



## Professor says management key to success during turbulent times

By Beth Gaines-Riffel,  
Editor

If you listen to David Kohl for more than five minutes, you can get a glimpse of his passion for agriculture. The Virginia Tech professor Emeritus of agriculture and applied economics isn't just about theory and book knowledge. In fact, his resume would include listings as a farmer, consultant and member of a bank board.

He spoke recently at a series of meetings throughout Kansas sponsored by Emprise Bank. At Hillsboro, a sizable crowd gathered at the Mennonite Brethren church to listen to what insight he might provide them during these highly volatile times that are setting new records — both for the cost of putting a crop in the ground as well as the prices being paid for the commodities being produced.

Kohl noted that during these historic times, producers more than ever need to stay on top of their numbers — knowing their cost of production and having a marketing plan in place.

"You can be upside-down very quickly in this business," Kohl warned. "Good times and growth can get you into problems if you outgrow your financial statement."

He also touched on the notion that in the next 10 years, the good managers are going to have to have the mental intensity to make money and still have balance in one's life.

"The stakes are high," he said. "You aren't playing jeopardy, it's double jeopardy."

He noted that good managers are those individuals who have mastered the ability to manage what is manageable, and work around those factors beyond their control.

One of the keys for success, according to the professor, was the ability to have enough liquidity and working capital.

"This is critical. Make sure that you can make the payments so you don't have to sell the land," he said. "Cash is king."

He touched on the notion that agriculture has always been cyclical in nature and would continue to be, although the volatility of the business has increased tenfold.

"The peaks are higher and the valleys are lower," he said. "You want to maximize the upticks and minimize the downturns as much as possible."

One of the keys that sets the successful operation apart, according to Kohl is the ability to be flexible. He noted that flexibility on the balance sheet, marketing, management and expansion plans will be factors in the future.

He encouraged producers to have enough liquid assets available in order that operations can take advantage of the opportunity to expand and grow, but to make sure those decisions are made for the right reasons.

"Don't get bigger for the sake of getting bigger. Get better before getting bigger," he said.

When developing a strategic plan for a farm, espe-

cially in good times, Kohl laid out a formula of putting 30 percent into working capital, 60 percent into debt reduction and building equity in the business and 10 percent being invested off the farm.

The future success of farms and ranches is going to rest with human capital. "The skill that is going to be needed in the future is the ability to work with people," Kohl advised. "The consumer is driving the business model. If you don't stay in touch with the customer, they will put you out of business."

Getting a fresh set of eyes on your business plan was also touted by Kohl. "Sit down with your lender and take a good look," he said.

He also encouraged producers to consider those they interacted with regularly. "Find people to shoot ideas off of that will elevate your game plan," Kohl advised. "Are those folk lifting you up or taking you down?"

The current state of the economy was also a concern for the group, and many questions related to that area. Kohl told the group that energy concerns are real — especially when considering that in a rural area 8 out of 10 dollars are connected to oil. "If we have a recession, the price of a barrel of oil will be back to \$50."

Kohl laid out his outlook for the future in terms of code green, yellow and red. He told the group that he sees a 80 percent probability of experiencing a code green environment in the next 12-18 months with good times



Dr. David Kohl, Virginia Tech professor emeritus, laid out his strategy to prosper during turbulent agricultural times during a meeting in Hillsboro hosted by Emprise Bank.

ahead for most commodities with the exception of hogs and grapes.

He noted that the low value of the dollar has created an environment where farm products are in high demand in the export arena.

Strong emerging economies worldwide would also create more demand for farm products. This would require a strong economy in North America as well as having the government continue to support agriculture energy food and fuel.

Kohl's probability of a "code yellow" lasting one to five years was about 50 percent. This classification means caution, according to Kohl. An increasing value of the dollar, stagnant North American and emerging economies would bring on this scenario. There would also more than likely

be a reduction of energy and ag supports as well as a protectionism stance emerging.

A code yellow scenario would result in the flattening out of ag land values and cash rent would stabilize. There would also be a great deal of debt restructuring. He also predicted a Stage I liquidity lag — which happens when commodity prices come down faster than the input costs.

To survive this type of scenario, Kohl recommended building reserves of 20-30 percent of cropping expenses — either in cash or things that you can quickly turn to cash.

Kohl noted that there was a very low probability of a code red scenario playing out. "This is where ag gets turned upside down," Kohl said. In this case, he said that

a Stage II liquidity lag occurs. That means the people who have the cash hold onto the cash and simply let the bubble burst.

The session closed with Kohl outlining the following suggestions for farming success.

Keep family living expenses down. Kohl suggested that the living expenses be under \$40,000 or be supplemented by off-farm sources.

Have the ability to generate a dollar's worth of sales on less than 70 cents.

Know the cost of production — the good, the bad the ugly. "You cannot bring the next generation back to the business without knowing what your actual cost of production is," he advised.

Be a good producer. "Better is better before bigger is better," he said.

## Outlook presented to U.S. Congress shows grain prices high, net farm income strong

By Duane Dailey

Grain prices increased dramatically in the last two years and are expected to remain well above pre-2006 levels, report economists with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI).

Higher prices increase revenues for crop producers but also increase feed costs for livestock producers. Overall, net farm income goes up, some government farm program payments drop and consumers see higher food costs.

Those current and future farm changes are in a 68-page 2008 FAPRI Baseline Briefing Book delivered to the U.S. Congress and U.S. Department of Agriculture today by the agricultural economists from a multi-university think tank.

The independent analysis which projects the agricultural economy for 10 years is requested annually by Congress.

"Agricultural market out-

looks appear more uncertain than in past years," said Pat Westhoff, co-director of MU FAPRI, Columbia, Mo. "Petroleum prices and biofuel policies drive most of the changes."

In 2007, high corn prices due to rising ethanol production led to big increases in corn acreage at the expense of soybeans and cotton.

This year, corn faces price competition from soybeans and wheat in a "battle for acres," Westhoff said. FAPRI expects 2008 soybean acreage to increase about 6 million acres with wheat acreage increasing as well. Corn retreats 2 million acres from its post-World War II high recorded in 2007.

Plantings of 12 major crops are expected to increase 4 million acres in 2008, following a 3 million acre increase in 2007. Most new acres come from double-crop soybeans and wheat, reduced fallow ground and expiring con-

tracts on Conservation Reserve Program acres.

The Consumer Price Index for food rose 4 percent in 2007, more than the CPI for all goods and services. "Much of that increase came from rising energy prices, which increased costs all along the marketing chain including the farm level," said Scott Brown, FAPRI livestock analyst.

The biggest change in agriculture is a shift to supplying biofuels, both in corn for ethanol and soybeans for biodiesel. FAPRI reports that trend will continue because of high petroleum prices and mandates in energy legislation.

Corn receives major attention in the report. Ethanol demand for corn almost doubled from 2005 to 2007, with nearly 4 billion bushels to be used from the crop to be harvested this fall. FAPRI projects corn for ethanol will almost equal the bushels fed to U.S. livestock by 2015, Brown said.

"In spite of rising production costs, net returns to corn farmers remain very high by historical standards," Westhoff said.

Soybean production dropped sharply last year, with an acreage shift to corn. However strong domestic and international demand for vegetable oil, caused in part by growing biodiesel production in the United States and Europe, helped reverse that shift.

Wheat prices increased when crop failures around the world led to large exports of U.S. wheat. FAPRI expects wheat exports will drop when foreign crops recover. Projected wheat prices remain higher than in years before 2006, because of higher prices for corn and other crops.

Since a farm bill has not passed Congress, the analysis assumes present 2002 farm bill is extended. Major parts of the outlook are influenced by the Energy Independence and Security Act

passed in December 2007 which mandates increased use of ethanol and soydiesel.

FAPRI assumes current biofuel mandates, taxes and tariffs remain in place. However, the economists assume cellulosic ethanol mandates will be waived as advances in technology remain slow.

"There's no doubt but what the energy bill has greater influence on crop prices than a farm bill," Westhoff said. "World energy demand drives the economy, which shifts U.S. domestic uses and world trade."

Growth in ethanol production means distillers grains and other coproducts displace increasing amounts of corn in feed rations. In general, prices for coproducts keep pace with corn prices, so they do not give large cost-savings as some expected, Brown said.

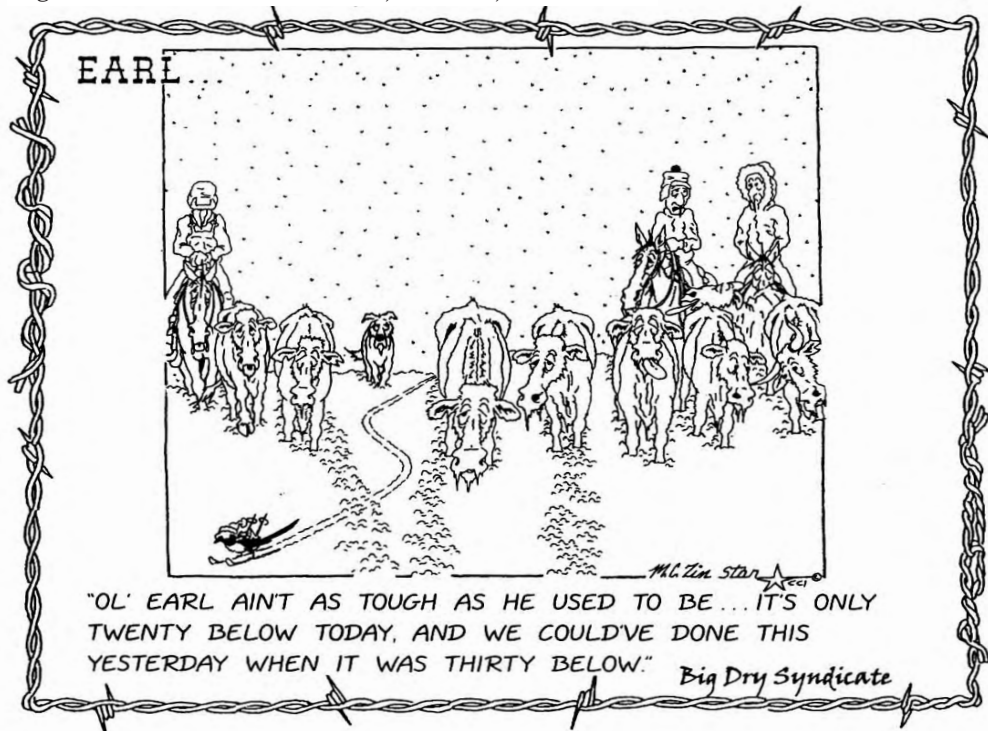
Weakening value of the dollar has increased world demand for U.S. agricultural products. Exports of soy-

bean, corn remain high as prices have increased less in foreign currencies than in dollars.

The devalued dollar has not helped domestic live-

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## The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison  
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### Run For Your Life

The quote "Run for your life" is a bit of advice offered by Waldo McBurney, a distance runner of Quinter. By the time he reached 100, though, his running pace had slowed to a fast walk. Waldo is an exceptional man, not only in longevity of life but in remaining active and productive into old age. Perhaps the rest of us can learn from his experiences.

While there is no guarantee given as to how many years or days we will have in this life — accidents, natural disasters, wars, and diseases take their toll — but for those who make it to the senior years, there are steps one can take to help keep the body functioning well as it ages. As with the old combine I referred to in last week's column, the body also needs proper maintenance to keep it running smoothly. In our early adulthood and into midlife, we are so involved in our vocations, raising our families, developing financial portfolios or farm plans that we don't take time to think about getting older. Then we take a long look in the mirror to see the receding hairline highlighted with gray, little wrinkles becoming more obvious; we feel the pain of an arthritic knee or learn we need glasses to read the fine print; these are reminders that the physical body is showing signs of wear. Then we ask ourselves, "What can I do to have better quality of life as I get older?"

In his book, *My First 100 Years*, published in 2004, Waldo McBurney discusses his secrets to longevity. He says that while the genes do have some influence on one's lifespan, he believes that lifestyle practices are more important factors. Born in 1902 in western Kansas near Quinter, Waldo got plenty of exercise doing farm work. He has always enjoyed running, and at age 65 he began distance running strictly for pleasure and health. Then at 74, he began entering competitions.

He has raced in many towns in Kansas as well as in 13 other states and also in Canada, England, and Puerto Rico. His most challenging event was a ten-mile run when he was 80 years old. He set a national record for his age with a time of 1 hour 44 minutes and 4.6 seconds. At the age of 100 he entered the World Masters at Puerto Rico, where he set the world record in shot put and 100 meter run and the U.S. record in the 5000 meter race walk. Can you

imagine winning three gold medals at the age of 100? Most of us, if alive, could barely walk, let alone win races at that age. One advantage in these races is that there are not many competitors in his age category.

After graduating from Kansas State in 1927, Waldo taught vocational agriculture in Beloit for three years and then served as a county agricultural agent in Beloit and Hill City for the next 17 years. He later went into business for himself, doing seed cleaning for 41 years. Other part-time occupations were income tax preparation in the winter months, disc sharpening, and keeping bees. His beekeeping enterprise has lasted over 70 years, and at the age of 100, he still harvests honey.

Waldo stresses proper nutrition as being important to good health — eating plenty of vegetables, fruits, and whole grain cereals and beans. Since he loves gardening, most of these items were readily available. Many foods on store shelves have had most of the nutrients removed in processing. For this reason, dietary supplements with vitamins and minerals are recommended, especially when fresh or frozen foods are not available. Honey, a natural sweetener, is on the table every day in his home.

While work is good for the body, ample rest is a necessity. Other practices that Waldo deems important in contributing to his long, productive life include having a positive attitude and managing stress effectively. His antidote for stress is to trust in the Lord. While he practices preventive medicine, he is thankful for medical doctors, who were available when he needed them and he credits them for saving his life, and also for chiropractors and dentists who have brought relief to his body. After his wife of 30 years died, he remarried and has spent over 70 years of his first 100 as a married man. He agrees with the studies that show that married people live longer.

A most important contribution to his success in life is his faith in God. He acknowledges Him in all his endeavors and says his true strength is in the Lord, the giver of abundant life.

The book *Views from the Learning Post* can be ordered from Gordon Morrison, 1268 Key Road, Concordia, KS 66901 or may be available in a store near you. For information, call 785-243-3833.



## New world coming

The sun cleared the gray furze of trees bordering Juganine Creek and lifted like the vision of something we once knew and had forgotten, some blazing minor star now ascendant, and a cardinal sang and a Carolina wren, and the frost glazing the truck melted away like a bad dream.

I was on my way to work as I am always on my way and there was little time to stop and relish the moment. Gritty-eyed, dazed from lack of sleep, I stood there for a moment lost in a mathematical puzzle. How many part-time jobs do I have — five, six? I'd been up since 3 a.m. and now off to a second job and my brain lagging behind my feet.

Dew runneled like sweat off the truck as I opened the door and set the camera bag on the front seat. A small duffel with notebooks, an iPod and a pair of binoculars went beside the driver's seat, and a cooler on the floorboard. When the door slammed a flock of sparrows darted from the brush pile in a breathless lunge, thick-et-bound. I longed to track them with the bins but didn't have time. And yet the moment was there, ripe for the plucking, requiring nothing more than my attention. What could I give on such a fine morning to feel human again? To feel free? Surrender was all, and for now it was too much.

If we let it, life can make us feel like a hunted beast,

harried and hounded to ground. A long bitter winter only intensifies our discontent, and in that three-week twilight where frost and ice give way to rain and thunder our desperation deepens from unfulfilled anticipation. By February's demise we are desperados all.

But there was something different in the air, a heaviness, as if the air itself were solidifying. The south breeze was redolent of moisture, and it required little imagination to sniff the salty tang of the Gulf so far away. Oddly, I remembered stepping off the ferry in Cozumel several years ago. Maybe it was the warmth of the sun, the sudden quickening after the prolonged cold, or that scent in the air that smelled of sea breezes, but for a moment I was on the jetty and the waves lapping the wooden dock splintered the sun's reflection into a thousand dancing shards of light. A small cluster of soldiers watched us, their assault rifles incongruous in a sea of half-naked flesh. Beyond them the beach was littered with sunbathers and great-tailed grackles, and beyond the town the coastal scrub and Mayan ruins called out their siren song. That self-same sun now erasing the memory of frost on the rounded hills above town brought me disconcerted back to earth. I thought of how one job will soon be jet-

tioned and a sort of freedom regained, how these fields would soon be mine again, and a garden planted, and perhaps another Spanish lesson or two to hone my minimal skills. For next time. Across the street, the cardinal whistled and cajoled and demanded. For all creatures, spring is a time for dreams. I wished him luck, got in the truck and dreaming drove away.

By afternoon the sky turned gray. Thin pale clouds at first filtering in from the west, thickening as the afternoon wore on, and whatever warmth the sun had brought bled away even as the light bled away into a gray nothingness without texture or substance. The wind shifted to the north and grew teeth. When I arrived home birds were silent, flitting restlessly through brush piles and splintered trees, the battered victims of last December's ice storm. I unloaded the truck and felt the increasing bite in the air. Underfoot the ground was spongy and damp but crusting already. We were on the cusp of spring and other transformations, and though the birds knew it and I knew it, it remained out of reach and our hands grasping could not grasp it yet.

*Editor's note: This is the G&G debut of Homeground. It will appear every other week, although not on page 2. Hope you enjoy this editorial edition.*



## Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Place is important. It gives people a sense of connectedness — a sense of belonging and a bit of history. It is especially true in rural settings. I've heard many stories of the unofficial names of locations — such as "the old Johnson place" yet it's been 50 years since any person named Johnson occupied the dwelling.

A few years ago I tagged along with a continuing education class that talked about the importance of teaching school children the value of place — focusing on the history of their own area. This particular session was focusing on the Santa Fe Trail and how the lessons of the past could be incorporated into classrooms of the present.

For the most part, I think that the draw of "place" is real — even if it is subconscious in nature. I'm always amazed at the number of times I've been called by a reader commenting on photos that appear in the pages of G&G. Many times those shots are not specifically identified as to where they are or who owns them,

yet someone will call because they recognized the rise in the horizon or the tag number in their favorite cow's ear and would just love to have a reprint of the photo.

For most farm families, that connection to place runs deep. The succession of generations of those who have farmed or ranched particular parcels of ground is heady — with each passing generation feeling the pressure to keep the tradition going.

It can also be the same forcethat keeps families farming that should consider other pursuits to provide for the family.

And in many families — some children feel the pull of the land much stronger than others. Some will gladly follow, while others, although they may down deep want to remain on the land, take another path with the hope that the road will eventually lead back home — to that special place.

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



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## Letters to the Editor

### Editor:

I would like to add my humble opinion in support of a 100% increase in the wheat tax. Numerous reasons prompt this support of a tax increase. The first is the thrill of listening to the "Wheat Minutes" advertisement on my local radio station every morning around 5 a.m. I can only imagine the millions of wheat product consumers who wait in breathless anticipation every 5 a.m. Double the wheat tax and we can afford to run the same thrillers at 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. and reach out to even more consumers.

Secondly, I appreciate the selfless sacrifice of the volunteers on the Wheat Commission board. I can only imagine the hardships imposed being gone from home for a three-week junket viewing the exotic sights in China or Japan but the benefits to Kansas wheat producers is breathtaking.

Another huge benefit of the wheat tax is informa-

tion. The Kansas Wheat Commission connection to U.S. wheat associates, USDA, all the global trade offices and their deep insight into world stocks and market potential is invaluable. Without this timely information from the Kansas Wheat Commission many Kansas producers would have been tempted to sell wheat at \$5 or \$6 after harvest. Instead, with timely warnings of the pending global wheat shortages by the Kansas Wheat Commission, producers held on and made billions selling at \$9 or \$10 wheat. That information alone makes tripling the wheat tax reasonable.

Besides it's only fair the Wheat Commission subsidize the Wheat Growers Association to keep them afloat.

They like trips too!

Stephen Anderson  
ALMA

## Outlook for farm income is positive, says FAPRI

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stock producers who face record-level prices for grain and oilseed meal in rations.

"Higher corn prices force feedlots to lower what they can pay for feeder cattle," Brown said. "Coming years could be financially difficult as high and rising input costs coincide with lower feeder cattle prices."

Returns for beef producers have declined from the high levels in 2003-05. Cow-calf returns are expected to remain in the red for most of the baseline years. After an increase the last two years, beef cow numbers are projected to decline throughout the baseline.

Hog producers face lower returns. Pork supplies remain high through 2008, despite recent decisions to cut sow numbers, Brown said. "Given expected input costs, hog prices need to average \$50-55 per hundredweight to provide historic average returns." FAPRI projects prices of \$44 for finished hogs in 2008.

Dairy producers face lower prices after record prices of \$19 per hundred

pounds for milk in 2007. Strong international demand provides a cushion to an expected decline in milk prices, Brown said.

"Projecting future prices was uncertain in the best of times," Brown said. "We assume average weather in the baseline; however a drought in any year when grain stocks are tight would change everything."

"We know we will be wrong, we just don't know when and how much."

FAPRI no longer projects a single line on a commodity but averages 500 what-if scenarios involving changes in weather, exports and oil prices. That stochastic outlook helps economists explain to Congress the risks and opportunities in a course of action. "The difference between the 90th and 10th percentile can be quite dramatic," Brown said.

Food costs rose 4 percent last year which exceeded the overall Consumer Price

Index inflation. While all components of CPI for food rose in 2007, the dairy, egg, and cereal and bakery goods led the increase. The food CPI is expected to rise 3.7 percent in 2008. However, food inflation increases should slow to 2.5 percent in 2009 and 2.1 percent by 2017.

While there is a correlation between farm value of commodities and retail food prices, other factors influence food inflation as well, Brown said. Recent fuel-related costs combined with

farm values to push food prices higher.

FAPRI at the University of Missouri in Columbia prepared the briefing book, with help from other states. FAPRI at Iowa State University gave international and crop insurance outlooks. Other sectors include rice by the University of Arkansas, fruits and vegetables by Arizona State University and cotton by Texas Tech University. Texas A&M University translated national trends to farm and ranch levels.

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*Lydia Steinlage, Corning, Wins Recipe Contest For This Week's Grass & Grain*

Winner Lydia Steinlage, Corning: "I saw this recipe in a flier and started modifying as the original had too much butter and sugar plus was expensive with 2 cans of crescent rolls. This is our favorite adaptation which we make at least once a week!"

**DEW DUMPLINGS**

- 2 Gala apples
- 1 can Pillsbury Grand Biscuits (any version works but suggest starting with Buttermilk for your first batch)
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 12-ounce can Mountain Dew pop

Peel apples and cut each apple into 8 wedges (I use a cheap apple corer/slicer to cut evenly and quickly). Take each individual biscuit and roll out to about a 6- to 8-inch oval and cut in half lengthwise. Take 1 apple slice and roll up in a biscuit sealing the edges to make dumplings. Place into a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Repeat until all 16 slices are wrapped. Melt butter and then stir in sugar and cinnamon. Spread butter mixture over the tops of the dumplings. Pour can of Mountain Dew over dumplings. Bake at 350 degrees for at least 30 minutes or until apples are tender when tested with a toothpick (I use a convection oven so it might take 45 minutes or increase the oven temperature to 375 degrees). Serve warm or cold and with ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

**NOTE:** If you do not want to roll biscuits, 2 cans of crescent rolls can also be used. We think the biscuits are better and have even used the whole wheat version and like them just as well. I have used 3 apples and 1 1/2 cans biscuits with the same amount of other ingredients in a 9-by-13-inch and it still is delicious but I get a few leftover for lunch the next day! We just bake the extra biscuits to enjoy with supper. Experiment and enjoy!

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Sara Horak, Silver Lake: "This can freeze well."

**CARROT SOUFFLE**

- 1 1/2 pounds carrots, sliced thin
- 3/4 cup butter
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Boil or steam carrots until tender. Drain and put in blender with other ingredients. Blend until smooth. Spoon into a lightly greased 1

1/2-quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Make sure center is done. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar.

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Connie Spain, Berryton: "I found this recipe in an old Meta Given cookbook. I don't know why the name. Delicious warm or cold."

**BULLY PUDDING**

- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup sugar (I use Splenda Blend 1/2 cup)
- 1/4 pound butter, softened

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup (6 1/2 ounces) dates, chopped
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Sift flour and baking powder together. Whisk sugar and butter together and add eggs, mixing well. Add flour mixture and blend well then add milk. Add in dates and nuts and pour into a sprayed 8-by-8-inch pan (mixture will be thin). Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Easy to fix and really good for you."

**SOOTHING CHICKEN SOUP**

- 2 cups sliced celery
- 3 quarts chicken broth
- 4 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 10 3/4-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 cup uncooked instant rice
- 1 envelope onion soup mix
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

In a Dutch oven or soup kettle, simmer celery in broth until tender. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 6 to 8 minutes or until the rice is tender. Yield: 16 servings (4 quarts).

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Millie Conger, Tecumseh: "This makes a good Easter cake."

**TANGERINE CAKE**

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup oil
- 1 tablespoon tangerine zest
- 1 cup fresh tangerine juice
- 3 large eggs
- 8-ounce carton sour cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray (2) 9-inch round cake pans with nonstick spray and flour. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Beat in oil, zest, juice and eggs on medium speed to combine. Add sour cream, beating

until smooth. Pour batter into pans and bake 25 minutes or until pick inserted comes out clean. Let cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove cake from pans and cool on wire racks.

**Frosting:**

- 8-oz. package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon tangerine zest
- 3 tablespoons tangerine juice
- 6 cups powdered sugar

Beat cream cheese and butter until creamy. Beat in zest and juice until combined. Gradually beat in powdered sugar until smooth. Frost in-between layers and on top and sides of cake.

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**Kellee Rogers, Topeka: MINT THINS**

- 8 squares baker's semisweet chocolate
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers
- 1 peppermint candy cane (6-inch), crushed

Microwave chocolate in microwave bowl as directed on package. Stir until melted then blend in extract. Dip crackers in melted chocolate, completely coating crackers with chocolate. Carefully scrape off excess chocolate. Place on waxed paper-covered baking sheets and sprinkle with crushed candy. Refrigerate 30 minutes or until chocolate is firm.

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A couple from Mary Rogers, Topeka:

**APPLE & CELERY SLAW WITH BLUE CHEESE DRESSING**

- 4 ounces blue cheese
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 4 Granny Smith apples
- 2 stalks celery, thinly sliced

In a bowl using a fork, combine the blue cheese, mayonnaise and 1/4 cup buttermilk until thick and lumpy. Stir in the remaining

1/4 cup buttermilk and the sugar. Refrigerate. Quarter, core and coarsely grate the apples. In a bowl combine the apples and the dressing. Stir in the celery, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

**TORTELLINI**

- 9-ounce package refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook tortellini according to package directions; drain. In same pan, melt butter. Stir in the tortellini, parsley and walnuts; toss to coat. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and pepper. Serve immediately.

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The rest are recipes shared by Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

**POT ROAST**

- 2-pound boneless beef shoulder pot roast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 8-ounce bottle Kraft Catalina dressing, divided
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, peeled & cut into 2-inch pieces (you can use other kind if you wish)
- 1 pound carrots, peeled & cut into 1-inch pieces

Water  
Season both sides of roast with salt and pepper. Brown meat in a large heavy pot or Dutch oven on high heat in 1/4 cup of the dressing, turning to brown all sides. Add remaining dressing, potatoes, carrots and enough water to come three-fourths of the way up meat (about 2 cups). Bring to a boil and cover. Reduce heat to low and simmer 2 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender. Remove meat from pan and slice thinly against the

grain. Serve meat and vegetables topped with pan gravy.

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**TANGY BROCCOLI SALAD**

- 3/4 cup Miracle Whip
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoon vinegar
- 6 cups broccoli florets
- 6 slices bacon, crispy cooked, drained & crumbled
- 1 small red onion, chopped

Mix dressing, sugar and vinegar in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix lightly. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

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**PEANUT BRITTLE COOKIES**

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 1/4 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup crushed peanut brittle

Line two sheets with foil and grease the foil; set aside. In a bowl beat butter and shortening with mixer for 30 seconds on high. Add brown sugar, baking powder, and baking soda. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg and vanilla. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour. Stir in oats, chocolate and 1/2 cup of the peanut brittle. Drop dough by rounded teaspoons 2 inches apart onto prepared cookie sheet. Flatten each mound slightly. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 8 minutes. Remove cookie sheet from oven. Sprinkle each cookie with some of the remaining brittle, carefully pressing slightly. Bake for 4 to 5 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool for 2 minutes on cookie sheet.

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# Cookin' Up Something Hot, Hot Hot!

(CENTENNIAL, Colo.) — In the wake of heavy media coverage about the Topps Meat Company recall of more than 21 million pounds of ground beef, the Beef Checkoff issues management team utilized checkoff funds to conduct a survey to assess consumer attitudes about ground beef safety.

The survey found that consumers demonstrated widespread awareness of E. coli associated with ground beef, but ranked beef well below fish and chicken as a food safety concern. Still, consumers do not know proper internal cooking temperatures for ground beef, and few consumers use instant-read thermometers when cooking it.

"What we've learned from this survey will be used to guide checkoff-funded safety programming throughout 2008," says Jay O'Brien, a rancher from Amarillo, Texas, and chair of the checkoff's Joint Public Opinion and Issues Management Group. "It's vital to our industry that we as producers provide safe product to the U.S. and abroad. But raising safe beef isn't the only goal — it's teaching consumers how to keep it safe through proper food preparation."

Responding to such sur-

veys, the checkoff reminds consumers that a meat thermometer can help:

- Prevent food-borne illness;
- Cook and hold food at a safe temperature; and
- Prevent overcooking.

Also, consumers should make sure the thermometer is designed for meat and poultry — not for candy or other foods. Insert the meat thermometer properly:

- Ground meat — place in the thickest area of meat loaf; insert sideways in thin items such as patties.
- Red meat, roasts, steaks or chops — insert in the center of the thickest part, away from bone, fat and gristle.

"Using a meat thermometer is the only reliable way to ensure safety and to determine the 'doneness' of meat, poultry and egg products," says O'Brien. "To be safe, beef must be cooked to

an internal temperature high enough to destroy harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli O157:H7."

So the next time the roast rolls out of the oven, don't use the "finger-dip test" to gauge if it's cooked to its recommended temperature. Get out the thermometer to ensure a safe meal for family and friends.

For other information such as USDA-recommended safe minimum internal temperatures, visit [www.bifsc.org](http://www.bifsc.org) or [www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com](http://www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com).

The Beef Checkoff Program was established as part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The checkoff assesses \$1 per head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products. States retain up to 50 cents on the dollar and forward the other 50 cents per head to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which administers the national checkoff program, subject to USDA approval.

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*This week's Free Weekly Recipe is from Shirley Deiser of Kanopolis and is for Zucchini Bars.*



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## Midwest survey shows drop in economic confidence

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — February survey results from supply managers and business leaders in the Midwest and Plains states — including Minnesota — show rock-bottom confidence in the region's economy.

The confidence index in the Mid-America Business Conditions survey for February dropped another percentage point, to 37.8 from 38.8 in January.

"This is the lowest confidence index that we have recorded since 2000, or shortly before the March 2001 recession began," said economics professor Ernie Goss of Creighton University, who oversees the survey.

"Despite record farm income for much of the region, higher energy prices and the spillover from the national economic downturn have weakened survey participants' economic outlook," Goss said as he released the survey Monday.

The overall index for the nine-state region dropped below 50.0 for the second time in the past four months, to 49.5 from a weak 50.6 in January.

The index ranges between 0 and 100, and an index greater than 50 indicating an expanding economy over the next three to six months.

Goss compiles survey information from supply managers and business leaders in the nine-state Mid-America region. The states are Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

The report's inflation measure, which tracks the cost of raw materials and supplies, increased to 88.8 in February, compared with 79.9 in January and 78.4 in December.

"While Federal Reserve Chairman (Ben) Bernanke has downplayed the probability of a combination of excessive inflationary pressures and negative growth, the likelihood of such an outcome is clearly rising according to our survey," Goss said.

The Federal Reserve interest rate-setting committee meets again on March 18.

"At this time, the Fed is more concerned about the economic slowdown than inflation," Goss said. "Thus, I expect the Fed to cut short-term rates by a quarter percent rather than an aggressive half-percent. ..."

"Furthermore, due to excessive inflationary pressures for 2008, the Fed will not be able to repeat its aggressive 2001 rate reductions," Goss said.

More signs of an economic slowdown could be found in the survey's employment index, which remained below growth-neutral 50 for another month. It hit 48.9, which was 2.1 percentage points higher than January's 46.8 — the lowest reading in more than five years.

Said Goss: "I expect the overall region to continue to lose jobs until the middle of 2008, though several states will actually be increasing employment levels for all of 2008."

The cheaper U.S. dollar

made U.S. goods less expensive abroad, which helped raise the survey's index for new export orders. It hit 56.3 in February, up considerably from 48.6 in January.

But, Goss said, the weak dollar has also raised the

prices of imported goods such as oil, adding to inflationary pressures.

Other components of February's overall index were:

— new orders at 44.6, down from 52.3 in January; — production at 51.1, up

six-tenths of a point from last month;

— inventories at 53.2, a big jump from 46.8 last month;

— and delivery lead time at 54.7, compared with 52.8 in January.

The Creighton Economic Forecasting Group has conducted the monthly survey since 1994.

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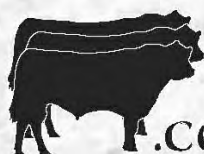
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# Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



## Daylight Saving Time

Yes, I know that the official beginning of the change from Winter to Spring is marked by "Daylight Saving." It's one of the most idiotic of our customs as a nation, enjoyed by some but detested by others.

It may have been Benjamin Franklin who originated the idea, but only as a joke. There are stories about it. The Continental Congress needed just another hour to finish their deliberation. Franklin suggested that they declare or create another hour. Where to get it?

He related a tale about an old codger who found his blanket too short to cover his feet. His solution was to cut a strip from the other end of the blanket and sew it to the "feet" end. It was intended as a joke, but the delegates voted to observe the time change, borrowing from somewhere.

England, in the early days of World War II, was being subjected to bombing from the air, and created "War Time," which provided an extra hour each manufacturing day for their defense weapons. The United States fell into step, with an extra hour at the start. Of course, there are, in the USA, several "time zones." Our "Central Standard Time," originally moved annually to provide more creative time available, was now operating on "Central War Time." In effect, we'd have another hour by rising earlier, and yet another in the evening

twilight. Those who favor such idiocy, I suspect, are the manufacturers of all the complicated and expensive electronic equipment which assures us that we can't tell time.

Now some people talk about enjoying the long summer evenings to appreciate the wonderful twilight hours in outdoor recreation. As night falls, the stars begin to twinkle, the moon rises ... of course, no one can watch all this happen, because they are mostly seated in sports arenas with floodlights which obscure the night sky entirely.

When I was a little kid we could go out in the yard, or drive out into the country a mile or two, and watch the stars come out against a blue-black velvet sky.

There is no dark velvet

sky now. The entire sky is stained and smudged into a burnt-orange background covering the entire heavens. The reflection of the city lights as seen against more burnt-orange clouds is pretty depressing to some of us. We used to show our kids some of the star constellations against a blue-black sky.

Not much to see now. It's much like sitting under a sky resembling an inverted bowl, orange in color. Night creatures who depend on a time of darkness to survive are probably doomed.

I was in high school, in the marching band, and we'd arrive an hour before the other students, for band practice. There were times when the new day was overcast, and we'd have to have the arena lights to see. This

seemed to me an odd way to practice conservation of electric power for the War Effort.

Some states refused to observe such idiocy and never have. Others make a big deal out of that shifting hour twice each year, Spring and Fall. This has created an entire new industry in the field of electronics ... gadgets which reset themselves to the appropriate times, and others which remind us that it's time to regroup.

At one point in my variable careers, I was fascinat-

ed by reading "Science Fiction." It's still intriguing. I eventually realized that writing historical fiction was more rewarding, because of the research required. I'd learn something interesting and historical.

There are writers who don't see a need for accurate research ("It's just fiction"). But youngsters who read deserve better. It's a wonderful form of education. The sincere writer of historical fiction will be careful not to mislead. He (or she) will hold by this general rule:

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And, by doing the research, the writer gains the respect of his (or her) colleagues. That is "more precious than gold."

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# Homegrown businesses help rural Harvey Co. towns survive

BURRTON (AP) — This tiny town of 932, with no stoplight, may seem just like any other sleepy rural community trying to survive.

To some extent, the main street resembles a ghost town — one with several closed stores and boarded windows. The grocery store ceased trade years ago. One restaurant, simply named the Burrton Diner, went out of business last year.

Yet when Steve Lang decided to expand his company specializing in hardwood products for upscale homes, it wasn't debated where he would set up shop.

Rather than the metro hub of Wichita, where some of his business goes, Lang chose his Harvey County hometown.

Today, after two expansions in the past four years, and with the help of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency, Lang Architectural Millwork Products includes two new buildings, a total 160,000 square feet and 100 employees.

His expansion last year added 30 to the payroll and \$3 million in investment. He bought some of the dilapidated downtown buildings and works to revitalize them.

Moreover, he hopes his efforts will revive the town where he raised his family — as well as boost enrollment at the 1A school.

"It would be a lot easier for us to move to Wichita, but I wanted to stay here," Lang said. "Our town needs jobs."

Lang's achievements are just a few of several burgeoning efforts in five Harvey County communities that are shrugging off trends of rural decline.

Eleven companies in these cities, all with populations of fewer than 4,000 people, have added \$39.4 million in new manufacturing investment in the past 18 months, as well as 255,650 additional square feet of manufacturing space and 267 new jobs, said Mickey Fornaro-Dean, executive director of the Harvey County Economic Development Council.

A few of the success stories include Burrton's Southwest and Associates, a custom metal fabrication firm that works with the food and grain industry. The company is amid a \$450,000 expansion, said Burrton Mayor Mike Day, who also is the project manager at Southwest. An of-

fice expansion added four employees, and an extension of the manufacturing facility will add another eight or 10 people.

Halstead's Legg Co., which makes industrial and agriculture belting, now operates under 150,000 square feet after its latest \$3 million, 30,000-square-foot expansion that soon will boost employees to nearly 80, said Legg President Steve Chartier.

Lonnie Martin, owner of Halstead's Martin Machine and Welding, said by the end of the year his company would be in 55,000 square feet of building space after an \$825,000 expansion in his hometown.

And in Hesston, both Excel and AGCO are amid growth efforts, said city administrator John Carder.

Excel broke ground in October for a \$4 million, 55,000-square-foot project, which comes right after another \$4 million, 44,000-square-foot expansion that added a powder coat paint system and additional assembly space, said the company's operations executive, Bob Mullet.

"I'm reluctant to say we

are unique," said Hesston Mayor John Waltner. "But I'm certain to say we are very, very fortunate. We had people in our past who were entrepreneurs — people with good ideas, and they hired excellent people to work with them."

For years, towns have leaned on the "If you build it, they will come" strategy.

Economic development agencies created industrial and business parks, toled incentives and low labor costs in efforts to lure big business.

Yet in Harvey County, while leaders would welcome a major manufacturer, these small towns aren't banking their hopes on large-scale companies like Boeing or Goodyear. "A lot of them ... even AGCO,

they started out here locally," Fornaro-Dean said of the global agriculture company formerly known as Hesston Corp. "This county has a history of entrepreneurship, vision and growth."

For instance, Lang started his company from a one-man operation in 1988 that sold oak molding and lumber. Today, he manufactures and sells just about every kind of wood product that would go in a home.

Unruh Fab started in the early 1970s after former western Kansas farmer Harley Schmidt moved to the Sedgwick area and began welding.

A Texas man heard of his skill and asked him to build a glass trailer to carry glass products. The glass

didn't break, and a business sprang up, said President Steve Brown.

"He moved out of his garage and started building these trailers," Brown said, noting that Schmidt received the startup capital from his father-in-law, who said he didn't need to be paid back but asked that Schmidt name the company after him.

Brown said Unruh grew from 15 employees when investors purchased it in 1997 to nearly 40 today. The company still makes trailers and racks for the glass industry out of a 48,000-square-foot facility. Last year, it diversified into another 20,000-square-foot structure to manufacture

small fire trucks.

"We're really happy here," Brown said. "And instead of building in Wichita, we would rather build right here in a little town."

For most, the ride to where they are today wasn't easy.

Excel was down to 150 employees after John Deere announced in the late 1990s that it no longer needed the company to make cabs for its machinery.

Excel had to think innovatively to get the company back on track, Mullet said. It decided to expand from just making commercial rotary mowers into the homeowner sector. Last fall,

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Excel formed a partnership with a Japanese company to offer golf turf equipment and other products.

When the agriculture economy took a downturn, Legg's Chartier started growing the company's industrial sector, which now is 80 percent of the company's business.

"If you go back 15 years, ag was over 80 percent," Chartier said. "Agricultural hasn't really gone down, but industrial has just grown that much because it is a bigger market and has more potential."

Lonnie Martin said he

started Martin Machine and Welding about 20 years ago in his garage. He saw substantial growth until the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks caused an economic decline.

"When we came through to the other side, there were 40 percent less shops like me," Martin said, noting that fact has helped him grow.

Martin said he still faces a constant climb, however. Some of his customers have outsourced business to China, Mexico and elsewhere.

"Sometimes you have to measure success from what we lose along the way," he said.



Kirk Willoughby from Reynolds, Neb., has purchased Angus cattle at previous Cattleman's Choice Angus Sales in Washington and was determined to add breeding cattle to his herd at this year's annual auction.



Uncertain if they would make purchases, Ernie Hiesterman of Washington and Dean Wilkens of Linn were certainly in the Angus buying mood as they inspected the bull and female offering before the Cattleman's Choice Angus Sale in Washington.

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# December 2007 storm damage climbs to \$381 million

Damage assessments for the December 2007 ice storm which impacted 65 Kansas counties have increased to approximately \$381 million. The storm's damages are expected to make it the most expensive disaster in Kansas history and exceed the damages of the western Kansas storm in January 2007.

Initial assessments placed damages in the most recent storm at approximately \$170,988,000 with \$138 million of that total to Kansas Rural Electric Cooperatives and municipal utility infrastructures.

"Initial joint damage assessments calculated the costs to get the power

back up as soon as possible to the affected residents," said Tom Hall, Federal Coordinating Officer (FEMA). "A more in-depth expert analysis to affect permanent repair increased the total cost estimates."

"The damage was not as visible early on in this storm as it was in the western Kansas storm where 21 transmission towers were knocked down," said Maj Gen Tod Bunting, Director of Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Adjutant General. "In this storm, 59,000 meters, thousands of miles of electrical lines were brought down over a much larger area than before and as crews began the

work to replace them it was determined there was a much greater impact than previously estimated by preliminary damage assessments." "In addition, many of the lines were made of materials which are no longer available. While the new lines will be of better quality and provide more resistance to storms, they are a lot more expensive to replace, which accounts for much of the increase in the storm's costs," Bunting added.

"As we worked, we discovered more and more poles on the ground," said Bob Hall, general manager of the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative, Association, Inc., the hardest hit co-op

in the state, with more than \$50 million in losses and 998 miles of lines down. "As we found more and more miles of lines down, we kept calling for more help."

As utilities conducted initial damage assessments, they looked at the cost to turn on the power, but that did not incorporate the cost to restore the system to its original state. Many of the lines were built in the 1940s and to restore them to today's codes and standards will require new poles and new lines at a much greater expense.

"The new lines will be built to today's standards; therefore, it will be a more modern day system when

it's done, one better able to withstand storms than before," Hall said. "In addition, rebuilding will result in contracts that bring an influx to the local economy." Prior to the December 2007 ice storm, Kansas had already experienced three federally-declared disasters resulting in a total of more than \$480 million in damages. The winter storm of January 2007 affected 44 western Kansas counties and resulted in \$386 million dollars in expenses, while the Greensburg tornado in May and the northeast/north central flooding at the same time resulted in \$70 million in reimbursable losses. Then the June 29 south-

east Kansas flooding left more than \$26 million in expenses. That leaves the state with more than \$860 million in reimbursable losses in 2007, and the total could increase as the damage claims continue to be processed.

The storm, which began Dec. 6, 2007 and continued through Dec. 19, 2007, caused six deaths. Two people were hospitalized due to contact with downed power lines, 11 others injured and more than 183,000 customers were without power at the height of the storms.

Shortly after the storm hit, Gov. Kathleen Sebe-

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1984 JD 4850, 8803 hours, new engine and transmission work 1500 hours ago, MFWD, front fenders, 18.4x42 with duals, 16x28 fronts, 15 sp. power shift, 3 remotes, 3 pt. with quick hitch, 1000 PTO, fully weighted, SNRW4850P0-05746; 1981 JD 4440, 7529 hours, quad range, 18.4x38, 3 pt. 540 and 1000 PTO, 2 remotes, joy stick, clamp on duals, SN052825R; JD 260 self leveling loader, offered with above tractor and also separate; 1976 JD 4430, 7000 hours, 2 remotes, 3 pt., 540 and 1000 PTO, 18.4x38, fully weighted, axle mount duals, SN047340R4430; JD 260 self leveling loader, offered with above tractor and also separate; 1941 IHC M Farmall, new starter and generator, runs good; 1991 Case IH 8840 swather, diesel, 16' header, SNCFH0031572; JD 318 riding lawn mower, hydro.

### TRUCKS & TRAILERS

1987 Chevy 3/4 ton pickup, V8, auto; 1990 GMC Sierra SLE 3/4 ton flatbed pickup, V8, auto, 4x4, AC; 1992 Buick LeSabre 4 door, loaded, new tires; 1981 Chevy C60 grain truck, V8, 4 sp, 2 sp., Omaha Standard 18' bed and hoist, plumbed for hyd. drill fill auger; 1969 Chevy grain truck, V8, 4 sp, 2 sp., Omaha Standard 16' bed and hoist, plumbed for hyd. drill fill auger; 1982 Campbell Coach 6x20 gooseneck stock trailer, new paint and floor; 1982 Kalyn 24' tandem dual gooseneck trailer, dovetail and ramps with electric winch; combine bin trailer; single axle 5x10 trailer, fold-up rear tailgate, 15" tires, like new; JD 24' tandem axle hay trailer; 2 - 4 wheel hay trailers.

### EQUIPMENT

JD 535 round baler, 540 PTO, SNE00535X802280, nice; JD 825 row crop cultivator; JD mulch finisher, 22'; Krause 16' offset disc; JD 915 5 shank 3 pt. ripper, good; JD 1008 3 pt. rotary mower; JD 7000 6 row 30" planter with marker; JD 3600 7x18 on land plow; JD 3600 6x18 on land plow; JD 5x16 drag plow; JD F935A rollover 5x18 plow; JD 400 20' 3 pt. rotary hoe; JD 650 tandem disc, 22', 9" spacing; 2 JD 8350 double disc grain drills with hitch and fert., 7 1/2"

spacing; JD 1010 33' field cultivator with spring tine harrow; JD quick hitch; JD 1 bottom walking plow; Mayrath 6"x38' PTO auger; 2 Westfield hyd. drill fill augers; grain auger with hyd. motor; portable Fimco sprayer; JD No. 2 horse drawn sickle mower; steel wheel side delivery rake; IHC side delivery rake; JD 3 pt. post hole digger; Demco 500 gal. 40' sprayer; Wilmar 500 dry fertilizer spreader; old dump rake; 3 pt. bale spear; front bale spear for loader; 3 pt. track scratcher; JD MFWD front axle for 4440; 2 JD plow coulters; JD 534 9' dozer blade currently on 4320.

### CATTLE EQUIPMENT

Feeding portable creep feeder with calf panels; fence roller; electric fence chargers; feed bunks; round bale feeders; 5 - 21' heavy square panels; portable cattle working chute; over 50 used portable panels; feeder panels; 5x10 Lariat panels; upright hopper bottom grain bin with auger, 300 bu.; stock tanks; fencing supplies; electric fence posts.

### TOOLS

Acetylene torch; Miller Matic 35 wire welder; Amrox HD metal cutting band saw; hillit jack; battery charger; Pacific Hydro Star pressure washer; Continental 60,000 lb. Press; floor jacks; shop vacs; side grinders; bench grinders; loads of hand tools; Craftsman floor drill press; Industrial air machine, commercial air compressor; air hoses; chain hoist; A-frame; log chains and boomers; portable air compressor; Larson bolt bin with bolts; Craftsman rolling toolbox, top and bottom boxes; small toolboxes; extension cords; gear pullers; Lincoln 225 arc welder; air impact wrenches; grease guns; welding supplies; car ramps; JD front tire rotator.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Sucker rod and small tubing; used tin; GMC pickup bed; 10x20 truck tires, also misc. tires and wheels; JD parts; big heavy castors; used lumber; cream cans; Artistic oak wood burning stove; loads of scrap iron; hyd. cylinders; paint sprayer; work bench; portable 8x12 tin building, good; 2 pickup fuel tanks; tarps; aluminum tarp bows; fuel tanks with stands; telephone poles.

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** Willie Dold is retiring from his farming operation. All equipment shedded and well cared for. If it needed fixed, Willie fixed it. Come see us march 27 for this fine lineup of farm equipment.

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 3 — 7:00 PM**

Held at the Geary County 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center,  
1025 South Spring Valley Road in JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

**SALE LOCATION:** From I-70 at the West edge of Junction City, Kansas, go North on Highway 77 to Ash Street, turn West at stoplight and go several blocks to Spring Valley Road, turn South of Spring Valley Road, building will be on the East side of the road.

**OPEN HOUSE:** There will be an Open House on Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 2-4 p.m.



### TRACT #1: GEARY & RILEY COUNTIES

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** 645 acres located in Section 28 & 29 in Geary County and in Section 19 & 20 in Riley County, all the above is in Township 11 South, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M. 645 acres m/l — one tract.

**TYPE OF PROPERTY:** This is excellent native Bluestem Grass with 5-6 ponds plus a set of cattle pens. The grass reflects good management. It is cross fenced into 2 separate pastures — one of a kind.

**LOCATION:** From Junction City, Kansas go east of I-70 to the McDowell Creek Road Exit (Exit 307). Property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection. Entrance is the metal gate by the sign. This parcel has over 1 1/2 miles of frontage on the north side of I-70.

### TRACT #2: GEARY COUNTY

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The South Half of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 5 East of the 6th P.M. less the improvements and 15 acres plus 3 tracts along the east side, 265 acres m/l — Geary County, KS.

**TYPE OF PROPERTY:** This parcel consists of 230 acres of tillable land, 18 acres Brome and the balance in waterways. This tract is 87% tillable with 110 acres of growing wheat.

### TRACT #3:

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** A 15 acre tract located in the E1/2SW1/4 of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 5 East of the 6th P.M. Geary County, KS.

**TYPE OF PROPERTY:** This parcel consists of all the improvements with homesite and 8 acres of grass. The home is a native stone ranch style home with CA-CH, full

basement, 2 BR, 1 1/2 Baths, Dining Room, Family Room & Kitchen, very quaint and nice. There are several out-buildings plus corrals and cattle facilities. This parcel has highway location and located 2-2 1/2 miles west of Junction City on Highway #18. Hard to find this location and type of property for sale at Public Auction.

### TRACT #4:

Combination of Tract 2&3 — 280 acres m/l. Most Money will be the determining factor in how the tracts sell.

**LOCATION OF TRACTS #2-#4:** These tracts are located 2 1/2 miles west of Junction City, Kansas on Highway #18 on the north side of the highway.

**TERMS:** Seller requires 20% earnest money payable on the day of the sale with the balance due in full at the time of closing-approximately 30 days.

**CONDITIONS:** This sale is subject to all easements, restrictions, covenants, leases and zoning regulations of record.

**MERCHANTABLE TITLE:** The Seller agrees to furnish a Title Insurance Policy for the amount of the purchase price with the costs split equally between the Buyers and the Sellers.

**POSSESSION:** The Buyer will receive full possession of the property at the time of closing subject to tenant's rights to harvest growing wheat crop. The Buyer will receive 1/3 of wheat crop and pay 1/3 of fertilizer costs. There is approximately 110 acres of wheat.

**MINERALS:** All the Seller's mineral interests transfer with the Real Estate at the time of closing.

**TAXES:** The Seller will pay the 2007 taxes. There will be no pro-ration of taxes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** To obtain more information or make arrangements to view the property please call the selling agent at the listed phone numbers. All announcements the day of the sale take precedence over all previous printed material or advertising. Joe Biggs and Associates, Inc. is the agent for the Seller in this transaction and does not represent the Buyer. All information is obtained from sources deemed to be reliable but are not guaranteed by the Seller or the Selling Agent. This sale is not subject to the Buyer obtaining financing. All financial arrangements should be made prior to the sale. The Sellers and the Selling Agent are not responsible in case of accidents.

**AUCTIONEER'S REMARKS:** This sale represents one of the outstanding farms in Geary County. Grant and Viola Gfeller always did everything the right way when it came to farming and livestock. The auction offers quality farmland, excellent grass and a nice setting with improvements. All of the above with Highway Access. It is very rare that tracts of this quality are offered to the public by auction. If you are a cattleman wanting quality grass with pens and highway access, a farmer wanting to expand your operation, an investor or a family wanting to live in a rural area with highway frontage. COME TO THIS SALE PREPARED TO BUY. WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING THERE.

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lius issued a state disaster declaration which included all 105 counties. She then received a federal emergency declaration which provided direct federal assistance to any federal agency which helped the state and local governments with issues including bringing in generators, debris removal and clearing, and providing bottled water. On Feb. 1, President George W. Bush approved Sebelius' request for a federal disaster declaration for counties impacted by the severe ice storms. This ensured the local governments and certain non-profit organizations could apply for FEMA's Public Assistance Program which reimburses for expenses related to the following: emergency protective measures, debris removal, repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities includ-

ing roads and bridges, water systems, buildings, equipment, utilities, parks and recreation facilities and other items. The following 65 counties are eligible for the Public Assistance Program reimbursements: Atchison, Barber, Barton, Brown, Butler, Chase, Cherokee, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Ford, Geary, Gove, Graham, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Morris, Nemaha, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sheridan, Smith, Stafford, Thomas, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, and Woodson.

## AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 — 10:00 AM

At the Marshall County Fairgrounds, BLUE RAPIDS, KS

### HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES

Whirlpool 22 ft. refrigerator with ice and water dispenser; 17 ft. refrigerator, 2 yrs. Old; large upright freezer; GE washer and elect. dryer; GE mini refrigerator; Hot Point 4 burner apt. size range; Zenith 27 inch color console TV, 2006; RCA 14 inch color TV; RCA VCR; dining room table with 4 caned backed chairs and leaf; glass front hutch; wood serving table; **Cable Nelson console/spinet piano** and bench; dresser with mirror; dresser with mirror and 2 night stands; full size bed; floral love seat; older 3 cushion divan; table lamps; 2 modern oak bookshelves; computer desk; modern double globe elect. lamp; 3 tiered corner stand; 2 lamp stands; octagon kitchen table with leaf and 4 swivel roller chairs; good pots and pans; dishes; glasses; Tupperware; 2 - 8 pl. sets of Noritake Ironstone dishes; Corningware; cake and pie tins; utensils; silverware; alum. roaster; microwave stand; B&D food grinder/slicer; metal kitchen table; **Kirby G6 vacuum** with attachments; Eureka canister vacuum; **Schwinn Airdyne exercise bike**; occasional chairs; step stools; candles; bedding; tablecloths; towels; linens; punch bowl; card table and chairs; elect. fans and heater; pictures; **Misc.:** Fishing tackle; 8 ft. folding table; step stool; picnic basket; coolers; Christmas décor; artificial flowers; croquet set; few kids toys; hammock frame; dehumidifier; fruit jars and canisters; White Mountain ice cream freezer; upright utility cabinet; shop vac; metal shelving; patio glider; elect. weed whip; wash tubs; 6 ft. wood step ladder; wash tubs; hose; lawn and garden tools; **Collectibles:** Oak framed beveled mirror; old wood shaving mirror; dresser; chest of drawers; old milk glass globe; elect. floor lamps; glass candleholders; doz. Cups and saucers; fancy dishes and glassware; etched and pressed glass; wine glasses; Rogers Bros. Silver service set; glass serving trays; Duke Runyon pottery; commemorative plates; figurines; few books include: children's; other items.

**TERMS:** Cash sale day. Statements sale day take precedence. Sellers and auctioneers not responsible for accident or theft. Lunch by: Blue Rapids Historical Society.

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## AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 — 10:00 AM

535 N. Hickory — OTTAWA, KANSAS

### ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Oak sideboard; walnut dresser; walnut w/marble top; walnut wardrobe w/beveled mirrors; 4 pc. 30's style bedroom suite w/twin beds; Mission style rocker; child's roll top desk; walnut parlor table; walnut baby cradle; oak Waterbury Clock Co. shelf clock; smoking stand; oak folding rocker; trunk; rocker w/cane seat & back; high chair; walnut magazine rack; maple glider rocker w/newer needlepoint; Krueger 16 music box; old Bird Dogs painting; early print of U.S. Grant & family copyright 1885; early print of J.A. Garfield & family copyright 1882; other pictures & prints; picture frames; dresser; old Conventional Hall coffee tin; crock bowls; approx. a dozen crocks; 2, 6 gal. Western crocks; 2, 5 gal. crocks; 4 gal. & 5 gal. crock butter churns; National Pickle & Canning Co. water crock; 2 accordions "The Grand Solo Accordion, Germany"; violin; oval mirror; Lionel 027 train set; blow torch; stone jars; kraut cutter; wood

sled; metal butter churn; bowl & pitcher; dresser lamps; Army truck; celluloid dresser box; Domestic treadle sewing machine; hand corn planter; cistern pump; electric meter lamp; misc. cast iron; coffee grinder; Muehlebach beer tray; RR lanterns; kerosene lantern red globe; old Zenith TV; old radio; gun cabinet; wood cabinet; wood planes; brass blow torches; traps; old books; condiment set; sad irons; old handmade One Horse Sleigh; rocker; bar/buffet; 2 copper boilers; weather vane; washboards; pink & green Depression glass; celluloid collar box; corn sheller; broad ax; old tools; cast iron pig bank; cross cut saws; child's metal lawn chair; child's metal stroller; chairs; lard press; kerosene heaters; floor lamp; Blacksmith forge; pedal tractor; milk cans; marbles; buttons; 5 or 6 old tin toys; Early Chicago Police badge; Coke hat; TWA hat; WWI hat; Ottawa items; red glass; Fiesta; lots of other misc. antiques & collectibles.

**NOTE:** Items from an area Estate. Many items not listed, still sorting. Check website [www.kansasauctions.net/griffin](http://www.kansasauctions.net/griffin) for pictures & full listing.

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## Nominations for the best of Kansas architecture sought

With the 8 Wonders of Kansas announced, the Kansas Sampler Foundation is ready to start the search for the 8 Wonders of Kansas Architecture. Nominations can be sent to the Foundation at 978 Arapaho Road, Inman, KS 67546 or [marci@kansasampler.org](mailto:marci@kansasampler.org). Nominations will close the end of March.

The Foundation, a non-profit based out of Inman, bases much of their work to

educate the public about Kansas on their eight elements of rural culture: architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history, and people. The 8 Wonders will be determined for each of the elements in four-month cycles.

By mid-April, the selection committee will have decided on 24 finalists for Architecture and public voting will begin at [8wonders.org](http://8wonders.org). The top 8 will be

announced at the end of June.

Nomination criteria includes any built structure that is 1) accessible to the public, 2) is unique and one-of-a-kind to Kansas or beyond, and 3) possesses a "wow" factor. If the nomination is under restoration, there must be pic-

tures of the proposed finished product easily visible to the public. Examples of built structures that could be nominated include churches, barns, court-houses, homes, businesses, theaters, jails, bridges, hotels, and more.

For more information go to [8wonders.org](http://8wonders.org).

## GALEN DOUGLASS MEMORIAL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 — 9:00 AM

Lone Star Church, 883 E. 800 Rd.  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Directions: At South edge of Lawrence on 59 Hwy., drive South .9 miles, turn right onto Co. Rd. 458, continue 7.5 miles, turn left onto Co. Rd. 1 (E. 800 Rd.), drive .7 miles, church on right. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

### FARM MACHINERY

SELLS AT 12:30

1984 JD 2950 MFWO C/A, with JD 265 loader; 1975 JD 4430 PS hub mount duals C/A; Ford Jubilee tractor; 1980 AC F-2 Gleaner combine, diesel; AC Gleaner cornhead, 30 in., 4 row, black; JD 230 22' disc; JD 210 disc, 14'; Great Plains drill, 13 ft., dbl disc, 1717 acres; JD Van Brunt drill, fertilizer, grass seeder; IH grain drill on rubber, 13 hole, grass seeder; JD 148 loader, 7' bucket; JD side delivery rake on steel; McCormick No. 15 paral. bar side delivery rake; JD No. 9 sickle mower, 7 ft.; 5' disc, 3 pt.; 5' Bush Hog; 8' Rhino blade; Case 200 sq. baler; NH 283 sq. baler; 1065 gal. poly tank with hold downs; 55 gal. poly tank sprayer with good pump.

### HOG & CATTLE EQUIP.

Quonset hog shelters, diff. sizes, heavy steel; 16' bumper hitch stock trailer; 100 all brome small square hay bales.

### AUTO, RELATED MISC.

1963 English Ford Anglia, 62K, restored; 1951 Studebaker Champion Regal 4 dr. sedan, orig., under 64K, 6 cyl., 3 sp. with overdrive, owners/shop manual, maint. records, 1 gal. ext. paint; 1952 GMC Army 6x6, gas, AT with 2 wheel Army trailer; 1973 Chevy C60 2T truck, 350 4 sp. with 2 speed axle, tilting implement bed with hydraulic dovetail; 1989 Cadillac 6 dr. limo, 5.0L, 87K; 1985 Ford F-250 pickup, 4x2, diesel, AT, PS, PB, PW, air; 1999 GMC Sierra Z71 pickup, 143K, 3 dr., lthr, AT, PS, PW, PL, tilt, cruise; 1996 Buick Regal, 156K, 3.8, new tires, lthr, PW, PL, dual climate; new 8' pickup flatbed with hoist, bale spear; wheels, tires, jumper cables, batt. Charger; boats; Gator trailer; MW 15 hp. motor; elec. scooters; lift. chargers; wheel chair.

### APPLIANCES

Refrigerators; range; washer/dryers; mini fridges; freezers; downdraft elec. cook top; all appliances NEW AND USED.

**ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES**  
JD 1937 Centennial commem. medallion oil/gas cans, old; school house lights; door and window with stained glass; lamps and brass Eagle sculpture; Solidox Home Welding Kit; Hamilton Beech antique malt machine.

### RADIO/ELECTRONICS

Large lot old radios; tubes; stereos; parts; RCA short wave radio; reel to reel player; crate PA sys.; speakers; keyboard; records, 33's, 78's, 45's, camcorder; TV's; phones.

### LAWN, GARDEN, TOOLS.

Mowers - JD push mowers, JD F935 with 72" front deck, diesel, JD 757 zero turn with bagger, weights; JD HD75 hydro elec. start walk behind; JD 345 rider with bagger; Frontier 5' over seeder 3 pt. PTO driven; Bluebird verticutters; power rakes; aerators; lawn roller;

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## AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 — 10:00 AM

310 SE Railroad — DeWITT, NE

### TRACTORS

1979 John Deere 302A diesel industrial tractor, SN337463, WF, ROPS, wheel weights, shuttle clutch, 3 pt., 16.9x30 rubber with JD loader with 6 ft. 8 in. bucket; 1965 David Brown 990 diesel tractor, SN467951, WF, 3 pt., 16.9x30 rubber with Westendorf loader with 6 ft. bucket.

### FORKLIFTS

Toyota hard wheel forklift; MM hard wheel MA-40 forklift with 4,000 lb. cap.

### DUMP TRUCKS

1977 Int. Load Star 1600 truck with 9 ft. dump box, 5x2 spd. trans. and 392 cu. in. eng.; 1972 Int. Load Star 1600 truck with 8 ft. dump box, 4 spd. trans., 83,137 miles and 304 cu. in. eng.

### POWER TOOLS

2 - 12 in. DeWalt compound miter saws; Makita 10 in. miter saw; Ryobi 14 in. miter saw; Milwaukee power shear; 2 B&D 1/2 in. impacts; 2 Sears 1 1/2 hp. routers; Red Head 1/2 in. hammer drill; 3/8 and 1/2 in. elec. drills; 3 - 18 volt cordless drills; Makita screw gun; Milwaukee 14 in. metal cut off saw; 2 palm sanders; 2 Milwaukee screw shooters; 2 B&D Macho III hammer drills; Jet 10 in. table saw; 3 Sears 10 in. table saws; Porter-Cable elec. hand planer; DeWalt 12 1/2 in. planer; Rockwell 10 in. skill saw; 3 hp. hand held post hole auger with 7 and 10 in. augers; Milwaukee 7 in. hand grinder; Craftsman drill press; Milwaukee 8 in. metal saw; Paslode sliding nail gun; 3 Duo-Fast shingle guns; 5 Paslode coil shingle guns; 2 Paslode 1/4 in. crown staplers; Duo-Fast finish nail gun; 2 Duo-Fast 16 penny nail gun; Duo-Fast 1/2 in. crown nail gun; B&D, Makita 3 in. belt sanders; 2 Sears saber saws; elec. pipe threader, 1/4 to 4 in. dies; metal band saw; Wards 10 in. radial arm saw; Enco 2 hp. 220 volt dust collector; Craftsman 6 in. surface planer; 4 Milwaukee 7 1/4 in. worm drive saws; 12 in. demolition saw; plus other tools.

### AIR COMPRESSORS

Sandborn and SMC 4 hp. air compressors; Quincy 220 volt commercial air compressor; Porter-Cable and Pancake air compressors; LeRoy 125 4 cylinder air compressor; 60 and 90 lb. jack hammers plus hose.

### CONCRETE TOOLS & SUPPLIES

Blitz 27 ft. screed with Honda 5.5 hp. eng.; new Whiteman 36 in. 4 blade trowel with Honda 5.5 hp. eng.; new MBW 36 in. 4 blade trowel with Honda 5.5 hp. eng.; Whiteman 36 in. 3 blade trowel with new B&S 5 hp. eng.; Whiteman 5 and 10 ft. vibrating bull floats with handles; 2 - 48 in. alum. bull floats with handles; alum. screeds, 5, 9, 12, 16, 20 ft.; Koehing concrete vibrators, 4 and 8 ft. stingers; TEC concrete vibrator, 8 and 3 ft. Partner gas 12 in. concrete saw; Clipper 11 hp. 14 in. concrete saw; 5 hp. sand tamper; 2 screed vibrators; 4 heavy duty wheel barrows; SUPPLIES: 550 Cam-Lock clamps; 500 assorted Cam-Lock ties; 145 stiff back clamps; 3 form braces; 18 - 24 in. steel stakes; 6 insulated blankets; 15 burlap and 12 - 16 and 24 in. wood stakes.

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**Cowgirl only second Kansan to reign as Miss Rodeo America**

Rest assured Miss Rodeo America is qualified to wear her crown.

Not only is the 2008 queen a renowned cowgirl, but she can ride alligators, too. Besides that, she knows how to hunt wild hogs, whether that's a credential or not.

When we caught up with Miss Rodeo America 2008, Amy Wilson of Colby, she was in Kissimmee, Fla., serving as a judge for the Miss Silver Spurs Pageant and staying for media promotion of the Silver Spurs Rodeo. That's one of her

many jobs representing pro rodeo following coronation at the 2007 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., where she competed as Miss Rodeo Kansas 2007.

"I rode my first alligator last night, and the night before that I went wild hog hunting," verified Wilson in an early morning spare moment. She was between pageantry work, rodeo performances (where she rides in the grand entry), and visits with the public and sponsors.

The statuesque, 5-foot-8, blonde-haired, blue-eyed

beauty with what photographers described as an all-American smile collected four special recognitions in ceremonies concluding a week of festivities. She was winner of the personality, appearance, photogenic and speech awards.

"We had to drive to Las Vegas in order to take all of my outfits," Wilson admitted. The family left Kansas November 30, and Amy returned December 17. Actually, out of 53 years, Wilson is just the second Kansan to ever be Miss Rodeo America. Diana Putnam Friend,

Miss Rodeo Kansas 1979, from Hoyt, wore the top crown in 1980.

Despite all that glamour, the 21-year-old daughter of ranch couple Lonnie and Lori Wilson still likes to ride horses best of all. "I literally grew up riding. My favorite place has always been on the back of a horse," insisted Wilson, one of six children.

Fond memories of her first horse, Flo-Yo, stick with Wilson as she talks about riding with her dad checking cattle and then competing in local horse shows. "He was sorrel and a really unique horse. A really great one," Wilson contended.

Other good horses followed, but what really enhanced Wilson's riding ability was showing sale horses for an auction conducted by an uncle. "I had to get on all kinds of horses, so riding different horses in the queen contests and at rodeos around the country

doesn't scare me a bit," she verified.

Soon competing in youth rodeos, Wilson rode in all events, but breakaway roping and barrel racing became her specialties. "I really do like to rope," she stressed.

A qualifier for the Kansas High School Rodeo Finals several years, Wilson attended Colby Community College for two years on a rodeo scholarship and as a rodeo team member. She graduated from Colby last spring with dual degrees in communications and ag business. The college named her recipient of the Dr. Mosier Award, equivalent of the year's most outstanding student.

Involvement in rodeo queen pageantry started for Wilson a decade ago. "I entered the Thomas County Rodeo Princess Pageant when I was 11, and although I didn't win, I tried again the next year and finally on my third try, I won," she remembered. "Not winning those years was the best thing that could have happened to me. I continued to work, learn, try to do better and I finally succeeded."

Within a year, a second major crown was added to her resume as Wilson, at age 14, was named the Beef Em-

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Only the second Kansan in 53 years to serve as Miss Rodeo America, Amy Wilson of Colby is enthusiastic to promote the sport of rodeo and its ties to America's western heritage.

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pire Days Rodeo Princess. "That really was a major boost for me, because I was competing against candidates who were 18 years old," she recalled.

Along the way, Wilson was named the Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Miss Rodeo McCracken. Then, she competed in the Kansas High School Rodeo Queen Contest. "I won horsemanship and ended up as first runner-up in that pageant," Wilson said.

The Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant was conducted in conjunction with the 2007 Dodge City Roundup PRCA rodeo, and Wilson was named the state title holder.

"I was still in school, but I really was active as Miss Rodeo Kansas," she reminisced. "I went to rodeos in

president of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

All of that travel required considerable assistance, and Wilson was largely responsible for finding sponsors and conducting fund raising activities. This was all credited by Wilson as being an asset for her in the national pageant.

"I got to meet so many different people, the queens from other states and those involved in the sport of rodeo. It was definitely a learning experience," Wilson credited.

When she arrived in Las Vegas, Wilson was among friends. "Actually there were only two out of the 26 other contestants who I didn't already know: Miss Rodeo Michigan and Miss Rodeo Hawaii," Wilson commented. "We all got along so well together and had so much fun. We'll be lifelong friends. I've been talking to several of them since then."

There was little time for rest after Wilson got home from Las Vegas. "I kicked off my yearlong reign of service representing and promoting the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world-

wide at the National Western Stock Show in Denver during January," she noted. "With 20 rodeo performances, that really kept me busy."

Wilson also appeared at the Denver Western Wear Market. Following that, she went to a rodeo in Rapid City, S.D., and will be in

Pennsylvania for an appearance after leaving Florida.

"My first and foremost objective is to educate  
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several states plus Canada. I really had so much fun."

Bronc and Kate Rumford of Rumford Rodeo Company at Abbyville were credited for their advice and friendship during her Kansas reign. "They were so helpful and supportive; they did so much for me," Wilson acclaimed. Rumford is a past

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everybody about rodeo and how it came from our wonderful western heritage. I have such a great passion for the sport," Wilson professed.

"I am representing the cowboys and cowgirls in

rodeo, and I've found out that change is good for something to improve," she continued. "So my second personal objective during my reign is to work in my own subtle way to get girls' breakaway roping included as a sanctioned

event at pro rodeos."

In the meantime, her three Quarter Horses are sitting idle at home as Miss Rodeo America rides professional rodeo stock contractor mounts throughout the country. "I am trying to sell one of my horses, but I'll keep two so I'll be ready to rodeo when I've completed my reign," she confirmed.

Along with the uniquely designed gold tiara signifying her royalty, Wilson collected many other awards including a wardrobe, hats, saddle and Miss Rodeo America buckle. Each is cherished, but the \$10,000 educational scholarship will be put to good use. "I intend to pursue a communications degree at Fort Hays State and then have a career as a television reporter and work in rodeo public relations," she confided.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many great people, and I'm looking forward

to the new opportunities to meet an even larger circle of people on the road as Miss Rodeo America. I feel

very blessed to have this opportunity and am so glad that this is part of God's plan for my life," Wilson

summarized. She will travel approximately 100,000 miles and appear at nearly 100 events during the year.



While she'll be riding a wide variety of horses throughout the country as she represents the sport of rodeo this year, Miss Rodeo America 2008, Amy Wilson of Colby, has plenty of experience riding many kinds of horses. "I used to ride horses for my uncle at his horse sale, so I don't have any fear getting on strange horses owned by the rodeo contractors to ride in the grand entries, carry sponsor flags and help push livestock," she said.

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

March 13 — Real Estate-Lyon Co. bottom ground at Emporia for David Spiker. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

March 13 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Agnes Howell Estate. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auctions.

March 14 — Farmland at Washington for John E. Stigge Trust. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

March 14 & 15 — Private treaty Angus bull sale at Holton for Rinkes Cattle Co., Angus Genetic Alliance.

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

March 15 — Farm sale S. of Abilene for Mrs. Harold Emig. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson, Ron Shivers.

March 15 — Farm sale N. of Rossville for Leo & Sue Badura. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions & Real Estate.

March 15 — Coffey Co. land, equipment, tractors, dozer, livestock equip. & hay at Westphalia for John W. Riffey Farms. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

March 15 — Real Estate-Marion Co. at Peabody for Johny Rogers Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

March 15 — Jackson Co. native & mixed grasses at Holton for Calvin & Jeanie Binns. Auctioneers: United Country Pagel Realty & Auction.

March 15 — Angus sale at Zenda for Molitor Angus.

March 15 — Purebred & Balancer bulls at Barnard for Post Rock Cattle Co.

March 15 — Tractors, pickup, stock trailer, livestock equipment, old toys, antiques at Carbondale for Nora Robb. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

March 15 — Collectibles, household, appliances, furniture, shop & misc. at Newton. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

March 15 — Tractors, combines, farm machinery, vehicles & farm related items at Goessel. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

March 15 — Antiques & collectibles at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

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 16 — Annual production sale-Angus bulls at Westmoreland for R&L Angus.

March 16 — Simmental & Simmental Influence bull & female sale at Fredonia for Puett's Simmental Ranch & Cattlemen's Connection Sale.

March 16 — Guns, antiques & collectibles at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

March 17 — Spring bull sale at Emporia for Eby Ranch.

March 17 — Charolais Gelbvieh breeding cattle sale at St. Francis for Raile Charolais & Raile Gelbvieh.

March 18 — Harvesting & truck auction at Inman for Kevin & Heidi Neufeld. Auctioneers: Wade Brubacher Auctions.

March 18 — Angus bull & female sale at Hastings, NE for Quirk Land & Cattle Co.

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

March 20 — 19th annual Registered Angus bull sale at Esbon for Benoit Angus.

March 21 — Land-Washington Co. at Haddam for Jacqueline Minks & Angie Heinz. Auctioneers: Schultis & Son Auctions.

March 21 — Spring production sale-bulls & females at Manhattan for BJ Angus Genetics.

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

March 22 — Marshall Co. grassland & hunting at Blaine for David W. & Mildred M. Kurtz. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

March 22 — Tractors, combine, trucks, machinery, tools & misc. at Manter for Marvin & Ilene Heron. Auctioneers: Swenson Real Estate & Auctions.

March 22 — Farm equipment S. of Linn for Ronda (Mrs. Leonard) Ohlde. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

March 22 — Household, collectibles & misc. at Blue Rapids for Marjorie G. Borck. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

March 22 — Consignment machinery & equipment at Glasco. Auctioneers: Fred Hirsch Auctions.

March 22 — Antiques, collectibles, glassware, guns, toys at Osage City for Alvin & Alta Jo Kitt. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

March 22 — Furniture, collectibles, tools, household & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

March 22 — Farm machinery near Cunningham. Auctioneers: Hamm Auctions.

March 22 — Lawn & garden tools, household, antiques & collectibles at Navarre for Alma Lauer. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

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

March 24 — Marion Co. cropland at Marion for Charles Stinchcomb. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates.

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

March 25 — Hereford & Angus bulls & females near Claflin for B&D Herefords & Beron Brothers Angus.

March 27 — Tractors & swather, vehicles, trailers, equipment, cattle equipment, tools & misc. at Garden Plain for Willie & Patricia Dold. Auctioneers: Hillman Auctions.

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.

March 29 — Farm auction W. of White City for Ronald Britt Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

March 29 — Wabaunsee Co. real estate at Council Grove for Rick & Kimberly Nichols. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

March 29 — Coffey Co. land & equipment at Lebo for Glenn Fellers. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

March 29 — Tractors, hay equipment, coins, tools, pickup NE of Lyndon for Kevin & Pam Vaugh. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

March 29 — Farm machinery, trailers, ATV's, tools, equipment, livestock equipment & misc. at Chanute for Vern & Barbara Heilman. Auctioneers: Marshall Auctions.

March 29 — Tools, household goods, collectibles at Clay Center for Dorothy (Mrs. Melvin) Woellhof. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

March 29 — Antique tractors, small stationary engines & machinery at Derby for Dave H. Linnebur Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auctions.

March 30 — Annual Booster Club consignment auction at Linn. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

March 31 — Angus bulls & females at Salina for Don Johnson Angus.

March 31 — Charolais bulls at Belleville for Myron Runft Charolais.

April 2 — Kansas Bull Test Sale at Beloit for Kansas Bull Test.

April 3 — Grassland & hunting, Wabaunsee Co. at Alma for Ray & Peggy Heine. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

April 3 — Geary & Riley Co. land at Junction City for Viola M. Gfeller Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 4 — Hebbert Charolais 26th Annual Bull Sale at Hyannis, NE.

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

April 5 — Farm machinery NW of Alma for Fred Meyer. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

April 5 — Guns, Mercury car, farm mach. & trucks at Minneapolis for Murphy Farms, Inc. (Bill). Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

April 5 — Gun collection at Salina. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 5 — S. of Smolan for A.J. Holmquist Estate. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

April 5 — Machinery at Gridley for Norman & Bonnie Knapp. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 5 — Collectibles, antiques, pottery, advertising, gas, railroad & misc. at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

April 5 — Tractor, mowers, trucks, carpenter & shop tools, farm items at Lyndon for Mr. & Mrs. David Yoder. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp.

April 6 — Show pig sale-Number 1 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family

McPherson for Jason J. Jantz Trust. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctions.

April 19 — Farm consignment sale at Junction City for Butch Hartman. Auctioneers: Jay Brown Auction.

April 20 — Goat Lamb Pig auction at Lyons. Auctioneers: Hollinger Auctions.

April 26 — Show Pig Sale-Number 2 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

May 3 — Furniture & miscellaneous at Salina for Windsor Apartments. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

May 24 — Show Pig Sale-Number 3 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

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

June 7 — 13th Annual Wildflower Tour at Fredonia for Wilson Co. Conservation District & Conservation.

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.

Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 7 — Pasture land at Miltonvale for Edwin Benfor. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 10 — Cloud Co. land at Concordia for Gloria Fees. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

April 11 — Farm equipment N. of Morrowville for the Edward Nutsch Estate. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 12 — Antiques, collectibles, household, trucks, farm mach. & equip. at Bennington for 2 Generations-Melvin & Darlene Reed. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

April 12 — Real Estate & household, collectibles & antiques W. of Alma for Virginia Bleske. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

April 12 — Vehicle, antiques, household, tools at Chester, NE for the Late Leslie (Bill) Hartley & Hazel Hartley. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

April 12 — Equipment & tools NW of Salina for Bob Neises. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

April 12 — Equipment & collectibles W. of Linn for Dorothy (Mrs. Robert) Duensing. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

April 17 — Household goods & misc. at Clay Center for Lowell Werner Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

April 18 & 19 — JD tractors, equipment & toys at

ery, trailers, ATV's, tools, equipment, livestock equipment & misc. at Chanute for Vern & Barbara Heilman. Auctioneers: Marshall Auctions.

March 29 — Tools, household goods, collectibles at Clay Center for Dorothy (Mrs. Melvin) Woellhof. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

March 29 — Antique tractors, small stationary engines & machinery at Derby for Dave H. Linnebur Estate. Auctioneers: Chuck Korte Real Estate & Auctions.

March 30 — Annual Booster Club consignment auction at Linn. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

March 31 — Angus bulls & females at Salina for Don Johnson Angus.

March 31 — Charolais bulls at Belleville for Myron Runft Charolais.

April 2 — Kansas Bull Test Sale at Beloit for Kansas Bull Test.

April 3 — Grassland & hunting, Wabaunsee Co. at Alma for Ray & Peggy Heine. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions & Realty.

April 3 — Geary & Riley Co. land at Junction City for Viola M. Gfeller Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 4 — Hebbert Charolais 26th Annual Bull Sale at Hyannis, NE.

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

April 5 — Farm machinery NW of Alma for Fred Meyer. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

April 5 — Guns, Mercury car, farm mach. & trucks at Minneapolis for Murphy Farms, Inc. (Bill). Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

April 5 — Gun collection at Salina. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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**THE RAYMOND & DOROTHY WOOD LAND 427 ACRES**

Dickinson County Grassland & Cropland with building site potential Offered in Four Tracts

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** These properties have been owned by the same family for a number of years and offer the opportunity to purchase good productive cropland and grassland in an area where land seldom changes hands. The tracts also offer nice rural building site potential located within one mile of Chapman with easy I-70 access to Junction City and Fort Riley. Take a Sunday afternoon drive and give these properties a look. They could be just what you're looking for.

**FSA INFORMATION:**

	Cropland Acres	Wheat Base Yield	Milo Base Yield	Corn Base Yield	Estimated Total 2008 FSA payment			
Tract #1	40.0	25.1	35	6.2	60	1.2	101	\$ 527.81
Tract #2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tract #3	50.0	30.8	35	15.2	60	32.2	99	\$ 832.11
Tract #4	2.6	1.0	35	.05	60	.01	99	\$ 26.75

The above are FSA estimates only and are not guaranteed.

**TRACT #1:** SE/4 SE/4 of 25-12-3E, 40.0 acres of fenced grass with no water. Located adjacent to Chapman Indian Hills Golf Course. Excellent development possibilities. 2007 taxes were \$73.39 based on 39.84 taxable acres.

**TRACT #2:** SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of 25-12-3E lying South of I-70. 231.0 acres of fenced grass with beautiful recreational pond, good fencing and nice catch pen. Cable TV tower located on property. 2007 taxes were \$438.96 based on 233.14 taxable acres.

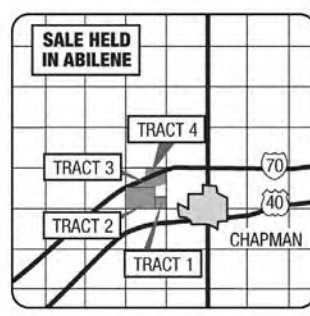
**TRACT #3:** N/2 of 25-12-3E, lying south of I-70 Highway, less improved tract. Approximately 61.0 acres of fenced grass with small pond, 36 additional acres grass (previously CRP) and approximately 7.0 acres of timber for hunting/recreational purposes with enough firewood to last a long, long time. Also includes 27.0 acres of cropland (all in wheat). Residential building site potential along east boundary line. 2007 taxes were \$473.32 based on 133.47 taxable acres.

**TRACT #4:** N/2 of 25-12-3E, lying north of I-70 Highway. 17.5 acres fenced grass with small pond, 2.6 acres of cropland (all in wheat). Good rural building site potential along north boundary line. 2007 taxes were \$47.79 based on 20.85 taxable acres.

**SELLER:** Joe and Mary Wood-Grass Lexington, South Carolina

**FARMLAND AUCTION**

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 7:30 P.M. Sale held at the Abilene Civic Center 210 NW 2nd, Abilene, KS



**SALE HELD IN ABILENE**

TRACT	ACRES
TRACT 1	2.6
TRACT 2	231.0
TRACT 3	61.0
TRACT 4	17.5

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**Wheat Ground:** After 2008 harvest. Buyer to receive 1/3 of crop and pay 1/3 of fertilizer and chemical applied after sale date.

**Grassland:** At closing

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2007 real estate taxes and prior years paid by Seller. Title Insurance will be used with cost split equally between Buyer and Seller. All mineral rights sell with property. Property selling "as is" with no guarantees or warranties made by seller.

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## Steps Along The Cowboy Trail

**STEP 1:** Some cowboys are born and raised on a ranch; they grow up riding and working cows, they compete in high school rodeo, have a horse and an FFA project. They develop the art of hangin' out and lookin' cool. Which is easier if you're a big fish in a small pond. They begin thinking, "I really am as good as they say I am!"

**STEP 2:** Dad and mom want him to go to college upon high school graduation. But he's got the rodeo fever. He doesn't need college. He's pairing up with a buddy who's in love with roping but doesn't have a trailer ... or a horse! But they're a team. They get their picture in the Super Loper that first summer. The bug just gets stronger. The second year they get in the top twenty of the PRCA. But their gasoline and beer expenses play havoc with their finances until...

**STEP 3:** The heeler attracts the attention of an equine veterinarian with a three-horse slant, roping arena, vet clinic and seven horses. They fall in love. He takes care of the rancho, she brings home the bacon. He gets someone to clean the stalls, feed, and shoe. He invites his friends over to rope. The relationship eventually is discontinued by her. He never does know why.

**STEP 4:** He's always felt he had a good way with

horses, so he moves in with a trader who pays him to ride green horses. This only lasts three months but it's enough, in his mind to hang out this shingle and become a horse whispering clinician!

**STEP 5:** He develops a technique he patents as the "Lead Foot to Light Bulb" equine directional method. It involves wiring Christmas lights to the horses' feet, connected to a battery on the saddle. Using a remote control from an Xbox, horses are taught to turn the direction of the blinking light on

their feet. This works until one of the wires shorts out!

**STEP 6:** After six weeks in the hospital where he had lots and lots of time to think, he plotted a course that lead him to horseshoeing school (too hard), auctioneer's school (he couldn't understand a word they were saying!), real estate school (too much math), and seminary (a mistake). Eventually he found himself experienced and learned in many ways, but unable to support himself without actually getting a job.

Finally he stumbled into a group of decorative cowboys who sit around, drink coffee and expound at great length on the wonders of cowboydom, and occasionally get paid for it!

He had found Nirvana. He signed up to be a cowboy poet the rest of his life!

## AUCTION

**94 ACRES M/L OF BOTTOM LAND SOLD IN (2) SEPARATE TRACTS THURSDAY, MARCH 13 — 7:00 PM**  
Best Western Motel - Bluestem Room  
West Hwy. 50 — EMPORIA, KANSAS

**TRACT 1:** 53 acres M/L of highly productive bottom ground. 18.4 acres of growing alfalfa with the rest in beans last year.

**TRACT 2:** 41 acres M/L of excellent bottom ground that is virgin, native grass. Would be very productive cropland or remain in native grass.

**LOCATION:** These tracts are located adjacent to K-99 highway 2 miles north of Emporia. Tract 1 is on the east side of K-99 and Tract 2 across the road on the west side of K-99.

Tract 2 will sell separately and not in combination.

See Grass & Grain February 12 for complete details

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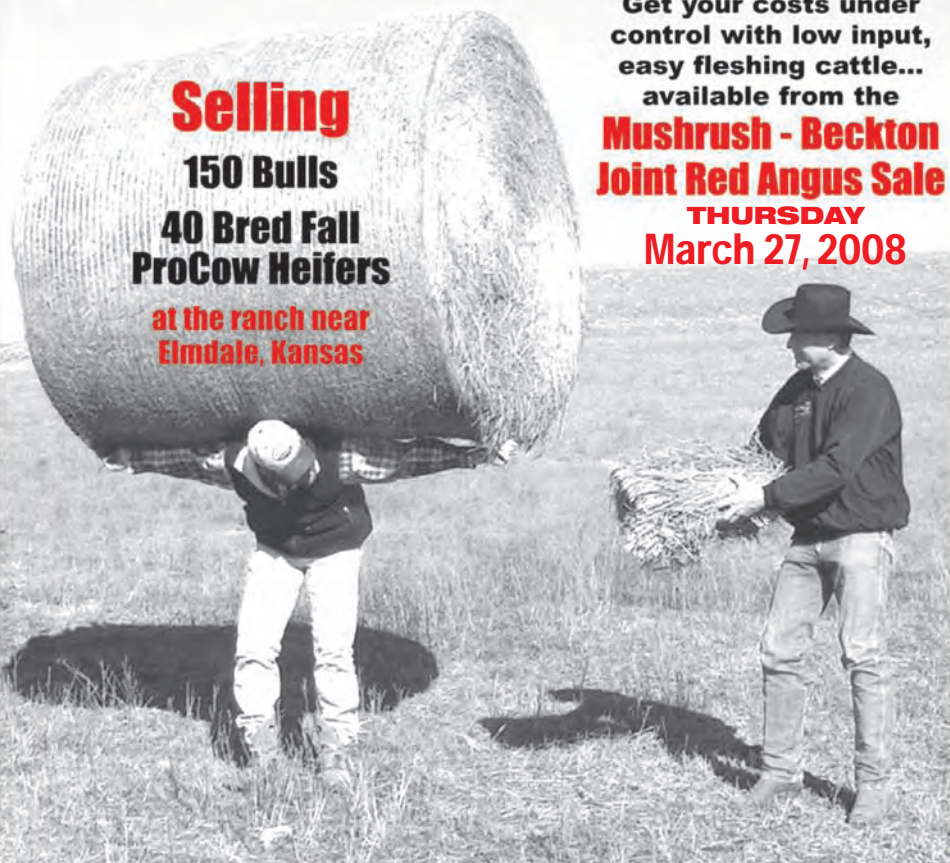
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