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Outlook positive for 2009, but careful planning needed

By Tracy Taylor Grondine

In the year ahead farmers will probably continue to realize fairly strong cash receipts, but by the same token they will see significant increases in input costs.

Overall, the farm sector may very well see a downturn in profits in 2009 compared to 2008, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

AFBF held national outlook conference earlier this month in Boston. More than 50 Farm Bureau economists and commodity specialists were on hand to gain an understanding of the crop, livestock and inputs situation and outlook so they can better provide the farmers they serve with the market intelligence they need.

By many measures, American agriculture may be in the best financial shape it's ever been, but there are potential storm clouds building on the horizon, speakers generally concluded.

"The bottom line is that farmers need to exercise caution as they plan for the new year," said Terry Francl, AFBF senior economist.

Most farmers should not have trouble getting credit, but they will have to work closely with their lenders and carefully prepare crop budgets, Francl said. In the upcoming growing season will face a traditional challenge: input costs continuing to rise, while the weaker economy could well push commodity prices lower.

"We are very fortunate in production agriculture in that our debt to asset ratio looks pretty good," Francl said. "Agriculture still has the capacity to take on a lot more debt, but just because we can doesn't mean we should run out and bump up borrowing."

Still, farmers will have to keep a particularly close watch on their costs in 2009.

"Fertilizer costs are expected to be higher in 2009 than they were in 2008. Pesticide prices may also rise, but due to the increased role of biotechnology it is not clear how much actual spending on pesticide will rise," Francl said.

The saving grace for American agriculture is the rise in land values.

"Land values serve as the shock absorber for farmers. Land values are very high right now, but just because they went up this year, doesn't mean they will continue to go up," Francl explained.

U.S. land values reached a peak in 1981 in inflation-adjusted (real dollar) terms, but it took until 2006 to reach that peak again. "It took 25 years for land values to get back to that level, so rising land values is not always a given for American agriculture," Francl said.

For 2008, farmers are expected to realize a record net cash income of more than $100 billion with strong corn, soybean and wheat prices pumping in more cash receipts to agriculture. For 2009, farm income will likely back

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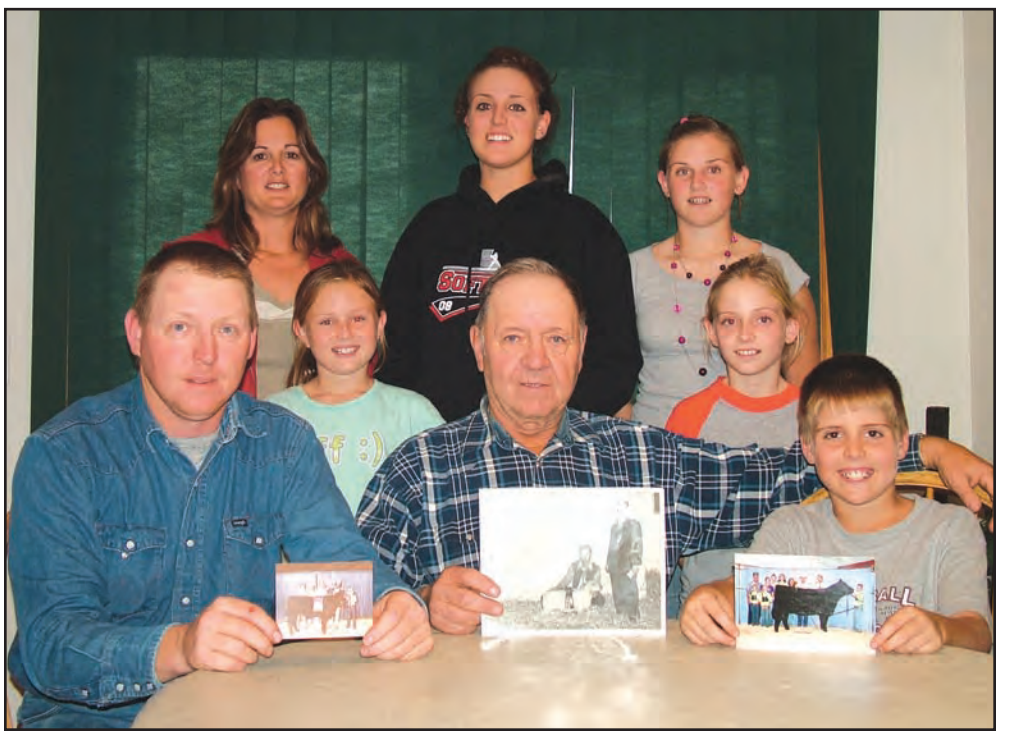
Success in the show ring comes to three generations of Ratliffs

By Beth Gaines-Riffel, Editor

Gathered around the table of the comfortable home of David and Michelle Ratliff, the stories, tips and techniques of years spent in the show ring come easy, with the youngest adding their thoughts with the oldest. And while the type and style of animals that get the judges' nod today may have changed drastically in the past 50-plus years since that first big win for the family — not to mention the advances in the equipment and techniques used to prepare animals for showing. But one thing hasn't changed in the family — they love to show. And it shows, pun intended.



The memories of three grand champion titles from the Kansas Junior Livestock Show are a source of pride for the Ratliff family of Westphalia in Anderson County. Holding the picture of their winners, David owned the champion steer in 1979, Gail with the champion lamb in 1955 and Chase with the top heifer in 2008. The rest of the family includes Michelle, Maycee, Morgan, Cheyanne and Madison.

But it's no joke that the Ratliffs are serious about the craft of raising, training and preparing animals for show and to their credit, each generation of the family has to their name a grand champion at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, the largest and possibly most prestigious youth livestock show in the state, held each year in the fall.

Gail, the family patriarch, showed the champion market lamb, a Southdown, to the top honor at the show in 1955. Back then it was held in the stockyards near downtown Wichita. David took a Maine-Anjou cross steer sired by Cunia to the winner's circle in 1979. This was the second year the show was held in the Kansas Coliseum facility north of Wichita.

2008 marks the year when the next generation of the family broke into the purple. This fall, Chase Ratliff's Limousin heifer bested the 300-plus head of breeding heifers shown at the Kansas Coliseum to earn the title of Supreme Champion. One of the other heifers in the championship lineup belonged to his sister Madison, as she showed the champion commercial entry in the show. It is the first time that three generations of a family have captured the feat.

Showing livestock for the Ratliffs is definitely a family affair. Michelle and David have five children — Morgan, 17; Cheyanne, 13; Madison and Chase, 10, and Maycee, 9.

The family works diligently to select animals they are interested in showing and then the kids go to work. They work together to begin the training process each fall with a new crop of steers and heifers. The halter-breaking process is much gentler today than it was back when David was an active youth participant. "They lead before they are ever tied up," he explained.

Chase detailed the process, noting that the calves start out in a small pen and are given the opportunity to gain confidence in the kids. "You start with a show stick and rub them," he said. "You get to where you can touch them with your hands all over before you put the halter on."

There is no shortage of challenges when you've got five kids with competitive spirits pursuing 4-H projects, including finding the time to get everything done in the barn when the kids have a full schedule of school activities and sports. David lamented that finding and raising enough projects for the kids to show and to be successful with isn't always easy.

"We typically try to match up the right calf with the kid," he explained. Morgan chimed in that the smaller and hopefully gentler calves go to the smaller, younger girls. "If I'd show them, they'd look really small," the lanky, athletically built teen explained. The family works together, and they know that some years are going to be better than others. This year was undoubtedly Chase's as his heifer was only beaten in class once – and then it was by a friendly. Kansas rival at the regional show that preceded the national event this summer.

Michelle and David recounted that none of the kids have been pressured to take part in livestock shows. "They've always been around it, because when they were little David was taking cattle to the open shows," Michelle said. "It was something that they want to do." Morgan added that when she was little her tricycle stood in for her calf, being "led" around with a rope

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DOJ aims to block JBS-Swift's purchase of National Beef

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a civil antitrust lawsuit Monday, Oct. 20 in U.S. District Court in Chicago to block JBS-Swift & Co.'s proposed acquisition of National Beef Packing Co., contending the deal would cause financial hardship on consumers and producers and harm industry competition.

The Attorneys General of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming are joining in the lawsuit.

The DOJ concluded that combining JBS-Swift and National Beef, the third- and fourth-largest U.S. beef packers, respectively, would result in lower prices paid to cattle suppliers and higher beef prices for consumers. In court documents, the department deal also would eliminate a "competitively significant" packer and place more than 80% of domestic cattle slaughter capacity in the hands of three companies: JBS, Tyson Foods Inc.. and Cargill Inc., the department said.

"The combination of JBS and National will likely lead to grocers, foodservice companies and ultimately American consumers paying higher prices for beef," Thomas Barnett, assistant attorney general in charge of the the DOJ's Antitrust Division, said in a statement. "It will also lessen the competition among packers in the purchase of cattle that has been critical to ensuring competitive prices to the nation's thousands of producers, ranchers and feedlots." JBS announced in early March it had reached agreements to purchase Kansas City, Mo.-based National Beef ($465 million), Smithfield Beef Group ($565 million) and Australia's Tasman Group ($150 million).

A DOJ spokesman said the department is not challenging JBS's proposed purchase of Smithfield Beef Group, the nation's fifth-largest beef packer, or the Five Rivers cattle feeding operation.

National Beef vows to fight DOJ lawsuit

National Beef Packing Co. and its majority owner U.S. Premium Beef LLC expressed disappointment following the DOJ announcement Monday that it is suing to block the company's $550 million merger with buyer JBS-Swift & Co.

"We are disappointed that the DOJ does not recognize that this transaction is pro-competitive and we plan to vigorously contest the DOJ's attempt to block it," USPB CEO Steve Hunt said in a statement.

JBS-Swift officials did not respond to requests for comment before press time.

Quantity vs. quality

Derrell Peel, a livestock marketing specialist at Oklahoma State University, told Meatingplace.com the DOJ's concern regarding the regional concentration that would result from the proximity of Swift and National plants in the High Plains and the proximity of National and Smithfield Beef Group plants in the Southwest is understandable. However, Peel questioned the DOJ's concerns regarding the overall reduction in the number of firms bidding for fed cattle that would result from the deal, saying he's not so sure that competition in the beef processing industry should be defined by the quantity of companies rather than the quality of operations.

Dealing with the industry's issue of having excess slaughter capacity and inefficiencies that threaten profitability, for example, might be easier and take place faster with fewer players in the field.

Over the Barn Gate

By Beth Gaines-Riffel

There are those things that become so ingrained into our regular existence that we don't recognize them, that is until something changes — in the extreme case — or at least someone points them out to us. Kind of like one doesn't always see that their kids have shot up in height (and sometimes maturity) until we notice that their favorite, heel-scuffing jeans are now high-waders.

The phenomena can even be more subtle than that, though. We who live in rural areas and make a living from production agriculture in various forms and fashion often get so accustomed to the landscape and the practices that are involved with the raising of food and fiber we forget that there are many that the techniques are simply foreign to. More bluntly stated, you might as well be speaking, shall we say, Mandarin.

This point came sharply into focus for me during the last couple of weeks. The first incident happened at a local dog show being hosted by our 4-H group. One of the contestants lived in Johnson County, just outside Kansas City and traveled to the event being held in Hillsboro via highway 50 and 150 — a picturesque slice of the scenic Flint Hills. Everyone knows the Flint Hills, right? Wrong. As the mother was detailing her drive down that morning, oohing and ahhing at the rolling hills and vistas that were covered with a light mist, I agreed with her that it was a beautiful stretch. And suddenly, as she was talking, it was if a light bulb had come on. "Were those the Flint Hills?" she questioned.

I could hardly believe my ears. "Yes, those were some of the Flint Hills." I replied. She continued on that she had always wanted to see them, but never had made a point of the trip.

I went on to note the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve was located along her route home and that it would be a lovely day for a visit.

I just couldn't believe that someone didn't have any idea what/where the Flint Hills were — especially someone from Kansas! Again, a solid reminder that educational opportunities are often available for those who make their living from agriculture. It is a task that must be approached regularly, and not taken for granted.

The second lesson came on more of a national level, and while it doesn't necessarily impact Kansans directly at the moment it could have far-reaching consequences. I'm talking about the California proposition No. 2 which deals with animal housing and care — most significantly egg production and their cage sizes — but other livestock housing requirements are also included.

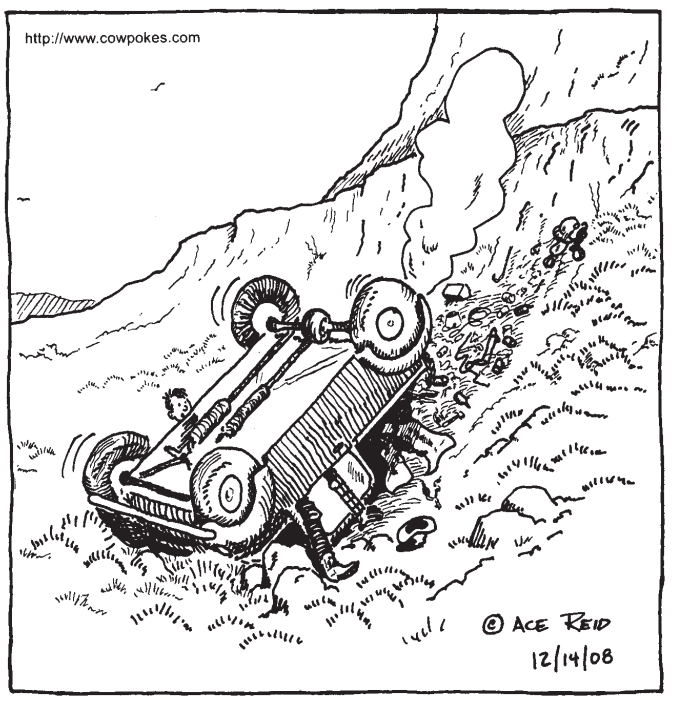
While California may seem like it is a whole world away, we should be paying particular attention to this development. It matters little that we may have a relatively small commercial egg industry located here, but because some people — including the infamous Oprah — are pushing this Proposition No. 2 issue. We should all be concerned and take every opportunity to educate the consuming public about our production practices. Because what might begin with a fringe group concerned about animal welfare can quickly change into a mainstream belief that mistakenly wants cattle finishing to happen on the open range — with an unrealistic expectation of how that should look.

And like the teenager that grows three inches overnight, it can happen that fast. It's up to each of us to make sure that friends and neighbors have an accurate picture of what production agriculture is, and should be.

My hat's off to those advocacy groups — including the Kansas Farm Bureau and the Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom — among others — that keep telling our story. It's important.

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

COW POKES® **By Ace Reid**



"Now, look at the bright side Jake, this is the cleanest this pickup has been since you bought it!"

The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

There's Gold In "Them Thar" Winds

The Kansas prairie has been gorgeous this fall with the tall grasses headed out and as high as my head. The big bluestem grass gives the landscape a rather dark blue.

The Meridian Way wind farm, being constructed nearby, creates a spectacle that changes every day. As we look to the west from our windows, we see on the skyline a group of wind towers that are seven miles away. Looking to the southwest, we can see towers that are as close as three and a half miles to our house. All the towers should be up and running by the end of this year to provide electricity for 60,000 homes.

Each of the 67 towers consists of four sections. The lower two are erected by a smaller crane while the two upper sections plus the nacelle and blades are set in place by a "Big Bertha" crane. Since these are the largest turbines made for land use, the crane must be huge to be able to set the upper components in place. I have been watching through binoculars to see the top sections and the nacelle being positioned over 260 feet high in the air and then the blades attached, which makes the tower 410 feet tall to the tip of the blade.

I realize that some people feel that the towers are an intrusion, but most citizens in this locality are impressed by their size and stateliness. Recently one evening the setting sun created a western sky of shades of red; and with the completed wind towers on the horizon silhouetted against this backdrop, it was a beautiful, awesome sight.

There are now eight wind farms in the state that have been completed and are operating or are presently being constructed. Many others are still in the planning stage. What surprises me is the number that are being constructed with foreign money. A firm in Portugal owns Meridian Way wind farm.

Have you noticed that whenever the United States just talks about drilling offshore, building more nuclear plants, and putting up solar and wind farms, the price of a barrel of crude drops considerably? In just a few weeks, it has dropped from $140 down to around $70 a barrel. If the OPEC nations lose their oil customers, they will have to eat sand. With just a little shrewdness and "smarts," I believe we can influence or somewhat control the price of fuels in America.

The big wind farms are progressing and are beginning to make an impact upon the energy supply. Local landowners are receiving lease payments of around $8,000 yearly for each three-megawatt turbine in addition to sharing in a percent-of-the-profit pool for a period of 20 years.

On the other hand, community wind seems to be slow in taking off. I believe that if feasibility studies conclude that proposed projects could be successful, then pilot projects, located on industrial sites, at small municipalities, and on farmsteads would help to determine whether these endeavors are monetarily profitable and should be promoted as another means of using wind energy. Grants, tax incentives and net metering would provide encouragement to help launch a community wind program so that in time it could blanket the windswept plains of Kansas and other states. The winds of Kansas belong to all of us. With vision, ingenuity, and help from legislators and REA Cooperatives, more wind could be harnessed to produce power for our ever-increasing need for energy.

Kansas law already requires that retail electric utilities purchase excess energy produced from generators with capacities up to 25 kilowatts for residential and up to 100 kilowatts for commercial customers. This is a good start in helping innovative people move ahead. There are many small turbines already on production lines to choose from and a law already on the books that may need to be modified to make it workable. Let's look at community wind and implement it for energy prosperity for all Kansans.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Food Animal Veterinarian Solution

The livestock industry and rural veterinarians are becoming resigned to the lack of newly graduated vet students interested in practicing food animal medicine. FACT: only 5% of DVMs graduating from U.S. vet schools in 2007 entered predominantly large animal practices.

This shortage is manifested by the difficulty of rural veterinarians to hire new graduates. It is also a problem for cattle farmers nationwide who run a small herd along with crops. These small farmers are the 80% who oversee 20% of the cattle.

Granted, big cattle operations; dairy, feedlot or purebred breeders are often willing to pay extra, or hire permanently, DVMs with specialized experience. These operators are the 20% who oversee 80% of the cattle.

There has been a concerted effort by some vet schools to select students who might lean toward large animal practice. Results have been disappointing.

Over time I have talked with many about the possibility of using trained assistants, working with or for licensed DVMs. One promising idea was a 'Super' vet tech. This position, or profession would come with a Bachelor's Degree that included classroom and hands-on training in Dairy (palpation, baby calf raising, mastitis and reproduction), Feedlot (pneumonia, rumen pathology, nutrition, and necropsy), and Cow-Calf (baby calf diarrhea, abortion, infertility, palpation and poison plants).

There is a muddy river between this idea of Super vet techs, and it's implementation including resistance from DVMs who worry they might lose business. As well as the recognition from vets that Super vet techs would offer more and therefore should be paid more than the high school kid who mucks out your stalls. Also the financing and establishment of a curriculum, which procedures would be permitted, the rules of certification, and the shrapnel of details and objections that frustrate a solution and take our collective eye off the ball.

Right now we are standing on the edge of the bank looking at a future across the river where 20% of the livestock and 80% of the farmers will have very limited access to professional veterinary care. They will get their information and advice from knowledgeable sources like pharmaceutical salesmen and county agents, plus their horse shoer, brand inspector, and local tire dealer ... which will be nothing new. Up until 60 years ago most cattlemen did not use veterinarians anyway! We will have come full circle.

But I'm an optimist. Many of the people I'm visiting with are already standing in mud up to their ankles, wading into the river searching for a solution to insure that in twenty years there will still be such a thing as a cow doc.

Farm outlook good, but caution advised

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down from these levels due to lower cash receipts as well as higher input costs, said Bob Young, AFBF's chief economist.

"The agricultural sector as a whole is in the best shape it's ever been since we started keeping these financial measures in 1960," Young said. "However, farmers will still need to find new ways to market their crops, and they will still need risk management tools beyond hedging."

The major worry facing crop producers will be continuing rising fertilizer costs.

"While you may see some moderation in fertilizer prices, there are no indicators of a serious collapse," Young said.

Also, indicators point to falling corn prices in 2009. Young cautioned that cash prices for corn below $4 per bushel threaten farmers with a cost-price squeeze.

FARM ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 — 9:00 AM

Due to death we will sell the following items at public auction at the farm located from RILEY, KANSAS, 3 miles North on Falcon Rd. then 2 1/4 miles East to 10440 Sherman Rd.

FARM MACHINERY AFTER LUNCH

1979 Gleaner F2 combine with cab and good AC, corn and soybean special, 16 ft. header, 292 6 cyl. gas engine, bin extension, 23.1x26 fronts, 1248.3 hours, always shedded, VG; mid 70's Gleaner F combine, cab, 16 ft. header, 18.4x26 front tires; 1985 Case IH 2096 diesel tractor with cab, 5.9L engine, 4363 hours, SN144127711, VG; 1976 White 2-85 Field Boss diesel tractor, cab 3 pt., 3 SVC's, swinging drawbar, good 18.4x34 rears, aux. fuel tank, dual hubs, 3112 hours, SN268452-408, VG; 1981 IH 3688 diesel tractor, cab 3 pt., 2 SVC's, 8 front suitcase wts., 18.4x38 rears, hub mt. duals, 5439 hours, 2nd owner, bought new by Bob Wohler, good; IH 706 tractor, WF DS, German diesel, good TA, 2 pt., 1 SVC, 18.4x34 rears, axle mt. duals, shows 9483 hours, SN45626, good; Vermeer 504I big round baler, monitor, auto tie, approx. 650 total bales, VG; Great Plains solid stand 13 7.50x20 end wheel drill, fertilizer, hyd. press, cylinder, 20" rubber, VG; Case IH 4300 24 ft. vibra shank field cultivator, walking tandems, tine leveler, little used, VG; Landoll Soil Master II 12 ft. spring shank disc chisel, good clearance for trash, walking tandems, VG; Hutch Master 12 ft. heavy offset disc with duals, cylinder, 21" front blades, 22 1/2" rear, good; Krause No. 1404, 20 ft. folding tandem disc; IH No. 47 wire tie sm. sq. baler, shedded; Gehl No. 125 grinder mixer with 3 screens, bought new by Kunzes, shedded and good; NH No. 259, 9 ft. 5 bar side delivery rake with dolly wheels, good; NH No. 479 haybine 9 ft. swather with crimper; NH 717 silage cutter with 2 row 32" head; John Deere B 16x7 galv. box grain drill with alfalfa seeder, trip control, 15" wheels, good discs, nice; IH 800 cyclo air planter, dbl. discs, markers, milo and bean drums, shedded and good; JD No. 1240, 4 row planter with fert., insecticide markers, always shedded, as good as they come; Krause 12 ft. tandem disc; Landoll 7 ft. pull type chisel; JD 7 ft. sickle mower; JD FBB 16x8 drill with trip and press; IH 540, 4x16 semi mt. plow with ga. wheel, coulters, cylinder; IH No. 45, 13 ft. vibra shank field cultivator with tine tooth harrow; JD RC40 6 row 3 pt. solid shank cultivator; Ruher 2 wheel sprayer, needs tank; Case 4x16 pull type plow; 40 ft. Kewanee PTO hay or grain elevator with hopper, on transport, works; liquid fertilizer spreader on 4 wheel gear with 500 gal. poly tank and Dempster ground driven cylinder pump and booms.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS - AFTER LUNCH

1967 Ford farm truck with V-8, 4x2 speed, 16 ft. all wooden bed with hoist, 40" sides, folding stock racks, clearance lights, 8.25x20" rubber, 90,207 miles, good; 2 - 1949 Ford F-5, 1 1/2 ton farm trucks, flathead V8's, one has 13 ft. grain bed with hoist, the other is a flatbed with hoist; 1966 Dodge 500, 2 ton farm truck with 13 ft. bed, hoist, extensions, 318 gas engine, 4x2 speed, needs work; 1978 Ford F150 2WD pickup, 460 gas, auto., grill guard; early 60's Dodge 200 pickup, no drive train; EZ Trail gravity wagon with 872W gear and Model 250 box and long auger, 11L 15 flotation tires, homemade rollover tarp, excellent; heavy Hiniker 4 wheel gear with flotation tires and telescoping hitch with IH No. 51 wooden silage box, shedded, good; Schwartz No. 130, 4x10 ft. PTO silage feed wagon; Grain-O-Vator No. 30 feed wagon; JD running gear with wooden flatbed; 2 wide box 4 wheel grain trailers with hoists, one wooden, one metal, nice; 4 wheel gear with old wooden narrow grain box, good; several other hay racks and running gears; 2 wheel combine bin trailer; Ford PU bed trailer with pin hitch; Snowco 2 wheel auger wagon, needs repair.

F-20S, REGULAR, JDA, OLD MACHINERY - LATE AM OR EARLY PM

IH F20 "Fairway" with narrow rear wheel spacing, overdrive, NF, 12.4x36 rears, partially restored; 2 - F20 tractors with Farmhand loaders, one on rubber, one on all steel, used to push hedge, both good; another complete F20; Farmall regular for restoration or salvage; stylized JD Model A, SN609731; 3 other old F20's for restoration or salvage; 3 Farmhand baskets; 10 ft. dump rake on steel, 3 pull type 2 bottom plows; front mt. JD 4R cult.; Oliver Superior 16 hole drill on steel; 4 ft. tumble bug; 2 row pull type monitor.

OLD PARTS, ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES - LATE AM

F20 PARTS: Front rims, 3 radiators, oil pumps, carbs, mags; JD PTO air pump; various other old tractor parts; tractor and vehicle lights; Model A or T amp meter; hub caps; lots of alternators, generators, starters, etc.; impl. seats; jacks; cranks; car mirrors; 2 Maytag single cyl. engine with kick start; 1 row lister; 5 tooth walking cultivator; walking plow; 2 man saws; working ends; wagon wrenches; old wrenches; paw traps; buzz saw blades; hames; cream cans; sprinkling cans; sm. prim. cabinet; old black phone with oak box; copper boiler; wash tubs on stands; pitcher pump; Adirondack chairs; other primitive items.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT - MID AM

Filson squeeze chute, shedded most of its life, exc.; 3 new Ritchie hog waterers; Pride of the Farm hog scale; several round hog feeders; lots of welded wire hog panels; 30 plus hog panels, salvage from Morganville Ent. farrowing houses; hog bunks; old 14 ft. pipe hay feeders; welded wire cattle panels; port. pipe livestock panels; several port. livestock sheds of wood and galv. tin construction, some real good and on skids; T posts; good netting; hay or grain elevator sections for bunks; hedge posts; telephone posts; 11x17 ft. lvstk,. shed made from bulk tank.

MISC. FARM ITEMS - MID AM

Piles of iron; 8x11 ft. steel flatbed, off of old truck; good slide-in stock racks; WIK wiper for front of tractor; engine from 55 IH baler; several arch rafters for old quonset; 500 gal. horiz. poly tank, never used; hyd. cylinders; several PTO shafts; IH swather motor; used galv. coru. tin; belt drive sprayer pumps; fuel tank and front suitcase wts. for 8600 Ford.

TOOLS, SHOP ITEMS, MISC. - SELL FIRST

Stihl 039 chain saw; Delta grinder on stand; chop saw; drill press; halogen lights on stands; sickle grinder; 220V air compressor; homemade tractor splitter; Proweld and VIctor cutting torches with hoses, gauges and tips only; gas and elec. weed eaters; good high wheel push mower; 12V Moorman cattle duster; cattle prod; Pittsburg 1 ton chain hoist; Handyman jack; good airless paint sprayer, direct from bucket; very good Craftsman 3/4 drive socket set; Pittsburgh 3/4 set; lg. variety of other good sockets; Kreuter open/box end wrenches, nice; lots of other wrenches and misc. hand tools; hammers; bolt cutters; belt splicer; Torpedo kerosene space heater; pry bars; pipe vise; variety of new oil; tray fluid; hyd. fluid; other good fluids and shop chemicals; log and tire chains; heavy 110V cord; good 1/2" and 3/8" drills; elec. and air impacts; circ. saw; other pwr. tools; drill vise; come-a-longs; silage forks; long handled tools; usual assortment of other farm tools and misc. shop items.

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AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — 12:30 PM

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H BUILDING, 612 US HWY 56

COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS

DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Council Grove on US Hwy. 56. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

SUV

1996 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4 auto, AC needs work, otherwise in good condition, 210,000 miles, runs good.

FURNITURE/APPLIANCES

French Provincial sofa with mahogany trim; sofa and chair with mahogany trim; 2 dressers and mirrored hutch; walnut desk; small walnut buffet; 6 oak pattern back dining chairs; large walnut buffet; walnut dining table with double pedestal and 6 chairs; oak rocker; oak cane back chair and rocker; walnut coffee table and end table; cherry piano bench; 6 bamboo and cane dining chairs; 2 La-Z-Boy recliners; Ashley couch and loveseat, cocoa colored, micro suede, excellent condition; end table entertainment center; cedar chest; computer keyboard; HP ink jet printer, new; refinished wood burning stove; small CI cook stove, old but never used; bakers racks; chest type freezer; Haier portable washing machine, white, new.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES & MISC.

Vintage postcards and sheet misc.; costume jewelry; painted skull; Vintage baby buggy and bassinet; tin doll house; Magic lantern; Obelisk; Vintage buttons; various glassware; new silver plate flatware; wood telephone; Vintage photos.

LAWN TRACTOR & TOOLS

Husqvarna lawn tractor, 13 hp., hydrostatic, 38 inch deck, good condition; Shindawa string trimmer; push mower; lawn cart with dump; 12" Craftsman band saw; 10" radial arm saw; 6' wood step ladder; aluminum extension ladder; forced air heat and air conditioner unit.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a partial list, these folks have moved and are getting their house ready to sell. There will be lots of surprises not listed. Come and spend the afternoon with us.

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TRACT NO. 1: 80 acres more or less with approximately 68.5 acres of farmland with the balance building site and waterway. 1 1/2 story house that has been occupied and a one story house that needs restoration, machine shed, shop building and other outbuildings. Would be a good building site, approximately 11 miles Northwest of Emporia.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 282 Rd. 270 Council Grove, Kansas.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E1/2 SE1/4 Sec 20-17-10 Lyon County, Kansas.

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Our Daily Bread

By G&G Area Cooks

Mary Alice Waylan, Herington, Wins This Week's Recipe Contest And Prize

Winner Mary Alice Waylan, Herington: "The original recipe for these tasty sweet potatoes calls for more sugar and oleo, but the recipe below cuts down on calories."

MASHED SWEET POTATOES

4 cups hot mashed sweet potatoes
1 cup evaporated milk
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup sugar (or to taste)
4 tablespoons melted oleo

Boil sweet potatoes until tender then mash. Heat evaporated milk, sugar and oleo (so sweet potatoes aren't cooled off). Add mixture to mashed sweet potatoes then add vanilla and additional sugar, if you desire a sweeter taste. Whip well. Serves 6 to 8.

NOTE: This recipe has no salt! Some use brown sugar to replace white sugar. If too dry, add additional evaporated milk.

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Sandra Norris, Abilene: "I found this recipe in American Profile paper in Friday's Abilene Reflector-Chronicle paper."

PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES

Crust:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened

Filling:
15-ounce can pumpkin
12-ounce can low-fat evaporated milk
2 eggs
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, optional
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

Topping:
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
Whipped cream, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch glass baking pan. To prepare crust, combine flour, oats, brown sugar and butter using a pastry blender or fork. Stir until crumbly and press into prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes. To prepare filling, combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, granulated sugar, salt and spices. Pour over crust and bake 30 minutes. For topping, combine pecans, brown sugar and butter. Remove pan from oven and sprinkle topping evenly over filling. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until filling is set. Cool completely on wire rack before cutting into squares. Serve with whipped cream, if desired. Makes 30 squares.

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Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

HOLIDAY PUMPKIN DESSERT

1 package yellow cake mix
1 stick oleo
3/4 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
3 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup sugar
2/3 cup evaporated milk
3 1/2 cups pumpkin
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup broken pecans
3 tablespoons oleo, melted

Blend cake mix, oleo, 3/4 cup sugar and 1 egg and press two-thirds of mixture into a 9-by-12-inch pan. Mix 3 beaten eggs, 1/4 cup sugar, evaporated milk, pumpkin, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and salt and pour over crust. Crumble remaining cake mixture over pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle broken pecans and melted oleo over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Do the toothpick check to make sure it's done.

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Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

NACHO CHEESE BEEF BAKE

2 cups uncooked egg noodles
1 pound ground chuck
14 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes
1 can nacho cheese soup, undiluted
5- or 6-ounce jar sliced pimiento stuffed olives, drained
4-ounce can chopped green chiles
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
2 cups crushed tortilla chips
1/3 cup ranch salad dressing
Lettuce
Sour cream
Salsa

Cook noodles and drain. In a large saucepan cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in the tomatoes, soup, olives and chiles. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Stir in noodles. Transfer to a greased 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through. Top with tortilla chips and drizzle with salad dressing. Serve with lettuce, sour cream and/or salsa.

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Louise Yarrow, Wakefield: "Holidays are a great time to whip up great dips for people to munch on while the cook finishes up the main course, whether Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, or any occasion."

CARAMEL APPLE DIP

8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Beat cream cheese in small bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Add brown sugar and vanilla; beat until well blended.

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CREAMY BACON SALT DIP

12-ounce tub cream cheese
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon pepper, or to taste
Bacon salt, variety of hickory, peppered or original

Cream all ingredients together. Use with pretzel sticks, pretzels or crackers. May also be used with fresh vegetables.

NOTE: In using this recipe you'll use a lot of bacon salt, depending upon how much you like. For a liking of a lot of bacon flavor, could use several tablespoons. Use to taste.

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Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "This is a yummy cake."

COCONUT-RHUBARB SPICE CAKE

1/2 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1 egg
1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup buttermilk
2 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed

Topping:
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon cinnamon

In a large bowl cream shortening and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla and beat well. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, allspice and cloves; add to the creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk. Fold in the rhubarb. Pour into a greased 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking dish. Combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Yield: 12-15 servings.

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Mary Rogers, Topeka:

HOT PARMESAN ARTICHOKE DIP

14-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained & chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped tomatoes
2 tablespoons sliced green onions

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients except tomatoes and onions. Spoon into shallow oven-proof dish or 9-inch pie plate. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle with tomatoes and onions. Serve with snack crackers.

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A couple recipes from Millie Conger, Tecumseh:

STRAWBERRY GOOEY CAKE

1 package strawberry cake mix
1/2 cup butter
4 large eggs
8-oz. package cream cheese
16-ounce box powdered sugar
3/4 cup chopped fresh strawberries

Set oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch pan. In a bowl combine cake mix, butter and 1 egg. Press mixture into bottom of prepared pan. In a separate bowl beat cream cheese and 3 eggs at medium speed with mixer until smooth. Gradually beat in powdered sugar until combined. Stir in strawberries. Spoon mixture over cake mixture and bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until center is set. Cool completely and cut into squares to serve. Serve with whipped cream.

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SPINACH & BACON DIP

10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed & drained
1 pound Velveeta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
10-ounce can Ro-tel diced tomatoes & green chiles, undrained
8 slices bacon, crisply cooked & crumbled

Combine ingredients in a microwave bowl. Cook on high for 5 minutes or until Velveeta is completely melted and mixture is well-blended, stirring after 3 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips and cut-up vegetables.

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RECIPE REQUEST

A Grass & Grain reader is requesting an old-fashioned recipe for PICKLED PIG'S FEET using pickling spices. Anyone with a favorite recipe is asked to please submit it to Grass & Grain, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66505. Or recipe can be emailed to: agpress2@agpress.com

Family Meals For Less Than $3 A Serving

(NAPSA) — Here's news to savor: Eating at home can be good for you and good for your pocketbook.

A recent Nielsen study shows 93 percent of American shoppers worry about rising food prices. Even with rising food costs, families are still looking for ways to serve meals that are delicious and nutritious.

Fortunately, by using a few fresh ingredients paired with some familiar pantry staples, it can be easy to prepare a dinner for four for less than $3 a serving.

Here are some simple recipes your family can enjoy:

No-Frying Chicken Parm

This easy-to-make classic Italian favorite is light on labor and packs a nutritional punch with a half-cup of Ragu Old World Style Traditional Pasta Sauce providing a full serving of vegetables.

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 egg, beaten
3/4 cup Italian seasoned dry bread crumbs
1 jar (1 pound, 10 ounces) Ragu Old World Style Traditional Pasta Sauce
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (about 4 ounces)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Dip chicken in egg, then bread crumbs. In 9-by-13-inch baking dish, arrange chicken. Bake 20 minutes. Pour pasta sauce over chicken; top with cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Serve with hot cooked pasta.

Cheddar Chicken & Vegetable Skillet Dinner

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1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into thin strips
2 tablespoons I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! spread
1 small tomato, chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 3/4 cups water
1/2 cup milk
1 package Knorr Sides Plus Veggies-Cheddar Cheese Pasta with Broccoli & Carrots

Melt spread in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook chicken 5 minutes or until thoroughly cooked; remove. Stir in tomato and cook 3 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 30 seconds. Stir in water and milk; bring to a boil. Stir in Knorr Pasta Sides Plus Veggies and continue boiling over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 9 minutes or until pasta is tender. Stir in chicken; heat through.

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Some recipes will be selected from submissions received from area cooks while others may be suggested favorites. You may also share the recipe with friends and family by clicking on the "email page" button.

This week's recipe is APPLE PECAN CHEESECAKE from Millie Conger, Tecumseh

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Woman turns Minnesota family's barn into a home

HARMONY, Minn. (AP) — When Shari Thoreson returned to Minnesota in 2002, her siblings suggested she build a house on the farm here where she had grown up.

Thoreson cared for her ill mother for a time in 2006, and began to take greater notice of the farm's lonely, dilapidated barn.

Instead of building a house, Thoreson decided to turn the barn into a house.

"I just think it's a shame to see a barn rot and fall down," said Thoresen, who retired from her job at Boeing in St. Louis in 1999.

The two-story barn has about 3,000 square feet per floor.

After consulting with a stonemason who said the barn's foundation was sturdy enough, Thoreson looked around for a barn straightener.

She found one from Nashua, Iowa, who then worked from October 2006 to February 2007 to bring the barn back to life.

Her father, Elwood Thoreson, had milked cows in the barn and later raised beef cows and sheep there. As a result, some of the original posts and beams in the cow barn had to be replaced after years of being saturated by manure.

Then Thoresen went to work designing her new home. With some help, Thoresen designed fairly wide-open kitchen dining and living areas with a guest bedroom and quilting room in the loft. A greenhouse and two-car garage were added to the ground floor.

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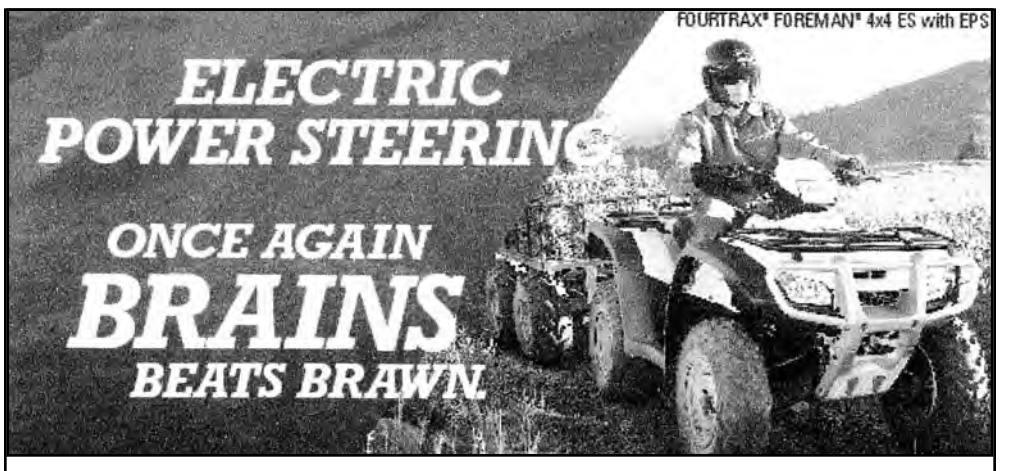

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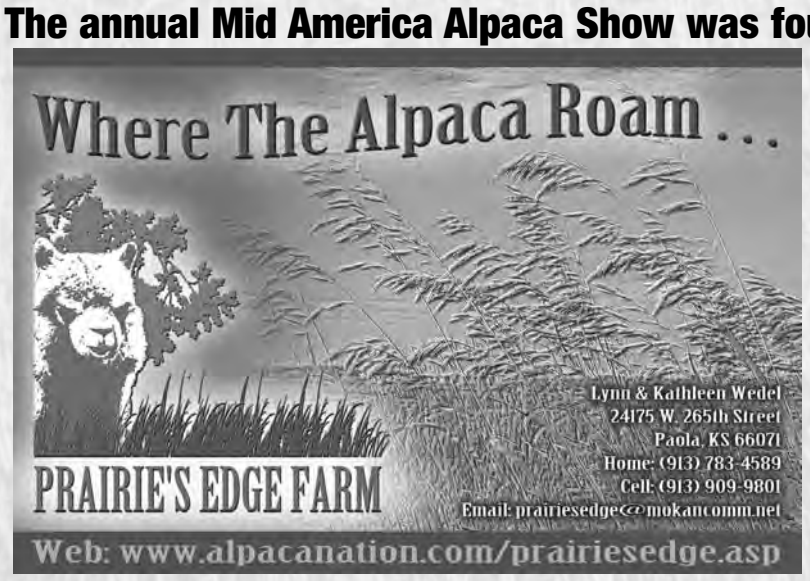

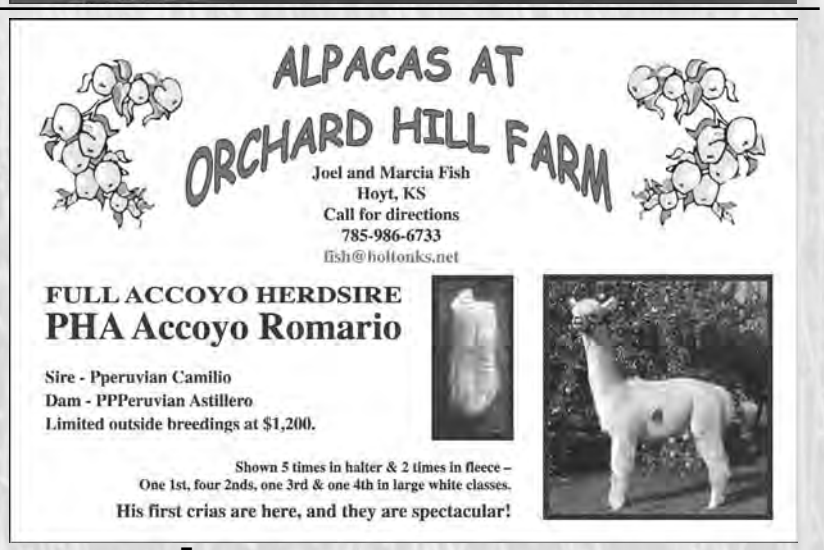

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Expert offers tips for dressing to keep warm this winter

If your mother ever advised you to dress in layers when it's cold outside, she was right — but not for the reason you may think.

Elizabeth McCullough, a professor of textiles at Kansas State University, said the versatility of adding or subtracting garments to stay comfortable is just a benefit of layering. The real reason it's a good idea when the thermometer dips is because those layers of fabric help trap your body's heat and keep it from escaping.

"When you add a garment, you're actually adding a layer of air that's trapped between garment layers as well as inside the component fabrics," McCullough said. "It's the still air that's doing the insulating."

Thick fabrics containing down or synthetic fiberfill are warmer than other types of fabrics because they're able to trap more air, she said.

McCullough is co-director of K-State's Institute for Environmental Research, where she tests garments for companies like The North Face and L.L. Bean. She said the most effective way to keep warm is to cover as much of the body's surface as possible and to distribute the layers evenly over the body.

"People think they're doing the right thing by covering up the torso," McCullough said. "But your body works as a system. If one body part is uncovered, you will lose heat from your skin's hot surface to the colder environment. The bigger the difference between hot and cold, the faster heat flows out."

In places where it's extremely cold — like Maine, Wisconsin or Montana — McCullough said it's important not to forget to insulate the legs as well as the head, hands and feet.

"You can't just put on a jacket and expect to be comfortable in very cold conditions," she said.

Mom was right if she told you to wear a hat, too. McCullough said that hats are important because your head is physiologically different from other parts of your body.

"Blood vessels in your head don't constrict," she said. "The first place vessels constrict is in the hands and feet so that your body won't lose heat as quickly. But the blood vessels in the head don't constrict, because your body's priority is keeping the brain functioning."

McCullough said the main reason a hat will make you feel warmer is that it's the last place many of us think to cover up.

"Often people have most of their other body parts covered," she said. "If the head is the only area left uncovered, you can make a tremendous difference to your clothing insulation by simply adding a hat."

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Kansan among national 4-H honorees

A dedicated advocate for youth — Cecil L. Eyestone of Manhattan — has been tapped to join distinguished leaders in the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Eyestone dedicated his career efforts to Kansas 4-H programs and to creating educational opportunities for the state's youth, said Pam Van Horn, Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist. Van Horn was involved in the nomination process.

Eyestone was one of only 17 people this year inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame Oct. 10, she said.

He grew up in Lansing, Kan., and joined a local 4-H club as a 13-year- old.

Eyestone earned a degree in agricultural economics in Kansas State University´s College of Agriculture in 1944, and chose youth development as the focus of his career.

He believes in teaching by example, and has employed the educational philosophy throughout his career, which included 12 years as a K- State Research and Extension 4-H agent in Montgomery County and 19 years as a state 4-H specialist. While based in Manhattan, Eyestone was assigned first to the southeast Extension area in the state and, later, to the southwest area.

Though relatively new to 4-H programs at the time, Eyestone proved a staunch advocate for leadership and community service as key components in positive youth development, Van Horn said. He introduced the Junior Leadership Club concept in Montgomery County, and worked to provide opportunities for youth to build leadership skills while contributing to the community.

The leadership concept was picked up by a majority of Kansas' counties, as Eyestone worked to create the next step — an annual statewide leadership camp for youth.

As a state 4-H specialist, he also provided leadership for 4-H animal science projects and was instrumental in developing the companion animal projects. The 4-H horse, dog and rabbit projects are examples. Those projects have continued to grow in popularity with Kansas 4-H members.

During his 4-H Extension career, Eyestone also coached 10 state championship judging teams — three in livestock, five in poultry, and one each in dairy and crops — and advised student members of K-State's Collegiate 4-H Club for 16 years.

Eyestone recognized the leadership opportunities for students in the Collegiate 4-H Club and reached out to other colleges and universities in the state to help organize eight more Collegiate 4-H Clubs.

He has taught a leadership course at Kansas State University, and, for 24 years, joined his brother, Merle Eyestone, in sponsoring a 4-H scholarship to fund post-secondary education.

For Eyestone, leadership seemed to come naturally — as a grade school student, he was able to lead activities on the playground. And, during his military training and service, able to build on those skills, he said.

While the 4-H honor is gratifying, it is not the first for Eyestone, who has received numerous awards, including a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Though now retired, the former Extension agent and specialist continues to be active in the community and state, often in a leadership role.

The National 4-H Hall of Fame concept was introduced in 2002 as part of the national 4-H Centennial celebration. Nominations for the Hall of Fame are submitted annually by state 4-H offices, Van Horn said.

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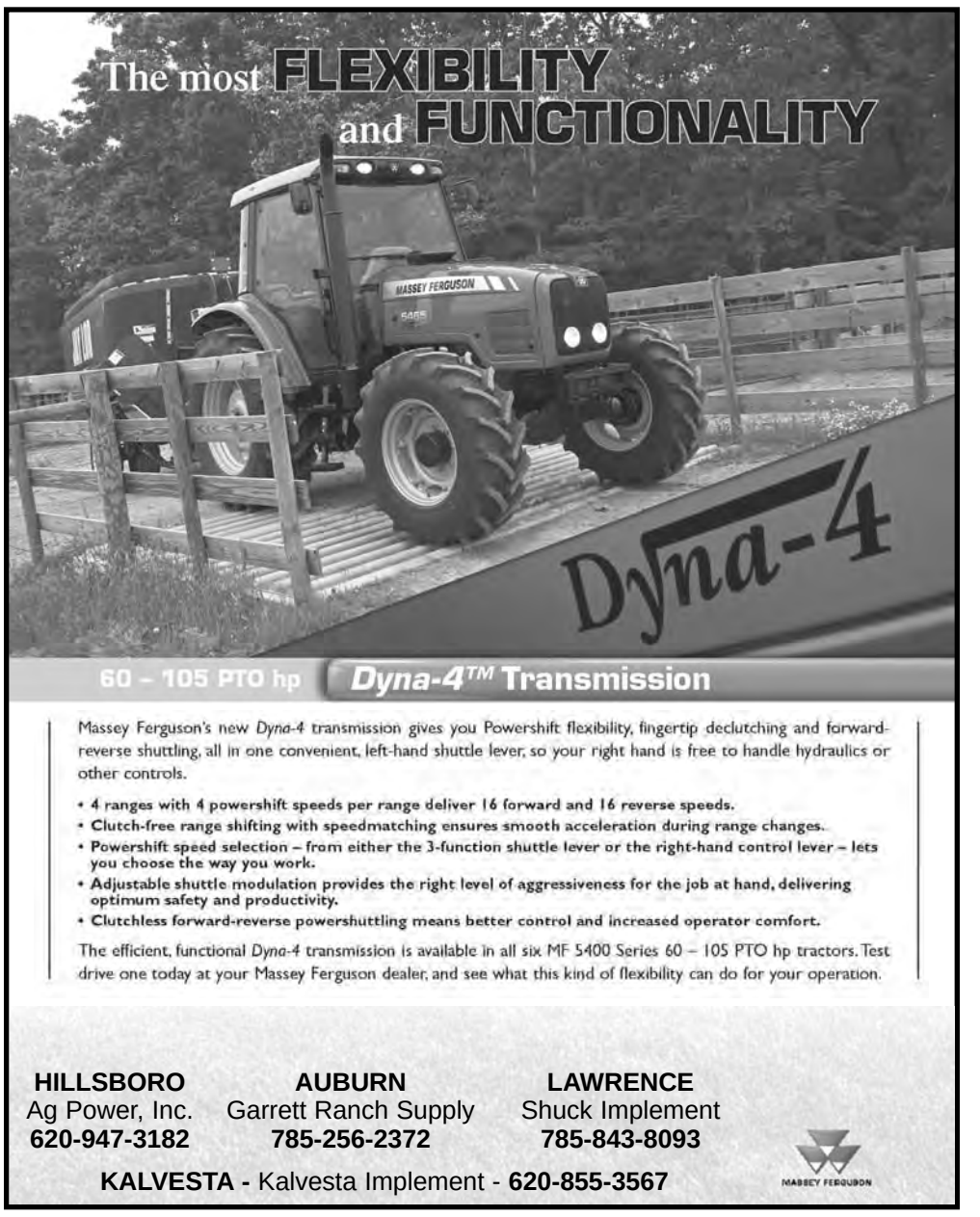

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Horsin' Around

By Don Coldsmith

A Ghost Story?

A while back, I wrote about some of my experiences while working with young people in the YMCA. That stimulated some memories. Especially, those of campfire stories, some of which must traditionally be scary. Especially, during some autumn camp-outs, with Halloween just around the corner, ghost stories seemed appropriate.

We had YMCA clubs in several of the Topeka elementary schools, called "Grade Schools" then. Our clubs for boys were classified at grade school level as "Gra-Y" clubs as compared to Hi-Y and Junior Hi-Y clubs in high school and junior high.

One of our active Gra-Y clubs was in a school whose enrollment was predominantly of "Spanish" extraction. This was a geographical coincidence, with really no segregation involved. A great many families of Mexican origin had people who worked for the A.T. & S.F. (Santa Fe Railroad, whose Eastern Division headquartered there). One of my best counselors was assigned to that Gra-Y club. He was Anglo, but had a broad range of interest, and was beloved by the youngsters and their families. He picked up enough Spanish to do a lot of good work in that school situation. Though most of the kids had a fair command of English, they cherished an Anglo who would try to understand their ways.

Occasionally the Gra-Y clubs would plan an overnight excursion, and this leader loved such occasions, especially when that particular club was involved. They loved stories, and he was one of our best storytellers. I had driven out to see how they were getting along, and to listen to some of the stories around the campfire. Ghost stories ... everybody edged closer to the fire.

Part of the fun of a story fire is to involve anybody with a story to tell. So, when one of the eleven-year-olds offered to tell a ghost story, the alert counselor encouraged him to do so. This had actually happened to his father, the kid said. He had heard his dad tell the story to some other men. It had happened in Mexico, long before the kid's parents were married, the youngster related.

He was actually a pretty good storyteller for his age, and described in detail the ceremony of the "promenade." This custom is somewhat outmoded now, but was originally a semi-formalized method for teenagers and young adults to meet other singles of the opposite gender. It's a backcountry custom, which I once saw carried out in a small town in the Philippines. The girls and young women, in best dresses, circle the plaza casually in one direction, while the young men, also attired for the occasion, circle the opposite way. They exchange smiles, greetings, and the woman indicates by a glance or a nod whether she's interested in meeting him. If so, the man may turn and walk with her or follow her to a place where they can get better acquainted.

In this case it was growing dark, and the young man was having no luck in trolling for a date. Then he noticed a pretty white dress he hadn't seen before. He

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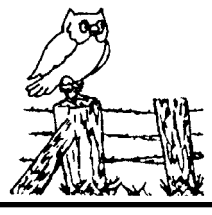

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didn't get a very good look, but was quite impressed, as he turned to follow the inviting nod of the head. The boy relating the tale was eloquent in his second-hand description of the beauty of this girl's hair and body and shapely legs, as told by his father. But, he related, she kept ahead of her suitor, down a dark street and into a small park away from traffic, still with enticing nods of the head. The tension mounted among the listeners ...

"Then she turned ... he saw her close up for the first time, and she had ... the face of a horse!"

There was a gasp of horror from his young listeners.

I was never quite certain how many of those kids, if any, really understood that story. I do recall that the Gra-Y counselor and I were sore from laughing the next day. I'm sure that youngster could be a real storyteller by this time. His father surely was.

See you down the road.

Montgomery County team wins state championship

A team of 4-Hers representing Montgomery County recently won the Livestock Skillathon Contest at the 2008 Kansas State Fair held in Hutchinson.

This was the first time that a team from Montgomery County had entered this contest. Mary Reilly, daughter of Phil and Debbie Reilly, Cherryvale, was the high placing individual. Erin King, daughter of Kevin and Lois Lay, Coffeyville, and Kevin King, Cherryvale, placed sixth. Levi Clubine, son of Phil and Anita Clubine, Havana, was the ninth high individual. Tina Voelker, daughter of Chuck and Julie Voelker, Cherryvale, placed thirteenth. The team was coached by Phil Reilly and Chuck Voelker.

The contest consisted of a variety of livestock related areas, including breed identification, meat cut identification and evaluation, feed identification, livestock equipment identification, and quality assurance and performance exercises. The team has now qualified to represent Kansas at the national contest held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky on November 17.

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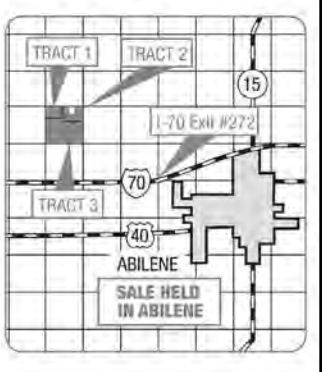

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Tract 3	120.0	76.2	32	14.9	50	5.3	47

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By Frank J. Buchman

Thrush Is Preventable, Curable Problem In Horse's Feet

A lame horse with a foul odor and dark, slimy discharge from its foot is likely suffering from thrush.

Not an uncommon problem in horses, thrush is usually a rather benign disease that attacks the frog and surrounding tissue in the foot, according to Matt Taimuty, Federalsburg, Md.

"Primarily found in the grooves alongside and down the center of the frog of the horse's foot, thrush is characterized by a dark, often black, putrid slimy discharge," explained Taimuty, Certified Journeyman Farrier of the American Farriers Association.

The disease is usually associated with poor frog growth and a ragged disintegration of the frog tissue. "Sometimes, a thrush case will become chronic and complicated with deep involvement of the sensitive structures and may, in worst-case scenarios, involve the tendons," warned Taimuty, a farrier for more than 35 years.

A foul odor similar to rotting garbage and the discharge are main clues to a problem. "One might also see sludge in the white chalky sole around the frog. That powdery material is not thrush but rather normal shedding of the sole," detailed Taimuty, an Oregon State University Farrier School graduate.

Poor sanitation, dirty stalls, manure-filled corrals and wet conditions are major factors that predispose the foot to thrush. "Contracted or overly high heels that trap debris also contribute to a horse's chances of contracting thrush," Taimuty pointed out. "Yet, primary cause of this disease is lack of thorough cleaning of the feet."

Scientific cause of the problem is sperophorus necrophorus, a bacterium that lives without oxygen in the digestive tracts of animals worldwide. Easily killed by air and light, the bacterium likes unsanitary places such as a horse's foot. It will multiply prolifically while feeding on the frog tissue.

In advanced cases of thrush, frog of the foot will have a shredded, disintegrated, mushy look to it, with loose, ragged flaps of tissue hanging off. "Loose flaps alone do not signify thrush," Taimuty clarified. "Uninfected flaps are normal and can be torn or trimmed off."

This horse foot has a case of advanced thrush, with frog material of the foot falling away. Tissues become very sensitive in the grooves along the side and down the center of the frog and sole.

"The horse may be plame and sensitive to the hoof pick when digging in the frog. In very serious cases, blood may be drawn," the farrier added.

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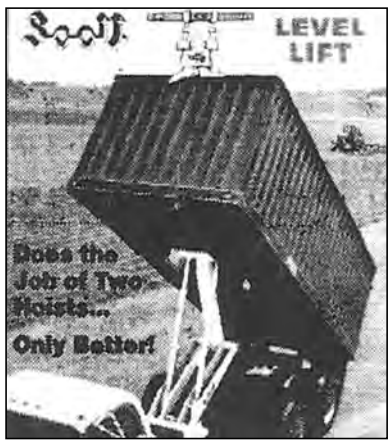

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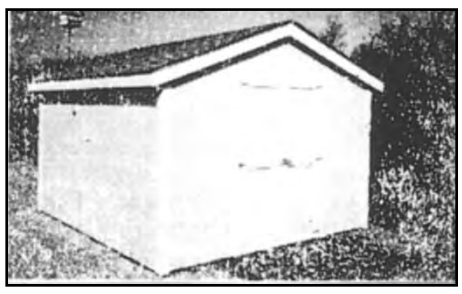

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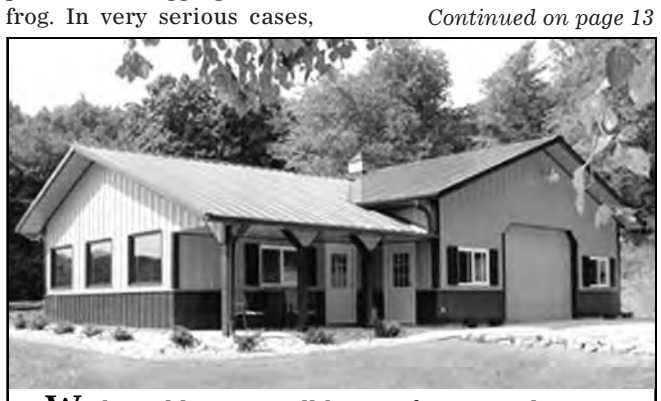

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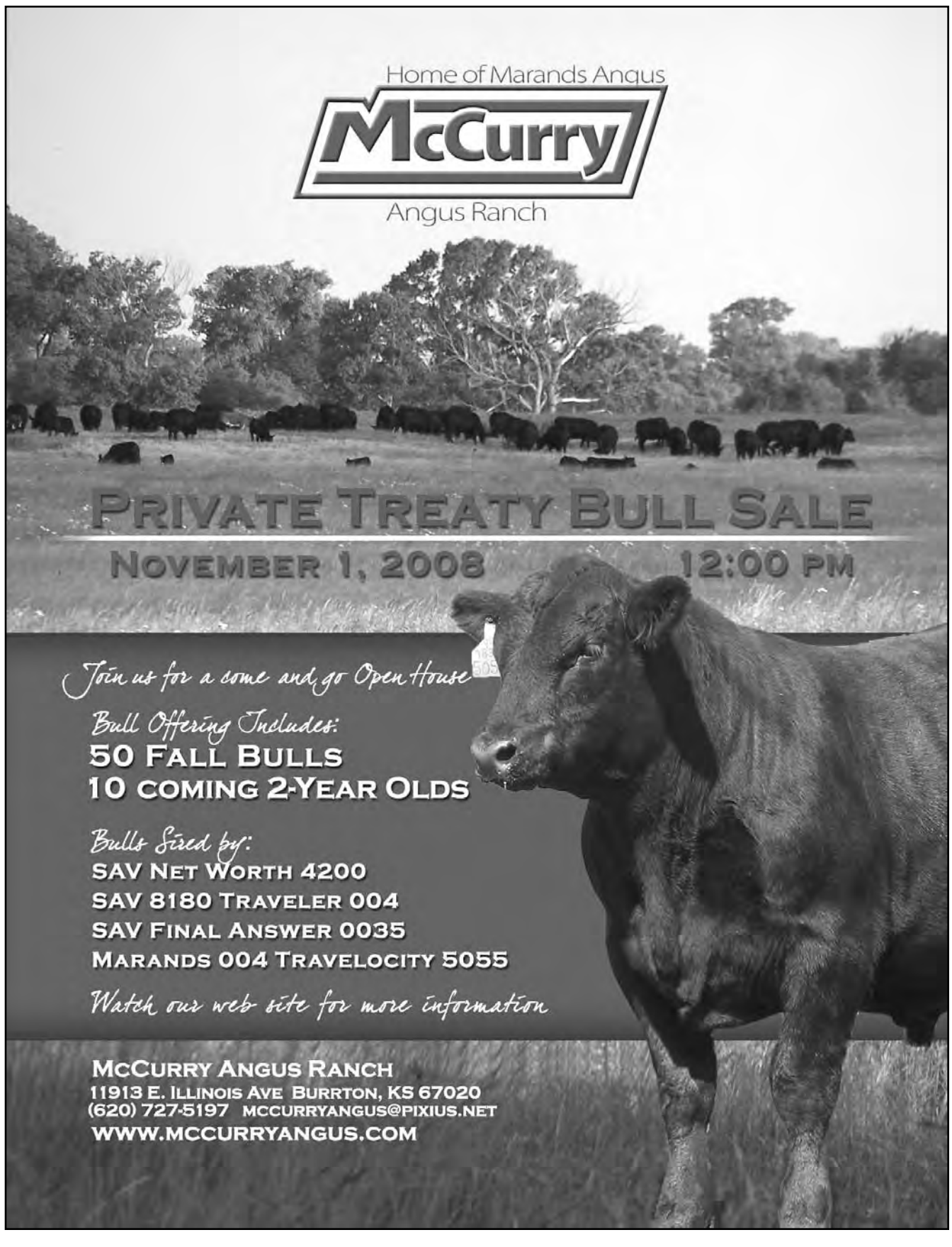

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Aggressive treatment by a farrier or veterinarian is required in the serious cases. "The affected area must be cleaned and as much of the diseased tissue as possible removed," Taimuty related. "There may be a good deal of blood associated with this tissue removal, and aggressive treatment will be necessary."

Daily cleaning and packing the foot with medication and cotton could be required. "This is done by hooking a cotton ball on the end of a clean hoof pick, and swabbing it through the center cleft of the frog, all the way to the bottom," Taimuty described. "It will come out covered with gunk and slime, and the horse may complain that it hurts."

Process must be repeated until the last cotton ball comes out clean. "Then soak as many cotton balls as needed in the antibiotic called "Go Dry" and pack them down in the cleft. Pack it tight and full," Taimuty recommended. Treatment should be done daily until the frog tissue fills the cleft.

"If you stop treatment too soon, the thrush will return, and you'll have to start over," Taimuty declared.

More serious treatment may require a veterinarian to pack the affected areas with medication and wrap the feet to keep them clean. "A bandage that does not stay on is not going to do the horse any good," emphasized Taimuty.

Farriers can apply an aluminum hospital plate or cover in a shoe to keep medication in and dirt out. A tetanus shot and additional antibiotics are also suggested.

When the thrush has been killed, topical treatment with medication is still needed two or three times a week. "Over the next several months, the frog tissue will grow out and appear normal, as long as there is no relapse. Stalls and horses' feet must be kept dry and clean," Taimuty recognized.

Typically, horses will have full recovery from thrush. However, the more serious the infection, the more guarded the prognosis.

Prevention requires clean areas where the horse lives, and daily picking of the feet. "Dig all of the way to the bottom of the foot. You cannot hurt a healthy foot with a hoof pick," Taimuty insisted. "If your horse says 'ouch,' that is a sign of a problem."

During damp weather, it is a good practice to use a thrush remedy about twice a week for preventative reasons, concluded Taimuty.

Candidates for office air position on horse slaughter

By Frank J. Buchman

What about the candidates' opinions on horse issues?

They don't talk about them, in general.

Both Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, presidential candidates, co-sponsored the Senate bill last year to amend the Horse Protection Act "to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes."

With no horses being slaughtered at commercial operations in the United States, shipments have been going across borders to Mexico and Canada. Legislation calling for end to slaughter of horses for human consumption and the domestic and international transport of live horses or horseflesh for human consumption was reintroduced in both houses of Congress during September.

Incumbent Republican candidate for U.S. Senator from Kansas Pat Roberts believes animals should be treated with respect and dignity. "At the same time, Congress must be aware of the unintended consequences of its actions," he said.

Sen. Roberts is concerned about the increasing numbers of unwanted horses being abandoned due to the recent lack of marketing options for owners. He promised, "I will continue to be a strong advocate for the rights of livestock owners and their ability to make decisions in their own best interests."

Jim Slattery, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate seat from Kansas, briefly responded: "We need sensible and ethical policy related to the euthanasia of horses."

U.S. Rep. Nancy Boyda, Democrat representing the Second District in Kansas, commented, "Horses are an important American icon that deserve proper care. However, I truly believe that they can be better protected through the compassion of horse lovers and equestrian organizations than by federal mandate."

Lynn Jenkins, Republican for the U.S. House of Representative Second District seat, is "opposed to legislation banning horse slaughter," with the opinion that such restrictions could eventually lead to bad implications for the beef industry.

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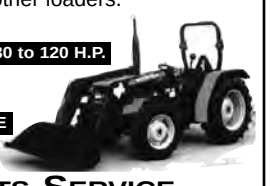

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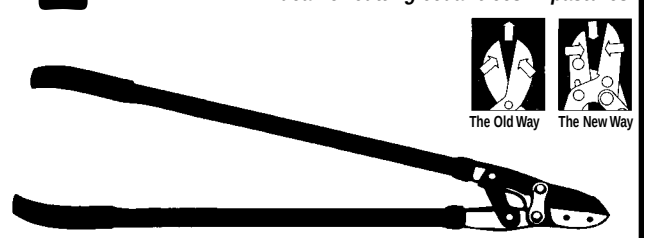

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Success in the show ring

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halter. "I think I was wearing shorts and my cowboy boots in that picture," she recounted.

And it hasn't always been cattle that have been the sole project for the kids. Hogs and sheep have both been fed and shown by the Ratliffs – a throwback to their dad's and grandpa's past experiences.

Exhibiting quality cattle has played a part in the family's purebred Limousin operation; the show ring has provided a venue to showcase the genetics of the farm that are offered for sale each year the last Saturday in February.

But it's more than just business that the family enjoys by taking part in cattle shows. It's the chance to spend time with family, sometimes in close confines, and develop a strong bond.

"You spend 11 hours in a vehicle with someone, and you get to know them pretty well," Michelle offered. Each year the family typically takes in the national junior Limousin show. This year the show was held in South Dakota.

Grandfather Gail proudly recounted that this summer when the dust had settled, the top three showmen in one age division were all his kin. "They did real well," the twinkly-eyed rancher commented. Because of the sheer numbers, he noted that he doesn't often travel with the family but added, "That's all right. They bond better that way." But don't think for a moment that he doesn't support the family or help out in any way possible. In fact, next summer the national junior Limousin show will be held in Hutchinson July 3-10, and he is busy working on the project. "I'm working on lining up corporate sponsors," he said.

Morgan, the oldest of the family, speaks frankly about the experience. "I wouldn't want to be raised any other way. Someday I want my kids to show, too," she said.

Save money on fertilizer, but make good decisions

Despite soaring input costs, farmers should not give in to the temptation to skimp on fertilizer, said a University of Missouri Extension specialist.

"The truth is that farmers can't afford not to adequately fertilize their soils," said Travis Harper, MU Extension West Central Region agronomy specialist. "Most farmers know this but still look for ways to cut corners to save on their fertilizer bills."

Harper said cutting corners on fertilizer could be risky, but there are a few simple things farmers can do to effectively limit fertilizer expenses:

Know what your crop needs. All crops need the same nutrients, but they need different levels of these nutrients at different times in the growing season. For example, wheat needs substantial levels of phosphorus in the fall but very little nitrogen. In the spring, wheat needs high levels of nitrogen but probably does not need additional phosphorus.

Test your soil. Many farmers apply the same amount of nutrient every year without testing their soil. This may result in farmers applying too much of a particular nutrient.

"Many farmers do not worry about this small excess, but it can quickly add up," Harper said. "For example, let's say you apply 50 pounds of phosphorus per acre every year on your soybeans. A soil test might reveal that you only need 45 pounds of phosphorus. It doesn't seem like much, but if you do this on 500 acres, you have just unnecessarily spent an extra $2,500."

For information about soil testing, contact your local extension office.

Invest in fertilizer if you are looking to limit taxes by reinvesting profits into your operation. Build up phosphorus and potassium levels in your soil so that you only need to apply a small amount in succeeding years to adequately fertilize your crop.

Consider alternative fertilizer sources. Animal wastes, especially poultry litter, are regaining popularity. While poultry litter can be an effective alternative fertilizer, it is important to use and manage it properly.

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Auction Sales Scheduled

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October 28 — Coffey County-Watershed lake, grass, timber & improvements at Waverly for Heirs of Raymond & Ina Merle Williams. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates Auctions.

October 28 — Marion Co. cropland at Hillsboro for Ray & Phyllis Hiebert. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auctions.

October 28 — Real Estate at Rossville for Mr. & Mrs. John Andrick. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

October 29 — 18th annual Fink Beef Genetics Angus & Charolais bull sale at Randolph.

October 30 — Chase County Flint Hills grass at Cottonwood Falls for Mike & Jan McNiece. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

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

November 1 — Farm machinery & misc. SW of Manhattan for Delbert & Jean Stadel. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 1 — Collection glassware, antiques, furniture, household, tractors & equipment at Eskridge for Agnes Pollock Estate. Auctioneers: Macy Realty & Auction.

November 1 — Auction at Louisville for Lou F. Brayton Estate. Auctioneers: Personal property by Raymond Pageler Auctions. Real Estate by Wilson Real Estate, Inc.

November 1 — Real Estate at Longford. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Auctions.

November 1 — Real Estate & personal property at Manhattan for Aileen Fuller Mall Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

November 1 — Farm machinery retirement auction at Sabetha for Daryl & Grace Bechtelheimer. Auctioneers: Hartter Auctions.

November 1 — Gas engines, garden tractors, lawn mowers & roto-tillers at Winfield for Wally Harris. Auctioneers: Nixon Auctions.

November 1 — Real estate and inventory at Emporia for Olpe Lumber Yard-Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt. Auctioneers: Swift-N-Sure Auctions.

November 1 — Coins at Portis. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

November 1 — Scale model toy tractors, trucks, cars & misc., Avon bottle collection, household, antiques, collectibles, furniture, shop, garden & tools at Hillsboro for RJ Bartel Estate. Auctioneers: Triple K Auctions.

November 1 — Household, collectibles, tools, tractor & boat at Blue Rapids for Dennis & Mary Waite & Elizabeth G. McLeod. Auctioneers: Olmsted Auctions.

November 1 — Tractors, machinery, farm related items, furniture & household at Hesston for Wilbert & Claribel Dirks. Auctioneers: Schmidt Auctions.

November 1 — Household at Alma for Don & Elna Ten Eyck. Auctioneers: Murray Auctions.

November 1 — Tractors, equipment, pickups, old machinery, salvage machinery, horse drawn-old equip., old & collectible items at Goessel for Raymond Wiebe. Auctioneers: Leppke Auctions.

November 1 — Real Estate & personal property at Baldwin City for Mrs. Franik (Pat) Findley. Auctioneers: Edgecomb Auctions.

November 1 — Antiques, collectibles & household at Marysville for Kenny Knowles Estate. Auctioneers: Don Prell Auctions.

November 1 — Vehicle, antiques, collectibles & misc. at Newton. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

November 2 — Antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 2 — Antiques, collectibles, glassware, collector car, piano, ornate furniture, dolls, primitive tools at Olathe for Mrs. Frances Tainter. Auctioneers: Dave Webb & Associates.

November 2 — Doll auction at Overland Park for Edna Jewett & etal. Auctioneers: Phil Detrixhe & John Hutchison.

November 2 — Forklifts, new furnace, AC, commercial & industrial equip., trucks, office equip. & supplies at Kansas City for Acme Radiator & Air Conditioning Inc. Auctioneers: Sebree Auctions.

November 2 — Antique tool auction at Manhattan for Paul Gendre Estate. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

November 3 — Morris Co. real estate at Council Grove for Maurice Johnson. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 3 — Smith County farm, grassland & CRP at Portis for Kirk F. & Lisa A. Wolters. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

November 6 — Angus females at Cottonwood Falls for Hinkson Angus.

November 6 — Chase Co. land at Cottonwood Falls for Landon Hinkson. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Real Estate & Auctions.

November 6 — Shawnee Co.-river bottom & grassland at Auburn for John Jenkins-JPJ Properties LLC. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 8 — Simmental, Angus, SimAngus, Red Angus Bull Sale N. of Wheaton for Moser Ranch.

November 8 — Farm machinery, vehicles, tools & misc. near Leonardville for Val Jene Kunze Trust. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 8 — Farm sale at Barnes for Verlin Richter. Auctioneers: Jim Vathauer Auctions.

November 8 — Household at Abilene. Auctioneers: Allan Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions.

November 8 — Real Estate & personal property at Junction City for Herbert Kalmar, The Estates of Hilda Williams & Leo D. Weiler. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auctions.

November 8 — Tractor, equipment, pickup, truck, trailer, mowers, guns, livestock equipment, hay, shop tools & misc. at Fredonia for Darryl & Carol Boles. Auctioneers: Marshall Auctions-Fredonia.

November 8 — Appliances, furniture, pictures, oak furniture, clocks, coins, currency, guns, ammo, glassware, collectibles, generator & household at Sabetha for Dale & Doris Snyder, etal. Auctioneers: Roger Hartter Auctions.

November 8 — Quilts, sewing items, collectibles at Salina for Nadine & Dale Martinitz. Auctioneers: Bob Thummel Auctions.

November 8 — Rice Co. land at Little River for Nelson Family Heirs. Auctioneers: Oswalt Auctions & Realty.

November 8 — Glassware, furniture, antiques, primitives & collectibles at Portis for Vivian Ganoung Estate. Auctioneers: Wolters Auctions.

November 9 — JD toy auction at Kansas City, MO. Auctioneers: Phil Detrixhe & John Hutchison.

November 9 — Church on 4 lots at Marysville for Kansas-Nebraska Association of 7th-Day Adventists. Auctioneers: Prell Auctions.

November 11 — Real Estate-home at Wamego. Auctioneers: Vern Gannon Auctions.

November 12 — Ottawa Co. real estate at Salina for Hurtig. Burr-Carlson Farm & Ranch Realty, broker. Roger Johnson, auctioneer.

November 13 — Coffey Co. cropland, CRP & grass at New Strawn for Orville H. Gilkison Family Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 14 — Woodson Co.-deer & turkey hunting property at Toronto. Auctioneers: JP Weigand & Sons Realtors.

November 14 — Land auction S. of Corning for Earl & Barbara Solt. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Olmsted.

November 15 — Real Estate at Herington for John & Chandra Stuchlik. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Real Estate & Auctions.

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

November 15 — Farm sale, machinery & hay for Mr. & Mrs. Dean Hoffman. Auctioneers: Allan Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions.

November 15 — Osage Co. Oklahoma grass, cropland & improvements at Burbank, Oklahoma for Day Ranch & Odette FLP. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 15 — Antique vehicle & tractors, antiques, collectibles, tools, shop, household at Hamlin for Shannon Farms, Heirs of Forrest (Brownie) Shannon. Auctioneers: Howard Auctions.

November 16 — Antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 18 — Lyon Co. real estate at Americus for Wayne & Joan Gatewood. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 18 — JD farm equipment, livestock feeding equipment, trucks, trailers & misc. farm items at Clay Center for B&K Livestock Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Gehling Auctions.

November 18 — Land, house & outbuildings NW of Randolph for Vandahl Family Trust. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, auctioneers.

November 18 — Marion Co. land w/home at Florence for Estate of Lowell R. Unruh. Auctioneers: Rick Griffin Auctions.

November 18 — Lyon Co.-grassland at Olpe for Donna Williams. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 19 — Land auction N. of Axtell for Jean & Keith Deters. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Olmsted Auctions.

November 20 — Coffey Co.-crop & grassland at New Strawn for Jim Trager. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 21 — Lyon Co.-grassland at Emporia for Helen Newton. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 22 — Farm machinery, livestock equipment & misc. SW of Clay Center for Tom James Estate. Auctioneers: Kretz Hauserman Bloom Auction Service.

November 22 — Coffey Co.-grass, timber & cropland at New Strawn for RW Snider Trust. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 23 — Annual female sale at Enterprise for Hedgewood Prairie — Jason & Brooke Woodworth.

November 24 — Coffey Co.-crop & grassland at New Strawn for Erma K. Steele & etal. Auctioneers: Joe Biggs & Associates.

November 29 — Guns, antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.

November 29 — NE Pott. Co. land-native grass pasture at Onaga for Heirs of Edwin Roggenkamp. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction.

December 5 — Land auction at Beattie for Kathie Rueger. Auctioneers: Olmsted & Olmsted Auctions.

December 6 — Tools, parts, office equipment & misc. at Salina for Ross Truck Line. Auctioneers: Roger A. Johnson & Sons.

December 13 — Household at Abilene. Auctioneers: Allan Thompson & Ron Shivers Auctions.

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

February 14 — Black Hereford sale at Leavenworth for J&N Ranch.

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AUCTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — 7:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION: Community Building., Swope Park

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AUCTION

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 — 10:00 A.M.

Location - Mutual Telephone Company Conference Room, 365 Main Street, LITTLE RIVER, KS

360 acres Rice County Land

#1 - Tract 1 (200 acres)
- **LEGAL DESCRIPTION** - The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) and the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Nineteen (19), Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Rice County, Kansas, including mineral rights.

#2 - Tract 2 (160 acres)
- **LEGAL DESCRIPTION** - The Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Rice County, Kansas, excluding mineral rights.

#3 - Mineral Rights to Tract 2
- All mineral rights on Tract 2. Owners are presently receiving one-eighth (1/8) owners' royalty of three (3) oil wells producing approximately two (2) barrels per day.

TERMS OF SALE:
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- **Sale is not contingent on Buyer obtaining financing. Buyer needs to have financing in place at time of Auction.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:
- All property is in an area being considered for Wind Farm development.
- Tract 1 would make an excellent home site and is within the progressive USD 444 (Little River-Windom) School District. Rural water is within one-half mile of tract.
- The pasture area offers the potential for good deer and turkey hunting.

Announcements made on day of Auction take precedence over printed matter.

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Put your pasture lease agreement in writing

High commodity prices provide an opportunity for landowners to increase their income by converting pasture to crop production. This has created urgency among cattlemen to secure grazing land for their cattle and other livestock, said a University of Missouri Extension agriculture business specialist.

"Cattlemen seem willing to pay more for the land, renting by the year, month or day; by the head and/or pair; or by the acre," said Wayne Prewitt. "It seems just about anything goes right now."

Prewitt warns landowners to make sure pasture rental agreements are in writing. The agreement needs to include the parties involved; location and general description of the property; and terms of the agreement, including stocking rates, price paid and duration of the agreement. The agreement should describe the responsibility of each party in terms of repairs, improvements and right of entry.

Finally, the agreement must be signed and dated by each party, including spouses. "This way, everyone sees the terms that have been agreed to by all those involved," Prewitt said. "This simple step can prevent future disputes. Renting land can be beneficial to both parties. Just make sure the deal is done in the right manner."

For more information, including a sample pasture lease agreement, download the North Central Regional Extension publication "Pasture Rental Arrangements for Your Farm" (NCR149) at http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/regpubs/ncr149.htm.

The MU Extension guide "Farm Lease Agreement" (G426) is available online at http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/agguides/agecon/g00426.htm.

Regulators sue JBS Swift, National Beef over deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators are filing a lawsuit to block the world's largest beef processor from buying the nation's fourth-largest operation, saying such a deal could push up consumer prices for beef.

The Department of Justice and attorneys general for 13 states, including Missouri and Kansas, filed the suit Monday against Brazilian beef producer JBS S.A. and National Beef Packing Co. of Kansas City.

In March, JBS had said it would acquire National Beef in a $560 million stock-and-cash deal.

The lawsuit says JBS's buyout of National Beef "would complete a fundamental restructuring of the United States beef-packing industry."

The suit says it would not only lead to higher prices for U.S. consumers but also lower prices for cattle producers, ranchers and feedlots.

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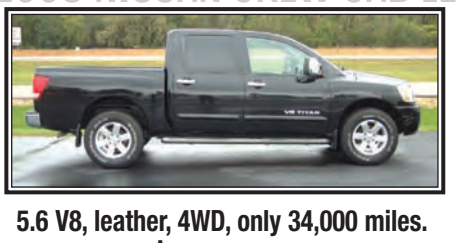

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