" at the highest roof point, sloping down to 7' 3". The hay loft has very sturdy and solid flooring with 19 boards across the distance measuring 11 ½" wide each by 36 feet. Each of the 36 feet board lengths are divided up roughly into thirds. Roughly 684 square feet of flooring total. The loft has 19 well-constructed trusses with 2 solid tying boards that span the loft measuring 20' x 8" x 1".

The exterior wooden siding is vertical and measures in widths of 16", 14", and 12" and measures 14 feet in height. Siding is in pretty good shape considering it is over 100 years old. There are seven boards measuring 1 ½" x 5 ½" x 14 feet. Most wood is not true dimensional lumber, but there are a few here and there. There are approximately 75 pieces of good tin. Rust on the outside, but underneath side is very good. Looks like new on the underside of the hay loft.

The owner would like to sell the barn as an entire unit for placement at another site. There is a lot of good lumber in this structure and owner has some of the original deeds to the property, with history of the building site. Barn is very well constructed and uses 16 penny and common nails. Owner wants the building gone, so purchaser must remove entire barn. Purchaser must also carry liability insurance.

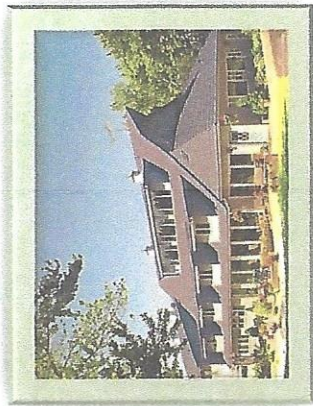
Barn resides in Coffey County. Please contact Heather Brown at 620-344-5392 or Garric at garric@mcmillanarchitects.com.

A Note from Kansas Barn Alliance

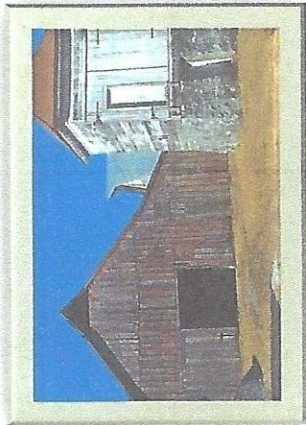
You are receiving this newsletter because you are currently a member or have been a member in the past and are still on our mailing list. If you wish to renew your membership, please go to the website, www.kansasbarnalliance.org and click on "Support Us/Join the Alliance" tab. If you are on Facebook or provided your e-mail on the membership form, you may have seen a similar electronic version a few days ago. Our apologies for any duplication.

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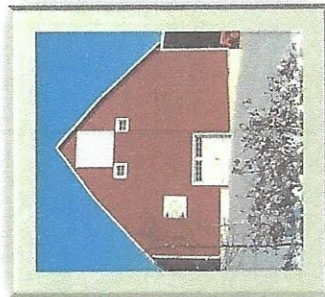
Historic Barn Tour Saturday, September 22, 2018 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm



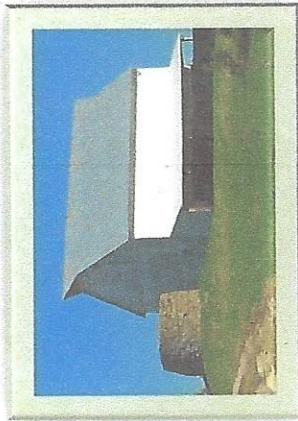
The Barn Bed & Breakfast Inn -
Original barn built 1896



Thompson Horse Barn - 1880



Brose Barn - 1917



Coleman Barn - 1902

Enjoy a fall afternoon in the beautiful Glacial Hills area of Northeast Kansas touring historic farms.

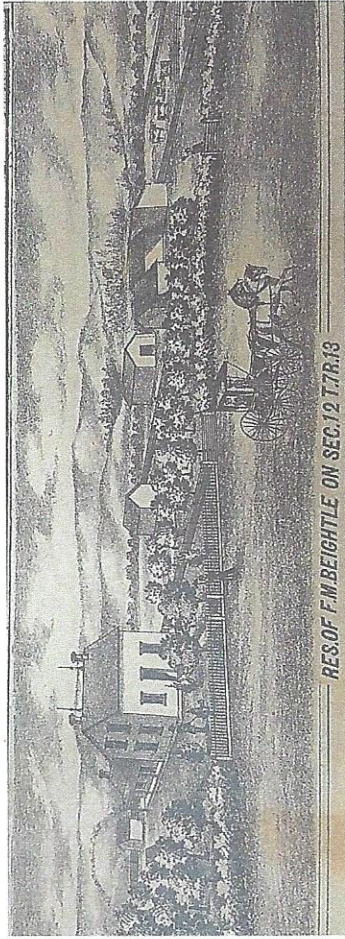
For registration information contact: Leesa Brose at 785-945-6834 or Jo

Tichenor at 785-945-0181

Tour departs from the Valley Falls Museum, 310 Broadway, Valley Falls, KS

All proceeds benefit the Valley Falls Historical Society

Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society Kansas
216 New York - Holton KS 66436
785-364-4991



Beightel farmstead from 1881 Jackson County Atlas

What: The Barns of Soldier Creek

Your ticket for the 2018 Barn Tour includes lunch prepared by Holton Catering: Chicken Fried Chicken with all the trimmings plus dessert. Tickets: \$55

When: Saturday, September 22 and 29 - same tour both dates. Depart at 8:30 am from the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton (detailed directions when we send your tickets). Return around 3 pm.

Where: Guided school bus tour down scenic country roads going from the Glacial Hills in central Jackson County to the Flint Hills in the western part of the county. Due to our insurance coverage, private cars are not allowed on the tour. The Society provides a follow car for emergencies. Junket includes: longhorn cattle - oil wells - military trails - roping demonstration - early cemeteries - country schools - painted barn quilts - hidden architectural treasures - a farmstead similar to that pictured above - dairy farms - revival music at the Bucks Grove church - limestone outcroppings

Refreshments will be served throughout the day. There are scheduled restroom stops. Photographs are allowed. Must be able to board the bus. Wear comfortable and rugged shoes as we will be walking on uneven terrain.

Ticket Information: Please complete and return the Ticket Order form along with your payment. Tickets and detailed departure information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your payment.

Ticket deadline: September 14, 2018



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Time has gotten away from us getting the word out about BarnFest. It's not too late to get Registered.... Early Bird Registration Deadline moved to Sept. 10.

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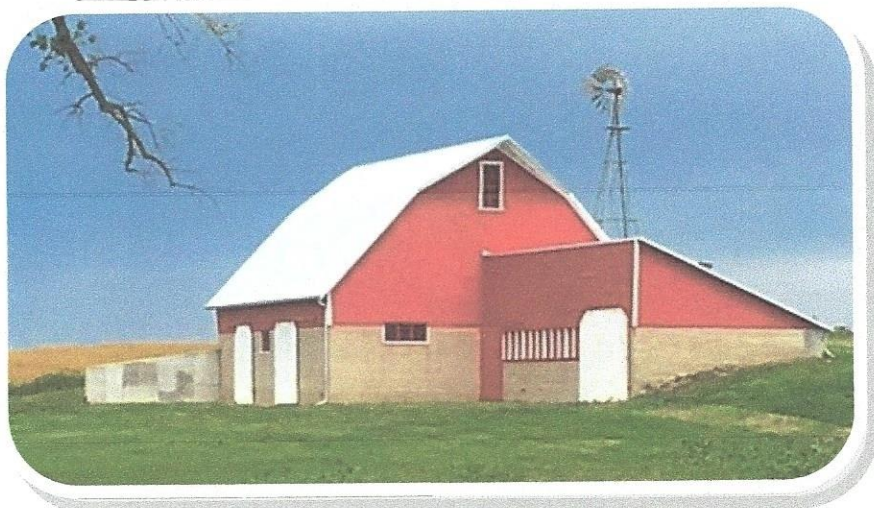
September 21 & 22, 2018

Damar, Kansas

Rooks, Graham & Phillips Counties

Registration

Conference Location: Friday starts at the Community Building, 107 Main St., Damar, KS



NAME _____

GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Registration Includes:

Friday and Saturday—Two-day registration includes:

*3 Meals & Snacks * 5 Presentations

* Tour of Barns in Rooks, Graham & Phillips Counties

Friday Only:

* 2 Meals & Snacks * 5 Presentations

Friday Evening Only:

* 1 Meal, Entertainment & Networking

Saturday Only

* 1 Meal & Snacks, Tour of Barns in Rooks, Graham

Lodging:

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Friday & Saturday Registration (Prices are per Person)

\$ _____ \$80 Kansas Barn Alliance (KBA) members -Early Bird Fee
(must be paid by ~~Aug. 30, 2018~~) **Sept. 10**

\$ _____ \$110 Non-members* - Early Bird Fee
(must be paid by ~~August 30, 2018~~) **Sept. 10**

Friday & Saturday Registration Fee After Sept. 10

\$ _____ \$120 Kansas Barn Alliance (KBA) members

\$ _____ \$150 Non-members

One Day only (Member or Non-member)

\$ _____ \$80 Friday only

\$ _____ \$80 Saturday only

Friday evening Meal and Entertainment Only

\$ _____ \$20 per person

Totals

\$ _____ Total Registration (s) Amount

\$ _____ Any Add-Ons (Extra guests for Friday, etc.)

\$ _____ Grand Total

_____ Check Enclosed (X)

_____ Send Invoice via e-mail for Credit Card Payment (X)

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Make check payable to KBA and mail to:

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