



Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

Unfortunately there was not very much positive news this week. Overall, Tuesday's Planted Acreage report was bearish. Wheat and corn acres were both much higher than expected, which sent the corn limit lower on Tuesday. Corn acreage was reported at just over 87 million acres, which was 2 million over the March Planting Intentions. The higher acreage estimate means that we will not be seeing bullish numbers in next week's supply and demand report. Old crop ending stocks may be reduced because of a higher export estimate, but we will definitely have higher new crop ending stocks. The big fear now is that not only will we have a higher acreage figure, but yield may be increased as well since crop condition ratings are better than last year and have improved since the beginning of the season. An increase in acreage and yield, with no increase in demand, would make ending stocks very comfortable, which is why the corn is under pressure.

The December corn will find good support at the \$3.50 area next week, but we do have the potential to fall below that level if the new crop ending stocks estimate climbs above 1.5 billion, or if the perception is that the crop size is still growing. Weather is still very important. The weather at the moment is mostly non-threatening and crop condition

ratings are improving. Keep in mind though, that even with the higher acreage estimate, if the yield is increased to 155 bu/ac ending stocks will still fall from the previous year. However, if weather stays mostly favorable, and traders start talking about a yield closer to 160, that would imply that ending stocks are going to grow, which would keep the corn under pressure for quite some time.

The outlook for the wheat is even worse than for the corn. At least in the corn there is a chance that weather will come into play and affect production and the corn exports have been very good, so there is strong demand to talk about. With the wheat, export demand is still terrible.

I am beginning to fear that USDA will lower the export estimate in the July report, which would be very negative when combined with the increase in production we are bound to see.

I was surprised that Kansas wheat acreage was increased by 300,000 to 9.3 million. I was even more surprised to see North Dakota wheat acreage increased by 220,000 from the March report with all the problems and delays that they had. With the higher acreage estimate and the good yields we have been seeing in much of Kansas we could see a sizeable increase in the production estimate in next week's report. Unfortunately I think we

have the potential to see the ending stocks estimate reach the 850 million level sometime in the next couple of months. We really need to see better demand, but it just isn't happening. Look for the September KW to move down to the \$5.30 area.

The soybeans are still in their own world. The soybean acreage estimate was increased to a new record high of 77.5 million, but that was less than expected, so the November soybeans were actually higher for the week.

The bull spreads are still working too since demand is still good. USDA will probably raise the export estimate next week because sales have exceeded the yearly estimate. Soybean oil sales were a marketing year high this week, so it isn't just soybean demand that is good it is product demand as well.

Even with record high acreage, weather is even more critical to the soybeans than the corn. If we have hot, dry weather in late July and August and yield is reduced to last year's level of 39.6 from the current estimate of 42.6, there would have to be a great deal of demand rationing to avoid domestic shortages.

Even a yield of 41.7 like we had in 2007 would do no better than keep ending stocks steady. There is plenty of upside potential in the new crop soybeans, but I still would urge caution. I

still like \$10.00 November puts to give you some protection, yet leave the upside open in case there is a weather problem this summer.

We had a strange week in the cattle market. After a firm but slow start on Monday, the August LC ended up being limit higher. It was sort of out of the blue and based on a combination of fund and commercial buying.

For the most part the gains held, which is encouraging and cash cattle traded at \$83 in Kansas. That basis is a little weak for this time of year, but it is good to see the better money. The August live cattle are now in overbought territory, but from a technical stand point it looks like we can take a buy the breaks attitude. I really like owning feeder cattle calls and would be willing to own August feeder cattle futures on a move back to \$101.50 or lower.

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Many factors to consider when selecting vaccines

Building immunity and preventing disease are integral parts of achieving wellness on a livestock operation. Incorporating proven vaccines into a well-designed vaccination protocol helps enhance an animal's immune system response to disease, thus keeping them healthy. This in turn helps deliver optimal growth and production while minimizing costs associated with disease.

"Implementing a vaccination protocol is part of an overall strategy meant to lead directly to healthy animals," said Douglas Braun, DVM, senior veterinarian for Pfizer Animal Health. "When building a protocol, it's always best to work with your herd veterinarian to identify the diseases that most threaten your operation. Risk and risk management are fundamentally different based on region of the country as well as variation in management styles."

When looking at the many vaccines on the market, and sorting through the many competitive products and facts, Braun recommends that both veterinarians and producers turn toward an unbiased source to help make the purchase decision—the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The decision about which type of label claim a vaccine will be granted is based on an evaluation by the Center for Veterinary Biologicals, which is part of the Animal and Plant Inspection Service of the USDA. The USDA may grant one of five possible label claims. They include:

1. Prevention of infection: Prevents all colonization or replication of challenge organism.
2. Prevention of disease: Highly effective in preventing clinical disease.
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4. Aid in disease control: Aids in reduction of disease severity, duration or onset.
5. Other claims: Products with beneficial effects other than direct disease control.

The best way to find out what label indication applies to a particular vaccine is to read the label closely. The approved label for a given vaccine helps us understand the expected performance of the product. Most vaccines on the market have the "aid in disease prevention" claim. Rarely, however, will a vaccine satisfy the requirements to receive the more robust "prevention of infection" or "prevention of disease" label indications. Always read the label closely before making a decision about which product best fits the needs of your herd.

Beyond looking for the label claim when choosing a vaccine, Braun recommends getting more information about the vaccine's duration of immunity (DOI). Vaccines have traditionally been labeled for repeat dosing within 12 months, or administration of a booster within a certain time period without any clear evidence supporting the expectation that the vaccine was actually effective for that given length of time.

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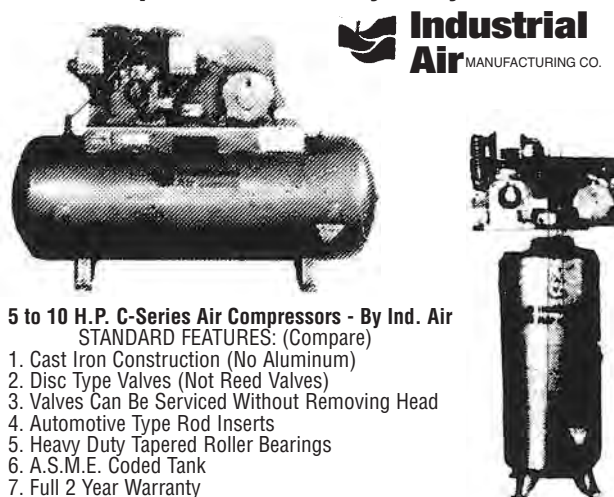
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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade slow. Demand moderate to strong for dairy alfalfa, moderate for alfalfa pellets, grinding alfalfa and grass hay. Hot, mostly dry weather has kept hay producers and wheat harvesters extremely busy. Wheat harvest and the second cutting of alfalfa are progressing well with only scattered showers interrupting. Parts of North Central Kansas are getting dry and in need of rain for future cuttings of alfalfa. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas: Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares, 210.00-250.00; Dairy, 75-80 cents/point RFV, Supreme 140.00- 150.00; Premium to Supreme 130.00-140.00, or 140.00-155.00 delivered; Premium 120.00-130.00; Good, 120.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 95.00-105.00, an instance 90.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies 115.00-130.00, ground-on-the-truck 118.00-127.00. The week of 6/22- 27, 10,970T grinding alfalfa and 1,875T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Oat hay, good small squares 125.00 delivered. PM6 good, small squares 150.00, fair, some weeds 100.00-110.00. Straw, large bales mostly 55.00, little 60.00.

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Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
9:30 a.m. Open Class Ceramics, Crafts & Paintings Judging, Floral Hall
11:00 a.m. 4-H & Homemaker Extension Unit Booths & Banners Judging; 4-H Floriculture Judging, Floral Hall
12:00 noon Open Class Floriculture Judging; 4-H Horticulture & Crops Judging, Floral Hall
1:00 p.m. Open Class Horticulture & Crops Judging, Floral Hall; Open Class Photography Judging, Floral Hall; Open Class Foods Judging, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 902 5th Street
2:00-6:00 p.m. Open Class Bake Sale, Exhibit Hall
6:00 p.m. Swine Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
1 hour after swine show ends - Project Auction Pre-Entry DEADLINE for those only showing swine
8:00 p.m. Rodeo, Horse Arena
Admission: Advance: Adult \$7 • K-8 \$3
Gate: Adult - \$8 • K-8 \$4

THURSDAY, JULY 23
9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Orrin Hogan Arena & Rodeo Arena
4:00 p.m. Meat Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
1 hours after goat show ends - Project Auction Pre-Entry DEADLINE for those only showing meat goats
5:00-7:00 p.m. Lions Club Barbecue
6:00 p.m. Sheep Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
7:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce & Clay County Farm Bureau FREE Watermelon Feed
7:00-8:30 p.m. Free Cotton Candy courtesy of Citizens National Bank
1 hour after sheep show ends - Project Auction Pre-entry DEADLINE for those showing in the sheep, swine and/or meat goats shows
8:00 p.m. Rodeo, Horse Arena
Admission: Advance: Adult \$7 • K-8 \$3
Gate: Adult - \$8 • K-8 \$4

6:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements
FRIDAY, JULY 24
8:00 a.m. Rabbit Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
9:00 a.m. Decorated Cake Judging, Extension Office
11:00 a.m. Poultry Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
1:00 p.m. Project Auction Pre-entry DEADLINE for ALL non-live-stock projects including decorated cakes
1:00 p.m. Dairy Cattle Judging followed by Dairy Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
2:00 p.m. Bucket Calf Interviews, Orrin Hogan Arena
4:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena
6:00 p.m. Beef Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
1 hour after beef show ends - Project Auction Pre-entry DEADLINE for those showing in beef show
8:00 p.m. Demolition Derby, Grandstand
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6:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements
SATURDAY, JULY 25
9:00 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship, Livestock Arena
10:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Orrin Hogan Arena
4:30 p.m. 4-H Awards Presentation, Orrin Hogan Arena
5:30 p.m. Decorated Cake & Project Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena
6:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena
7:30 p.m. 3/4 Midget Cars & Mini Trucks Races
Admission: Adult - \$8 K-8 - \$4

6:00-10:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements
SUNDAY, JULY 26
9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church, Fairgrounds
1:00 p.m. Kiddy tractor Pull Participant Check-in, Gazebo
2:00 p.m. Kiddy Tractor Pull, FREE, Gazebo
3:15 p.m. "The Bubble Man" FREE
4:15 p.m. 4-H Fun Events, Orrin Hogan Arena, sponsored by 4-H Junior Leaders
6:00-6:30 p.m. All Exhibits Released
1:00-5:00 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements
MONDAY, JULY 27
5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Clean-up

steady, alfalfa pellets steady to 2.00 lower. Movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, mid square 195.00; Dairy, 65-80 cents/point RFV, Premium to Supreme, 130.00-150.00, an instance 160.00; Premium 110.00-130.00; Good 90.00-110.00. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 75.00-90.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 100.00-115.00. The week of 6/22-27, 2,669T of grinding alfalfa and 1,579T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15% protein 155.00-168.00; Sun Cured 17 pct 170.00; Dehydrated 15% 210.00 and 17% 208.00. Straw, small square 3.50/bale, mid square 55.00-65.00/T.

Southeast Kansas: Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, mid square 140.00-200.00. Dairy alfalfa, Good, 127.50; Bluestem: Good, small squares 85.00-100.00, mostly 90.00-95.00, mid and large squares 60.00- 85.00, mostly 65.00-80.00, large rounds 40.00-60.00. Mulch, large rounds 45.00 to mostly 50.00. Brome: Good, Small squares 100.00-110.00 mid and large squares 80.00-90.00, new crop 85.00-90.00, large rounds 50.00-75.00.

Northwest Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse, small squares 200.00-250.00. Dairy, no trade. Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 90.00-100.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 120.00-130.00, extra freight 140.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas: Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady. Movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse small squares 220.00/T, mid square 150.00; Dairy, Supreme, 130.00-150.00; Premium

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FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, YARD & GARDEN TOOLS: Oversized sofa; recliners; end tables; wicker chairs and rocker; dressing mirror; vanity; 2 chests; porch swing; white & gold bed, double dresser and chest; hall bench; baker's rack; fans; gas grill; patio furniture; Murray 4 hp. mower; GE refrigerator; many books — fiction, novels, biographies, others; MAC tool chest; USA made wrenches and other tools; electric chain saw; large drill press; belt sander; 2 — Roadmaster mountain bikes; edger; hand tools; cook-ware; pots and pans; other household items.

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***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.
**TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

The Kansas Hay Market Report is provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture with technical oversight from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

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Going to a country in the midst of a war probably isn't something most people would consider. But Dr. David Hodgson, a veterinary anesthesiologist at Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, is not most people.

Hodgson, a professor in K-State's department of clinical sciences, just returned from his third trip to Afghanistan, where he's been working with Kabul University to better prepare the country's future veterinarians.

"The thing that really keeps me engaged in this effort is the enthusiasm the students have and their real desire to learn and develop clinical skills and expertise," he said. "If I didn't think that I was having a significant

impact, I wouldn't keep going back."

Hodgson first heard about the chance to go to Afghanistan in a hallway at K-State's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. For some time, he'd been considering serving internationally, going as far as to research the possibility of working with the Peace Corps.

When Hodgson made his first trip to Kabul University in 2007, he found the students ill prepared and the university's curriculum and textbooks very much out of date.

He said much of his first trip was spent encouraging university faculty to update their materials and dealing with a shortage of drugs, supplies and equipment

needed to effectively teach the basic diagnosis and treatment of ailments in a variety of animal species.

Friends and co-workers at K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine and the department of clinical sciences helped by donating thousands of dollars in equipment, supplies and current textbooks to the Kabul University Veterinary Clinic. Hodgson said their constant interest, support and encouragement provided him with a source of strength and a desire to represent them well in the impoverished country. In return, Hodgson made the students and staff at Kabul University constantly aware of how interested everyone at K-State was in their educational opportunities.

During this last trip, Hodgson spent his mornings at the veterinary clinic and out in the field teaching current techniques in veterinary medicine appropriate for Afghanistan. In the afternoons he worked with the university's veterinary science faculty, offering help and encouragement for any staff member wanting to update lectures or revise the outdated curricula.

Hodgson said he has learned a lot about cultural differences, but that living in Afghanistan can be challenging. He has been personally faced with security issues, given the activity of the

Taliban in and around Kabul.

He said that at the beginning of each trip it takes him several weeks to adjust to the food, water and time change in Afghanistan. Reliable access to the Internet and electricity also were daily challenges.

But Hodgson said the sacrifices he endured were well worth the potential beneficial outcomes for students and staff members.

"The real thing that is going to change Afghanistan is education," he said. "The funds that we direct toward education at every level will effect more positive change in this country than money

that is directed toward war and further destruction."

Hodgson describes his work in Afghanistan as a calling and said that he will return again next year. He said he wants his students at Kabul University and the people of Afghanistan to know that people in the U.S. care about what they're going through.

"I want them to know that there are people at K-State and in the United States who care that they are making progress and care about the things they want to do to better their living conditions and their future opportunities," Hodgson said.

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PICKUPS & MOPED: 2:00 PM: 1997 Ford F350 4 dr. crew cab 4x4 dually flatbed pickup with 7.3L power stroke diesel, 10,000 miles on new motor and new automatic transmission with warranty; 1999 Chevrolet extended cab pickup C10, V8 auto, Silverado; 2006 "Tank" 150cc MoPed with title, 30 miles, elect. start with remote control.

TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT: After Vehicles: WD 45 Allis Chalmers wide front tractor with 3 pt. conversion, live PTO, hydraulics; John Deere No. 205 Gyromor 5 ft. rotary mower; 6 ft. 3 pt. blade, good; Dempster 3 pt. 2 row lister.

TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS: 12:30 PM: 36" Toro riding lawn mower, elect. start, rear engine; 22" Yard Machine 5 hp. high wheel push mower; 17" gas Craftsman weed eater; Stihl gas weed eater; 5 ft. metal work bench with pegboard back; Reed 1/2" to 2" power pipe threader on stand; Porter Cable drywall sander with dust collection hose; Porter Cable type 2 air nailer; Craftsman digital electronic radial arm saw on stand; 2 1/2 ft. bed small wood lathe on stand; DeWalt 3" hand power planer, like new; DeWalt battery concrete hammer drill and small circular saw; Coleman 1.5 hp. Powermate air compressor; Speed Aire twin cyl. portable air compressor; Lincoln 180 amp elect. welder; Red Dragon AG215, 200,000 BTU LP heater; Co-op kerosene space heater; 2 Scott self contained breathing equip. air packs with tanks; 50 lb. L, L&B Co. anvil; 4" HD vise; transit tripod; metal case bench grinder; 3 metal tripod adj. height screw stands; pr. metal saw horses; pipe wood working clamps and ratchet grip clamps; halogen shop lights; Handyman jack; 10 ton hyd. bottle jack; aluminum grain scoop; hand garden tools; wood working and mechanics tools; Golden Rod fence stretcher; roll barbed wire; 300 gal. plastic water transport tank; 40 gal. fuel tank with elect. pump; ratchet boomers; log chains; post driver; lariat rope; 15 pcs. 1 1/4" plastic conduit; 2x12 lumber; other lumber; 30

sheets 4'x9' FRP, white with strips and corners; elect. solderless connectors; B&D table top Workmate; pr. metal side pickup bed tool boxes; other items.

PADDLE BOAT: 8 ft. 4 passenger paddle boat with canopy, put in lake twice.

TRAILER: Metal factory built 5'x12' tandem axle wood bed trailer with 2 ft. metal side boards, nice.

ANTIQUES/HOUSEHOLD: 11:00 AM: Kellogg oak wall telephone; round top cedar chest; several pcs. McCoy pottery including grape ewer; galvanized tub with stand; copper boiler; many kerosene lamps old and newer; brass motorcycle fire extinguisher; barn lantern; character tumblers; crock bowl; wood cigar mold; antique barbed wire gun rack; wood hames ashtray stand; other collectibles; Brinkman 2400 Pro Series LP BBQ grille; glass top patio table and chairs; GE microwave with turntable; stainless cookware; Retro humpack wood case modern radio; Emerson 4 head VCR; computer monitor; Ionic Pro room air cleaner; Honeywell Quitecare humidifier; dehumidifier; Pillsbury bread maker; kitchenwares; chicken collectibles; Indian items; paintings and pictures; quilt rack; bedding; decorator items and unique baskets; table top waterfall; plastic 6 drawer organizer; tall fake plant; tall wood TV trays; walnut plate rack; child's gate; HARLEY DAVIDSON ITEMS, tin signs, push button telephone, shirts and clothes, Christmas items, Easy Rider magazines; real Harley parts; other small household items that were never unpacked in the storage unit.

FURNITURE: Modern maple roll top desk; L shaped office desk, like new; brown 3 pc. office furniture set, 6 ft. tall bookcase, credenza for computer and desk; tall maple rocking chair with arms; dresser and chest of drawers; swivel office chair; 2 tall oak end tables; 3 stacking end tables; lg. pine chest of drawers; 4 drawer cabinet; Papason chair; other furniture.

AUCTION NOTE: Many boxes at storage unit were not unpacked. To view photos go to website www.ksallink.com and click on Marketplace and then auctions.

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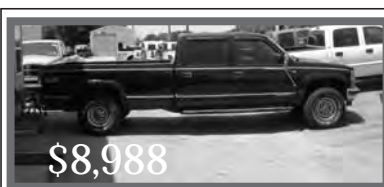
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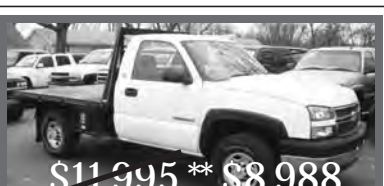
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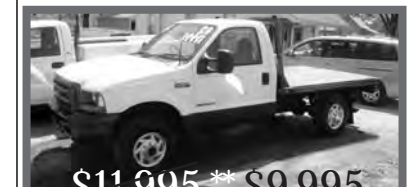
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Horse-powered field day planned

In a throwback to days gone by, area horsemen are hosting a horse-powered haymaking field day this Saturday. Hosted by Jim Thompson of Horseyway Farms and Adventures, Eskridge, and Collin and Cara Zirkle of Zirkle Cattle Co., Harveyville, a full day of old-fashioned fun is planned. It is hoped that a wide variety of size, color and breeds of working horses will be participating in the event. Planners have shared that horse teams from the Council Grove, Alma, Eskridge, Osage City, and Harveyville areas have confirmed their attendance.

Thompson was recently featured in the summer edition of the international publication "The Draft Horse Journal" where it speaks of his love of working with horses and his desire to share that love with others. The "Hay Days" idea was one that came to fruition during hay season last year when people kept stopping by the hay field to take pictures, videos and rides with Jim on the cart behind the horses pulling the rake.

This is something for absolutely any age — elders love to relive their youth through memories of a

horse who used to work their farms or take them to school — as well as the younger set who marvel at the gentle giants at work.

"Hay Days" is planned for Saturday July 11, 2009. It will be from 9 a.m.-5p.m. For \$10 or \$5 kids under 11 and over 65, spectators can enjoy a "field lunch" and a wagon ride through the field to take photos and to just watch and enjoy this event.

An RSVP phone call to (785) 449-2236 to insure enough food would be appreciated but is not essential.

For more information about "Hay Days" or Horseyway Farms and Adventures visit: www.horseywayfarmsandadventures.com or call (785) 449-2236 or email horseywayfarms@yahoo.com.

Directions to the hayfield: From the south/Harveyville/Hwy31 — Go north from Hwy 31 on Harveyville Road two miles to Dragoon Creek Road and follow the signs.

From the north/Auburn: Head west out of Auburn on SW 89th St. 8 miles to the rounding curve which turns you into Harveyville Rd. Follow Harveyville Rd. south 6 miles to Dragoon Creek Rd. and follow the signs.

Expert gives suggestions to get the most out of corn silage

Processed corn kernels in silage are readily digested, allowing cows to absorb more energy for milk production, say experts at Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont business. Producers can improve starch digestibility in ruminants by adequately processing grains being fed and by thoroughly processing corn kernels during silage harvest. "More than half of the digested energy in corn silage comes from the starch and sugar; and these come primarily from the corn kernel," says Fred Owens, Pioneer senior research scientist. "Therefore, it is vital for producers to process corn silage to obtain high starch and energy availability."

The smaller the kernel particles in corn silage, the more easily they are digested both in the rumen and intestines. Larger particles or whole kernels often pass through the tract undigested.

"Energy from feed becomes available only if the

material is digested," says Owens. "Whole kernels may pass through the digestive system intact. Sacrificing starch digestibility also sacrifices nutritional value and efficiency of production."

Like starch in high moisture corn grain, starch from corn silage is digested primarily in the rumen. Although starch that is very rapidly digested in the rumen can cause acidosis, over-processing of grain included in the diet, not of the silage, and inadequate forage intake usually are the root causes of acidosis. Through increasing starch availability, kernel processing corn silage can reduce the amount of grain that needs to be fed.

"If a producer sees whole kernels or even half kernels in silage, digestibility of starch from that silage is less than ideal," says Owens. "Chopping length at harvest has a limited impact on starch digestibility; gap setting on the kernel processing rolls is the primary driver. A

gap setting of 1 mm for the processing rolls is considered ideal. To be well digested, processed particles should be less than one-quarter of the size of the kernel."

Corn silage that has not been kernel processed is another matter. For unprocessed corn silage or when the processor setting has allowed whole kernels to come through, kernel dry matter and kernel hardness can impact starch digestibility. Starch in unprocessed corn silage can have digestibility below 90 percent compared to more than 95 percent for processed silage.

Yet, compared with dry grain, grain in corn silage generally has high starch availability because of the fermentation process. Starch availability also increases during time in the silo. Corn silage several months old has higher feeding value than silage fed within a month after harvest.

"While it is recommended to stay within the suggested moisture bounds during corn silage harvest for ideal fermentation and compaction in storage structures, letting corn silage become a bit more mature certainly increases both starch content and silage yield," says Owens. "But for more mature silage with drier grain, kernel processing of the silage during harvest becomes absolutely essential."

Silage hybrids should be selected first for maturity and to match one's agronomic practices. Then, because hybrids can have a large impact on yield and starch content, selection should be based on yield, tonnage, starch and fiber digestibility.

"If a producer sees whole kernels passing through cattle, kernel processing has failed," says Owens. "Effectiveness of processing must be monitored during harvest. The only alternatives are reprocessing the silage at feeding time or delaying silage feeding until kernels have been softened by fermentation."

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LAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 25 — 1:00 PM

At the American Legion Building, HANOVER, KANSAS
Two Farms, 315 acres Washington County, Kansas Land
The NE ¼ 35-1-4, 155 acres, more or less, Franklin Township, Washington County, Kansas.
The southeast corner of this farm is the intersection of 24th Road and Wagon Train Road. The west part of the farmstead, including the barn, cattle shed, grain bin, corn crib, is included with the land being sold. The east side of the farmstead, including the dwelling, and the small cemetery in the northwest corner of the farm, are not included.

There are approximately 92 acres cropland, with 22 acres in the north bottom field, 69 acres in the south and west fields, and a little over an acre north of the river. The 22 acre bottom field, which is excellent Eudora silt loam, is flood irrigated. The upland fields to the south and west are nearly level to gently sloping Crete soils, with some Longford soils to the west. The land presently in pasture, about 43 acres, is also nearly all gently sloping productive land, and could easily be converted to cropland and much of the large field could then be center pivot irrigated. The Little Blue River runs through the north and northeast part of the farm and the river timber provides excellent deer habitat.

The FSA bases and yields are 82.4 acres milo, 113 bushels; and 25.9 acres soybeans, 26 bushels. The 2008 taxes were \$1,006.41. The water rights from the Little Blue River and Mill Creek have a priority date of June 20, 1953, with 132 acres permitted at a rate of 650 gpm from the river and 700 gpm from the creek. This year there are 62 acres corn and 30 acres soybeans.

The NE ¼ 29-1-5, 160 acres, more or less, Independence Township, Washington County, Kansas.
The northeast corner of this farm is the intersection of 26th Road and Zenith Road.

There are approximately 92 acres cropland, nearly all gently sloping Crete soils. There are 39 acres cropland on the east side of the old railroad right of way and 53 acres on the west side. The rest of the farm is native grass pasture and waterways, with some timber and excellent wildlife habitat along the draws and along the old railroad right of way. There are two ponds.

The FSA bases and yields are 60.5 acres wheat, 38 bushels; 4.6 acres milo, 96 bushels; and 25.9 acres soybeans, 26 bushels. The 2008 taxes were \$1,026.24. This year all the cropland is planted to milo.

Terms on both farms: Ten (10) percent down, the balance due in 30 days. Possession will be given at closing, subject to the tenant's rights. Full possession will be given on February 1, 2010. The buyer will receive the cash rent due on November 15, 2009 on the pasture and on January 15, 2010 on the cropland. The escrow fees and the title insurance will be shared equally by the seller and the buyer. The 2009 taxes will be paid ½ by the sellers and ½ by the buyers.

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Indoor and outdoor spaces are available to rent by businesses, individuals and any groups wishing to display or promote merchandise, products, services or offerings. Inside booths will have access to a 5-foot table.

Cost for display space is \$25 per unit, with set-up date to be Thursday, July 29. Displays are to be open to the public Friday, July 31, through Monday, Aug. 2. Reservations are required and should be made

with fees paid to the Morris County Fair Board by Friday, July 24, through the fair board secretary Nicky Tiffany. Her telephone number is 785-587-7870, and e-mail address is cross7@dishmail.net. Mailings should be sent to 1326 Kelso Road, Council Grove, Kan., 66846.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 6:30 PM
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NOTE: Several consignors are closing their antique booths and selling those items plus cleaning their garages.

Misc. metal toys; some dolls; mustache cup collection; 2 Coleman lamps; 1 Coleman stove; Coleman 1 gal. water jug; plastic gas cans; lots of hand and garden tools like rakes; shovels; wrenches; forks; radios; chicken feeders; snow shovels; step stool and step ladders; ext. ladder; lots of planter crocks; misc. household; micro. wall cabinet; lamp and coffee tables; kneehole desk; knick knacks; some fancy work, etc.; craft and cookbooks; 1955 and 1965

KSU Purple Pride annuals; 14 gal. Superior water tank on 3 legged stand; scythes; 1 man saw; old pop bottles; beer glasses; Viewmaster and cards; old coffee tins and other tins; old glassware; old Singer treadle sewing machine; dominoes; marble game; cards; paper back books; 1 gal. glass milk jug; Tupperware; pots; pans; sofa and single bed size sleeper; old baskets; McCoy; leaded glass and jadeite pcs.; there are lots more items too numerous to list.

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	Hillsboro, blk	1475@50.00
	Hillsboro, bwf	1415@50.00
Sows brought \$27.00-\$31.50 cwt weighing from 350-550 lbs.	Council Grove, bwf	1205@50.00
	Wilsey, blk	1410@49.25
	Hillsboro, blk	1710@48.50
	Wilsey, bwf	1300@48.00
A sampling of COWS for this week.	Council Grove, rwf	1520@46.25
Hillsboro, red	Hope, hol	1510@45.00

Woodbine, rwf	1265@45.00	PACKER BULLS	
Carlton, hol	1600@44.75	Ramona, red	2030@64.00
Abilene, bwf	1370@43.00	Marion, blk	1710@60.00
Hope, hol	1470@41.75	Woodbine, red	1335@50.50

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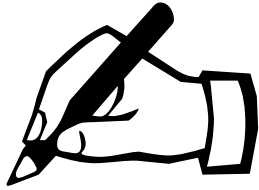
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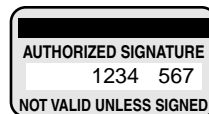
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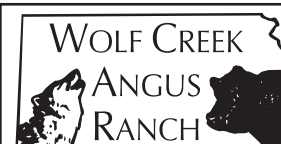
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Longtime Kansas weatherman reflects on changes

HUTCHINSON (AP) — His blue eyes twinkle when Dale Collins compares his 40-year career as a weatherman to today's 10 p.m. fellows who depend on radar and Doppler.

"We looked up in the sky, watched the stars and clouds and took observations," he said.

Forecasters drew their own maps and plotted what was coming based on visual sightings. He's still "like an old horse hooked to a fire engine," when it comes to watching the sky.

At Kingman Drug, where he stops in twice daily for coffee, longtime clerk Ann Smith, 70, called Collins "a very intelligent man."

"We always ask him about the weather and kid him about which TV forecaster is his favorite," she said. "He's well-known in the community and would do anything for anybody."

Collins, 96, trained as a forecaster while he was in the Army. Among his assignments with the U.S. Weather Bureau were the eight-state Western Region, Montana to the Pacific Coast, and in Syracuse, N.Y., where real snowstorms come in over the Great Lakes.

Based on his decades of

experience, Collins thinks today's forecasters get a bit carried away, even with thunderstorms of the garden variety.

"If you've got thunder, you've got lightning," he said. "Action in progress. When it's spotty, it can go either way."

His group released weather balloons with tiny lighted candles that let them predict the weather based on wind speed and direction. Encoded teletypes from ships delivered information from over the oceans.

Even with today's technology, Collins thinks that beyond three days, it's a 50-50 guessing game. Scattered showers on radar mean just that. "You can look out and it's raining cats and dogs or you're not getting a drop."

He adheres to the validity of sunspots and he's not worried about melting icebergs.

"We had the ice age several thousand years ago with icebergs in Kansas and it melted," he said. "We've just had two cooler-than-normal summers and a couple of cold winters."

Some people say breaking up the sod made the weather different, but that's still a guess, "nothing they can put their finger on."

He remembers the history of an 1834 volcano that blew up in the southwest Pacific, caused so much dust around the world it served as a solar insulation. There was no summer that year; crops didn't grow and people starved.

Even though it's been ages ago, he still gets ribbed about being a forecaster.

"Everybody always asks me what's going to happen next week," he said. "All

you can do is tell them what could happen, what it looks like might happen."

Continuing with the banter that locals heap on him, Collins said that once a weatherman gets used to lying, he can't stop, "just like a good lawyer."

"You try to highlight your good ones and downplay your bad ones," he said. He went on to say there's no need to try to please everyone. It's just like farmers.

Some want rain for their planting while their neighbor doesn't want rain because he's haying.

Turning serious, Collins compared air to water. While water goes downstream, air moves up and down and sideways, follows the Adiabatic stream. As he surveys the magnitude of the weather, he doesn't discount the grandeur of the Creation.

"You gotta believe in something," he said.

Bullfighter pleads guilty to theft of cattle

After an eight-month investigation, a cattle theft case in Pittsburg County, Okla., is finally closed after a rodeo bullfighter pled guilty to felony embezzlement of cattle.

On June 16, Michael Eugene Matt, 36, of Blanco, Texas, was sentenced to a five-year deferred sentence, including supervised probation and was ordered to pay nearly \$15,000 in restitution after assisting in the theft of 300 head of cattle worth approximately \$244,000 from a California couple who owned a ranch in Oklahoma.

Matt is a four-time world champion Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Profes-

sional Bull Riders (PBR) bullfighter and rodeo performer.

Traven Wayne Clift, 22, of McAlester, Okla., was hired by the couple in 2005 to manage the Oklahoma ranch. Investigations revealed that Clift sold the cattle at area cattle auctions and deposited the money into his and Matt's personal checking accounts.

Clift pled guilty in February to three counts of felony embezzlement of cattle and was sentenced to five years deferred sentence with supervised probation and more than \$130,000 in restitution.

The sentences follow an eight month investigation

led by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Ranger John Cummings.

"I would like to thank Doy Sennett of the Pittsburg County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Mike Hicks with the Texas Department of Public Safety, TSCRA Special Ranger Max Hartmann and the Pittsburg County District Attorney's office for all their hard work on this case," Cummings said. "I am proud to be part of the team effort that brought this case to a successful conclusion and in working toward the ultimate goal of obtaining restitution for the hard working ranchers in our state."

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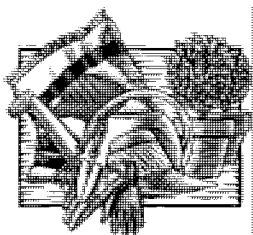
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Yard & Garden Tips

By Gregg Eyestone

Watering for the Lawn

We have been either blessed or cursed with above average rainfall in Riley County the last two years. I hope you have been adding to your landscape because rainfall has been doing most of the watering to aid in plant establishment. In some cases, it has been too much rain. As of this writing, we are still getting rain by being above normal. That would make three years in a row.

My lawn has yet to be watered other than by nature in 2009. There was a time early in the growing season where it was getting dry. The color fades

from green to a gray and you can really see where you have walked on a dry turf. At that stage, the lawn could have used some extra water to keep it green. I chose to let it go dormant and wait for natural rainfall.

A lawn should be fully mature after three growing seasons from being planted. It may not need supplementary water again to survive. Dormancy will occur during drought. When there is no rainfall for an extended time, add just a quarter of an inch of water every two weeks.

The general rule is for

plants to get an inch of water per week. Soak the lawn to a depth of six- to eight inches and then don't water until the lawn needs it. Looking at the records of the Weather Data Library, Riley County is pretty close in getting an inch of water per week during the growing season. That information is available on the web at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl. Click on county precipitation and then the county you want.

It is easier to say I'm not going to water my lawn when we are at or above average rainfall for the

year. But that is my intention now and for the future. The only time the lawn might get water is when the kids want to run through the sprinkler.

K-State Research and Extension has several publications on watering your lawn. Stop by the Riley County office in downtown Manhattan or download from the web at www.ksre.ksu.edu and go to publications. Get one or all of these titles "Watering New Lawns", "Watering Established Lawns" and "Maintaining Good Lawns with Less Water".

If you want to save some money let nature water the lawn. That way instead of saving your money for a rainy day, you are saving it for the dry days.

For more information on this or other horticulture-related topics, contact Eyestone at the Riley County Extension Office at (785) 537-6350 or e-mail geyeston@ksu.edu.

Photo exhibit to open next week in Clay Center

A free exhibit of fourteen original photographs from Community Chamber Orchestra's 2009 "Agriculture and the Arts" project will be on display in the Lobby of Union State Bank, 701 5th Street, in Clay Center the week of July 13. The Lobby hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday the pictures will be distributed to their permanent owners in businesses and public places in Clay County and Central Kansas.

Photographers whose pictures were framed are: Susan Hammond, Nolan Sump, Rhys Baker, Mary Roth, Jamie Bloom, Jim Beck, Jerry Patterson, Michelle Tessaro, and Linda Shaw. Their contact information as well as that of other contributing photographers to "Agriculture and the Arts" will be available at the display for anyone wishing to purchase their work or arrange photography sessions. From 2008-2009 a total of 35 different photographs have been framed at cost as a gift to Clay County by Jerry and Cindy Mayo of Mayo's Custom Framing.

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Trees benefit as stubble fires fade due to change in farming practices

Not so long ago, Kansas’ night sky would begin to glow gold-red with fire every July — soon after the annual wheat harvest kicked into high gear. It looked fantastical. But, farmers were simply burning stubble to clear their gleaned wheat fields, plus heat-treat any weed seeds and diseases. That sight isn’t so common now, and one Kansas forester says he’s glad the annual light show is fading.

“A consequence that still is often overlooked is the effect stubble fires have on the trees that border wheat fields,” explained Bob Atchison, the Kansas Forest Service’s rural forestry coordinator. “I’ve actually seen where the fires have damaged or totally taken out field windbreaks and riparian forests.” Some farmers seem willing to accept that kind of risk to their trees, Atchison said. Others assume stubble fires won’t harm mature trees. These producers tend to view their woods as being a built-in fire break.

One fact does lend credence to the assumption, he added. If a fire isn’t too intense or long-lasting, a few Kansas tree species can withstand the exposure. As they mature, for example, bur oaks and cottonwoods gain the ability to survive a bit of burning heat. They develop a thick, protective bark. Confusing the issue, fire also can be an important tool for forestry, when used correctly. Periodic, controlled

burning of grasslands prevents woody encroachment, which “gives trees a bad name,” Atchison said. And, prescribed fire can be a successful tool in establishing oak forests and savannahs.

“Most often, though, uncontrolled burns end up killing or severely damaging any thin-barked trees. Tree exposed to the fire go up in flames. The tiny seedlings that could have become the next generation of woodlands — including such valuable species as the black walnut — turn to ash,” the forester said.

July’s nighttime fires are fading away, Atchison said, because more and more farmers are realizing that burning stubble sends soil nutrients up in smoke. It fosters erosion and reduces soil fertility and moisture.

“Perhaps now these farmers will begin to notice the research-backed fact that protecting hedge rows, field windbreaks and riparian forests can add value, too,” he said. “That’s true even if you discount woodlands’ positive impact on crop yields, state water quality, timber products, wildlife and recreation.

“Reduced- and no-till approaches to farming have done wonders for our environment. Even so, trees obviously still have an important role to play in a state that’s losing 2.1 tons per acre of cropland soil to water erosion every year and 1.3 tons per acre of topsoil to the wind.”

Hort experts points out that a buildup of stress is killing trees

Trees in many areas of Kansas have died suddenly this year. In some cases, the trees leafed out before dying. In others, the trees simply never leafed out when the growing season began.

“We’ve also been getting reports about living trees that have lost whole branches. Additional live trees have leafed out but then lost leaves in a kind of general thinning,” said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

The cause isn’t proving to be some invading insect, virulent disease or unusually fierce weather event.

“Although the trees seem to be dying quickly, they appear to be reacting to a gradual accumulation of weather-related stresses. The causes probably stretch back at least as far as spring 2008,” Upham said.

The samples and reports coming into K-State this year from both individuals and county/district Extension offices suggest the par-

ticular causes and plant responses can vary widely — even among trees in the same town. So, owners will need to assess their own situation before deciding what to do next.

The stressors may range from last year’s super-saturated soils in some areas to winter’s dry weather and April’s abrupt cold snap, Upham said. Trees’ specific reactions also can provide insights.

“For example, trees that seemingly withered overnight may actually have died some time earlier. They simply had enough food stored in reserve to put out leaves and perhaps even to grow for a while. As soon as they used up that food, however, they abruptly began to look as dead as they really were,” he said.

One problem with identifying this kind of reaction is: The symptoms can look almost the same as those caused by another problem. The May beetles that attack from April through June not only feed at night but also

work to strip the leaves from plants. If enough beetles are growing and feeding in the same place, the bared trees they leave behind can look defunct. (May beetles are one of the two kinds of adult insects who start out life as the white, soil-dwelling, C-shaped grubs that cause so much damage to lawns.)

“Fortunately, healthy trees recover fairly easily from May beetle damage. They just throw out a new set of leaves. But, that’s one reason why you always should check twigs before cutting down a tree that simply looks dead,” Upham said. Dead trees have dry, brittle stems that snap when broken, he explained. Live stems may break, but they aren’t brittle or dry. So, they just need time to put out a new set of leaves. For trees in which individual branches have died, Upham recommends cutting out the deadwood.

“Several problems — including verticillium wilt disease — can cause this same kind of loss, though,” he said. “So, if you suspect some factor other than stress is at fault, you may want to take a sample of the cut branch to your nearest county or district K-State Research and Extension office. For a small fee, that office can send your sample for testing in our diagnostic labs on campus.”

Fortunately, trees usually recover from losing leaves when they look as if a barber has reduced their “hair” volume with thinning shears, Upham said. With leaf loss this early in the growing season, they have ample time to replace those leaves and then make and store the energy they need before winter. “You should, of course, do what you can to keep their stress level down from now on,” Upham said.

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K-State agronomist offers tips on sericea lespedeza control

Sericea lespedeza continues to be a major concern on rangeland, pasture, and some Conservation Reserve Program acres in Kansas, a Kansas State University agronomist said.

“Sericea lespedeza is a state-wide noxious weed in Kansas and needs to be controlled,” said Walt Fick, a rangeland management specialist with K-State Research and Extension. “It has a tremendous seed bank that helps re-establish stands. Left untreated, sericea lespedeza will dominate a site, greatly reducing forage production and species diversity.”

There are no known biological controls that can be effectively used on sericea lespedeza, he said. However, grazing with goats can suppress the plants’ stands and produce a saleable product. It takes four to five goats per acre of sericea to graze the plant enough to eliminate seed production.

Mowing in mid- to late-July will reduce stands of sericea lespedeza to some extent, Fick said. Sericea has not been eliminated, however, even after several years of mowing.

Herbicides applied at the correct time and under favorable environmental conditions can significantly reduce it, he said.

Remedy Ultra (triclopyr) and PastureGard (triclopyr

+ fluroxypyr) can provide effective control when applied during June and into early July when the sericea plants are in a vegetative growth stage. Broadcast applications of Remedy Ultra at 1 to 1.5 pints per acre and PastureGard at 2 pints per acre should be applied in spray volumes of 10 to 20 gallons per acre.

Products containing met-sulfuron, such as Escort XP and Cimarron Plus, are generally more effective in late summer when sericea lespedeza is actively blooming, Fick said. Recommended rates are 0.5 ounce per acre of Escort XP and 0.625 ounce per acre Cimarron Plus.

For spot application, mix 1 fluid ounce PastureGard per gallon of water, use a 1 percent solution of Remedy Ultra in water, or 0.3 grams Escort XP per gallon of water. Aerial applications of these products should be done with a minimum spray volume of 3 gallons per acre. Higher rates, such as five gallons per acre, will generally be more effective.

Herbicide treatments need to be repeated every two to four years to keep this invasive species in check. Initial treatments should reduce dense stands to the point where spot treatment can be used in future years.

Kansas gallery shows collection of known artists

OTTAWA (AP) — It’s a small collection of works by well-known artists.

It’s a gallery of mostly early 20th century American paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings, a place that houses work by artists like John Steuart Curry.

It has become a staple of the Garnett community, an uncommon gallery for a small town.

“We call it a collection of small works by big names, and that’s exactly what it is,” Robert Cugno, who helps maintain the Mary Bridget McAuliffe Walker Art Collection, said.

Cugno has helped curator Robert Logan with the gallery, which is housed in the Garnett Public Library since the late 1980s.

It was a bit of good luck that brought the Walker Art Collection to Garnett.

Maynard Walker, a prominent art dealer in New York during the 1930s and 1940s and a Garnett native, loaned and later donated a number of pieces of artwork that he owned. The gallery was established in 1951 and was named after Walker’s mother.

The collection includes pieces by artists Jean Baptiste Camille Corot, Edouard Manet and Walt Kuhn.

Walker loaned the artwork after receiving a letter from a Garnett woman who was compiling letters of famous people from the area.

“He hoped to stimulate youth to look at art,” Cugno said.

But it’s not just youths who visit the gallery.

“We get visitors from all over,” Cugno said.

Curry’s painting “Tobacco Plant” is one of the most recognizable pieces in the gallery, Cugno said. A Kansas native, Curry painted the world famous, but controversial, murals on the second floor of the Kansas State Capitol.

“This painting is one of the most unusual Curry ever did because it is so peaceful and does not contain the turmoil of most of Curry’s work,” Walker said of the “Tobacco Plant.”

It was by chance that Cugno and Logan moved to Garnett from California.

The Kirk House, a historical building that stands next the library, attracted the pair to the city. They saw the pieces of work that were part of the Walker Art Gallery at the library.

“I still get chills thinking about when we found the collection,” Cugno said.

But the collection wasn’t being displayed in a way that kept the pieces preserved, he said.

“It was an amazing collection, but it was in need of attention,” Cugno said.

And so began his and Logan’s campaign to restore the artwork and to find a space appropriate for the gallery. An addition to house the collection was completed in 2001.

“I prayed all along that it would happen, and it did,” Cugno said.

In addition to the Walker Art Gallery, the library also houses the Garnett City Art Collection.

The original collection was 90 works of art donated by a benefactor over a period of five years. The collection contains works by California regional artists from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s, Cugno said.

“It’s very contemporary,” he said of the collection.

The Local Artists Gallery, also a part of the library, is a collection of artwork created by local artists. An occasional traveling exhibit also might be displayed. Those works are rotated on a monthly basis, Cugno said.

“The collections here just aren’t something that you find in rural communities,” he said.

Members of the Pott County horse judging team recently competed in the state event in Manhattan and placed third high overall. Members included (from the left) Laura Furney, Becky Biswell, Cassandra Ebert and Joelle Sylvester. Biswell was the fourth-place high individual and Sylvester placed eighth overall.



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