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Petroleum Restructure

The Garden City Co-op has been restructuring the petroleum business to move away from retail fuel sales to non-farm customers. This has resulted in the sale of the Country Corner East truck stop in Garden City to the U-Pump-It system. At the end of August we also sold the Dighton service station to Brett Marsteller and the Ransom service station to Holly's, LLC. The automated fueling stations in Garden City and Pierceville were sold to U-Pump-It, the AFS in Dighton was sold to Shull Oil, and the Ransom, Arnold and Brownell AFSs was sold to Hagan's Repair.

We have moved forward in this effort for three good reasons. First, it is the best for our famer member/owners to have us focused on their business. It will prevent us from having to divert the hard earned patronage dollars from our members to fight retail gas wars in town or to support businesses that the Co-op has not been able to be profitable in. Second, it serves the communities that we reside in to provide local ownership so that the businesses may provide a higher level of service. Third, it provides good opportunities for local businesspersons and their families to stay and own their own business in their hometowns.

We encourage you to support these new businesses to help them grow strong. We will continue to serve these communities by supporting these businesses as a reliable and competitive supplier.