

Obituary

ROBERT LEE BRANT
(1939-2025)



as the rain he hoped for over the years for good crops, fell from the skies blessing the land.

He left this world in the same place he shaped with tireless hands, quiet strength, and a heart that loved deeply and gave freely.

Born on a February day in 1939, Robert was a true son of the land. From an early age, he embraced the rhythm of farming and ranching, cultivating not just crops and cattle, but a legacy of perseverance and integrity. With his wife Lola and son Shanon, he co-founded Blue Hill Feeders, Inc., a family-run operation that became both a business and a beacon of what grit and vision can build. He later shared countless hours and years working side by side with his grandson Timber, passing down not only knowledge, but a reverence for the land and a pride in honest work. Robert resonated with Timber's positive energy and hard work ethic, proud to have him assisting with keeping his vision of the Blue Hill Feeders and farming operation thriving.

On November 2, 1958, Robert married the love of his life, Lola Marie. Together, they raised two children—Angela and Shanon—instilling in them the same values that guided Robert's life: loyalty, humility, and an unshakable work ethic. His special bond with his daughter Angela and granddaughter Alia was a cornerstone in his later years, as they stood with him to keep the feedlot alive and thriving. He would always brag with a big “Bobby Brant” smile of “his girls”-truly held such special places in his heart.

Robert's presence was larger than life in his rural Kansas community. He was known not just as a rancher and farmer, but as a neighbor, a mentor, and a man always ready with a laugh or a helping hand. He was the kind of man you could count on—one with a backbone of steel and a heart of gold-balls enough to take on anything, yet sensitive to be there in time of need. Always generous with his energy and love for mankind.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Lola Brant of Lucas, Kansas; daughter Angela Naegele, granddaughter Alia Larson (Paul) and their children—Rio, Cassody, Nash, and Otto, all of Lucas, Kansas; grandson Timber Naegele (Megan) and their children—Turner and Tripp, of Spring Branch, Texas. His son Shanon Brant and husband Ian reside in Consejo Shores, Corozal, Belize. Shanon's children, Haile Brant of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Cole Brant of St. George, Utah, carry on his name and legacy.

Robert was, and will remain, an icon—not for fame, but for the quiet, steady way he lifted others and held the world together around him. His memory will live on in every sunset over the fields he loved, in every laugh shared around a kitchen table, and in the hearts of those lucky enough to call him family and friend.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a kind gesture to your neighbor or a lending hand to someone in need as that is how Robert Lee Brant lived his life.

Rest in Peace, Robert Lee Brant. Your legacy of hard work, dedication to family, and passion for life will forever resonate and inspire the hearts ?? of family and friends.

A limb has fallen from the Brant family tree that says-

“Grieve not for me-Remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the Good life lived while I was strong.”

Services are private.
Arrangements have been entrusted to the Rentschler Family Mortuaries, www.rfmortuaries.com)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS
RESOLUTION 2025-04

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A
COUNTY APPRAISER.

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissions of Russell County, Kansas, is directed by K.S.A. 19-430 to appoint a County Appraiser every fourth year following July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, said County Appraiser, in keeping with K.S.A. Chapter 19, Article 4 shall be appointed for a period of four years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Russell County Board of County Commissioners, as follows:

1. That David D. Gillmore is a Kansas Registered Mass Appraiser, and being qualified as such, is hereby appointed as the Russell County Appraiser for a term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.
2. That said appointed County Appraiser shall perform the duties of the office of County Appraiser in keeping with K.S.A. Chapter 19, Article 4 and K.S.A. Chapter 79, Article 14, and any subsequent revisions of these statutes.
3. That said the appointed County Appraiser shall comply with the provisions of the Russell County Employee Handbook as approved by the Commission.

Adopted and passed this 7th day of July 2025, at Russell, Kansas.

ATTEST: (seal)

s/ Kristi Whitman,
Kristi A. Whitman, County Clerk

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Victim: KDOT Text
Scams continue

Fake texts that appear to come from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and demand payment for tolls and tickets are continuing to be sent to the public. These texts sometimes threaten to have driver's licenses revoked or penalties for not paying promptly.

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Kansas Farm Bureau....Insight

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Finding common ground

If there's one constant in the world, it's every living thing is looking for food while avoiding becoming a meal. Farmers fight weeds, bacteria and fungus from the moment seeds go into the ground until the crop is harvested. Ranchers are on constant alert for predators waiting for the right opportunity to secure an easy meal.

In growing food, there's a constant battle against pests, both seen and unseen. One of agriculture's greatest successes over the past 75 years has come from managing these threats even if they're not eliminated entirely.

The New World screwworm (NWS) is a parasitic pestilence of fly larvae that burrows into open wounds on livestock causing serious to fatal injury to infected animals. NWS was a scourge in the United States until 1966 when a government program used sterile flies to eradicate the breeding stock.

This biological barrier eventually banished the NWS to the Caribbean and South America, but recent sightings in Central America and Mexico have put the United States on alert. Like any fence, the barrier occasionally develops some weak spots. An outbreak occurred in Texas in 1976 and the NWS cropped up again in the Florida Keys in 2016, affecting wild deer there.

Vigilance is key to halting the most recent migration, and officials are working to reverse the course of NWS before it can reestablish in the United States. While not cheap, these efforts provide enormous economic benefits, with one U.S. government estimate showing an outbreak similar to the one in 1976 could cause nearly \$2 billion in losses.

The reemergence of NWS into the public discourse is also an opportunity to highlight how dedicated farmers and ranchers are in caring for their livestock.

Kansas Senior Farmers Market
Nutrition Program returns

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is pleased to announce that the Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (KSFMNP) will officially begin on July 14, 2025. The program provides eligible seniors with coupons to purchase fresh produce and honey at participating farmers' markets across the state.

“We appreciate the patience of Kansas seniors and local farmers during this delay,” said Courtney Koenig, KDHE Physical Activity and Nutrition Program Manager. “We're excited to move forward and ensure seniors have access to fresh, nutritious produce while supporting Kansas farmers.”

Seniors are eligible if they are 60 years or older, or if they are at least 55 years old and a member of an Indian Tribal Organization. Eligible seniors must also have an annual gross household income (before taxes are withheld) at or

It's easy for someone outside of the industry to only see cattle grazing in a pasture as they drive by on the highway and believe the animals are largely on their own.

While this is the time of year cattle are likely to have the least amount of interaction with their caretakers, it's still substantially more than what a passerby can see from the road. There are regular water checks, replenishment of supplemental mineral and salt in addition to periodic fence checks.

This is in addition to more thorough assessments when rotating cattle to fresh pasture. When I was growing up, moving cattle to a new pasture always involved a stop at the pens to spray the cattle with a mild insecticide to combat flies, ticks and other biting insects. This also offered the chance for close evaluation of the herd.

We'd start the day before sunrise so we could move the cattle when it was coolest, and the observation started as soon as we began guiding them to the pen. We studied the strides looking for any sign of a limp or lethargy that could indicate an illness. Once in the pen, we paid close attention to posture, coat, eyes and mouth for any signs of sickness or distress. Any potentially sick animals would be separated for further evaluation and treatment if necessary.

Catching problems early makes them much easier to solve. Screwworms are still a threat, but through care and vigilance they were spotted early, and mitigation measures are underway to protect all the herds in the United States.

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below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Eligible seniors can apply for the KSFMNP until Sept. 30, and they are encouraged to apply soon as coupon stock is limited. Seniors who are eligible will receive \$50 in coupons. These coupons can be used to purchase local produce and local honey at participating farmers markets from authorized vendors, which will be identified with signage showing they are authorized to accept the coupons.

Eligible foods to purchase with the KSFMNP are defined as “fresh, nutritious, unprepared, fruits and vegetables, locally produced honey, and cut herbs that are grown in Kansas.”

Seniors can find more information about eligibility requirements and how to apply for the KSFMNP program or where to use the KSFMNP coupons by visiting the KSFMNP website.

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