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Pastures look good for 2008

By **Beth Gaines-Riffel**,
Editor

The annual report on Bluestem pasture leases has again been released by the Kansas Ag Statistics Service, and like in most years, indicates that the 14-county region that comprises the heart of the Flint Hills is 97 percent leased for the coming grazing season.

Thanks to a unusually wet early spring, the pastures are in tremendous shape. The report told of 24 percent making an excellent rating while 54 percent was very good, with the soil conditions said to be mostly adequate to surplus in moisture.

The nature of the leases remains mostly the same, with 49 percent under arrangements for full summer grazing. 31 percent were partial season leases, while 20 percent are year-round contracts. The average start date for full season grazing began on average April 23, and ended on Oct. 11. Partial season grazing contracts also began on April 23.

Cattlemen putting cattle



It is a blend of old and new that drivers along I-70 will find just west of Salina in Ellsworth and Lincoln counties. The new Smoky Hills Wind Farm is in various stages of construction, including some of the giant turbines that are now operational. A herd of cattle contentedly graze the rolling hills below, seemingly unfazed by the new windmills that dwarf the old-fashioned water windmill.

Photo by Kevin Macy

out to grass found that the per-head contracts were more expensive this year than in the past.

In the partial season category — with fewer than 90 days grazing — the average lease ran \$28

per acre with care and \$21.20 for a lease with no care. Care is generally defined as burning, fencing, count, salt and some other miscellaneous services.

Per head on short season, the average lease is \$67.40 per head for steers and heifers under 700 pounds.

For those partial season with more than three months grazing, the cost worked out to be \$23 per acre with care, and \$19.20 without. Per head, the average lease rate is \$67.80 with a three-acre guarantee with care and \$52.90 with 2.7 acres guarantee without additional services.

Ranchers interested in grazing cattle for the entire summer paid an average of \$25 per acre with care or \$19.30 per acre without services.

Stocking rates for full summer grazing averaged 258 pounds per acre, with an average start weight of 690 pounds.

The partial contract cattle generally go to grass a bit lighter, at 596, and were allocated 258 pounds per acre.

Cow leases indicated that full-year pacts averaged \$141 per pair, with a guarantee of 9.9 acres. On a per acre basis, it was \$17.80 for the year.

Many of the pastures and rangelands still depend on stock ponds for the primary water source. The report indicated that 59 percent rely on ponds, streams 28 percent, wells 8 percent and spring developments a mere 5 percent.

In preparation for the grazing season, those that responded to the KASS survey indicated that 84 percent burned their pastures this year, up 38 points from the 2007 season. The average burning date was April 8.

The going rate for the construction of new five-wire all steel post fence was reported by KASS to be \$19.00 per rod with all

materials provided. An average hourly rate for building fence was \$47.20 per hour for those providing all the equipment necessary for construction. Gates were reported to be an additional \$84.80 with corners averaging \$94.40.

The information for the Bluestem report includes the 14-county area of Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee, Lyon, Coffey, Woodson, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Cowley, Butler, Chase, Marion, Morris and Geary counties.

Additional lease rate charts can be found on page 16.

AVERAGE BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2008, FULL SUMMER SEASON CONTRACTS

| Type of Lease | Average Lease Price per Head for Full Summer Season (Dollars) | | | | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Avg. for Pairs | |
| 14 COUNTY BLUESTEM PASTURE AREA | | | | | | | | |
| With Service | 76.90 | 80.40 | 79.50 | 101.00 | 137.40 | 146.20 | 143.90 | 20.80 |
| Without Service | 63.20 | 69.00 | 67.20 | 86.30 | 130.80 | 129.60 | 129.90 | 18.40 |
| Combined Average Lease Rate | 67.60 | 73.30 | 71.60 | 89.60 | 132.10 | 133.30 | 133.00 | 19.00 |

BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2003-2008 1/

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| ----- Dollars ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | 67.60 | 73.30 | 71.60 | 89.60 | 132.10 | 133.30 | 133.00 | 19.00 |
| 2007 | 59.20 | 67.20 | 64.50 | 77.40 | 125.50 | 125.80 | 125.70 | 17.60 |
| 2006 | 68.20 | 67.80 | 67.90 | 85.40 | 120.60 | 118.90 | 119.40 | 17.60 |
| 2004 | 58.50 | 66.10 | 63.00 | 75.80 | 111.90 | 109.20 | 110.00 | 16.70 |
| 2003 | 62.30 | 67.20 | 65.50 | 79.80 | 115.20 | 108.60 | 110.50 | 16.30 |

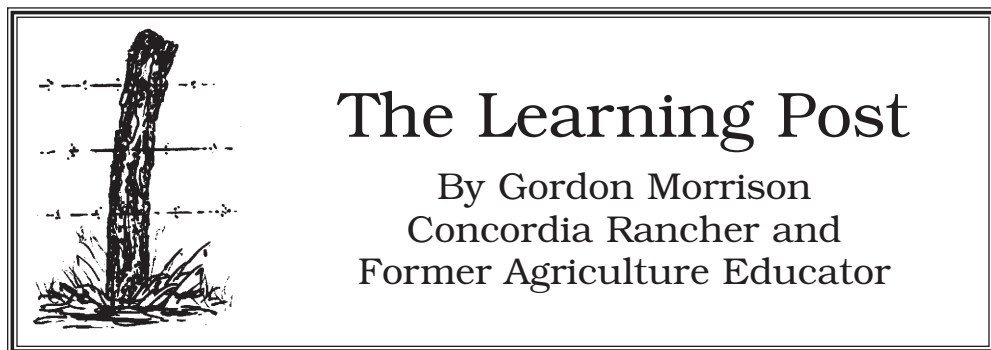
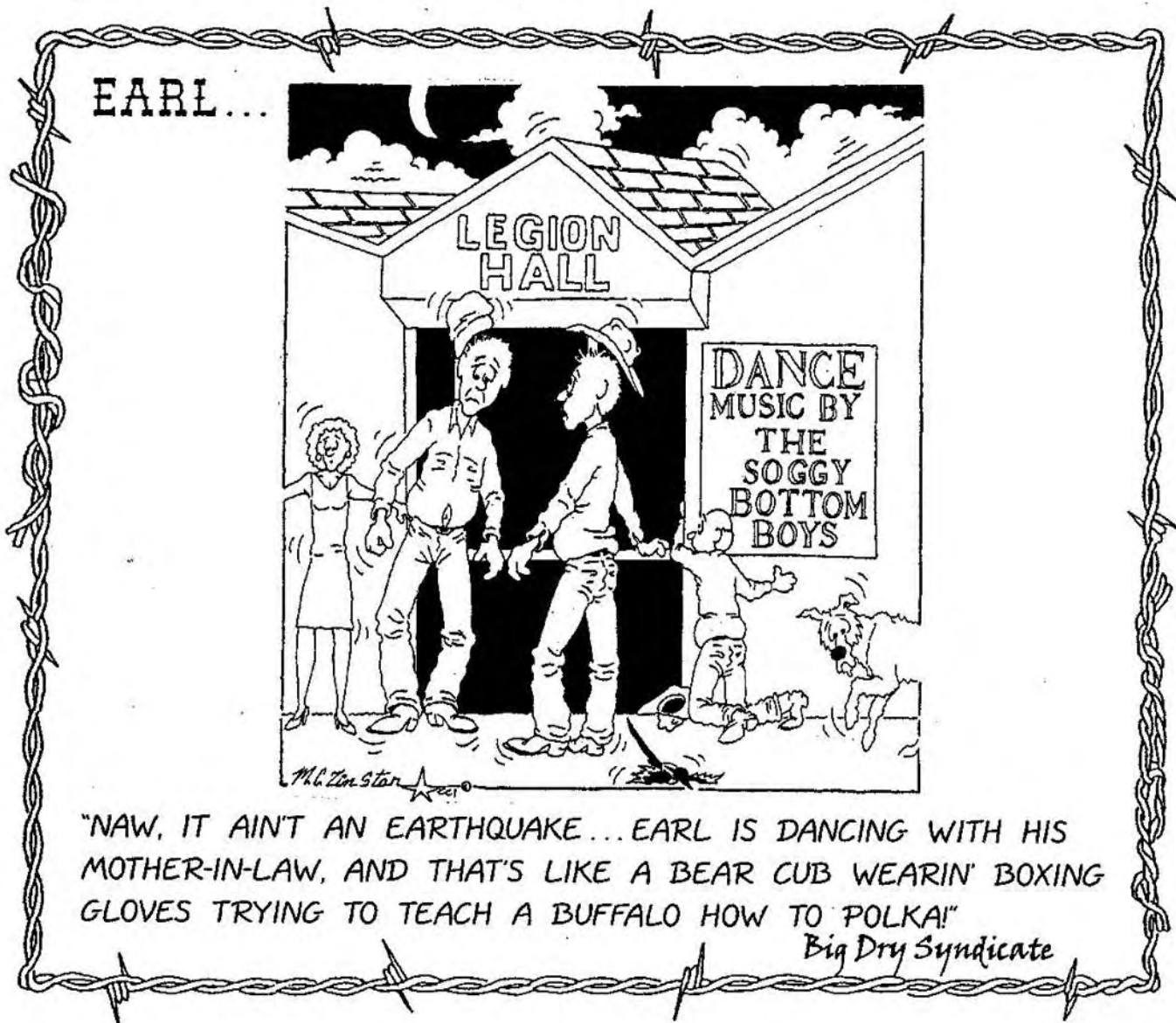
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AVERAGE BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2008, PARTIAL SUMMER SEASON CONTRACTS

| Type of Lease | Average Lease Price per Head for Partial Season (Dollars) | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | |
| 14 COUNTY BLUESTEM PASTURE AREA | | | | | |
| With Service | 65.30 | 67.80 | 67.30 | 81.90 | 25.60 |
| Without Service | 56.90 | 54.10 | 54.70 | 59.50 | 20.70 |
| Combined Average Lease Rate | 61.40 | 61.60 | 61.60 | 72.10 | 21.90 |

FULL YEAR LEASING

| | Cows With Fall Calves | Cows With Spring Calves |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Avg. Lease Price per Head | 140.40 | 141.50 |
| Avg. Acres Guaranteed per Head | 10.2 | 9.6 |
| Price for Pasture Rented on Per Acre Basis | 17.80 | |



Be Wary Of Bulls

Some time ago I wrote about my Angus bull that I purchased at a K-State bull sale — how good he was, how he controlled the cows and even brought the strays back into the herd, how he was faithful to his cows and never ran off and left them. He never gave me a reason to be fearful of him as I moved about in the herd, pulling the twine from the bales. He was a dependable bull and tended to his job of breeding.

About a week ago, I went to the cow barn to bottle-feed a calf, when I noticed a big bull in the small corral. As I was trying to identify him, the big fellow jumped a five-foot panel and was suddenly in with me. I was carrying a slice of good alfalfa hay, so I tossed a flake in front of him, which he stopped to enjoy. This gave me time to open the gate into the big corral, which he made use of. I watched him pass by from a tall fence. Sure enough, he was Roscoe, my good bull. Apparently he had become a jumper.

The mystery began to unravel when my neighbor explained that Roscoe had jumped a five-strand fence to get in with his cows, where some were in heat. He didn't want his cows calving so early next year, so he loaded my bull into his good trailer, which Roscoe endeavored to destroy in trying to climb out. He then unloaded him into my small corral, which I had thought was bull-tight, but that was not the case. As Roscoe moved into a midlife crisis stage, he changed from a very proper bull to a crazy renegade.

Last Thursday, we loaded what once was a model bull, along with four cows that were out of sync,

into a trailer and headed for the sale barn. The rascal weighed over a ton at four and a half years of age and brought 66 cents. I hated to see him go, but I removed from the ranch a hazard that could blow up at any given time with the possibility of someone being seriously injured.

In my discussion with my neighbor Jim, he remarked that when bulls approach five years of age, they sometimes change dispositions from docile to brute arrogance. Thus, many cow/calf men move the older bulls from the herd and replace them with younger ones. Most of my cows are already bred, and Jim kindly loaned me a young bull to finish this season.

I guess some bulls are no different from some men. Several years ago I read a book about midlife crisis, but when I had finished it, I still did not understand it all. Apparently, hormones are powerful things that can overpower good judgment. Roscoe "had it made" here on the ranch with a good harem of cows, but there was no reasoning with him. Now he'll be put down with a blow to the brain and ground up for lean hamburger meat.

My advice to you is to be wary around bulls. They can change and change quickly, too. Never trust one. They are powerful enough to do great harm.

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.

"Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out if they've got a second. Give your dreams all you've got and you'll be amazed at the energy that comes out of you."

-- William James,
Author

"A talent is a combination of something you love a great deal, something you can lose yourself in - something that you can start at 9 in the morning, look up from your work and it's 10 o'clock at night - and something that you have a natural ability to do very well."

-- George Lucas



Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

The rolling hills and vistas of the great Flint Hills have long held a special place in my heart. There is nothing more thrilling for me to watch than the fire lines snake down a ravine early in the growing season, burning up the brown leaves from the previous year — wiping the slate clean, if you will, in preparation for a new season.

I love to sit quietly for long stretches of time, watching the wind create waves of green in the spring after the cows and calves have been turned out — almost a spiritual experience — knowing full well that something much larger than I is present in those places. And, I've been told, that riding pastures is where the rough-edge cowhand is closest to God.

The grasslands are a wonderful and awe-inspiring resource that we've been given to manage and I think that the value of grazing lands is going to continue to climb. We've already seen a growing interest from those who are interested in outdoor recreation — other wise known as the hunting and fishing crowd. And if feed costs continue to escalate — or even if they stabilize where they are currently — there are rumblings that more producers are looking to grazing gains to keep the books in the black.

The Bluestem pasture rates are featured in this edition of G&G. It's one of the most popular issues of the year — and I'll undoubtedly have lots of requests for reprints, extra copies to share and questions about how the information is formatted. And, I'll get a few complaints as folks express their frustration at the rates given — saying that they'd like to pay what is being quoted for grass but that their own leases are a lot more expensive. Or the most popular — the problem of being able to find grass at all.

I don't question the notion that it is a problem, either, I see the classified ads begin to appear in late winter — those readers seeking grass for every class of cattle imaginable — and they continue well after the grazing season has started.

And unlike a freshly planted field, or a newly mown field of alfalfa that smells so sweet — even our urban cousins seem to revel in the beauty of the Flint Hills. I'm amazed at the businesses that are beginning to flourish in the region that specialize in authentic experiences for the urban crowd — and it's because of these beautiful grasslands that they come. I feel blessed to be able to enjoy their beauty each and every day — not just on an extended weekend or vacation.

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

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By Ace Reid



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Ethanol divides region's corn, livestock producers

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A newly implemented ethanol mandate coupled with rising livestock feed prices is dividing Missouri's farmers.

It pits corn farmers, who are getting record prices for their grain, against livestock producers, who are struggling to feed their herds.

At the center has been a law that, starting this year, requires most Missouri gasoline to be blended with 10 percent ethanol if the biofuel is cheaper than regular gas.

Corn farmers defend the four-month-old mandate as "one of the greatest Missouri economic development bills." But livestock producers — many of whom voted for it two years ago — argue it's contributing to a "livestock industry meltdown" by leading to higher feed prices. And they're lining up to repeal it. Rep. Mike Dethrow, a hog marketer from rural southern Missouri who has filed legislation to lift the ethanol mandate, said knowing what he does today about where corn prices have gone, he would not have supported the bill requiring ethanol two years ago.

"It is a piece of the puzzle," said Dethrow, R-Alton. "The solution is probably the free market. The solution is probably not more government."

But corn farmers say misperception, foreign demand and a less valuable American currency spurring more grain exports are each much bigger factors in the livestock feed prices puzzle than ethanol.

"There are a lot of factors

out there that are affecting this thing," said Gary Clark, the senior director of market development for the Missouri Corn Growers Association. "There is just not that magic bullet that is all of a sudden going to take livestock prices up and grain and corn prices down."

Clark said livestock producers see their feed costs rising, read about the state's ethanol mandate and assume that one led to another because that's the most obvious difference. But he argues it's the less visible market factors that are actually driving prices. Plus, ethanol plants offset some of the corn they use by producing distiller's grains that can be used to feed livestock.

The ethanol split has been a particularly public divide in a farming community that frequently aligns together in the Capitol to form a potent force, often able to offset the power of the more numerous suburban and urban lawmakers.

Even so, Missouri's agricultural interests sometimes have been a divided monolith. In recent years, there have been breaks over whether cities and counties should be allowed to regu-

late concentrated animal feeding operations and genetically modified crops.

But schisms have generally separated large and small farming operations and not crops versus animals. The break over ethanol comes as some lawmakers want the state to create a similar mandate to require a biodiesel fuel blend.

Rep. Steve Hobbs, an ethanol backer and corn grower from mid-Missouri, likened Missouri's farmers to neighbors: They want to help each other, but there is also a sense that people have to look out for themselves.

"There's always been a delicate balance between grain farmers and livestock producers," said Hobbs, R-Mexico.

Some livestock producers are convinced the state has sided with grain farmers by passing a law that creates a guaranteed market for corn whenever ethanol is cheaper than gas. That's upset the equilibrium in a relationship where the participants want corn prices moving in opposite directions.

"That's the rub, that we came in and helped one segment of ag, but we didn't help the rest," said Rep. Tom

Loehner, who has cattle and sheep but also grows some corn and beans on his farm in Osage County south of the Missouri River.

Even if divided, grain growers and meat producers have so far remained civil.

Missouri's corn commodity group is working with beef producers to find ways to use ethanol byproducts to feed animals and to better explain why they think livestock feed prices are increasing. During a hearing on the bill to repeal the ethanol mandate, livestock producers frequently caged their criticisms of it with the disclaimer that "I like corn farmers."

"These guys, the corn growers, had some tough times," said Loehner, R-Koeltztown. "They're saying, 'OK, we're making a few dollars, and we don't want to give that up.' And we don't begrudge you, we just need to get our own prices."

Plants text message farmers when thirsty

Beginning this crop season, farmers will be able to receive text messages on their cell phones from their plants saying whether they are thirsty or not.

Accent Engineering, Inc., of Lubbock, Tex., developed the SmartCrop™ automated drought monitoring system based on a patent held by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). They are offering it for sale in time for this growing season.

Battery-operated infrared thermometers placed in irrigated fields monitor leaf temperatures and relay that information to a computerized base station. A cell phone modem can be hooked up to the base station to download data to a personal computer. This modem can also send text messages to a farmer's cell phone. ARS plant physiologist James Mahan at the ARS Plant Stress and Germplasm Development Research Unit in Lubbock is one of the original theorists of the idea behind SmartCrop™. Each plant species has a fairly narrow range of internal temperatures it prefers for best growth. When leaf temperature goes above the upper limit or threshold of that range for too long, the plant needs water, as much for cooling down as to quench its thirst.

In the Texas High Plains area, for example, Mahan found that cotton begins to suffer from drought if cotton plant leaves stay above 82 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 6-1/2 hours. Farmers can choose the time-temperature threshold at which they would like to receive an alert, and adjust it at any time.

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LOCATION: This house is located just south of the Vocational Building at Abilene High School.

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Burns, Rogers; iron wheel; copper broiler; camelback trunk; Vintage postcards; sheet music; dolls and doll clothes; Ruby Flash vase; Cl 8 horse Clydesdale hitch; bird book-ends; pheasant salt and pepper; gold rimmed stemware; pressed glass bowl and platters; Blue Willow dinnerware Royal Coorma, set of 12 incl. salt and pepper, creamer, sugar, teapot, etc.; white lace tablecloth; nesters; clock; wine decanter; teapots; Pfalsgraf

soup tureen; crock milk pitcher; amber water glasses; Bailey felt cowboy hat; fancy work; quilt; nice selection of costume jewelry; linens and towels; Elvis Presley tapes and records; crock pig; Cl soup kettles; duck TV lamp; cookie jar; Salad Master cookware; Corelle dinnerware; various kitchen appliances and items; sewing items; new queen size comforter; Pyrex mixing bowls; cookbooks; new car cover; various hand tools.

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Winner Sandra S. Jantz, Hesston: "This recipe was given to me by my mother-in-law. Although it takes a little more time, the results are well worth the effort. They are a favorite of my family at Christmas."

HAM MEATBALLS

- 2 1/2 pounds ham
- 1 1/2 pounds beef
- 1 1/8 pork shoulder (the local butcher can do this for you)
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 2/3 teaspoons pepper
- 1 1/6 cups milk
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 2/3 cups cracker crumbs
- 1 2/3 cups brown sugar
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1/2 cup water

Grind and mix the ham, beef and pork shoulder. Add the eggs, pepper, milk, ketchup and cracker crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. The last 30 minutes baste with the mixture of the brown sugar, vinegar, mustard and water. Use half-cup measure for each ball. Makes 20 balls.

Margaret Trojan, Beaver Crossing, Neb.:

RHUBARB

ORANGE SLICE JAM

- 5 cups fine cut rhubarb
- 3 cups sugar
- 1-pound package orange slices, cut fine
- No. 2 can crushed pineapple & juice
- 1 small jar maraschino cherries, cut fine

Mix rhubarb and sugar and let stand overnight. Next day, cook 15 minutes. Add orange slices, pineapple and cherries. Cook until thick. Put in jars and seal. Can refrigerate a few weeks.

Deanna Rahe, Greenleaf: **DEE'S BREAD PUDDING**
 3 cups cubed Italian bread (allow to dry out overnight in bowl)

- 2 cups granulated sugar
 - 5 large beaten eggs
 - 2 cups milk
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 3/4 cup raisins
 - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- Topping:**
 1 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup butter, softened
 1 cup chopped pecans

- Sauce:**
 1 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 1 egg, beaten
 1 to 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
 1/4 cup brandy

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix together sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla and cinnamon. Add raisins and pour over the cubed bread and allow to sit for 10 minutes. In

another bowl mix and crumble together the topping ingredients: brown sugar, butter and pecans. Pour bread mixture into prepared pan and sprinkle the topping mixture over the top. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes. For sauce, mix together the granulated sugar, butter, egg and vanilla in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir together until sugar is melted. Add the brandy, stirring well. Pour over bread pudding when pudding is done baking. Serve warm or cold.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka: MOCHA PUDDING

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup brewed strong coffee, cooled
- 1 package 4-serving size chocolate flavor instant pudding
- 12 Oreo cookies, divided
- 1 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping

Add the milk and coffee to dry pudding mix in medium bowl. Beat with wire whisk for 2 minutes or until well-blended. Spoon half of the pudding mixture evenly into 4 dessert glasses. Crumble 2 cookies over each. Gently stir whipped topping into remaining pudding mixture and spoon evenly over desserts. Top with remaining 4 whole cookies. Store in refrigerator.

Brenda Reiff, Salina: "In tribute to my dad who passed away 7 years ago, I wanted to submit the following recipe. My dad was a farmer and when my mom was at work dad had to feed four children (when he wasn't in the field). He was very creative and we weren't sure what he was going to come up with. One dish that was a hit was what I call 'Dad's Easy Dinner,' (which were leftovers in the

refrigerator). It was a hit with my children and they fix it for their children."

DAD'S EASY DINNER

Note: All ingredients depend on how many you are preparing for.

Boiled potatoes

Hamburger

Eggs

Brown the hamburger. Add boiled potatoes until warmed or browned a bit. Beat eggs and pour over hamburger and potatoes. Cook eggs until done and serve.

Mildred Goehring, Manhattan: "A low-fat summer dessert."

PISTACHIO PUDDING CAKE

- 1 box white cake mix
- 3 egg whites
- 2 1/2 cups Diet 7UP
- 1 box sugar-free pistachio pudding mix

Beat together and bake following baking instructions on box. Cool.

Icing:

- 8 ounces whipped topping
- 1 cup Diet 7UP
- 1 box sugar-free pistachio pudding mix

Mix together and frost cake. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

A couple recipes from Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

SPICY MEATLOAF

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup green or red chili salsa
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1/2 pound bulk pork sausage

In a large bowl combine the eggs, salsa and bread

crumbs. Crumble beef and sausage over mixture and mix well. Press into an ungreased 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until meat is no longer pink and a meat thermometer reaches 160 degrees. Drain and let stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Top with additional salsa, if desired. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

"Very different with cottage cheese."

MACARONI & CHEESE

- 8 ounces extra sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup small curd cottage cheese
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 8-ounce box macaroni noodles, cooked & drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 2-quart baking dish. In a medium bowl combine cheddar cheese, milk, cottage cheese, eggs, salt and pepper. Stir in macaroni noodles. Spoon into prepared dish and bake for 45 minutes or until lightly browned.

The following two are from Mary Rogers, Topeka:

POTATO HAM CASSEROLE

- 32-ounce package hash-browns, thawed
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1-2 pounds fully cooked ham, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup Italian bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-by-2-inch pan with cooking spray. Combine potatoes, butter, onion, soup, sour cream, cheese and ham. Mix well. Pour into prepared pan and top with crumbs. Bake uncovered for 1 hour.

NO-BAKE

TUNA CASSEROLE

- 1/2 pound penne pasta
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- Salt & pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, smashed & peeled
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 10-ounce bag frozen cut green beans, thawed
- 15-ounce can cannellini beans, rinsed
- 7-ounce package tuna or can equivalent, drained

In a saucepan of boiling salted water, cook the pasta until done. Drain, reserving 3/4 cup pasta cooking water. In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium high heat. Add the bread crumbs and toast, stirring for 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and season with salt and pepper. In the same skillet, add the garlic and the remaining 1/4 cup oil and cook over medium heat until golden, about 2 minutes. Stir in the tomatoes and cook until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the reserved pasta water and bring to a simmer. Stir in the green beans and cannellini beans and cook until tender. Add the pasta and tuna to the skillet and toss. Season with salt and pepper and top with the crumbs.

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Easy Tips For Throwing A Great Garden Dessert Party

The following recipes are from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

FAMILY NIGHT HAMBURGER
8-inch round loaf bread
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound ground beef
1 pound ground pork
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup Thousand Island dressing
Lettuce leaves

Preheat the broiler. Slicing horizontally through the middle of the bread, cut out a 1/2-inch thick layer and discard, reserving the top and bottom layers. Brush the cut sides with 1 tablespoon olive oil; broil until golden. In a bowl combine the beef and pork. Mix in 1 tablespoon olive oil and the salt. Place on a plate and shape into a ball then flatten into a 9-inch patty. Preheat a large skillet over medium heat. Transfer the burger to the skillet and cook until browned on the bottom. Using a large spatula, flip the burger and cook the other side. Spread the dressing on the toasted bread bottom and top. Slide the burger onto the bread bottom top with lettuce leaves and the bread top. Cut into wedges to serve. If you don't want the dressing, use mustard, etc. to your liking.

APPLE SLUMP
2 tablespoons butter plus 3 tablespoons, chopped & chilled
2 1/4 pounds Gala apples, peeled & cut into eighths
1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup whole milk

In a small Dutch oven, melt the 2 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Add the apples, then stir in 1/2 cup sugar, the lemon juice and cinnamon. Cover and simmer until the apples are nearly tender, about 8 minutes. Stir in 1 tablespoon flour and remove from the heat. In a bowl combine the remaining 1 cup

flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add 3 tablespoons chilled butter, working it in with your fingertips until crumbly. Add the milk and stir to combine. Return the Dutch oven to medium low heat and spoon the batter onto the hot fruit to almost cover the surface. Cover and simmer until the batter is cooked through, about 20 minutes.

CREAMED MUSHROOMS
3 pounds sliced fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup butter, cubed
1/2 cup flour
2 1/2 cups milk
1 cup evaporated milk
2 teaspoons salt

Place mushrooms in large kettle and cover with water. Bring to a boil and stir. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 3 minutes or until tender; drain well. In a Dutch oven melt butter. Stir in flour until smooth. Gradually add milk and evaporated milk. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in salt and mushrooms. Cook and stir over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes or until heated through.

PASTA SALAD
1 1/2 cups uncooked penne pasta
1/2 cup cubed cooked chicken
3.8-ounce can sliced ripe olives, drained
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup chopped sweet red pepper
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/3 cup Caesar salad dressing

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse in cold water. In a bowl combine the pasta, chicken, olives, peppers and feta cheese. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

(NAPSA) — Embrace nature by hosting an outdoor garden dessert party. Admire the flowers in bloom, sip on iced tea and serve a plethora of tasty, sweet treats.

Here are hints on how: Choose a color scheme and keep the décor nice and simple. Every party needs a splash of color. Set the tone with vibrant colors — reds, yellows, purples and blues. Incorporate flowers, but instead of elaborate arrangements, show off your green thumb by simply displaying potted plants from your very own garden.

Get guests involved before the party. Your guests will appreciate an opportunity to bring something to your garden party, so give them the chance. Do it creatively by asking guests to bring their favorite teas and a board game to be played at the party, as well as an item to donate to a local charity. This way you're having fun while doing something nice for others as well.

To fully complement the varieties of tea, have an assortment of tasty treats and cookies. For an elegant yet no-hassle solution, consider Pepperidge Farm Distinctive Cookies such as crispy sweet Bordeaux, delicate strawberry Verona or buttery-smooth Chessmen.

Give your guests something to do at the party. Set up a dessert bar with a variety of ice creams, cookies, cakes and brownies. Offer a

mix of different toppings, such as traditional chocolate and caramel, as well as nuts, sprinkles and whipped cream. Allow guests to create a dessert for themselves or to share with other guests. For example, guests can mix Pepperidge Farm Milano cookies with ice cream, top it with some chocolate sauce and whipped cream, and voila: Cookie A La Mode. The dessert bar will be a hit with kids, as well.

Be a guest at your own party. Mingle with your guests. Even if you're a gourmet chef, you don't have to be one for your garden party. In fact, an easy way to avoid getting stuck in the kitchen is to have all-ready-prepared food. Store-bought items such as cheese wedges and crackers are handy. Also, try serving elegant sweet treats such as chocolates and Pepperidge Farm Pirouette Rolled Wafers. Remember, if you don't have a good time, neither will your friends. So once all your preparations are complete, let the party begin. After all, your guests are coming to see you, not to watch you work. Relax, mix and mingle, and join your friends in savoring your party.

Leave them with sweet memories. Leave a basket by the front door with a variety of take-aways from the party. This little "thank you for coming" gift can be edible, a minibox of cookies mixed with gourmet truffles; or to fit the theme,

some potting soil with seed packets.

Incorporating personal touches and delicious desserts can help you have

a great garden party.

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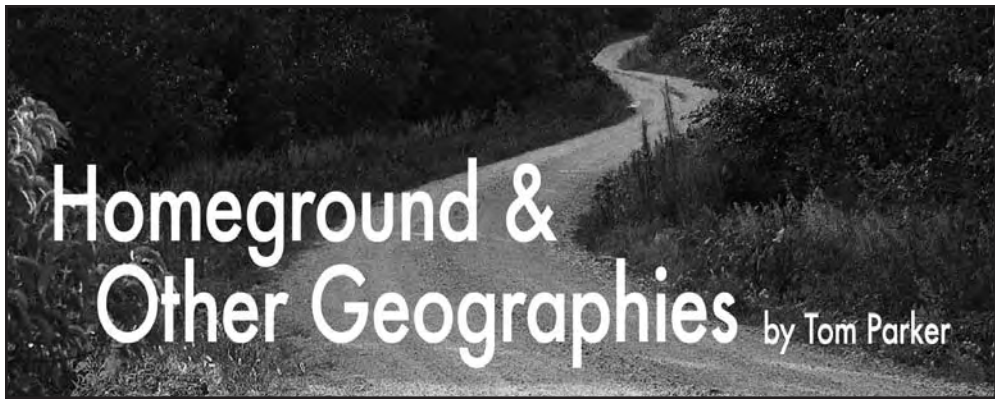
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The lives of swifts

From far away my wife whispered my name and I opened my eyes and saw only the room empty of all but dawnlight creeping through the blinds and the resonant echo of a disembodied voice and so passed restlessly back into dreams of a former career that it seems I am forever held captive to. Hallways branched off on all sides dimly lit and silent and I stood there unsure of direction or purpose while a sense of foreboding thickened the air. The fading tones of her voice slowed and faltered to the dull metronome of my heart-

beat. Sensing that she needed me I moved down one hallway but quickly found it bisecting another and another until I was utterly lost, and behind me the scuff of footsteps following. On all sides closed doors marched off in serrated ranks until swallowed into a greater darkness from which the steps quickened, and looking back and seeing nothing I unsnapped the holster and drew my pistol. And waited.

The distance from dream to waking varies from the imperceptibility of an instant to that of

galactic travel. Mine was more sluggish resurrection where sun-slatted books replaced menacing halls though as in all my dreams they never fully dissipated but remained on the periphery, like something glimpsed from the corner of an eye. I rolled off the couch and started a pot of coffee and feeling out of sorts walked outside to greet the morning.

Overhead came a loud and fast chitter. Two chimney swifts soared past the eaves and disappeared and reappeared seconds later on the far side of the maples and crossed the

airspace above the field and back, each oblong transverse bringing them nearer and nearer to the brick chimney jutting above the house. Even as I shouted "Welcome back!" the dream left me as if sucked aloft in the wake of their passage. Such, if we're lucky, is the magic of birds.

A good friend of mine once said that birders can remember the first time they saw a bird but not the last time they had sex. I'm using the sanitized version for obvious reasons but he had a point. Keep in mind that he's a white-haired old coot and not so frisky anymore, also that he didn't mean the date a particular bird species was first seen, but where.

Without looking it up on my computer database I couldn't tell you when I first saw chimney swifts, but I clearly remember the location: Blue Rapids, where we now live. We were on our way to my wife's grandparents and seeing them swarming the

skies above downtown I yanked the car to the curb and piled out, binoculars in hand. Never before had a bird made me feel so weightless, as if their intricate weaving conjured a lessening of the bonds holding me to earth.

In a younger era I would lay on my back staring at the clouds and the azure emptiness between and pretend that gravity severed its ties. In an instant I'd cartwheel into space, the ground falling away and the clouds rushing to enfold me and beyond those billowing masses an atmosphere thinning and chill and the cold glinting of stars. I thought at the time that such flights would be my only lot but later managed a short flight from Denver to Albuquerque and experienced gravity's release firsthand. It was just as I'd imagined. Better.

And now I watch the swifts and their dizzying flights, their synchronized spirals and choreographed

arcs zooming above the meandering trace of Juganine Creek and the monolithic grain elevator and the patchwork fields and the railroad tracks a strand of spidersilk shining in the sun, and a part of me joins them in a freedom I will never know. Theirs is a life of freeflight, of endless days spent on the wing until the sun dimming balances on the rim of the planet and chittering and chasing one another they never rest but fly as if landing were an impossible idea, and as the light inexorably fails they circle the house in ever-lessening gyres until just before darkness rules absolute they zoom into the narrow opening of the chimney in single file, Icarus fallen, grounded, but only for the space of a dream.

As I will dream my haunted dreams, mere yards away, separated by a skim of brick and plaster and paint.

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Most grocery chains not jumping on buying-limit bandwagon

CHICAGO (Dow Jones)--The move by some wholesale food outlets to restrict purchases of certain food staples caught the public's attention, but major supermarket chains aren't following suit, and food industry analysts say U.S. consumers shouldn't be worried about shortages.

Food prices have risen sharply this year, driven by increased global demand, drought and biofuel production. The March consumer price index reported food prices up 4.5% versus a year ago.

On Wednesday, Costco Wholesale Corp. (COST) indicated it had decided to limit bulk rice purchases in some stores. Likewise, Sam's Club, a division of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (WMT), said it was limiting customers to four bags at a time of some types of rice.

However, the purchasing restrictions on staples like rice are limited to wholesale outlets, as several retail grocery store chains said Friday they weren't taking similar action.

Publix Super Markets

Inc. (PUSH) has no plans to limit purchases of rice or any other items, said Dwaine Stevens, spokesman for the Florida-based grocery chain. Stevens called the possibility that the company would ever have to consider limits "not very likely at all."

Likewise, Food Lion LLC stores are "not limiting sales whatsoever," said spokeswoman Karen Peterson.

The Salisbury, N.C.-based grocery chain, which is a subsidiary of the Delhaize Group (DEG), maintains continuous contact with suppliers and hasn't heard anything from them to indicate rice purchase limits are necessary, she said.

While limits were placed on rice purchases at Sam's Club stores, spokeswoman Ashley Hardie said Wal-Mart's retail stores were not affected.

Safeway Inc. (SWY) and Kroger Co. (KR) were not immediately available for comment.

Ron Sterk, an editor at trade publication Milling and Baking News, said the food supply situation is not

as dire as some have portrayed it. For instance, he rejected any comparison between the present situation and World War II.

"That's not a fair characterization," he said. "In World War II, there actually were food shortages."

That's not the case now, he said. Despite the actions of wholesale stores, there's no rice shortage "certainly not" in the U.S., Sterk said.

Sufficient supplies of other commodities such as wheat and rye are available, and prices for both are well off their peaks from earlier this year, he noted. For instance, Minneapolis Grain Exchange wheat prices hit \$25 a bushel earlier this year, but forecasts for bigger crops this spring have pushed prices to around \$11.20 a bushel.

"There's no doubt that wheat supplies are tight," Sterk said. "But no one's saying we're going to run out of wheat. It's just tight."

Bakers can also find the flour they need, "they just don't like paying what the price has shot up to," he said.

Tight Supply Doesn't Equal Shortage

There's no doubt grain supplies are tight. Wheat and rice supplies in the U.S. and globally are at multi-decade lows and soybean supplies are also down sharply. Last year corn production was expanded to devote more acreage to ethanol production.

But it's not just biofuel usage that is lifting corn demand. Growing economies in China and India mean more sophisticated palates and demand for food there has grown. Livestock production continues to be the No. 1 user of corn in the U.S. Grain trade is dollar-based, and a weak dollar means greater buying power for foreign buyers, which has lifted U.S. agriculture exports.

Further, two years of bad weather in wheat-producing countries hammered output across the globe as demand rose. Poor rice harvests in Vietnam and other rice-producing countries combined with little advancement on acreage has limited global production.

Worldwide, demand for rice has outstripped demand for several years, said Bob Cummings, senior vice president of the USA Rice Federation, an industry group.

The U.S. rice industry is "confident there's enough rice in the U.S. to meet domestic demand as well the demand of our traditional export customers," Cummings said. But, he added, due to tight global supplies and higher production costs "it's fair to say that we don't see any slackening of cost pressure side." Cummings also said his group had not seen any across-the-board change in demand.

A significant factor in food costs is transportation. Crude oil prices are hovering just under \$120 a barrel and the high energy costs reflected in manufacturing and transportation of packaged food items — will

sustain some level of inflation.

Consumers paid about \$1.78 for a 20-ounce loaf of white bread in the first quarter of 2008, about 20% more than a year earlier, according to American Farm Bureau's market basket survey. During the same period, the farm-gate wheat cost reflected in that loaf's price increased to 7%, or 14 cents, from 4%, or 6 cents, a year earlier.

Consumers who are stocking up at wholesale outlets simply might be seeing a bargain.

"Most Americans have never really experienced absolute hunger; it's more likely a case of basic level arbitrage — buy it while it's still cheap," said Michael Swanson, an agricultural economist at Wells Fargo. "Don't confuse disappearance (of supplies) with demand."

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith



Far Horizons

My dad was a Methodist minister. At that time they were expected to move to a new church assignment about every three years. And, we certainly did. I grew up in at least five eastern Kansas towns and attended their schools.

When I was in Junior High about 1937, there came a chance to go to summer camp with others of the Jr. Hi-Y Club (High School YMCA), one of the most important of extracurricular school activities. It was to be held at the state YMCA camp, Camp Wood, near Elmdale. The proved to be one of the turning points of my life.

Although we had lived in several areas, I had never before seen tallgrass prairie. We arrived, checked in, and put our bedrolls in the assigned cabins. Then I walked out to the edge of the hill overlooking the lake, and gazed out over the hills to the south and east. There was nothing but grass ... miles and miles of it. For some

reason which I still can't explain, I felt a strong spiritual bond: Hey, I'm home! It established an affinity for the tallgrass country and the Flint Hills that has been one of the driving forces in my life.

When I was old enough, I worked at Camp Wood each summer, both before and after a hitch in the Army. I went into professional YMCA work, counseling, outdoor recreation and camping as a result. Eventually in another line of work, I settled in Emporia. The call of the grassland was still there. It still is. My present vocation is almost entirely concerned with writing about it. I sometimes feel that my whole life has been influenced by that contact with the tallgrass prairie at Camp Wood.

The "Camp of Far Horizons" was established in 1915, with the gift of the first forty acres. Stephen M. Wood, a Civil War veteran and rancher in the area, apparently felt the spiritual influence of the spot. It was

said that he loved to spend time on the hill where the camp now stands, gazing across the Cottonwood Valley and the hills beyond. He and Mrs. Wood donated the hilltop to the state YMCA "for the boys of Kansas." The first summer camp sessions there were in army style tents. Cabins were built a few at a time.

Camping is for girls too, now, as well as for adults of all ages. The original cabins were intended for summer use only. More recent buildings which supplement or replace eighty-year-old frame structures are designed for year-round use.

Programs are expanding to include outdoor education, conferences and retreats by church and Scout groups, and special interest camps. Family reunions find a welcome there. Descendants of Stephen M. Wood hold an annual reunion on the site.

The organizational structure of the YMCA has changed over the years. There is no state YMCA structure to operate camps or other programs. Such functions were turned over to local YMCAs. This led to loss of statewide support, and Camp Wood fell on hard times. But, in the late 1980s, a committee of former staff members, former campers, and Wood family members organized as a free-standing unit and received a charter as the Camp Wood YMCA. This allows cooperation with other YMCAs, offering not competition but an opportunity for extension of

their own programs. In addition, hundreds of campers with no YMCA program in their own areas benefit from direct enrollment in Camp Wood's programs. Present-day campers, somewhat younger than the early years, start at age seven, and come from state-wide and beyond. Programs are offered at different levels, and provide for special interests such as horsemanship, canoeing, crafts, as well as nature, hiking, and environmental interests. Outdoor education is growing.

For older teens, there are such possibilities as ski trips to the mountains, and summer canoe trips. The

program remains flexible and expanding, both in content and in great year-round availability.

This summer will mark the 93rd season of operation at Camp Wood. It is impossible to estimate the impact of the spiritual values which thousands of young people have found in this place. Stephen M. Wood's dream is now modified to include people of all ages who are young at heart, and who feel the spiritual call of the grassland. But it's alive and well.

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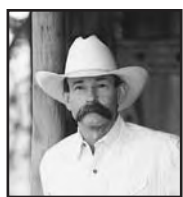
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Grass Vs. Grain Fed Beef

I was at the Governor's Ag Conference in Dover, Delaware recently. My column runs in the Delmarva Farmer. Bruce, the senior editor asked me ... well, here's how he put it:

"A debate is raging here about which tastes better, grass or grain fed beef. What do you think?"

My first thought was, — 'Does the continuing use of my column in his paper depend on my answer!'

As I recall, they served chicken at the noon luncheon, so I didn't get a chance to surreptitiously overhear his comments about beef. To parse the question, he did not say grass fat or grain fat

beef. Had that been the case I could have passed along the observations of meat guru Dr. Gary Smith at CSU, who said, "People crave three things; salt, chocolate and fat."

I'm not sure how he determined that. Did he lock three diabetics with congestive heart failure in a room? Keep them off feed for 24 hours, then lay out platters of salt and pepper, chocolate and vanilla, and fat and tofu to see which disappeared first?

Or did he take a random grouping of Farm House fraternity boys, put them in a locker and waft the scent of fat, chocolate and salt by

them to see which made them drool? Maybe use BBQ sauce, woman's perfume, and new car smell as controls?

But obviously, grain or grass fat is not the issue. What needs to be addressed is grass versus grain. First, grass is cheaper where it rains. You don't have to haul it to the cattle. You haul the cattle to the grass, which immediately brings up fencing. Barb wire, hog wire, electric, wooden, plastic, rail or pipe. Inedible fencing material would be the best choice because if it were wood, we'd complicate the problem by having to consider the taste of pine-fenced cattle versus cedar versus Osage orange which might flavor the meat.

Regarding grain fed cattle, the grains include corn versus all the others. Corn fed beef is supposed to have a yellow fat. It looks better with some meals than barley or wheat-fed cattle, which have a white fat.

So, it comes down to comparing, clashing, or complementary-colored side dishes. Sweet potatoes, for instance, and pinto beans go better with white wheat fed beef; peas and pickled beets enhance yellow corn fed beef.

In conclusion, the key word in this question is "raging." I saw no overt signs of raging when I was there. But I do know that the one place I do not want to be is in the middle of anything raging. Be it a fire, a pancake breakfast or a controversy wherein beef is in the taste buds of the beholder.

Sorry, Bruce. I guess I chickened out. Would that be free range or wheat fed chicken?

Burlington Northern profit rises on farm carloads

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. said that its first-quarter earnings jumped 30 percent on more rail shipments of farm products and coal, as well as larger fuel surcharges.

The railroad operator, which runs BNSF Railway Co., the nation's second-largest line, beat Wall Street expectations for profit and revenue.

The company reported profits of \$455 million, or \$1.30 per share, compared with \$349 million, or 96 cents per share, a year ago.

Revenue jumped 17 percent, to \$4.26 billion. Analysts expected profits of \$1.22 per share on revenue of \$4.09 billion, according to a survey by Thomson Financial.

Company shares rose 38 cents to \$101.50 at the open of trade Tuesday.

Agricultural product revenues rose 38 percent to \$866 million as the railroad handled more carloads of wheat, soybeans, corn and ethanol. Coal revenue rose 26 percent.

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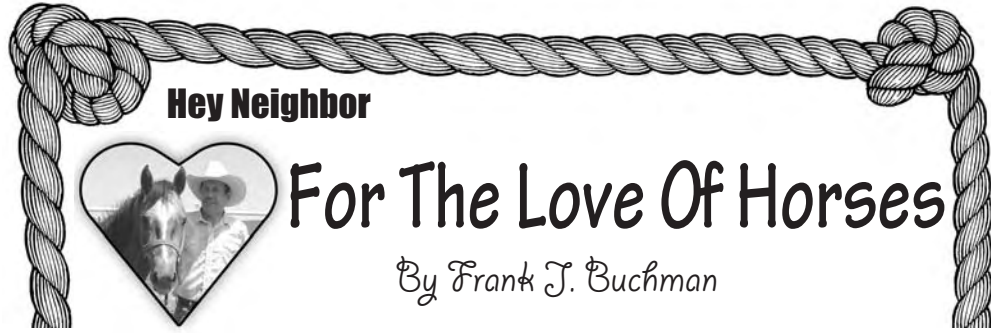
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By Frank J. Buchman

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Carl Thurow's inborn fondness developed throughout his lifetime.

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"That's how I feel about my role at APHA. I ride for the brand, and I welcome others to ride along with me."

Thurow was just four years old when Ole Paint, a spotted gelding, came in on a load of cattle to the family's western Kansas ranch near Moscow. "He was my horse, and right then I decided that someday I wanted to have a herd of horses like him," Thurow reflected.

Another Paint, a mare called Beauty, brings more fond memories to Thurow. "I had her for 10 years. She was way more horse than I needed, but she ended up being a nice horse, and she did teach me how to ride."

However, life sometimes takes a varied curve as Thurow pursued his education in San Diego, playing college football, and meeting and marrying Lynda, a California Western University cheerleader.

"We celebrated our 45th anniversary last June at an APHA Saddle Up For St. Jude Trail Ride in Fort Worth, Texas," Thurow inserted.

Yearning for Kansas, Thurow returned to the ranch, eventually took over management and expanded. "I really enjoy being my own boss, and working with livestock," he professed. "There's something special about baby calves and colts, and just nature in general."

Entry into the horse

breeding business didn't turn out the way Thurow planned. "I intended to breed my mare to a cutting horse, but our hired hand's donkey got with her. She ended up having a colt with ears about a foot long," he grinned.

Undeterred, Thurow acquired additional mares, and mated a Quarter Horse, Blandys Nickoleah, to Zan Parr Bar, a halter-performance champion in Texas. The result, Blandys Zanadu, a sorrel filly, became a top performance horse, too.

Paint Horse adrenaline flowed through Thurow, who decided to mate Zanadu to Ratchett, a national champion Paint halter horse and leading sire, owned by Bill Hittle at Hugoton.

Their offspring was Ratchetts Parr, born in February 1988. "He was the horse who changed my way of life," Thurow granted. "I knew when he was born that this one was special."

"Ratchetts Parr changed my business," the horse leader emphasized. "He determined where I would live, the places I went, the fact that I became involved as an APHA director, and the people I got to know around the world."

As a yearling, the stallion was shown by trainer Denny Hasset of Ulysses, and a remarkable record was set.

"At his first show, the 1989 Nationals in Fort Worth, Ratchetts Parr won first under all five judges, en route to being world champion. We were thrilled, but that was only the beginning," exclaimed Thurow.

From there, the stallion went on the stock show circuit collecting wins at Denver, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Jackson, Miss.

Under saddle, Ratchetts Parr continued to excel. "I had Jay and Gena Henson of



Since he was a child, Carl Thurow's life has revolved around Paint Horses. Carl and Lynda continue to enjoy Paints on an acreage near Wichita.

American Paint Horse Association photo

Hugoton train and show him, and he rode as good as he looked," Thurow credited.

The stallion was the 1992 western riding reserve world champion, the 1993

working cow horse reserve world champion and collected Register of Merit honors in eight events.

"Ratchetts Parr won superiors in halter, western
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Wichitan Carl Thurow serves as president of the American Paint Horse Association. While his personal operation has slimmed down from a peak of 65 head, he still has nine Paint Horses. *American Paint Horse Association photo*

pleasure and western riding, which entitled him to the performance versatility award and an open superior all-around," Thurow tabulated.

Likewise, Ratchetts Parr excelled as a sire. "We went into the breeding business full steam, taking over Denny Hasset's facilities,

after he moved," Thurow recalled. "Ratchetts Parr sired six APHA world champions and many other talented Paint Horses."

It was a heartbreaker when Thurow received a call in 2001, informing him that Ratchetts Parr had succumbed to cancer. "I just thank God for the time I had

with him," the owner evaluated. "He was a great horse. I was lucky to have owned him."

Through the years, Thurow's daughters, Tonnie and Tracy, also rode Paint Horses, mostly in rodeos. The women, both Kansas State University graduates, now have their own families, including Thurow's five grandchildren.

Thurow had 65 horses at one point. "Two years ago, we sold our ranches and dispersed most of the horses," he updated. "We only have nine head now on a small place a few miles from here. I am a fulltime horse appraiser."

However, his main objective is to advance the Paint Horses he's always adored.

As the 43rd APHA President, Thurow brings 25 years experience as a director and active member of the association.

"I have been attending trail rides sponsored by the APHA, and they are just a blast," Thurow commented. "I have the last foal out of Ratchetts Parr, and that gelding is the perfect trail horse."

While the Paint Horse registry is feeling the crunch of high overhead and expanding horse numbers, Thurow remains optimistic, yet realistic. "So much of the population only knows about Black Beauty and Barbaro. They don't understand real horses. We need to expose more people to the advantages and re-

sponsibilities of horse ownership.

"I don't want any of my horses to be slaughtered, but there are some horses that are not safe for use, and others can become incapacitated. We must have a method for handling these horses," Thurow continued.

Although much of association income is derived from registrations, Thurow acknowledged, "We have beautiful horses, but we must be responsible breeders. If there is not a place for the horse to be used, we should not be producing them at this time."

Changes in APHA guidelines have eliminated Quar-

ter Horse crop-outs from being registered. "I think that is wrong, and I want to work for reinstatement of colored Quarter Horses into the APHA registry," Thurow qualified.

According to Thurow, overseas demand for horses is a relatively untapped market. "People in Mexico, Brazil and other nations want Paint Horses. I am working to expand sales and registrations of Paint Horses in foreign countries," the president said.

"Most of all, I promise that I will ride alongside anyone willing to advance the American Paint Horse breed," Thurow concluded.

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By Val Farmer

Rural Life

Beware of greed, pride during good years

What has been the driving force for progress in agriculture? There are many, but one is that farmers compete with their neighbors. It's not hard to see why. It is difficult to name another profession where the neighbors all do the same thing for a living, where each farmer has roughly the same raw material (land), the same economic environment (market price), and the same physical environment (weather) with which to contend.

The differences in farms lie in appearance, size and application of management practices. To the practiced eye of a farmer, the management ability and the success of a farmer are visible from the road. Looking over the fence can be a useful tool for learning new ideas.

Farmers judge each other by what they can see. What they can't see, they can hear about, either from the farmer's own lips or from the big table at the local cafés. The only thing farmers don't know about their neighbors is the size of their bank accounts. Be-

sides land becoming available, that is the ultimate secret in a rural community.

Pride is seductive. It is easy to see how new equipment, the appearance of buildings, and the size of the farm are seductive as farmers judge their worth. They know this because that is how they judge others. To be first out in the field and the first done with harvest isn't just being efficient but is also a source of pride. This is noticed. Management decisions are open to view across the fence line. In such an atmosphere, one is tempted to live by appearances.

The usual signs of success in urban life, such as clothes, trips, fancy homes, new cars and lavish hospitality, are impractical and might be subject to criticism in rural communities. But with an increased exposure to media, rural people feel a competitive need for the same quality of life and conveniences they perceive urban and suburban dwellers have.

The demands of farming are such that long hours are

the norm. Many farmers have little else they like to do—or feel as much satisfaction about—as their farm work. How can they reward themselves for this life of sacrifice and hard work? The psychological boost they give themselves is new equipment and improvements that make their farming a little easier. These improvements also have the added benefit of being seen by other farmers.

Gaining perspective. A farmer shared these comments on how past financial crises in agriculture changed his view of why he does things.

"Things have been turned upside down. We used to compete with other farmers for land, progress, prestige, accomplishments and to make things bigger and better. The banker was our friend, sharing in that growth.

"Our neighbors were envious and tried to keep up with us. Now we farmers are in the same boat and compete against the lenders and the suppliers

for the disappearing wealth. We've learned to circle the wagons and do some soul-searching. We've sorted out our priorities. We've learned to cut corners and be creative in our efficiencies. We've had to deal with realistic values, no matter how pretty the paint."

Another farmer described how he chose not to compete with his neighbors.

"My adjustments were made way back. I reached a point in life in which I was satisfied. I didn't get greedy. We were satisfied with what we were and what we did. The pride factor has a price. The idea of bigness ruined more people. We wanted to grow naturally.

"I plan my improvements for the year. If something comes up to interfere, I can wait another year. I try to stay with the times. The innovations I try have to be within the possibility of the economy I live in."

Off farm investments. One grain company executive described what he sees as the biggest problem in the way farmers manage their assets. He feels that too many farmers reinvest their profits into capital expenditures on their farms and don't set aside enough of a cushion to ride them through a couple of bad crop years (weather, prices, major breakdowns, etc.). To him, liquidity of assets represents a major strength in

dealing with the unforeseen.

He has seen too many farmers reinvest the profits of a particularly good agriculture year right back into capital improvements. This may leave the farm even more precariously short of liquidity during hard times.

Today's commodity prices are exceptional. Anyone who has been through cycles in agriculture know that these are dangerous times.

Following your own convictions. Perhaps pride, competition, and self-reward have something to do with this impulse to plow the profits right back into the farm. However, the ultimate goal in a highly competitive business is to still be in business. This means hard-nosed decisions and following one's convictions regardless of how it looks to the neighbors. Those who are in solid financial shape now were often laughed at for their caution and conservative ways during times

when others took big chances.

Looking good in the eyes of the neighbors or in the community is a false standard upon which to make management decisions. The test of management is to utilize knowledge, skills and resources to find a niche in the marketplace that will result in a profitable enterprise. This task alone is daunting enough in today's agriculture and should light competitive fires and push people to be their best without needing to look over the fence.

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R-CALF directors adopt policy to oppose relocation of foreign animal disease lab

Because numerous R-CALF USA members expressed concern with the Department of Homeland Security's proposal to relocate the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL) in Plum Island, N.Y., to the U.S. mainland near livestock populations, the R-CALF USA Board of Directors has implemented interim policy to oppose the relocation.

The current facility is isolated on an 840-acre island and has a perfect record of never allowing any of the live, pathogenic animal disease agents studied there to escape. One such malady that strikes fear in every livestock producer is the highly contagious foot-and-mouth disease (FMD).

If moved, the facility would be called the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). Among sites being considered for the facility are Manhattan, Kan., Athens, Ga., Butner, N.C., San Antonio, and Flora, Miss., all with nearby livestock populations.

"If it needs to be rebuilt and updated, then it's just common sense to do it right there and keep it where it's at," said R-CALF USA Pres-

ident/Region VI Director Max Thornberry, a Missouri veterinarian who also chairs the group's animal health committee. "North Carolina told Homeland Security they didn't want it, but at the other locations, all they see are the dollar signs.

"There are a significant number of cattle yards near Manhattan, and you can imagine what the economic impact would be if a strain of FMD got out of that lab into the cattle-feeding industry anywhere near there," he continued. "What if they didn't discover it quickly? Just think about all the movement of cattle between Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. There are literally hundreds of thousands of feeder cattle pastured there every spring and summer."

A Homeland Security report puts the number of livestock near Manhattan, at about 543,000, and approximately 133,000 near the proposed site in Athens, Ga. The FMD virus is so contagious that work with it has been confined to Plum Island for more than 50 years. The existing facility is classified as Bio-Safety Level 3. The new facility also would

conduct research on foreign livestock diseases, but would be designated as Bio-Safety Level 4 status, which means research would occur on animal viruses that could be fatal to humans and on "microorganisms that pose a high risk of life-threatening

disease and for which there is no known vaccine or therapy."

"OK, so we need to renew the facility, but why would we move it right where it could do the most damage," asked R-CALF USA Member Aimee

Hatchigian-Gould, a physician who ranches in Montana and serves on the group's animal health committee. "I mean, I'm not feeling very secure right now. There's a reason these facilities are placed where they are currently."

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ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES: 200-ft. iron yard fence in 10-ft. small sections (some posts); 78-ft. iron yard fence; 25-ft. iron yard fence; wooden egg case maker 30-doz.; twist iron shoe shine stool; twist iron wash bowl stand; 22" D iron bell w/yoke C. S. Bell Co. Hillsboro, OH.; small iron bell; brass teachers bell; 1882 #10 Field Force Pump Lockford, NY; Stanely #78 iron wood plane; 10 wooden planes moulding; 5 cast iron seats, Hoosier & Buckeye; blacksmith tongs; apple cider press on stand; 4 corn shellers clamp on; P. J. Soorg 1886 & Star tobacco cutters; "Wonder" rope maker; wicker roll edge baby buggy, hoodless; wood boxes; old elec. fans; 5-gal. glass jug w/Waconda Springs wood crate; copper wash machine tub w/handles; SEVEN UP elect. pinball machine Genco Mjf. (as is); wood keg drink dispenser; wood egg cases; spring wagon seat; broad axe head, printers trays & 30 tray holder; American Co. tin cutter; metal child's glass top cof-

fin; wood 60 hole mail sorter; New Home treadle sewing machine; Schwinn 1950's bicycle built for two (needs repair); old wood window shutters; 12 wood windows with stained glass panels, some curved tops; heavy panel wood doors & screen door; other antiques.

PICTURES: 1961 Abraham Lincoln 16th President by Currier & Ives; Godey Fashion printed; My Little Favorite picture; 1883 Lords Prayer picture; Sermon on the Mount picture; animal & flower pictures; Ad Therm. pictures, Enterprise, Longford & White City; 1811 transfer of land Indenture Berks Co. Pennsylvania; other pictures.

CAR & BUGGY ITEMS: Dietz Beacon dash lanterns; barn lanterns; pr. brass Model 366 The End Mfg. Co. carbide car lights; pr. 37" Carriage lamps electrified; Art Deco woman hood ornament; Ks. license tags 1926-28, 33 & 35; other car related items.

ITEMS SELLING SATURDAY, JUNE 10



FURNITURE: (Approx. 11:30 a.m.) Eastlake walnut grey marble top sideboard 98 1/2" tall; 68" Cherrywood 2-dr. flat front china cabinet w/clawfeet; 4 punch tin sides pie & jelly cabinets; walnut punched tin doors pie cabinet; walnut lt. blue velvet loveseat; lg. & sm. plank rockers w/painted scenes & stenciling; 1860's chest of drawers; walnut dresser w/hankie boxes & wishbone mirror; rope beds with spool spindles; foldup child's beds; ornate trim full size iron bed; brass full size bed; kitchen cupboards; 5-pc. ice cream table set; walnut & cherrywood drop leaf tables; Eastlake walnut piano bench w/lift top; oak swivel office chair; small patternback rocker w/arms; oak library table; platform rocker; walnut parlor table; captains chairs; 20 dining chairs; kitchen cupboards; other antique furniture.

PIANOS: 1950's square grand piano A&J Keough Piano Co. Buffalo, NY, 43 keys 1 octave less than normal possibly Rosewood (nice); mid 1800's Hardman NY square piano lg. curved massive legs, needs work.

STORE ITEMS: 1890's wood store counters 8 & 16-ft. one has drawers in back; 24 drawer oak Shannon filing cabinet (termites damage); oak & glass lace display cabinet 6 slide drawers

& 12 lift side doors; upright oak ONT spool display cabinet w/roll up slide front; 8-ft. wood & glass showcase on legs; oak 8 hole shotgun shot dispenser; Excelsior Showcase Works oak & glass w/curved glass at bottom 37" tall & 36" W; pine 2-dr. cabinet from depot; male mannequin no arms or legs; Semesilk 4-drawer spool cabinet; tin Putnam Dye cabinet; Life Savers tin counter display; J&P Coats painted tin top thread cabinet; 2 drawer spool cabinet; 1903 iron w/glass tank peanut machine; 4 glass tank gum machines w/stand 1st Nat. Vending Chicago; Lindquist Cracker tin bin; tin Mephisto expansion bit display (Devil scene); wood wall Drug Store display cabinets w/sliding doors at least 8-ft. tall; National Biscuit Co. glass & brass box covers; Toms 5 cent Peanut counter jar; Boye Needle Safety Pin counter display; 5-ft. metal & plastic 10 cent popcorn dispenser Federal Machine Corp.; A.O. Cool-Ray sunglass wood & glass display; cast iron wood base National Cash Register invoice dispenser; Michigan 0-#1 steel cash register (as is); 1925 National Mint & Gum 5 cent dispenser; cast iron base & top 1 cent match dispenser; paper cutters; Stock Butcher Supply KCMO hanging 10-lb. John Chatillon & Son dial scale; 1898 Sears Roebuck

feed sack platform scale; 10-lb. Detroit automatic calculating scales; oak McCaskey register; Eldred Mfg. wireless #12 oak & nickel plated counter cigar cutter.



ADVERTISING: (10:00 a.m.) 1923 Dec. 25 20" Coca Cola display bottle; 1958 picnic basket Coke tray; metal pop bottle holders 12-pk. Coke, Pepsi & Royal Crown; 3 cardboard Peters Ammo ads 1922; 2 glass Standard Oil gas pump tops Red Crown & Gold Crown; small tin Gillette Razor & Blades sign; WDC Pipes tin counter sign; 1895 Broderick & Bascom ad steel cable paperweight; glass Belle Springs paperweight; 11" D steel barber pole 50" tall iron base & top; ad print blocks; Coleman lamps; Perfection heaters, Reach Tennis Supply & others.

ADVERTISING TINS: 3-lb. Golden Robin coffee; Ideal Jumbo peanut tin; En-ar-co long spout oil can National Refining; 10 cent Hauptmann's cigar tin; 5-lb. Sweet Mist Chewing tobacco, 1-gal. & 1/2-gal Seelye Killagerm tins, KKK

AUCTION NOTE: Many, many unique items. George started collecting 50 yrs. ago. Many items stored for 30 yrs. or more. To view photos go to website www.ksallink.com and click on Marketplace and then auction. Lunch available.

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NPPC urges USDA to address economic crisis

Officers and top staff with NPPC have met with Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer to urge him to take immediate action to address what now is a hog industry economic crisis, which likely will affect the broader U.S. economy.

Over the past seven months, U.S. pork producers have lost more than \$2.1 billion. Due almost solely to a doubling of feed costs, producers now are losing \$30-\$50 on each hog marketed. Lenders are estimating that some producers could lose up to half or more of the equity in their operations by year-end.

Economists have estimated that the industry will need to reduce production by at least 10 percent — meaning a reduction of 600,000 sows — to restore profitability. But that cutback could be costly, with less-efficient packing plants closing; less manure for crop fertilizer and correspondingly a need for more man-made, foreign-produced fertilizer; a hike in pork retail prices because of a smaller supply; and lost pork industry jobs. Other industries that

benefit from pork production, such as Main Street businesses, feed mills and trucking companies, also likely would see job losses. Additionally, there likely would be agricultural credit problems as some producers default on loans.

During discussions with Schafer — and in a letter presented to the secretary — NPPC President Bryan Black, a pork producer from Canal Winchester, Ohio, requested that USDA purchase an additional 50.5 million pounds of pork for various federal food programs. This would reduce the U.S. sow herd by nearly 163,600 animals. Black also asked that the secretary implement emergency programs and loan guarantees to help producers purchase feed, consider allowing early release without penalty of non-environmentally sensitive Conservation Reserve Program acres back into crop production and support pork exports through USDA's Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development Program.

Students spend a day on the ranch

DAVIS, Okla. (AP) — Agriculture students from Davis High School learned what ranch life was all about when they had the unique opportunity to work cattle on the 4G Ranch.

Located 13 miles west of I-35 on State Highway 53 near Milo, the ranch consists of about 8,000 acres and more than 1,000 head of cattle.

This was the third year students from Davis were able to spend a day working on the ranch. Davis High School Agriculture Instructor Steve Ratchford said the day gives the students a chance to gain valuable hands-on experience.

"I think this experience is valuable to the students because most of them will never get to see it anywhere else," he said. "It is a hands-on opportunity and students get to see what ranching and working cattle is all about. It provides them with a real-life experience."

Students were taught the right way to hold and maneuver the calves.

Ratchford said students pretty much learn all the steps involved in working cattle. And they learn real fast that teamwork is a big key.

"This helps the students develop a lot of good team-

work," Ratchford said. "They learn that if they don't work together, someone can get hurt."

Davis High School senior Buster Fore said he was happy to have the opportunity to work on the ranch.

"This is my second year to come out and work the cattle," Fore said. "I think it is a lot of fun and I really enjoy getting to come out. We learn a lot of teamwork and really gain valuable experiences."

Not all the students

thought of themselves as "cowboys," however. In fact, there were four girls in attendance Wednesday and one of them was returning after having been injured last year.

"I got kicked in the eye last year, but I'm not letting that stop me," freshman Ashton Ingram said. "Working with the cattle is certainly a little intimidating because you don't know exactly what to expect."

Ratchford said the

school's relationship with the ranch has extended beyond just working with cattle.

"We've also done some other safety stuff with 4G," he said. "They have brought tractors and brush hogs so students could go over safety features and actually get to see the equipment up close. We talk a lot about safety in the classroom, but here they get to come out and actually experience what they learn."

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURSDAY, MAY 22 — 10:00 AM

To be held at the American Legion Club located at 506 Washington St. in **CONCORDIA, KS**

155 ACRES CLOUD COUNTY LAND

LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE: 1 mile South (on #81 Hwy.) & 1/4 miles East (on old #24 Hwy., Camp Rd.) of Jct. 81 & 24 Hwy., 14 mi. South & 1/4 mi. East of Concordia.

LEGAL DESCR.: The E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 & W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 in 21-8-3 West of the 6th P.M., Cloud Co., Ks. except a tract of approx. 5.0 A. w/house & buildings.

GENERAL DESCR.: Approx. 155 acres w/60 acres tillable creek bottom & upland cropland. 95 acres pasture on Pipe Creek with 2 ponds & creek for water. Average fences.

POSSESSION: On pasture land, day of auction, on all cropland, after the 2008 wheat harvest.

BASE ACRES: 14.9 A. wheat; 29.9 A. milo; 14.9 A. sunflowers.

2007 FSA PAYMENTS: \$772.00.

2007 TAXES: APPROX. \$752.50.

TERMS: 20% of purchase price down on day of auction, balance due in the form of certified funds upon delivery of clear & merchantable title on or before June 23, 2008. Title insurance will be used and paid 1/2 by seller & 1/2 by purchaser. Seller will pay 2007 & all prior years Real Estate taxes and will pay 1/2 of 2008 RE taxes based on the 2007 tax Figure. Seller is retaining all of the 2008 wheat crop and FSA payments.

NOTE: 60 acres of productive, slightly rolling cropland and good creek pasture w/abundance of deer & turkey in a good hunting area. Look it over, make your financial arrangements and plan to attend the auction.

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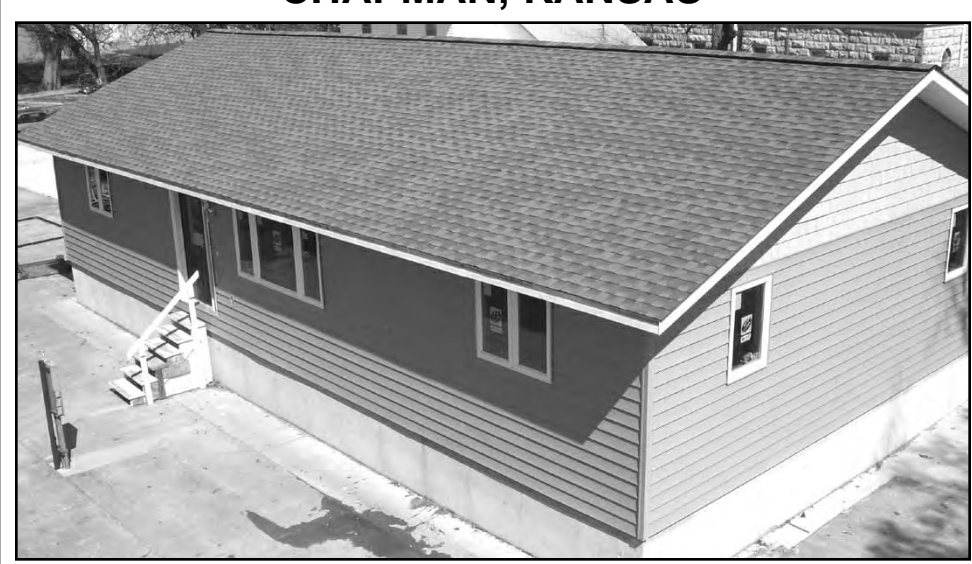
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AUCTION

3 BEDROOM HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 17 — 10:00 AM

LOCATION: This house is located at Chapman High School, 400 West 4th Street **CHAPMAN, KANSAS**



This house was the major technology project of the Construction Technology, Industrial Technology and Cabinetmaking I & II of Chapman High School, under the supervision of Josh Schl sener and Rex Gallentine. Jones Electric of Herington was responsible for the electrical work. Construction meets the city building specifications. This house was constructed of good quality materials and workmanship.

DESCRIPTION: Overall the dimensions are 28' x 52', which provides 1,456 sq. ft. of living space. The floor joists are Engineered Truss Joists that are 28' long. The exterior is POLAR WALL, Solid Core vinyl siding with an R-value of 4.5 and Lifetime Guarantee. The R-value in the attic is R-30, and the walls have an R-value of 20. The windows are SIMONTON PROFINISH doubleglazed casement windows. These windows have a low-E Argon filled glass and have a R-4 insulating value. This house has 3-bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, utility room and Great room, consisting of living, dining area and kitchen. The exterior walls are made of 2 x 6's and sheathed with 7/16" OSB plywood. The sub floor is 3/4". The house is fully insulated with 8" loose fill cellulose insulation in the attic, 6 1/2 wet blown insulation is in the walls. The bathrooms and entryways have vinyl flooring, the bedrooms and living room have carpet, and the kitchen and dining area have a laminate wood floor. The house has six ceiling fans. The bedroom and bathroom interior doors are hollow core masonite. The baseboard and all door casings are solid oak which have been milled by Mr. Gallentine's students. Exterior doors are all Thermatru fiberglass entry doors. The kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities, also constructed by Mr. Gallentine's classes, are made of oak with 5 piece panel doors. Kitchen countertops have plastic laminate tops edged with solid oak and the bathroom countertops have onyx tops.

SOLD AS EXHIBITED: The house must be moved from the present building site by July 31, 2008. Moving will be at the buyers expense and in accordance with city ordinances.

TERMS OF PURCHASE: Ten percent of the total purchase price and all the sales tax on total purchase price must be paid on the day of auction to USD 473. The balance is to be paid on or before June 6, 2008 or prior to the removal of the house from the school premises, whichever is earlier. Sales tax, on the amount of the sale, will be paid by the buyer. The sale is subject to school board approval and the buyer, signing a written contract prior to May 24, 2008. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all printed material.

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

May 8 — Pickup, mowers & misc. at Hesston for Excel Industries/Hustler Turf. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists.

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 Ethingerton. 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.

May 10 — Greenwood Co. & Elk Co. land at Eureka. Auctioneers: Jeremy & Joe Sundgren Auctions.

May 10 — Furniture, store counters, lamps, pictures & misc. at Abilene for George & Kay Ethingerton. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

May 10 — Real estate, tractors, machinery, livestock equipment & misc. at Durham for Terry & Barbara Hiebert. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

May 10 — Tractors, livestock equip., irrigation system, trucks, tools, antiques & machinery at Augusta for Charley & Virginia Bird. Auctioneers: Korte Auctions.

May 10 — Antiques & collectibles at Washington for Robert Young. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 10 — Oak furniture, antiques, collectibles & household at Marysville for Wallace Kuoni Estate. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

May 10 — Real Estate-household, furniture, appliances & misc. at St. Marys for Hebert C.

Kling Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

May 10 — Tractors, combines, trucks, ATV, machinery, grain & irrigation equipment, tools & misc. S. of Chillicothe, MO for Joe Ruppel. Auctioneers: Sewell Auctions.

May 10 Furniture, guns, antiques, primitives, collectibles & misc. at Portis for Harriett Schweitzer Estate & Gerald & Veda LaRosh. Auctioneers: Wolters Auction & Realty.

May 10 — Car, antiques & household at Belleville for Audrey Westrick Estate. Auctioneers: Novak Brothers & Gieber.

May 10 — Farm equipment, horse & livestock equipment, mower, household items, collectibles & misc. at Inman for Menno & Edith Enns. Auctioneers: Triple K Auctions.

May 10 — Furniture, appliances, collectibles, glassware, car & misc. at Council Grove for Katherine Slusher & Others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 10 — Real Estate, antique furniture, brass & silver items, quilts, pottery, antiques, collectibles at Burlington for Marilyn Rohr. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

May 10 — Furniture, appliances, vehicles, collectibles, tools & misc. at Topeka for Estate of John & Helen Haid. Auctioneers: Kooser Auctions.

May 13 — Real estate & pasture at Tampa. Auctioneers: Omli & Associates, Inc.

May 13 — at Manhattan for Maberry RFD Storage Unit & Estate Auctions. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

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 17 — Antiques, collectibles, guns, small farm machinery & household at Bennington for Sue Weiland. Auctioneers: Bacon Auctions.

May 17 — Primitives, collectibles, tools & misc. at Ogden for Johanna Estes. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 17 — House at Chapman for Chapman High School. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers.

May 17 — Furniture, household, collectibles, gun, kitchenwares & misc. at Topeka for Items of the Late Kenneth "Ted" Fuqua & Sarah Fuqua. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

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

May 19 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Marian Hamman. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auction.

May 20 — Car, truck, tractor, machinery, tools, household & collectibles at Salina for Mr. & Mrs. Don Hamilton. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

May 22 — Real Estate at Concordia for Wayne Jones. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 22 — Vehicles, furniture, tools & misc. at Concordia for Cork Widen Estate & Cora Bray. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

May 22 — Lyon Co. land at Olpe for Todd & Dodd Wigton. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates 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 24 — Lyon County real estate, tractor, equipment & collectibles at Council Grove for Marvin & Jackie Skinner. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

May 24 — Tractors, crawlers, vehicles, stationary engines & farm machinery at Newton for Alvin & Ann Thiesen. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

May 24 — Osage Co. land & improvements at Carbondale for Marty Metzler. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

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

May 27 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Heirs of Anna Olney & Sarah

Alice Mallon. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

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

May 29 — Coffey Co. land at New Strawn for Eugene & Isabel Lang. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates 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.

June 7 — Restaurant & bakery equipment at Washington for Schooky's Deli. Auctioneers: Uhlik Auctions.

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.

June 8 — Collectibles, guns & tools at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

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

June 14 — Loader-backhoe, dump trucks, dozer, semi's, trailers, dirt working equip. & shop tools at Plainville for Plainville Trenching & Backhoe LLC. Auctioneers: Ashley's Auctions.

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.

June 21 — Vehicles, mower, furniture & misc. at Concordia for Marikay Hull Estate. Auctioneers:

Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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

August 16 — Annual Hanover Firemans consignment auction at Hanover.

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

August 23 — Leather shop, household & collectibles at Clay Center for Paul Williams. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

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

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

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

November 10 — JD farm equipment, livestock feeding equipment, trucks, trailers & misc. farm items at Clay Center for B&K Livestock Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

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

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

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Antique glider rocker with needle point seat; Ethan Allen furniture, approx. 25 years old, lg. hutch with silver drawer, 6' dining room table with 2 leaves, 5 chairs, coffee table; oak dining room table with 5 spindle back chairs and 2 leaves; Antique kitchen table with slide out leaves; oak secretary with 3 drawers; Fairy Oak parlor stove; oak foyer table, rd. and sq.; cherry wood display cabinet; oak desk; wood strip flat trunk; table lamps; horn ship music box; sm. wicker sewing basket; misc. hand work; ATSF red globe; wood single tree; Hall Jewel T, autumn leaf, bowls and coffee pot; green Depression, 8 sherbet, creamer; 8 clear sherbet; German nut cracker; JW Pankhurst ironstone pitcher and wash bowl and chamber pot; Pfaltzgraff ovenware, service for 8 with extras; Mountain Wood stoneware collection, plates and bowls; Oneida silver plate tea set; ceramic dogs, cat and quail; metal was board; CI bell and stand; wheel barrel with steel wheel.

HOUSEHOLD

Electric range; 3 cushion hide-a-bed; Mitsubishi 26" TV; Canon PC 6 RE copy machine, B&W; fax machine; computer monitor; walnut end table; wood hall tree; blond bedroom set; queen box springs and mattress; misc. glassware; sheets;

bedspreads; blankets; pillows; beveled edge mirror; oak office chair; metal 2 drawer file cabinet; exercise bike; Cadence 4200 treadmill; new shower door, 24x63 1/2.

TOOLS & MISC.

Lincoln 225 amp stick welder; Miller Gold Seal GS 420 wire welder; 14" cut off saw, like new; 12" Craftsman radial arm saw; Powerking band saw, table top; 4" belt and disc sander with motor; old CI planer; welding bench, 29x48; propane torch; portable A frame; 1 ton chain hoist; numerous mechanics tools; JD self propelled lawn mower; B&D Workmate bench; lg. wet/dry shop vac; 100' new 1/2" cable; 12 - 2x12 boards, 10'; sewer snake; lg. wood block plane; more misc. tools; Schwinn mountain bike, 16" ladies; 2 com. band radios; picnic table, bench combo; 2 wheel utility trailer; concrete yard donkey; metal stairs with landing; wire pet fence.

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1954 Ford 6 cyl., Ford-a-matic, partially restored, original wood floor in bed; Wellcraft boat with trailer; 1979 Mercury 70 hp. motor, OR146514; Mercury 4 hp. motor; Minnkota trolling motor; 14' alum. V bottom boat; 20x22 carport, 26 gauge to be moved.

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Kansas Bluestem Pasture Rates

BLUESTEM PASTURE RENTAL ACREAGE GUARANTEES, CONDITION & CATTLE PRICES, 2003-2008 1/

| Year | Average Acres of Grass Guaranteed per Head for Full Summer Season | | | | | | | Prices Received by Farmers during February per 100 pounds | |
|------|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|--------|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | Beef Cattle | Calves |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Average for Pairs | | |
| | ----- Acres ----- | | | | | | | Dollars | |
| 2008 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 92.40 | 126.00 |
| 2007 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 90.40 | 122.00 |
| 2006 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 92.80 | 147.00 |
| 2004 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 79.30 | 116.00 |
| 2003 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 78.00 | 99.30 |

1/ Funding was not available for the 2005 survey.

BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES & ACREAGE GUARANTEES, PARTIAL SUMMER SEASON, 2003-2008 1/

| Year | Average Lease Price per Head for Partial Season (Dollars) | | | | Average Acres of Grass Guaranteed per Head | | | |
|------|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Steers and Heifers | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or more |
| 2008 | 61.40 | 61.60 | 61.60 | 72.10 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| 2007 | 56.60 | 59.70 | 58.90 | 70.20 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| 2006 | 51.00 | 55.70 | 54.40 | 69.50 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| 2004 | 52.60 | 54.10 | 53.60 | 62.40 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| 2003 | 49.20 | 53.50 | 52.30 | 65.30 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.7 |

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RANGE OF BLUESTEM PASTURE LEASE RATES, 2008, FULL SUMMER SEASON

| Type of Lease | Lease Price Range per Head for Season (Dollars) | | | | | | | Price for Pastures Rented on "Per Acre" Basis |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| | Steers and Heifers | | | | Cow/Calf Pairs | | | |
| | Under 500 Pounds | 500-699 Pounds | Under 700 Pounds | 700 Pounds or More | With Fall Calves | With Spring Calves | Avg. for Pairs | |
| 14 COUNTY BLUESTEM PASTURE AREA | | | | | | | | |
| With Service | 40-100 | 30-125 | 30-125 | 75-135 | 65-250 | 55-250 | 55-250 | 11-30 |
| Without Service | 18-92 | 20-170 | 18-170 | 36-150 | 60-220 | 40-250 | 40-250 | 8-27 |
| Comb. Avg. Lease Rate | 18-100 | 20-170 | 18-170 | 36-150 | 60-250 | 40-250 | 40-250 | 8-30 |

K-State crops team places third at national contest

The Kansas State University Crops Team won third place overall at the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Crops Contest April 18 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

The team also placed second in identification and third in the lab practical phases of the contest. Fifteen teams from two- and four-year colleges and universities participated in the competition.

The competition tested participants' skills in four areas. The agronomic quiz evaluated knowledge of crop production and management, crop physiology and breeding, soils and tillage, soil fertility, crop harvesting and storage, weeds, insects, and diseases. During the laboratory practical, competitors identified insects, diseases, weeds, fertilizers, stored grains, forage and processed crop products, and field and laboratory equipment. In addition, the contest also in-

cluded crop and weed plant and seed identification, and agronomic calculations and equipment calibration.

Gerry Posler, professor of agronomy, served as coach for the team. Members of the K-State Crops Team and their contest results include Alex Bolack, Burden, fifth overall, with a third in lab practical and eighth place in identifica-

tion; Jason Rugan, Ellinwood, alternate; Matt Wyckoff, Gardner, team member; Matt Pacht, Manhattan, 10th place in lab practical; Josh Andres, Newton, sixth in identification; and Josh Patterson, Valley Center, alternate and had the highest identification score and Kevin Hecht, Farmington, N.M., alternate.

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