



## Vet promotes low-stress cattle handling techniques

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,  
Editor

You might snicker a little, and coin them “cow-whisperers.” But once the coffee shop banter falls away, you might wonder what that rancher who is incorporating low stress cattle handling techniques is gaining by taking on this “new” approach with the management of his herd.

In truth, the techniques that Dr. Lynn Locatelli teaches aren’t new. In fact, they are rather old-fashioned in many ways. They are quiet and methodical and result in cattle that handle easier, are more efficient and remain healthier, more productive and ultimately more profitable.

“It is a lost dimension of management,” she told the group of ranchers gathered at the Emporia Livestock Market. “It’s what grandpa did.”

Dr. Locatelli spoke at a couple of workshops last week hosted by K-State Extension in Douglas and Lyon counties visiting with stockman who were interested in improving their husbandry techniques by eliminating the “cowboy” aspect of their operations. She teaches the methods of cattle handling that are promoted by Bud Williams. Locatelli has studied extensively under the expert.

No hot shots, whooping or hollering are allowed. The crux of the low-stress cattle handling technique is being a student of cattle and their behavior. A practicing veterinarian that consults extensively in feedlot operations, she explained that by having a simple, workable set of fa-

cilities, combined with a working knowledge of how cattle act and react, will result in an improved cattle handling experience.

“We are creating a new normal. It is important to know what is going on. You must pay attention to cattle,” she explained. “The only thing that is a true obstacle is what is between your ears.”

And the vet acknowledges that it’s not always easy to take a new approach to interacting with cattle, when old habits creep in.

“When you’ve been doing the same things for 15-20 years it is hard to change,” she said.

Cattle have a wide peripheral vision — that of a prey animal. And humans are perceived as the predator.

She noted that when cattle are negotiating a new environment, getting comfortable with the situation, they will bob their heads up and down. When they have adjusted with the situation their heads will become steady. By being a student of cattle behavior, once their heads have stabilized the handler can apply more pressure and ask cattle to move again.

And movement is good — unless, of course, it is panic movement.

When working with cattle and teaching them how to navigate or move within pastures or pens, it is important to remember to work with angles. The vet noted that a good place to focus is a spot between the ear and shoulder. “Never circle. Circling is a predatory action,” she explained.

Cattle are sensitive to

motion. A sweeping back/forth or zig-zag motion is the key to driving cattle — straight into the herd will create panic. And the appropriate position — neither too close or too far back — is key to keeping cattle moving. Dr. Locatelli shared several anecdotes of how being out of position will stop the herd progress. “Starting and stopping takes a lot of energy,” she said.

She also noted that when driving cattle, it is important to realize that traveling with the herd will slow the forward motion down, while traveling in the opposite direction will speed the group up. The same principle applies when trying to send cattle down loading or working allies.

“All human contact shapes behavior. All cattle respond to you, whether you know it or not,” she said. She said it is important to recognize this fact and work to have a positive response — from birth to death.

And not all cattle handle the same. Some are more sensitive to pressure than others and handlers need to recognize that and adjust accordingly.

While the techniques that Locatelli teaches aren’t difficult, they do take time and some practice.

“It’s not more time consuming, it’s just doing the right things right,” she said. While checking cattle, she encourages handlers to practice sorting off a pair, which according to Dr. Locatelli is extremely important for calf productivity that cows are always with their calves, and driving them and teaching them to handle.

“Working them three times, for ten minutes each time, will go a long way toward training them,” she said, emphasizing that by doing regular practice with the cattle doesn’t take any more time with the herd than is currently be spent checking the animals for sickness or calving difficulties.

She also professed the ability to “park” a cow in an area and come back after other pairs are located and sorted, which was a bit harder concept for some ranchers to accept.

Clint Cope of Marion County was at the session and noted that many of the techniques made a lot of sense, but he was unsure about “parking.”

“I’m just not sure that I buy into that,” he said.

Mike Holder, Chase County Extension agent and rancher, said that he’d attended the Bud Williams school and had been slowly using more and more of the low-stress techniques, but admits that they aren’t widely understood.

“I’ve used them by myself a few times and found that I could move and weigh about 200 calves by myself,” he explained. “The other guys helping couldn’t quite believe it, but the techniques



Dr. Lynn Locatelli of Benkelman, Neb. explained the basics of low-stress cattle handling techniques recently in a workshop held at the Emporia Livestock Market.

work. It is important that when working cattle everyone understand what you’re trying to do.”

Some might think by all this “asking” the cattle to respond is a little on the wimpy side, and that one’s not a true cowman if there isn’t a lot of muscle involved, but Dr. Locatelli noted that it’s the furthest from the truth.

“We’re not talking about sissying the cattle,” she said. “You are in charge and they are doing what you ask.”

Dr. Lynn summed up this approach to cattle handling as knowing what to ask, knowing how to ask, knowing how to reward and knowing how to read the cattle and respond in a manner that will give a positive result.

## Congress, White House spar over farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm-state lawmakers say tough congressional negotiations lie ahead for the five-year farm bill, mostly due to strong White House opposition to the \$286 billion legislation.

Members of the House and Senate agriculture committees say two issues stand out above the others as Congress tries to hammer out a deal: how the bill will be paid for and how much the legislation will limit federal farm subsidies to wealthy farmers.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., said he has had at least seven meetings with Acting Agriculture Secretary Charles Conner since the Senate passed its version of the bill in December. The House passed its bill in July.

Those negotiations have

not gone very well, Peterson said. The White House has threatened to veto both versions of the legislation.

“They are being pretty inflexible,” he said. At issue are tax provisions added to both versions of the bill that are intended to raise additional money for farm programs. The Bush administration says the bills use funding gimmicks and tax increases to supplement a farm economy that is already strong.

The White House also says neither bill does enough to limit payments to wealthy farmers, arguing that Congress should adapt an administration proposal that would ban subsidies to farmers whose gross income exceeds an average of \$200,000 a year.

Both bills attempt to limit subsidies somewhat. The Senate legislation

would eventually ban payments to “nonfarmers” whose income averages more than \$750,000 a year, defining farmers as those who earn more than two-thirds of their income from agriculture. The House would ban payments to farmers and nonfarmers who earn an average of \$1 million a year or more.

Peterson suggested that if the negotiations come to a stalemate, Congress might bypass an extension of current law — the 2002 law expires March 15 — and allow farm law to revert to permanent statutes last updated in 1949.

“I don’t think it’s that unreasonable,” Peterson said. “I told (Conner) if they are inflexible and it causes us not to get this done, then they should get ready to implement this. That’s my position.”

Peterson said the permanent law contains adequate price thresholds for some crops, though he acknowledges it would cause problems for the dairy and soybean industries.

He said that simply allowing the 2002 law to expire could be easier than pushing an extension of current law through Congress, since several groups who would get more money in the new House and Senate farm bills would likely oppose it. Those groups could include fruit and vegetable growers, conservation advocates and various crop organizations.

Conner said reverting to current law is not a good idea. He expressed hope that the two sides can agree on a new law by March 15. He agreed that the administration has been unyielding on the tax issues.

“We are pretty inflexible on the prospect of raising taxes as a part of a farm bill,” he told The Associated Press. “Taxes are the fundamental issue that has to be resolved before we can even start talking about the rest of the bill.”

Still, he said, negotiators are discussing ways to find money for the bill.

“It’s going to be difficult,” Conner said. “I still remain confident that we can resolve this issue.”

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, suggested that one way to find additional money would be to cut direct payments to farmers — subsidies paid to producers of certain crops regardless of yield.

Neither the House nor Senate version of the bill cuts those payments. But Harkin and Peterson both

have been open to the idea in the past.

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# The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
Concordia Rancher and  
Former Agriculture Educator

## Friendly Rivals Or Foes?

When the University of Kansas Jayhawks play the Missouri Tigers, it seems there is more than just the ordinary college rivalry involved. Competition is fierce; feelings are intense.

After seeing a documentary film at the Brown Grand Theater last week, I began to wonder if this deep-seated rivalry or grudge could have been carried over from an earlier period in history. The film is about Quantrill's raid on Lawrence during the early days of the Civil War and the morning that is referred to as "Bloody Dawn."

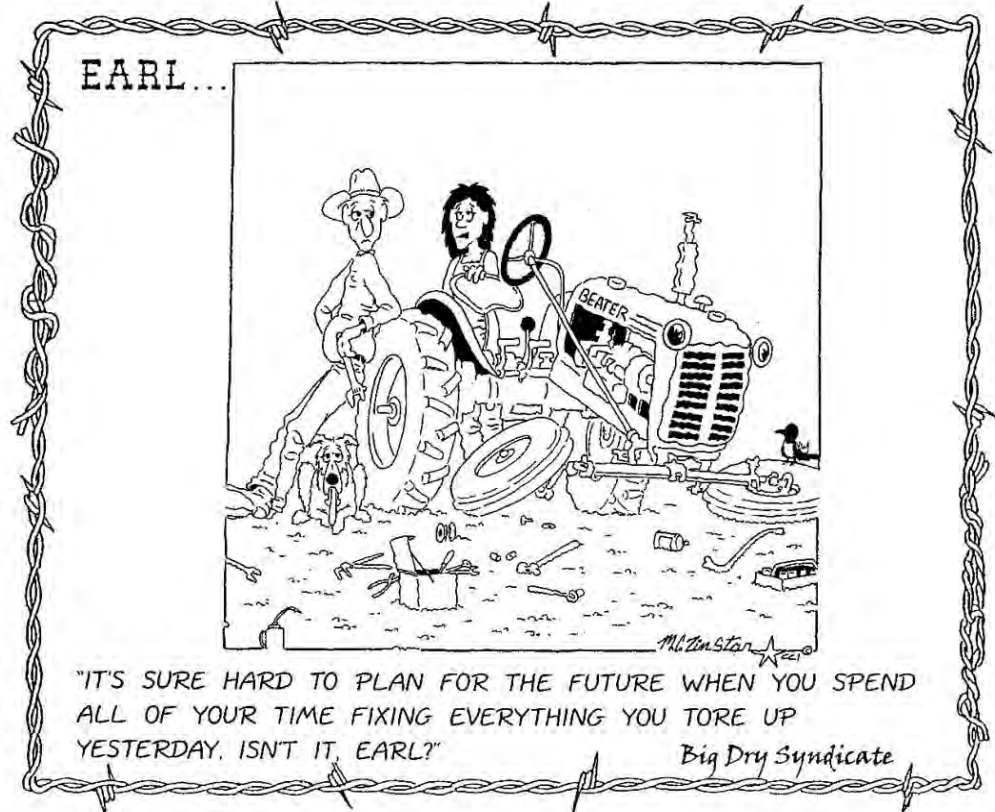
During the first half of the 19th century, slavery became a real issue in this country. The northern states were adamantly opposed to the buying and selling of slaves while the southerners were dependent on them to work in the cotton fields. As new states and territories were entering the union, the two factions clashed over whether or not the new states would favor slavery. Congress created a way to avoid this issue with a policy of "popular sovereignty," which allowed the settlers to decide whether or not they would permit slavery within their own territory. When Kansas became a territory in 1854, settlers from both the North and the South poured into Kansas, wanting to influence the decision on slavery. Violence broke out, especially along the Missouri border. Missouri was pro-slavery and many of its citizens were determined that Kansas would vote the same way. Many Kansans were greatly opposed to slavery.

There were frequent raids and skirmishes on both sides of the border. Kansans formed groups of vigilantes known as Jayhawkers. They would cross over into Missouri, often wearing red leggings, to harass the proslavery supporters — fighting, looting, and burning and leaving behind wounded or dead. In retaliation, guerilla forces from Missouri would cross the border to wreak havoc on their opposition. They were known as Bushwhackers because they tried to surprise their enemies by jumping out of the bushes to whack them and then retreat before getting caught. Both sides suffered violence, and this state was referred to as "Bleeding Kansas."

Kansas was accepted into the Union as the 34th state in 1861. A few weeks later the Civil War broke out, and the state now had to deal with new violence. In 1863, William Quantrill led a group of Confederates in a raid against Lawrence. Quantrill had moved to Kansas a few years earlier and tried farming for a short while before going west with a wagon train and becoming a gambler. He later taught school. Then he got on the wrong side of the law and was accused of stealing horses and cattle, and even murder, but escaped arrest.

When the Civil War began, he formed a band of guerillas to go on raids against citizens, both in Kansas and Missouri, who were sympathetic toward the Union. He and his men joined other guerilla forces to plan their raid on Lawrence, a town of about 3,000 people. While accounts differ on numbers and other details, according to the documentary film, there were close to 450 men in the band that hit Lawrence at dawn on the morning of August 21, 1863. They called out the men, many in their night clothes, shooting them in cold blood. Along with the killing, there was looting and burning. According to this account, about two hundred fifty were killed and thirty to forty unaccounted for. No women were killed, but most of Lawrence was destroyed. Only one raider was killed, and he had been drunk. According to some accounts, Frank and Jesse James rode with the raiders. While not totally unprovoked, this is a terrible episode in Kansas history.

Close to a hundred and fifty years have gone by since that tragedy. Let us hope that by now memories have healed so that we are truly the United States — not just in name but in our actions. I do not wish to imply that expressions of hostility at the KU-MU games today are actually related to the border problems of years ago, but there seems to be a tone that is less than friendly and respectful. Jayhawkers and Missourians should see the value in one another as neighbors. After all, I am married to a Missouri Bushwhacker, and I haven't been whacked yet.



## Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Here we are in the midst of another "brisk" January. It's not the usual weather that I think of as typical for Kansas. I would say that the warm to hot weather is probably more well-known for the Sunflower State. But no matter, on the publication of this edition, the state celebrates its annual birthday — or Kansas Day.

Thanks to a school project of my fourth-grade son, I got to thinking about famous people that called Kansas their home, and really, there are quite a few. And I probably should qualify 'famous' as instead those Kansans who have made significant contributions.

The list really could be quite lengthy — names like Phog Allen, Amelia Earhart, Dwight Eisenhower, Wyatt Earp, William Allen White, and Arthur Capper are some names that immediately come to mind as individuals and leaders that have helped write and cement our state's colorful Midwestern history.

But when I pondered the list a bit more, even more names came to mind — as those individuals who weren't afraid to push their limits for the good of society and make us take a bit closer look at ourselves. Steve

Hawley, Gordon Parks, Jim Richardson, Birger Sandzen, Carry Nation and Emmett Kelly all had a rich talent that they shared.

Agriculture isn't to be left out of that list though. Names like Dan Glickman, Max Deets, Dale More, Stanley Stout, Mike Callibrate, Henry Gardiner, Don Riffel, McCurry Brothers, Ken McCauley, John Thaemert, Steve Baccus, Jan Lyons, Doyle Rahjes, Walter Woods, Adrian Polansky, Don Good and Miles McKee are all names that came to my mind as individuals who have either provided leadership for the industry or made contributions to improve agriculture in some form or fashion. And, I know that I've omitted many names.

Just think about it for awhile. There are a lot of Kansans who have fully embraced the state motto — *Ad astra per aspera* — through the stars through difficulty.

I hope you'll take a few moments this week to celebrate this great state that we are lucky to call home. Sure, there is always room for improvement — progress never ceases — and I hope you'll look about and see where you can make a difference.

That's about all for now. I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

## Kansas Facts and Trivia

A ball of twine in Cawker City measures over 38' in circumference and weighs more than 16,750 pounds and is still growing.

A grain elevator in Hutchinson is 1/2 mile long and holds 46 million bushels in its 1,000 bins.

South of Ashland the Rock Island Bridge is the longest railroad bridge of its kind. It measures 1,200 feet long and is 100 feet above the Cimarron River.

Kansas won the award for most beautiful license plate for the wheat plate design issued in 1981.

Dodge City is the windiest city in the United States.

At one time it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in Kansas.

The first woman mayor in the United States was Susan Madora Salter. She was

elected to office in Argonia in 1887.

The first black woman to win an Academy Award was Kansan Hattie McDaniel. She won the award for her role in "Gone with the Wind."

Kansas inventors include Almon Stowger of El Dorado who invented the dial telephone in 1889; William Purvis and Charles Wilson of Goodland who invented the helicopter in 1909; and Omar Knedlik of Coffeyville who invented the first frozen carbonated drink machine in 1961.

Smith County is the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states.

Amelia Earhart, first woman granted a pilot's license by the National Aeronautic Association and first woman to fly solo across the

Atlantic Ocean was from Atchison.

Dwight D. Eisenhower from Abilene was the 34th President of the United States.

Silent comedian Buster Keaton, of early film success, was from Piqua, Kansas.

The three largest herds of buffalo (correctly called bison) in Kansas are located on public lands at the Maxwell Game Preserve (McPherson), Big Basin (Ashland), and Buffalo Game Preserve (Garden City).

Fort Riley was the cradle of the United States Cavalry for 83 years. George Custer formed the famed 7th Cavalry there in 1866. Ten years later, at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, the 7th was virtually wiped out. The only Cavalry survivor was a horse named Comanche.

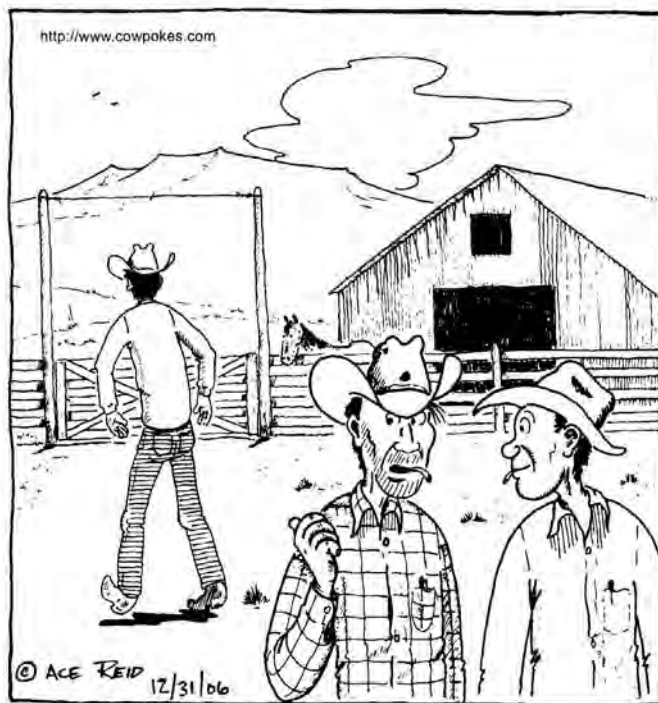


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## 2008 a likely year for new conservation tree plantings

This could be a banner year for state residents' ordering the low-cost tree and shrub seedlings the Kansas Forest Service offers annually through its Conservation Tree Planting Program.

"From a soil-moisture standpoint, Kansas is in the best shape it's been in years. Plus, this winter's combination of harsh weather and rising fuel prices have been demonstrating — once again — that various types of windbreaks and some additional protection for outdoor animals can be a very good thing," said Joshua Pease, KFS conservation forester.

So far, spring 2008 buyers appear likely to range fairly widely, Pease said. Suburban Kansans with weather-exposed homes on small-acre lots are now qualified for the program. Farm producers with woodlands, wildlife habitat and/or aging windbreaks were hit hard last year by tree-damaging weather, including last May's tornadoes, early September's high winds in the west, and December's ice storms.

The program began taking orders in December and will continue doing so into May. Because seedlings have the best odds if planted by late March or early April, Pease will start shipping March 17.

Qualifying for the program just requires a buyer to agree to use the seedlings for conservation.

Program trees and shrubs can become living barriers to block ugly views, to reduce wind speed or highway noise, and to prevent road-covering snow drifts. They can mark property lines plus create habitat for songbirds, game birds or other wildlife. They can protect livestock or crops, as well as provide firewood or Christmas trees. If planted on shores, they can stabilize the bank, help control soil erosion, and filter out pollutants before rain runoff reaches a pond, stream, river or lake.

"More and more people

appear to be using our trees and shrubs simply for stewardship or ecological reasons," Pease said. "Of course, people also are using them to take the edge off of Kansas' weather extremes — to improve their overall quality of living and perhaps reduce their heating and air conditioning costs. As a group, though, they're having a real impact on our overall environment."

The tree planting program offers more than 30 species, selected for hardiness in the central High Plains, he said. The plants are one to two years old. Most are bare-root and 12 to 18 inches tall.

Special offerings include four types of mixed-species bundles meant to benefit wildlife — the songbird, pheasant (western Kansas), quail (eastern Kansas) and wildlife mast (nut-producing) bundles.

All other plants come in one-species bundles of 25. Order forms and more information are available at any county or district Kansas State University Research and Extension office or on the Web at <http://www.kansasforests.org/conservation/>.

## Farm bill discussions continue

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"As far as I'm concerned, direct payments are still on the table," Harkin told reporters.

North Dakota Sen. Kent Conrad, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Budget Committee and a senior member of the agriculture panel, agreed that cutting direct payments might have to be an option if the administration continues to balk.

"I don't think at this stage you can consider it off the table because of the intransigence of the administration," Conrad said. "The administration has showed no willingness to compromise on anything."

Members of the House appeared more skeptical of that approach. Peterson and Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D., a member of the House Agriculture Committee, noted that any reductions in direct payments could upset members from the South who represent rice and cotton growers.

Those crops are more expensive to produce, and negotiations and agreements with those lawmakers were a vital part of moving a

compromise bill through both chambers.

Herseth Sandlin noted that many of those lawmakers are Republicans.

"This is more of a philosophical, ideological tension in the GOP," she said.

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., agreed that cutting direct payments is not a good idea. He said he hopes Democratic leaders convene official House-Senate negotiations soon so the talks aren't just between a few people.

"We aren't ever going to be able to find something that satisfies all the White House objections, but we can make a good faith effort," he said.

Farm groups say their members are getting impatient.

"I have talked to a lot of farmers and I can tell you they don't really care whether something is a budget gimmick, or closing

a loophole, or providing a tax credit," American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman said at the group's annual convention earlier this month. "They don't really care about all the back and forth from De-

mocrats and Republicans on those issues. What our members care about is, are we going to have a farm bill and when are we going to know what the rules are so we can plan our planting operation."

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ta plates; assortment glass; several pieces 60's carnival glass; Blue Willow pieces; set mixing bowls; 12 place Lynmore china; McCoy spinning wheel; Shawnee covered wagon; 60's glasses; black telephone; ladies hats & dresses; 60's car spotlight; guitar; assortment pictures; 60's pedal fire truck; assortment of

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10 1/4-ounce can beef gravy  
Salt & pepper (I use seasoned salt)  
A touch of basil & garlic  
Flour and brown round steak over medium-high heat. Season the steak. Place beef, potatoes, carrots and onion in crock-pot. Mix tomatoes and gravy. Pour over beef and vegetables. Cover and cook on low 8 to 10 hours or until beef is fork tender.

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**Needs to go with a salad or**  
**bread."**

**VIDALIA ONION PIE**  
 3 cups thinly sliced Vidalia onion  
 3 tablespoons butter, melted  
 9-inch prebaked deep-dish pie shell  
 1/2 cup milk  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 1/2 cups sour cream  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 3 tablespoons flour  
 4 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Saute onion in butter until lightly browned. Spoon into pie shell. Combine milk, sour cream, salt, eggs and flour. Mix well and pour over onion mixture. Garnish with bacon. Bake 30 minutes, or until firm in center.

**Mary Rogers, Topeka,**  
shares the next 3 recipes:

**ALMOND  
CHICKEN DIJON**

**4 small boneless chicken  
breast halves, about 1  
pound**

**2 tablespoons mayonnaise**

**2 tablespoons Grev Poupon**

**Dijon mustard**  
1/4 cup slivered almonds,  
coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place chicken in lightly greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish and set aside. Mix mayonnaise and mustard until well blended. Spread top side of each chicken breast half with 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise mixture then sprinkle evenly with almonds. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

**EGGNOG DIP**  
 1 1/2 cups eggnog  
 2 tablespoons cornstarch  
 1/2 cup sour cream  
 1/2 cup heavy whipping  
 cream  
 1 tablespoon sugar

In a saucepan combine the eggnog and cornstarch until smooth. Bring to a boil; boil and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in sour cream. Cool completely. In a bowl beat whipping cream and sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold into eggnog mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Serve with fruit and pound cake cubes.

**BROCCOLI SALAD**  
**4 1/2 cups fresh broccoli flo-**  
**rets**  
**3 cups chopped sweet red**  
**pepper**

**10 bacon strips cooked & crumbled**  
**1/3 cup sliced green onions**  
**1/4 cup chopped pecans**  
**3/4 cup mayonnaise**  
**1 tablespoon cider vinegar**  
**Dash pepper**

In a bowl combine the first five ingredients. In another bowl combine the mayonnaise, cider vinegar and pepper until smooth. Pour dressing over broccoli mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

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The next two are from  
Kellee Rogers, Topeka:  
**PEANUT BUTTER**

**PINWHEELS**  
4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter  
(2) 8-inch flour tortillas  
2 teaspoons honey  
1/2 cup granola

Spread peanut butter over each tortilla, drizzle with honey and sprinkle with granola. Roll up and cut into slices. Serve immediately. Makes 16.

**FRUIT DIP**  
 8-oz. package cream cheese  
 7-oz. jar marshmallow creme  
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 peel  
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**In a bowl beat ingredients until smooth. Serve with fruit.**

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The remaining recipes are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

**CHEESE TOASTS**  
4 slices French bread, cut diagonally 1/2-inch thick  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced  
Pinch of paprika  
1/4 cup Swiss cheese, grated  
1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine butter, garlic and paprika and spread on one side of each slice of bread. Combine cheeses and sprinkle evenly over butter. Bake until bread is crisp and cheese is bubbly, about 10 to 15 minutes.

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**MAPLE MEAT LOAF**  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
3/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
1 pound ground ham  
12 ounces ground pork  
1/2 cup pure maple syrup  
2 tablespoons water  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

In a bowl mix eggs and milk. Stir in bread crumbs. Add ham and pork and mix well. Lightly pat into a ob-long 10-by-5-inch loaf shape in baking pan. For sauce, mix maple syrup, water, vinegar and mustard. Pour half over meat and reserve remaining sauce. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until done. Baste frequently with remaining sauce. Remove meat loaf and let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

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**MAPLE SYRUP CAKE**  
2 1/2 cups cake flour or 2 1/4 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 egg yolk  
1 cup pure maple syrup  
1/2 cup hot water  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

**Maple Icing:**  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/4 cup pure maple syrup  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 to 3 teaspoons milk

**Grease and flour a Bundt pan.** In a bowl mix flour, baking powder, soda, salt and ginger; set aside. In a bowl beat butter with mixer for 30 seconds. Add sugar and beat well. Add egg, egg yolk and maple syrup and beat 1 minute more. Alternately add flour mixture and hot water to butter mixture, beating on low speed until combined. Spoon batter into prepared pan and spread evenly. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 45 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove cake from pan. Cool completely. Spoon maple icing over cake and sprinkle with walnuts.

To prepare icing: In a bowl beat 1/2 cup powdered sugar and butter with mixer until combined. Beat in maple syrup. Beat in 1 cup additional powdered sugar. Add milk, 1 teaspoon at a time to make a drizzling consistency. Makes 1 cup.

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# Including Whole Grains In New Year’s Resolutions May Lower Risk Of Some Chronic Diseases

A New Year’s resolution to eat more whole grains may lower the chance of developing heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Studies show that whole grains may lower triglycerides, improve insulin control, help with weight management, and slow the buildup of arterial plaque.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, eating grains, especially whole grains, provides health benefits. People who eat whole grains as part of a healthy diet have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases. Grains provide many nutrients that are vital for the health and maintenance of our bodies. Consuming foods rich in fiber, such as whole grains, as part of a healthy diet, reduces the risk of coronary heart disease and may reduce constipation. Eating at least 3 ounce equivalents a day of whole grains may help with weight management. Eating grains fortified with folate before and during pregnancy helps prevent neural tube defects during fetal development.

Grains are important sources of many nutrients, including dietary fiber, several B vitamins (thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, and folate), and minerals (iron, magnesium, and selenium).

Whole grains contain protective antioxidants in amounts near or exceeding those in fruits and vegetables. They also provide some unique antioxidants not found in other foods. Corn, for example, has almost twice the antioxidant activity of apples. Wheat and oats almost equal broccoli and spinach in antioxidant activity.

The 2005 Dietary Guidelines recommend that Americans "make half their grains whole." This means most people should consume three or more servings of whole grains each day. This is a minimum — the Dietary Guidelines say that "more whole grains up to all the grains recommended may be selected." Active people would need even more whole grains. Four, five, even six servings of whole grains daily is not unreasonable.

All grains start out as whole grains. If, after milling, they keep all three

parts of the original grain — the starchy endosperm, the fiber-rich bran, and the germ — in their original proportions, they still qualify as whole grains.

Consumers may still worry that finding and preparing whole grains could be difficult. However, new whole grain foods provide plenty of options to appeal to everyone’s taste, budget and busy schedule. Americans today can enjoy a broad range of whole grain ready-to-eat cereals, white whole wheat bread, 90-second brown rice, instant oatmeal, popcorn, whole grain crackers, whole grain chips, and many more 21st century choices.

The Dietary Guidelines define a serving (or "ounce-equivalent") of grain as 1 slice of 100% whole grain bread, a cup of 100% whole grain cereal, or 1/2 cup of 100% whole grain hot cereal, cooked pasta, rice or other grain.

A growing number of foods are being labeled with information about whole grain content (often in grams), making it easier for consumers to identify whole grain products. Foods made only with bran are not whole grain products. High fiber is not always equivalent to whole grain. Check the ingredient list for whole grains among the first ingredients.

Resolve to make 2008 the year you eat more whole grains and lower your risk of developing these chronic diseases.

For more information and whole grain recipes, visit [www.kansaswheat.org](http://www.kansaswheat.org).

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# Garden catalogs can be educational for children

Springtime seed and garden catalogs are meant to tempt gardeners, but their colorful photos also can spark children's interest in learning more about gardening, the environment, food and nutrition, said Evelyn Neier, state coordinator for the Kansas Junior Master Gardener Program.

Older children will be able to read the catalogs; younger children usually find them visually appealing, said Neier, a horticulturist, who also is a Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

Gardening can be a family-friendly activity that encourages healthy physical activity and a greater appreciation for the environment, while also providing fresh-tasting homegrown vegetables and fresh-cut flowers, said Neier, who encourages parents to invite children to look at the catalogs with them.

Taking children to a spring garden or flower show; nursery or garden center, hardware or other store with a gardening section also can nurture the child's interest in gardening, she said.

Checking out new or newer varieties or plants that may produce pink heirloom tomatoes, purple carrots or white, rather

than purple, eggplants may be all that it takes to interest children in growing — and eating — a greater variety of health-promoting fruits and vegetables, she said.

Seeds are inexpensive and don't require much room to grow, said Neier, who encourages families with a budding interest in gardening to start with a small garden space or containers on a porch, patio or deck. "Planting seeds and watching them grow can hold a child's interest," she said. Early spring plants such as leaf lettuce, spinach or peas, also can help to build enthusiasm for melons or pumpkins that require a longer growing season, but are pleasing to children.

Mixing flowers with vegetables can add color and texture to a flower bed or container gardens, Neier said. "Being a gardener isn't a prerequisite, but starting small is recommended. Planting too large a garden can make a pleas-

urable hobby a chore," said Neier, who advised beginning gardeners to choose a couple of different plants that grow well in Kansas.

A list of flowers that grow well in Kansas is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on Extension's horticulture website

www.oznet.ksu.edu/horticulture. Click on Prairie Star Flowers for a list of annuals that bloom well in Kansas or Prairie Blooms for a list of perennial flowers that also perform well.

The Kansas Junior Master Gardener Program, which combines science, language arts, mathematics, social studies and life skills, is partially supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Family Nutrition Program. More information on the program is available at K-State Research and Extension offices and on the Kansas 4-H website: www.kansas4h.org, and click on Programs.

# For something different, consider growing citrus trees

Home gardeners who want to try something different might want to grow a sour orange or other citrus tree indoors, said a University of Missouri fruit researcher.

"There are many different types of citrus trees that can be grown indoors," said Michele Warmund.

Sweet citrus trees tend to be difficult. By contrast, acid citrus species are easy to grow in containers inside and many will bear several crops of fruit each year if given optimum growing conditions, she said.

The Calomondin sour orange is frequently grown as an ornamental with its fragrant white flowers and orange fruit. Other possibilities include the Meyer or Ponderosa lemon, Tahiti or Persian limes and Meiwa kumquats. Citrus trees can be grown from seed but tend to be large trees and may take more

than seven years to bear fruit. Citrus trees grown indoors require a nursery container at least 14 inches in diameter with a loose, well-drained potting mix maintained at a 5.5 to 6.5 pH.

A half whiskey barrel also makes a good container as long as it has drainage holes drilled in the bottom.

The trees should be placed in a room kept at 55 to 68 degrees F with a southern exposure that allows for at least eight hours of bright light each day, Warmund said.

High humidity also is required in the 30 to 60 percent range. Most homes have an average humidity of only 15 to 20 percent, so a cool mist vaporizer or

humidifier may be used. Alternatively, placing the container on a pebble tray that is partially filled with water and misting the foliage frequently helps raise the humidity.

Apply a soluble citrus fertilizer formulated to maintain the medium at a slightly acidic pH once a month or use a slow-release fertilizer.

Trees require water when the top 2 to 3 inches of potting medium feels dry. Over-watering is a common cause of fruit drop.

"If you enjoy a beautiful plant, like an enticing floral scent, love to eat fruit or enjoy an unusual spice, there is a citrus tree that you can grow easily indoors," Warmund said.

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## ‘Ergonomic’ should mean improvement

Whether garden trowel, kitchen knife or pair of pliers, hand tools labeled as “ergonomic” may or may not be an improvement.

“Just as no one hand tool is perfect for every job, no one hand tool is perfect for every user,” explained Kerri Ebert, farm safety assistant with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

One goal in designing an ergonomic hand tool, for example, is to decrease the amount of force or grip strength needed to operate the tool. This, in turn, reduces hand fatigue, pain and the odds for injury.

“A seemingly simple solution — changing the handle — can go a long way toward meeting that goal,” Ebert said. “For this solution to work on an individual level, though, you still have to find a good match in terms of your particular body size, ability, workplace and tasks.”

In general, tools that offer slightly thicker, slip-resistant handles require less grip strength. They spread the hand’s task over a larger, less “concentrated” surface area, she said. With standard screwdrivers, this also increases the torque (turning or twisting force) that the tool itself supplies.

“Best” grip diameter varies, though — as widely as the size of people’s hands,” Ebert said. “And, most manufacturers just go with the average 1.5 inches wide for cylinder-shaped handles.”

Fortunately, an easy test, called the “OK” method, can determine whether handles fit a particular hand, she said. The method’s two steps are: 1) Form an “okay” signal with thumb and index finger. 2) Measure the inside width of the “O.” If the tool handle just fits inside the “O,” that is the ideal size.

“For hand tools you’ve already got, you could try some customization to achieve the handle width you need for efficiency, ease and safety of use,” Ebert said.

Other adaptations — including longer handles for more leverage — are outlined in AgrAbility program’s website at [www.agrabilityproject.org/archive/hand-tools.cfm](http://www.agrabilityproject.org/archive/hand-tools.cfm). That page also links to the program’s resources for farmers with back pain, debilitating disease, limb loss or the like.

## Reduce risks from shopping online

The lure of being able to shop from the comfort of home is stronger than ever, but online shopping also comes with risks, said Carol Young, Kansas State University Research and Extension financial management specialist.

To reduce risk, Young recommends reserving one credit card for online shopping to minimize cleanup or cancellations, if an account is breached.

“Keep the limit low and check statements regularly — and carefully,” said Young, who offered these tips:

Make sure the site is secure. The address will begin with https-the S is for secure; the bottom of the site will feature a padlock icon.

Choose a reputable business. Do some homework about the product you want to buy and what it typically costs. Ask how the company protects personal information.

Ask about payment options. Keep a record of your purchases.

More information is available at the following website: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/financialmanagement](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/financialmanagement).

# Goessel man collects cardboard calculators

NEWTON (AP) — Like a proud father viewing photos of a pride as he flips through the thick three-ring binder.

“Let’s look at this one,” he tells the visitor.

“Oh, and how about this? This one’s special.”

Only instead of glossies of Ryan, Abby and Tyler, Schrag’s excitement in this case centers around calculators. More specifically, cardboard calculators and slide rulers.

That’s right: the type of devices most people use a couple of times, mark up and toss out in the weekly trash are in this case meticulously cared for by Schrag at his rural Goessel residence.

The 72-year-old Schrag preserves the items, most in pristine condition, encased in sturdy plastic folders.

A carefully typed index sheet contains a description of each calculator or slide ruler and what page of the book it’s in. There are 48 pages in all, but like most collectors, Schrag isn’t content with the status quo. He wants to expand his collection to 100 — maybe more. Of course, the question is why?

Sure, a collection is fun, but why something so obscure?

Schrag laughs when asked. “Why, it gives me something to do.”

But after a little thought, he ponders the reason why

a soul would spend time with this pursuit.

For one, there’s the cost — or lack of it. Many of the calculators he gets free and for a few dollars, often bidding on them on eBay. Schrag prides himself on not paying more than \$5 for any one of them.

Then there’s the story behind them. Each one of the carefully made cardboard paper items was made for a reason, and finding out why intrigues Schrag to no end.

Take the bicycle gear ratio calculator, for example.

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Then there’s the metric conversion calculator. How about a flight calculator? There’s also a wind chill index calculator. For the pro football fan, there’s a schedule calculator, which provides the playing dates for all NFL teams — for the year 1985.

Another advantage of the hobby, Schrag said, is its portability.

Unlike a collection of say, bowling balls, this one is easy to take on the go — the perfect conversation piece to liven up those sometimes dull social gath-

erings. Schrag, who retired as an estimator from Full Vision in Newton in 1999, has been at his endeavor for about 15 years on an on-and-off-again basis. Schrag likes to stay busy: He also writes poetry and has a collection of 1/64th scale tractors.

His wife, Hulda, stays on

the sidelines with this collection.

“It’s pretty much my own baby,” he said. And like a baby, the collection is precious to him,

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and MKT watch fobs, RI grease rags, SP playing cards and first aid kit, puzzle; Santa Fe postcard, pocket protectors, UP cardboard map, large assortment date nails, assortment of other items; oak flat glass secretary; ice cream table with 4 chairs; arrowheads inc.: spears and knives; crocks inc.: 6 gal. Western, 2 gal. Red Wing crock, 5 gal. Red Wing jug, bottom mark Red Wing 1 ga., Blue Band bowl; Salina Foundry mini anvil; buffalo hide scale; 50 comic books several 15 cent; 100 pocket knives; postcards; Valentines; Charlie Dye Western picture; several milk bottles; bottle tops; pop bottles inc.: Fairbury, Mountain Dew, Pepsi bottles and carrier; Kool match holder; match book collection; Stag beer light; beer can collection; Army Navy puzzles; model cars; 1950's baseball cards Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider, many other;

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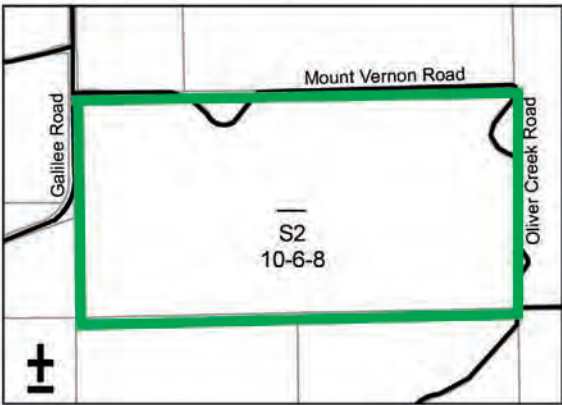
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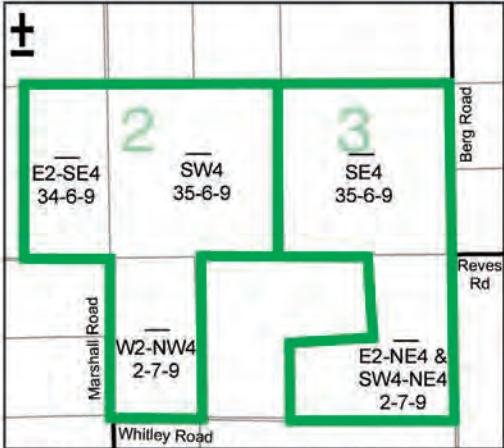
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## Consider field selection, compaction, residue management and soil fertility when making planting decisions

Many growers still may be deciding whether to plant corn after corn, soybeans or other crops following corn. Agronomy experts with Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont business, say the most critical decisions begin with analyzing highly productive fields, managing residue and compaction in those fields, and maintaining soil fertility.

The trend toward corn after corn has been underway since grain prices moved higher in late 2006. Last year, U.S. growers planted a record 93.6 million corn acres, an increase from 78.3 million acres the previous year. Though the industry is predicting a decrease in corn acres for 2008, corn acreage is expected to remain at relatively high levels.

"For growers contemplating their crop rotation options, those choosing corn after corn should start by selecting fields that historically have higher corn yields, good drainage and medium-textured soils with ample water-holding ability," says Paul Gaspar, Pioneer agronomy research scientist in Mankato, Minn. "Seedbeds need to be in top shape to handle the growing season challenges, no matter which rotation plan is in place.

"At planting time, however, corn-after-corn fields present a more adverse environment for the corn seed and seedling. It's difficult to wait, not knowing what the weather forecast holds," says Gaspar. "But don't plant corn-after-corn fields

too early — keep the planters in check if soils are below 50 degrees and warmer weather is not in the forecast."

Wet fields also can cause problems. Surface compaction, sidewall compaction and/or deep compaction can restrict root growth and limit water uptake and yield, particularly if followed by drought conditions.

"Managing residue from the previous crop is also a key factor for a good start in 2008," says Gaspar. "Corn produces more than twice the amount of residue as soybeans. Excessive corn residue can result in much cooler soil temperatures and higher soil moisture at planting and can be a concern no matter which crop is going into the ground this spring.

The goal is to clear residue from the row area — potentially with row cleaners, coulters or other residue management attachments on the planter.

These can help with more rapid germination and emergence, particularly if there were challenges in distributing residue evenly during harvest."

In looking at crop rotation choices, soil fertility should be based on thorough soil testing and local Extension recommendations. Soil tests are needed to determine soil pH and existing levels of phosphorous and potassium. Soil pH should be at or above 6.2 for growing corn. If planter attachments are available for applying starter fertilizer,

growers should consider applying appropriate rates of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium at planting time. This will improve the uniformity and speed of emergence of corn in cooler soils.

Corn residue ties up more nitrogen than soybean residue as it decomposes, therefore growers should plan to apply about 50 pounds of additional nitrogen to corn-after-corn versus corn-after-soybean fields.

"In high residue fields, consider using 50 pounds of starter nitrogen to give plants a faster start," says Gaspar. "In all fields, consider splitting nitrogen applications, if possible. This can reduce nitrogen losses and help ensure corn plants have adequate nitrogen throughout the season."

"Traditionally, growers have rotated fields in a combination of corn and soybeans or other crops. That trend continued until recent years, with the most significant production change occurring in 2007," says Dr. Emerson Nafziger, crop science and weed management specialist, University of Illinois-Urbana.

"In the past, there was some concern of negatively impacting yield if rotation was not made each year, or in some cases, at least every few years. However, the latest hybrids are holding their own in agronomic terms through a combination of genetic improvement and crop management practices.

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# Hey Neighbor For The Love Of Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

## Wilsey Cowboy Recalls Good Times With His Horses

Life as a cowboy has been good for him.

Evidently that's the case with Jack Gieswein, because the 83-year-old strawberry-blond, athletically-built cowboy doesn't look a day past 65, or younger. Enthusiasm for his cowboy lifestyle, horse breeding program and diverse lifelong outdoor endeavors has not faded as Gieswein visited at his Wilsey ranch.

"That's my favorite magazine," Gieswein insisted, as he closed the most recent issue of 'The Working Horse magazine.'

"This came in today's mail. There sure are some beautiful horses in it," he evaluated. "They probably aren't all that good-looking in real life."

While looks of a horse are important to Gieswein, he emphasized, "I always liked horses that would cow. If a horse wouldn't head a cow, he wasn't worth much to me."

Yet, Gieswein added, "A horse has to be structurally sound and have a good foot on him. One won't last working cattle in these hills if he isn't put together right."

Since childhood growing up on a nearby Morris County farm, Gieswein has had a strong affection for horse flesh; a trait he claims was inherited from his dad, Jake. "We always farmed with

horses. We didn't get our first tractor until 1935," Gieswein reminisced.

"Dad was always a cowboy though," Gieswein recognized. "He even had a rough stock string and contracted rodeos out of Holcomb in the '20s. His best horse, Billy, was real good in calf roping."

With three brothers and a sister, Jack Gieswein grew up the cowboy of the bunch and was called on to help break and train family horses as well as those of neighbors. "Luther Campbell up the road raised horses, and I started a lot of them for him," Gieswein remembered. "They were big old work horses and weren't worth much."

"I got bucked off my share of times, but for the most part, I could get them riding," Gieswein continued. "There was a crazy thing that ran off with me, and I bailed right before he hit a tree and knocked himself out cold. I

didn't get back on. I just sent him home."

While he'd been riding lots of horses, Gieswein bought his own first horse in 1942. "Baldie was a big crossbred chestnut-sorrel gelding with a bald face. He wasn't like these modern-day cow horses, but Baldie was good for me at that time," Gieswein acknowledged.

However, Gieswein clarified that the "first real cow horse" he had was a little bay gelding called Laddy. "He was an older horse who came in on a trainload of cattle," Gieswein shared. "Whenever I wanted to get a cow in, Laddy would lay his ears back and work by himself. You'd be surprised even today how many horses don't have that kind of instinctive ability. Laddy was something else."

Married to wife Joanne (Blanton) in 1951, Gieswein is actually a farmer by profession. "A lot of ranchers

don't like the machinery work, but I've always enjoyed farming too," he clarified. "We moved here in 1956, bought it and added the home place southeast of Wilsey later. There are 560 acres total, but I farmed about twice that some years."

A Grade-A dairy was a main part of the operation until 1978. "It was really good to us, but a lot of work," Gieswein admitted. "We also had hogs for subsistence, along with stock cows and some backgrounding calves. We still have a cow herd."

Several horses were produced in the '50s and '60s. "We had a good grade mare, by Emmett Roberts' Billy horse, who we bred to Peppy Creek and raised colts. Those horses were used working cattle, and our boys, Gary and Greg, showed them in horse shows and 4-H competition," explained Gieswein, who also rode in Eastern Kansas Horseman's Association-sanctioned events.

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owned by Gieswein was Stephanie Flit, a King Flit daughter bought from Kansas State University. Her main claim to fame was producing a gelding called Steve, an own son of Melvin's Gold by Hollywood Gold.

"I broke and trained Steve myself. There wasn't anything to it. I just got on and went to riding," Gieswein verified. "Steve really was a natural cow horse. I won the local cowboy's division on him four years at the National Cutting Horse Association-approved show in Council Grove."

A mare named Miss Kerry Mac put the Gieswein name into Quarter Horse limelight. She was sired by Pam Mac by Star's Monster and out of the mare Miss Kerry, by Dan Casement's known stallion The Deuce.

"I bred her to Doc A Doo by Dry Doc and she foaled a bay colt in 1980. I named him Doc A Deuce, and he really had to be the best horse I've ever owned," Gieswein credited.

Put into training with Kenny Fisher, Doc A Deuce started his professional career at the state cutting futurity in Salina where he placed fifth. A top contender as a four-year-old, the athletic stallion won the futurity "hands down" in Sedalia, Mo. He came back to be third at the state classic in Salina the next year.

An injury halted the show career of Doc A Deuce as a six-year-old, but Gieswein put him to work as his main

ranch horse and in the breeding barn. "He had an outstanding disposition, and I used him gathering and doctoring cattle for a long time," Gieswein claimed.

A highlight for the owner-breeder was the time he rode Doc A Deuce as a member of the Muller Ranch team winning the ranch rodeo at Council Grove.

"I started breeding him as a four-year-old. I raised and used a lot of his colts, and they all have natural cow ability," related Gieswein, who pointed out that Doc A Deuce offspring proved to be outstanding using horses over a wide area.

"One Doc A Deuce gelding, owned by Brad Martin of Council Grove, has been

shown recently in the Extreme Cowboy Race," he noted.

Mares out of the stud have made top producers as well, but Gieswein has only three daughters of his own. "Most of my mares were so closely related to Doc A Deuce that I didn't want to breed him to them," the owner stated. "I tried one

time, and the foal had leg problems, so I never did it again."

Doc A Deuce died on the Gieswein ranch last spring at age 27 and is buried in a pasture not far from the home.

Other top cutting bred stallions throughout the Midwest have been used for breeding by Gieswein, who raised up to seven foals a year. "I've cut back now, only have three mares, and I just bred two of them for colts this spring," commented Gieswein, who has over a dozen horses on the ranch.

There's plenty of work for the horses Gieswein has raised and trained as he custom grazes several hundred head of cattle each summer. "I help other ranchers in checking pastures and gathering too," mentioned Gieswein.

An avid hunter all his life, Gieswein has made numerous elk hunting trips into Colorado, riding his own horses in the mountains.

Having seen eight decades of horse markets, Gieswein stressed, "Unwanted horses aren't worth much now. The animal rights people have shut down that economy, but top performance horses, cutters, reiners and pleasure horses are still in demand. Prices for those horses are as high as they've ever been, and that will continue."

Proud of the American Quarter Horse Association certificate recognizing his years of registering horses, Gieswein concluded, "I don't have too many horses now, but I'll keep raising some. I want to get my 40-year breeder's award."



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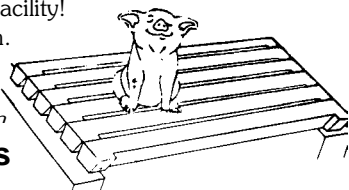
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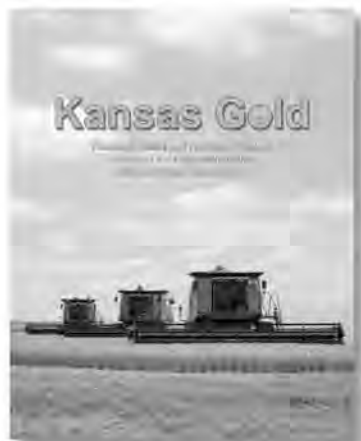
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# No-one immune to identity theft

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the U.S., more than 10 million people experienced identity theft in 2005.

Nearly 30 million people have been affected by identity theft in the last five years, said Marilyn Bischoff, Extension family economics specialist at the University of Idaho, Boise. As one of the fastest-growing crimes in the U.S., Bischoff said that identity theft typically occurs when someone else uses another's personal information.

Such theft may include obtaining cash, credit, or a loan using another's identity, said Bischoff, speaking to K-State Research and Extension agents at Kansas State University.

No one is immune — one Michigan family recently reported receiving two background check calls for credit card applications in an aunt's name less than a week after her funeral.

Information for the applications had been taken from an obituary in the local newspaper.

Accessing others' personal information can occur if a wallet or purse is stolen; credit card information is

copied or stolen during a transaction or other everyday activities such as employment or contract services such as a hospital stay or school enrollment; stolen during a robbery or in-home service call; or result when an erroneous change of address is reported.

Some identity thieves are successful in using random Social Security numbers; others may dive into dumpsters for trash or steal mail, Bischoff said.

About half of those who steal another's identity know the victims of their theft, she said.

Identity thieves may use others' information to sign checks or make withdrawals from financial accounts; obtain credit cards; set up utility or other services, apply for employment or access Social Security benefits.

Victims of identity theft may be denied employment or turned down for services such as a telephone, utility or a loan, said Bischoff, who offered tips for reducing the risk of identity theft: Memorize your Social Security number, but don't use it as an identification number on bank checks, insurance or other cards.

Ask questions. If — or

when — asked to provide your Social Security number, ask: How will this number be used? How will this number be protected? And, is giving my Social Security number necessary?

Add passwords to credit and debit cards, bank accounts and phone or online accounts. Also, be creative when choosing a password. Bischoff does not recommend using a maiden name, birth date, last four digits of a Social Security or telephone number, street address or postal ZIP code.

Add a photo ID to credit and debit cards.

Protect credit cards and checks from others' view, and total receipts, rather than leaving empty spaces that can be filled in after you have completed a transaction.

Hang on to receipts, rather than putting them in a bag with a purchase. Use them to verify the accuracy of your bill.

Shred bills and other personal information before disposal.

Don't share personal information over the telephone, through the mail or via the Internet unless you initiated the call and know why a business or service needs the information.

Evaluate offers of a free prize, trip or potential windfall that require personal information to be eligible.

Remove personal information and identification from a purse, pockets in clothing, or electronics such as a computer, before discarding them.

## Tips for reporting and recovering from identity theft

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that 54 percent of the victims of identity theft uncover the theft while monitoring their own accounts, said Marilyn Bischoff, Extension family economics specialist, University of Idaho, Boise.

Twenty-six percent are alerted by companies they previously have done business with, and 8 percent learned of the theft when refused credit, she said.

If identity theft is suspected, Bischoff advised:

- Notify bank and credit card companies immediately; place a "fraud alert" on accounts;
- Stop payment on outstanding checks;
- Change passwords and PIN numbers;

Request new ATM cards, and

File a police report. Victims of identity theft also may need to contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 1-877-ID-THEFT; local Department of Motor Vehicles (if a driver's license is involved); Internal Revenue Service; Passport office; Social Security Administration; and U.S. Postal Service.

Note the date, time, and name of the person identity theft is being reported to establish a paper trail, Bischoff said.

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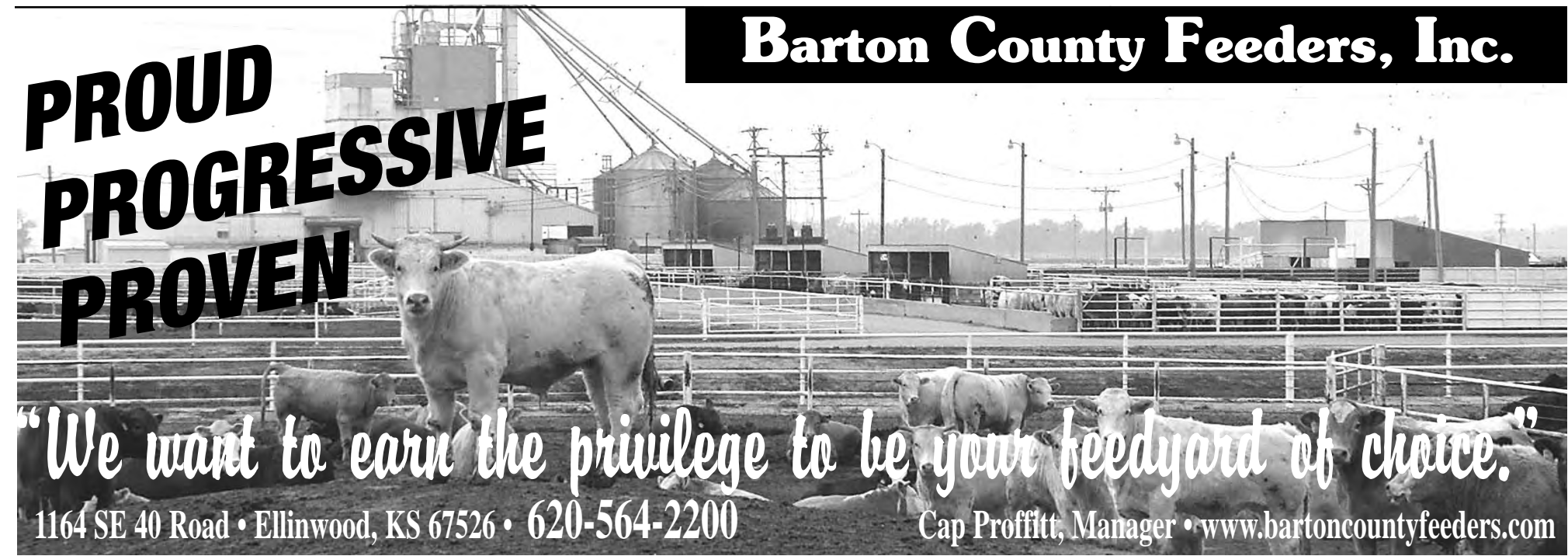
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# Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



## Birthdays, Holidays, And Special Events

I've been impressed since I started school, with the astonishing number of birthdays of presidents, inventors, creative people of all sorts, who will have birthdays in the next few weeks.

When I was in "grade school," some of the important things we were expected to learn were the dates of birth of the more famous of our presidents. Their pictures hung on the wall behind the teacher's desk, and we were expected to learn the birth date of each, along with basic information about their accomplishments.

It was always a mystery to me that several of these presidents were born in February. It originally attracted my attention because my birthday comes in February, too. No, I've never aspired to seek elective office (Ever notice that an outgoing president's hair is always white? Many of them started with dark hair when they took office. But that's another subject). Back to our topic.

A great many mammals are born able to walk, run, and keep up with the other members of the tribe, herd, pack, or any other designated social structure.

Not humans, who don't mature for years. Some mature younger than others (Some don't mature at all, come to think of it. But, I digress).

The human baby, through

history, needs as good a chance as possible. Most of its abilities are just pending. It must nurse for food (soon learned), and cry for attention. It can soon cling to Mama. That's about it, for a few months. Oh, yes, they are able to produce fluids, especially at inconvenient moments or circumstances, as a rule.

Compare that to the offspring of a "herd" animal, who hits the ground and within a few hours can walk, trot, run, or swim, (or all of the above). They can identify "Mama" out of a large herd of mamas.

By contrast a human baby is pretty helpless. Most of its abilities are just pending. It can look around. We're not really sure what it sees. It nurses for food, yells for attention, and clings pretty well to Mama. That's about it. It will be a few weeks before it can do much beyond those activities mentioned above.

Before long they will

have identified their source of food, and will have identified the parental functions of the mother, needed for their survival.

I started this column to express a theory explaining why so many successful people have been born in February. I suppose it could be nothing but a coincidence that the birthdays of both Washington and Lincoln occur in February. That indicates conception nine months previously, which puts that activity in the month of May.

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## Make planting decisions carefully

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Today's hybrids have better disease resistance, root systems and seed treatments, particularly compared with hybrids from just a few years ago.

"Though corn-soybean rotations remain a stable production practice, there is no strong indication that it will continue to be the standard of stability," says Nafziger. "In fact, 2007 brought very positive signs for corn-after-corn production. Yield tells the story and results were favorable this year for many growers."

Larger farming equipment also has contributed to increasing corn-after-corn rotations, adds Nafziger. The time once required for corn planting has been reduced with the ever-increasing size of equipment.

"Harvest data from the 'year of the corn' in 2007, will be of particular interest to growers," says Murt McLeod, Pioneer agronomy research scientist at Windfall, Ind. "With increased corn-after-corn acreage, last

year was an optimum time to analyze efficacy data for hybrid performance and insect control. For unknown 2008 growing conditions, selecting hybrids that have a broad spectrum of insect control and strong root systems is key."

"Corn rootworm (CRW) larvae are one of the most destructive insects of corn in North America," says McLeod. "Feeding on the root system, damage from corn rootworms can affect standability and limit water and nutrient uptake in the plant, impacting overall plant health and grain development. The end result can be yield loss of 10 percent to more than 30 percent

which is common with moderate to high corn rootworm populations in untreated fields.

"Though corn rootworm pressure was less this past growing season in several areas of the Corn Belt than the previous two years, research trials were good indicators of yield performance during lower pressure situations," McLeod said. "Higher yielding corn is still the overall goal for growers, and hybrids need to perform in all levels of insect pressure."

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# Edna barn is named to historic list

EDNA (AP) — Jerry and Ann Kendall didn't think their rounded, 16-sided barn was anything special, but passers-by and the Kansas State Historical Society think otherwise.

"It's something that's always been there and we thought nothing about it, but other people think it's neat," Jerry Kendall said. The barn, which sits on a hill off 2000 Road southwest of Edna, was included in a statewide historic barn survey.

Patrick Zollner, director of the Cultural Resources Division of the Kansas State Historical Society, said the survey was meant to gather information about the history behind agriculture in Kansas and the buildings associated with it and to streamline future nominations to the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places.

"Basically, barns are a very popular historic resource," he said, adding the society gets many questions about them. "We wanted to try to get a better idea of what resources are available statewide."

About three barns per county were surveyed for a total of more than 300, Zollner said. After the consultant who conducted the survey finishes writing her report, a handful of barns may be nominated to the national registry. There are some financial incentives that come with the listing.

The Kendalls said people often comment on their barn. Some students come to have their senior pictures taken there.

"You'd be surprised," Ann Kendall said. "You may have people pull in here

and just want to see the barn."

Jerry Kendall said there are barn buffs who travel just to see different barns.

"They come in from wherever, near, far," he said.

One man from California stopped by to see the barn because his grandfather, Clyde Nace, had it built sometime before 1918, the Kendalls said. The barn has a cement base, a silo going up through the middle and wooden sides painted red.

Ann Kendall said her family bought it in the early 1940s. In her childhood, her family lived on a farm that included the barn.

"I grew up there and we used it for horses and cattle, for everything," she said. "It's just a very unique, interesting barn."

Although her family pur-

chased the barn in the early 1940s, its connection to it goes back further.

"My grandfather on my mother's side way before my mother was born, and my mother's 95, did the cement work on it," Ann Kendall said.

That cement hasn't cracked and is still in good condition, she said.

The house Ann Kendall lived in is no longer there. The barn is unused, and the Kendalls rent out the pasture land on which it sits. The Kendalls did some work on the barn a few years ago.

"We redid the stalls in it and cleaned it up, kind of made it look a little nicer," Jerry Kendall said.

Ann Kendall said she plans to keep the barn in the family "just because it's been in my family for years and years," she said.

# Women's Ag Conference expanded — deadline for registration approaching

A health fair and wine tasting are being added as pre-conference offerings for "Celebrating Ag Women," the 2008 Women Managing the Farm Conference scheduled Feb. 8-9 at the Grand Prairie Hotel and Convention Center in Hutchinson.

The women's conference typically highlights topics of interest to women who have chosen agri-business as their career, said Kristy Archuleta, conference coordinator, who is based at Kansas State University.

Conference sessions will focus on topics such as managing a family farm or a farm partnership; planning and conducting a successful business meeting; evaluating insurance needs; managing time to balance work and family, reducing stress and improving health. The conference will include more than 20 sessions, a resource fair and time for networking with others who share similar challenges and opportunities, Archuleta said.

The health fair will begin Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. and include a blood pressure check and tips on managing weight and health (sponsored by Curves), a skin

analysis/skin cancer screening (sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau), and a tasting of Kansas wines (sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce).

The pre-conference events are included with registration for the two-day conference, which is \$75 prior to Feb. 1, and \$90 thereafter. Registration for

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# Auction Sales Scheduled

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February 2 — Household & antiques at Clay Center for area consignors. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service LLC.

February 2 — Annual consignment at Axtell for Axtell Knights of Columbus.

February 2 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, ATV & farm related items at Burns for Jerry & Donna Nickel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

February 2 — Antiques, collectibles, old tools, guns, van, camper & misc. at Osage City for Mr. & Mrs. Francis Marsh & Melinda McKay. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

February 2 — Tractors, combines, trucks, farm equipment, irrigation items, shop & farm items, household & antiques at Leoti for Tim Mai & Neighbors. Auctioneers: Berning Auction.

February 2 — Antiques & collectibles at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

February 5 — Kiowa County Colorado land at Lamar, CO for Steckel Farm. Auctioneers: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc.

February 7 — Flint Hills Ranch at El Dorado. Auctioneers: Sundgren Auction & Realty.

February 7 — Guns, ammo, Army surplus items, coins & misc. at Clay Center for Marliese Tiffany. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

February 9 — Black Hereford Sale at Leavenworth for J&N Ranch.

February 9 — Hay auction SE of Marysville for R.J. Vogelsberg. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auctions.

February 9 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Council Grove for Edith Keys. Auctioneers: Greg Hallgren Auctions.

February 9 — Land sale at Lebo. Auctioneers: Simnitt Auctions.

February 9 — Building materials at Greenwood, MO for Secured Creditors. Auctioneers: Hertzog Auctions.

February 9 — Collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

February 10 — Collectibles, pottery, Gnomes & glass at Salina. Auctioneers:

Bob Thummel Auctions.

February 12 — Farm machinery retirement auction at Belle Plaine for Eugene & Melinda Alexander. Auctioneers: Stock Auctions.

February 13 — 10th Annual Simmental Genetics Production Sale at Manhattan for River Creek Farms.

February 13 — Hunting & recreational land at Howard. Auctioneers: Joe Sundgren Auctions.

February 13 — Farm machinery & equipment S. of Pretty Prairie for Mr. & Mrs. Roy L. Young. Auctioneers: Giefer Auctions.

February 15 & 16 — Two-Day farm dispersal auction at Augusta. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Auctions.

February 16 — Spring machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

February 16 — Farm equipment at Vermillion for John Bramhall. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.

February 16 — Wabaunsee Co. land at Alma for Florence Simon Heirs. Auctioneers: Greg Hallgren Auctions.

February 16 — Limousin sale at Garnett for GV Limousin.

February 16 — Real Estate-Pottawatomie County at Manhattan for Ronald “Rocky” & Ruby Zeller. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

February 18 — Republic Co. land at Republic for Cynthia Remacle. Auctioneers: Roger Novak Real Estate.

February 18 — Washington Co. land at Washington for Harvey Helms. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

February 18 — Washington Co. land at Washington for Richard Wieland. Auctioneers: Raymonds Bott Realty & Auction.

February 18 — Real estate at Minneapolis for Bryce & Lora Brobst. Auctioneers: Howard Auctions.

February 21 — Real estate at Courtland for Ray Nelson family. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 21 — Salers &

Angus Optimizer bulls at Quinter for GG&T Cattle Company.

February 22 — Little Blue River bottom land at Hanover for Allen W. Schramm Estate & Wilbur D. Schramm. Auctioneers: Homestead Land Co.

February 23 — Farm equipment S. of Waterville for Gene & Sandy Harding. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

February 23 — Farm sale E. of Flush for Lenherr Brothers. Auctioneers: Everett Hoobler & Dennis Rezac.

February 23 — Coffey County cropland at Gridley for Hannen Family Farms, LLC. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

February 23 — Limousin bull sale at Westphalia for Cherry Creek Farms.

February 23 — Hereford & Quarter Horse sale at Cottonwood Falls for TS Ranch.

February 24 — Real Estate, furniture, glassware, collectibles & misc. at Junction City for Paul & Virginia Knudson Estate. Auctioneers: Jay Brown, Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

February 25 — 52nd anniversary sale at Allen for Vohs Angus Farms.

February 25 — Farm sale N. of Courtland for Dan & Shirley Sandell. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

February 26 — The Brand That Works Production Sale at Manhattan for Mill Creek Ranch.

February 27 — Machinery, truck, cars & camper trailer E. of Rago for Ben A. Reida. Auctioneers: Giefer Auctions.

February 28 — Wildlife habitat & native grassland at Blaine for Ed & Janice Murray. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

March 1 — 30th Gelbvieh Balancer & Red Angus bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch. Managed by Cattlemen’s Connection, Roger Gatz, Hiawatha.

March 1 — Republic Co. land at Munden for Evelyn Flaska. Auctioneers: Roger Novak Real Estate.

March 1 — Farm sale E. of

Flush for Eichman Brothers. Auctioneers: Everett Hoobler & Dennis Rezac.

March 1 — Rental equipment at Concordia for Performance Lawns & Rental Equipment. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 1 — Antiques, household, tractor & 3 pt. equip. at Manhattan for Katie Smith. Auctioneers: Ivan Seele & Fred Nelson.

March 3 — Lyons Ranch 20th Annual Superior Genetics Sale, registered Angus bulls and females, at the ranch near Manhattan.

March 5 — at Holton for Clay Camp Construction. Auctioneers: Wayne Pagel Auctions.

March 8 — 22nd Annual Concordia, Kansas Optimist Club consignment at Concordia. Auctioneers: Kenneth Johnson & Ronnie Lagasse.

March 8 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

March 8 — Farm machinery, trucks, trailers, lawn mower, guidance system, tools & misc. at Altoona for Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Rettmann. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.

March 9 — Annual registered Angus bull & female production sale W. of Topeka for Mission Valley Ranch.

March 13 — Republic Co. land at Clyde for James & Dale Anderson & Denise Lecuyer. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 15 — Hereford bull & female sale at Manhattan for Northeast Kansas Hereford Association.

March 16 — Angus bull & female sale at St. Joseph, MO for April Valley Farms.

March 20 — Angus bulls at Esbon for Benoit Angus.

March 22 — Farm machinery & miscellaneous SW of Clay Center for Lafe Bertrand. Auctioneers: Kretz & Hauserman.

March 24 — Hereford, Angus bulls, females & Quarter Horses as Dwight for Oleen Brothers.

March 25 — Brangus & Angus bull sale at Eureka for Suhn Cattle Co.

March 29 — Farm equipment & complete dispersal S. of Clay Center for Walter & Evelyn Mugler. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

March 29 — Mature cow dispersal & 42nd annual

bull sale at Greeley for H&M Angus Farms.

March 29 — Tractors, trucks, LS trailers, machinery & household W. of Agenda for Ron & Cheryl Denk. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 5 — Spring machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

April 5 — Wabaunsee Co.

land NW of Alma for Fred Meyer. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

May 26 — 15th annual Memorial Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

June 14 — 7th annual consignment auction at Abilene for The Mid-America Pony & Miniature Ponies. Auctioneers: Don Cheg-widden & Charley Konig.

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**160 Acres, more or less, Washington Co., KS**

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**DESCRIPTION:** This Little Blue River bottom farmland currently has 129.7 acres of cropland with the balance being creek and roads. Two-story house and out buildings are in fair condition and are being sold in “as-is” condition. Seller to maintain use of house, plus ingress and egress from house, until May 1, 2008. The farm has three pumping permits. Permit details are available at [www.ksda.gov](http://www.ksda.gov). Pecan and walnut trees have been planted. Full possession of cropland for 2008 crop year.

**FSA Data:** Farm #3060 (part) Tract #1799 DCP Cropland – 127.9 acres

Crop	Bases	Direct Yield	CC Yield
Wheat	17.5 acres	35 bu.	35 bu.
Corn	33.9 acres	99 bu.	99 bu.
Grain Sorghum	51.6 acres	94 bu.	94 bu.
Soybeans	3.0 acres	22 bu.	22 bu.

Estimated direct payment: \$2,538

**This information is based on the 2007 Government Farm Program. Details of the 2008 Farm Program have not yet been released.**

**RE TAXES: 2007 - \$2,418.43**

**TERMS:** 10% down payment on sale date & Buyer to sign a Purchase Agreement. Land is not being sold subject to financing. Seller will convey marketable title to Buyer with appropriate Deeds evidenced by a policy of title insurance. Owner’s title insurance policy premium to be divided equally between Buyer & Seller. Any additional lender endorsement or requirements to be paid by Buyer. 2007 & all prior taxes will be paid by Seller. Closing will take place on or before March 21, 2008. William Navis, attorney, 1802 M St, Belleville, KS represents the sellers. Full possession for 2008 crop year. Buyer agrees to accept property in its present condition. The property will be offered based upon the Buyer’s personal inspection or investigation of the property.

**COMMENTS:** Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over printed material. Dave Bures, Listing Agent, & all other agents of Homestead Land Company, Inc. are acting as Seller’s agents & work for the Seller. The Seller or agents of the Seller are not responsible for any accidents that may occur during inspection of the property or on the day of the sale.

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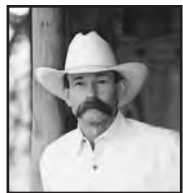
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## Things I Count On

As I weave my way through life there are things that I count on. They are stepping stones in my path that I don't worry about, like:

- 1) Where I am going to spend eternity.
- 2) That my wife will always love me.
- 3) That the airplane pilots know what they are doing. I get on an average of 175 flights a year. But if I had any concern about whether the pilots stayed up all night partying or were visiting on their cell phone while we were trying to land, I think I'd start packing a parachute! I have a friend in the entertainment business who could fly commercial, but doesn't. He's not comfortable putting his life in their hands, I guess. I'm philosophical about his fears. Then again, I don't eat Italian food. I'm not sure if that's a phobia or a preference. Maybe some Dramamine would help us both!
- 4) I count on my best horse bein' steady on the course. He's good around

cows, cars, cameras, kids, corrals, dogs and wire. Though I follow the admonition to "always be ridin' your horse," 'cause rattlesnake "shys" and backfire "bolts" can happen to even the best of horses.

5) I count on certain politicians, broadcasters and public figures to be there to lend continuity, whether I agree with them or not ... Barbara Walters, Ralph Nader, Orion Samuelson, Mayor Daley, Sean Connery, Cotton Rosser, Bennie Butler, Wayne Vold, Tony Bennett, Fidel Castro, Elmer Kelton, Wally McRae, Paul Harvey.

6) I count on America's resilience. If I ever doubted that the United States has been the greatest contributor to the cause of good (as in Good versus Evil) on Earth for the last 100 years, I would move ... but where would I go?

7) I even count on the stupefying, partisan political process to continue governing us. As an old cab driver in Washington D.C. told me

once, "I voted for Reagan. Next time I vote for Mondale." I asked why. "Never let 'em get a foothold, son, never let 'em get a foothold."

In contrast, there are some things I don't count on:

- 1) Rain
- 2) Bureaucratic efficiency. From the local Motor Vehicle Office to the F.D.A. If you ever get your question answered or your problem solved on the first phone call, you should bronze your speed dial!
- 3) My dog. He's trained about as well as I was when I was three, and he has the attention span of a Bartlett pear!
- 4) My vehicles. I've got a '47, '69, '74, and '05. I always buy used cars so I expect them to break down. I never leave home without checking the spare, and throwing in my jumper cables, flashlight and tool box. Oh, one other thing I count on.
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