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Vinduska named chairman of U.S. Grains Council

By Cindy Baldwin

Terry Vinduska, Marion, had no idea what he was getting into when he accepted then-Governor Joan Finney's appointment to a seat on the Kansas Corn Commission in the early 1990s.

"I can still remember what I was told when I was asked to consider an appointment to the (Kansas) Corn Commission," Vinduska recalled. "(The person contacting me) said there would be a few meetings a year and that there wasn't really much to do."

That estimate of time required has proven to be a little short of the reality as Vinduska's involvement in the Kansas Corn Commission and subsequent appointment to the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) two years after joining the Corn Commission increased. He will assume the position of chairman of the USGC this month after serving on the executive committee as secretary, treasurer and, this past year, as vice-chair. In addition to many hours spent in meetings and on conference calls and e-mails, Vinduska, through his involvement with the USGC, has had the opportunity to develop U.S.-grown corn markets throughout the world, traveling to countries as varied as Morocco, Egypt, China, India and, most recently in March, the Dominican Republic, Panama and Colombia.

"It's been lots more of a time commitment than I thought it would be when I became involved. I had no idea of the challenges or the rewards. And, (serving on the

Kansas Corn Commission) has given me the chance to work with nine of the best farmers in the state. It's a peer group that has really challenged me," Vinduska said. Representing Kansas corn growers from district five on the Kansas Corn Commission — which determines how check-off dollars will be allocated to production, research and marketing opportunities — and all Kansas and American feed grains producers on the USGC — the primary responsibility of which is overseas market development for U.S.-grown corn, grain sorghum and barley — has given Vinduska a big-picture view of grain markets beyond his own farming operation.

Vinduska returned to his family farm near Pilsen after graduating from Kansas State University with a degree in ag mechanization and working for Hesston Corporation as a field test engineer. He and his wife, Cindy, worked with his father, eventually renting land on their own and taking over the operation. The Vinduska's diversified farm includes corn, wheat, grain sorghum, soybeans, alfalfa and a cow-calf operation. In addition, he is a sales representative for Pioneer Seed. Cindy is an elementary school teacher with the Marion school system. They have three daughters, Melissa Stuchik, of Marion, Sara, and Jill, who live in North Carolina and Florida, respectively.

Five years ago the operation evolved when Vinduska had an opportunity to expand his seed business and evaluat-

ed where his farming operation was headed. The decision was made to form a partnership with daughter Melissa's husband, Daniel, and his father, Monte Stuchik, merging the two operations as S&V Family Farms LLC. Melissa, Daniel and their two children, Tanner and Allie, now live on the family farm. Also involved is Daniel's brother, Ross. It's been a move that has served all the partners well, Vinduska said, and allowed him to continue his work with the Corn Commission and USGC. "It would scare me to death to really think about how many days I'm gone," Vinduska said. "My wife is supportive of what I'm doing, but without my partners' support I couldn't do it. This spring I was away from the farm for three days in the middle of planting, that wouldn't have been possible without them."

Vinduska is willing to put in the necessary time in serving on both the Kansas Corn Commission and the U.S. Grains Council because he is convinced the work they do is critical to keeping American grain markets — and American family farms — economically healthy. He is committed.

"I truly believe in the work (the Kansas Corn Commission and USGC) are doing," he said.

Vinduska admits he didn't know much about the intricacies of grain exports, the impact of those exports on Kansas grain prices and how the USGC influenced the dynamic when he first became



Marion producer Terry Vinduska recently assumed duties as chairman of the U.S. Grains Council, but remains committed to his own farming operation.

involved with the Corn Commission. What he knew was that most of the corn raised in Kansas was fed in Kansas. The "big picture" came into focus for him the year he was the first to bring a load of new corn into the elevator. The

only price posted was for old crop, and while he waited, the elevator operator figured cash price on Nebraska corn price plus freight.

"A light bulb went on for me," Vinduska said. "I'm competing with Nebraska

corn and Iowa corn when it comes to price. We want to get that corn moved down the Mississippi. We need that corn to disappear, if the corn that we produce for livestock

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Kansas chefs receive a lesson in beef preparation

Recently the Kansas Beef Council held its third annual Pasture to Plate Chef's Tour throughout south central Kansas. The Pasture to Plate Chef's Tour is a two-day tour of the Kansas beef industry for culinary experts and beef influencers. The event was developed by the KBC to showcase the people and effort behind beef production in our state. Guests experienced each

step of the process that takes place to get Kansas beef to kitchens all over the country, from Pasture to Plate.

"Each year the Kansas Beef Council hosts the tour for chefs to visit production facilities and learn more about the beef products they use in their kitchens and operations daily," explains Sharla Huseman, Director of Marketing for the KBC. "This inside look and understanding of the beef production process is important for producers and for chefs as these culinary professionals do so much to position beef on the

menu and in the consumer's mind."

During the 2010 Pasture to Plate Chef's Tour, the KBC played host to 16 area chefs and culinary professionals. This year's event drew participants state-wide, from Kansas City to Wichita, as well as guests from Louisville, Ky., Columbia, Mo. and Billings, Mont.

Stops on the 2010 tour included a seedstock operation, feedlot and state-of-the-art processing facility. Kicking off the 2010 Pasture to Plate Chef's Tour on June 14, 2010, chefs visited the

McCurry Bros Angus Ranch in Sedgwick, a purebred operation that is the first step in the beef production cycle. Participants learned about genetics and different types of breeding such as artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

Next, the chefs met with Dr. Dan Thomson, a Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at Kansas State University, to discuss animal welfare and issues facing the beef industry. The chefs also learned more about the different types of beef such as natural, organic, grassfed and conventional grain-fed beef and what those statements factually mean.

The last tour stop of the first day was at Pratt Feeders in Pratt, for an overview of cattle feeding practices. During the tour, general manager Jerry Bohn talked about the cattle feeding industry, various types of grain that are produced for cattle feed and different ways cattle are marketed to processors.

For the second day of the tour, the group visited the Creekstone Farms processing facility in Arkansas City. Here the chefs saw the beef production process from cattle arrival to the fabrication floor where different cuts of beef are produced. In addition, guests of the tour learned about food safety practices in the beef



Todd Allen, a Kansas beef producer from Newton, helps Chef Russ Muelberger create their winning appetizer in the Culinary Challenge.

industry during each step of meat processing.

In addition to learning about the Kansas beef industry, the chefs also participated in a friendly competition during the Pasture to Plate Culinary Challenge. For this challenge, chefs were divided into small teams and paired with a beef producer to participate in a mystery pantry-type culinary contest.

This year's team for the winning entrée included Chef Kent Nanni, corporate chef at Custom Food Solutions in Louisville, Ky.; Michael Pennington, a student in the Johnson County Community College culinary program

and apprentice chef at Renée Kelly's at Caenen Castle in Kansas City; and Mark Harms, a beef producer from Lincolnville. Discovering little more than mushrooms, bleu cheese and potatoes in their pantry, the team prepared a savory beef dish using petite medallions of beef with the bleu cheese, mushrooms and a red wine reduction sauce, all topped with kettle-fried potatoes.

"The Culinary Challenge is a great opportunity for chefs and beef producers to learn from each other and share a few culinary secrets," Huseman explains. "I believe everyone walks away from the competition a winner."



Mark Harms, Lincolnville beef producer, observes Chef Kent Nanni as they work to prepare the winning entrée in the Culinary Challenge portion of the 2010 Kansas Beef Council Pasture to Plate Chef's Tour.

Farmers defend way of life with Facebook, Twitter

When a video of dairy cows being punched and prodded with pitchforks was recently released by an animal rights group, it made the rounds on YouTube and generated the expected angry responses. But it also raised a flurry of outrage from another corner of the Internet: Farmers fought back, blogging, tweeting, uploading their own videos and chatting on Facebook to defend their industry and explain the abuse did not represent their practices.

Growers aren't usually thought of as a wired, social-networking bunch. But frustration at being the targets of

tech-wise environmental or animal rights groups has inspired them to get involved with social media and answer in kind. Armed with smart phones that allow them to post status updates from a tractor seat and increasingly comfortable issuing pithy one-liners on the short-messaging site Twitter, they're going online to tell their own stories, connect to a public they feel doesn't understand them, exchange information and break the isolation they feel on the farm.

"There is so much negative publicity out there, and no one was getting our message out," said Ray Prock Jr., a second-generation Central California dairy farmer whose blog posts and tweets relay information on everything from emergency drills for handling manure spills to lactose intolerance.

Prock was among those who responded to the video, taking time out from his family vacation to vent his frustration. "Every other farmer I know who cares for animals has at one time or another put those animals' well-being ahead of their own or their families' time or needs," he wrote on his blog.

Prock's wife and two children live on the 240-acre farm, and his 9-year-old son has started helping his father, uncles and grandfather care for the family's 450 cows. "This is where my family lives. I care for the air, and the water, the environment, the cows," Prock said, walking through the open, airy barns. "This is what I wish I could show people."

The dairy industry in particular has been the focus of undercover videotaping by animal rights groups. In

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The stress will pass . . . the memories are forever

By Donna Stewart Sullivan, G&G Editor

Well, fair season is under way! That means 4-H families are engaged in a frenzy of activities as the final touches are put on projects, show boxes are packed and livestock is loaded up for a trip to the fairgrounds. It is truly a stressful, but wonderful, memory-making time of year.

For our family, this will be the first time in nineteen years that we won't have someone exhibiting at the fair. But I imagine we'll still find ourselves at the Clay County fairgrounds at least once, because who can go a whole year without at least one taco salad from the food stand? Plus, our oldest son will still help with the swine show, and might even convince his younger brother to join him. Not to mention, it's a great time to visit and catch up with friends and neighbors.

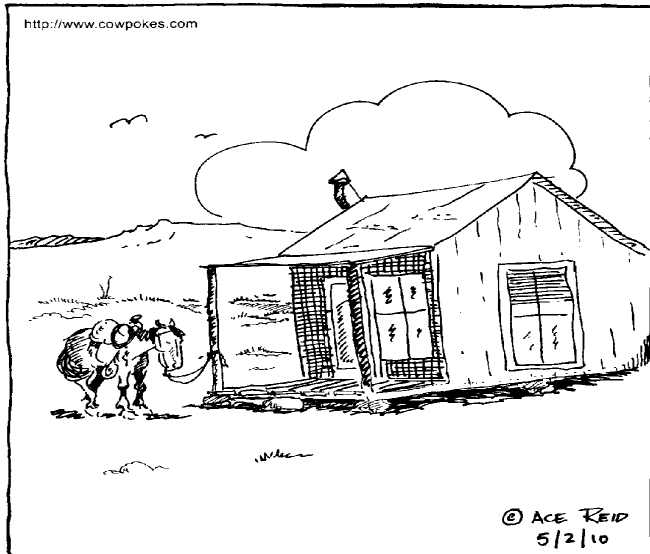
When I think back over our years in 4-H, I'm struck by all the life lessons the experience provided – lessons in commitment as the kids cared for their livestock, teamwork as they learned how to best work with each other and their fellow 4-H'ers, and the concept of working for the greater good as they used the skills they were learning to help younger 4-H'ers or assisted with service projects. There is no doubt that 4-H helped shape their lives.

Our first two grandchildren are due to arrive in August and November, and I am quite sure that in seven years they will be adding their names to the roll call of our 4-H club. But for now I have a little window of time to just sit and watch the flurry of activity of the families and smile knowingly at the harried young parents around me. Enjoy it, I will tell them. Youngsters move from novice to junior to senior showmen very quickly. The memory of the stress you're feeling right now as you frantically look for the pig whip that mysteriously disappeared five minutes before the judging will fade away as they enter the ring all spruced up in their show clothes and you look on with pride. Take lots of pictures. Yes, they are great for the record books, but they're even better for the memories.

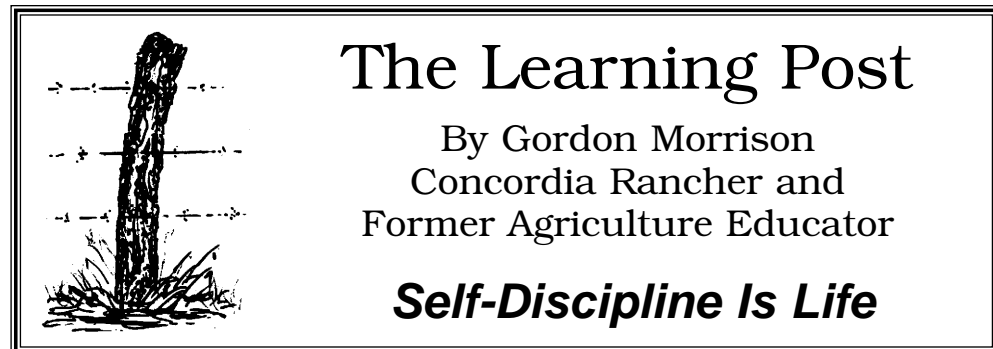
Take time to get out and enjoy a county fair, maybe even invite a youngster with no ties to a farm to go with you. They're never too young to start hearing about the important role agriculture plays in all of our lives.

I'm sure having a hard time coming up with a name for this column, and would welcome your suggestions! Shoot me an email at gandgeditor@agpress.com. Maybe if we put our heads together, we'll come up with something catchy.

Take care, and I'll meet you here again for a chat next week.



"Naw, me and Maw wouldn't have had all this if I hadn't been in Iron and Steel---Maw wuz a ironin' and I wuz stealing!"



After finishing supper this evening, I enjoyed a chocolate bar. Some say I have a sweet tooth, for I do crave sweets. My lab tests show my blood sugar level to be borderline (high normal), but it gives me no problems so I will enjoy my candy bar.

Our granddaughter Amanda, age 21, is visiting us. At the age of ten, she was diagnosed with juvenile (Type 1) diabetes. Since that time she has been on insulin, which means giving herself insulin shots about four times a day. She also tests her blood sugar five or six times daily.

What caused this condition? Doctors are not sure. They say that possibly even a severe cold could have settled in the pancreas, the organ that produces insulin, infecting the hormones producing it. This would cause the body to stop producing insulin, which breaks down the sugars that are ingested and used by burning energy or released by urination. For her body to perform the task of breaking down the sugar molecules and then reconstructing them to form body fat that in turn gives a release of body energy and warmth, she must inject insulin into her bloodstream. She is diligent with workouts and other exercise, for this is one way to burn energy and get rid of excess sugar.

She is leading an almost normal life with the following regimen: (1) Following a healthful diet, avoiding sugars and too many carbohydrates that quickly break down into sugars, (2) Exercising faithfully, (3) Testing her blood sugar several times a day to know when and how much insulin to take, and (4) Injecting the needed amounts of insulin, or if the blood sugar is too low, drinking fruit juice or pop to bring the blood sugar up to an appropriate level.

These four steps have become almost as routine in her life as breathing. Her very life is dependent upon her faithfulness to them. She dares not forget.

What are some symptoms of low blood sugar, which if not attended to promptly, can lead to serious consequences, even a coma? If Amanda begins to feel lightheaded or somewhat dizzy, it is a sign that her body is in need of glucose. She always keeps glucose, generally in the form

of fruit juice, close by. If action is not taken quickly, she may become too drowsy, disoriented, or helpless to remedy the situation. The only resource left in that case is for someone else to be close by and assist by giving a special injection of glucagon to relieve the condition and allow her body to function normally again.

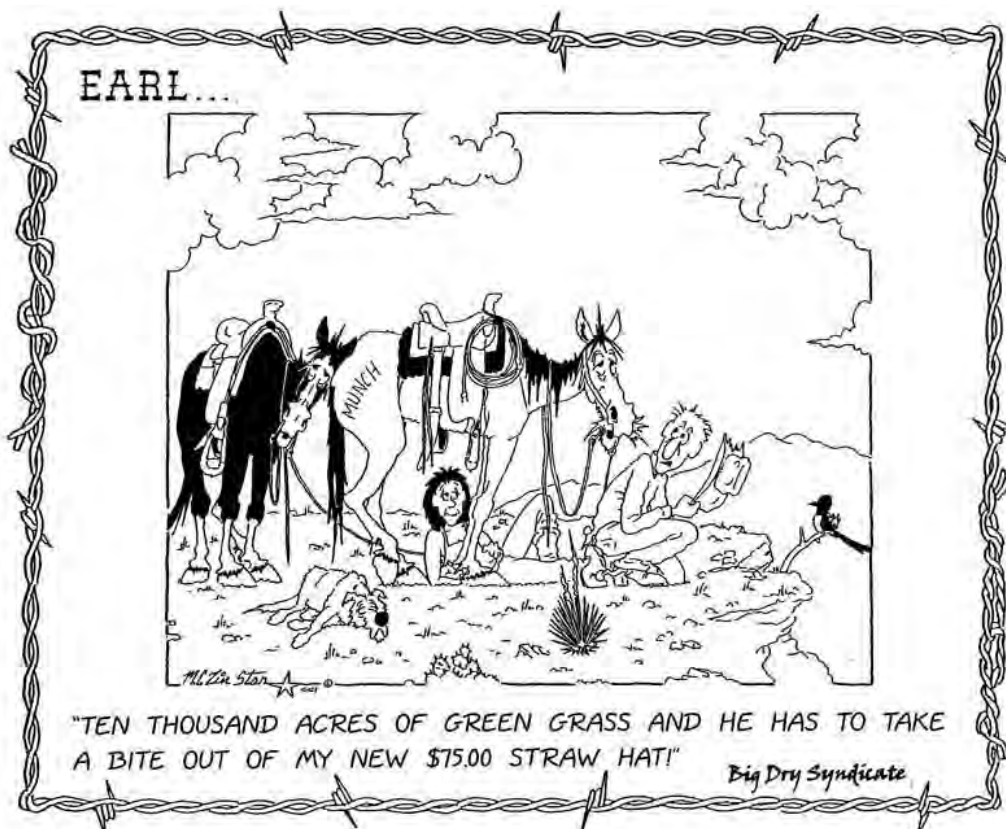
She has learned from experience what can happen if her blood sugar level drops to a dangerous low while she is sleeping at night. Fortunately, other family members heard her when she was helpless on the floor, struggling to move but not able to speak or function, in time to give emergency aid and bring her back to normal. Since that time, she is careful to test her blood sugar just before going to bed and also to make sure to have adequate and appropriate food intake in the evening.

For an added measure of assistance as she finishes college to go out on her own, she has acquired a dog that is receiving training to be able to detect when her blood sugar level is seriously low or high and then alert her to the condition. Dogs that are well-trained in this discipline can detect an impending hazardous situation before anyone else, mostly through the sense of smell, and alert their owners in the manner they have been trained to do.

Type II is the more common form of diabetes and can often be controlled by diet, exercise, and in most cases oral medication. This kind of diabetes may be caused by heredity, obesity, or an overall unhealthy lifestyle. Without taking proper measures to control the condition, it could develop into a more serious one.

Whether Type I or Type II, the diabetic faces challenges. Wounds take longer to heal, so one must take precautions to avoid accidents. For those in an advanced stage of diabetes, poor circulation can sometimes require amputation of toes or limbs.

In using Amanda as an example and providing other information about diabetes, I am trying to make the readers aware of the dangers of diabetes and to encourage everyone to adopt a healthful lifestyle. It can help make life more enjoyable and productive and also add to its longevity. I guess I need to cut out the chocolate bars.



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markets is going to have a strong price. We need to export corn.”

During his time with the USGC, working on various task forces and now as a member of the executive committee, Vinduska has had the opportunity to see how developing export demand works. It's a long, often slow, process, but has proven to be successful in a number of markets. While part of the job involves conversations with government officials — both in the United States and foreign countries — about the benefits of using quality U.S.-grown grain, a significant part of the work includes improving farming practices in the targeted country.

Vinduska cited a livestock feeding project he observed in Morocco in which the traditional method of raising livestock had changed from owning a few head of cattle, which spent their lives tethered next to a trough, to a more modern feedlot system. To achieve that transition, beef production experts from the United States worked with Moroccan livestock owners to help them implement modern methods. As beef production increases, the need to import corn to feed those animals will also increase, resulting in another market for our corn as Morocco is limited on how much corn it will be able to produce itself. It may be 20 or 200 years, but at some point they will have to look elsewhere, he said.

The same model has been used with poultry in India and the dairy sector in China, which bought more corn this

year than anyone ever thought it would. It's a slow process — nearly 20 years to develop the industry in China — but it does work, and the USGC has been an integral role.

As emerging economies can afford to produce and purchase more protein for their population, it will drive demand for grain. Vinduska believes the key to making that grain American-raised is nurturing a relationship with an overseas market, helping grain-using industries in that market develop and then defending the market for our grain by educating purchasers on its quality. The payoff could be billions of dollars for American producers. There is huge potential — though the market is difficult — in India and China, even with our neighbors to the south. The Colombian market alone could mean billions of dollars to American farmers, Vinduska said.

His March trip to Colombia also is a good example of how developing those markets is a delicate process that often is dependent not just on the quality of our grain and industry demand for a consistent supply — the Colombians would love to import American corn, he said — but trade agreements, or lack of them, throw up roadblocks that are often difficult to overcome. The United States has chosen not to sign a free trade agreement with Colombia, for instance, a potential market that is 10 times what the Cuban market represents. The politics behind those decisions can be difficult to understand, he said.

While trade issues are important to what the USGC does, the council, because it receives matching funds from

Congress, cannot directly lobby in favor of particular legislation. Instead, it cooperates with commodity groups such as the National Corn Growers Association and farm organizations to do that. Two issues Vinduska expects to be high on the agenda during the next year are promotion of E-15 ethanol, which continues to be a priority for Kansas, and improving the aging transportation infrastructure upon which movement of grain is dependent. Improving the river systems and overtaxed railroads is critical for Kansas and the nation's grain markets, he said.

He's looking forward to the next year and is excited about what can be accomplished by both the Kansas Corn Commission and the USGC. That's why he's willing to spend his time on the work. Would he accept that original appointment again, knowing what he knows now? Vinduska says without hesitation, “yes.”

“I have had the great opportunity to go to college, work off the farm and then become involved with the most amazing, most challenging, most frustrating and most rewarding occupation there is, farming. I'm passionate about making it better. I hope to enable my son-in-law to be better and more profitable and my grandson, if he chooses to farm, to be successful as well,” Vinduska said. “The beauty in farming is seeing the next generation come on. If Tanner chooses to farm, I want him to know that his grandfather did everything possible for farming to be more profitable for him. I think most farmers, given that opportunity, would do the same thing.”

Facebook

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one video released on YouTube, a cow too weak to walk to slaughter is run over by a forklift operator. In another video posted in October, workers at a Vermont slaughterhouse kicked day-old calves. Farmers say the videos are shocking but don't represent how their animals are treated. They worry Americans won't realize this because they're several generations removed from life on the farm, don't know any farmers and have little idea how their food is produced. The only information about food and farming that most people get comes from the Internet, and exchanges were taking place on sites like YouTube or Twitter without any input from farmers.

“We weren't part of the conversation,” Prock said. “And if we aren't telling our story, other people will, and they'll tell it the way they want to.”

He now has nearly 11,000 followers on Twitter, many of them farmers empathizing about things like working in 100-plus degree heat. But he also answers questions from followers trying to make sense of the buzzwords they hear: What makes a cow “free range,” or what exactly constitutes a “family farm?”

Prock and a handful of

other farmers also have started the AgChat Foundation, which aims to get more farmers on YouTube, MySpace, Facebook, Twitter and other sites to explain what they do on the farm and answer questions from the public. They're holding their first social media training in August and hope to soon have grants for farmers who are interested in social media but don't have the tools — smart phones, laptops and broadband Internet connections — that would make social networking easier.

Kelly Rivard, a 20-year-old college student in Chicago, started posting on Twitter and blogging about agriculture on her site, Midwestern Gold, in part as a way to keep in touch with farming. The interest from farmers she met online was such that next month she'll give her first crash course in Chicago on using social media for farm advocacy. “The idea is to slowly introduce them, even if they don't use it right away,” she said.

Others are finding the interactive media are just the simplest, most direct way of sharing information.

Matthew Fidelibus, a researcher and farm adviser for the University of California, Davis, started using Twitter as a way to get important information to grape growers quickly — if the risk of powdery mildew on grapevines was high for a

particular region, farmers could react in time, for example.

A tool like Facebook, which allows participants to share photos or video, takes the interaction further. Farmers can post a picture of something problematic — say, a worm they can't identify — and get advice from experts like Fidelibus or each other immediately.

Social sites are ideal for this purpose — easy, fast and free, at a time when state support for university extension programs is dwindling, he said.

National marketing groups that represent farmers have also taken action. In California's Central Valley, there have been three panels over the last three months on farm uses for social media as part of various ag related conferences. Dairy Management Inc., a group funded by dairy producers, hired a 20-something to help their members learn to navigate social websites.

After three webinars and two in-person trainings, Jolene Griffin has given 1,200 farmers and others involved in agriculture her basic pitch on what social media is about and how to best use it.

“We tell them you can do this from your phone in the milking parlor,” she said. “There are so many applications, but we really encourage them to just pick one, dip their toes into it, get familiar with it.”

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- 1/2 cup nuts (optional)

Mix eggs, sugar, vanilla, and salt. Add cocoa, flour, margarine, and nuts. Pour into 8-by-8-inch microwave-safe pan. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high for 6 minutes, turning after 3 minutes.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
SQUASH PIE

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1 large zucchini squash thinly sliced, do not peel
- 1 large yellow squash thinly sliced, do not peel
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 2 large tomatoes, thinly sliced 1/4 inch slices
- (2) 9 inch baked pie crusts

Heat olive oil. Add the garlic and saute for 2 minutes; don't let it brown. Add

the onion, squashes and half of the salt and pepper. Cook until the squash is tender, about 15 minutes. Divide the mixture in half. Mix the mayonnaise and cheeses and set aside. Layer the sliced tomatoes in the bottom of the crusts. Sprinkle the tomatoes with the remaining salt and pepper. Layer the squash mixture on top of the tomatoes. Top each pie with half of the mayonnaise and cheese mixture. Bake uncovered 40 minutes. Allow the pies to set 15 minutes before serving.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge, shares the next two recipes: "These parfaits are guaranteed to sweeten up a meal, whether you're dining indoors or out."

BLACK FOREST PARFAITS

- 2 cups cold milk
- 3.9-ounce package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 21-ounce can cherry pie filling, divided
- 2 cups whipped topping, divided
- 6 maraschino cherries with stems, optional

In a large bowl whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Stir in 1 cup pie filling then gently fold in 1 cup whipped topping. Spoon half of the pudding mixture into six tall glasses or cups. Top with remaining pie filling, pudding mixture and whipped topping. Garnish with cherries, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

ORANGE-PINEAPPLE POPS

- 2 cups frozen pineapple chunks
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons honey

In the container of a blender, combine pineapple, orange juice and honey. Blend until smooth. Pour into molds or desired containers. Freeze overnight or until firm. Makes 2 cups.

Enjoying Ice Cream On A Diet

(NAPSA) — Summer is the perfect time to lighten your eating habits, but backyard barbecues and family reunions can be filled with indulgent choices. These refreshing and easy tips can help you celebrate summer without sacrificing the best part of any meal—dessert.

• Go light: When selecting ice cream, opt for a lighter version. A lighter-option product can save at least 100 calories per cup.

• Try something new: Consumers are seeing more and more frozen yogurt options in the ice cream aisle. Frozen yogurt is a creamy dessert that may contain live and active probiotic cultures—good bacteria that support digestive health. Some brands, such as Blue Bunny, use all-natural ingredients in frozen yogurt and offer a variety of frozen yogurt flavors with indulgent inclu-

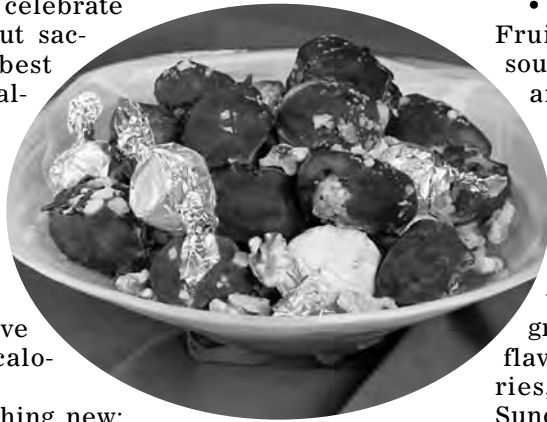
sions such as dark chocolate, salty caramel and pralines. Blue Bunny All Natural Frozen Yogurt also contains less fat and calories than premium ice cream.

too. If you prefer indulgent treats, try a creamy ice cream cone, dipped in a rich chocolate sauce and rolled in peanuts. The Blue Bunny Champ! Cone comes in caramel, chocolate and vanilla.

• Mix in some fruit: Fruit is an excellent source of fiber, vitamins and minerals. Try mixing frozen yogurt with antioxidant-packed raspberries and heart-healthy almonds for a satisfying treat. For another great dessert full of flavor but low in calories, try a Caribbean Sundae: Mix fresh mango, crushed pineapple, toasted coconut and no-sugar-added, reduced-fat vanilla ice cream.

• Prepare petite desserts: Control serving sizes by making small, elegant desserts that will impress everyone. Desserts such as ice cream truffles require only three ingredients and 30 minutes.

For this recipe and more ideas, visit www.bluebunny.com.




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A Crowd-Pleasing Puff Pastry Recipe

(NAPSA) — Frozen puff pastry makes it easy to turn an everyday meal into something special, giving you more time to spend with friends and family.

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From savory appetizers to seasonal entrées and sweet, flaky desserts, puff pastry has long been a staple in creating simple yet impressive dishes.

You can use puff pastry to create a sweet treat such as a Caramel Banana Tart or Blackberry & Fresh Mint Stars. For savory appetizers, try Potato Salsa Samosas or Egg and Chorizo Tarts.

Here's a recipe for Prosciutto Asparagus Spirals that is simple to make and will impress friends and family. The recipe was created by food writer and puff pastry enthusiast Camilla Saulsbury, author of many crowd-pleasing cookbooks like "Puff Pastry Perfection."

Prosciutto Asparagus Spirals

17.3-ounce package Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry Sheets, thawed

6 tablespoons garlic & herb spreadable cheese, softened

8 slices prosciutto or thinly sliced deli ham
30 medium asparagus spears, trimmed

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Unfold the pastry sheets on a lightly floured surface. Spread 3 tablespoons cheese on each pastry sheet. Top each with 4 slices prosciutto. Cut each into 15 strips crosswise, making 30 in all. Tightly wrap 1 pastry strip around each asparagus spear, prosciutto side in. Place the pastries seam side down into 2 baking sheets. Bake for 15 minutes or until the pastries are golden brown.

For this recipe and more, plus tips on how to work with puff pastry, visit www.puffpastry.com.



Add Flavor To Cooking By Growing Herbs

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — Growing herbs in pots or plant beds is a great way to liven up your meals, said a University of Missouri Extension agronomist.

Whether growing herbs inside or outside, place them where they can receive six to eight hours of sunlight a day, said Pat Miller. "Inside, a south or west window would be best. Select a good garden soil or use prepackaged potting media for potted herbs." Good drainage is essential.

Annual herbs, like dill, can be seeded in pots in late summer. Perennial herbs such as rosemary will do better outside during the summer.

"Harvest herbs early in the morning after the dew evaporates and after about one hour of sunshine," he said. This is when the concentration of the essential oils that give herbs their flavor is highest.

"Don't wait until mid-day or late afternoon. After a while the plant gets hot and essential oils escape into the air," he said.

Leaves are most tender

and sweet when planting is young, up to just before flowering. Leafy annual herbs can be cut back to leave only four inches of stem. They will grow back again and again.

For leafy perennial herbs, only remove one-third of their growth for harvesting. Most should be ready to harvest by mid-July.

Herb leaves should dry in three to four days. In humid weather, you may need to spread the herbs on a cookie sheet and dry them for a few minutes in a 125-degree oven. Then you can store them in an air-tight container.

When using dried herbs, substitute one teaspoon dried for one tablespoon fresh. A general rule of thumb is to add fresh herbs near the end of cooking, as prolonged heat can cause flavor and aroma loss, Miller said.

For uncooked food, add herbs several hours before serving to allow the flavors to blend.

One favorite is rosemary. This perennial can last for many years as a potted plant. They are difficult to start from seeds, so it may be best to buy a

small plant to pot. Mix one-half teaspoon of crushed rosemary leaves with one-fourth cup each of honey and mustard to make a tasty sauce for meals such as pork chops, lamb chops or roasts.

Chives are an easy-to-grow perennial. In late spring they are topped with purple flowers that produce an abundance of seeds to start more plants.

You can cut the leaves with scissors and chop finely for use in a variety of dishes. Sweet basil is an excellent annual for potted plants. The crushed leaves are often added to tomato and sauces.

For more information about growing, harvesting and storing herbs, as well as descriptions of more than 30 popular herbs, see the MU Extension guide "Growing Herbs at Home" (G6470), available for purchase or free download at <http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6470>.

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It's summer in Kansas and it's the perfect opportunity to take in a county fair. From the carnival rides and demolition derby to the displays of photography and baking skills there is something for nearly every interest. Following is the best available list of county fair events that we could combine. For additional information on a specific fair, please contact the Extension office in that county.

- July 10-17 — Edwards County Fair
- July 11-17 — Comanche County Fair
- July 11-17 — Washington County Fair, Washington
- July 13-16 — Brown County Fair, Horton
- July 13-20 — Hodgeman County Fair
- July 14-17 — Stafford County Fair, Stafford
- July 14-18 — Franklin County Fair, Ottawa
- July 14-18 — Lane County Fair, Dighton
- July 15-19 — Reno County Fair, Hutchinson
- July 15-19 — Smith County Free Fair, Smith Center
- July 15-20 — Stanton County Fair
- July 16-20 — Ford County Fair, Ford County Fairgrounds, Dodge City
- July 16-21 — Marshall County Fair, Blue Rapids Fairgrounds
- July 18-24 — Bourbon County Fair
- July 18-24 — Ellis County Fair, Hays

- July 16-24 — Hamilton County Fair
- July 17-18 — Elk County Fair, Howard
- July 17-21 — Woodson County Fair, Yates Center
- July 17-24 — Grant County Fair, Ulysses
- July 18-21 — Jewell County Fair, Mankato
- July 18-22 — Geary County Fair, Junction City
- July 19-22 — Gray County Fair
- July 19-22 — Ottawa County Fair, Minneapolis
- July 19-22 — Rice County Fair, Lyons
- July 19-23 — Kearny County Fair, Lakin
- July 19-24 — Logan County Fair
- July 20-22 — Rawlins County Fair, Rawlins Co. Fairgrounds
- July 20-24 — Cherokee County Fair, Columbus
- July 20-24 — Ellsworth County Fair
- July 20-24 — Ness County Fair, Ness City
- July 20-26 — Montgomery County 4-H Fair, Independence
- July 20-26 — Morris County Fair, Council Grove
- July 21-24 — Chautauqua County Fair
- July 21-24 — Pawnee County Fair
- July 21-24 — Pratt County Fair
- July 21-24 — Sheridan County Fair
- July 21-25 — Clay County Fair, Clay Center
- July 21-25 — Scott County Fair, Scott City

- July 21-26 — Neosho County Fair
- July 22-24 — Clark County Fair, Ashland
- July 22-25 — Shawnee County Fair, Topeka
- July 22-26 — Osborne County Fair
- July 22-26 — Riley County Fair, Manhattan
- July 22-26 — Wilson County Fair, Fredonia
- July 23-25 — Barber County Fair
- July 23-26 — Nemaha County 4-H Fair
- July 23-29 — McPherson County 4-H Fair
- July 23-30 — Meade County Fair
- July 24-28 — Butler County Fair
- July 24-31 — Anderson County Fair
- July 24-31 — Miami County Fair & Rodeo, Wallace Park, Paola
- July 25-28 — Wabaunsee County Fair
- July 25-29 — Chase County Fair
- July 25-31 — Labette County Fair, Oswego
- July 25-31 — Russell County Fair, Russell
- July 26-28 — Kiowa County Fair

- July 26-29 — Gove County Fair
- July 26-30 — Doniphan County Fair
- July 26-30 — Jackson County Fair, Holton
- July 26-30 — Stevens County Fair
- July 26-31 — Haskell County Fair
- July 26-31 — Norton County Fair
- July 26-31 — Thomas County Fair
- July 26-31 — Wallace County Fair
- July 27-31 — Wyandotte County Fair, Leavenworth County Fairgrounds
- July 28-31 — Marion County Fair
- July 28-31 — Wichita County Fair, Leoti
- July 28-Aug. 1 — Coffey County Fair, Burlington
- July 28-Aug. 1 — Finney County Fair
- July 29-31 — Mitchell County Fair
- July 29-Aug. 2 — Cowley County Fair
- July 29-August 2 — Kingman County Fair
- July 29-Aug. 7 — Lyon County Fair

- July 30-Aug. 2 — Greenwood County Fair
- July 30-August 2 — Phillips County Fair, Phillipsburg
- July 30-Aug. 8 — Douglas County Fair
- July 31-Aug. 7 — Allen County Fair, Iola
- July 31-Aug. 7 — Sherman County Fair
- August 2-4 — Graham County Fair
- Aug. 2-5 — Jefferson County 4-H Fair, 4-H Fairgrounds, Valley Falls
- Aug. 2-7 — Johnson County Fair, Gardner
- Aug. 2-7 — Morton County Fair
- Aug. 3-7 — Atchison County Fair
- Aug. 3-7 — Decatur County Fair
- Aug. 3-7 — Republic County (NCK Free Fair), Belleville
- August 3-8 — Trego County Fair
- Aug. 4-7 — Cheyenne County Fair, St. Francis
- Aug. 4-7 — Crawford County Fair

- Aug. 4-7 — Greeley County Fair
- August 4-7 — Lincoln County Fair
- Aug. 4-7 — Rush County Fair
- Aug. 4-8 — Pottawatomie County Fair
- Aug. 4-8 — Seward County Fair
- Aug. 4-8 — Saline County Fair (Tri-Rivers Fair)
- Aug. 4-10 — Dickinson County Fair (Central KS Free Fair), Abilene
- Aug. 6-8 — Sumner County Fair
- Aug. 6-10 — Harvey County Free Fair
- Aug. 7-14 — Inter-State Fair and Rodeo, Coffeyville
- Aug. 8-14 — Linn County Fair
- Aug. 8-14 — Rooks County Free Fair
- Aug. 10-14 — Leavenworth County Fair
- Aug. 11-14 — Harper County Fair
- Aug. 11-14 — Osage County Fair, Overbrook

Wabaunsee County Fair

2010 Calendar of Events

July 25-28

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| <p>SUNDAY, JULY 25</p> <p>5-8 p.m.: Pork BBQ</p> <p>6 p.m.: Parade, Downtown</p> <p>7 p.m.: Fashion Revue Crown the King & Queen</p> <p>8 p.m.: Pedal Pull, West of Alma Grade School</p> <p>MONDAY, JULY 26</p> <p>8 a.m.-2 p.m.: Misc. Judging</p> <p>5 p.m.: Bucket Calf Show</p> <p>5-7 p.m.: Mill Creek Cowboys BBQ</p> <p>6 p.m.: Beef Show</p> <p>7 p.m.: Rocket Launch</p> | <p>TUESDAY, JULY 27</p> <p>9 a.m.: Sheep Show, Dairy Cattle, Goats and Meat Goats</p> <p>5-7 p.m.: Ice Cream Social</p> <p>6 p.m.: Shepherds Lead</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: Rodeo Activities, Mill Creek Cowboys Arena, Alma</p> <p>7 p.m.: Swine Show</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 28</p> <p>9 a.m.: Horse Show, Arena</p> <p>5:30 p.m.: Round Robin</p> <p>5-8 p.m.: Cattlemen's BBQ</p> <p>7 p.m.: Quilt & Gun Raffle, Presentation of Awards</p> <p>7:30 p.m.: Livestock Sale</p> <p>9-11 p.m.: Teen Dance</p> |
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| <p>SATURDAY, JULY 10</p> <p>• Mini-rod Tractor Pull 1 p.m. on the Fairgrounds</p> | <p>FRIDAY, JULY 16</p> <p>• Free Barbeque and Watermelon Feed 6:30-7:45 p.m.</p> <p>• Kids Pedal Tractor Pull 6 p.m.</p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 14</p> <p>• Co-ed Ranch Rodeo 7 p.m.</p> | <p>THURSDAY, JULY 15</p> <p>• Junior Rodeo, kids 0 - 16 7 p.m. in the arena</p> |
| <p>THURSDAY, JULY 15</p> <p>• Junior Rodeo, kids 0 - 16 7 p.m. in the arena</p> | <p>SATURDAY, JULY 17</p> <p>Downtown Canton</p> <p>• Car Show, 10 am - 4 p.m.</p> <p>• Fair Parade, 6 p.m.</p> |
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July 21-25

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 7-9 a.m. Enter Swine
- 7-9 a.m. Enter Poultry
- 9-11 a.m. Enter all other Livestock
- 8-10 a.m. Enter Open Class Foods, Catholic Parish Center, 714 Court Street
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Entomology, Geology, & Forestry Judging, Floral Hall
- 9 a.m. 4-H Electricity Judging, Floral Hall
- 9 a.m. Open Class Clothing & Textiles Judging, Exhibit Hall
- 9 a.m. Woodworking Judging, Floral Hall
- 9-11 a.m. Enter 4-H & Open Class Floriculture, Horticulture & Crops, Floral Hall
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H Miscellaneous & Scrapbook Judging, Exhibit Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Open Class Ceramics, Crafts & Paintings Judging, Floral Hall
- 11 a.m. 4-H & Homemaker Extension Unit Booths & Banners Judging
- 11 a.m. 4-H Floriculture Judging, Floral Hall
- 11 a.m. Open Class Foods judging begins at Catholic Parish Center
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Open Class Bake Sale, Exhibit Hall
- 12 noon Open Class Floriculture Judging, Floral Hall
- 12 noon 4-H Horticulture & Crops Judging, Floral Hall
- 12:30 p.m. 4-H Foods Judging (except decorated cakes), Catholic Parish Center, 714 Court St.
- 1 p.m. Open Class Horticulture & Crops Judging, Floral Hall
- 1 p.m. Open Class Photography Judging, Floral Hall
- 3-7 p.m. 4-H Bake Sale, Exhibit Hall
- 6 p.m. Swine Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 8 p.m. Rodeo, Horse Arena

Admission: Advance: Adult-\$7 K-8-\$3 • Gate: Adult-\$8 K-8-\$4

THURSDAY, JULY 22

- 9 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Orrin Hogan Arena & Rodeo Arena
- 4 p.m. Meat Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 5-7 p.m. Lions Club Barbecue
- 7 p.m. Chamber of Commerce & Clay County Farm Bureau FREE Watermelon Feed
- 7-8:30 p.m. Free Cotton Candy courtesy of Citizens National Bank
- 6 p.m. Sheep Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 8 p.m. Rodeo, Horse Arena

Admission: Advance: Adult-\$7 K-8-\$3 • Gate: Adult-\$8 K-8-\$4

FRIDAY, JULY 23

- 6-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements
- 9 a.m. Decorated Cake Judging, Extension Office
- 9 a.m. Rabbit Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
- 11 a.m. Poultry Judging, Rabbit & Poultry Barn
- 1 p.m. Dairy Cattle Judging followed by Dairy Goat Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 2 p.m. Bucket Calf Interviews, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 4:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Showmanship, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 2 p.m. Project Auction entry deadline. All 4-H projects, including livestock, except beef, must consign project auction exhibit to Fair Office
- 6 p.m. Beef Judging, Orrin Hogan Arena
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- 8 p.m. Demolition Derby, Grandstand • Adult-\$8 K-8-\$4
- 10 p.m. 4-H Beef project auction entry deadline due to Fair Office
- 6-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements

SATURDAY, JULY 24

- 9 a.m. Republican Forum, Candidates running for election in 1st Dist., Gazebo Area
- 9 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship, Livestock Arena
- 10 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 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
- 6-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements

SUNDAY, JULY 25

- 9 a.m. Cowboy Church, Fairgrounds
- 1-5 p.m. Carnival Attractions by Great Plains Amusements
- 1 p.m. Kiddy Tractor Pull Participant Check-in, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 2 p.m. Kiddy Tractor Pull, FREE, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 3:15 p.m. Flying Debris, Orrin Hogan Arena
- 6-6:30 p.m. All Exhibits Released

MONDAY, JULY 26 5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Clean-up

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**Tri-Rivers Fair
August 4-8**

A full slate of fun fair activities is planned for the 2010 Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina. The theme for this year's fair is "Let's Rock This County Again in 2010."

Wednesday, Aug. 4, is the first day of activities. The 4-H members will be busy entering a number of exhibits. The poultry show will be held at 10:30 a.m. and the dairy show will be at 9 p.m. The annual parade through downtown will be staged at 5:30 p.m. The 4-H royalty will be crowned at 7:30 p.m. on the Heritage Hall stage. A rodeo at 8 p.m. closes out the day.

Thursday, Aug. 5 will be busy with livestock events, leading off with the beef show at 10 a.m. The 4-H meat goat show will be held at 1:30 p.m. followed by the sheep show at 2:30 p.m. The swine show will round out the livestock events at 5:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Lead will take place at 8 p.m. in Barn No. 2.

Little exhibitors will get

in the action on Friday, as the bucket calf show will start at 10 a.m. The 4-H horse show will be at 9 a.m. Top showmen will compete for all-around honors at 6:30 p.m. in Barn No. 2 and in Ag Hall.

Saturday, the final full day of the fair, is light on judging activities. The annual 4-H premium sale will be at 8:30 a.m. CO2 car racing will take place at noon in the Bicentennial Center. There will be an invitation draft horse show at 4 p.m. inside Bicentennial Center Arena. The second show will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday. 3 Trails West will present a free concert at Heritage Hall at 2 p.m. Capping off Saturday's events will be a demo derby at 8 p.m.

Sunday will wrap up the fair with a pro arena truck show and compact figure 8 demo at 8 p.m. at Tri-Rivers Stadium.

A carnival will be on the grounds through Saturday.



**Alma set for
Wabaunsee Co. Fair
July 24-28**

The 2010 Wabaunsee

County Fair will be held July 24-28 at the fairgrounds in Alma. Sunday most of the exhibits will be brought to the grounds. A pork barbecue starts the public activities from 5 to 8 p.m. The annual parade through downtown Alma will begin at 6 p.m. The popular pedal pull west of the grade school will start at 8 p.m.

On Monday, the judging of the food exhibits will start at 8 a.m. at the Baptist Church. The bucket calf show is on tap at 5 p.m., followed by the market beef show. The evening's entertainment includes the Mill Creek Cowboys BBQ from 5-7 p.m.

On Tuesday morning the day begins with the sheep show at 9 a.m. followed by the dairy cattle, goats and meat goat show. An installment of barnyard Olympics will take place at 2 p.m.

The Shepherd's Lead will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the swine show. For entertainment, rodeo activities will take place in the Mill Creek Cowboy arena starting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, the final day of the fair, features the horse show at 9 a.m. There will be a livestock judging

contest at 2 p.m., and the round robin showmanship contest will be held at 5:30. The official presentation of awards will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the annual livestock premium sale at 7:30 p.m.



**Shawnee Co. Fair
planned for
July 22-25**

Family fun is in store for those attending the 2010 Shawnee County Fair at the Expocentre in Topeka.

The fair activities get under way on Thursday, July 22, with the entering of exhibits and the evaluation of domestic arts entries. The purple ribbon food auction will start at 6:30 p.m. The popular Shepherd's Lead will be held at 4 p.m. The judging will also begin on the livestock projects with the sheep show at 5 p.m. followed by the market goat show. The Fairlawn Swing

Band will perform at 7 p.m.

On Friday the competition heats up. The swine show is planned for 9 a.m. followed by the beef show at 6 p.m. Streetside and Lorena Prater will perform Friday night at 7:30 in Landon Arena.

Saturday the day gets off to an early start with the 4-H pancake feed at 7 a.m. The dairy shows will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the livestock arena starting with cattle and followed by the dairy goats. The dog agility trials will be held at 9:30 a.m. The Top-Kan Twirlers Square Dancers will take to the stage at 11 a.m.

McClain's Ranch Rodeo for kids will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the exercise arena, with registration beginning at 2. Kids of all ages are encouraged to participate. A special celebrity swine show will take place at 2 p.m. followed by the celebrity goat show. A pedal pull for the little fair-goers will begin at 2 p.m. Registration for the event starts at 1

p.m. The highlight for Saturday night will be the annual livestock premium sale which will begin at 6 p.m.

On Sunday a light run of activities is on tap. The round robin showmanship contest will be held at 9 a.m. There will be a livestock judging contest at noon and the fashion revue is planned for 3:30 p.m.



**"The Fun Begins
in 2010" at the
Pottawatomie
County Fair**

The 2010 Pottawatomie County Fair will be held Aug. 4-Aug. 8 in Onaga. This year the fair theme is "The Fun Begins in 2010." The fair has a number of events judged prior to the start of the fair including the horse show, open and 4-H foods, sewing and arts and crafts projects.

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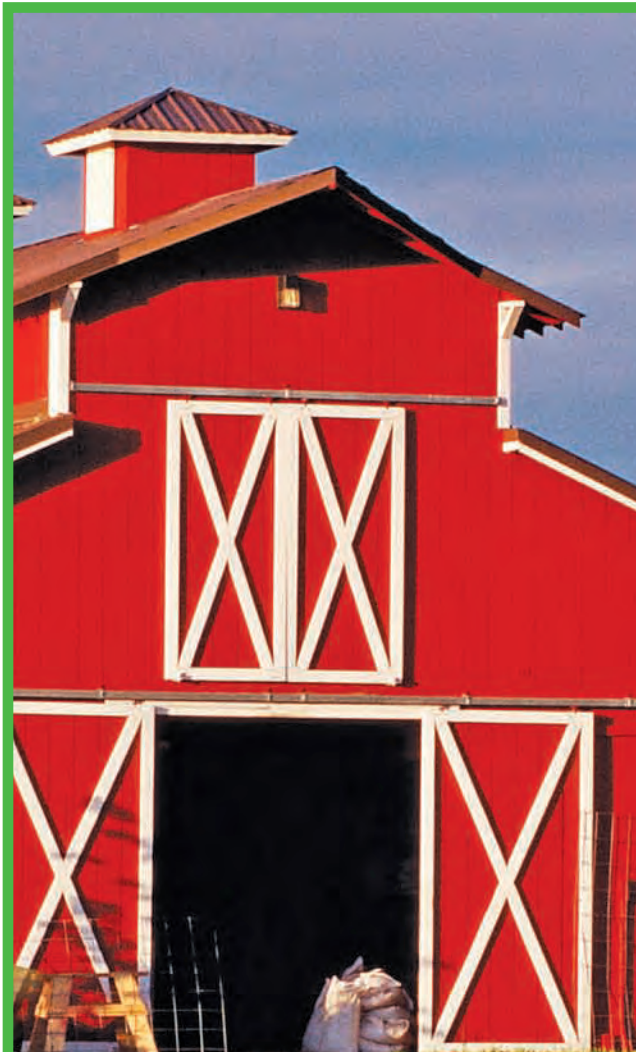
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Thursday will find the remainder of the projects being entered as well as the judging of many open class categories. The first livestock shows of the fair will be the dairy animals starting with goats at 2 p.m. and followed by the dairy cattle classes. A livestock skillathon will be staged from 1-5 p.m. The sheep and meat goat shows will begin at 6 p.m. The Shepherd's Lead competition will be at the conclusion of the sheep classes. The Miss Potawatomi Contest begins at 7 p.m. A 4-H movie night at 9 p.m. wraps up the day's activities.

Friday finds the livestock barns bustling with activities. The rabbit show begins at 9:30 followed by poultry and exotic birds at 1 p.m. Beef exhibitors take to the arena at 5 p.m. for classes and showmanship. Other events during the day include a tractor-driving contest at 10 a.m. and the duct tape contest returns again this year, which will be at 6 p.m. Winners will advance to State Fair competition.

Entertainment for the night will be a rodeo produced by Kraft Rodeo Co. in the arena at 8 p.m. Bingo will be offered at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, the swine show will take place at 8 a.m. The llama classes will be evaluated at 3:30 p.m. Bucket calf exhibitors will show off their entries at 6:30, followed by the round robin showmanship com-

petition at 8 p.m.

Entertainment options for the afternoon and evening include the kiddie pedal pull at 3:30 p.m. and the second evening of rodeo action beginning at 8 p.m. A rodeo dance will follow.

Sunday, Aug. 8, the final day of the fair, has a wide variety of activities available, beginning with a church service at the livestock arena at 7:45 a.m. The horse enthusiast will enjoy the speed events taking place at 9 a.m. The fair parade will begin at 1 p.m. followed by an ice cream social and entertainment by "Kickin' It Up" at the fairgrounds. The annual 4-H/FFA livestock premium auction will be held at 5 p.m.



"Apple Pies & Family Ties" at the Marion County Fair

"Apple Pies & Family Ties" is the theme for the 2010 Marion County Fair, scheduled for July 29-August 1 in Hillsboro.

During the week you'll have the opportunity to enjoy many exciting activities, including a carnival, rodeo, demolition derby, airplane rides and figure 8 races.

Friday's events include the swine show at 8 a.m. The 4-H premium sale will be held at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the hard work of Marion county 4-H'ers by attending the Marion County Fair!



Morris County Fair July 20-26

A full agenda is on tap for the annual Morris County Fair, July 20-26, at the fairgrounds, 1.5 miles east of Council Grove, on U.S. Highway 56.

Activities kick off Tuesday, July 20, with clothing construction judging at 8:30 a.m., followed by buyman-ship evaluation at 1 p.m. The public Fashion Revue and Talent Showcase begins at 7 p.m.

A cat show will be Wednesday, July 21, at 9 a.m., followed by a dog show featuring an agility trial during the afternoon, starting at 1 o'clock. Facilities are to be set up in the evening, when 4-H and open class entries also are to be accepted.

All entries must be in place by noon, Friday, July 23, and judging begins at 12:30 p.m., featuring the floriculture, arts, foods, rabbit and poultry competitions. A foods auction is set for 5 o'clock followed by the swine show, kicking off with showmanship,

then peewee showmanship.

Dairy cattle, dairy goat and sheep judging will run simultaneously on Saturday, July 24, starting at 8:30 a.m. Meat goat evaluation follows the sheep show. The bucket calf show will begin at 5 p.m., with the beef show starting at 6:30. There will be a youth dance sponsored by Burdick Hustlers following the beef show.

The 4-H and open class horse show is the featured attraction for Sunday, July 25, starting at 9 a.m. A swim party is set for the evening, beginning at 7.

Round robin showmanship will be the highlight Monday morning, July 26, beginning at 9 o'clock. The livestock judging contest starts at noon, and barnyard Olympics will be at 3 p.m. A buyer's appreciation supper at 6 o'clock will be followed by awards presentations, and the livestock auction is set for 7:30.



Douglas County Fair July 30-August 8

The schedule is packed full for the 2010 version of

the Douglas County Fair held at the fairgrounds in Lawrence. The activities begin with the entering of exhibits and the judging of foods exhibits on Monday, August 2.

Tuesday begins with the poultry show at 8 a.m. The evening judging schedule includes the bucket calf judging at 6 p.m. followed by the dairy show. Entertainment options for the evening will be a performance by the group "Wood Valley Pickers" at 7 p.m.

Wednesday kicks off with the llama show at 8:30 a.m., followed by poultry showmanship at 9. The swine show will begin at 6 p.m. "Rural Route 4" will perform at 7 p.m. and there will also be the renegade mini tractor pull in the rodeo arena at 7 p.m.

The rabbit show will begin the day on Thursday at 8 a.m. and the dairy and meat goat show will start the evening's contests at 6 p.m., followed by the market lamb show. Entertainment for the evening will begin at 6:30 with a square dance exhibition by "Happy Times Squares" and a performance by "Sellout at 8:00."

Friday finds the beef ex-

hibitors in the show ring at 8 a.m. A bale throwing contest, sponsored by Douglas County Farm Bureau is on tap for 6 p.m., and the feature of the evening will be the annual demo derby at 7:30 p.m., as well as a musical performance by "The Secrets," at 7:00.

A livestock judging contest is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday. The annual pedal tractor pull is on the schedule at 1 p.m. The highlight of the fair for many of the livestock exhibitors is the premium sale. It is planned for 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment for the night is a musical performance by "Brody Buster Band" at 7 p.m. or 4-wheeler races, also at 7 p.m.



Central Kansas Free Fair August 4-10

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The fair begins on Wednesday, Aug. 4 with a thrilling evening of Bulls-N-Broncs in the arena starting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday starts off with the evaluation of exhibits at 8 a.m. It will begin with the judging of 4-H foods and nutrition, rabbits and horticulture projects. The horse show will start at 8:30 a.m. The biggest event of the day will be the annual western parade at 5 p.m., followed by Country Showdown at 6:30 p.m. on the free stage and the first rodeo performance beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Friday morning the livestock shows kicks off with the beef show including both youth and open classes at 8 a.m. The breeding sheep classes will take place at 3 p.m., with the market lamb show concluding the evening. Entertainment for the evening will be a Wild Bill Hickok professional rodeo performance. A rodeo dance is slated after the show at the Elks Club.

Saturday morning starts with the swine show at 8 a.m., followed by the meat and dairy goat shows at 10:30 a.m. The dairy cattle show will be at 1 p.m. The popular bucket calf classes will be at 4:30 p.m.

The open class baking competition will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The final rodeo performance is slated for Saturday evening. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a rodeo dance following at the Elk's Club.

Sunday morning, there will be a cowboy church service at the large livestock arena at 8:30 a.m. The open horse show classes will also be held. The top livestock showmen will go head-to-head in the round robin con-

test at 3:30 p.m. Sunday evening will feature an auto demolition derby.

On Monday, August 9, the final full day of the fair, livestock exhibitors will be rewarded for their year of hard work as the premium auction begins at 9 a.m. A youth pedal pull is planned for 6:30 p.m. Evening entertainment will feature combine demo derby and compact figure eight races.

Tuesday evening will close out the fair with a team demolition derby.

A carnival will be on the grounds from Wed., Aug 4-Sun., Aug. 8.



Geary County Fair July 18-22

A full slate of fun activities is on tap for the 2010 Geary County Fair at the fairgrounds south of Junction City July 19-22.

Monday, July 19 will find many of the exhibits being brought to the fairgrounds west of Highway 77. Projects of all kinds from baked goods to clothing construction will be evaluated. Monday through Thursday an old-fashioned ice cream social will provide a sweet treat from 6-8 p.m.

Little fair-goers can compete in a pedal pull at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

There are many project evaluations going on during Tuesday as 4-H members present their work. The dairy show, including cattle and goats, begins at 3 p.m. The bucket calf and beef show will begin at 7 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be a showing of the movie "The Spy Next Door"

outdoors, starting at 9 p.m.

Wednesday will feature more livestock shows with the Shepherd's Lead at 4 p.m. and the sheep show following. The evening will be capped off with the swine show at 7 p.m. Additional entertainment for the evening will be a session of Barnyard Olympics at 9 p.m.

Thursday, the final day of the fair will include the round robin livestock showmanship contest at 9 a.m. The 4-H barbecue and watermelon feed will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., followed by the annual auction of 4-H livestock at 6:30 p.m.



Riley County Fair starts July 22 at CiCo Park

The 2010 Riley County Fair offers tons of fun July 22-26 at CiCo Park in Manhattan. There's something for every budget at this year's fair.

The annual fair parade, which marks the official start to the fair, will be Thursday, July 22 at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at the Manhattan Town Center and travel down Poyntz Ave. to City Park. Following the parade will be the pedal tractor pull at Hurlburt Arena in CiCo Park at 7:30.

Entries for the quilt exhibition will be accepted on July 22 from 5-8 pm. The public will vote for their fa-

vorite until 10 p.m. July 24. The People's Choice Award will be awarded on Sunday, July 25 at 10 am.

The entertainment tent, located at the south end of the fairgrounds, will feature the 4th annual Riley County Idol contest as well as music from local groups. Amateur talent will compete for prize money and a trophy in four age divisions. Ottaway Amusements offers carnival thrills each evening of the fair. The Kaw Valley Rodeo will provide plenty of action for rodeo fans with nightly performances on July 22, 23 and 24.

The Blue Valley Pork Producers will host their annual pork burger barbeque from 5-7 pm on Friday, July 23 in the tent south of Pottorf Hall. The fourth annual Fair Factor will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 24 in Hurlburt Arena. Teams of five will compete in a variety of events in this exciting contest.

Competitive livestock events are always a highlight. The sheep show will be on Friday, July 23 at 7 p.m. Meat goats will show on Saturday morning and the swine exhibitors will show at 7 p.m. that evening. The beef show is on Sunday beginning at 6 with the bucket calf classes.

Be sure to stop by Pottorf Hall and the livestock barns to see the exhibits that 4-H members have been working hard all year to make. The annual 4-H livestock

auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. on July 26. Champion foods items will be auctioned prior to the livestock sale at 6:30 pm.

There's a lot to see and do at this year's Riley County Fair. For more information or a full listing of scheduled events please access www.rileycountyfair.com or call the Riley County Extension Office at (785) 537-6350.



Lyon Co. Fair to feature fun for the entire family

A full slate of fair activities is planned for the Lyon County Fair July 29-Aug. 7 in Emporia. Several rodeo performances and races are slated for the entertainment during the event.

The fair begins on Thursday, July 29 with the entering of exhibits. There are several entertainment options for the evening, including wristband night at the carnival, a peewee rodeo in the 4-H show arena and an antique tractor pull in the grandstand.

Friday finds many of the livestock being entered on the grounds. There is a truck and tractor pull slated for the evening's entertainment in the grandstand at 7 p.m.

Saturday, there are many

activities taking place with many of the inside building exhibits being evaluated. The meat goat show will take place at 9:30 a.m. The sheep show is on tap at 6 p.m. and the mud-a-thon is on the entertainment bill at 6 p.m. in the grandstands.

On Sunday the swine show will be held with the judging starting at 8 a.m. The ever-popular kiddy tractor pull starts at 5 p.m., followed by a ranch rodeo in the arena at 7 p.m.

Monday starts with the rabbit show at 8 a.m. and the beef show at 8:30 a.m. The entertainment on this evening is the horse pull in the grandstand at 8 p.m. This is also wristband night at the carnival.

Tuesday winds down with the dairy goat show at 9 a.m. and the bucket calf show at 10:30 a.m. At 2:30, all the livestock exhibits are released. The round robin showmanship contest takes place at 6 p.m. "Buck, Rumble and Roll, 2010" is planned in the arena at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, the 4-H members will be rewarded for the year of hard work at the premium auction at the fairgrounds starting at 6 p.m. The Black Tuxedos Band will perform at 7 p.m.

Thursday at 6 p.m. the annual 4-H rodeo will be held in the grandstands. Friday features ATV races at 7 p.m. Saturday, the fair closes with the demo derby held at 6 p.m.

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All ages will enjoy Clay County Fair July 21-25

Five days of wholesome family entertainment is what you'll find at the Clay County Fair from July 21-25 in Clay Center. Exhibits will be entered on Wednesday, July 21, with judging beginning that morning. The livestock judging begins with the swine show at 6 that evening in Orrin Hogan Arena. The rodeo starts at 8 p.m.

The horse show will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday with the meat goats entering the ring at 4 p.m. The Lions Club barbeque will serve from 5-7 p.m. The sheep show begins at 6 p.m., followed by another night of rodeo excitement at 8.

Rabbit, poultry, dairy, bucket calf and beef shows fill the day and evening on Friday, capped off by the demolition derby at 8.

On Saturday there will be a Republican candidate forum, with candidates running for election in the 1st District, to be held at the gazebo. There will also be the Round Robin showmanship competition at 9 a.m. followed by a livestock judging contest at 10. The project auction will begin at 6 p.m. You won't want to miss the 3/4 midget cars and midget truck races at 7:30.

Sunday will feature Cowboy Church at 9 a.m. and a Kiddy Tractor Pull at 2 p.m., with registration beginning at 1.

There will be a carnival Thursday through Sunday.



Marshall County Fair, July 16-21

Things will be hopping at the Marshall County Fair in Blue Rapids. There will be 4-H horse show, halter, trail and equestrian events beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 15 and horse speed events starting at 5 p.m. The

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On Sunday, there will be a church service at 7:30 a.m., with the beef show starting at 9 a.m. A bucket calf practice will be held at 1 p.m. The 4-H parade will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the pedal tractor pull at 8. Tami Hall will be in concert at 8:30 p.m.

The swine show will kick things off on Monday at 7:30 a.m., followed by the dairy and dairy goat show at 10 a.m. The bucket calf show will be held at 5 p.m. The Round Robin showmanship contest will start at 7 p.m. and the evening will conclude with a concert by the Randall Stueve Band.

Tuesday features the livestock judging contest at 10:30 a.m. and ends with the livestock auction at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a Parents As Teachers (PAT) Kid-

dieland Carnival Saturday through Tuesday nights.



Washington County Fair, July 11-17

Activity will abound at the Washington County fairgrounds as the fair gets under way. Highlights include the 4-H food sale beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 12, with the fashion revue that evening at 7:30 at the Gold Beef Barn.

Tuesday will see the livestock checked in, with the Shepherd's Lead at 5:30 followed by the sheep and goat show.

The first half of the horse show starts things off on Wednesday at 8 a.m., followed by the poultry judging at 10 a.m. and the swine show at 6:30.

The bucket calf interviews will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, with the bucket calf show starting at 6 p.m., followed by the beef show. The pedal tractor pull will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Friday will feature the

second half of the horse show beginning at 8 a.m., the barnyard olympics at 3 and the fair parade at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's activities include a livestock judging contest at 9 a.m., the livestock sale at noon, and mud drags at 2 p.m. just south of the Hwy. 15 and Hwy. 36 intersection. There will be 3/4 midget car races at 7, and the evening will be capped off by a concert with Candy Coburn at 9 p.m.

There will be carnival rides Thursday through Saturday.



Ottawa County Fair July 19-23

Things will be rockin' in Minneapolis July 19-23. Activities will begin on Monday at 6 p.m. with the parade, followed by an antique tractor pull. Don't miss the dog agility show at 5:30 Tuesday, followed by Ag Olympics and an arm wrestling competition. There will be a baby show on Wednesday at 6:15 and a pedal tractor pull at 6:30. Thursday activities include an ice

cream social at 5 and the premium auction at 7 p.m. There will be a demolition derby and figure 8 races at 7 on Friday.



McPherson County Fair runs July 14-18

Grab a friend and head to Canton for the McPherson County Fair! Attractions in-

clude a Mini-rod tractor pull on Saturday at 1, Co-ed Ranch Rodeo Wednesday at 7 p.m. and a Junior Rodeo at 7 on Thursday. Friday will feature a free BBQ at 6:30 and a kids pedal pull at 6. Don't miss the car show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, then the parade at 6 p.m.

There will be a CPRA rodeo at 8 on Friday and Saturday and a Demo Derby Sunday night at 7 p.m.



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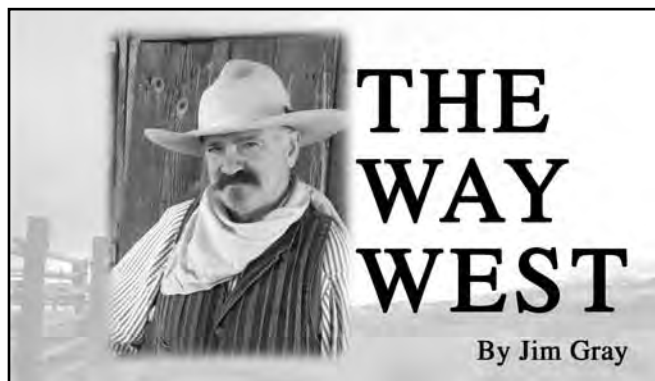
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Tom Smith: Abilene's Fearless Hero

Abilene, Kansas, is well known as the famous end-of-trail cattle town. Cowboys notoriously had paraded through its streets, shooting and rampaging with wild abandon. Wild Bill Hickok was known to keep law and order in Abilene but Wild Bill was not the man who tamed Abilene. Few remember the rather common name of Tom Smith, but his is a story that should not be forgotten.

Abilene surged early in 1870, as trail herds with big rangy Texas cattle began to arrive and go into camp on the surrounding prairie. By mid-May drovers were al-

ready taking to the streets with pistols well displayed. The rowdy cowboys were too much for Dickinson County Sheriff Tom Sheran. He turned in his badge, leaving Deputy McDonald to fill the position. McDonald soon disappointed local officials by also turning in his resignation. Others were hired but didn't last. The city then turned to a pair of St. Louis policemen. Surely the troubles of this little prairie town would not compare to the scrapes found on the tough streets of St. Louis. However, the cowboys on Texas Street were ready for the blue-uni-

formed policemen. Upon entering a saloon the lawmen were threatened and cursed. No one was willing to pay honor to the law on that day and very little order was enforced. The two policemen were only too happy to return to the railroad depot and the relative safety of far off St. Louis. As the cowboys celebrated another victory over civilization Abilene turned to yet another hope, "Bear River" Tom Smith. Smith had survived a shootout in Bear River, Wyoming, in 1868. He was marshal of the end-of-track town of Kit Carson, Colorado, in 1869. He was every bit the image of the classic movie hero, described as, "...about six feet in height, and weighed about two hundred pounds; powerful, athletic man, very quick and active... He rarely carried a gun, but depended on his strength and agility in arresting and disarming the men he went after. He did not know what fear was... When the men got too boisterous, he would go among them and if they did not obey, he would arrest and

lock them up, knock them down if necessary and disarm them. They all respected him, for he played no favorites."

When he arrived in Abilene he led his favorite mount, Silverheels, from the train, saddled up and rode down the middle of the street, inspecting the town. There would be no law and order in Abilene until the cowboys were disarmed. Tom Smith accepted Abilene's job of marshal on June 4, 1870. He immediately set about posting "No Gun" signs about town. A cowboy soon challenged his authority, but just as quickly found himself flat on his back. Marshal Smith didn't use his guns. He used his fists! With the cowboy disarmed Smith continued posting signs. One by one he backed the tough hombres down. First it was Big Hank who fell before Smith's lightning fists. Then a crowd led by Wyoming Frank witnessed the fearless marshal dispose of Frank in the twinkling of an eye. Abilene was soon tamed as all of-fending desperadoes felt

the sting of Bear River Smith's bare knuckles. Sometime in July, Smith had taken the job of Dickinson County Undersheriff, expanding his authority outside the city limits of Abilene. A horse thief by the name of Buckskin Bill rode all the way to Nebraska to elude the lawman, but Smith, of course, got his man. Tom Smith seemed to never tire in his quest for justice. When neighbors northeast of Abilene quarreled, Smith was ready to help settle the fight. Undersheriff Smith and Deputy Sheriff J. H. McDonald rode out to Andrew McConnell's dugout with a warrant for his arrest. But they didn't allow for McConnell's neighbor, Moses Miles. While Deputy McDonald held the horses, Tom Smith read the warrant for McConnell to surrender. A gunshot suddenly rocked Smith, piercing his lung, but he wasn't done, even though Deputy McDonald was already re-

treating toward Abilene. As Smith was grappling with McConnell, Miles beat the wounded lawman repeatedly over the head with his pistol until he fell unconscious. The two villains then drug Smith's body to the woodpile where Miles picked up an ax and beheaded the man who tamed Abilene. Marshal Tom Smith was buried in Abilene. A stone marker was placed over his grave in 1904. In part it reads, "Thomas J. Smith, Marshal of Abilene, 1870, Died a Martyr to Duty, Nov. 2nd, 1870: A Fearless Hero of Frontier Days, Who in Cowboy Chaos Established The Supremacy of Law."

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SATURDAY, JULY 24 — 9:30 AM

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FARM MACHINERY & LIVESTOCK

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FARM MISC.

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: As Bobby & Ann have decided to reduce their operation, they will offer some well maintained machinery as well as collectible items. Not a lot of rack items—sale order will be Antiques and Collectibles, farm miscellaneous followed by machinery.

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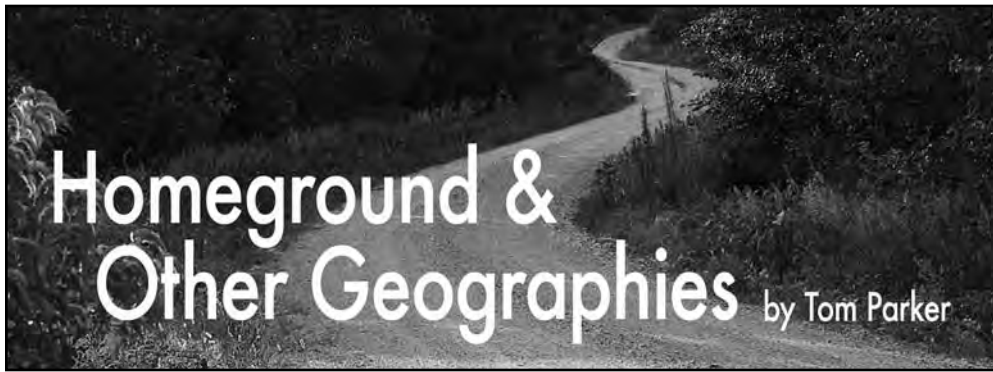
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It wasn't an accident that I found the place, though admittedly it was not what I expected. I was scouting for a location to photograph Union Pacific steam engine No. 844 as it departed the Marysville rail yard when I glimpsed a portion of a trestle spanning the Big Blue River. A narrow dirt road led toward a weathered grain elevator anchoring a cluster of associated buildings. As it looked promising and lacked any signs forbidding entry, I nosed the truck into the lane and parked at a clearing near the weigh station.

The complex looked deserted. I got out and walked to the side of a warehouse overlooking a sharp bend in the river from which I had a clear view upstream to the bridge. Knowing it would be a long shot — literally — I walked back to the truck to retrieve my camera. As I turned, I noticed a colorful spray of graffiti scribbled across an upper wall. It wasn't so much the jarring juxtaposition of the inscription against the faded white-washed brick as it was the familiar verse straight out of Shakespeare. Imagine that,

I thought with a wry smile, a literate vandal!

As I waited for the train to cross the bridge, I studied my surroundings. Below the warehouse where the river angled into a 90-degree bend stood a tall redbrick tower wreathed in mist rising from a man-made waterfall. It explained the pounding roar I'd heard, and intrigued me enough to explore it more thoroughly once the train was gone.

Except for graffiti of a more base mentality its brickwork looked almost new. The interior, viewed through a broken window, was gutted, the few remaining pieces of machinery sandpapered with rust. Almost every window was shattered. Swallows darted effortlessly through the vacant openings and back out into the sundrenched air. Water pouring over the falls sent a vibration thrumming through the bricks and the ground itself so that it was easy to imagine the place humming with power.

A few snapshots and I departed, and would have thought little more about the place were it not for an e-mail that popped into my

inbox a few hours after posting one of the images to my website.

"A neat guy named Henry Miller was our Kansas Power and Light meter reader when I was still in grade school," Jim, a friend, wrote. "I looked forward to the next meter reading so I could visit with him."

Sometime around 1962, Jim went on, he was working at the elevator in front of the power station I'd just photographed when Henry's truck pulled up. When he walked over to say hi Henry asked, "How would you like to be part of history?" Uncertain what this might mean, he stammered out a weak okay.

Henry led him to the building and threw open the steel door. "You're going to

be the guy who shuts this plant down for the last time," he said, and pointed to a large lever on the south wall.

"What do I do?"
"Pull that down and it's all over."

And it was. But even as the electricity stilled in the vast web radiating outward, Jim's feat — his story — became an indelible component of the structure as integral as the bricks or the circuitry or the huge turbines churning the waters below. I remembered looking through the broken window at the leftover machinery and its somber patina of rust and neglect, and for a moment saw him there, a young man untouched by the war that would come, hands on the lever and a quickening pulse, certain for the first time of generosity's eternal duration and the luck of being in the right place at the right time. His story was the missing element that transformed an interesting bit of architecture into a living panorama of a time gone by, not merely illustrating an historical footnote but assimilating my own story into his and that of an old brick building on a bend in the river.



Capturing top honors for Beef Grand Champion Market at the Johnson County Spring Livestock Show was Morgan Mobley, 15, Overland Park. Judge for the show was Hyatt Frobose.

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Senate ag committee holds first 2012 Farm Bill hearing

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry held its first 2012 Farm Bill hearing last Wednesday. The Committee heard from Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, leaders of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Farmers Union and four producers from different regions of the country.

Chairman Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) began the hearing by outlining the five principles she intends to guide her committee's process: that farmers' and ranchers' work is valuable and should be appreciated; that farm bill ideas should emanate from farm country; that the 2012 Farm Bill should build off the 2008 Farm Bill; that creativity is essential to strengthening the existing safety net; and that the need to increase food production as the world's population rises dramatically should be top of mind during farm bill discussions. In his opening statement, Ranking Member Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) said he believes oversight of the 2008 Farm Bill is more appropriate at this point than discussions about a new farm bill, since farmers are still very much gaining experience with new programs like ACRE and SURE.

As at similar hearings held by the House Agriculture Committee, witnesses and members touched on the importance of the crop insurance program and concern about the 2012 Farm Bill baseline following cuts from the renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement. A number of witnesses and members also discussed

the challenge of designing safety net programs in light of the very diverse American agriculture sector.

Questioning included a frank exchange between Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and Vilsack about the media's treatment of agriculture, which is often incomplete at best and intentionally misleading at worst. Vilsack recounted a recent incident in which a television program hosted a guest who decried agriculture's achievements, but hasn't granted a request from the Secretary's office for equal time. Roberts pressured him to name the program, which was Morning Joe. Roberts also questioned the Secretary on two issues of great concern to many wheat producers, increasing environmental regulation and a stalled trade agenda that has left three pending free trade agreements untouched for more than two years.

The Senate Committee has announced but not scheduled three additional 2012 Farm Bill hearings, focusing on rural development, conservation programs and energy. By contrast, the House Agriculture Committee has held more than a dozen hearings around the country to begin examining ideas for the 2012 bill.

A full rebroadcast of the hearing is available by clicking on the hearing title in the June 30 box on the committee's calendar at <http://ag.senate.gov/site/calendar.html>.

The committee is also soliciting feedback from growers and others about the future of farm policy. Those with comments can provide them through a Web form accessible at <http://ag.senate.gov/site/>.



Auction Sales Scheduled

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- 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 17 — Real estate & personal property at Manhattan for the Estate of the late Cecile Ingalsbe. Auctioneers: Ruckert Realty & Auction.
- July 17 — Tag Sale: Household, furniture, collections & glassware at Manhattan for Marilyn Black Estate. Sale conducted by Clutter Proz.
- July 17 — Great Bend real estate & personal property at Great Bend for Claudia Doonan. Auctioneers: Schremmer Realty, Auction & Appraisers, LC.
- July 17 — Tractors, equip-

- ment, vans, lawn & garden, ATVs, golf carts, welders, shop tools & equipment, guns at Waverly for Bartlett Farms. Auctioneers: Hamilton Auctions.
- July 17 — McPherson County real estate, tractors, pickups, shop equipment & tools at Canton for Canton Radiator, Harold Carey Estate. Auctioneers: Crane Auction & Rolander Agency.
- July 18 — Furniture, misc., antiques & collectibles at Council Grove for Bonnie Carrier. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
- 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 24 — Tractors, combines, trailers, trucks, pickups, farm equipment, livestock & misc. N. of Milberger for John & Sandi Stricker. Auctioneers: Rohleder Auction &

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- July 24 — Farm machinery & livestock, farm misc., antiques & collectibles at Westmoreland for Bobby & Ann Miller. Auctioneers: Murray Auction & Realty.
- July 24 — Building materials & name brand tools, kitchen cabinet & granite sets at Manhattan. Auctioneers: Totally Auction.
- July 24 — Real Estate, furniture, appliances, automobile, glassware & collectibles at Junction City for Weeona E. Kidd Trust. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.
- 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 1 — Real estate, trucks, TV equipment, shop tools at White City for the Larry A. Garland Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
- August 4 — Farm & industrial consignments at Beattie. Auctioneers: Rottinghaus Auction.
- August 7 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.
- 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.
- August 8 — Antiques & collectibles at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions, LLC.
- September 4 — Tractors, antique tractors, trucks, combines, tillage, industrial and livestock equipment at Minneapolis for Merl Pardee. 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 4 — Combine, tractors, grain truck, tillage equipment & more at Perry for Mr. & Mrs. Leo C. Mulvihill. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.
- 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.
- October 27 — Angus & Charolais bull sale at Randolph for Fink Beef Genetics.
- November 6 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.
- November 7 — 2nd "Shades" Show Calf Sale at Clay Center. Manager: Lori Hambricht.
- January 1, 2011 — 26th annual Harley Gerdes New Year's Day consignment auction at Lyndon.

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Cowboy Yoga

It was one of those surreal moments in a cowboy's life that you'll recall in vivid technicolor years later when you're living in the senior center trying to balance your checkbook on the TV remote. Like the time you roped with Fred Whitfield, or got into vet school, or wrote your first alimony check!

I was sitting at the Stockmen's Casino counter in Elko breaking fast with Rodney discussing our lumps and bumps, when he asked if I had ever tried the Breath of Fire Kundalini. I responded that I didn't care for Italian food but I do like jalapeños, speaking of "breath of fire." He asked me if he seemed taller since

the last time I'd seen him. I pointed out that he was sitting down, so how could I tell!

"It's yoga," he said. "The Fountain of Youth Kundalini Yoga Pranayama. Everybody's doing it back home." Since Rodney was from North Dakota it sounded more like a Scandinavian trying to say the Hawaiian alphabet. "It's made me spry again. Watch this!"

He picked up the quarter tip off the next table and flipped it into the air. "My thumb's broke!" he explained, "I couldn't do this till I signed up for the Fountain of Youth Yoga! I can sing again, dance the Glen Ullin polka, touch my toes and see more clearly!" He

stared at me till I went out of focus.

"So this is an exercise program?" I asked.

"No, no! Much more! You just need to spend 15 minutes a day doing the special positions and breathing fire. Can you touch your toes to your nose?" he asked me.

"Truth is," I said, "I don't know if I'd want to, even if I could! My dog can reach a lot of places on himself that I can assure you, I wouldn't want to see up closer! There's a good reason God invented boot jacks, back scratchers and Handy Wipes!"

"Let me show you the easiest position, the Corpse Pose," he offered. Rodney lay down on the floor on his back with both his head and his feet perpendicular to his body. "Try and hold this position for eleven minutes."

"Looks to me," I said, "If you could hold it for eternity you'd be cheaper to bury. You'd fit in a shorter casket."

"One more! It'll change

your life!" Rodney stood and bent over; legs straight, arms outstretched, and palms flat on the floor. He looked like an upside down V. "It's the Kundalini Archer Pose. Three minutes with long deep breathing."

"What's he doing?" asked the deputy sheriff.

"Breath of Fire." I said. "What's he looking for?" he asked again.

"The Fountain of Youth," then I added, "I think he's been drinking."

The deputy spoke into his walkie-talkie, "I'm down here at the Stockmen's. We've got another Norwegian bent over peering between his hind legs. I know. Just get the detox pen ready."



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 A=Atrium EH=Exhibition Hall HH=Heritage Hall LP=Livestock Pavilion EA=Exercise Arena LA=Landon Arena

Saturday, July 17
 9:00 am Horse Show - LP
 7:00 pm Horse Judging Contest - LP

Sunday, July 18
 9:00 am Horse Show - LP

July 19-21 - No Exhibits
 (Monday-Wednesday)

Thursday, July 22
 1-5 pm Bake Sale - EH
 4:00 pm Shepherd's Lead - LP
 5:00 pm Sheep Show - LP
 6:30 pm Baked Goods Auction - EH
 6:30 pm Market Goat Show - LP
 7:00 pm Fairlawn Swing Band - LP
 7:15 pm 4-H King & Queen Announcement - EH

'N' SCALERS RAILROADERS and TOPEKA MODEL RAILROADERS ON DISPLAY - EH
 Miniature Trains - Thursday-Sunday

Friday, July 23
 9:00 am Poultry Show - EH
 9:00 am Dog Obedience & Showmanship - LA
 9:00 am-7:00 pm Barney's Petting Zoo - EH
 9:00 am Swine Show - LP
 Noon Rabbit Show - EH
 1:00 pm-8:00 pm QUILT SHOW - EH
 1:00 pm Floral Design Seminar - LA (Seminar Room)
 "How Many Flowers Does It Take To Make A Design"
 By Elaine Holmstrom

Thurs.-Sunday Heartland Park Racing Simulator
 1-4:30 pm 4-H Public Presentations - Atrium
 3:00 pm Watermelon Feed (while supplies last)
 6:00 pm Beef Show - LP
 6:00 pm Pets on Parade - EH

Old Yeller Garden Tractor Pull

STATE FARM INSURANCE & Shawnee CO Sheriffs Department Bicycle Rodeo.
 6:00-8:00 pm, Ages 4-12, Friday - Dock
 Participants will be entered into a drawing for a new bicycle. Must be present to win. Participants must furnish their own bikes and helmets for the rodeo.

7:00 pm Santa Fe Band - Outside
 7:00 pm Antique Car & Motorcycle Cruise Night - South Lot
 7:15 pm Mustang and Miniature Horse Exhibit - LP

7:30 PM - FREE CONCERT - LA

Laser Hunter - EH
 Friday and Saturday Only

Saturday, July 24
 7:00 am-Noon 4-H Pancake Feed - LA
 9:00 am-7:00 pm Barney's Petting Zoo - EH

9:00 am Bucket Calf
 9:00 am Dog Agility & Rally 0 - LA
 9:30 am Dairy Cattle Show - LP
 10:30 am Dairy Goat Show - LP
 11:00 am Top-Kan Twirlers Square Dancers -
 11:00 am Stone Nature Center Presentation - Atrium

11:00 am-4:00 pm BART PLASTERSON, GANG WESTERN RE-EACTMENT
 - Grassy area near Atrium

12:15 pm Porubsky's Pickle Eating Contest (1st Prize \$50, Sponsored by Landmark Bank of Auburn & 2nd Prize \$25 - sponsored by Doug & Denise Queen) - EH
 1:00 pm Stone Nature Ctr Presentation - A
 1-4:00 pm Master Gardener's Activity - EH
 1:00 pm White Star Bob Cat Rodeo - outside

PEDAL TRACTOR PULL - Ages 3-12 - LA
 Registration 1:00 pm - Pull starts at 2:00 pm

2:00 pm Beverly Bernardi Post Dancers - EH
 2:00 pm Celebrity Swine Show
 Celebrity Goat Show follows

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 Kids of all ages - Mutton Bustin - no one over 60 lbs.
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2:30 pm Pie Judging Contest - Atrium
 3:00 pm Watermelon Feed (white it lasts)
 4-5 pm Fun Fair - EH Kids of all ages

4-8 PM - Foundation for Aeronautical Education & Capital City R/C Club, Inc. - LA

4:15 pm TNT & CAGE - Stage
 6:00 pm Livestock Sale - LP
 6:30 pm Antique Car & Motorcycle Cruise-South Lot
 8-10 pm Karaoke - Peterson Family, EH Stage

Sunday, July 25
 9:00 am Round Robin - LP
 10 am-4 pm Antique & Collectible Show - EH

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 at various times outside

12:00 pm Talent Show - EH
 3:30 pm Fashion Revue - EH

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