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J.J. Jones, agricultural marketing specialist with Kansas Department of Commerce, spent 10 days in Russia visiting with government officials and producers about purchasing seedstock from Kansas ranchers. Jones made sure to leave his Kansas mark with those he met along the way.

A new Russian dairy facility, bottom right, is impressive and rivals some of the modern ones in the United States. That compares with ramshackle facilities, top right, that were built in the 1960s when the farms were state-owned.



Efforts made to establish Kansas livestock presence in Russia

By **Beth Riffel**

From Manhattan to Moscow might sound like the latest best-seller making the rounds on the New York Times summer reading list, but in reality, it could be the trek of some of the best livestock genetics in the world. It would seem that the former Soviet Union is determined to develop its beef, dairy and equine herds dramatically in the not-too-distant future. Farmers from that country are considering where to source those animals, and Kansas very well may be in contention for that business in the coming years.

As that growth takes place, J.J. Jones, agriculture marketing specialist with the Kansas Department of Com-

merce, wants to make sure that Kansas livestock operations have the opportunity to capitalize on that market.

Just recently, Jones, along with his market-developing counterparts from Colorado and Montana, returned from a 10-day tour of the region to explore the interest of Russian farms to import dairy, equine and beef genetics from the United States. This was Jones' first such fact-finding trip to the country, although the representative from Montana had made several previous trips to es-

tablish relationships with the Russians, which were essential to doing business. "It's really a relationship-based business," Jones said.

The trip was made possible by the use of some federal market development funds, meaning that little Kansas monies actually were spent. "It's good to note that even in difficult budget times that we can be able to continue to do business that will benefit Kansas in the long run," Jones explained. "The only thing that it cost Kansas was my time."

Last fall Jones completed a survey of Kansas producers that was intended to gauge the interest in pursuing the international export market. A high number of surveys were returned, which indicated to Jones and the Commerce staff that this was something that progressive breeders felt could be beneficial to them and their operations.

Export business is by no means fast or easy. Meeting international regulations regarding shipments, including health quarantines and the

actual shipping of the animals can take months if not years to complete.

Jones pointed out that the booking of ships to transport animals currently is running a year in advance. That can prove to be a bit overwhelming- and the notion that one or two years' worth of preparations could quickly be for naught if a single deadline, even for the most trivial paperwork, isn't met.

To help navigate the ins and outs of international shipping, Kansas has joined a trade group, the U.S. Live-

stock Export Association, to help facilitate the shipping of animals.

It might be easy for one to jump to the conclusion that it would be much more cost-effective to simply ship semen to the country. Jones noted that oftentimes government agencies inspecting the shipments inadvertently destroy the semen, either by removing it from the tank or actually cutting into the straws themselves.

The trio of marketing

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Riffel ends seventeen-year run at Grass & Grain

By **Donna Stewart-Sullivan**

Seventeen years and she never missed a mail truck; now she has a plaque to prove it. Ag Press employees gathered Wednesday morning to bid a fond farewell to Beth Riffel, who served for seventeen years as editor of Grass and Grain and leaves to assume duties as the Director of Communications for Tabor College.

Riffel graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Ag Communications, and was working as editor of the Texas Hereford magazine when a college roommate informed her that Grass and Grain was looking for an editor. She was taking a group of students from the Junior Hereford Association to the their annual meeting, held during the American Royal in December. She arranged to meet with Ag Press co-owner Tom Carlin while she was there.

"He offered the job and I jumped," she recalled. At

twenty-three years old, Riffel had landed her dream job.

Naturally, there were adjustments to be made. "Moving from a monthly deadline to a weekly one was serious culture shock," she said. For the first six or seven years, cut and paste was the method of page make-up, and the transition to electronic lay-out presented another challenge to the young editor. "It was a huge learning experience," she described. "But the transition from the light table to digital made for a more professional appearance for the paper as well as better editing, making it easier to read."

Riffel navigated the transitions and technological changes to steer Grass and Grain in a direction that was pleasing to her readership.

"We commissioned a few professionally conducted reader surveys over the years, asking for feedback on how we could improve

the editorial content of Grass and Grain. Beth and I always found it mildly frustrating because the answer was always the same: you're doing a good job, don't change a thing," Carlin said. "While that didn't help us improve the paper, it was, I believe a great compliment to Beth and her bond with our readers."

Riffel answers without hesitation when asked what the most satisfying aspect of her job has been. "The people in the pages, the families I've worked with. And hopefully I've provided them with the information they've needed."

"Farm bill years are memorable," she continued. "and disasters such as droughts, ice storms and blizzards; documenting those families struggling, and what they went through, like ranchers struggling to feed their herds out west."

"I have loved every edition that hit the mail," Riffel emphasized. "There has-

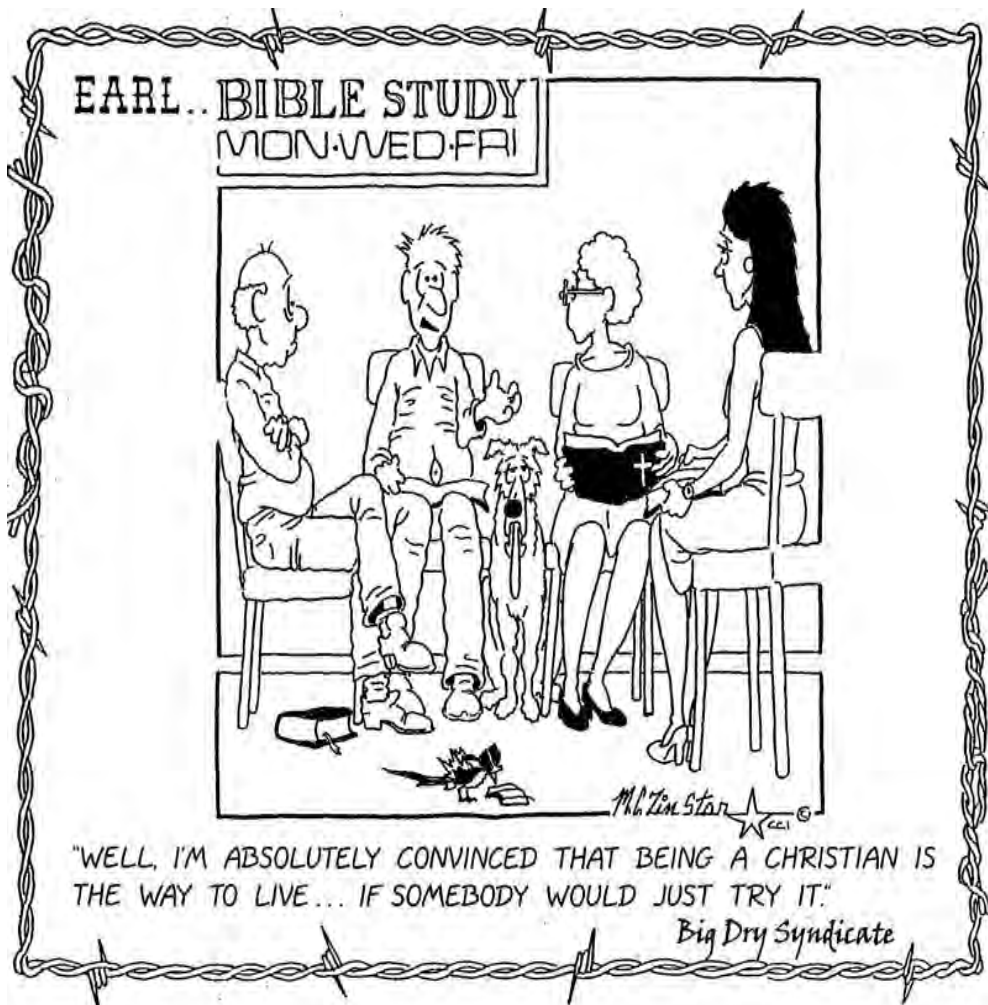
n't been one week that I've hit the door at Ag Press not looking forward to what I was going to get to do."

Leaving Grass and Grain was a difficult move for Riffel. "It was a very hard decision, but one I made for the good of my family," she said. "Logistically, I will be sixteen miles from home instead of sixty-two. And instead of telling the stories of farmers growing crops

and livestock, I'll be telling the story of a college growing kids."

Speaking of kids, she has a bit of advice. "I tell young people all the time that if you love what you do, you'll never have to work a day in your life. It's a thrill that I've gotten paid to have such a good time. I have absolutely loved what I've gotten to do. It's been a good run."





Editorial

Ahhh, changes . . .

By Donna Stewart-Sullivan

Three weeks ago, becoming the next Editor of Grass and Grain wasn't even on my radar. Although I knew Beth was leaving, the thought of me being the one to replace her had never crossed my mind. I own *The Riley Countian* newspaper, a local weekly that covers Riley, Leonardville, Randolph, Keats and the surrounding rural areas, and was also working in advertising sales for KFRM Radio. I often told people that I loved both of my jobs so much, that they seldom really even seemed like work. So when my phone rang one Thursday morning as I was getting ready to leave for the office, it didn't occur to me that everything was about to change. When the colleague on the other end of the line suggested I needed to check into this position, I just laughed and said, "No, I don't think so." But she was quite persistent, and by the time we hung up, I had agreed to at least call the good folks at Grass and Grain. With the idea now planted, the possibilities began to bloom in my mind, and I started to get excited that this could actually be a possibility. An interview and a couple of phone calls later, and here I am, somewhat shell-shocked, but eager to get started.

To give you a little bit of my background I would like to start by telling you that I had the best high school journalism teacher a budding young writer could ask for. Her name was June Deweese and she taught at Chapman High School, from where I graduated in 1981. I'll give you a minute to do the math and figure out how old I am...

I got married right out of high school and a couple of years later, my husband and I started our family. My husband had grown up in Junction City, and was an avid outdoorsman. A couple of months before our first anniversary, he was looking in the newspaper for a used vehicle and instead discovered an ad for a house 25 miles north of Junction City that had dog kennels. Although we had no particular plans to relocate, the idea of dog kennels was pretty appealing to him, so while I was at work, he journeyed up that direction and looked at the place. We spent our first anniversary in that old rock house that had been built in the 1800's, and lived there for 27 years before building a new one. It witnessed the rearing of all of our four children, was home to more dogs, cats, goats, sheep, chickens and rabbits than I

can count, and will soon be inhabited by our third child as he starts his family.

Remember how I said my husband had grown up in Junction City? Well, that means he had no connection to agriculture besides visiting with the farmers on whose property he hunted and trapped. My grandfather had been a farmer, and growing up, we rented a house on a farm on Highway 18 west of Junction City, but other than that, I had no real farm background either. But somehow, we now find ourselves farming on a small scale with two sons that are dedicated to taking it to the next level. Our youngest daughter is a country girl through and through, and our older daughter, while not overly interested in living an agriculture-based lifestyle, still remembers her roots and could probably still milk a goat if called upon to do so.

I was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom for sixteen years, and when our youngest was in third grade, I decided it was time to go to college and earn a degree. I wanted to teach journalism, having been so inspired by Mrs. Deweese. After jumping through the hoops of obtaining my high school transcript - I can't imagine the dust and cobwebs they had to dig through to find it - I had managed to apply for scholarships and grants, and get myself admitted to K-State. Then I walked into the KCLY/KFRM radio station, for which I had been doing some free-lance writing, and was offered a sales position. I decided to forego college and accept that job, which I believe was one of the best decisions I ever made. I have often said that the years I spent working for Kyle Bauer did as much to prepare me for the business world as a college degree

could have, which was a good thing, because five years later, I bought the *Countian* and found myself running my own business. Kyle was kind enough to let me stay on and continue in sales, and I worked both jobs for five years. Walking out of the station for the last time on Monday was a very hard thing to do.

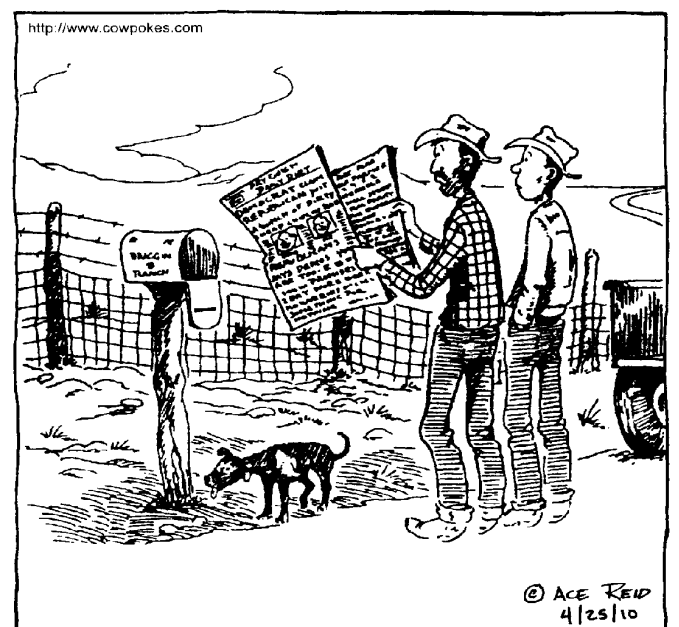
About three weeks ago, I told my husband that I really need to get started taking classes if I am ever going to earn a college degree. Two days later came the phone call that started this whole saga. I have taken this to be a sign that college might not be in my future, but rather I should appreciate the degree I have earned from Been There Done That University, or BTDTU, as we graduates like to call it, and keep on doing what I already love and have been given the opportunity to do.

So here we are. I will do my best to fill Beth's shoes, realizing that it won't be easy, as she has done a very admirable job all these years. I am excited to continue working in the ag industry, albeit from a print rather than broadcast perspective, and welcome hearing from you. Feel free to email me any time with comments or story ideas. I want to provide you with the information that is most important to you, and you have my commitment to cover all news from a completely unbiased standpoint. I believe that the role of a journalist is to inform, not to influence, and while we may not all agree on every issue or subject, we owe it to ourselves to base our opinions and decisions on accurate information.

That's all for now. We'll chat again next week. Until then, be safe and enjoy this wonderful time of year.

COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"The mail's so slow we're gittin' last year's campaign promises after they've all been broken!"

The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Over And Over Again

(Don't miss the true story near the end.)

We have just returned home from a trip to Indiana to see my sister Eunice and her husband John as well as other relatives there. My sister has suffered some mini-strokes in recent years and her husband has also battled health problems; and at ages 84 and 86, recovery is slow. They acknowledge their memory isn't functioning well, so they forget easily and often repeat questions or statements made just a minute or two earlier.

May and I got a look at what it is like to become old and somewhat impaired. However, I admire them both for graciously accepting their lot in life. They are thankful to be able to stay in their own home and are appreciative of the love and care bestowed upon them by others. Eunice requires a great deal of rest and some assistance from oxygen for a while each day. She has her own comfortable chair. How often she would remark while sitting in it, "I love my home." She can walk around in the house by herself but needs support to walk very far. I suppose her greatest loss is that of her memory. Yet, she would make witty remarks and often quoted one of my mother's favorite sayings when in her old age, "Amen, Brother Ben shot at a rooster and killed a hen." Then her eyes would sparkle and she would laugh with us.

John has regained much of his physical strength and still drives to church, the store, and favorite restaurants, all nearby. He was an architect, and in recent years he designed and built a barn, or storage building, complete with upstairs in his big backyard. He has hundreds of blueprints, representing thousands of hours of laborious planning and drawing, rolled up for storage. He is hesitant to throw them away, just in case some of the folk he prepared them for would ever need them again (Someone might want to know where the water lines are, etc.). He showed us his new building shortly after we arrived, and then of-

fered to show it to us again several times after that, forgetting that we had already taken the tour.

Although John repeated himself many times, each time we responded as though we were hearing it for the first time. I was trying to encourage him with my laughter, whereas his son tried to help suppress the repetitions by signaling, holding up five fingers, for example, if he had already told the story five times. One true story, though, brought a genuine laugh each time he told it, even to the tenth time. It is one that has been in the family for more than seventy years, and I think it bears repeating here.

My father's family grew up near the Merrimac River in central Missouri. One of the relatives, Uncle Jody, and his family lived in a comfortable home near the river. The box-shaped house had a porch with railing that extended around three sides. The only indoor plumbing in those days was a pump at the kitchen sink. It was a habit of the men in the family to walk out to the porch railing if nature called during the night to relieve themselves. One day during spring cleaning the girls rearranged the furniture in Arley's bedroom. That night, when his bladder demanded that he get up, Arley got out of his bed that had been repositioned that day and in his half-asleep state walked through the door to a railing as usual, but this time the door was the one leading into his parents' bedroom and the railing was the high footboard of their bed. When he heard his dad yell, "What's going on here?" he responded, "Oh, are you out here, too, Pa?"

I suppose John and Eunice are typical of many couples experiencing old age with its maladies. It seems to creep up stealthily. I'm sure that in my youth, I didn't even consider it; that was far in the future for me. Time has changed my perspective. I hope that as I reach this stage in life, I can go through it with grace and appreciation, being able to laugh a lot, even if it is by telling things "over and over again."

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Russia

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officials visited three regions in Russia including Ryazan, Vladimir and Ivanovo.

Their initial trip was to a large livestock exhibition in Moscow, which Jones compared to the size and prestige of the National Western Stock Show in this country. During this tour they visited with some of the more progressive operations, looking at their stock and answering questions. Jones felt that there were a number of solid leads that came from that leg of the trip.

After leaving Moscow, the group toured several op-

erations including dairies. These would be larger operations that have managers that are looking to diversify their farms, which often were once state-owned.

When traveling through the country, Jones noted that he was amazed at the large tracts of native grasslands that were not being utilized to any degree. "There were no fences, no livestock. Just wide expanses of grass," he said.

Infrastructure, especially away from Moscow, is often lacking. The newer, larger dairies are often built in the shadows of barns that are crumbling down - often built in the 1950-60s, estimated Jones. He also told of a

strong presence of subsistence agriculture in the countryside, with villages including large, 1 to 1 1/2 acre community gardens, families have a cow staked out in the backyard and hand-pumped water wells.

Even the small markets are like stepping back into time with meat being sold at open-air stalls from small butcher shops.

It was clear that the country has great potential for the growth of their beef and other livestock industries, yet needs guidance and expertise to be able to do so.

Because of the proximity,

many farms have adopted the "European" model of production with the animals being grazed during the summer months, but then kept in buildings for cold-weather feeding.

Jones noted that many of the farms were interested in how American ranchers cared for their animals during the winter. "It gets cold in Kansas and Nebraska, and we are sharing that information with them," he said. "It's a learning curve."

Because the industry is in its infancy stage, Jones said that there is an opportunity for young people to travel to

Russia to help teach the technical aspects of the industry. "They are looking for people who can show them how to manage a particular skill, like calving." He added that ranchers also wanted to visit this country to see how farms and ranches set up their operations and the products they use, like handling and feeding facilities.

Jones also noted that international business is often slow to develop because it is very relationship based. "Other countries have definite advantages because of their location, especially in

terms of transporting animals," he said.

But he is confident that there is potential for this market to develop. Because of their trip this spring, Jones has already fielded requests from ranchers interested in visiting the United States to look at livestock.

Jones explained that his recent trip provided some of the groundwork that could prove beneficial in the future. "We didn't leave with checks in hand, they weren't that ready," he said. "But I think with time there is opportunity for Kansas ranchers."

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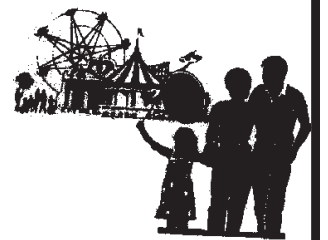
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Saturday, July 10 Softball Tournament

Sunday, July 18 (Continued)

Saturday, July 10

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Thursday, July 15

9:00 A.M. - 4-H Horse Show, Halter, Trail & Equestrian Events

5:00 P.M. - 4-H Horse Speed Events

Friday, July 16

4:00 - 8:00 P.M. - All 4-H/Open entries arrive

6 P.M. - Beef, Sheep, Swine on grounds

No livestock accepted after that time.

6-8:00 P.M. - Weigh-in: Sheep, Beef, Swine & Goats, Weigh-in ends at 8:00 p.m.

8:00 P.M. - Figure 8 Race (arena)

Saturday, July 17

8:00 A.M. - Judge Rabbits & Poultry

9:00 All entries in place, inc. horticulture

9:00 A.M. - Judging of entries - 4-H & Open Class except livestock

1:00 P.M. - Sr. Scholarship Quiz-Off

2:00-4:00 P.M. - Dog Agility

6:00 P.M. - Parents As Teachers (PAT)

Kiddie Land, Petting Zoo & Carnival (Wristband night)

7:00 P.M. - Sheep & Meat Goat Show

7:00 P.M. - Demolition Derby (arena)

Hedrick's Petting Zoo Saturday thru Monday

Sunday, July 18

7:30 A.M. - Fair Church Service

8:00 A.M. - 10K Run (Barnyard Boogie) square

9:00 A.M. - Beef Show

1:00 P.M. - Bucket Calf Practice in Arena

6:00 P.M. - Parade-4-H

Flag retirement ceremony at Floral Hall following the parade

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6:00 P.M. - PAT Kiddieland Carnival

8:00 P.M. - Pedal Tractor Pull and Watermelon Feed sponsored by Farm Bureau.

8:30 P.M. - Tami Hall Concert

Monday, July 19

7:30 A.M. - Swine Show

10:00 A.M. - Dairy and Dairy Goat Show

3:30 P.M. - Model Rocket Shoot-Off

5:00 P.M. - Bucket Calf Show

6:00-8:00 P.M. Vopata Memorial Watermelon Feed

6:00 P.M. - PAT Kiddieland Carnival (Wristband)

7:00 P.M. - Round Robin Showmanship Contest

9:00 P.M. - Randel-Stueve Band

Tuesday, July 20

8:30 A.M. - Decorated Cake Judging

10:30 A.M. - Livestock Judging Contest

5:00 P.M. 4-H Fashion Revue/Cake Auction

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6:00 P.M. - Fair Supper Catered by Ricky's

6:00 P.M. - PAT Kiddieland/ Carnival (Wristband)

7:30 P.M. - Livestock Auction

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. 4-H and Open Class

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Wednesday, July 21

9:00 A.M. - Fair Clean Up

Saturday, July 24

1:00 P.M. - MUD RUN

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

Cindy Crane, Gypsum, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest & Prize

Winner Cindy Crane, Gypsum: "I've never taken this salad without being asked for the recipe, which is how I got it."

CORN SALAD

- 2 cans whole corn, drained
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion

Mix ingredients and sprinkle with 3 to 4 teaspoons sugar. Chill for 3 to 4 hours. Crumble bag of chili cheese corn chips and add just before serving.

*Variation: Peas may be substituted for the corn and red pepper instead of green pepper.

Beth Scripter, Abilene: "Here is a cool way to make potatoes in the summer!"

CROCK-POT POTATOES

- 32 ounces shredded hash browns, thawed
- 4 to 5 tablespoons minced onions
- 1 can nacho cheese soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 6 tablespoons melted butter

Spray a crock-pot with nonstick cooking spray and stir all ingredients together

and put in crock-pot on low for 5 to 6 hours.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:

SUMMER GELATIN SALAD

- 3-ounce package lime gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 9-ounce can crushed pineapple with juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 12-ounce carton cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

In bowl, stir the gelatin into the boiling water. When dissolved stir in the milk, pineapple, lemon juice, cottage cheese, celery, mayonnaise and pecans. Pour into a 1 1/2-quart square clear glass dish. Chill overnight or until firm.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:

BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE

- 5 cups fresh blackberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup finely packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, cut into small pieces

Ice cream, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-6-inch oval baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl combine blackberries, sugar and cornstarch. Pour into prepared dish. In the work bowl of a food processor, add oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and butter. Process until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle out mixture over blackberries. Bake until lightly browned and bubbly,

about 45 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve with ice cream if desired. Makes 2 servings.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:

STRAWBERRY CAKE

- 1 white cake mix
- 3-ounce box strawberry gelatin
- 2/3 cup oil
- 1/2 cup frozen sliced strawberries in syrup, thawed
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 large eggs

Glaze:
1/2 cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup frozen sliced strawberries in syrup, thawed

Set oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with spray. Beat cake mix, gelatin, oil, strawberries and water until fully combined. Add the eggs one at a time beating well. Pour the batter into pan and gently smooth the top. Bake for 40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool. In food processor puree the butter, powdered sugar and strawberries for the glaze until smooth. Poke holes in the cake with handle of a wood-

en spoon then pour the icing over the cake. Allow some of it to seep into the cake. Store covered in refrigerator.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh, shares the next two:

PLUM COBBLER WITH CREAM CHEESE BISCUITS

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 pounds plums, pitted & cut into 1/2-inch slices

Cream Cheese Biscuits:

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter

3-ounce package cream cheese

1 cup heavy whipping cream
In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Using a pastry blender cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Add cream cheese, stirring to combine. Add cream, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 3 1/2-quart baking dish with spray. In bowl, combine sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon. Add plums toss-

ing gently to coat, spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, stir gently. Drop cream cheese biscuits by heaping tablespoons over hot fruit mixture. Bake for 30 minutes more or until biscuits are golden.

SQUASH CASSEROLE

- 6 cups sliced 1/4-inch thick yellow squash
- 6 cups sliced 1/4-inch thick zucchini

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cups sliced 1/4-inch onion
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup crushed butter crackers

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan. In a bowl, combine squashes, salt and pepper. Arrange half of squash in a single layer on bottom of dish. Top with half onion, and sprinkle with half of cheese. Repeat layers ending with cheese. Top with crackers. Cover and bake until vegetables are tender, about 1 hour. Uncover and bake until lightly golden about 15 minutes.

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Get started by rinsing the blueberries then pat dry. Whip up the instant pudding and set it aside. Now make cake crumbs. One way to do it fast is to cut off about one-third of a 10.75-ounce frozen pound cake and, with the coarse side of a grater, grate crumbs into a bowl. Or chop the cake into pieces and pulse in a food processor until you have coarse crumbs. If you want to make crumbs from homemade cake, freeze it first for easier handling.

To assemble the desserts, line up six small glasses and stack about two tablespoons each of the cake, the pudding and the fresh blueberries in the glasses; repeat until all the ingredients are used. A spoonful of whipped cream tops them off.

Serve the "Blueberry-Lemon Teasers" immediately or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Dessert is ready when you are and at just 172 calories per serving, you can kick back and enjoy a guilt-free dessert that delivers plenty of flavor with creamy texture

and juicy blueberries in every bite.

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BLUEBERRY-LEMON TEASERS

- 1 3/4 cups low-fat milk
- 3.4-ounce package instant lemon pudding mix
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 1/2 cups crumbs (about 4 ounces) from frozen reduced-fat pound cake
- 1/2 cup sweetened whipped cream

In medium bowl with electric mixer or wire whisk, blend milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes; set aside for 5 minutes to set. Into six 6-ounce glasses, evenly divide half of the cake crumbs, pudding and blueberries; repeat. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, top with a swirl of whipped cream.

Variations: Use other instant pudding flavors, such as vanilla, cheesecake, coconut or banana. Yield: 6 portions

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Easy And Healthy Foods For Last-Minute Guests

(NAPSA) — Warmer weather offers plenty of opportunities for pop-up parties, so you need to be prepared.

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With the right ingredients on hand, it's easy to say, "Can I get you something to eat?" and make the most of the situation. The key is to stock up on healthy snacks and know quick serving ideas.

"Don't turn down an opportunity to entertain because you didn't make plans or because you have a small kitchen," says Chef Jennifer Schaertl, author of "Gourmet Meals in Crappy Little Kitchens."

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chopped ingredients such as cilantro, onions, tomatoes, peaches or mangoes makes it homemade."

Schaertl suggests this quick-fix recipe from her book made with Wholly Guacamole that doubles as an upscale appetizer or summer entrée. Hint: Uncooked cakes can be wrapped with plastic and frozen for your next pop-up party.

- Guacamole Crab Cakes**
- 1 1/2 cups Spicy Wholly Guacamole
 - 1/2 cup bread crumbs
 - 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 - 2 eggs

- 1-pound lump crabmeat
- 1-pound select crabmeat
- Sea salt & pepper to taste
- Olive oil as needed
- Limes, thinly sliced

Combine Spicy Wholly Guacamole, bread crumbs, mayonnaise and eggs. Stir and set aside for 5 minutes. Fold crab into guacamole mixture, season to taste with salt and pepper. Form into bite-size cakes for appetizers (larger for entrée portions) and place on a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Preheat sauté pan over medium heat and add 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Carefully add a few crab cakes into the pan to fry. Cook one side until crispy, then gently flip. When golden brown, place cooked crab cakes on paper towels to drain, and repeat. Arrange lime slices onto platter or serving tray and set a warm

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The two awards are the state's top business honors and serve as the highlight of the Kansas Cavalry Encampment, the state's annual celebration of Kansas business. The event is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Cavalry, a volunteer group of business leaders who promote Kansas as a business location.

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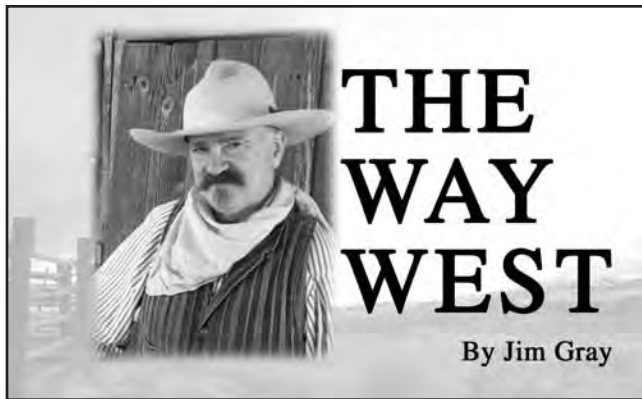
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

The Peace Treaty held at Medicine Lodge in the fall of 1867 succeeded in keeping the peace through the summer of 1868. However warfare was a way of gaining honor for native people and in August of '68 a war party of Cheyenne, Sioux and Arapaho braves set out on a raid of their ancestral enemy, the Pawnees. According to Ed Guerrier, a scout who was in camp, the war party was composed of young men eager for the opportunity to take their place among warriors of story and song in native tradition. Along the way to Pawnee villages in present-day Nebraska the war party changed its objective and began to raid settlements on Spillman Creek in Lincoln County, Kansas. Upon drawing first blood the raid continued north as far as the North Fork of the Solomon River. Several outlying houses were attacked.

Homesteaders were killed defending their homes and eighteen-year-old Sarah White was taken captive.

The war party completely forgot about fighting the Pawnee and returned to Lincoln County, where they were confronted by elements of the Seventh Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Frederick Benteen. Two captive little girls were rescued after being abandoned by the warriors as they rode to safety into the wild reaches of the prairie. The series of raids were known as the "Solomon Massacre." The raids were soon followed by a series of attacks on wagon trains and outlying road ranches along the Santa Fe Trail in southwestern Kansas. General Philip Sheridan found his forces seriously wanting for the task of guarding hundreds of isolated miles of trails across the Kansas prairie. Troops committed to de-

fense of military posts and stage stations left an actual mobile fighting force of only eight hundred men. In an effort to match the Indian ability to strike and retreat, Sheridan conceived a plan to field a small force of elite civilian Indian fighters. The primary objective would be to seek out warriors wherever they could be found. Moving swiftly, without supply wagon support, the pioneer "soldiers of fortune" were expected to live on limited provisions and, if need be, support themselves by foraging from the land.

Colonel George A. Forsyth was ordered to recruit fifty men, designated to be known as Forsyth's Scouts. Forsyth found thirty of his recruits from the frontiersmen who had suffered the devastating Solomon Massacre. They reported to Fort Harker where they boarded a train for Fort Hays. At Hays another twenty men were recruited.

The Scouts were sent west to Fort Wallace and soon were on the trail of a war party that had attacked a wagon train east of the post. The trail led north into the wild unsettled country of northwest Kansas. Signs soon revealed more and more Indians coming together. Many of the Scouts wondered at the

wisdom of allowing themselves to become surrounded by such overwhelming numbers. Colonel Forsyth confidently reminded the frontiersmen that they had signed on to "find and attack the Indians, no matter what the odds." The trail led into northeast Colorado along the Arikaree River where Cheyenne warriors charged Forsyth's Scouts with an estimated six hundred warriors. The Scouts retreated to a sandy island in the middle of the river where they survived charge after charge of mounted warriors. It was a classic Indian fight. The men were pinned down for days and as food rations gave out they began to eat the decaying flesh of dead horses and

mules. Four men walked through the lines at night and eventually reached Fort Wallace over ninety miles away. Days of agony stretched on as Scout Chauncey Whitney scribbled in his diary, "My God, have you forgotten us?" After a siege of eight days they were finally rescued by elements of the Buffalo Soldiers, black troopers of the Tenth Cavalry. The encounter is known as the Battle of Beecher Island, named for Lt. Frederick Beecher who was killed during the first day of fighting. Six Scouts were killed. Forsyth estimated thirty-two warriors killed, including the famous war leader, Roman Nose.

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Once in a while, like maybe one in every 50 bales, you cut the strings, begin throwing flakes to stock and then come up with a flake and the ugly head and body of a dead rattler in your hand. Wow! An involuntary yell and a rapid heartbeat that lasts a few seconds until you realize the snake is dead are always followed by a few choice words toward Glenn. That upper field held lots

of rattlers but the swather does a number on them and they end up going through the bailer. That's gotta' be tough on the snakes but Glenn didn't mind the snakes ending up in his bales.

One summer day, I asked Glenn to ride to Butte with me to pick up supplies. I stopped by his place and picked him up. Glenn got in my pickup and, as usual, he set a tub of "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" on the dash and took off the lid. It was half full of water. He

reached in his mouth, removed his full set of false teeth and placed them in the tub. He looked at me and smiled. A toothless grin, I should say. We headed over the mountains towards town.

He gummed out a few words that I knew by heart.

"I put my teeth in the tub until I get to town because they hurt and I can talk and laugh better without them," he sputtered. "I have some new jokes to tell you and I don't want my teeth falling out when I laugh."

"Do you always keep them in that container?"

"No. Only when they're not in my mouth. Ha, Ha." He thought it was funny.

Glenn had lots of jokes and I never heard the same one twice. He was one of Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation. He fought in World War II but never talked much about it. He once said he was glad he bombed Japan because he

had seen enough war in Europe and didn't want to go to the Pacific and fight again. I asked him if he did anything great in the war and he said, "I shot ducks."

"Is that a joke?"

"No, that's no joke. We were surrounded by Germans and my sergeant sent me up a hill with a machine gun and said shoot anything that moves. A flock of ducks flew by so I shot at them."

"Why in the world did you do that?" "Sarge told me to shoot anything that moves! Ha, Ha."

Knowing I wouldn't get any more out of him about the war, I changed the subject as we bumped our way over the mountains toward Butte.

"What about those snakes I'm always finding in the hay I get from you? They scare me half to death."

A big smile spread across his face and he said, "Don't talk bad about my snakes. They give me lots of laughs. You should hear the funny stories people tell me about what happened when they got surprised by my dead snakes."

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when they buy your hay to watch out for dead rattlers?" "Naw, I don't want to ruin my fun. Besides, I enjoy listening to their stories about the snake in the hay the first time it happened to them." He laughed.

"Somebody could have a heart attack!"

"The snakes won't hurt them, they're dead" he said.

"Doesn't your wife complain about them when she feeds her horses?"

"That's the best part. She used to yell at me every time she found one and I would laugh till I cried. Now she won't feed hay from that field anymore."

We rode along a few minutes in silence. The road was rough and a lot of sections were like a wash-

board. We hit a washout and the truck bounced when we went over it. The "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" tub slid off the dash and fell to the floor. Glenn's teeth, uppers and lowers all connected, chattered around on the floor as we crossed over a bad section of road. We both laughed. His teeth looked like they were shivering as we hit one of the washboards.

When the road smoothed out, Glenn picked his teeth up and wiped them clean with the tail of his shirt. He plunked them in his mouth, smiled and said, "How do I look?"

I am glad Glenn was my neighbor.

Contact Ralph Galeano at horseman@horsemanspress.com or www.horsemanspress.com

Kansas Horse Council Foundation awards twelve scholarships

The Kansas Horse Council Foundation awarded \$8,500 in scholarships at a ceremony held June 8th in the Heritage Room in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus.

The following twelve students were selected for awards: Levi Brozek of Sylvan Grove - \$1,000; Dana Gude of Olsburg - \$1,000, Melissa Kupfersmith of Valley Center - \$1,000, Alyssa Morrison of Bonner Springs - \$500, Stephanie Murray of Wheaton - \$500, Lexi Potter of Topeka - \$500, Sara Sumpter of Berryton - \$1,000, Teri Vonderschmidt of Topeka - \$500, Alice White of Belvue - \$500, Jessica White of Belvue - \$500, Joanna Wilson of Manhattan - \$500 and Jodi Wright of Manhattan - \$1,000.

These scholarships are provided through proceeds raised at the annual KHCF Silent Auction held each February at EquiFest of Kansas in Wichita. Debbie Beam of Topeka chairs the Foundation committee that organizes the auction and selects the award winners. Other committee members are Sue Datillo of Topeka, Sheri Ellenbecker of Lawrence, Teresa Peddicord of Wamego and Pattie Stalder of Westmoreland. Applications are accepted through April 1st each year. All information for applying is under the KHC Scholarship tab on the KHC website, kansashorsecouncil.com.



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Director of Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab at Plum Island outlines hopes for NBAF at CEEZAD kickoff meeting

MANHATTAN — William "Bill" White, director of the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, New York, said he hopes one of the outcomes from the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility at Kansas State University will be to perfect pen-side tests that would allow medical professionals to determine if farm animals are susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease.

"We want to continue to develop and validate new diagnostic tests that will allow us to maintain a cutting-edge profile," White said at the kickoff meeting

for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases, or CEEZAD, at K-State.

The meeting, which was held Monday, June 28, included presentations by top experts in zoonotic diseases from around the world, including White and K-State's Juergen Richt, Regents Distinguished Professor in K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine and a Kansas Bioscience Authority Eminent Scholar.

The Department of Homeland Security is replacing the Plum Island facility with the National

Bio- and Agro-defense Facility, or NBAF, at K-State.

At the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, White leads a team of nearly 50 employees at the only facility in the United States allowed to work with the foot-and-mouth disease virus. His team diagnoses foreign animal diseases both domestically and internationally. The facility's collaborations include working with medical officials in the Philippines on the

Ebola-Reston virus; the Porcine teschovirus and new disease outbreaks in Haiti; lumpy skin disease in Afghanistan and Pakistan; as well as partnerships with Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Dominican Republic, Congo and Mongolia. White also has worked on bioforensics with the FBI.

Videos of presentations from the meeting will be available online at <http://www.vet.kstate.edu/CE/2010/ei.htm>.

Anderson takes third in region, competes at CNFR

Kansas State completed a successful 2009-10 college rodeo season with one of its own qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyo. Becky Anderson accumulated 545 points at 10 Central Plains Region rodeos to finish third in the goat tying. Anderson tied three down in respectable times against the best goat tyers in the world, but missed the short go at the CNFR.

Overall, the K-State women's team finished seventh in the region. In addition to Anderson, other top finishers included: Jolie VanPetten, 13th in goat tying for the year with 138 points; Reagan Domer, 15th in goat tying for the year with 120 points; Stephanie Lindsay, 100 points in breakaway roping and 35 points in goat tying; Blair Askew, 100 points in barrel racing; and Morgan Lindsay, 50 points in breakaway roping.

The men's team placed 15th overall in the Central Plains Region. Michael Wimer finished ninth in saddle bronc riding for the season with 155 points, while J.D. Holland earned 60 points in the team roping and Christopher Vaughan collected five points in the saddle bronc riding.

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LOCATION CORRECTION!
The location was incorrect in last week's Grass & Grain. Following is the correct information.

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FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES
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TOOLS AND MISC.
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GRASS & GRAIN
Auction Sales Scheduled
 check out the on-line schedule at www.grassandgrain.com

July 6 — Commercial lot real estate at Abilene for Cedar Ridge Estates. Auctioneers: Reynolds Real Estate & Auction Co.
 July 6 — Marion County land at Peabody for Peabody-Burns USD 398. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
 July 8 — Saline & Dickinson County real estate at Salina. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.
 July 9 — Farm machinery & farm related consignments at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.
 July 10 — Farm machinery & misc. W. of Oak Hill for Evan Adee. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.
 July 10 — Real estate at Topeka. Auctioneers: Sinnitt Auction.
 July 10 — Furniture, antiques & misc. SW of Agenda for Dale E. Vrana Estate, Douglas G. Simms, adm. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 July 10 — Vehicles, machinery, tools, antiques & household at Cuba for Jack & Sharon Scott. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
 July 10 — Crocks, primitives, antique furniture, jewelry, souvenir spoons & silver-plate, drug store items,

dolls at Abilene for Mary Jean & Warren Wilson (Chisholm Trail Antiques). Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
 July 10 — Mower, shop, misc., coins, currency, stamps, watches, guns, deer mounts, pickup, scooter, jewelry, collectibles & household at Sabetha for Ole & Harla Estle. Auctioneers: Hartter Auction Service.
 July 10 — Antiques, collectibles, guns, rings at Minneapolis for Bennie Bergman Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 July 10 — Tractor, metal lathe & accessories, shop tools & equipment, automotive, lawn items at Wamego for Shop Equipment of Kenny Baker Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 July 10 — Tractors, trucks & farm machinery SW of McPherson for Vida J. Schrag Trust. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.
 July 10 — Glassware, antiques & collectibles at Manhattan for Charlotte & the late Harry Means Estate. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction
 July 10 — Furniture, household, lawn equipment, 4 wheeler, motor bike, an-

tiques at Alma for Nick & LaVon Milasnovich Estate. Auctioneers: Murray Auction and Realty.
 July 10 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture & appliances, car, mower, tools & misc. at near Westmoreland for Clara Ebert. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.
 July 10 — Antique & collectible furniture, guns, wheel loader, collectible tractors, cars, pickups, truck, lawn mowers, shop tools, misc. & farm related items at Lincoln County for Everett W. White Trust, Joe White Trustee & Dave Brownback Trustee. Auctioneers: Victor Brothers Auction & Realty, Inc.
 July 10 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Jerry's Trading Post. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 July 10 — Antiques & collectibles at Lawrence for Don Flora - Trash and Treasures Antiques. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.
 July 10 — Tractor, loader, mower, guns, truck van boxes, tools & misc. at Ottawa for Formerly D&H School Bus Service. Auctioneers: Griffin Auctions.

July 11 — Toys, Vaseline glass, antique glass & porcelain, kerosene lamps, linens, Hallmark ornaments, books & pictures at Abilene for Mary Jean & Warren Wilson (Chisholm Trail Antiques). Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.
 July 11 — Antique clock collection, lamps, furniture, glassware at Manhattan for Charlie Brown Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.
 July 11 — Farm equipment, grain bin & buildings, antiques & collectibles, furniture, household & tools N. of Americus for Kayser Family. Auctioneers: Hancock Auction & Real Estate.
 July 11 — Coins, currency, guns, TVs, furniture, exercise equip. at Lawrence for Ray & Ruby Freels Living Estate. Auctioneers: D&L Auctions.
 July 12 — Pratt County land at Pratt. Auctioneers: Hamm Auction & Real Estate.
 July 12 — Russell Co. land at Russell for The Heirs of the late John C. & Mary L. Woelk. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.
 July 14 — Tractors, trucks, vehicles, trailers, tillage equipment, planting & harvest equipment, haying & construction equipment, skid steer, livestock equipment online only (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction

Company.
 July 14 — Church auction at Montrose for Montrose United Methodist Church. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 July 17 — John Deere dealer closeout at Burlington for Caldwell Implement. Auctioneers: Harley Gerdes Auctions.
 July 17 — Lake Wabaunsee home & lot W. of Eskridge. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.
 July 17 — Consignments at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.
 July 17 — Tractor, heavy duty machining equipment, tools & misc. at Junction City for Ehlers Repair & Machine Shop. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
 July 17 — Cars, pickup, household & collectibles, tool & other at Minneapolis for Bennie Bergman Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.
 July 17 — Antiques & collectibles, furniture, wood-working tools & misc. at Abilene for Mrs. Edna Hoffman and Eldon & Betty Noel. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers & Allyn Thompson.
 July 20 — Ellis County cropland, grassland, cabin & garage S. of Antonino for Marilyn A. Carlson Non Marital Trust. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

July 22 — Sumner Co. land at Wellington for Lloyd Thomas, Bernice Thompson & Jeanette Conner. Auctioneers: Ken Pattern Auction.
 July 24 — Pickup, mower, furniture, antiques & misc. at Concordia for Virgil & Ruby Larson. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 July 24 — Real estate, machinery, antiques, tools & household N. of Morrowville for Vernon Slagle. Auctioneers: Novak Bros. & Gieber.
 July 24 — Consignments E. of Atchison. Sale manager: Scotty Hall.
 July 28 — Real estate at Belleville for Dale E. Vrana Estate, Douglas G. Simms, adm. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.
 July 29 — Marion County land at Florence for Randy & Kelli Savage. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction.
 July 31 — Real estate, household goods, tools, yard items & misc. at Clay Center for Lawrence & Maxine Habluetzel Estate. Auctioneers: Clay County Real Estate, Greg Kretz & Gail Hauserman, salesmen & auctioneers.
 August 4 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.
 August 7 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

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480+/- ACRES PRATT CO. LAND AUCTION
MONDAY, JULY 12 — 1:30 PM
 Sale Site: 107 NE Hwy. 61 — PRATT, KANSAS

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SATURDAY, JULY 10 — 10:00 AM
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 See last week's Grass & Grain for listings.
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SATURDAY, JULY 10 — 10:00 AM

Offering for sale at public auction, located at 1250 Chisholm Rd., from the intersection of Kansas & Main Street, McPherson, KS 7 miles south & 1 1/2 miles west.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Food Deserts

Many of us in the food producing business are watching with a suspicious eye Mrs. Obama's pending federally funded efforts to combat obesity in children. Our skepticism is justified because every special interest group from global warming to UFO conspirators somehow wind up casting blame on modern agriculture.

Nevertheless, obesity apparently is a serious problem and worthy of attention. Her "Let's Move!" web page states that "6.5 million chil-

dren (live) more than a mile away from a supermarket. These communities are now called "Food Deserts."

More than a mile! It is obvious that Mrs. Obama and I live in different realities. I would guess many who read this column live more than a mile from a supermarket. I can picture a rancher's wife twenty miles north of Ekalaka, Mont., a farmer's wife in Oyen, Alberta who gets snowed in for three days, or a family riding out a hurricane, flood and five-day power outage on the South

Carolina coast. Food Desert?

I guess what is most unsettling for me is the helplessness Mrs. Obama ascribes to the urban parents of obese children. She assumes they are incapable of planning a trip to the store, teaching their children discipline, managing a budget and, God forbid, having to walk, drive or bus more than a mile of couple times a week to shop.

Truthfully, no one expects them to grow a garden or can their own food. But I would bet that if these helpless parents had a grocery store right next door it still wouldn't decrease children's obesity. It's not just what you eat, it's how much you eat! My ignorance of big cities precludes any comment about big city grocery stores and their proximity to the "Food Desert vic-

tims." But in rural communities people are forced to do some planning.

Years ago JFK had physical fitness as one of his administrative concerns. It would seem to be beneficial for overweight kids to exercise, right? How 'bout the victims walkin' to the grocery store once or twice a week. Is that unthinkable? Of course, I concede that most urban teens are not expected to do physical work like mowing lawns, sweeping floors, picking up trash, pulling weeds, painting houses or walking the dog. That's why the immigrants and illegals are in such demand; they do the manual labor.

Well, despite my cynicism, I wish her good luck. Her motives are good. We just have a different approach. She is of the 'entitlement mentality' that says

obese children and their parents are helpless victims and the government-sponsored 'meals on wheels' to the able-bodied is their only hope.

Whereas I have the 'en-

trepreneurial mentality' that says each person is responsible for their own behavior and that of their dependents. As I said, she and I live in different realities.

Auction Sales Scheduled

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August 7 — Household, car & riding lawn mower at Clay Center for John Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service.

August 7 — Charolais female sale at Randolph for Fink Beef Genetics.

August 21 — Household, furniture & collectibles at Bennington for Dan Startzman. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

September 4 — Tractors, antique tractors, trucks, combines, tillage, industrial and livestock equipment at Minneapolis for Merl Par-

dee. Auctioneers: Bacon Auction Company.

September 4 — Glassware, antiques, household goods, pickup, misc. at Clay Center for Verl Johnson. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

September 6 — 15th annual Harley Gerdes Labor Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

September 18 — Antiques, primitives, glassware, Hummels, books & more at Baldwin City for Mildred P. Allen Living Estate, Rex Johnson, POA. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

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