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KDA announces results from commodity elections

The Kansas Department of Agriculture recently announced the names of producers from the central third of the state who were elected to the state's five grain commodity commissions — corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat. This was the third election cycle for districts four, five and six under the new law that privatized the commissions in July 2000. District four includes Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Smith and Washington counties. District five includes Barton, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, McPherson, Marion, Rice, Rush, Russell and Saline counties. District six includes Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick, Stafford and Sumner counties. Ballots were cast between January 15 and March 1 and were counted at the Kansas Department of Agriculture on March 7. The newly elected commissioners will take office April 1 and will serve three-year terms.

Commissioners-Elect for the Kansas Corn Commission

District four — Mike Brzon, who grows corn, soybeans, sorghum and wheat in Republic County. He currently serves on the Kansas Corn Commission and is a director on the U.S. Grains Council and Farmway Cooperative Inc. Brzon also is active in water issues in the Republican River basin in Kansas and Nebraska. District five — Terry Vinduska, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa on a family farm in Marion County. He currently serves on the Kansas Corn Commission and is a member of the U.S. Grains Council, Kansas Farmers Union and Kansas Farm Bureau. Vinduska has a bachelor's degree in agricultural technology from Kansas State University. District six — Kent Moore, who grows corn, wheat and soybeans in Pratt County. He is a member of the Kansas Corn Growers Association and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, and he is on the

board of directors for the Pratt County 4-H Foundation. Moore has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University.

Commissioners-Elect for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission

District four — William Greving, who grows corn, sorghum, wheat and hay in Phillips County. He currently is secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, serves on the board of the National Sorghum Producers and is a member of the Kansas Livestock Association, the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Corn Growers Association. Greving has a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Fort Hays State University. District five — Clayton Short, who grows corn, sorghum, wheat and soybeans in Saline County. He currently serves on the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission and is a member of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Association and Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. Short has a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Kansas State University. District six — Dennis Siefkes, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat in Stafford County. He is a member of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, the Stafford County Farm Bureau and the Great Bend Cooperative Association, and a past member of the Kansas Corn Commission. Siefkes has a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Kansas State University.

Commissioners-Elect for the Kansas Soybean Commission

District four — Steve Clanton, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat in Ottawa County. He currently serves on the Kansas Soybean Commission. He has been involved in many organizations, including the local extension and soil conservation board and the Kansas Soybean Association. He is a past president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. Clanton has a bachelor's degree in

engineering from Kansas State University. District five — Harold Kraus, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat in Ellis County. He has served on the Kansas Soybean Commission since 1999, is a member of Kansas Farm Bureau and is a voting member of the National Biodiesel Board. Kraus has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Kansas. District

six — Jerry Wyse, who grows wheat, corn, grain sorghum and soybeans in Reno County. He currently serves on the Kansas Soybean Commission and is past president and CEO of Kauffman Seeds Inc. Wyse has an associate's degree in liberal arts from Hesston College.

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Old-fashioned teaching



Donna Morgenstern of New Cambria is a seasoned wheat straw artist. She demonstrated her craft for Nancy George last week during the Salina Farm Show. Morgenstern has a booth full of her wares in Kenwood Hall.

'Wildcat Power Cord' repairs cruciate ligament in dairy cow's knee

An 8-year-old Jersey dairy cow is back at a Kansas farm thanks to a decade of research and an experimental surgery performed at Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

The cow, named Wilhelmina Jolene by the veterinary students assigned to her case, sustained a breeding injury in December 2007 when the cruciate ligament in her right knee ruptured. Dr. David Anderson, professor and head of agricultural practices at K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, replaced the ligament using synthetic material called monofilament nylon. The procedure's success could have enormous implications for breeding quality cows and bulls with the same injury.

Fortunately, Wilhelmina's owner recognized the value of saving her. Mike Frey is the son of the late Dr. Russ Frey, a prominent longtime professor at K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine. "She's owned by the son of an important faculty member in our college's history," Anderson said. "It's wonderful that there is a connection to Dr. Frey with this case and that Mike understands the teaching value."

Mike Frey said he was happy to be part of an effort that could help animals, producers and students.

"I was always under the assumption that an animal with this problem was going to be heading down the road," he said. "If they could perfect this so that a cow could be kept in production, that would be worth quite a bit."

The cruciate ligament is a dense tissue that connects the bones in the knee joint. Injuring it can be career-ending and often life-ending — until now, Anderson said.

The three surgical techniques for cruciate ligaments in large animals have a failure rate of approximately 50 percent, Anderson said. This fact caused him and surgery colleagues Drs. Guy St. Jean and Andre Desrochers to investigate alternatives in the 1990s. That's when the team designed a cruciate ligament using braided polyester; however, the material was not strong enough for heavy cattle.

Anderson continued to experiment with a variety of materials until he discovered an unusual form of nylon monofilament, a solid material about the diameter of a coffee straw. But the ques-



Shelby Reinstein encourages Wilhelmina before the cow is prepped for surgery.

tion remained: Could this man-made material replace the natural ligament of a 1,500-pound animal?

On Jan. 17, Anderson replaced Wilhelmina's torn ligament with the artificial one, dubbed the "Wildcat Power Cord." Anderson's surgery team included surgery residents Drs. Kara Schulz and Jose Bras, intern

Dr. Manuel Chamorro, along with anesthesiologists, veterinary students and technicians. The next day, the Jersey cow was led across the hospital's video synchronization pressure mat to determine her level of lameness. "Her stride length had increased 30 percent, and she bore 25 percent more weight on her operated leg,"

Anderson said. "To have that much improvement is spectacular."

His long-term goal is to develop a replacement ligament strong enough for bulls. Lab tests reveal that the Wildcat Power Cord can withstand up to 12,000 newtons of pressure — roughly 50 percent more than an adult bull requires.

Wilhelmina returned home and was kept in a box stall for a week or so, Mike Frey said. After that, she had the run of the free stall. "It's been a tough winter with all of the snow and ice," he said. "I didn't think she'd get around as good as she did."

Shelby Reinstein, a senior veterinary student from Tulsa, Okla., was one of the K-State students who worked with — and named — Wilhelmina the cow.

Reinstein said she appreciated the learning opportunities this case presented, especially those relative to anatomy of the stifle and monitoring Wilhelmina for specific conditions dairy cows are at risk for developing. These include inflammation of the udder (mastitis) or of the uterus (metritis), a metabolic imbalance (ketosis), ulcers and displacement of the abomasum,

the fourth compartment of a ruminant's stomach.

"We worked really hard for her and spent long hours at the hospital, but it was definitely worth it after seeing how well she did post-op," Reinstein said. "I love being part of the discovery aspect of veterinary medicine, and it is always really rewarding to try something you're not sure about and have it work. And, my parents were quite impressed that I could milk a cow!"

The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Get Off Your Soap Box

Last Saturday I attended the funeral for an army veteran who had served during WWII in the European theater. He died at the age of 85.

This war was sometimes described as the war to end all wars. It officially started when Germany invaded Poland in September of 1939 and ended in September, 1945, at a cost of over ten million Allied servicemen's lives. The Axis powers lost an estimated six million military lives.

At the height of the war, the United States had over twelve million men in its armed forces. Now in their 80s and older, these veterans are disappearing at an alarming rate of over a thousand daily. Most of them were drafted into service although there were many who volunteered. They were in for the duration of the war — to win it and then go home. World War II was by far the worst war ever, with 50 countries among the Allies and eight others joining forces as the Axis aggressors.

That generation with its united efforts, both on the battlefield and on the home front, has often been referred to as the generation of greatness. Without sacrifice and fierce determination to win at all costs, we very well could have been called the "New Germany" and perhaps speaking the German language. In recent years, whenever I recognize one of these aging veterans, I shake his hand and thank him for his contribution to our freedoms.

Allow me to get on my soapbox and express some of my heartfelt concerns. Why are we hearing more and more Americans expressing dislike and even hatred for this country? This is the land that millions of our servicemen fought for with many paying the ultimate sacrifice in order that we might remain free. This freedom was not cheap: it cost our entire nation of people dearly from 1941 to 1945 to withstand the Axis powers that wanted to overpower us and deprive us of freedom. Everyone pitched in to do what had to be done for the cause. We were truly the "United States." Are we becoming the fragmented states?

Instead of strong, we as a people seem to be fast becoming weak. Look at how obesity has made us weak in

body, and for some the will to pull and do one's share has changed to an attitude of looking for an easy handout. What has happened to change our response to the well-known admonition, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country?"

The freedoms guaranteed by our constitution allow one to express dislike or hatred for this country, but I cannot understand this lack of respect and appreciation for the freedoms and opportunities it offers. Upon returning home from a tour of duty in Korea, when I walked down the gangplank at Pier 91 in Seattle and heard the band playing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," the big lump that formed in my throat nearly choked me. To unite with my wife and family and to go to the snack bar and order an American hamburger, Coke, and french fries was an unforgettable experience. Then to be able to drive a car with nice padded seats and go wherever one desired was a real delight. So I confess, it makes me impatient and perhaps somewhat angry when I hear those who are exposed mostly to a soft existence in America, with all its attributes of freedom, spew hatred for this country. May the brave deeds of those who have kept it great not be in vain.

So as not to just talk but to put actions with my words, I joined the American Legion last year. At the funeral Saturday for a veteran, whom I did not know personally, I stood holding our flag — the red, white and blue — straight up, bowing to no person or thing. My comrades were older veterans who feel as I do — proud to honor a WWII veteran with a 21-gun salute and then a bugler playing taps. Presenting to the loved ones a folded flag of our country is another reminder of the cause for which the deceased veteran served.

Let's get off our soapboxes and do what we must to help our country, the United States of America, stay strong and free.

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.



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

Safety tip of the week: remove hand from livestock trailer before center gate closes. Sounds pretty simple right? Well, let's just say that my reflexes aren't as fast as they once were. Nah, who am I kidding, they were NEVER that fast.

Yes, I learned the hard way that when unloading feeding cattle from the trailer at the livestock market, it is wise to check that everyone has actually jumped out of the trailer before swinging the gate open to release the cattle held in the front half.

The result when you don't, you might ask? A mashed hand and some cracked knuckles — of course on my dominant right hand. That was the reason for the absence of Barn Gate a couple of weeks ago. I just couldn't manage to type with the left hand and hunt and peck with my pointer finger on the right. It was a loosing proposition. I did find out quickly what I could and couldn't do, though, with the splint that the doc at the ER put on my hand and sternly instructed me to wear for 10-days.

And as some of my family will be reading this, it will be news to them (primarily my mother) and lets just say all is well that ends well. In fact, she'll probably be surprised to even learn that I went to have an x-ray taken of the injured limb, because generally with my hard-headed nature, seeking medical guidance is very low on my list of priorities.

But in this instance, it REALLY hurt

— and for me to say that with a pain tolerance that is clear off the charts — is saying something. In fact, the notion that I didn't toss my cookies or pass out is really quite amazing to me — because boy, did it hurt when that heifer kicked at the gate in response to being bumped.

And for about 24 hours the kindness and concern expressed by friends and acquaintances was appreciated, but beyond that, I just wanted to be able to type, take notes with a pen that I could actually read two hours later and grasp a camera body to be able to take somewhat respectable pictures. That wasn't too much to ask, was it?

So there you have it. My sad saga, which will only be more sad when I get the bill from the radiologist, that indicated that there was nothing broken. That is, other than my pride — if only I'd waited another couple of hours for the ice and the ibuprofen to kick in. Oh well, a painful lesson learned.

So next time you're in a hurry to dump out that load of cattle — and grass season is just around the corner — remember to clear the trailer first. Or keep your hands out of the way of the swinging gate.

The only good thing that is coming out of this turn of bad luck is a fairly accurate weather predictor... that twinge indicates that a front is coming through...

I'll chat with you next week, "Over the Barn Gate!"

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— Norman Vincent Peale

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Karen Saner, Burns, Shares Dessert Recipe To Win Contest & Prize

Winner Karen Saner, Burns:
OREO COOKIES ICE CREAM DESSERT

- Oreo cookies
 1/3 cup melted butter
 Vanilla ice cream
 8 ounces dry roasted peanuts, lightly salted
 1/2 jar butterscotch caramel fudge topping
 8 ounces whipped topping

Make Oreo cookie crust by combining 2 to 2 1/2 cups crushed Oreo cookies with 1/4 cup melted butter. Press into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan and bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool. Top crust with 1- to 2-inch layer of vanilla ice cream. Sprinkle peanuts on top of ice cream. Dribble caramel topping over peanuts. Top with whipped topping and garnish with additional crushed Oreo cookies. Freeze. Dessert may need to be thawed slightly before cutting and serving.

- Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
PULLED CHICKEN SANDWICHES
 1 pound boneless skinless chicken thighs
 1 onion, sliced
 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
 1/4 cup water
 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 1 French bread loaf, 16 to 20 inches long
 4 cheese slices

Cook chicken and onions in skillet on medium high heat for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add barbecue sauce, water and sugar; stir. Reduce heat to medium and cover. Cook an additional 10 minutes or longer until chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken from skillet. Shred chicken with 2 forks into small pieces. Return to skillet and stir until evenly coated with sauce. Cut French bread crosswise into 4 pieces. Cut each piece lengthwise in half. Fill with chicken mixture and cheese.

- Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
 "Really good for spring."
PINEAPPLE COCONUT BARS
 3 1/2 cups flour, divided
 1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 cup butter, divided
 1 cup sugar
 3 large eggs
 12-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained

Garnish: toasted flaked coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. In a large bowl combine 2 1/2 cups flour, coconut, brown sugar and baking soda. Using a pastry blender, cut in 1/2 cup butter until mixture is crumbly. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture for topping. Press remaining crumb mixture evenly into bottom of prepared pan. Bake for 10 minutes. In a medium bowl beat remaining 1/2 cup butter and sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in remaining 1 cup flour. Stir in pineapple. Spread with reserved crumb mixture. Bake for 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool completely before cutting into squares. Garnish with toasted flaked coconut, if desired. Makes about 2 dozen bars.

- Mary Rogers, Topeka:
HAMBURGER NOODLE BAKE
 5 cups uncooked egg noodles
 2 pounds ground chuck
 1 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 2 cans tomato soup, undiluted

- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 1 1/2 cups water
 1/2 cup chili sauce
 1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- Cook noodles and drain. In a skillet cook the beef, onion and green pepper until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the noodles, soup, cheese, water and chili sauce. Transfer to a greased 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Toss bread crumbs and butter and sprinkle over casserole. Bake one casserole uncovered at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until bubbly and golden.

The remaining are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

- HASH BROWN CHICKEN CASSEROLE**
 32-ounce package frozen hash browns, thawed
 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
 1 cup melted butter, divided
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 8 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
 1 small onion, chopped
 8-ounce container sour cream
 2 cups crushed cornflakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine hash browns and chicken in an ungreased

9-by-13-inch dish. Mix 1/2 cup butter, soup, cheese, onion and sour cream. Pour over potatoes and chicken. Top with cornflakes. Drizzle 1/2 cup butter over top. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes.

- FRENCH TOAST SANDWICHES**
 12 slices Canadian bacon
 6 slices Monterey jack cheese
 12 slices French bread (1/2-inch thick)
 3/4 cup eggnog
 3 tablespoons butter
 6 tablespoons strawberry jam

Place two slices of bacon and one slice of cheese on each of six slices of bread. Top with remaining bread. Place eggnog in a shallow dish. Dip sandwiches in eggnog. In skillet or griddle melt butter. Cook sandwiches on both sides for 2 to 3 minutes or until bread is golden brown. Serve with strawberry preserves.

- DATE CAKE**
 1 tablespoon butter
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 cup cut up dates
 1/2 cup walnuts

Sauce:
 3/4 cup brown sugar
 1 tablespoon butter
 1 cup hot water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch baking dish. For cake, cream together butter and sugar. Stir in vanilla. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and nutmeg. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk to cream mixture. Stir in dates and walnuts. Place batter in prepared dish. For sauce heat brown sugar, butter and water; pour over batter and bake 30 minutes.

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Bring Out The Beauty Of Your Home With A Pretty Patio Garden

(NAPSA) — An increasing number of people, it seems, are discovering a great way to bring out the beauty of a home is with a container garden. According to the National Gardening Association, more than 21 million homes have discovered the joy of container gardening.

Getting the most beautiful results from potted flowers takes a little artistry and some simple gardening know-how. Bayer Advanced™ Garden Expert Lance Walheim offers these tips to create a beautiful patio garden:

1. Establish a color theme. This is good advice for any type of flower gardening. Try different flowers in shades of one color or blend complementary colors such as red and violet. For an even stronger impact, mix contrasting colors like yellow and blue or yellow and red.

2. Mix plant forms. Use taller, more upright plants — snapdragons, salvia or geraniums — in the middle of the pot, then step down in size as you move toward the edges. Plant cascading flowers such as sweet alyssum, violas and lobelia right near the outside of the pot so they'll spill over the sides.

3. Plant closely. You'll get the best show if you pack plants in closer than you would in the open ground.

4. Use a touch of white. White flowers can make everything else look better, so add a few if you need an extra punch.

5. Add bold foliage. Strong foliage plants, purple fountain grass, say, variegated English ivy or Dusty Miller, contribute texture and make your flowerpots even more striking.

6. Group different-sized pots. The varied heights add structure and organization to your display.

7. Make replacements as needed. If one plant or pot is finished blooming, replace it with something that looks better. Make the most of seasonal changes.

8. Remember to water once a day in hot weather. More frequent watering takes nutrients from the soil, so you also have to fertilize more often to keep plants blooming.

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Tips To Help You Enjoy Your Favorite Recipes

(NAPSA) — A diagnosis of diabetes is often equated with having to make drastic changes to your diet and giving up many of the foods you love. But simple ingredient replacements will allow diabetics to still enjoy their favorite recipes while keeping blood sugar levels stable. Christiane Rivard, Registered Dietitian, member of the Vitamin Shoppe Health Advisory Board, offers the following helpful cooking "tricks" for modifying recipes without losing their great taste:

* **Slashing Sugar:** It's common knowledge that diabetics should drastically reduce their sugar intake. However, that doesn't have to mean cutting out sweets entirely. For baking recipes, a simple trick is to decrease sugar by 1/3 and increase sweet-tasting spices and flavorings, such as cinnamon, nutmeg or vanilla. For example, if a recipe calls for 1 1/2 cups of sugar and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, decrease the sugar to 1 cup and increase cinnamon to 2 teaspoons.

* **Fighting Fat with Flax:** Decreasing unhealthy fat such as saturated fat and trans fats is important for everyone, but this is especially true for diabetics to maintain stable blood sugar levels. By using fiber-rich flaxseed meal instead of vegetable oil, you will add healthy fat (omega-3 fatty acids) and increase fiber, which is also essential to a diabetic's diet. When baking, if a recipe calls for oil, replace it with three times the recommended amount in flaxseed meal. For example, instead of using 1/2 cup of oil, use 1 1/2 cups of flaxseed meal.

* **Satisfying Substitutes:** Other tricks for decreasing fat include replacing one whole egg with two egg whites or using an egg substitute; using applesauce or baby food prunes instead of oil; replacing whole milk or cream with 1 percent or skim milk; substituting low-fat or nonfat plain yogurt for sour cream.



These modifications are basic ways to supplement delicious foods without sacrificing health. While the tips are helpful for people with diabetes, they are also practical for anyone looking to decrease his or her fat and sugar content.

For more information about diabetes, including tips, recipes and nutritional supplements, visit www.vitaminshoppe.com.

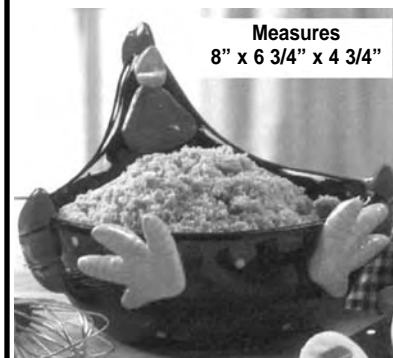
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Here's how to enter:

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2. Upload your video to YouTube, www.youtube.com/signup?next=/my_videos_upload. If you aren't on YouTube yet, go to www.youtube.com/signup to sign up for an account; it's free and easy. When you're giving your video tags, be sure to include "BEEF in More Places." 3. Once it's uploaded, e-mail a link from your video to raisingthesteaks@gmail.com along with your full

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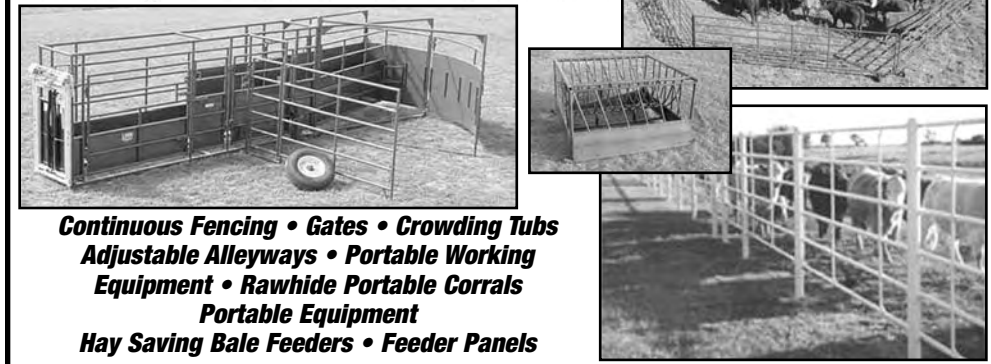
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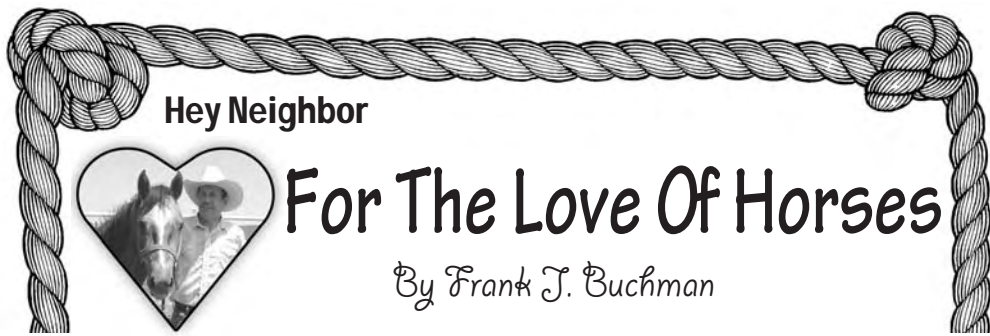
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Hey Neighbor

For The Love Of Horses

By Frank J. Buchman

Horses And Handlers Form A Partnership

Horse and rider are each individuals as a part, but are also partners with each other, forming a partnership to have a successful and pleasant experience together.

Bob Jeffreys and Suzanne Sheppard of Middletown, N.Y., emphasized that in their combined Teaching Two as One presentation called "Part, Partner, Partnership," during the EquiFest of Kansas in Wichita.

A ten-part learning system was defined by Jeffreys so horse and handler can communicate with other. "It all starts in the horse's jaw," he pointed out. "Every action of the horse relates back to his jawbone."

Reining is a slow, long-term effort, but your horse can learn what is expected of him. "They learn by the process of elimination. When the rein is picked up, a movement is expected," Jeffreys contended.

Horses are creatures of habit, and repetition is the key to learning. "A horse must be exposed to an experience a minimum of 500 times before he starts to understand," Jeffreys evaluated. "It takes at least 1,500

times before a horse can begin to become consistent.

"Many expect their horses to be perfect, but that's an impossibility. Nobody is perfect. Yet, a handler must always be patient and reward effort," the clinician continued.

Head set determines where the horse is going. "If his head is up and out, then he's ready to go," Jeffreys insisted. "We don't want a horse too high-headed or too low. Actually the head should move in about a six-inch range of the withers."

Ears are the third most important part in a horse's learning system. "The ears will tell you if your horse is paying attention to you or something else," Jeffreys detailed.

The neck is the telltale sign if a horse is relaxing.

"When the neck muscles are flowing and wrinkle-free, it is an indication that one can ask for control of the other parts," Jeffreys recognized.

Front feet guide must move before the horse can advance. Jeffreys commented, "A horse has to be soft on his feet to perform. There is nothing learned from stiffness."

Withers carry the saddle and are used in directing the horse. "One can get movements with less bend in the horses through the wither," he said.

A horse must be balanced in movement to be athletic.

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"Cues with legs help in balancing the horse," Jeffreys admitted. "We only use snaffle bits on the horses and add leg and body cues to motivate the desired response from our horse."

Hindquarters control the forward movement of a horse. "We have to guide the driving force in order to get

anything done," Jeffreys noted.

Next part of importance in the training system is the shoulder. "The stop, the spin and all maneuvers actually begin in the shoulder," he realized.

Final part of the system is the poll. "A horse has to break at the poll to advance and maneuver in a soft manner," according to Jeffreys.

"All of these specific parts make it easier for the horse and handler to become partners," inserted Sheppard.

Horses in nature establish a pecking order. "Likewise, in handling there must be a leader and a follower," Sheppard emphasized. "You must be the leader and guide the horse in what you expect from him."

There are some horses

who will always test to see if you are being a leader. "It's your responsibility to always ask your horse for his response," she demanded. "If he's allowed to lead, that's when trouble can occur."

However, the horse must be taught. "You can't expect a horse to know what is expected of him without training," Sheppard clarified. "People often blame their

horses for doing something wrong, but how is the horse supposed to know if he hasn't been educated and then requested to react upon that training?"

Horses are stronger and quicker than their handlers. "We must be alert to our horses at all times, or they can hurt us and themselves," she critiqued. "We will always tell our horse

what to do and mean it.

"Yet we must be a fair and consistent leader," Sheppard added.

Respect of handler by the horse and admiration of the horse by the handler are essential in the partnership. "The better teacher we are, the better horse we will have. They will get in the habit of saying yes to our request," Sheppard concluded.

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



The Gold Mine

Normally, there are four weeks in a month. A columnist who writes a weekly article soon notices that some months are longer than others. In a twelve-month year, there are not exactly four weeks in each.

I write ahead, a month at a time, because of unpredictable schedules on the lecture circuit, weather, book festivals ... in the past year, even a few health problems have been involved.

Under better control now, I can revert to what

passes for normal around here. Our "release dates" on the column are on Mondays, for no particular reason. Just the need to be consistent.

A decade or so ago, on a bus tour with other writers of the West, there was a fascinating conversation. There was no narrator to explain the history of the area ... that would happen after our arrival at our destination. However, (as there usually is) there was one individual who was explaining the area and its history.

We were traveling on a good highway, running parallel to a ridge of low hills which formed a bluff, with trees and rocks along the top facing the highway. There were almost no signs of human activity along that ridge, which ran for many miles.

Then unexpectedly, a small but beautiful old church building, with a prominent cross. There was an indication of age, as well as questionable access. Tucked in under the trees, access had obviously been

from the other side of the ridge. No other signs of human use could be seen, in any direction.

"Now there," droned the voice of our self-appointed guide, "is said to be the Lost Mine. When the sun comes up on Easter Sunday, the shadow of that cross falls across the opening of the richest gold mine ever known in these hills. But, nobody's ever found it."

I was wondering ... if there is such a landmark, there were a few things we could count on. One, it would have been mined out when discovered. But, they couldn't find it again? Then how did they know how rich it was, if it was never mined?

Many of the passengers on this bus trip to see the area were the families of the

writers at the meeting; some not well-informed about the history and geography of the area. The self-appointed narrator must have been depending on these. He was relishing the oohs and ahhs

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There was something wrong here, something I

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couldn't quite pin down ... the storyteller was still milking the sunrise theme when one of the other passengers, seated across the aisle, leaned toward me.

"Don," he said quietly, "isn't Easter a lunar event?"

Of course! That was the problem. A holiday occasion marked by a position of the moon rather than the sun, as most of our special days are. It will rarely be on the same date from year to year.

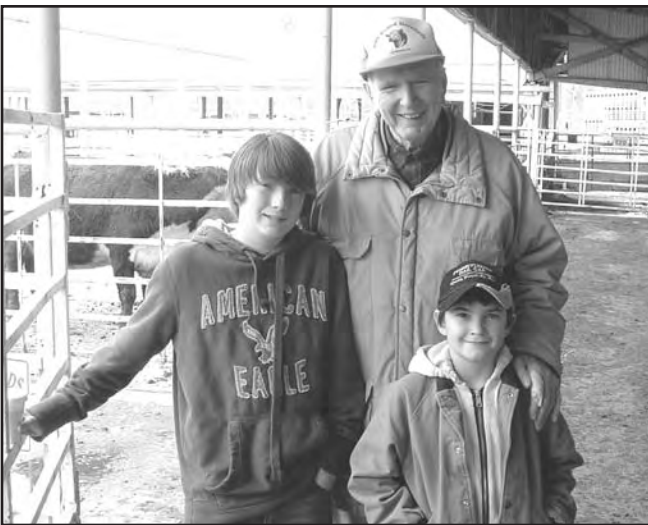
It was embarrassing, of course, to listen to the teller of tall tales. I doubt that there were more than a handful of listeners on the bus who realized the situa-

tion. The man who had called my attention to it had a little different background, that of an archivist and museum preservationist. We never did call the attention of the other passengers to our discovery. It was a private running joke for years.

We've lost track of this contact, along the line, but for years, in any meeting of writers that we both attended, there was almost a ritual. If any speaker seemed to be out of line, we'd glance across the room at each other, and nod solemnly and seriously.

Neither of us has ever believed that the storyteller actually realizes that a gigantic joke was on him.

See you down the road.



Proud grandpa Fred Hale of Linwood indicated his grandsons Jacob and Andy Sweeney, also of Linwood, were good helpers in the family cattle operation. Hale was a consignor at the 61st annual Northeast Kansas Hereford Association Sale at Manhattan.

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OFFICE EQUIPMENT
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AUCTIONEERS NOTE: The Lee family have been in the Parker community for many years. Mr. Lee has received Soil Conservation awards for his land and farm management practices. LUNCH SERVED.

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Doug Queen of Rossville visited with Kathy Hogue prior to the start of the Mission Valley Ranch's annual production sale held at the ranch just west of Topeka.

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"As planting season gets under way, we're always watching our costs in the field and planning for the year," said Ron Litterer, president of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and a grower from Greene, Iowa. "The higher costs we are facing, for diesel fuel and fertilizers, are an essential part of meeting all needs for corn."

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates diesel prices are running approximately 50 percent higher than this time last year. Despite that dramatic rise in energy, growers are seeing dramatic increases in fertilizer prices. Gary Schnitkey and Dale Lattz, of the University of Illinois Department of Agricultur-

al and Consumer Economics, report that non-land costs for high-productivity farmland are estimated to be \$370 per acre for corn, an increase of near \$50 over 2007 levels. And corn non-land costs have increased over \$120 per acre since 2003. More than half of the cost increase is associated with fertilizer. For corn, fertilizer costs are projected near \$120 in 2008, an increase of over \$30 per acre from 2007 levels.

One of the primary driv-

ers behind higher fertilizer prices is international competition. Farmers in other countries are responding to higher grain prices also by expanding acreage and increasing fertility rates. This has a considerable impact on the price U.S. growers pay for primary nutrients like nitrogen and potassium. Although the United States is a net exporter of phosphate fertilizer, increased foreign demand is driving up domestic prices as well.

For example, Peru and

Brazil went from buying no U.S.-made nitrogen in 2007 to purchasing 130,661 metric tons in January, according to USDA.

As production margins return to more historical levels, growers are finding that their risk has increased dramatically. "Now more than ever growers need to manage financial risks associated with planting corn" Litterer said.

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KCA welcomes new field representative

KCA has recently hired a new field representative that will concentrate on membership services. Heather Wedel, a native of Americus, hit the road running in her first week at KCA. Heather is a 2007 graduate of Kansas State University and has an extensive background in farming and ranching.

Brandy Carter, KCA Executive Director, explained how Heather caught the attention of the association. "I was visiting with Heather when she came into the office one day and when I asked her how she would describe KCA, she said that KCA has been putting the man before the money since

1998. Heather understands the importance of working for the people of Kansas. She has the values that KCA stands for, and I am confident that she will serve the producers and communities of Kansas with exemplary character."

"I'm so grateful to have found this association. It seems that the KCA and I are a fantastic match. In my first few working days I've gotten to talk to some members and some staff. This organization has extensive potential, and I'm very excited to be a part of it. I grew up in rural Kansas near Emporia, living in a world that still respected their teachers, their grand-

parents, and their farmers. However, as often happens; I grew up, moved away and removed the allegorical wool. How baffling that the lack of respect for farmers and ranchers is a common mindset. Granted, it is difficult for today's youth to distinguish between a real friend and an avatar (someone's persona in the virtual world), how can one expect them to have appreciation for where their dinner comes from? In my opinion, any organization whose goal is to debunk the mis-education of the next generation who believe the steak in their quesadilla came from factories or some manner of magic,

deserves all the support and energy I can provide. Let the ranchers ranch. Let the farmers farm. Keep our money between the coasts and for everyone's sake, reinstate common sense as the cornerstone it once was," remarked Wedel.

Wedel has begun visiting with members across the state and will be traveling through numerous counties this spring. Traveling through Kansas, Wedel will focus on membership growth and support for the producers in the state.

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GUNS WILL NOT BE AT SALE SITE UNTIL DAY OF SALE

GUNS, COLLECTOR ITEMS HOUSEHOLD SELL FIRST AT 10:00 AM

Remington 1100 semi auto shotgun with rib barrel; old muzzle loading shotgun; Russian bolt action Army rifle; H.S.B. and Co. 410/44 single shot; .22 single shot rifle; old 10 ga. single shotgun; glass front 12 gun cabinet; left hand golf clubs, some are wood shaft; glassware; church plates; Goodholm plate etc.; wicker loveseat; chairs; and tables; collection of Antique Power magazines; toys; picture frames; ANTIQUE MILLS 5¢ slot machine, needs repair; and other collector items; collection of belt buckles.

TRUCK, TRACTORS, SEMI MOUNTED PLOW, MACHINERY, MOWER, TOOLS, MISCELLANEOUS

1939 FORD DUMP TRUCK, trucks runs and is pretty well complete, VERY RARE; John Deere 4020 tractor, 3 pt. hyd., WF, good rubber; John Deere 40 gas tractor, 3 pt. hyd., WF; IHC H tractor, belt pulley, NF; 5' 3 pt. rotary mower, 3 pt. blade, 3 pt. chisel; small 3 pt. box scraper; 3 pt. disc; 3 pt. sprayer and booms; John Deere wheel disc; Sunflower 14' offset disc; 2 wheel John Deere manure spreader; 2 wheel trailer; 4 wheel grain trailer; 4 wheel running gears; portable bale elevators; tumble bug; other salvage and salvage machinery; small flat bottom boat; fuel tank on stand; tin; metal siding; lumber; PVC pipe; light poles; tires and other farm items; Coleman 4000W generator; Craftsman 18 hp., 42" cut riding mower with bagger; snow blower; roto tiller; Swisher Trim max weed eater; gas weed eater; pull behind sprayer, 12 bolt; garden tools; water pumps; chain saws; oil; concrete saw; double shaft grinders; air compressor, needs repair; electric welder; acetylene outfit; Remington gas pole saw; floor drill press; shop heaters; Makita planer; Craftsman 10" radial arm saw; jig saw wood lathe; and other wood working tools; transit; 3/4" drive socket set; hand tools of all kinds; bench vise; cut-off saw; battery charger; hyd. log splitter; bolts; nuts; parts; tractor chain and dozens of items of all kinds.

TV'S, FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD MISCELLANEOUS

Sylvania 42" color TV; other TV sets; Magic Chef refrigerator with ice maker; modern oak dining tables with 3 leaves and 8 chairs; oak glass front hutch; round ice cream table and 2 ice cream chairs; oct. dinette table and 4 chairs on castes; Ethan Allen oct. table in oak with 4 chairs; 4 piece beautiful bedroom suite; nice sofa bed; rocker recliner and living room chairs; patio furniture; 8' pool table; walnut desk; file cabinets; office items; electric typewriter and other furniture; books; records; knick knacks; pictures; mirrors; kitchen items; invalid equipment; Christmas items; and dozens of household items of all kinds.

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

April 2 — Farm & livestock equipment at Shallow Water for S&K Farms. Auctioneers: Berning Auctions.

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 3 — Dickinson Co. Land at Abilene for Eugene Holdsworth. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers.

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: Beaty & Wischropp.

April 5 — Antiques, collectibles, tools, tractors, machinery, motorcycle, collectibles, cars & parts N. of Lincoln for Adolph & Doreen Hannemann. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 5 — Tractor, farm equipment, mowers, shop tools, guns, antiques, collectibles & misc. W. of Parker for Charlene (Mrs. Larry E.) Lee. Auctioneers: Read Auctions.

April 5 — Lamb sale at Russell for Dickinson Ranch.

April 5 — Tractors, hay equipment, misc. equipment, cattle equipment, vehicles at Overbrook for Randy Babbitt. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

April 5 — Consignments at Greenleaf for Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Auctioneers: Mark Uhlik Auctions.

April 5 — Joy's Show Pig & Club Lamb sale at Nebraska City, NE for Joy Genetics.

April 5 — Farm machinery W. of Seneca for J&R Farms. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

April 5 — Furniture, collectibles, computers, tools & misc. at Junction City for Regina Snider & others. Auctioneers:

Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

April 5 — Antique furniture, tractor, equipment, car, shop, garage, household items & misc. at Hillsboro for Ruby (Mrs. Carl) Friesen. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auctions.

April 5, 6 & 7 — Farm & shop consignment sale at Larned. Auctioneers: Carr Auctions.

April 6 — Show pig sale—Number 1 at Abilene for The Wuthnow Family Show Pigs. Auctioneer: Craig Heinen.

April 6 — Antiques, furniture & household at Council Grove for Dr. L.D. Jernigan. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 6 — Show pig sale at Leavenworth for April Valley Farms.

April 6 — Consignment sale at Centralia for Centralia Community.

April 6 — Antiques, collectibles, modern furniture & appliances & household at Abilene for Muriel (Butch) Cain Estate. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

April 6 — Furniture, collectibles & glassware at Lawrence for Rosemary Twitty Estate. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.

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

April 7 — Angus bulls near Lorraine for Green Garden Angus.

April 8 — Lyon Co. Real Estate at Council Grove for Breckenridge Holding Co. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 8 — Land in Flint Hills at Alma for Premier Outdoor Properties, Inc.

April 8 — Land & improvements SW of Lincoln for Harold H. Reinert Trust No. 1. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty Inc.

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

April 10 — Angus bulls & female at Fredonia for Kimzey Angus Farm.

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 — 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 12 — Real Estate & household N. of Hering-

ton for Michael Ham. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

April 12 — Industrial land & rock quarry at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

April 12 — Farm toys, belt buckles & misc. at Sabetha. Auctioneers: Hartter Auctions.

April 12 — Lamb sale at Hope for Abeldt Club Lambs.

April 12 — 8th annual show pig sale S. of Overbrook for Valleybrook Farm.

April 12 — Tools, 4 whlr, lawn tractor, household, pickup, car & machinery at Axtell for Leonard Rottinghaus Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

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

April 12 — Farm equipment, semi trucks & trailers, tractors, crawler, combines & misc. at Mankato for Mike & Brad Ost. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

April 12 — Firearms, coins, antique tools, toys, adv. items, glassware & misc. at Abilene for Ronnie L. Hottman Estate & Others. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist Auctions.

April 12 — Real Estate, church pews, piano's, antique tables, chairs, microphone system at Clay Center for Fact United Methodist Church. Auctioneers: Gray's Auction Service LLC & Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

April 12 — Commercial real estate at Herington for Maurice Pritz-Pritz Repair & Supply. Auctioneers: Bina Auction Service.

April 12 — Land & farm equipment at Lindsborg. Auctioneers: Blomquist Auctions.

April 12 — Home, vehicles, shop equip. & collectibles at Peck for Farrell & Barbara Callaway. Auctioneers: Theurer Auctions & Realty.

April 12 — Real Estate, car, tractor, trailers, lawn mowers & repair equip. at Mentor for Vernon Comfort Estate-Comfort Small Engine Repair. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 13 — Antiques, collectibles & household at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

April 13 — Elite show pig sale at El Dorado for Duncan-Prairie-land-Flory-Schwenmer.

April 13 — Tractors, equipment, welder, trucks, trailers & misc. at Hartford for Dean Wilson Farms. Auctioneers: Woods Auction Service.

April 13 — Furniture, collectibles, glass & misc. at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

April 14 — Angus bull & female sale at Garnett for Hillhouse Angus Ranch.

April 15 — Real Estate at Norton for Edith Schick. Auctioneers: Jessup Auctions.

April 16 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Ken-

neth Vitt. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

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

April 17 — Lyon Co. land at Emporia for Ronnie & Catherine Vohs. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 18 — Lyon Co. real estate at Emporia for Miller Brothers. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 18 & 19 — JD tractors, equipment & toys at 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 19 — Antiques & collectibles at Clay Center for Wilfred Abels. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions, LLC.

April 19 — Equipment consignment sale at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

April 19 — Farm equipment, vehicle, trailer, guns, shop equipment, cattle equipment & misc. at Erie for Trula Finley. Auctioneers: Larry Marshall Auctions.

April 19 — Show pig sale at DeWitt, Neb. for Gerlach, Inc.

April 19 — Gelbvieh & Balenser Bull sale W. of Chanute near Buffalo for Walkin M Ranch.

April 19 — Machinery sale at Emporia for Miller Brothers. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

April 19 — Tractors, combine, pickups, equipment at Bremen for Mike & Earl Oldehoef. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

April 19 — Cloud Co. land at Clifton for Olive Valerka. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 19 — Clay Co. land at Clifton for Bill & Maxine Branfort. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

April 19 — Commercial heifer auction at El Dorado for Satchel Creek Ranch.

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

April 20 — Real Estate Caravan at Topeka for Simnitt Auctions.

April 21 — Basic Black bull sale at Marysville for Ohlde Cattle Co.

April 21 — Cultivation-grassland, Rush Co. at LaCrosse for Leonard Herrman-Herrman Family Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty.

April 24 — Antiques, household goods, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Bobbie Paulsen. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

April 26 — Complete dispersal-Holsteins at Hillsboro for Rock Home Holsteins. Auctioneers: Burton Fellers Sales.

April 26 — Tractors, hay equip., ATV, trailers, motorhome, farm equip., livestock equip., riding mower, tools & misc. at Basehor. Auctioneers: Seebree Auctions.

April 26 — Household, antiques & farm related items E. of Wilson for Alice Pekarek Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

April 27 — Antique cars, parts, shop equipment, antique toys & misc. at Holton. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers.

April 28 — Farm consignment auction at Council Grove for Council Grove High School Vo Ag Dept. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

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

May 3 — Older machinery, trucks & farm related items SE of Wilson for Leo Brokes Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.

May 3 — Real Estate & personal property at Cottonwood Falls for Clea M. Scott. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

May 4 — Business liquidation auction at Topeka. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

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.

May 31 — Large collection of collectible dolls, doll furniture, doll clothes, doll houses (large doll auction) at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 7 — 13th Annual Wilson Co. 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.

August 23 — Leather & tack shop items, antiques & collectibles, general household at Clay Center for Paul Williams. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction, LLC.

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



Kathy and Bill Hogue visited with Quinter cattleman Dave Polifka prior to the start of the Mission Valley Ranch annual production sale held recently at the ranch in Shawnee County.

RETIREMENT FARM AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - 10:00 AM

From EMPORIA, KS: 6 miles North on K99 Highway, then 2 miles East then 3/4 mile North on gravel. From K99 and 170 Intersection: 2 miles West then 1/4 mile South.

TRACTORS

1997 JD 7810 MFWD, 18x42 with duals, 14x30 front, 3400 hours, power, quad, front weights, nice; 1966 JD 3020 diesel WF, 3 point, very good rubber, low hours on new motor; 3 point quick coupler; suitcase weights for 7000 Ser.; 3 piece front weights for 2 cylinder, 20 and 30 Ser.

TRUCKS & TRAILER

20'x6' gooseneck stock trailer; 1993 Ford F250 4x4 near new tires, used around cattle, not dent free, but very good; 1974 GMC 2 ton truck 16' all steel bed and hoist, very good truck with good tires; 1977 GMC 6500 tandem, 18' steel bed with hoist 366, 5x2, 4 new tires.

SPRAYER

1988 Spray Coupe Model 230, 51' boom, 1887 hours.

COMBINE

1996 Gleaner R52, always shedded, 1482 sep. hours; 500 series flex head, 20', shedded; AC 6 row cornhead, black.

MACHINERY

1998 TYE 2024 no till folding drill, 10" space, double disc, press wheels, bought new, always shedded; JD 7200

planter, 6 row, liquid fertilizer, squeeze pump; Rhino RC15 flail stock cutter, like new, shedded; IHC 510 drill, 21' hole, double disc, press whls.; 3 point post hole digger; 3 point NH3 applicator, 21' folding; 1,000 gallon NH3 tank with hose; JD 714 mulch tiller, 12'; JD 100 chisel, 14' with Buster bar; Krause 1404 disc, 21'; Kent 25' field cultivator with mulcher; JD 3 point, 4 section folding harrow; Big Ox 9' 3 point blade; New Holland 234, 4 wheel wagon, 2" floor, sides, hoist; Oliver 5 bottom semi mount plow; Westfield 8'x51' auger, gear drive, swingaway; 6'x31' auger; JD 1 shank ripper; Bush Hog 6' rotary mower, 3 point; Buffalo 4600 no till cultivator, scout guidance, disc hillers.

MISCELLANEOUS

500 gallon fuel tank with electric pump, new; 1,000 gallon poly water tank; 100 gallon shuttle with chemical pump; 120 gallon shuttle with electric pump; Homelite 2" transfer pump; several older pieces of salvage equipment.

Not very much miscellaneous items, don't be late.

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Elections held for commission posts

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Commissioner-Elect for the Kansas Sunflower Commission

There were no candidates for commissioner in districts four, five and six. Commissioners will be appointed by the Kansas Sunflower Commission.

Commissioners-Elect for the Kansas Wheat Commission

District four — Steve Clanton, who also was elected to the Kansas Soybean Commission. He grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat in Ottawa County. He currently serves on the Kansas Soybean Commission. He has been involved in many organizations, including the local extension and soil conservation board and the Kansas Soybean Association.

He is a past president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. Clanton has a bachelor's degree in engineering from Kansas State University. District five — Dean Stoskopf, who grows wheat, grain sorghum and alfalfa, and has a cow-calf herd in Barton County. He currently is finishing his second term on the Kansas Wheat Commission, he is a past president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and is a current member of Kansas Farm Bureau. Stoskopf has a degree in agriculture from Kansas State University. District six — Scott Van Allen, who grows sorghum and wheat in Sumner County. He is a past president and current member of the Sumner County Farm Bureau. Van Allen has also been on Kansas Farm Bureau's wheat advisory board for the past two years. Van Allen is a graduate of Clearwater High.

Corn, grain sorghum, soybean, sunflower and wheat growers in the western third of the state can expect to receive information by mail this fall outlining the 2009 election procedure.

Affected by the 2009 election will be districts one, two and three.

Grain growers who plan to campaign for a seat on one of the commissions must collect on an official petition form 20 signatures from eligible voters to be included on the 2009 ballot.

Official petition forms will be available through the Kansas Department of Agriculture or one of the grain commodity commissions.

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