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Groups call for ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a significant reversal, major meat and dairy industry groups backed a total ban on so-called downer cattle from entering the food supply.

Calls for such a ban have come from advocacy groups and some lawmakers in the wake of the massive beef recall from a Southern California slaughterhouse in February.

Current law bans slaughter of most cows that are unable to stand, but they're allowed in if they fall down after passing a veterinarian's inspection and then are re-inspected.

Advocacy groups called that a loophole, but the Agriculture Department and the meat industry opposed changing it. Now, under pressure from Congress and outside groups, the industry has reconsidered.

The American Meat Institute, the National Meat Association and the National Milk Producers Federation announced Tuesday that they have petitioned the Agriculture Department to enact a total ban.

"We think that the time has come," said Jeremy Russell, spokesman for the National Meat Association, which represents some 400 packers and processors. "We want to send a clear message to consumers that we're putting their welfare and concerns ahead of the economics."

A spokeswoman for the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment. Agriculture Secretary Edward Schafer said in the wake of the recall that he thought the existing rule protected food safety, and that it was not fair to cattle owners to ban the slaughter of cows that may be perfectly safe to eat and just have a broken leg or hip.

Schafer wasn't able to estimate how many additional cattle might be affected by a total ban, and the overall economic impact is difficult to calculate, though Mark Dopp of the American Meat Institute said it wasn't expected to be significant.

The American Meat Institute and the National Meat Association said they would encourage companies to enact a voluntary moratorium until the Agriculture Department changes the rule. "Allowing the current rule to remain in force could ultimately undermine the confidence of U.S. consumers and foreign customers, in markets that are proving difficult to reopen in the first place," said AMI President and CEO J. Patrick Boyle.

FFA road show



Kansas FFA State President Bethany Bohnenblust took possession of a new Toyota Tundra that was presented to the Kansas FFA and the Kansas FFA Foundation. The truck was presented by Charles Hancock, District Manager and Brett Parham, truck champion/sales manager. According to Jill Zimmerman, foundation executive director the truck will be on hand at many of the FFA events throughout the state including the State FFA Career Development Events and the State FFA Convention. The truck with its bright graphics, is a rolling promotional tool for the youth development organization.

Researchers work to make beef industry aware of the costs, considerations of switching to natural or organic methods

By Erinn Barcomb-Peterson

When Kansas State University graduate student Ben Wileman was a practicing veterinarian in Belle Fourche, S.D., natural and organic labels were a big focus for the beef producers he saw.

"They tended to be terms that were thrown around a lot, but few people really seemed to know what they truly meant," Wileman said.

The definition of "organic" is defined by U.S. Department of Agriculture; "natural," however, can be defined differently depending on who's doing the labeling. But both terms mean one thing: higher costs for producers. That's why Wileman hopes that his research will be another tool to help those in the beef industry pondering whether to abandon conventional methods and go natural or organic.

Wileman, a doctoral student in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at K-State, is examining the economics and logistics of conventionally raised beef versus organic and naturally raised beef. He is working with Dan Thomson, associate professor of clinical sciences at K-State. The research was presented in February at the



Ben Wileman displays some of the natural and organic products available in the meat case currently. He's conducting research into the costs and returns for producing this type of meat product.

Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas and will be presented again in July at the American Veterinary Medicine Association conference in New Orleans. "The reason we're looking at this is because before anyone decides to go all-natural or all-organic, they need to be aware of what it's going to cost them and cost consumers," Wileman said. "We want produc-

ers to be knowledgeable about what to expect in terms of performance and economics."

Although the scientific facets of organic foods have been probed, Wileman said that little research has been done on the economic impact. Using data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the K-State researchers considered feed costs and

availability, the number of organic grain producers, the supply and demand for such grains going to beef cattle, and the performance impacts. They found that a producer would have to make about \$120 more per head on naturally finished cattle to make the same profit as they would have on conventionally finished ones. For organically finished cattle, that increases to about \$400 more per head.

The greatest contributing factor to the cost of going natural or organic is feed prices, Wileman said. In areas where there are relatively few certified-organic grain producers, transporting and certifying grain adds a major expense.

What's more, Wileman said, is that research done at K-State shows that beef producers are competing for a mere 2 percent of a consumer's income. He said another thing to keep in mind is research showing that most growth in organic and natural food items has come from the same shoppers buying more products, not from an increase in the numbers of like-minded consumers. With this in mind, Wileman said there are a few things that the beef industry should consider

when contemplating going organic or natural. Producers need to consider that they won't be able to feed their cattle in the same way and may consider forming cooperatives to meet their needs. Likewise, feedlots must be mindful of feed handling to prevent mixing organic grains with conventionally grown grains. Finally, packagers and restaurants need to know that they will have to absorb the increased costs of going natural or organic — or be prepared to pass those costs on to their consumers.

The K-State researchers don't want to dissuade producers and others in the beef industry from going natural or organic, but they do want to offer information that can help them make that decision.

"There's not a problem with going natural or organic, but there will be production and economic issues that they will need to compensate for," Wileman said. "We want to be able to show what the implications of going organic or natural are before a producer or corporation makes that decision."

Because much of the scientific research on organic foods has centered on fruits and vegetables, Wileman

said there is plenty of room to study the performance aspects of organic and natural beef production. For instance, he said that some research already has shown that natural diets can increase the prevalence of liver abscesses in cattle. Little is known about how these diets might affect other diseases like foot rot, he said.

"There are a lot more questions that need to be answered," he said.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Where To Invest

Last Saturday afternoon May and I, along with eight other volunteers, worked at getting a place ready for an auction sale. The comfortable, well-designed house was cleaned and vacuumed to be ready for prospective buyers. Stuff and more stuff that had been stored in the shop building was packed into boxes and carried outside to be placed on three big trailers. All these items as well as the real estate and all the furnishings will be sold at auction on May 24.

It was in the big shop that I began to get the true picture of the magnitude of what had been a great ministry. Way out in the boondocks, about twenty miles from the Wal-Mart store in Concordia and about the same distance from the Dairy Queen in Belleville is a sign that reads, "Creative Evangelism, Inc." While traveling east on Highway 148, I had seen the sign and the attractive buildings that sit a quarter of a mile back from the highway, but that was all I knew about the place until Saturday, when we dug deep into what had been a very effective ministry or outreach. The building site is on high ground that overlooks beautiful rolling hills, a location somewhat isolated, where peace and tranquility reign.

The large shop has an enclosed loft that housed the 60 or more marionettes and puppets that have been used in programs in cities and in town and country churches all across the United States as well as in Hong Kong, Japan, and Mexico. A trailer, pulled by a van or a Suburban, had carried the troupe along with a specially designed portable stage as they traveled to meetings.

All the props, from a covered wagon to airplanes, were made in the well-equipped shop by Rev. Willard Grant, now deceased, and Rev. John Baker. Many of the figures — marionettes and puppets, which were custom made — were valued at \$800 or more. A variety of materials such as wood, hair, cloth, metal, string, and fur were used in designing them. A great deal of research was done to come up with authentic costumes and props to fit the different times, countries, and the people depicted in the skits and stories telling about what God had done in their lives.

The wives, Margaret Grant and Linda Baker, used their creative skills in music and writing to develop programs with stories, songs, skits, and other activities in which Biblical principles were taught. Audiences of children and adults were

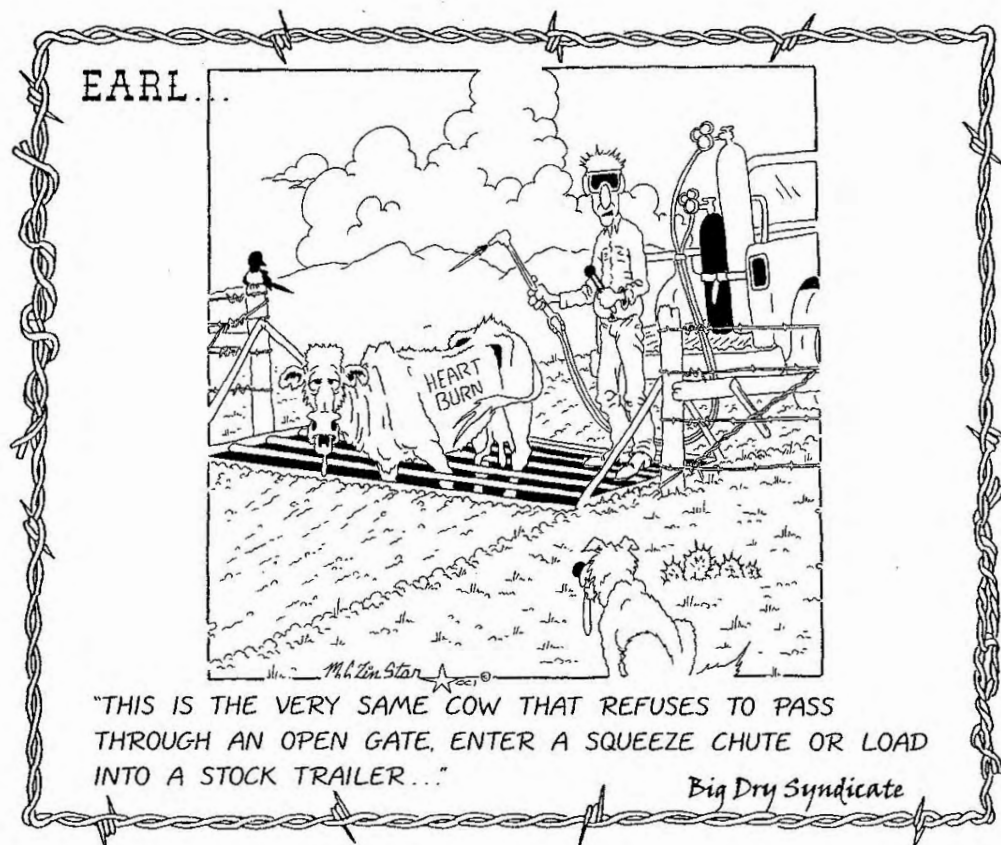
enthralled with the performances and messages of hope that were presented. They were drawn in to participate in the activities so that impressions were meaningful and lasting — learning that God loves each one of us and can be trusted to give a real purpose for living.

I was impressed with how carefully the props were stored, hopefully for future use. Each marionette and each puppet was encased in a cloth or plastic bag and hanging on a clothes rack. I saw lots of D-Con containers but no mice. The comfortable home for family living contains a sound room, equipped for recording, and hundreds of cassettes and CDs were filed away — ready for use.

North of the house is the guest cottage with four bedrooms, each with its own bath. It also has a kitchen, dining room, lounge, and a study containing a library that makes it inviting. In the past many have gone there to be trained, restored, and refreshed for a more productive and abundant life. It has served as a place for training missionaries, for retreats, and as a temporary home for visiting missionaries. Now it is seldom used but is still very functional, in good condition, and ready for use. The entire ministry, including the headquarters, was financed by free-will offerings and donations from those who wished to contribute to it.

I have been reading in Ecclesiastes, where King Solomon, who had everything in life his heart could desire and had "done it all," summed it up by saying, "All things are wearisome; all wisdom, pleasure, and work are meaningless, madness, and folly. We are all chasing after the wind." As we worked to get ready for the sale, it occurred to me that all things will in time be laid aside and become useless. It is the changed lives that are given hope and a purpose for living that will be enduring and will last for eternity. No one will ever be able to measure the good that the Grants and the Bakers have accomplished through the Creative Evangelism ministry during the time they had to labor in it, but the impact has been great. They invested their time and skills in efforts to change lives, producing eternal rewards, rather than in accumulating wealth that in time will become meaningless.

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.



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Plunge

By Jim Suber

Last fall some family members and I rode a narrow gauge steam train in the Rocky Mountains up and back from Durango to Silverton, Colo. It was great, but let me say this: there were times you wondered if the old rail bed was good enough to keep us all from plunging hundreds of feet off the sides of mountains onto the rocks and into the river far below.

The feeling was a mix of it won't happen this trip because it isn't supposed to and they know what they're doing but it theoretically could happen and happen to us because this bed is old and creaky and they've had a lot of rain and a fatigued piece of rail or rotted tie could break and send us crashing down. The last part went unspoken among the passengers, but the idea of what was possible in that position crossed most minds on the train, I would wager.

I'm getting similar apprehensive feelings about our lives in the United States. The components of the farm/food/energy/trade/money complex are so tightly connected that I have great doubts we will be able to come off the side of this current metaphorical mountain without some degree of disaster to us and many other countries. Add in the popular recession talk as underlined by the housing/investment banking and consumer confidence crisis. I've heard pundits several times on national television decry raising corn only to make fuel when it should, in their views, be used to make food and feed. There is no question that ethanol uses at least 25 percent of the corn crop now, and that is underpinning the grain complex. At the same time, higher gasoline and

diesel and natural gas prices are causing consumers, who include farmers and truckers, to shell out far more for power and heat and fertilizers and chemicals and then for everything else from breakfast cereal they also eat to vehicles and machines made by energy-based manufacturing of steel and plastic. But the real point here is that if we removed ethanol from the equation, what would happen if corn fell to \$2 or less a bushel? As long as there is a fuel shortage, and feed is \$2 a bushel, there will be ethanol for fuel, unless banned.

Assuming the nation's leadership wanted farmers here to stay in business, there would have to be huge subsidy payments to offset the difference between \$2 corn or wheat and the now much higher costs of production, because petroleum-based products and services aren't probably going to return to levels of five years ago. Our cheap food policy, whether written or stated or even only suspected, was nevertheless the way things were, but mostly because we had cheap energy, which led to cheap food. Can we go back?

The government supply and demand estimates recently were interpreted by experts in agricultural economics to reveal that we as a world community have virtually no reserves of grain, which means prices should remain strong or go on up. A record weak dollar means it is easier than before for other nations to buy or import our commodities. Record fuel prices here are keeping ethanol in business, along with the blenders' credit of 50 cents a gallon and the tariff that keeps cheaper Brazilian sugar cane ethanol out. We are high on a mountainside in obvious peril. If we wreck, are you ready?



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Making the most of cattle herd information

By Kris Ringwall

The easy part is data collection. The tough part is having enough cattle treated alike so the calculated number based on the data set actually means something.

A lot of data is discarded because it does not meet organizational criteria. For example, when calves are split within different management options, the performance in those different options is more than likely not the same.

Calves on different pastures do not have the same opportunity to gain weight. The utilization of the data for genetic evaluations is compromised if those management groups are not noted in the data sheets sent to the recording organization.

Good data comes from contemporary groups, which are essential to obtain usable data. Contemporary groups are same-sex calves maintained under similar management in the same location and environment. It's a simple concept, but not a simple process when managing a herd of cattle.

For example, as cattle are moved around and resorted for breeding, the contemporary groups can be reduced in size. It is best to try to maintain a decent number of calves within contemporary groups.

If one reads the guidelines for data organization, those recommendations should be readily

available. For example, if one goes to <http://www.angus.org/performance>, one can find the guidelines for submitting records to the Angus association.

The association notes that "a useful contemporary group size is 10 or more animals of the same sex born within a 90-day period and weighed within a three-day window." This parameter is important to understand so the data submitted can be utilized to calculate the expected progeny differences (EPDs) within the National Cattle Evaluation.

The desired outcome requires good planning and understanding of the definitions. In this case, producers must plan the process they are going to implement within the herd to maximize the number of acceptable records eligible for submission to the database.

Planning needs to start now and be followed through the entire time the calf needs to be part of the allotted contemporary group. Many times after calving, calves from a contemporary group are split up and put in smaller groups to be evaluated for various traits. This reduces the number of calves within the contemporary group and distracts from the data.

For example, the sending of a particular sire's calves to different feed yards to see how they perform in the different environments, especially when the number of calves from that sire are limited. That would be a way to evaluate feed yards, but at the expense of losing genetic data. The more calves in a contemporary group, the better the estimate of the average of the desired trait and the better the distribution of estimated weights. Plan first and

then make sure contemporary groups are properly maintained so the estimate of the individual's performance, in respect to the average of the contemporary groups, may contribute to the National Animal Evaluation for a breed.

The utilization of sire data needs to start at the front end of the process with the submission of good data. The methods utilized by the many

breed associations today are very effective at providing education and estimates of genetic potential, which in this case is EPDs.

However, as breeders of cattle, it ultimately is up to individual breeders to submit data that will allow for the maximum number of cattle within the breeder's operation to be added to the national database. Why go through all the effort of selecting

good cattle and building good breeding programs only to have a higher percentage of the data fall out of the database due to mistakes made in data collection or the assigning of contemporary groups?

Astute breeders understand data. Set some aside time to reread your association's guidelines for data collection. Understanding the rules is worth it.

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dryer; electric heaters; fans; microwave stand; portable sewing machine.

COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS & MISC.

Lone Wolf picture; carom board; large barb wire display; 8 BB guns; 2 pellet rifles; 10 fishing rods & reels; CI pot; boomers; grease gun; air

comp. tank; sockets; box end wrenches; screw drivers; half inch drills; skill saws; complete Victor cutting torch; log chains; wheelbarrow; electric tools; vises; air compressor; battery jars; small band saw; sump pump; gas powered compost shredder; 2 pair camper jacks; bedding & linens; kitchen items of all kinds.

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barber bottles; Lundberg glass; red Bohemian glass; Amberina glass; large colbalt Westmoreland bull dog; miniature oil lamps; Czech art glass lamp; Lundberg w/lady base lamp; dolls; jewelry caskets; large assortment jewelry; vintage baby & doll items; antique lace cloths; "Sparkle Plenty" clothes sprinkler; vintage & retro dinner dishes & glasses; 50's canister set; Halloween & Christmas items; Westmoreland glass sleighs; iron trivets; Coke truck; Ford on Steel

sign; stain glass lamps; framed pictures & oil painting; cabinet hardware; assortment of collectables.

FURNITURE

Oak dining table w/leaves & twisted claw ball feet; large glass front cabinet; marble top coffee table; child's etergere; bentwood child's rocker & chair; wicker child's rocking chair & curved back chair; assortment child's & doll chairs; leather buggy & horse.

See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listings.

NOTE: This is a very large auction, there are many pieces of glass & collectables. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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12 video games; 60's Pepsi machine; assortment parts for video games; 2 Rockola 442 juke boxes; 3-1983 Rockola juke boxes; several hundred 45 records (70's, 80's & 90's); beige gas granite cook stove; 3 cast iron gas parlor stoves; 20 beer signs; neon signs;

Budweiser glasses; Coors glasses; 60's carnival punch bowl & serving pieces; several cardboard roller skate signs; Singer treadle sewing machine; several wooden doors; screen doors; several wood & metal beds; china chandelier; 10' restaurant bar; restaurant table's; cake pans & decorating items; rotary telephones;

steel guitar & amplifier; many clamp on roller skates; assortment wood shelving; ping pong table; several roller track pieces; overhead furnace; used tires; Johnson & Chrysler boat motor's; large assortment of items.

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1957 John Deere 720 propane Wheatland.

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Immediately following the Hughes auction we will move to South Chestnut in Clyde

HOUSEHOLD, COLLECTABLES & TOOLS
Oak white divan, loveseat & chair; Whirlpool portable dish washer; 30's mahogany desk; elephant end table; Hoover upright vacuum; Bissell canister vacuum; Enviracaire air

machine; Jewell T; set Home-style china; Fenton glass basket; 4 Shawnee card ash tray cup holders; Christmas items; 8 place set brown crock dishes; TOOLS: Snapper 4 hp mower; Shopsmith model 610; tool cabinet; assortment hand

tools; electric hedge trimmer; aluminum 4' ladder; 10 pieces 8' fiberglass roofing; fishing poles; 10' aluminum step ladder; aluminum extension ladder; air bubble; assortment of items.

See last week's Grass & Grain for complete listings.

Note: We will sell the Hughes items first followed by the Morrissitte items. Hughes had a video and jute box route for many years, there are several machines. Check our web site for pictures at www.thummelauction.com.

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***** By G&G Area Cooks *****

Jackie Meuli, Hope, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest & Prize

Winner Jackie Meuli, Hope:
EXTRA-SPECIAL ZUCCHINI BREAD

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 cups shredded zucchini

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9-by-5-inch loaf pans or seven 5 3/4-by-3-by-2-inch foil loaf pans. In a large bowl beat eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla until smooth, about 3 minutes. Beat in the cream cheese. In a large bowl whisk flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. On low speed, gradually beat into the egg mixture. Fold in walnuts and zucchini. Evenly divide the batter between the two prepared pans or the seven smaller pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes (for the large size) or 35 minutes (for the small loaves) or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from the oven and allow to cool in the pan for 10 minutes on a wire rack. Turn out of pans and allow to cool completely.

NOTE: Can also be baked in muffin tins (makes 25 muffins). Change cook time to 15 minutes.

Ida Eater, Raymond:
"A great ahead breakfast or brunch."

- TOFFEE APPLE FRENCH TOAST**
- *8 cups cubed French bread, (1-inch)
 - 2 medium tart apples, peeled & chopped
 - 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
 - 1/4 cup white sugar
 - 1 3/4 cups milk, divided
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla, divided
 - 1/2 cup toffee bits
 - 5 eggs

Put half the bread cubes in a greased 9-by-13-inch dish; top with apples. In a large bowl beat cream cheese, sugars, 1/4 cup milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in toffee bits. Spread over the apples and top with bread cubes. In another bowl beat the eggs and remaining milk and vanilla until blended and pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove dish 30 minutes before baking in a 350-degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.

Kathy Hogue of Topeka/Alma has permission to share a friends recipe. The concept of cooking these loaves on a broiler pan is brilliant — any grease drips down into the lower pan. Double the recipe and freeze leftovers for a quick busy day meal.

ALL AMERICAN MEAT LOAVES
Pam Ferrell

- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 3/4 cup quick-cooking oats
 - 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
 - 1 small onion
 - 1/2 cup ketchup
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 2 pounds ground chuck
- Sauce:
- 1/2 cup ketchup
 - 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
 - 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
 - 3 tablespoons brown sugar

Combine the first 9 ingredients and shape into 6 or 8 loaves. Place on a lightly greased rack of broiler pan. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 40 minutes. Combine sauce ingredients and pour on top of loaves and bake an additional 5 minutes.

Gin Fox, Holton: CREAMY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons water
- 5 cups cooked chicken, diced
- 20 6-inch tortillas
- 2 cans condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 cans chopped green chiles or Ro-tel
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese or Monterey Jack cheese (8 ounces)
- Salt & pepper (sprinkle a little of each to your liking)

In a mixing bowl beat the cream cheese, water, salt and pepper until smooth. Stir in chicken. Place 3/4 cup of mixture in the center of each tortilla. Roll up and place seam side down in two greased 9-by-13-inch baking dishes. Combine the soup, sour cream, milk and chiles and pour over the enchiladas. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and bake 5 more minutes or until cheese is melted.

Noel L. Miller, Maple Hill: "Since cupcakes are becoming so popular, here's a quick and easy recipe to use some of your spring rhubarb and strawberries in."

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB CUPCAKES

- 1 strawberry flavored cake mix
- 2 cups chopped rhubarb
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar (more or less for your taste)

Mix rhubarb and strawberries with sugar and set aside. Prepare cake mix as on box instructions. Add strawberry-rhubarb mixture to cake batter. Follow box instructions again for making cupcakes. Frost with strawberry frosting or whatever you like.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: PEAS & CHEESE TORTELLINI

- 1 pound frozen cheese tortellini
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 2 tablespoons butter

- 5 scallions, green part too, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 2/3 cup milk
- Salt & pepper
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a saucepan of boiling salted water cook the tortellini; drain. In a pan mix the peas, butter and scallion and cook over medium heat for 2 minutes. Whisk in the flour and cook, stirring for 1 minute. Gradually whisk in the milk and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Season with a little salt and pepper. Stir the tortellini and 1/3 cup cheese into the sauce. You can sprinkle more cheese on top.

Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Neb.: RHUBARB CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2/3 cup oil
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups rhubarb, chopped
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Topping:
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon margarine or butter
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

Mix 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, egg, buttermilk, oil, flour, soda, salt and vanilla. Add chopped rhubarb and nuts. Spread in a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix topping ingredients together and sprinkle over batter. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: BAKED CHERRY PUDDING

- 1 2/3 cups sugar, divided
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 14 1/2-ounce can pitted tart cherries, undrained
- 1 tablespoon butter

In a small bowl combine 2/3 cup sugar and flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in milk. Spread into a greased 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking dish; set aside. In a small saucepan combine the cherries, butter and remaining sugar. Bring to a boil and cook and stir for 1 to 2 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Spoon over crust and bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm. Serves 6.

Mary Rogers, Topeka: BACON & POTATO SKILLET

- 2 cups frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 10 slices cooked bacon, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a skillet cook hash brown potatoes and green pepper in oil for 5 minutes, stirring until potatoes are browned. In a bowl combine eggs and milk; pour evenly over potatoes and green peppers in skillet. Sprinkle with bacon. Cover and reduce heat to low. Cook 8 to 11 minutes until eggs are set. Sprinkle with cheese; cover and heat until cheese is melted. Cut in wedges and serve hot.

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- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 8 apples, peeled, cored & sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a bowl combine sugar, raisins, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add apples, tossing gently to coat. Place apples in prepared baking dish. Sprinkle crumb topping evenly over apple mixture. Bake 30 to 40 minutes or until apples are tender and crust is golden.

Crumb Topping:

- 4 cups brown sugar
- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup butter

In a bowl combine brown sugar and flour. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly.

SAUCY CHICKEN

- 6 chicken cutlets, about 1 1/2 pounds
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Pour oil into large roasting pan. Add chicken, onion and mushrooms, turning to coat with oil. Bake 5 minutes, turn chicken over and stir vegetables. Bake an additional 5 minutes. In a bowl whisk flour into chicken broth. Add vinegar, lemon juice, salt and pepper, stirring well. When chicken has cooked for 10 minutes, add broth mixture to roasting pan, cover with foil and bake 10 minutes. Remove foil, stir vegetables and bake, uncovered, until sauce bubbles and is slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Heat broiler. Turn chicken over. Place pan 6 inches from heat and broil until chicken just starts to turn golden, about 3 to 5 minutes. Serve immediately.

SESAME SLAW

- 2 cups shredded green cabbage
- 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage
- 1/3 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, toasted
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In a bowl combine the cabbage, green pepper and onion. Combine the vinegar, sugar, sesame seeds and salt; pour over cabbage mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

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Tips To Help Lower The Grocery Bills

Just like prices at the pump, consumers are seeing increases in the grocery store as well. The Department of Labor estimates that the average American family of four spends \$8,513.00 per year on groceries. That averages out to \$709 per month. For some families, that rivals a mortgage payment.

Groceries gobble up the biggest part of a family's household budget, said Sissy Osteen, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service resource management specialist.

"One of the easiest ways to lower your grocery bill is to simply make fewer trips to the store. Make a big trip once or twice a month," Osteen said. "The fewer times you're in the store, the less opportunity you'll have for impulse buying. Research indicates that consumers making a "quick trip" to the store end up spending 54 percent more than they intended."

A consumer who goes to the store three times per week and spends \$10 on impulse buys each trip will end up spending an additional \$120 per month. By going to the store just once per week, consumers will spend only \$40 per month on impulse buys and those shopping once per month will spend \$10 on impulse items. The shopping less and saving more strategy can save families nearly \$1,000 per year.

Shoppers can easily shave several dollars from their grocery bills by purchasing generic or store brand products over national brand items.

"In most cases you won't sacrifice much in quality," she said. "Everything from cereal and frozen vegetables to canned goods and prescription drugs is avail-

able under a generic or store brand label. You can save from a few cents to a couple of dollars per item. The savings can quickly add up."

If there are a number of grocery stores in your area, compare the weekly sales ads and plan menus accordingly. Look for cheaper cuts of meat. Chicken thighs and legs cost less than chicken breasts.

Osteen said coupons can be a good way to save money. Many stores will double coupons up to a dollar. "Keep in mind that you should only use coupons for products you use," she said. "Be sure to compare the discounted price to the price of a store-brand product. Even with a coupon, you may be better off buying the store brand."

Also, when it comes to shopping, make a list and stick to it. Plan the week's meals and snacks and jot down everything needed for each meal. If possible, shop without your children so

you are not tempted to give into pressure from youngsters for an extra treat or toy that is not on the list.

"Be sure to compare prices on everything. Bagged apples may be cheaper than bulk apples," Osteen said. "Bagged salads will cost you more than buying the ingredients separately. Most grocery stores post the price per ounce, pound or other unit of measurement. The largest size of a product may not always be the cheapest. However, don't buy more than you'll use. If you end up throwing things out, you've wasted your money, no matter how good the deal was to begin with. Additionally, if you find that you have accumulated too many grocery items, skip a shopping trip and plan your week's meals around what you have on hand. This saves money and time."

Eating out is another way consumers can let spending get out of control. Make an effort to cut back on eating

out, drive-through dining and food delivered to the home.

"If you must eat out, try doing so at lunch time to take advantage of lunch specials and lower prices," Osteen said. "Instead of going out for lunch everyday at work, bring lunch from home. Spending just \$2 per day on a homemade lunch versus \$6 per day on a sandwich shop can save you nearly \$1,000 per year."

Many consumers stop by a coffee shop on their way to work for a latte or cappuccino. This \$4 per day habit adds up to more than \$1,000 per year. Invest in a good-quality machine and make your own coffee at home or at work.

"There are some expenditures families can do without, but groceries are always needed," Osteen said. "Taking some time to plan menus and curbing eating out can help keep your budget on track."

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Chefs learn beef from pasture to plate

Kansas City is famous for its rich beef history. The West Bottoms are home to the Union Stockyards and American Royal, throughout the city are businesses dedicated to the beef industry and perhaps most noteworthy are the amazing restaurants that populate the metro area. Whether served as prime KC Strip at a white-tablecloth restaurant, smoked brisket at one of Kansas City's famous barbecue spots or as part of a culinary masterpiece at a contemporary establishment,

beef and Kansas City are a natural fit.

However, this partnership would not exist without the talented chefs who bring high-quality beef to consumers' tables on a daily basis. Through coordination with the Greater Kansas City Chef's Association, the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) will provide a firsthand learning experience for 25 of Kansas City's finest chefs during the "Pasture to Plate" tour May 5-6. The tour will inform chefs about the latest in beef culinary trends, high-

light the versatility of beef in menu applications and showcase the production system from pasture to plate. Each chef will earn 10 continuing education hours from the American Culinary Federation. "Beef continues to be consumers' number one protein choice. Thanks to amazing chefs, our nutritious, flavorful product is brought to consumers through a variety of ways," said Frank Harper, a beef producer from Sedgwick, KS, and KBC chairman. "Investing checkoff dollars into a program that showcases the safety, quality and versatility of our product is a priority for KBC."

Participating chefs will spend two days learning the beef industry from beginning to end. A visit to Doyle Creek Land & Cattle, located in the scenic Flint Hills with headquarters at Florence, will let chefs experience the beginning of the production cycle at this cow-calf ranch. During the visit they will hear from CattleFax, a market analyst business based in Denver, about market forces impacting beef prices.

Knight Feedlot, Lyons, will provide insight to the growing and finishing phase, plus chefs will hear a discussion about branded beef programs and marketing efforts to deliver a consistent product to consumers.

During a stay at the historic Midland Hotel in Wilson, chefs will enjoy a beef dinner prepared from recipes created at the beef industry's Culinary Center in Chicago.

During a carcass fabrication demonstration chefs will see firsthand where "value cuts" such as the Flat Iron, Ranch Cut, Country Style Ribs and Denver Cut originate. All cuts have excellent application at food-service, providing customers alternatives to traditional steaks.

"Keeping beef center of the plate at foodservice is a priority for the beef industry," said Sharla Huseman, Director of Marketing for KBC and tour coordinator.



His parents have been to past Basic Blacks Bull Sales, hosted by Ohlde Cattle Company of Palmer, but this was the first time Ian Walker had come from Indiana with them to participate in the auction at the Marysville sale barn.

Corn board member speaks at commodities trading meeting

National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Corn Board member Garry Niemeyer addressed the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) where he discussed the impacts of the futures market on the grain trade.

During his remarks, Niemeyer noted large hedge funds are having a substantial influence in the futures markets and stated they should be treated as non-traditional hedgers or speculators.

Additionally, Niemeyer expressed concern for large index and hedge funds that sell a commodity index and then buy futures contracts in each of their market basket commodities because they could be construed as a hedge. In reality, Niemeyer said, "funds are selling a market basket of futures prices, not a market basket of physical commodities."

"NCGA proposes that index funds should not be afforded the same margin requirements as traditional commercial hedgers," he added. "To be classified as a hedger, the entity must have a cash position. We are not suggesting that they have an equal or proportional cash position, but somewhere within that company they must be buying or selling cash grain to retain the hedger classification."

Niemeyer noted the

grain market lacks convergence. Convergence is the pattern where cash and futures market prices close to traditional levels. "Lack of convergence has caused the elevators not to accept grain bids for future delivery," he said. "Unfortunately, farmers are losing a valuable risk management tool just when their risks are at their highest. I am therefore unable to make future grain sales."

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Rural grocery store summit to gather small-town solutions

Continuing a mission to preserve and even restore small towns' vitality, the Center for Engagement and Community Development at Kansas State University has organized a summit for owners of rural grocery stores.

"We expect to hear from owners and others about the challenges they face, as well as how they've addressed them," said David Procter, center director. The summit also is an opportunity for elected officials, economic development workers, food distributors and university researchers to meet face to face and exchange ideas.

The June 1 summit, to be

1:30-4:30 p.m. in Inman, grew out of the surveys and in-depth interviews the center has completed as part of its Rural Grocery Store Initiative. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development, the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development and the Kansas Sampler Foundation in Inman are cooperating on the project.

Procter said K-State's Center for Engagement and Community Development has been working closely with stores in five Kansas towns: Alma, Florence, Gove, Onaga and Potwin. The surveys and interviews, which are still being analyzed, reveal com-

mon concerns about growing distribution fees, shrinking sales and commuting customers. But such best practices as support for local sports teams and deliveries to older residents could be adopted in other towns, Procter suggested.

Sharing those workable ideas is a big part of the summit. Registration for the free event must be completed by May 15 and can be done online at <http://www.ruralgrocery.org/events/>.

Organizers also hope to hear about what rural store owners need in the way of resources.

"This is where K-State can be a real asset," Pro-

cter said. "Whether the need is for business plans, analysis of transportation options or the feasibility of buying equipment like a refrigerated truck to serve a group of stores, we have a tremendous range of expertise on campus, and our faculty and staff are eager to reach out."

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desk; 60 plus pocket knives; 200 plus marbles; 50 plus Hallmark ornaments; 50 plus pieces of blue granite swirl; 175 plus various style steel traps; Mammy McCoy cookie jar; several copper pieces, bottles, jars; selection of old coins; guns, 20 plus, sells at 10:00 am; toys, toys, good selection of all kinds of toys; large assortment of books and paper items; selection of watches; pens; pencils; postcards, etc.; lots and lots of collectibles and antique items.

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Business plan guides national animal identification system

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has released a draft Business Plan to further the implementation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). AMS encourages participants in voluntary marketing programs such as the USDA Process Verified, the Quality Systems Assessment and the Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Programs to meet the inherent animal identification requirements by using NAIS.

"The AMS Business Plan will allow for integration of the National Animal Identification System with AMS audit-based marketing programs," said Bruce Knight, under secretary for marketing and regulatory programs. "NAIS is a voluntary partnership among producers and government. This immediately provides the producer a twofold reward for a single investment. It ensures trace back of their animals for herd health reasons and provides benefits for marketing value-added animals domestically and internationally."

Currently, all AMS partners that have approved marketing programs are actively encouraging the use of premise registration and NAIS compliant Animal Identification Numbers for these marketing program participants. Using NAIS, producers would at the

same time meet the requirements for animal identification and traceability for these AMS marketing programs. Further, use of NAIS along with enrollment in these voluntary AMS marketing programs ensures that cattle are eligible for the AMS Export Verification Program for Japan with an opportunity for significant premiums for cattle producers.

NAIS would single out product derived from these cattle so that it can be labeled properly when presented for sale at U.S. grocery stores, for American consumers. This helps meet the objectives of the Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) program by identifying the origin of cattle upon arrival at

harvest facilities. Contingent upon the publication of a Final Rule implementing COOL for meat and poultry products, AMS and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will coordinate efforts to develop a COOL "safe harbor" for NAIS participants: packers that rely upon NAIS to determine the origin of their livestock and poultry will subsequently be recognized by the Department as demonstrating compliance with the COOL program's record keeping requirements.

Additional information about NAIS is available at www.usda.gov/nais and AMS voluntary marketing programs at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/audit.htm>.

Maximize success through good yearling bull management

Using bulls as yearlings is an excellent way to get an additional year of use from bulls, reducing the per-cow bull depreciation cost.

Kent Barnes, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service area livestock specialist, said there are several management tips that cattle producers can use to maximize the success of yearling bulls.

"Run yearling bulls only with other yearling bulls on a set of females," he said. "Yearlings who run with older bulls may be physically abused to the point that they settle very few cows."

Reduce the cow-to-bull ratio to about 50 percent of that maintained with older bulls.

"If you run one mature bull to each 30 cows, then 15 cows should be plenty for each yearling bull," Barnes said.

Some cattle producers have successfully rotated yearling bulls in and out of the breeding pasture at approximately two-week intervals.

Barnes said the "rest-and-work rotation" requires more management but can be very beneficial.

"Yearlings should be left with the cow herd for 60 days or less," he said. "Beyond that time, their body condition will decline, which may have long-range negative effects on their growth."

Following their removal from the cow herd, yearling bulls should continue to be kept separate from older bulls at least through their second winter. They should be placed on the best available feed and should receive regular supplementation until the next breeding season.

"It's important to remember that these young bulls are still growing rapidly, in addition to replacing the condition lost in the breeding pasture," Barnes said. "Extra care and feed of yearling bulls after the breeding season will result in more attractive mature bulls with a much higher salvage value."

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Scientists pit bacteria against fungi to protect wheat

Beneficial flower-dwelling bacteria could soon join the fight against *Fusarium graminearum*, the fungus that causes Fusarium head blight disease ("scab") in wheat, barley and other cereal crops.

According to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) plant pathologist David Schisler, the naturally occurring bacteria may compete with *F. graminearum* for nutrients exuded by the wheat plant's anthers.

One such nutrient, choline, is rich in carbon that both the bacteria and fungus need to grow. *F.*

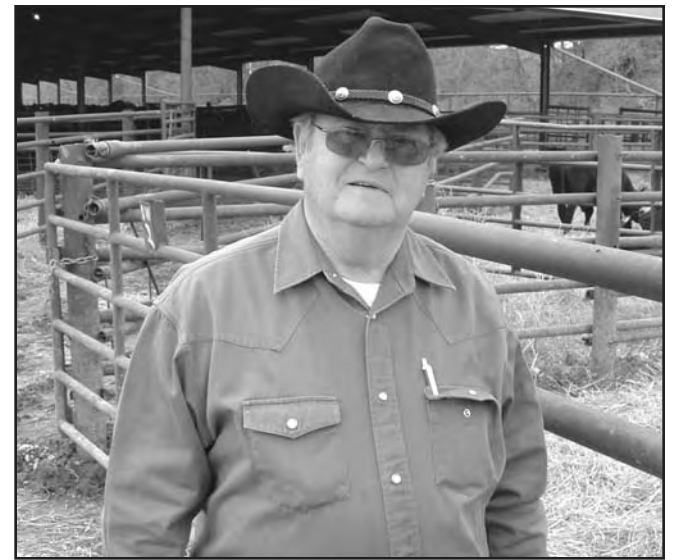
graminearum also appears to rely on choline as a chemical cue to send a germ tube into the anthers' tissues. Farmers feel the pinch — economically speaking — when such fungal breaches lead to shriveled, chalky-white kernels, notes Schisler, in the ARS Crop Bioprotection Research Unit at Peoria, Ill. The beneficial bacteria cause no such harm to wheat and aren't considered a danger to consumers.

In greenhouse studies and field tests, Schisler and Ohio State University plant pathologist Mike Boehm

augmented wheat's natural community of the beneficial bacteria, using laboratory cultures, after the crop began flowering. This gave the bacteria an edge in consuming the choline, so less of the nutrient was available to cue the fungus. In tests, spraying formulations of the beneficial bacteria on plots of two commercial wheat cultivars reduced the severity of scab disease by as much as 63 percent.

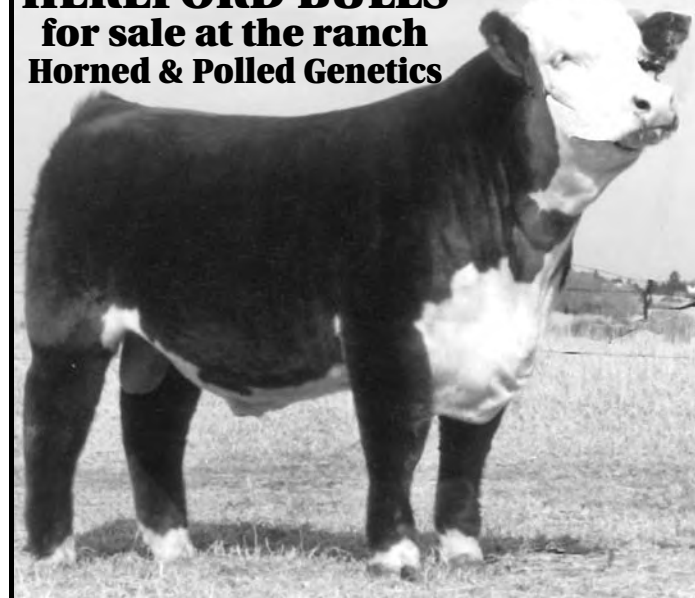
A *Pseudomonas* species dubbed AS 64.4 was the best all-around performer out of 123 choline-metabolizing (CM) bacterial

strains the researchers originally isolated from wheat anthers and examined in the laboratory for scab suppression activity. Ultimately, the CM strains could join other scab-fighting microbes Schisler's group has studied, including yeasts and antibiotic-secreting bacteria. Schisler envisions combining them in a biopesticide formulation that farmers could spray onto wheat as added insurance against scab.



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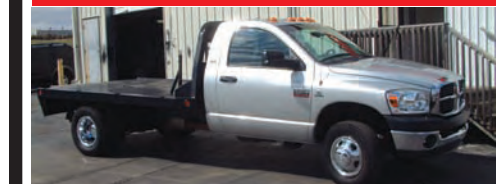
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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Rural unspoken rules for living in the country

Rural people love their neighbors. They have perfected neighboring to a fine art. It is at the heart of rural society. If a list of characteristics were made to distinguish rural from urban communities, neighboring would rank at the top.

Why do country people get along so well with their neighbors? How do they do it? Admittedly, there are all kinds of people in the country and not all of them make good neighbors. Yet on the whole, there is an unusual amount of tolerance, if not affection, between rural families.

Pioneer experiences. The attitude of caring and lending a helping hand has its roots in the pioneering or homesteading heritage of previous generations. In an environment of hardship, isolation and danger, neighbors banded together for economic and physical survival.

Neighbors were the most important resource a family could have. At times, neighbors could mean the difference between life and death. Under such conditions, pioneering families

learned to tolerate and to accept differences.

They learned to keep their complaints to themselves and overlook problems that would give others in society great offense. They knew there would come a time when they would need their neighbor's goodwill and help in an emergency.

Even in our modern society, the hazards of farming, weather and remoteness of services requires a measure of cooperation and mutual dependency. At their core, the traditions and patterns of rural etiquette are still based on issues of survival.

The unspoken rules. What are the unspoken rules and codes of living that smooth out the rough edges in rural communities?

Awareness. If something seems amiss or out of the ordinary, people stop to inquire or offer assistance. This acute awareness of the way things should be is a key to timely aid. The country "gossip" about what is happening to whom acquaints people with the

special needs of their neighbors.

Emotional support. Attending funerals, weddings, showers, graduations, christenings, baptisms, birthday celebrations, anniversary parties and other such events, shows emotional support during special times. Busy people find a way to assist or participate in these occasions.

In the case of a tragedy or disaster, everybody helps. Food is brought in. Food and clothing are provided. Emotional support is given. Funds are raised.

If a farmer has a disabling illness or injury, his neighbors put in his crop or harvest it. In case of any emergency, people drop everything to rush to a neighbor's aid.

Community participation. A good neighbor sets aside time to support community and neighborhood traditions such as fire dis-

tricts, church activities, brandings, school functions, 4-H, FFA and the many celebrations that make a community a community.

No taking sides. When there are problems between different families, good neighbors know enough to stay out of it. After the dispute is resolved, the lingering resentment may be toward those who took sides. The countryside is full of diplomats who walk a fine line of offering support without alienating anyone.

Probably the biggest thing rural neighbors learn to do is to swallow their pride, keep their anger to themselves, avoid confrontations that cannot be undone, to keep their complaints and frustrations to themselves and to do good anyway.

Squaring accounts. Neighbors will seek help when they know there will be a future opportunity to return the favor. Allowing a neighbor to give assistance builds bonds of love. People grow to love that which they serve. A good neighbor is as gracious in accepting help as he or she is in giving it.

Favors are returned. Appreciation is expressed. Accounts are squared, if

not in the short term, then definitely in the long term. Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed. Good neighbors know the difference between short-term assistance and custom work. After material assistance of some form is given, good neighbors delicately attempt to balance the scales by questions such as, "What do I owe you?" and, "What is it worth to you?"

Borrowing. Borrowing has its own set of rules. Loan to everyone that asks. Return the borrowed item promptly so the neighbor doesn't have to ask for it. If a borrowed item breaks down, buy parts, fix it and return it in as good a condition as you borrowed it. Vehicles are returned with their tanks full.

Good fences. Good neighbors are aware of how they affect their neighbors. Animals are kept where they do not cause problems for their neighbor's livestock. Fences are kept up and expenses are shared or rotated. If the neighbor's stock is out, they are notified.

The rural art of living. So when all is said and done, there is a lot we can learn

from country neighbors. These are basic lessons in life. To be a good neighbor is to be more concerned about another's happiness than your own convenience and comfort. It is to be attentive and to give service to others when it is needed.

A good neighbor sets aside his or her personal wants, needs or feelings to meet the very human needs of others. In a world where there is so much emphasis on "I," "me," and "mine," a good neighbor thinks in terms of "we," "you," and "ours." It is nice to live in a world where our fellow human beings retain the ability to sacrifice themselves on behalf of others. The art of neighboring is the art of living.

For more information on rural living, visit Val Farmer's website at www.valfarmer.com.

Val Farmer is a clinical psychologist specializing in family business consultation and mediation with farm families. He lives in Wildwood, Missouri and can be contacted through his website.

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Bill signed to increase mill levy authority

The Kansas Wheat Commission was created by the Kansas Legislature in 1957 to conduct a campaign of grain commodity promotion and market development through research, education and information. The Commission is funded by an assessment upon wheat marketed through commercial channels in the state of Kansas. The wheat commission shall set the assessment at a rate of not more than 10 mills per bushel. Such assessment shall be levied and assessed to the grower at the time of sale, and shall be shown as a deduction by the first purchaser from the price paid in settlement to the grower.

Kansas Wheat has developed a long-term strategic plan to help Kansas wheat producers meet the challenges of the future. Kansas Wheat is the cooperative agreement between the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers who have joined together to be leaders in the adoption of profitable innovations for wheat. Through several below average harvests

and decreasing wheat acres, the Kansas Wheat Commissioners have done their best to maintain essential investments. Even with dramatic cuts in expenditures, reserves have been depleted. Maintaining essential investments is important, but to enhance the competitiveness of wheat by facilitating the development and adoption of innovation for wheat producers, additional investment is needed.

The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers solicited the 2008 Kansas Legislature for an increase in the wheat assessment authority from 10 mills per bushel to 20 mills per bushel. The initial legislation was House Bill No. 2661. The final legislation to pass the Kansas House of Representatives, Kansas Senate and has been signed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius ; House Bill No. 2897.

This 2008 legislation gives authority to the Kansas Wheat Commission to collect up to two pennies per bushel. This does not raise the actual as-

essment to two pennies. Since this legislative authority has been approved, Kansas Wheat producers will have opportunities for input into the assessment rate collected, before any decision is made by the Commission to collect a higher amount.

Kansas Wheat Survey of Producers

A 2007 survey of Kansas wheat producers found that 94% of respondents are willing to contribute 10 mills or more to the wheat assessment. Thirty-six percent of respondents are willing to contribute 15 mills or more, with 21% who are willing to contribute 20 mills or more. Respondents ranked research as their first priority for use of the wheat assessment.

Results of 2007 Survey of Kansas wheat producers

There are three areas that producer board members have identified as priorities in need of additional investment: research and biotechnology, cellulosic ethanol and

consumer education. Since 2001, Kansas State University has experienced a loss of 15 - 20% in state support, just in wheat research. For the past few years, wheat producers have been asked to fill in this gap. This struggle for funding is making it harder and harder to keep young, aspiring scientists interested in wheat.

Advances have been made in crop science to utilize biotechnology traits such as plant resistance to insect or disease as well as tolerance to herbicide and environmental conditions such as drought. Yet wheat has not enjoyed any of these new traits because of consumer perceptions about this technology. As the world's most consumed food grain, we must work with consumers to gain acceptance.

One developing value-added area is the use of biomass for ethanol production (crop residues

such as wheat straw and dedicated biomass crops). Kansas Wheat believes that if a biomass industry is to grow and prosper in Kansas, producers need to have information available to make informed decisions about residue removal from their cropland.

A tremendous challenge that we face is the average consumer is unaware that our nation's safe, affordable food supply begins at the farm. Our goal is to amplify the farm to table message and

build widespread consumer awareness about wheat and agriculture in its entirety. We will do this by focusing our educational efforts about the importance of agriculture and nutrition to a wide and diverse urban audience.

The last time the wheat assessment authority was changed in statute was 1982. At this time, the authority was raised from 3 to 10 mills. It has been 26 years since our assessment authority was changed.

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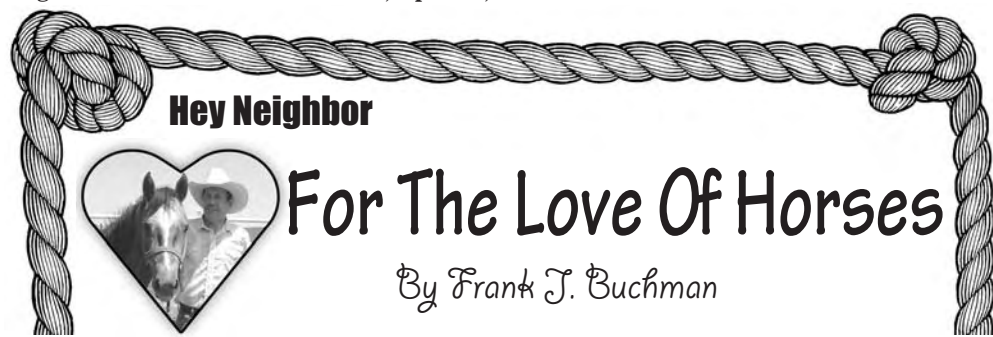
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Hall Of Fame Quarter Horse Stallion, Tardy Too, Is Family Love Story

"This stallion was a love story, and a perfect gift from God. He was a prayer, a hope and a promise."

That's the way Connie Carney described Tardy Too. Then, all dreams were shattered.

The Sonny Thomison family's pride and joy was stolen, and indications were that the sorrel stallion would never be seen again.

Many mystery stories and fiction books have been written about horses, owners, disappointments, injury, recovery, thievery and stardom. Yet, one

could not make up nor imagine anything like the real-life story of Tardy Too.

A fairytale-like chronicle of the outstanding stallion, who was a big part of the Thomison family as he was making his and their name known around the globe, was revealed during Tardy Too's 2008 induction into the Kansas Quarter Horse Hall of Fame.

Already a known Quarter Horse breeder, Thomison, whose facility at Kechi near Wichita is recognizable by the horse on top of an upright silo, had Earl Barnes purchase

Tardy Too as a foal at Dean Davis' 1965 sale in Fort Morgan, Colo.

Bred and sold by Alan Holmgren of Crawford, Neb., Tardy Too was sired by Main's Leo Buck by Leo and out of a Red Dog-Chubby mare, Pretty Plush, by Disturbance.

"Tardy Too was put up in the big barn in his own pen, cared for and loved

every day," remembered Carney, one of Thomison's six children (five daughters and a son Oscar, the youngest).

Carney and her daughter, Robin Hall, wife of halter horse trainer Aaron Hall, remembered Tardy Too's life story as told by Carolyn Kaberline during induction ceremonies at the Kansas Quarter Horse Association Convention in Salina.

"We always had lots of horses at our place, but there was only one Tardy Too. He was more a part of our entire family than any horse Daddy owned," Carney declared.

"Tardy grew to be a beauty, very well-balanced and heavy-muscled," Carney described. "With a heart so pure, giving, loving and gentle, he was such a sweetheart, who loved

people and never seemed to forget anyone who pampered him."

As Thomison was readying the horse for a show career and breeding service, Tardy Too was stolen. "It was truly a sad day on the hill in Kechi. Dad and Mom (Ollie) and the whole gang had fallen in love with Tardy and were on the lookout for him," Carney reflected.

Searches continued to no avail for six months, and everybody had about given up hope. Then, Thomison was looking at some horses with Chris and Earl Barnes, when Chris noticed a horse at a neighboring facility.

"The horse nickered like he knew her, and instantly Chris recognized Tardy Too," Carney recalled. "He had been painted to resemble a Paint

Horse and also had some injuries. The sheriff was called, and Tardy Too was returned home."

Although exact circumstances aren't known, the horse thieves were not prosecuted. "Daddy had them clean some stalls, do chores around here, and that was all. He was so glad to get Tardy back," Carney exclaimed. "That horse was pampered, given the best feed and was king of the hill."

Chris Barnes soon took the stallion on the Quarter Horse show circuit. He collected 14 halter points and 6.5 performance points, earning an open performance Register of Merit.

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Tardy Too, sorrel Quarter Horse stallion, owned for many years by the Sonny Thomison family of Kechi, has been inducted into the Kansas Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame. Once stolen and missing for several months, the Leo-bred stallion went on to be a top performance horse and most importantly the sire of many outstanding horses.

ers. "That is a remarkable feat in itself," inserted Robin Hall.

Offspring of Tardy Too earned 2,368 open, 44 amateur and 508.5 halter points. As importantly, the offspring rode too, as evidenced by rating 2,045 open, 566 amateur and 1,056 youth performance points. Moreover, the Tardy Too get collected 525 Palomino Horse Breeders Association points.

Additionally, Tardy Too-sired horses accumulated \$11,896 in American Quarter Horse Association incentive funds, \$26,140 National Snaffle Bit Association earnings, \$2,251 in National Reined Cow Horse Association checks, \$1,272 National Cutting Horse Association pay and \$638 National Reining Horse Association winnings.

Ownership changed several times during his lifetime as Thomison sold Tardy Too at private

treaty to Ray Hawkins of Boston, Ga. Circumstances changed such that Thomison got him back for a period, before Tardy returned to Hawkins again.

"Daddy, Ray Hawkins and Tardy Too were dynamite together in the horse business," Carney contended. "Ray loved Tardy, and his wife Karen loved him even more."

When Hawkins dispersed in 1979, Tardy Too was 14 years old. "After several negotiations were concluded, he was sold to Gordon and Mary Hannagan of Penfield, Ill.," Carney said. "Tardy paid for himself the first breeding season there."

The Hannagans stood Tardy Too for seven

years, including two years at well-known horseman Tommy Manion's facilities.

"Tardy became a member of the Gordon Hannagan family, too," Robin Hall commented. "He was Mary's pet and baby. She loved him. He was very tender to her and whined whenever she came into the barn."

New ownership came again in 1986, when the Hannagans dispersed their herd. "Daddy bid \$35,000 for Tardy Too, who was 21 years old by that time, but the stud sold to Erland Kondrup of North Port, Fla., at \$45,000," Carney remembered.

After a couple of years of service for Kondrup, Tardy Too was returned

to the Hannagan farm, where he passed away at Christmastime in 1989. He was buried on their place.

"Many people, breeders, exhibitors, owners and good horsemen had a part in helping make Tardy Too the success that he was," Robin Hall credited.

"I don't think Tardy had an owner who didn't love

him and didn't shed a tear when he went to a new home. One thing I know is that my Daddy gave his all to him.

"Tardy Too was truly a gift from God. All of us children and our families were a part of Tardy Too. We all loved him, because he always loved us back, and gave more than we could have ever imagined," Carney concluded.

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By Don Goldsmith



Eat More Squirrel

This morning I'm trying to play catch-up on some of the writing I need to finish. It doesn't help that when I glance out the window, I can watch a squirrel raiding the bird feeder.

It's only in the last few years that we've had a multiplication of the squirrel population out of all reason. In years past, there were enough squirrels in Emporia to be cute and interesting. We seldom saw any where we live. It was a couple of miles outside the town, then. Since there were no other houses in sight, coyotes, hawks, owls, and bobcats probably managed the squirrel population ... the balance of nature.

It's different, now. There are dozens of houses within our view. Not many big trees yet, but in early spring, driv-

ing across town, it seemed to me that each block had a couple of flattened squirrels, victims of traffic. As the town grows, there are probably fewer hawks and owls in the parks and landscaped yards, too. Squirrels have fewer natural enemies, and they multiply. They're cute, but they can do a lot of damage to houses and buildings. With teeth designed for cracking black walnuts, wooden objects aren't even a challenge.

Meanwhile our shade trees, now several decades old, bear acorns, nuts, and hackberries, and furnish a lot of upper limbs for nest building; consequently, more squirrels.

That's probably true everywhere. One of the expected pastimes for rural teenage boys a generation

or so ago was the hunting of rabbits and squirrels. Their mothers welcomed the addition of these groceries to the family table. Fried rabbit or squirrel, with biscuits and gravy, was a real treat, at very little expense. Now, most of the moms of teenage boys probably wouldn't know where to start on such a meal, and might be totally grossed-out at the very thought. Times change.

Back to the squirrel in our hackberry tree ... I'm afraid he might destroy the wooden feeder. That happens occasionally. In this case, it took the varmint only a little while to figure how to slide down the wire from the limb above to the top of the feeder, then on down to the platform. He can eat a whopping amount

of bird seed, compared to a chickadee.

We've had bird feeders outside the kitchen since the kids were growing up. Some years we kept a list of bird species we'd seen on the place, and it would add up to a hundred or more over a year's time. I'm not too enthusiastic about a) the damage my pet squirrel might do to the feeders, or b) how much bird seed a squirrel might devour. And I'm sure he'll bring friends.

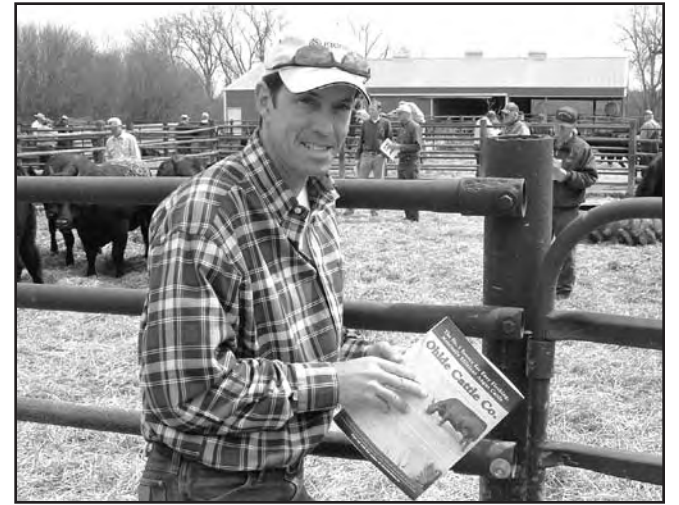
So far, I've tried to outwit the squirrel. I put a 16-inch disc, from an old harrow, over the feeder, with the support wire running through the hole in the middle. That slowed him some, but then he figured how to lie down on his stomach on the disc, holding to the wire with one hind foot. This lets him tilt the disc, and reach with one hand, under the disc, where he can't even see, to grab the wire he knows is there. Then he swings around and under ...

Let's see ... maybe I could rig the disc so he can't tilt it ... It's worth a try. The squirrel will study it, sit there

pumping his tail up and down while he chatters (I can tell he's cussing). Then he solves his problem, and I try to outwit him again.

Of course, there is a solution. We could regress back to a few decades ago and solve it pretty quickly. It

would still work. However, so far I haven't had much luck in suggesting anything about biscuits and gravy; actually, mostly sarcastic looks. Maybe I could slide the disc farther up the wire, and ...
See you down the road.



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May 1 — Complete dispersal & livestock & equipment at Sioux City, IA for Wragge Dairy-Jeff & Jack Wragge. Auctioneers: Burton-Fellers Sales.

May 1 — Car, furniture, sterling silverware, china, collection of old decoys, sewing machine, jewelry, collectibles, mobility scooter & misc. at Manhattan for Birdie Schaffer Estate, John & Earlene Martin. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

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 Cleta M. Scott. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

May 3 — Household & collectibles at Washington for Keith & Alberta Welch. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

May 3 — Tractor, trucks, pickup, boat, trailer, welder, generator, farm related items & misc. at Wilson for Leo Brokes Estate. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auctions.

May 3 — Tractors, small machinery, farm related items, household, antiques & collectibles at Abilene for Gerald & Leta Meats. Auctioneers: Yocum Realty & Auction Service.

May 3 — Household at Frankfort for Mrs. Ellen Harrington. Auctioneers: Joe Horigan Auctions.

May 3 — Trucks, skidsteer loader, equipment for lumber finishing, native lumber, tractors & equipment at Emporia for Robert (Bob) C. Pugh Estate. Auctioneers: John Flott & Larry McIlvain Auctions.

May 3 — Collectibles, tools, tractor, household, collectibles & tools at Clyde for Dave & Alice Hughes & Mayo Morrissitte Estate. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 3 — Missouri land-Johnson & Ray counties at Warrensburg, MO & Richmond, MO for Bollinger Farms LLC. Auctioneers:

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May 3 — Real Estate, meat smoker, shop items, lamp collection, pictures, dolls, toys, kitchenwares & misc. at Maple Hill for Ruby & Rocky Zeller. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

May 3 — Machinery, trucks, trailers, ATV, misc., old machinery, salvage, shop items, household & antiques at Marion for Charles Kjellin Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

May 3 — Farm equipment at Frankfort for Floyd & Joan Budenbender Boudreaux. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

May 3 — Machinery, tractors, trailers & equipment at Gypsum for Jesse & Trudy Sills. Auctioneers: O'Neill Auctions.

May 3 — Coins, guns, toys, collectibles & antiques, Hallmark ornaments, marbles & misc. at Osage City for Mrs. Harold Odgers. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

May 3 — Vehicles, camper, culverts, household, antiques & misc. at Belleville for Ila Marie Vannortwick. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

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May 3 — Furniture, kitchen, appliances, primitives, collectibles, sporting, glassware, yard, garden & misc. at Hoisington. Auctioneers: Schremmer Auctions.

May 3 — Shop tools, collectibles & furniture at Clay Center for Dayton & Liana Hess. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

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

May 4 — Antique cars, parts, shop equipment, antique toys & misc. at Holton. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers.

May 4 — Collectibles, glass & furniture at Salina. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 4 — Classic cars, car parts, shop equipment & tools, vintage pedal cars & toys and misc. household & lawn items at Holton. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

May 4 — Real Estate, furniture, appliances, household, collectibles, lawn & garden items & misc. at Rossville for Bill &

Dorothy Becker Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

May 4 — Coins, furniture, appliances, collectibles, tools & misc. at Council Grove for Betty Nigh & Others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Auctions.

May 5 — Real Estate at Hunter for Sharon & Mary Kralicek. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 6 — Household & collectibles at Clay Center for Mrs. Alfred (Irma) Burger. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

May 9 — Heartland Premier Production Sale II at Seneca for Jerry & Sue Spielman.

May 9 — Harper Co. land at Attica. Auctioneers: Weigand & Sons.

May 9 — Trucks, tractors, farm equipment, trailers, livestock equipment & misc. at Lockwood, MO for ERT Cattle Co. (Miller Division). Auctioneers: Wheeler Auctions & Williams Land & Cattle Auctions.

May 9 — Primitives, crocks, pinball machine, antiques, collectibles, coffee grinders, adv. tins & scales at Abilene for George & Kay Etherington. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 10 — Real Estate, collectibles & household at Greenleaf for Marjorie Hatesohl. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

May 10 — Farm machinery, truck, tractor, livestock equipment, cattle equipment SE of Corning for Don Alexander Estate. Auctioneers: Deters Auctions.

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May 15 — Real Estate at Topeka. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal.

May 17 — Carpentry House at Clay Center for Clay Center High School. Auctioneers: Mugler Auctions, LLC.

May 18 — Contractor tools & supplies, used tools & equipment at Topeka for Knox Supply, Inc. Quilting Business. Auctioneers: Simnitt Brothers Auctions.

May 23 — Carpentry-cabinetmaking dept. at Beloit for North Central Kansas Technical College.

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

May 24 — Real Estate, tools, equipment, collectibles & household items NW of Clifton for Creative Evangelism Inc. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

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

May 28 — Marshall Co. land at Blue Rapids for Tony & Rhonda Trimble. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

May 30 — Tractor & farm machinery at Hesston for Wilbur Goertz. Auctioneers: Schmidt 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 1 — Antique tractors, other equipment & vehicles at Washington for the Washington Swap Meet & Tractor Show. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

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

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June 7 — Household & collectibles at Barnes for the Estate of Betty Wesche. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

June 7 — Quality glassware & antique & misc. household at Clay Center for George & Edythe Slade Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

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June 14 — Victorian furniture & glassware at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

June 21 — Lots of vintage clothing, primitives, book collection & misc. at Junction City for Mona Kessinger Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

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

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Randy and Roy rode up to get a better look. Probably mistake number one. The moose stared at them curiously. As they approached she started to move away. Roy took down his rope and peeled off his glove. Randy gave him a question mark look. Roy replied with a nod toward the moose and a 'Whattya think?'

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