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Kansan spearheads effort to send steaks to troops

By Melissa Hart

Driving across the country in the solitude of his truck, Bill Broadie came up with what once was just a good idea and is now beginning to take shape and preparing to take the country by storm.

"Who wouldn't buy a steak for a soldier? No matter how you feel about the war in Iraq, for it or against it, everyone wants to support the men and women who are fighting for our freedom," said Broadie, of Ashland, founder of the All American Beef Battalion (AABB).

A field representative for Superior Livestock Auction (SLA) and a Vietnam War veteran, Bill has been in the cattle business from the age of eleven when he began working at his father's livestock auction barn.

Upon graduation he enlisted in the Marines and six months later he found himself in combat. Wounded twice, Bill was discharged and sent home to Kansas where he graduated from college and began a life-long career in the cattle business.

"I was on my way to Colorado when I got this idea of feeding steaks to all the troops. I called Jim Odle with Superior (Livestock Auction) and told him about the idea and he said, 'We can do this!'"

The purpose of the AABB is to organize and sponsor steak feeds, entertainment, programs, meetings, and projects with Service Members and their families. They also want to encourage and assist them in any reasonable manner and to foster among the people of the United States an appreciation, respect, and honor for our Armed Forces Military Service Members whose sacrifices have and will

continue to make our freedoms possible.

Goals were set by the board of directors in order to flesh out the idea. Bill commented, "We want to put on a steak feed for the soldiers and their families every time there is a deployment or a homecoming of a unit. Next we want to provide beef debit cards for the families who have a father or a mother who have gone into war so they can buy beef at the grocery store and third we want to have a steak feed for all the men and women who are in the combat zones all over the world." Bill added, "We will feed every soldier from the top of the ranks to the bottom."

With a passion for the troops in combat and a vision of providing them with United States beef, Bill was ready to forge ahead with his idea and developed the All American Beef Battalion.

After eight months of bureaucratic red tape Bill was about to give up on the whole idea when a conversation with an officer turned things around.

"I talked to Lieutenant Colonel Hathaway, who is now on the board of directors, and he talked to another colonel who had connections to the White House and things got rollin' again," commented Bill.

Getting their 501(c)3 status was a miracle in itself. Bill explained, "Normally when an organization files to be a non-profit group they have to wait months for it to go through the proper channels. We received our 501(c)3 status back in thirty-five days which is unheard of."

Having all the proper paperwork in order the baby steps to feeding the troops began taking on longer

strides as the word started spreading to supporters who wanted to get behind the effort. With donations from fourteen states Bill feels like they are finally making progress.

Donations are coming in through word of mouth and the media attention this project is receiving, but Bill explained that sometimes support comes from the most unlikely places. He explained, "I went across the street to the post office and then I went into the local attorney's office to thank him for his help in getting the project started." He continued, "He was in his office having coffee with his brother and when his brother heard me talking about the project he wrote out a big check right on the spot."

The All American Beef Battalion has an all star board of directors. Jim Odle serves as the chairman and has been involved in livestock marketing most of his adult life. Bill was named the vice chairman while Larry S. Bilberry a retired feed yard manager of Garden City was named the junior vice chairman. Larry became involved with AABB because he loves God, church, country, and family and although he may not agree with military action all of the time he does support our men and women in the military 100% of the time. If AABB can reach only one soldier and say thanks then we have succeeded.

Kendal Kay serves as the secretary/treasurer and currently serves as the President of Stockgrowers State Bank in Ashland.

Another member of the board is Craig Mock, the General Manager of United Telephone Association, Inc., in Dodge City and the final member is Kevin Hathaway.

Realizing this will take lots of time and resources the AABB is counting on everyone who cares about the troops to help out. He commented, "I don't care where people stand on the issue of the war, I think people in general want to support these men and women." Bill continued, "We also don't want this to be anyone's political football either, so we have kept it out of the hands of the politicians and this thing is really a grass roots effort."

Although it may be an unfortunate assumption, Bill estimates this organization may very well outlive him and his involvement. He commented, "I don't see a time when we won't have men and women standing in harm's way to protect us and our freedom."

As a beef producer himself, Bill has a passion for the beef industry and views this as a great way for beef producers in the United States to support the troops with their own product.

Bill stated, "I know what it was like coming home from Vietnam with the stigma of that war, I don't want these kids to be treated the way we were." He continued, "I have lived three times longer than anyone thought I would after being wounded in the war, maybe the reason I was spared was for the purpose of starting this group."

The All American Beef Battalion website was launched on Christmas Eve and is now prepared to take donations online. The Web address is www.steaksfortroops.com. Those who want to contact Bill Broadie to make a donation or with questions may call him at (620) 635-5870.

Cheese, anyone?



Trevor Brock of the Abilene FFA chapter studied his options for cheese identification last week during the North Central District dairy foods contest held in Manhattan. During the event students completed several tests, all relating to dairy foods and the quality of dairy food products.

Water officials meet to discuss Republican River Compact

Lead water and agriculture officials from Colorado and Kansas met Jan. 28 in Topeka, to discuss compliance activities relevant to the Republican River Compact.

The meeting was organized by Colorado's Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Harris Sherman and Commissioner of Agriculture John Stulp with Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky and Secretary of Wildlife and Parks Mike Hayden. The meeting was to discuss strategies to address Colorado's current and future compliance with the Republican River Compact.

The Republican River is an interstate river system that provides water for irrigation, drinking water, recreation and other beneficial uses. It is governed by a 1943 interstate compact between Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska that allocates the basin's water supply.

A 2000 U.S. Supreme Court decision determined that groundwater pumping, to the extent that it reduces surface flow in the river, must be accounted for under the Republic-

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Prices for key U.S. crops remain high, supplies tight

Prices for key U.S. crops such as corn and soybeans are likely to remain at high levels this year, as competition for acreage to plant these crops continues, according to the latest analysis of government data by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"Crop supplies in 2008 will remain tight, prices will remain high and strong competition will continue between corn and beans for acreage," according to AFBF Senior Economist Terry Francel. "The tight supply-and-demand balance sheet that's been in place for nearly all crops will continue for at least another year."

Francel analyzed the Agriculture Department's Winter Wheat Planting Report, Grain Stocks Report and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report to develop his crop outlook.

The WASDE report, in particular, is instructive. "Corn feeding rates were virtually at one of the highest levels recorded despite the recent high prices. Likewise, corn exports appear to be on

track to set a new record," Francel said. "The outlook for soybean stocks remains extremely tight and very little improvement is anticipated for the already tight wheat balance sheet."

Demand for U.S. corn and beans shows no signs of slowing, according to Francel, and that means prices are likely to stay high. "There's a 90 percent chance that corn prices may match or exceed the old record of \$5.54 per bushel that was set in 1996, and there's a 75 percent chance corn prices could reach \$6 per bushel during the spring."

Wheat, another traditional U.S. crop, is playing a more important role now than it has in years. "The outlook may seem somewhat of a repeat of what happened in 2007 when there was a bidding war between corn and soybeans acres, but in 2008 spring wheat acreage is another consideration," Francel said. "This seems to assure that crop prices will remain high and volatile going into the 2008 spring planting season."

The price of fertilizer and availability of soy-

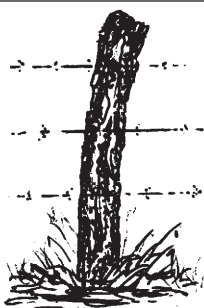
bean seed are other considerations, Francel said. Several seed companies have apparently exhausted their supplies of high-quality soybean seed. "This means that higher planting rates may be required and suggests that soybean yields may be impinged upon in 2008," he said. A similar situation occurred with corn seed in 2007.

Weather, as always, will play a large role in what happens next. If the drought in the Southeast persists, Francel believes some farmers may plant more drought-tolerant cotton and fewer acres of corn and beans that have greater water needs.

Spring planting conditions, especially rainfall, also may affect the mix of corn and beans in the Corn Belt. "If weather is dry in the early spring, it means corn plantings will proceed at a good pace and result in slightly higher acreage," Francel said. "If it is a wet, later-than-normal spring it likely will result in a little more acreage for soybeans."

Given these issues, Francel believes corn

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The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Learn From Experiences Of Others

Last Monday evening May and I attended the Riley County Livestock Association meeting in Manhattan. There was a good turnout for the steak dinner and meeting that followed — probably close to a hundred. It was a program planned to recognize some of the early leaders in the livestock industry, many of whom are no longer living but whose efforts have made an impact on it. While there have been many across the country who have made their market in the industry, this was an opportunity to focus on local leaders and learn about our heritage as livestock producers.

As we discussed attributes that made these men stand out, the thing that impressed me most during the interaction with those present is how quickly one's life fades and along with it the memory of his or her contributions of service and leadership. Only a few present remembered Dad Weber, Dan Casement, Jerry Moxley, and even Andy Olson, who died only four years ago. Each of these men were strong contributors to the livestock industry.

As I thought about this, I have decided that perhaps this is the way it should be and that each generation must carve out its own contribution of greatness. On the other hand, why now know about and appreciate what prior men of this vocation have had to cope with and overcome? There is no need to reinvent the wheel or fall into the same pits our forefathers fell into; better to learn what worked for them.

Dr. Don Good, who coached livestock judging teams at K-State and served in other capacities there for several decades, was present at the meeting. Don is a deep thinker and a man of conviction. He told about an experience during World War II in which he talked with a German officer who was among several prisoners Don's unit had captured. He asked the officer why the Germany people had been willing to follow and endorse a man like Hitler. The officer explained that the people were hungry and when Hitler provided bread, they readily accepted it, not realizing they were becoming entrapped in a Nazi regime.

Hitler then moved to collect the guns from the people at gunpoint, leaving them without any means to defend themselves. All the while, his army was being trained and equipped with the best of weaponry and also being indoctrinated with the idea that they were the master race, superior to others. Some of the

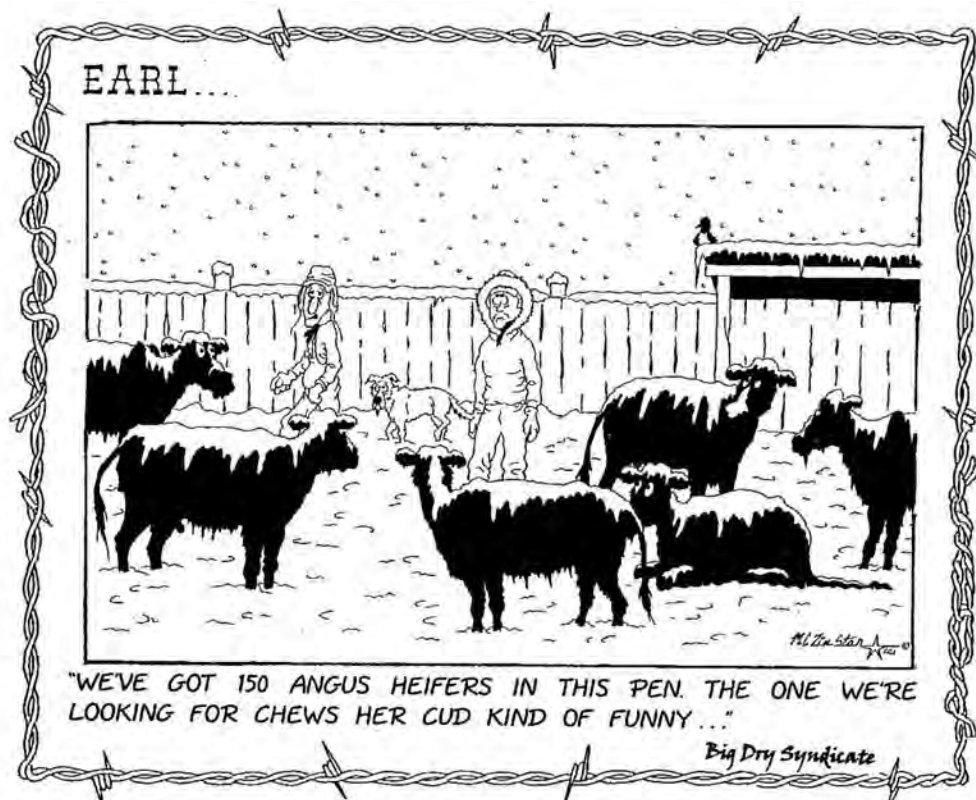
German people bought into this radical man's agenda, and others felt helpless to resist because of their economic crisis.

Don explained that for years he has hunted, enjoyed guns, and been a member of the National Rifle Association. Using the German experience as an example, he cautioned us about gun control laws that would call for repealing the second amendment to our constitution that provides for the right to bear arms. I believe there are radicals in our country who would like to make the populace defenseless with only golf clubs to defend themselves against a forced takeover. Only a few of us even have pitchforks anymore.

In the rural areas of our country, there are many who are proud to display their gun cases with guns of every vintage and caliber. There may be a time when these guns will have to go underground and a good stock of ammunition cached away. I am beginning to realize that, even as proficient as they are, our law enforcement staff will not be able to protect us from all the foreign radicals, drug addicts and convicts walking our streets. However, they may think twice before breaking and entering homes where they know a man or woman is behind the door with a loaded gun and the safety off. History is our friend and our means of escaping mistakes like were made in the past.

However, we must understand that those who pick up a gun must be willing to die by the gun. Our forefathers were not so fearful of death and accepted it as one of the phases of life. I have read that the Oregon Trail is about 2,000 miles long, and there were thousands of graves along these miles. Still the cry "Wagons West" was shouted, and few turned back. We used to accept death as inevitable; now, some will give all they possess to live just a few days longer.

I contend that if America is strong militarily and our citizens are willing to die for our country and its freedoms, our chances of having to engage in a life-and-death struggle in war in this country will be less likely. We are fortunate to have men who have experienced war and who are bravely willing to refute trends and actions that would slyly enslave us and allow our freedoms, one by one, to be nullified. We must be alert and ready. Now is the time to prepare — not after the struggle begins.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

I knew full well that last week when I started naming names I would be opening the proverbial "can of worms" and would leave out people who have made important contributions to their communities and to agriculture as a whole. I meant no harm and the list would have filled pages and pages and still probably done a great disservice to the leadership these worthy individuals provided.

It did get me to thinking about the notion of leadership though — and what really constitutes an individual who is looked to for guidance — and leaves a legacy behind them that is significant, with shoes that are difficult to fill.

As I thought about the people who I am acquainted with or have watched and learned from there were a number of similar characteristics.

Most were very unselfish. They gave freely of their time, money and resources to help others or the cause they had taken up. It certainly didn't mean that only those with the deepest pockets were leaders (because too often they aren't) but rather those individuals who managed to make the most of what they had to give. Although sometimes those who write the biggest check get the accolades, it is often those who go unnoticed working diligently behind the scenes and tending to the little details are the difference between success and failure of a project.

Good leaders care about people. This kind of goes hand-in-hand with being unselfish. Those leaders who could see a need to make life better for others. To teach children, to lead by example for others to follow. The human capital part of the equation can not be over emphasized.

And the things that I've noticed about many of the great leaders that have passed on from this world, is the fact that

they probably didn't really see themselves as leaders — and the notion of creating a legacy didn't really cross their minds. Sure, many great individuals in this industry might have worked day and night in order to pass down the farm or ranch to the next generation but they thought little about the standard they were setting for others to follow.

My old ag teacher had a saying that one couldn't soar with the eagles if you roosted with the turkeys. As a teenager I undoubtedly rolled my eyes and went on about my business — but the truth of the matter is, the old adage is dead-on.

You'll find leaders surrounding themselves with leaders — trying to improve upon themselves personally and professionally.

With this edition of G&G being published on "Super Tuesday" in the primary election cycle, I have been giving some thought about those individuals who want to serve their country as the next Commander in Chief. The coverage has been nearly nonstop about which candidate has the better credentials or bigger ideas. (It's a good thing that Obama made his stop in Kansas the Tuesday before the K-State/KU basketball game, otherwise he might not have gotten any press at all.)

When the dust settles at the end of the day though, each of us will have to decide who holds those qualities of a true leader.

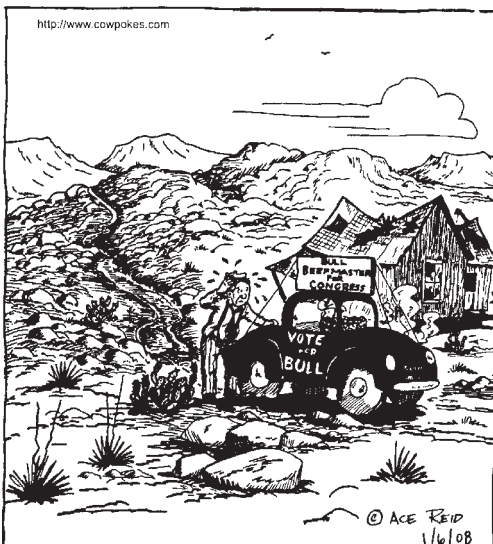
And that's not to say that all leaders hold elected office — because we all know one or two talented and passionate leaders who would never dream of running for office — yet their influence is felt by many just the same.

I hope you'll forgive me for omitting so many names of people who have made a difference.

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

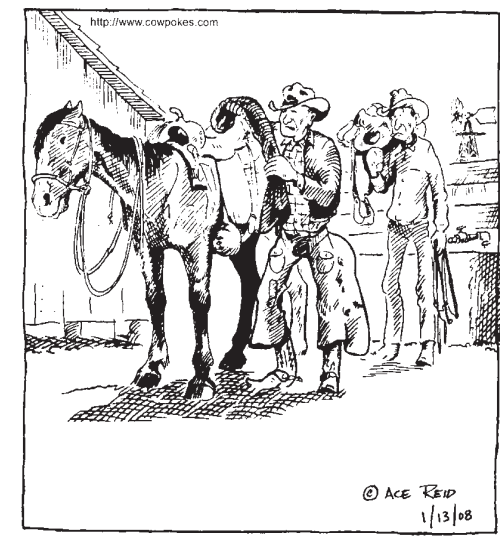
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Grass buffers degrade herbicides while also trapping sediment, research finds

Forage grass buffers not only reduce herbicide runoff from croplands by trapping sediment, they also degrade the herbicides through increased microbial activity in the buffers' grass root zones.

"Forage grasses will trap sediment in runoff from cropland and decrease transport of sediment-bound herbicides. Forage grasses also increase the soil's water-holding capacity to increase infiltration and decrease the transport of herbicides dissolved in the runoff," said Robert Lerch, a University of Missouri soil scientist.

In addition, once herbicides enter the buffer, the grasses create conditions in their root zones that enhance microbial activity, leading to degradation of the herbicides, he said.

Researchers tested three types of buffer grasses for reduction of surface runoff of atrazine, metolachlor and glyphosate. Sloped test plots were tilled, had herbicides applied and were watered with a rain simulator.

Under what Lerch calls ideal conditions, eight meters of native warm-season grasses reduced herbicide transport by 80 percent.

Less-controlled field conditions may vary from this figure, he said.

Across the board, native warm-season grass buffers outperformed buffers of tall fescue and switchgrass in reducing herbicide transport.

Once deposited in the grass buffers, the grass species significantly increased atrazine degradation through enhanced microbial activity in the root zones. These microorganisms feed on the nitrogen and carbon in atrazine.

A second phase of the study measured microbial

activity. Several forage grass species were grown to maturity in a growth chamber. The plants were then removed from the soil and atrazine was applied.

After 100 days of incubation, researchers measured the amount of three enzymes produced by soil-based micro-organisms in the soil: glucosidase, dehydrogenase and fluorescein.

By measuring enzyme

levels, the dissipation of atrazine and formation of atrazine breakdown products, researchers determined that all tested plant species enhanced atrazine degradation by creating conditions favorable to microbial activity.

Eastern gammagrass showed the greatest capability of promoting degradation of atrazine.

Microbial enzyme activities are promising indica-

tors for evaluating the degradation potential of various vegetative buffers, said Chung Ho Lin, forestry research professor.

Herbicide concentrations and loads are especially high in claypan soils. Herbicide transport is seasonal with critical losses from April through June. Climate is the key factor in controlling herbicide annual variation in transport, he said.

River

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can River Compact. Each state is required to keep its use within its allocation.

The meeting began by reviewing compact compliance requirements and actions being taken or contemplated by Colorado. Both states agreed to seek a solution that would ensure that Colorado will meet its obligations under the compact, while minimizing any adverse impact on, and enhancing if possible, the social, economic and recreational benefits the river provides for the rural communities in the Republican River basin.

Both states recognize the importance and value of working together in an informal environment in order to avoid or minimize the need for formal enforcement proceedings.

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Kathy Hogue, Topeka/Alma, Wins Recipe Contest For First Week In February

Winner Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma says, “it’s muffin time! Calving in this weather requires some comfort food so whip up a batch for your fellas.”

APRICOT MUFFINS

- 1 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Soak apricots in water for 5 minutes. In large mixing bowl cream sugar and butter until fluffy. Add sour cream; mix well. Combine dry ingredients; stir into creamed mixture just until moistened. Drain apricots, discarding liquid. Fold apricots, orange peel and nuts into batter. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes. Makes 1 dozen but I usually double the recipe.

- Doris Shivers, Abilene:
- MAC & CORN CASSEROLE**
- 1 can cream-style corn, undrained
 - 1 can whole kernel corn, undrained
 - 1 cup chopped celery
 - 1 small jar pimientos, chopped
 - 1/3 cup chopped onion
 - 1 cup Velveeta cheese
 - 1/2 cup chopped green pepper, cut up

Can be made ahead and when ready to bake add 1 cup “raw” macaroni and bake for 1/2 hour uncovered in a 350-degree oven, then 1/2 hour covered until done. I add a little more macaroni if feeding more than 6. Bake until done.

- Sandra Norris, Abilene:
- MY FAVORITE BISCUITS**
- 2 cups sifted flour
 - 3 slightly round teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/3 cup butter

- 1 cup buttermilk
 - 1 tablespoon butter, melted for brushing
- Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add buttermilk all at once and stir with a fork until dough follows fork around the bowl. Don’t overmix or biscuits will be tough. Turn out on lightly floured dough board and form into a flattened ball. Roll out to 1/2-inch thickness. Brush dough with melted butter. Fold dough onto itself. Pat down lightly and cut out biscuits. Bake in a lightly buttered pan for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 10 to 12.

- Mary Hedberg, Clifton:
- “This is delicious when hot and also cold. This is a favorite coffee cake.”
- CHERRY COFFEE CAKE**
- 1/2 cup margarine

- 1 cup sugar
 - 2 cups flour
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 egg plus milk to make 1 cup
 - 1 can cherry pie filling
- Combine all ingredients except pie filling. Mix well. Spread in a greased 10-by-15-inch pan. Spread cherry pie filling over the top of batter, then add topping mixture:
- 1 cup sugar
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1/2 cup margarine
- Bake in a 350-degree oven for 50 to 55 minutes.

- Thelma Baldock, Delphos:
- “For those of us who can’t afford the price of real lobster, I have the recipe, which I call Poor Man’s Lobster.”
- POOR MAN’S LOBSTER**
- Haddock
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vinegar
 - 2 to 3 teaspoons salt
- Melted butter

Boil haddock in water with vinegar and salt. Boil 15 to 20 minutes if frozen, less time if fresh. Drain. Place under broiler for a few minutes to dry out. Serve with melted butter. It tastes as good as lobster, almost.

Also Thelma writes: “Valentine’s Day is coming up pretty soon so I thought I’d share this recipe. I’ve used this recipe for going on 53 years.”

MARRIAGE STEW

This is a never-fail stew ... take two hearts full of love, add one quart of communication, one measure of respect, one cup of loyalty, one cup of appreciation and 2 cans of friendship; simmer together until both hearts are well-coated with mixture.

Blend in one tablespoon sweet-talk and one tablespoon of spicy differences. Spice with a sprinkling of essence of justice and enough humor to suit your fancy.

If the sauce sours at any time, reappraise the ingredients to see if anything was accidentally omitted. Add

missing ingredients at once. Taste occasionally for sweetness. The sauce should be both sweet and tangy, but NEVER sour. If an occasional lump appears, blend it out immediately before it spoils the stew.

Hearts should be served touching each other, each holding its own shape, yet creating a double form. Once you have the recipe down pat, the rest is all gravy!

- Mildred Pottroff, Manhattan: “This recipe has only four ingredients and is easy to put together.”
- HAMBURGER CASSEROLE**
- 1 pound ground beef
 - 19-ounce can chunky vegetable soup
 - 6-ounce package instant stuffing mix
 - 1/2 to 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 2-quart casserole dish with cooking oil. In a large skillet brown the ground beef. While beef cooks, prepare the stuffing mix according to package. Drain excess fat off beef. Add soup and stir well. Spoon half the stuffing into the casserole. Add beef and soup mixture, then add cheese and the remaining stuffing. Bake uncovered for 30 to 35 minutes. Serves 4

- Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
- PEANUT BUTTER LUSTER PIE**
- 9-inch pie crust
 - Chocolate layer:
 - 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
 - 2 to 3 teaspoons water
 - 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- Filling:
- 1 cup margarine or butter
 - 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

- 1 cup peanut butter
 - 12-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- Topping:
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
 - 2 to 3 teaspoons milk
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons corn syrup
- Garnish:
- 1 cup frozen topping, thawed
 - 2 tablespoons chopped peanuts
- Heat oven to 450 degrees. Prepare pie crust in 9-inch pan. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely. In a small saucepan over low heat melt 1/2 cup chocolate chips and 1 tablespoon margarine with 2 teaspoons water, stirring constantly until smooth. Blend in powdered sugar until smooth. Add additional water if necessary for desired spreading consistency. Spread mixture over bottom and up sides of cooked baked shell. Refrigerate. In medium saucepan combine 1 cup margarine and brown sugar.

Cook over medium heat until margarine is melted and mixture is smooth, stirring often. Refrigerate 10 minutes. In large bowl beat peanut butter and brown sugar mixture at low speed until blended. Beat 1 minute at medium-high speed. Add 12 ounces topping; beat 1 additional minute at low speed or until mixture is smooth and creamy. Pour over chocolate layer. Refrigerate.

Helen Miller, Sun City, Ariz.:

COLA CHICKEN

- 4 to 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup cola
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Place chicken in a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Mix ketchup, cola and Worcestershire sauce and pour over chicken. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

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The next two are from Mary Rogers, Topeka:

TURKEY REUBENS
4 slices rye bread
2 tablespoons Thousand Island salad dressing
6 ounces sliced deli smoked turkey
1/2 cup sauerkraut, rinsed & well drained
2 slices Swiss cheese
2 teaspoons butter

Spread two slices of bread with salad dressing. Layer with turkey, sauerkraut and cheese, top with remaining bread. Butter the outsides of sandwiches. In large skillet, toast sandwiches for 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until heated through. Yields: 2 but can be doubled, etc.

ONION CHEESE BREAD
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 large egg
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups biscuit mix
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease an 8-inch square baking dish. In a skillet melt butter over medium high heat. Add onion and cook 3 to 5 minutes or until tender; set aside to cool. In a bowl combine egg and milk. Gradually add biscuit mix, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in cooked onion, 1/2 cup cheese and parsley. Spread batter into pan and sprinkle evenly with remaining cheese. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka, submitted the following two:
PINEAPPLE PECAN CHEESE SPREAD & DIP
2 packages cream cheese
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup chopped pecans, divided
3/4 cup crushed pineapple, drained
4-ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
2 tablespoons chopped roasted sweet red peppers
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
In a bowl beat cream cheese until smooth. Add cheese, 3/4 cup pecans, pineapple, chiles, red pepper and garlic powder and mix well. Transfer to a serving dish; cover and refrigerate until serving. Sprinkle with remaining pecans just before serving. Serve with fresh vegetables.

ZESTY BROCCOLI DIP
1 cup Miracle Whip
10-ounce package frozen chopped broccoli, thawed & well drained
2-ounce jar diced pimientos, drained
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine Miracle Whip, broccoli, pimientos, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. Spread into a 1-quart baking dish or a 9-inch pie plate. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Continue baking 5 minutes or until mozzarella cheese is melted. Serve with crackers.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the next two:
FIESTA SPREAD
8-ounce package cream cheese
1/4 cup chunky salsa
1/4 cup apricot preserves
2 tablespoons chopped avocado
1 tablespoon chopped ripe olives

Place cream cheese on a serving plate. In a bowl combine salsa and preserves and spread over cream cheese. Sprinkle with avocado and olives. Serve with crackers.

REUBEN CASSEROLE
20-ounce bag frozen hash brown potatoes
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 pounds sliced lean corned beef
1/4 cup Russian dressing plus additional on the side, divided
16-ounce can sauerkraut, drained
8 slices Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Spread hash browns in prepared baking dish and season with salt and pepper. Bake 15 minutes. Top with corned beef, slightly overlapping slices. Spread Russian dressing on top then spoon on sauerkraut. Cover with Swiss cheese. Bake 15 minutes longer. Serve with extra dressing on the side.



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Beautifying The Home With Fresh Blossoms

(NAPSA) — Even as the weather turns cold, the sunny atmosphere of the warmer months can be kept alive with fresh flowers.

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"From the kitchen to the living room, from the bathroom to the bedroom, fresh flowers can infuse a room — and the whole house — with beauty and a positive atmosphere," Slater explains. "So be sure to imagine the possibilities while taking a moment to smell the roses — or the daisies or the lilies — wherever you are."

Here's a fabulous suggestion for brightening the home with fresh blossoms. For more ideas, visit www.flowerpossibilities.com.

Tranquil Terrarium
Recipe by Jill Slater



Large jar or clear glass bowl
1 pin frog, approximately 2" to 3" in diameter
Floral clay (enough for the bottom of the pin frog)
Medium-sized white decorative rocks, enough to fill the bottom of the bowl
1 small handful of moss
5 to 8 stems sword fern
3 stems gaylex leaves

3 stems pink miniature carnations
Flower food/preservative and clippers

Adhere floral clay to bottom of pin frog; press frog down onto bottom of jar/bowl. Scatter decorative rocks on bottom of jar/bowl. Fill bowl with water that has been treated with flower food/preservative. Water level should just meet top of rocks. Cover frog with a bit of moss. Insert sword fern, cutting stems in varying lengths. However, keep stems slightly lower than jar/bowl. Now insert gaylex leaves cut short around sword fern. Cut one stem of miniature carnations about 3 inches in length; insert it into front of frog. Cut next stem approximately 5 inches in length and insert it behind first stem. Cut final stem so that top of stem meets rim of jar/bowl and insert it behind other flowers.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing concerning the Horsin' Around column printed in your Jan. 15 issue of Grass & Grain.

"... slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest. All knew that this interest was, somehow, the cause of the war. To strengthen, perpetuate and extend this interest was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union, even by war; while the government claimed no right to do more than to restrict the territorial enlargement of it." — Lincoln's second inaugural address.

Mr. Coldsmith states that slavery at the time of the Civil War was "dying because of the invention of machinery to pick cotton and hoe other crops. Far cheaper than to feed a slave family year-round." That the

war was not about slavery. "That was already a dead issue anyway. It was about the right of each sovereign state to govern itself."

Consider some important facts:

The South viewed Lincoln as an abolitionist. After he was elected and before he ever made an executive decision, seven states seceded from the Union. They felt it was a sovereign state's right to secede, but why did they want to?

Lincoln's primary goal was to preserve the Union. To do that, he was willing to allow slavery where it then existed, but was against its spread.

The South did not want an upset of the balance of power in Congress which would certainly happen if too many free states came into the Union.

This "dead issue" was important enough for the South to make a preemptive strike against a government that was still seeking negotiation and reconciliation.

Lincoln had promised them in his first inaugural address: "The government will not assail you. You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors. You have no oath registered in heaven to

destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to 'preserve, protect and defend' it."

Even though the invention of machinery would replace a great many hand labor tasks, it often invited the need for labor in other areas by increasing production and thus making it cheaper for the consumer.

The invention of the cotton gin (a machine) caused an increase in the use of slave labor on plantations to grow cotton.

Slavery has always been an economic advantage to

someone at some place. That is why it still exists in parts of the world today.

To say slavery would have died out on its own, is to say human nature would have eventually changed.

It has always been a tendency of selfish man to be "wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces."

I am fully aware that feelings about the war still run high, especially in the South. Much of it is fueled by faulty information.

There are many contributing factors as to the

cause of the Civil War, and all the questions will never be answered to everyone's satisfaction.

I'm looking forward to more Horsin' Around which I always find interesting.

Loren Ratzloff
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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



To Walk On Water

I've used a similar topic several times over a period of years. Usually, at Christmas. It involved a Jewish friend who, with his very musical family, would make the rounds on Christmas eve, visiting Christian friends and singing Christmas carols, accompanied by a small accordion.

When their kids were old enough to be embarrassed about this, he told us that this would be the last year they'd be doing this event. We were disappointed, of course, and Edna expressed her disappointment via that of our kids.

"But, Albert, our kids think that this is part of

Christmas. To them, you just walk on water!"

"Well," Albert admitted, "I had a distant cousin who did."

I've used that story many times. In our Judeo-Christian culture, the simile of walking on water has virtually taken on a life of its own. To "walk on water" expressed so much, in so few words, that it takes on a meaning. One who walks on water is assumed to be on a separate, almost sacred magic gift, available to only a few. It shows up in reference to many other situations, whether religious or secular. But always, in a situation of importance.

Years ago, a story was making the rounds, which I appreciated greatly as a member of a minister's family. It takes place in a small country town, in which there were only three churches: a Roman Catholic, a Jewish synagogue, and a Baptist church. They often made polite contacts during civic events, but had no regular connections.

They eventually realized that such an attitude was a bit ridiculous, and that with the same goals in mind, the only sensible thing was to cooperate. The Priest and the Rabbi approached the Baptists with a proposal that they engage in some activities

enjoyed by all, but not connected to their respective professions.

A fishing trip, maybe? They met for coffee at the local cafe, and drove on out to the lake, where a boat belonging to the rabbi was stored.

It was a beautiful summer day, worth the experience whether the fishing was good or not. They took the boat out of the storage shed, and rowed a few hundred yards to the best "fishin' hole," near another part of the shore line.

It was slow at first, but they began to encounter some action, a nice bass to the rabbi's cast, then another to the priest's. On the next try, however, the lure snagged on a low-hanging limb.

"I'll get it," said the priest.

To the amazement of the Baptist, the priest stepped out and apparently walked on the surface of the water.

He disentangled the line and the rabbi reeled it in.

Only a few minutes later, another snag ... the rabbi's. He stepped out and walked across the water as the priest had done. The Baptist minister was, by now, completely overwhelmed. What could this be? It took a little while to regain his composure.

He was still thinking about it when, on his own cast, he encountered a snag. Maybe this was a test of his faith. He stepped out of the boat, and on his first step, plunged out of sight.

"Too bad," observed the priest. "Guess we should have told him about the stepping stones!"

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Jerry Grund, left, was presented with the American Gelbvieh Association's member of the year honor recently during the National Western Stock Show. Grund lives in Wallace in far western Kansas.

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Growing Growers program helping Kansas City area get local foods

A rapidly rising number of Americans now want to know about the origin and care of the food they eat. Organically grown fruits and vegetables are becoming a staple in grocery store produce sections. Nationwide, the number of farmers markets has reached an all-time high. Restaurants have begun to specialize in dishes prepared from locally grown foods.

Growing Growers — a university-aligned training program — has been working to help the Kansas City area prepare for and meet this increasing demand. Since 2004 it has placed more than fifty apprentices on local farms. They've hosted an annual workshop series to teach sustainable agriculture and also organized conferences to promote and connect local producers.

"We have a lot more to do, though, because so many Kansas Citians are becoming part of what appears to be a long-lasting 'eat healthy' trend. We're taking applications now and will start training another group of farm apprentices in March. Our new series of public work-

shops on market farming will begin March 15," said Ted Carey, program coordinator and a Kansas State University Research and Extension horticulturist, based at K-State's Olathe horticulture center.

Growing Growers is a cooperative project of K-State, the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Kansas Rural Center and Kansas City Food Circle (a community organization).

Carey said past apprentices already have attracted national media attention with what they've done since graduating. Stephanie Thomas of Spring Creek Farm near Baldwin City, was the subject of a 2007 National Public Radio interview. Hilary Brown and her Local Burger restaurant in Lawrence, were part of a Sundance channel TV documentary called "Big Ideas for a Small Planet."

"Not every Growing Growers apprentice goes on to farm, but all of them leave the program with an increased understanding of the work that goes into growing our food and running a business," he said.

In addition to working on local farms, apprentices receive one-on-one training from a host-farmer, attend seminars and farm tours, and receive books selected by local farmers and experts.

Area residents interested in learning more about or applying for a 2008 apprenticeship can look on the Web at <http://www.growinggrowers.org> or contact program manager Laura Christensen at (816) 805-0362 or growers@ksu.edu.

The application deadline for 2008 is March 1, Christensen said. A limited number of scholarships are available. The non-refundable training fee for the apprentice program is \$300, which covers all training fees, books and other resource materials.

"We recommend applying as soon as possible so we have time to match apprentices with the farm best suited to them," she said. "In many cases, apprentices can choose whether they want to work shorter hours as a volunteer or longer hours as a paid employee. Either way, they'll get their hands dirty and learn about farming from a real farmer."

Growing Growers also offers monthly public workshops from March through November.

"The workshops are a required part of the apprenticeship program," Carey said. "But, we time the series to avoid conflict with the area's farmer's market schedules, so practicing producers can come, too. A few workshops are day-long, but most meet Monday afternoons."

This year the program is expanding to include a focus on organic and sustainable fruit production, developed in cooperation with the Kansas Fruit Growers Association.

The workshops typically include a farm tour in the Kansas City area, as well as an in-depth look at topics that range from soil nutrients and specialized equipment to post-harvest handling practices and business management. Local producers and university Extension specialists lead the discussions.

For the public, the workshop registration fee typically is \$15 to \$30. The 2008 workshop schedule of topics is on the Web at <http://www.growinggrowers.org/workshop.htm>.

Kansas cattle industry leaders attend leadership conference

Twenty-nine members from 24 Kansas counties attended the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Leadership Conference in Topeka. The educational event is designed to expose attendees to various aspects of beef production and marketing, the legislative process, media and services provided by KLA.

The group visited KLA headquarters and became acquainted with President Tracy Brunner of Ramona. Attendees took part in an interactive session on becoming a beef industry spokesperson presented by KLA staff and WIBW-Topeka farm broadcasters Kelly Lenz and Greg Akagi.

Participants attended a Senate Agriculture Committee meeting and some had the opportunity to meet with their respective legislators to discuss important beef industry issues. The group also toured the Capitol.

In addition, members saw various ways beef is marketed. Members toured U.S. Foodservice, participated in an interactive meal preparation course with Chef Alli Winter and heard from the kitchen manager at Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Topeka, which sells about 5,000 steaks per week.

The Kansas Beef Council (KBC) provided information on how checkoff dollars are used to develop and market new products that have helped increase beef demand. KBC staff also explained efforts to educate consumers about the benefits of eating beef.

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Secretary of Agriculture sworn in

Ed Schafer was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Jan. 28.

Secretary Schafer brings a record as an innovative two-term governor of North Dakota to USDA along with extensive private sector experience as both an entrepreneur and a business executive.

Schafer served as North Dakota's governor from 1992 to 2000 expanding North Dakota's economy, reducing the cost of government and advancing agriculture as his top priorities in office.

He worked to normalize trading relations with China and develop that nation as an export market for North Dakota farm products. He also led efforts to upgrade North Dakota's communications infrastructure and make high-speed voice and data networks available to farmers, ranchers and rural businesses.

To expand the state's job base, he encouraged the growth of value-added agricultural industries such as pasta and corn sweetener manufacturing. As governor, Schafer managed a state workforce of 12,000 people, oversaw a budget of \$4.6 billion and led the state's response to emergencies such as the severe floods that hit the Grand Forks area in 1997.

As chair of the Western Governors Association, Schafer led regional efforts to demonstrate how technology could improve the efficiency and lower the cost of delivering government services such as health benefits and food stamps. He also worked to make telemedicine more available and affordable in rural areas.

Schafer was elected chair of the Republican Governors Association in 2000, and that same year he co-founded and co-chaired the Governors Biotechnology Partnership to increase public understanding and support for the benefits of agricultural biotechnology.

He has had a lifelong interest in conservation and helped arrange the U.S. Forest Service's May 2007 purchase of the 5,200-acre Elkhorn Ranch in North Dakota. The site was where Theodore Roosevelt had his home and operated a cattle ranch in the 1880s. It is near the preserved town of Medora — the state's leading tourist attraction.

Born and raised in Bismarck, N.D., Schafer graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He earned an MBA from the University of Denver in 1970.

Secretary Schafer's grandfather immigrated to North Dakota from Denmark and homesteaded land in Hettinger County that he turned into a wheat and livestock farm. Schafer spent summers there while growing up. He helped his

uncles with chores, tinkered with engines and learned firsthand about agriculture. Before entering public life, Schafer was an executive with the Gold Seal Co. in Bismarck, a successful marketer of nationally-known consumer products such as "Mr. Bubble" bubble bath, "Glass Wax" glass cleaner and "Snowy Bleach." His father, Harold Schafer, had founded the company.

Secretary Schafer joined Gold Seal after he earned his MBA and held a series of management positions with the company before becoming president in 1978. Under his leadership, Gold Seal's sales climbed to \$50 million through acquisitions and new product introductions and its net worth tripled. It was sold in 1986. Schafer then went on to launch several new businesses, including a commercial real estate development company, a fish farm and a classic car dealership.

After leaving office in 2000, he co-founded Extend America, a venture capital-backed company, to provide wireless voice and high-speed data services to commercial and residential customers in five rural Midwestern states.

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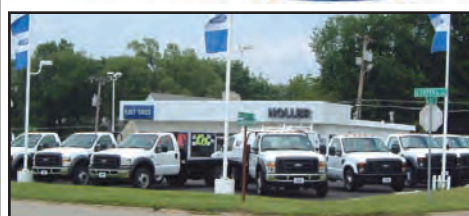
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Champion Horse Show Trail Rider Offers Advice On The Sport

Every horse can be used for trail riding.

"Some horses make better trail riders than others, but with enough patience and work, they can all do it," insisted Melinda Hinkson of Matfield Green.

For certain, Hinkson knows. She's been trail riding over four decades. Proof of her talents comes in the multitude of championships collected in trail competition at horse shows.

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"Riding horses on trails is good for them. It helps horses become used to a variety of surroundings and be more calm and collected," Hinkson evaluated. "Trail riding is a great sport physically and mentally for riders. One becomes closer to their horse while being near nature."

Advice for preparing a horse to enter trail classes at horse shows was given by Hinkson as she related it to riding countryside trails.

"Basically, the trail class is patterned after real-life situations," Hinkson began. "Most important is to get into and out of a situation without your horse being excited, spooked or harmed."

Certain horses are more natural on trails than others. "Excitable horses take longer to get acclimated,"

Hinkson verified. "Hopefully, a rider has a horse who can be trusted and is not looking for spooks."

"A horse needs to be aware of the environment and not just go anywhere without looking. That is more dangerous than a horse who is cautious before moving into a situation," Hinkson continued.

Beginning training for trails is best across the pasture, through the timber, up and down hills and valleys, in the water and over the bridge, to get the horse acclimated to every environment, the trainer acknowledged.

"Hopefully a horse will love trail riding, but patience is the ingredient for progress at whatever level," Hinkson explained. "Amount of effort the rider wants to put into it determines how proficient a horse becomes."

"Every horse is different, and the rider must not be severe and grind in training but rather figure out what will work best for that horse," she continued. "Repetition is the key, but when a horse does right, he should be praised and then move on or put away. If there is a mistake, he must be worked until done correctly."

All of Hinkson's training on the ranch is without spurs. "I use legs, hands and voice," she related. "If a horse does wrong, I will bump him hard with my legs, use more heel pressure and talk in a stern voice." Spurs are worn in competition as a reminder, not punishment.

"Trail riding is a pleasure, so horses consistent in travel are desirable and present a more uniform picture," Hinkson critiqued.

Crossing bridges is a frightening experience for horses, and Hinkson contends the bridge is the toughest obstacle in competition.

"Going across a bridge over a stream often requires considerable time,"

Hinkson admitted. "Any horse can figure out it's easier to go around a practice bridge, so getting them to step up and walk over takes persuasion."

Best way is to start on the ground leading the horse to the bridge, letting him smell and touch it, before placing a foot. "I'll often put my bridge in an alley so my horse has to walk over," Hinkson detailed.

Fads have varied on how horses are shown over bridges. "The horse needs to look at the bridge before stepping up," Hinkson advised, "but then he should go across readily without stumbling or going off the side."

It's necessary to open gates when riding cross country, and a gate is part of competition. "I start on the ground with a large gate that opens and closes easily and doesn't rattle," Hinkson indicated.

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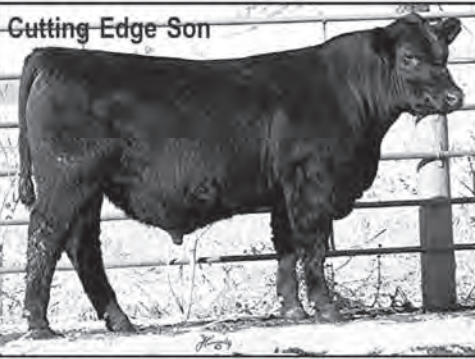


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Melinda Hinkson, Matfield Green, shows A Sociable Sonny over poles in amateur trail finals at the 1984 World Championship Quarter Horse Show in Oklahoma City. It's important that the horse does not nick any poles going through the obstacle at the requested gait.

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Horses nowadays wait for their turn at the gate starting competitions. Hinkson stands ready, swings the gate just wide enough to get

her horse through, "not let the calf or even the dog out." She side passes back to close the gate, never moving her hand. "I like to do the gate as smooth and flowing as possible," Hinkson in-

formed.

Backing is often required in the country, and Hinkson trains for a variety of backing obstacles. "I've never had horses I couldn't get to back, but they've

sometimes stalled in competition," she confirmed. "When training for backing between poles, an L-shaped pattern or around barrels, I start with a larger course than at shows.

"Foundation training always comes into play. When there's a trust between the horse and rider, horses will do as requested," Hinkson clarified. "Some horses are so smart that they learn patterns and anticipate what to do. I try to keep my horse moving throughout the backing maneuver."

Training for side passing is started on the ground, according to Hinkson, who said a horse often prefers to go one direction more than another. "It can be overdone, but work on the way they don't like is essential," she described. "I'll either put their head or hip facing a strong fence or barn and cue the horse with my legs,

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feet and hands. Side passing is a forward motion, so the horse must not back."

Ground tying is needed for any horse. "I make my horse stand still and never cock a foot when I'm grooming or saddling, and this seems to help in ground tie training," Hinkson commented. "It takes work to get a horse to ground tie and then when some of these show committees tempt them with feed just a few feet away, that complicates the matter."

Crossing poles at a walk, jog or lope is like going over a down log in the timber. "Horses have to see where the poles are and stride to step between the poles and not hit them," Hinkson informed. "Loping over poles is initially the hardest to train, but, in competitions,

horses seem to nick poles more often at a walk."

Water traps, with holes dug in the arena and filled with water, were common in shows of days gone by, but typically plastic tarps are considered show water traps today. "Riding through mud holes, across creeks and along ponds gets horses used to water," Hinkson described. "However, to teach them not to be scared at a plastic tarp takes lots of exposure."

Hinkson recalled the time her horse, Benjy's Tad Bar, was watching another horse at a water trap during a show. "That horse refused to go across, and Tad did the same thing even though he'd been through the obstacle before. After that, I never let him watch other horses. He was just too smart," she remembered.

Mailboxes are often included in trail classes. Hinkson advised, "Go get the mail on your horse. That's the best way for him to learn. I like to show off a little getting the mail, side passing to the box, rattling the door, side passing away and riding off smoothly."

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Scoring for horse show trail classes has changed over the years, so judges are

required to mark each maneuver and assess penalties when a mistake is made. "I've been steward at many horse shows, and I've had the opportunity to scribe for judges in trail class," Hinkson said. "That has been educational and helped in training and evaluating my own horses."

In conclusion, Hinkson critiqued, "Patience can make about any horse go on trails, but the smoother, more consistent, better-mannered the horse performs with non-observable cues from the rider make for a higher marked ride. It usually boils down to the closest relationship between horse and rider."



Benjy's Tad Bar with Belinda Hinkson of Matfield Green shows correct form going over a bridge in amateur trail. Bridges are considered the most difficult obstacle in horse show trail competition.

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ZURICH (AP) — Darrell and Joy Sutor intimately are familiar with the cattle industry.

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That familiarity with livestock has been passed down the generations as well, and now several of the Sutors' children and grandchildren themselves are stalwarts of the livestock industry.

The Sutor Hereford Farm has been a fixture in Rooks County since 1885, and Darrell Sutor was among a handful of cattlemen honored recently by the Kansas Livestock Association for their long tenure with the group.

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Sutor said he joined the KLA "when I got married in 1943."

He joined to stay abreast of what's happening in the cattle business.

"If you don't keep up a little bit with what's going on, you're out in the cold," he said.

Sutor made the trip to Wi-

chita for the annual KLA convention, riding along with daughter Darla Moore, who now lives in Scott City and is also heavily involved in the cattle industry.

Another daughter, Lorna Pelton, College Station, Texas, operates a company that performs ultrasound on cattle and frequently is a livestock judge at cattle shows.

The Sutors' third daughter, Linda Sutor, lives in the Lindsborg area and has her hands full with those duties, Darrell and Joy Sutor agreed.

"I'm glad we were in the cattle business," Joy Sutor said. "It gave my girls an occupation."

Darrell Sutor got his start in the cattle business early.

"I was born in it," he said. Sutor's father, Earl, was a

cattle buyer for many areas in northwest Kansas. Cattle he purchased were put on trains bound for Kansas City and that community's bustling livestock market.

The ranch was first started in 1878, built on school lands between Ellis and Kansas Highway 18. The Sutor family also had a small ranch near Geneseo, but the primary focus was on the Rooks County area.

At its peak, the Sutor ranch had four or five hired hands and ran cattle on nearly 18,000 acres of grassland stretching from Plainville to Hill City.

Much of that land was owned by his father's sisters, and Sutor rented it.

"When I think of my dad, he wasn't an angel," Sutor said. "But he knew how to do more things than I ever imagined."

While the Sutor ranch has a strong Hereford background, 300 head of Angus

cattle are on the ranch that is cared for by the Sutors' granddaughter and her husband, Dana and David Pieper. The Piepers currently manage the ranch.

"I got too old to worry about details," he said of the cattle operation. "I've got too much to do trying to stay alive." Sutor doesn't mind saying that he's 87 1/2 years old, and will turn 88 Aug. 1.

"I always had horned" Herefords, Sutor said. "The last bull I got was a polled."

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Even though cattle is his business, Sutor stays well aware of current events.

"It's an intriguing thing," Sutor said of events going on worldwide. "We're fiddling while Rome's burning."

He's not at all impressed with any of the presidential candidates.

"Who am I going to vote for?" he asked. "None of the above. None of them have a personality I care about."

Sutor has seen plenty in his years in the cattle industry.

He made it through the

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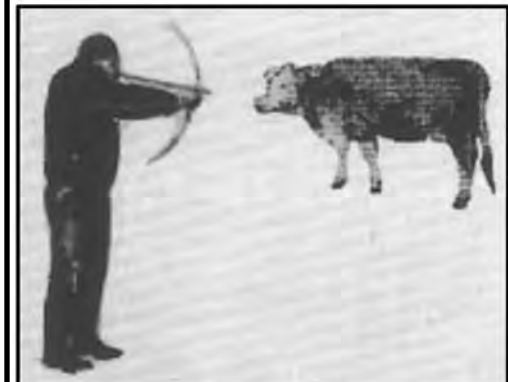
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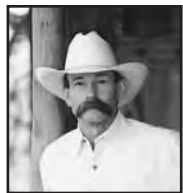
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Livestock people adjust to the cold out of necessity. Principally because livestock live outdoors! It's amazing to me that horses and cows and sheep can stand 20 below zero weather with no apparent discomfort. You're bundled up like the Pillsbury Doughboy out building a bonfire under the engine of your one-ton flatbed to haul a load of meadow hay to your cows...

In the meantime, in the pasture a three-day old calf with a haircoat no thicker than a buzzcut St. Bernard waits for your arrival. "How did he get so swollen, mama? Humans seem so bulbous and awkward."

"Don't make fun of them, little Bully Boy. They are descended from the walrus. They never learned to walk on four legs!"

No matter how many years you and your ancestors have lived on the family farm or ranch, you never take stock water for granted. Water can be a blessing in all three elemental forms; steam to power engines, water to wash our clothes, ice to store food. It can also

be the bane of the unprepared; an unexpected fumare, a flash flood or a snowball down the back of your neck.

In the frozen north, like Michigan, Manitoba or Montana, where you bury your pipes six feet under the earth, you still have to offer available drinking water to your domestic beasts. Humans have been very inventive. Just walk into any Co-op store to see the variety of drinkers available.

Brian had built a cattle waterer in the far pasture out of a tractor tire. It involved a float, some PVC pipe and four bags of Portland cement. He was proud of it, but it still

froze over this winter. "No sweat," he said, adjusting his Elmer Fudd earflaps and climbing behind the wheel of his 3/4 ton 4x4. "I'll just bump it with the front tires." First bump, nothing happened. He backed up and tried again. The tires were absorbing the shock. "Once more," he said, stepping on the gas. This time the ice cracked. But not before the air bag blew up in his face and broke his nose!

To his misfortune, the truck's radiator cracked along with the ice, creating an Old Faithful-like atmosphere in the frozen air.

Brian survived. It was only a 35-minute walk to the main road, although the detours due to his swollen nose and puffy black eyes added another 30 minutes to the stroll.

"In the field snow is glistering, to the left Brian's listin'

A pitiful sight, his eyes swollen tight

Walkin' in a winter wonderland!"

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FURNITURE & MISC.

Walnut drop leaf front desk, very unusual; ornate iron bed painted, excellent condition; brass bed, excellent condition, both beds came from the gold camps in Colorado early 1900's; Jenny Lind baby bed; oak banquet table with 4 leafs, good condition; 2 occasional chairs; La-Z-Boy recliner; kitchen table, 5 ladder back chairs; 3 drawer chest; oak plant; lots of kitchen items; Spring Collection stoneware, 12 place setting; lots of books; banister from old hospital; wheel barrow; various tools; 8' windmill; suitcases; Christmas decorations; sewing items; Sharp c copier; aluminum 4 wheeler ramps; 14' flat bottom aluminum boat; and many more items.

GUNS - Sell at 12:00 Noon

EAA 357 mag. Snub nose pistol, like new; Winchester Md. 70, 270 cal. rifle like with scope; Excel 410 single shot; J Stevens 22 rifle, pump; Stevens Md. 58 16 ga. shotgun, bolt action; Marlin Md. 60, 22 rifle, auto with scope; Harrington & Richardson 410 shotgun, single shot; Sears Ranger 20 ga. shotgun, bolt action; JD Higgins 22 rifle, bolt action with scope; Stevens 410 shotgun, single shot; German revolver, 22 short white grips; Namba auto pistol, 7.65 MM; Japanese auto pistol, 7.65 MM; Italian revolver 38 cal. Snub nose; muzzle loader with brass

barrel; pellet rifle; Daisy Red Ryder BB gun, excellent condition. All the above guns are in good condition.

CAR

1987 Ford Crown Victoria, AC, 88,000 miles, runs good.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

JD tractor and corn picker; JD pull type combine, both in good condition from 1960's; Kansas belt buckles; aluminum Christmas tree in box; small children's books dated 1880's; what nots; pitcher & basin; Grocer's encyclopedia; coin clock; children's print in oval frame; 4 qt. butter churn; 2 headed bear cookie jar; coal bucket; primitive tools; CI match holder; CI boxer door stop; cream can; coffee grinder; CI soap kettle;

wooden buggy wheel; iron sky-scraper bank; wagon nail box; several nice prints and pictures; 43 pcs. of Lusterware incl. tea sets; pin cushions; cigarette folders; 15 pcs. of carnival glass; Fenton pcs.; porcelain ladies handled brushes; John Wayne figurine; Shirley Temple photo; 2 Wizard of Oz banks; various figures; approx. 30 pcs. of candlewick type dishes; large round Fostoria platter; etched handled plate; Blue Valley cream can from Wilsey, Kansas; Kayan EE Sew Master toy sewing machine, various games; milk bottles; crock bread bowls; crock jug; various old kitchen items; 2 oval frames; steamer trunks; wash tub on stand; wagon seat; cobalt blue pcs.

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bangs — brucellosis — scare of 1935, the problems with dwarfism and a bout with leptospirosis, a bacteria that first hit the local cattle industry in the 1950s because of abundant rains.

"It was pretty serious," Sutor said of leptospirosis. "Now, it's vaccinated for right along with black leg."

In addition to the cattle business, Sutor spent 40 years serving on the rural electric board, allowing him to travel and attend conventions.

"There's so many places to go, and I haven't been everywhere I'd like to go," he said.

While they have focused on the Hereford operation, the Sutors said they also

tried to help people along the way.

They told of young people who came to live with them, learning the industry or staying out of trouble.

"I've tried to help people every time I could," he said. "Sometimes, I helped them more than I did myself."

Sutor isn't standing still. He's still out looking things over, attending sales in the area.

Last week, they installed a generator that kicks on automatically when the power goes off.

"So many of us are getting old," he said. "We can't just go outside and start the tractor."

But he doesn't regret a moment of it.

"I tell you, it's been quite a life."

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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: Simmitt Auctions.

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

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

February 9 — Antiques & collectibles, toys, banks, dolls, glassware, pottery & furniture at Lawrence. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

February 9 — Furniture, guns, antiques, collectibles at Council Grove for Edith Keys & Others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

February 9 — Home Interior, kitchen items, glassware, collectibles & hand tools, pottery items at Osage City for several local sellers. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp 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 — Shop tools, fixtures, rolling stock, memorabilia & machinery at Higginsville, MO for Kronsbein Implement Co., Inc. Auctioneers: Wheeler 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 16 — Heating & air conditioning close out at McPherson for General Air. Auctioneers: Blomquist Auctions.

February 16 — Tractor, ATV, collectibles & household S. of Waterville for Sheldon & Marie Pishny. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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 McPherson for General Air. Auctioneers: Blomquist Auctions.

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

February 19 — Farm machinery & livestock equipment, retirement auction at Lebo for Hodges Ranch, Inc. Auctioneers: Stock Auctions.

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

February 21 — Sales & 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 22 — Hereford bulls at Quinter for Jamison Herefords. Managed by: United Livestock Brokers, Inc.

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 23 — Farm machinery & equipment at LaCygne for Wilbur Stainbrook. Auctioneers: Marty Read Auctions.

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 27 — Cattleman's Choice Bull Sale, Balancer, Angus & Gelbvieh bulls at Oakley for Grund Beef Genetics & JMB Angus.

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 Cattleman'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 1 — Construction, landscaping equip., shop tools & misc. N. of Wamego for Pat's Specialty-Pat Ebert. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

March 1 — Farm equipment consignment auction at Alta Vista. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

March 3 — Lyons Ranch 20th Annual Superior Genetics Sale, registered Angus bulls & females near Manhattan.

March 4 — Angus & Sim-Angus bull & female sale at Washington for Cattleman's Choice, T Seven Ranch & G&G Angus.

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

March 7 — Angus sale at Olsburg for Laffin Ranch.

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 8 — Closing out machinery auction at Hiawatha for Rodvelt & Sons. Auctioneers: Abie Showalter Auctions.

March 8 — Collectible toy tractors, cars & pickups, glassware & misc. at Seneca for Alan Conley. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

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

March 9 — Rare coin collection at Seneca for Alan Conley. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

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 16 — Green Springs Performance Tested Bull Sale at Butler, MO for Green Springs Bull Test.

March 19 — Bull & Female sale at Fall River for EE Ranches, Inc.

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 Chegwiddden & Charley Konig.

August 2 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

September 1 — 13th annual Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

September 6 — Fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

November 1 — Consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

November 15 — Late fall machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

January 1, 2009 — 24th annual New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.

HAY AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008 — 1:00 PM

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an increase of a little more than 9 percent from 2007. Francel predicts wheat acreage will increase to 62 million acres, up almost 3 percent from last year, while cotton acreage will continue to decline, to 9.5 million

acres, which would be a drop of a little more than 12 percent from a year ago. "A continued tight balance sheet for corn and soybeans is ahead, with only slightly less pressure for wheat," Francel said.

Meetings planned for Saline, Ottawa counties

Barney Gordon will be the featured speaker on February 8 at the first coffee shop meeting in this year's series of educational meetings organized by the Central Kansas Extension District. Gordon, the agronomist at K-State's Northcentral Kansas Experiment Field will give an update on dryland cropping systems research and fertilizer application in no-till crop-

ping systems. Coffee shop agronomy meetings will be held at the Mentor Fire Station in Mentor, starting at 10 a.m. and adjourning by 11:30 a.m. on February 8, 15, and 29. On February 22 the meeting will be held at the Ottawa Co. Courthouse basement meeting room. Planned schedule of topics are as follows: February 8, Mentor —

Dryland cropping systems research update, Barney Gordon, field agronomist. February 15, Mentor — Foliar fungicides for wheat, Erick DeWolf, Extension wheat pathologist. February 22, Minneapolis — Feeding the cowherd, Twig Marston, Extension cow-calf specialist. February 29, Mentor — Field crop weed control update, Dallas Peterson, Extension weed specialist.

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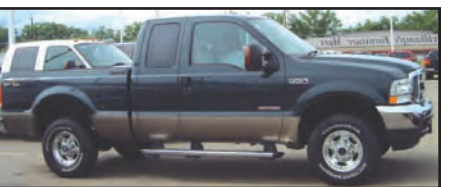
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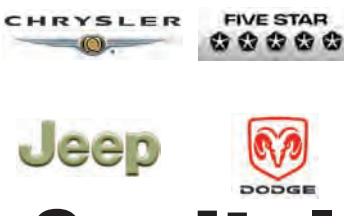



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